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# Proclaiming God's Last Message of Mercy

*"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth – to every nation, tribe, tongue and people – saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water," Revelation 14: 6, 7 (NKJV).*

The last message of mercy contained in the three angels' messages is found in Revelation 14: 6-13. They are proclaimed just before the second coming of Christ as He, in all of His glory, returns to retrieve His faithful followers from this planet. This message will be proclaimed by men, women, and children on Earth just as the Gospel from the beginning has been proclaimed by people under the supervision of angels.

The Gospel of Christ can never be preached so as to bring salvation unless people understand the holy will of God, and are convinced of sin. Only those who truly see their sins will truly seek salvation in Christ. Consequently, the preaching of God's will for the human race belongs to the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. No one can fear God without keeping His commandments. No one can give God glory, and at the same time set aside His holy will. The Sabbath of the Lord is the sign and memorial of His creative works and power, and it is a sign between God and those Whom He sanctifies, that they know Him and acknowledge Him as the only true God. And just as the Sabbath comes from and belongs to the almighty Creator Who "made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day" (Exodus 20:11), so likewise the everlasting Gospel, which is to be preached in the judgment hour, comes from Him who 'made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters' (Revelation 14:7)." From this it follows necessarily that those who receive the message 'keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.'

The Southern Union continues to lead the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America in its quest to preach the everlasting Gospel through the evangelistic ministry of its eight conferences, which, in recent years, have labored together with Holy Ghost-driven coordination, cooperation, and commitment. Educational institutions (K-12 and universities) have partnered in the ministry of proclaiming God's last-day message. The Adventist Health System has forged new paths through its extension of the healing ministry of Jesus. Mass circulation and swirling of Bible literature by the newly established Southern Union Publishing direction — **BLAST** (**B**ooks and **T**racts, **L**inking **D**epartments, **A**ll **M**embers, **S**chools, and **T**echnology) have engaged members and congregations within our conferences in the work of introducing countless people to Jesus.

Finally, fear not people, but fear God. Do not give glory to yourself or others, but give all glory to God. Human beings have been praised and admired altogether too much. This will not do if we are to be successful in connecting as many as we can to Jesus. Thank you for joining me in telling the Good News throughout the southern section of the United States, that the true source of survival from the pain and eventual death of this world is Jesus.



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# GOD'S NOT DEAD ... NEITHER IS EVANGELISM

BY ROGER HERNANDEZ

*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people — even eating with them! So Jesus told them this story... (Luke 15:1-3 NLT).*

My wife, daughter, and sister-in-law were driving cross-country from Virginia to Oregon. On Sabbath they stopped in one of the states they were traveling through to rest, and decided to attend church there. They pulled in with their U-Haul truck and a car in tow. Nothing says "I'm from somewhere that is not here" like a U-Haul! They were luke-warmly greeted at the door, skated down the aisle, endured worship by themselves in the pew, and left without being invited to lunch. This was a medium-size church, next to an academy, and a church that seemed healthy. I wonder how many times that lack of intentionality is repeated in churches across the land.

No one believes they have an anti-guest church. Very few people describe their congregation as cold. I can't imagine that church members purposefully want to send an anti-social message to newcomers. Yet, it happens all the time. Here are five things you can do to become a church that searches for, welcomes, and integrates new people.

## 1. You can't force people into your church, but you can be ready when they come.

One word is key: intentionality.



*The Hope Crusade was held at Longview Heights Church in Memphis, Tennessee, from May 4 to May 10, 2014.*

You may not know when guests are coming, but please don't be caught off guard when they show up. Do everything with excellence. Remember this: Excellence honors God and inspires people.

I often hear people that say about mediocrity in church: "Well, they are doing it with good intentions and with a sincere heart, and that is all that really matters." Really? Do you apply that logic to the rest of your life? Do you use a mechanic because he has a good heart, even though he can't tell the difference between a wrench and a screwdriver? Do you eat food by a well-intentioned chef that can't cook? Will you let a heart surgeon that really loves the Lord operate on you even though he hasn't gone to medical school? He's doing it sincerely, you know!

Let's do everything with excellence.

Including evangelism. That can look differently in different churches. One church in Atlanta did a four-

week series with two preachers. Another one in the same town did a one-week series. Both were successful because both did it with excellence. Be ready!

## 2. Killing sacred cows and welcoming lost people go hand in hand.

The Church is full of programs programs that are good, programs that are bad,

programs that are sacred vegi-cows. The one characteristic above all that programs MUST have is that they intentionally and specifically further the missional/evangelistic core value of the church. We don't need any "just because" programs. Just because programs are those we do "just because." They were started with good intentions, and even worked well (sometimes extremely well) for a season. But, now they must die. Easier said than done.

People are invested emotionally in the programs. Even though they may not be reaching any lost prodigals, the desire to maintain them will supersede the desire to accomplish mission. That last sentence was hard to write. But, it's true.

That's why your vision must be clear, communicated, and consistent. I hear a lot of vision statements that sound nice and MEAN NOTHING to the people, because they don't understand the implications. "We want to reach our city for Christ" (who

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doesn't); "To be a church that loves people and serves God" (how will you do that exactly).

Unpack that please. For example: Did you know that reaching the city means that sinners from said city will be coming to YOUR church, sitting next to YOUR daughter, and going to YOUR church picnic with their earrings, cigarette smell (not Marlboro, either), and — gasp — real chicken?

The truth is that many times *we are afraid of the people we claim we want to reach.*

A church that is full of "just because" programs will have competing visions, because the leaders of these programs think their vision is the right one, such as a) "once-a-year" activities, b) breakfasts that are attended by only members, c) anything that is attended by "only us," d) Sunday night evangelistic services that have no guests.

This is FUBU church: For Us, By Us; and, at the end of the day, it's Just Us. That's not what God had in mind.

When I visit churches all over the Union, I see a desire in many churches to reach people in their community. One of the best, proven ways to do this is through evangelism. A church in Chattanooga had their series in the fellowship hall, preceded by a meal, and people sat around at tables. Another church tried Sabbath morning evangelism.

Several churches in Avon Park got together for a one-week series, with nine months of pre-work, and baptized over 120 people. The worst kind of evangelism is the type you don't do. So, do it. Don't let "just because" programs get in the way of your mission.

### **3. Treat antagonists with respect, but don't stop the party.**

The story of the prodigal son is a story I really like. It's interesting in that story that when the younger brother came back, and the older brother had issues with the reception, the father did not dismiss, disrespect, or ignore the older brother. He also did not give in to his demands. There are in every congregation some that want to spoil the celebration. They must be treated with respect, but antagonists don't set the agenda, God does. Whenever a church truly becomes intentional in trying to rescue the lost, an opposition is sure to rise up.

Myron Edmunds, D.Min., says, "It is impossible to lead the church to the next level without attrition." Read that sentence again. One more time. Now ponder the implications. People will leave. Sometimes the strongest leaders and the biggest givers will exit stage left. Volunteers will run short. Morale will be low. Giving will be lower. People will attack you, question you, call you the devil, call

the conference, union, division, and General Conference. They will even call your mother if it will make you stop. But, if this is a God-given vision, you must proceed. Make sure you are not changing doctrine, biblical principles, and the Ten Commandments. We need churches that will say, "We'll do anything short of sin to reach our community." Fierce, determined, hurtful opposition is a given. The devil hates evangelism. You will see how much when you become missional.

One of the best ways of doing evangelism is through church planting. I see a new movement of church planters that are taking this command seriously. I also see some established churches resisting new church plant. Be encouraged. Opposition will come. But, don't stop planting. In Tampa, Miami, North Carolina, Memphis, and many other places, new churches are springing up. Carry on!

I am encouraged by what I see. I am also humbled by the size of the task before us. But remember, the task might be bigger than us, but it isn't bigger than God. In closing I will like to leave you with three parting thoughts:

#### **1. Do evangelism.**

You miss every shot you don't take. I have found that we often tell ourselves no. We have repeated the mantra "evangelism is dead" far too much. If evangelism is defined exclusively by a prophetic four-week series, with 10,000 flyers sent in the mail, and little preparation, then your chances might decrease in some places. Try new things. Don't give up on it. Here is some help for your preparation.\*

#### **2. Do evangelism regardless.**

Some churches think that because they have issues, they are not ready for evangelism. While there is some truth to this, we can spend all our lives trying to get it right and never have that happen.

#### **3. Do evangelism consistently.**

It's not a once-every-five-years event. It should be instilled as a way of life. Do it in different ways, with different methods at different times, but do it consistently. ✨

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# TODAY'S 120

BY JORGE MAYER

Rosy was 12 when she was baptized in Atlanta, Georgia. She was very active in her church. From an early age her parents had motivated her to get involved in many church activities. One time she had even preached to an audience of 3,000 people. Her academic education was conducted mostly in Adventist schools.

During high school she began attending public school. There she was exposed to new situations, a different world that she was not ready to face. Her friends were gradually enticing her away from her lifestyle, creating the taste for different experiences. This, plus the lack of affection and understanding received from her church, caused Rosy to walk away from the Lord. None of the people who participated with her in many activities reached out or tried to call her. All she heard from those she loved were words of judgment. It was painful.

Meanwhile her life continued the downward path. Satan found many ways to keep her mind entertained. Everything seemed exciting. However, these experiences gradually began to create emptiness and a huge sense of guilt that nothing could appease. The further she walked away, the less she felt a desire to come to the Lord. At this stage, a friend invited her to attend a meeting at an inter-denominational church, and she started going regularly, but never felt the peace and contentment she had experienced before. Little by little she could see that in spite of the situation she was in, the Lord had protected her and drawn her to Him with cords of love. One of the things that bothered her about this new

experience was that this church met on Sunday. In her mind it was clear that Saturday is the day God declared holy and which was dedicated to Him.

The Holy Spirit made His voice

together they began attending the First Hispanic Adventist Church in Atlanta. Rosy said, "Today, that friend is my husband, and we both became members of this church that opened its arms widely without judging me.

They were a clear testimony of the love of Christ, and I thank God for them."

During one week of evangelistic meetings in May, with different congregations in the southwestern territory of the Southern Union Conference participating, 120 people joined the Church by baptism, including Rosy. Several of them, after walking away from Jesus and His Church, decided to return to the path of Abundant Life. According to the report of the General Conference secretariat, 43 out of 100 new believers leave the ranks of the Church. Would we be able to trust a hospital where 43 out of 100 patients died? Would we fly with an airline where 43 out of 100 flights did not reach their destinations? And, what of a mechanic who repairs 100 cars and 43 end up with melted engines? Surely we would take precautions to ensure that these things do not happen. If this is the principle we apply in our daily lives, shouldn't we

also apply it in the area of our relations with church members, and look closely at those who leave the path that leads to salvation?

Getting 100 percent success in retaining new believers is utopian. The reason is the freedom that the Creator gave us. Such freedom allowed 33 out of 100 beings who lived a perfect life, and were led by a perfect God, to take a different direction and opposite to the one He had



clearer every day. In His mercy, God put Caesar in her path. He invited her to attend the meetings of a small group he participated in. "There I realized," she said, "that the reason I had not found peace was that I was trying to straighten my way through my own efforts. I told Jesus that I would put myself in His hands, and that was the point of a new beginning. That was the decision that brought peace to my soul."

Soon she met a friend, and



*Alejandro Bullón, evangelist, at the Hispanic Atlanta First Church crusade.*

pointed. They opened a big door to pain and death, while the rest chose to trust the guidance of the loving Father.

Seeing people depart from the Church may not seem like a very painful reality until that person is your child, spouse, or friend. We seek to do everything in our power to see that one return. God, in an infinitely greater degree, did the most to bring His sheep back to the flock by sending His Son to die for sinners. While for many the longing for eternal life is such that waiting for those who do not know God or have moved away from Him may seem unnecessary, the Lord prefers to delay His coming rather than see one of His children lose the opportunity to repent and return to Him (2 Peter 3:9).

In a study by one of the Adventist divisions, it was found that the majority (78 percent) of those who leave the Church do so because of

problems with those who are a part of the Church. Often we may think they leave because of their lack of doctrinal instruction (2 percent), or because they feel they have been abandoned by God (3 percent), or because they become a part of a splinter group (4 percent), or because they do not live up to the biblical principles (16 percent). But, that is not the greater number.

This was expressed by some of those who left the ranks of the Church:

“When I had a problem and was discouraged, I expected that someone would visit me, but that did not happen. Time passed, and it’s been four years since I left.”

“A few months after being baptized, I did not attend church one Sabbath. The pastor visited me and treated me badly. After that, I never set foot in the church again.”

“I left with a dissident group even though I thought their beliefs

were absurd, because I felt the church was embittered by coldness and indifference. Today I am nothing.”

In order to see “prodigal sons” return, the Southern Union Media Production created a movie. The main character, after joining the Church and seeing its imperfections, leaves and returns to his old life. Despite the excitement offered by the world, he finds no peace. His life is strongly touched when one of his girlfriends indicates that she might have infected him with AIDS. He learns at the same time that the woman he had been living with is pregnant with his child. Many of the situations in the film identify the prodigal son with the main character.

What a privilege we have to be the ambassadors of the God who loves His children, and is willing to keep waiting! What an opportunity it is to approach these children, nephews, parents, friends, who once worshipped with us, to show them Christ’s redemptive love and the affection of their brethren; to let them know we miss them and feel that no one can replace them; to tell them, without looking at their tattoos or the length of their hair or dress, that we want to rejoice together for the things that God does in our lives. The Church would vibrate with joy, and so will Heaven. If within a week 120 individuals came to Jesus, can you imagine how many would return to the Master if your church joined to rescue those for whom Christ died? The opportunity is ours, and is now presented. ✨

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## HOW TO BRING THEM BACK

1. Make a list of all those who left the Church.
2. Select couples willing to visit them.
3. When visiting, apologize for not doing it before; tell them you and the church members miss them; bring the movie THE RETURN as a gift; pray with them and thank God for

- helping you find them.
4. Pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit inspires them to watch the movie during the week.
5. Visit them the next week, and express that you are happy to see them again. Ask if they had the opportunity to watch the film, and what was their impression.

6. Invite them for the next Sabbath service (or a special Sabbath); tell them that you will pick them up because you want to be with them in church.
7. Direct the entire program that Sabbath to them, talking about the unconditional love of the Father, and the privilege we have of sharing it with others.





# Southern Adventist University Field School for Evangelism

BY RALPH RINGER

*Ralph Ringer (left), Southern Union director of church growth/evangelism training, and Alan Parker, D.Min., professor of mission/evangelism at Southern Adventist University, stand with the Southern Adventist University Field School students and pastors who participated in the May and June evangelistic meetings.*

It was at the Southern Union Evangelism Council 2012 in Daytona Beach, Florida, that Haskell Williams, Carolina Conference ministerial/evangelism director, took workers from his conference to lunch at Olive Garden. The conversation was about the 2014 Southern Union Southern Adventist University Field School for Evangelism (SUSAUFSE). They asked Ralph Ringer, Southern Union director of church growth/evangelism training, how they could get the SUSAUFSE in their area. He said the church should have 200-plus members, and there needs to be at least six other churches within an hour's drive that also want to be a part of the SUSAUFSE. All churches involved will have meetings in their church, and will benefit from group advertising, working with area churches, having training from Southern Adventist University and the Southern Union, and the opportunity to help in training future pastors.

Jonathan Edwards, pastor of the Greenville, North Carolina, district, immediately said he wanted the field school in his area. We later met with the pastors of the area of which two, Will Oosthuizen and Bob Fekete, had been a part of the field school in their districts before moving to eastern North Carolina, and they were excited to again be a part of SUSAUFSE.

Alan Parker, D.Min., professor of mission/evangelism at Southern Adventist University; Michelle Doucoumes

from Southern Adventist University; and Ralph Ringer held several training events. There was also a revival that the student evangelists held in each church during their spring break. Preparation work was done by the local churches.

The students and pastors met in preparation for the meetings on May 7 and 8. On May 9, the meetings got off to a good start. Advertising via handbills, television, radio, newspaper, and pre-work brought the people out. The meetings were held four nights a week through June 7. The student evangelists held their meetings Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. On Tuesday and Wednesday they had classes with Alan Parker, D.Min., and Ralph Ringer, and practiced their sermons. On Tuesday night they heard the sermon they would be preaching Thursday night.

The Greenville site speaker was Alan Parker, D.Min. Ralph Ringer was the coach to the student evangelists

and traveled to their church sites.

On May 17 there were nine baptisms and professions of faith at the Umoja Church. Greenville had four baptisms as of May 24, and plans for many more. All the churches had baptisms for June 7 and the weeks to follow. Currently, 31 new believers have been baptized.

A few quotes from the students: "Wow this is a great experience," "I can't see not doing this in my ministry," and "I'm glad Southern has this class."

Some quotes from the pastors: "I wish every pastor and church would have SUSAUFSE," "The SUSAUFSE advertising gets people out to the meetings."

If you would like a SUSAUFSE in your church, contact your conference or Ralph Ringer at [ringer@southernunion.com](mailto:ringer@southernunion.com).

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| CHURCHES         | STUDENT EVANGELISTS               | PASTORS           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Goldsboro        | Richard Maskelony/Luis Tunon      | Bob Fekete        |
| Jacksonville     | Joel Sutherland/Aubrey Toup       | Will Oosthuizen   |
| Jacksonville Sp. | Eric Suarez Vasquez               | Will Oosthuizen   |
| Kinston          | Edgar Gutierrez/Magdiel Gutierrez | Will Oosthuizen   |
| New Bern         | Aron Crews                        | Alvaro Torres Jr. |
| New Bern Sp.     | Marcos Bernal                     | Alvaro Torres Jr. |
| Robbersonville   | Rodney Balems/Pascal Melle        | Jonathan Edwards  |
| Umoja            | Andrew Ashley/Christian Bull      | Enock Omosa       |
| Wilson           | Russell Meier/Daniel Da Silva     | Bob Fekete        |





BY WILLIAM SMITH AND KEITH REID

The Southern Union Publishing Ministries has been commissioned to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by providing materials that will meet the various minds that we come in contact with every day. It's called the new **BLAST** initiative!

What is the new **BLAST** initiative? **BLAST** is an acronym for **B**ooks and **T**racts, **L**inking Departments, **A**ll Involved, **S**chools, and **T**echnology.

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of the people where you work and live. The sharing resources we provide are tailor-made for you to reach and meet the needs of many different groups of people quickly and inexpensively. We even provide helpful training that shows you how to use the tools and resources below in an effective way.

*William Smith is the director of the Southern Union Publishing Department, and Keith Reid is the associate director.*

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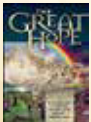
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## Adventist Health System Receives the 2014 Gallup Great Workplace Award

Adventist Health System (AHS) has received the Gallup Great Workplace Award for the fourth year in a row. The award recognized the organization as having one of the best-performing, most productive, and engaged workforces in the world.

“We are honored to receive this award once again. It is a strategic goal in our longterm vision to be ranked nationally in the top quartile or higher for employee engagement, and this award validates that effort. Our employees have a deep connection to our mission, and that profoundly influences their com-

mitment to quality, safety, patient experience, and



employee engagement,” said Don Jernigan, president and CEO of Adventist Health System.

The Gallup Great Workplace Award is based on rigorous workplace

research. A panel of workplace experts assesses each

applicant based on their 2013 employee engagement results and their application portfolio. Applicants’ results are compared across a workplace research database composed

of millions of work teams in more than 100 countries. This year, AHS was one of 36 organizations chosen to receive the award.

AHS was presented with the award during a summit at Gallup’s main campus in Omaha, Neb., May 13-15, 2014. During the summit, Great Workplace Award winners, including AHS, presented the best practices they applied to their workplace, and the improved business results they achieved through building an engaged workforce.

—BY KATIE RICHARDSON

## Adventist Health System Honors Teams for Excellence in Patient Experience

Every year during the Patient Experience Summit held in Orlando, Fla., Adventist Health System recognizes a number of teams that have demonstrated excellence in five major service lines: inpatient, emergency department, ambulatory surgery, outpatient, and medical practice. The recognition is based on the perception of patients as demonstrated on a feedback survey for each area

This year, 23 of the awards went to Adventist health care providers within the Southern Union:

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- Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel – Wesley Chapel, Fla.
- Florida Hospital Zephyrhills – Zephyrhills, Fla.
- Gordon Hospital – Calhoun, Ga.
- Park Ridge Health – Hendersonville, N.C.
- Takoma Regional Hospital – Greenville, Tenn.

“It is such an honor to be able to recognize some

of our amazing facilities and departments for all of their hard work over the year to improve the patient experience at Adventist Health System,” said Pam Guler, chief experience officer at Adventist Health System. “We look forward to continued progress over the coming year on our journey to top quartile performance and beyond in patient experience.”

To see a complete list of the awards that each facility received, visit [www.ahsn.ws/oNpf4qga](http://www.ahsn.ws/oNpf4qga).

—BY RAINEY TURLINGTON



## ADU Uses Trained Dog for Occupational Therapy



with her include trying to reach his right hand out to touch her, and to open his hand far enough for her to get a treat out. He doesn't

around. During the semester, especially during finals week, students stop by the department and ask if they can take her for a walk or play with her. It takes their mind off of their studies and de-stresses them. Nicole Scheiman, occupational therapy assistant (OTA) program director, said, "Hope has made a special connection with many of our students. They feel that she is a part of their special family here at ADU."

Dogs have an extraordinary role when it comes to the medical world. They are trained to see for the blind, move for the immobilized, hear for the deaf, and detect oncoming seizures for owners, and are crucial companions for those with other disabilities. God provides for his children in so many ways, and these animals are truly a blessing to those in need. At Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU), Orlando, Florida, Hope is a special therapy dog that provides faith and joy not only to her patients, but to everyone she meets.

The HOPE Clinic was established by ADU to provide free therapy to members of the community that cannot afford it. Hope is a therapy dog that assists patients during their therapy sessions at the clinic, and is also used to teach students who are studying occupational therapy at ADU about pet therapy.

Hope is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who was chosen to be a therapy dog

for the breed's known temperament. She has already passed three certification tests and is now preparing for her official therapy dog test. She loves to play around at home and at dog parks, but when her work vest comes on, she knows it is time for business!

Lonnie Few has been a patient at the HOPE Clinic for more than a year and a half. He suffered from a stroke that affected his speech and movement on the right side of his body. He is now unable to walk and uses a wheelchair, has very little control of his right hand, and says very few words. He attends the HOPE Clinic for his occupational therapy, and Hope often assists during his sessions.

Few's therapists will tell you that when Hope is there, his whole demeanor changes. He is more vocal and tries harder. Exercises

get depressed during sessions when she is there. He smiles, laughs, and is in an overall better mood. It is incredible how much progress he makes. Few's wife, Lynnette, has even said, "He has done things for Hope that he wouldn't do for his therapists. She is a blessing." Lynnette is working on getting Lonnie a companion dog of his own



because of all the progress that he makes with Hope.

But, Few isn't the only one that Hope impacts. The students, faculty, and staff at ADU love having her

creatures, and He uses her to make a connection with those who need unconditional love, compassion, and encouragement.

—BY DALLAS SACHSE

## SEEDS Planted to Gain a Harvest

About 140 people interested in church planting and church growth convened at the Raleigh, N.C., Church on May 9-10, 2014, for SEEDS, a church planting conference.

“The real purpose [of SEEDS] is to inspire future leaders — really inspiring people to plant healthy churches,” said Brad Cauley, church planting director for the Carolina Conference.

The Carolina Conference partnered with the Southern Union to make SEEDS a reality. The conference featured break-out sessions in both English and Spanish, and eight different speakers including keynote speaker Simon

Martin, a church planting pastor from England, and Tom Evans, associate director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI), who organizes SEEDS conferences across the NAD.

“We had a good number of [speakers] who were from outside our conference, so we got different perspectives,” Cauley said.

One lay church planter shared that SEEDS was “a mountaintop experience.”

Cauley is looking forward to the first annual lay leader/pastor-coach training at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, S.C., on September 21, 2014.

—BY ANNA BARTLETT



BECKY CARPENTER

*Matthew Dellen (front row, left), musical guest; Simon Martin, pastor and church planter from England; Brad Cauley, Carolina Conference church planting director; Alicia Dellen (back row, left), musical guest; Rick Peterson, Raleigh pastor; Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice-president; and Tom Evans, NADEI associate director*

## Carolina Conference is GLOWing

Giving Light to Our World (GLOW) is a literature evangelism program recently adopted by the Carolina Conference where members share biblical truths through small tracts.

“The GLOW program will mobilize churches

to witness for Jesus, His soon coming, and the final judgment. Sharing GLOW tracts will present the truth and get recipients to search the Scriptures to verify the truths, which will prepare them for the last-day deceptions,” said Lance Morrison

son, publishing director for the Carolina Conference.

Officially launched at Carolina Camp Meeting 2014, the GLOW program was put into practice right away by Carolina Youth for Christ. They organized the youth into small groups which went door to door sharing GLOW tracts provided by Waynesville, N.C., Church.

Morrison also had a GLOW experience at Camp Meeting. While returning to his room after the meetings, he and his wife saw the man walking ahead of them drop something, but continue on into a house. The man had dropped \$12 without realizing it. Mor-

risson picked up the money and knocked on the door to return it.

“When he saw the \$12 he lit up like a light bulb,” Morrison said. This gave Morrison an idea. Instead of just giving him \$12, he also gave him two GLOW tracts.

Morrison and the youth at Carolina Camp Meeting realized that no matter where you are or what you do, you can still share God’s message.

“You might not be able to give a Bible study, but anyone can hand out a tract,” said Leslie Louis, president of the Carolina Conference.

—BY ANNA BARTLETT



BECKY CARPENTER

*Deborah Faulk shares a GLOW tract.*



## Sign Leads Charlotte Couple to Evangelistic Meetings



David and Sierra Hernandez

The testimony of David and Sierra Hernandez starts when Sierra was a little girl. She grew up in the Catholic church, was baptized, confirmed, and attended communion — “The whole works!” she said. However, as she grew and studied more for herself, she started to question why she was confessing her sins to someone else when she could go right to God. Things were just not making sense, and she never felt truly connected.

This questioning led her to search for something more fulfilling ... something that would help her grow in her faith. At a Presbyterian church she felt the warmth of the message and a sense of connection. A job transfer brought Sierra to Charlotte, N.C., where they joined another Presbyterian church. But, it was different this time. The church was very large, and

the Hernandezes never felt the connection that they had before.

Sierra started to pray earnestly that God would show her what to do and where to go. She loved to study the Bible and always wanted to understand the book of Revelation more deeply, so she was specifically praying that the Lord would send her a Bible study on that topic. Three days later, David and Sierra received a flier in the mail inviting them to “Revelation Today,” a series of meetings in Charlotte sponsored by It Is Written and the Carolina Conference.

“I was so shocked,” said Sierra, “I didn’t know God answered your prayers by mail!” She started to pray for a sign if they were supposed to attend — she didn’t want to be led astray. One day they were driving back to Charlotte from visiting her son and

she saw her sign — and it was a big one! There on the side of the road was a billboard with “Revelation Today” on it ... just the confirmation that Sierra needed.

They came to the first meeting and were completely drawn into the message that Ron Halvorsen was sharing. They wanted to know more and couldn’t wait to come back. By the time they realized that the meetings would continue for weeks, “We were already drawn in,” Sierra shares. “We had heard so many truths and new information that I just had to keep going. I felt like if God had led me to it, I was

going to go through it!”

Soon the Lord answered another long-time prayer. David’s mother, who lives in Mexico City, Mexico, is a Seventh-day Adventist and had been praying earnestly for her son. He shared with his mother

the good news of his and Sierra’s upcoming baptism, and she was able to watch it through the 3ABN live broadcast.

“It was very excit-



Ron Halvorsen was the speaker for “Revelation Today” in Charlotte, N.C.

ing for me to know that she was going to see her son get baptized in the Church,” said David.

This amazing story of how God is working in the lives of people can be summed up in three words: God is good!

—BY SAVANNAH BRANTLEY

## Mission to the Cities and China — An Overview of Florida Conference Evangelism in 2014

This year, Florida Conference embarked upon an emphasis of returning to its purpose as a missionary agency. The goal is to foster evangelism and church planting in this territory

perity in China and diminishing religious oppression, this is an opportune time to share the gospel and the Adventist message. It is the goal of Florida Conference to raise support for

community friends joined in a Sabbath of preaching and celebration. Held at Miami Airport Convention Center, the day featured Alejandro Bullón, evangelist. During the closing appeal, 1,050

sulted in six baptisms, and many others are studying the Bible as they prepare for a weekend of reaping meetings.

*Bonita Springs —*  
Evangelist Lester Pratt



FREDDY FERNANDEZ

*Alejandro Bullón preached, Steve Green sang, and 1,050 people responded to the Sabbath morning appeal.*

and promote overseas missions.

Embracing these aspects, Florida Conference launched a five-year Mission to the Cities initiative. This program targets five urban areas: Miami, West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Tampa and Naples, North Florida, and Central Florida. At the same time, the Conference is raising funds for an overseas mission effort to support 130 national missionaries planting churches in China.

### **China Church Planters**

With increased pros-

130 Chinese workers who are trained and prepared to reach their people. Through June 1, churches, schools, and individuals had raised \$80,000 to enable 53 church planters to enter and work in a city in China for one year.

### **Impact Miami 2014**

More than a dozen events are scheduled during 2014 as part of the Mission to the Cities—Miami initiative. The first major program in February combined evangelistic fervor with the health message.

Nearly 5,000 church members and their com-

individuals responded.

The following day, 4,000 people attended Total Health Expo for health lectures, gifts, information, and free health screenings from 107 exhibitors.

The program culminated with 30 reaping meetings held across Miami-Dade County, resulting in nearly 200 baptisms.

### **Evangelistic Series**

*Avon Park Spanish —* Conference Hispanic Evangelist Rolando de los Ríos conducted Happy Destiny, an evangelistic series at Avon Park Spanish Church. The close of the series re-

preached a bilingual evangelistic series for Bonita Springs Church, which holds services in English and Spanish. At the culmination of the series, Juan Tuya, lay pastor, baptized three people.

*Cocoa —* Evangelists Bill and Sunshine Waters held a five-weekend evangelistic meeting at Cocoa Church with 11 baptisms. Six other interests are attending and are on the verge of making their decision to become a part of the church.

*Florida Institute of Lay Evangelists —* As part of the 2014 evangelism



project, Rolando de los Ríos, Conference Hispanic evangelist, in collaboration with Allan Machado, vice president for Spanish-language ministries, and Abel Paulín, Conference evangelism coordinator, organized the Florida Institute of Lay Evangelists. There are 275 students registered for the class from different parts of Florida.

**North Tampa** — Jesús Tirado, lay evangelist, visited North Tampa Spanish Company. He trained church members in personal evangelism, visited their friends, gave Bible studies, led a baptismal class, taught prophecy seminars, and preached an evangelistic series that resulted in 13 baptisms.

### Church Evangelism

**Orange Cove CREATION Health Seminars** — In the Jacksonville area, André Van Heerden, Orange Cove pastor, had conducted the CREATION Health series at Fleming Island YMCA. This Florida Hospital program impressed YMCA leadership, and they requested to partner with Van Heerden in their health programs.

**Palatka Church at the Putnam County Fair** — Reversing their initial decision, Putnam County Fair officials allowed Palatka Church to sign people up with Discover Bible School. One hundred fifteen people enrolled in the study program, and two individuals received a Bible

for the first time.

**West Palm Beach** — Stephen Stewart, West Palm Beach First Church pastor, led members through the book, *40 Days of Prayer and Devotion*. Afterward, the church conducted its third annual “Seasons of Power” evangelistic series. Keith Albury Jr., a pastor from South Bahamas Conference, conducted the series which resulted in 20 baptisms.

### Evangelism in the Media

**A Key Encounter on the radio** — A Key Encounter now operates radio station WHNJ, Whole Health 'N Joyful news: Christ IS coming! This 24/7 station is an outgrowth of the tourist attraction, A Key Encounter, which operated in Key West for more than 17 years.

**Bethel Haitian of Orlando radio broadcast** — Bethel Haitian Church sponsors a weekly radio program for the community whose primary language is Kreyòl. The program, heard Sundays on Radio Tropicale from 3:00-4:00 p.m., was a key ingredient contributing to 42 baptisms.

**Radio Station at North Lake** — Operated from North Lake Church, this low-power FM station covers a 25-mile radius. While many nearby communities consider the station their church, several listeners visited one of the five Adventist churches in the area and were subsequently baptized.



FREDDY FERNANDEZ

More than 1,000 people benefited from health screenings in Miami.



MIKE SUCHORA

Bill Waters, speaking during his Cocoa meetings, has served as a pastor and evangelist for 44 years.



LEE BENNETT

As a result of North Lake Church's WGTT-FM broadcasts, Sandra and David Yandoh (right) began Bible studies and were baptized.

*Radio Station at Port St. Lucie* — Eternal Hope Radio is owned and operated by Midport Church. WEHR broadcasts the Three Angels' Messages 24/7 along the Treasure Coast to a potential listening audience of more than 200,000, at a cost of 2.5 cents per person each month.

*Revelation Seminars on TV at Cape Coral* — A professionally-recorded Revelation Seminar series received an introduction and closing to make it suitable for television. These programs have aired on Christian television in Punta Gorda during the past several months with a potential viewing audience of 1.5 million. After each program, staff members answer phone calls requesting literature and prayer.

*Revelación Spanish Radio Program* — For 11 years, Rolando de los Ríos

has directed and produced *Revelación*, a 30-minute weekly radio program. Heard on stations throughout Florida and worldwide through the internet, de los Ríos has cultivated a faithful audience. The broadcast has resulted in many baptisms.

*South Orlando on the radio* — Broadcast every Sunday night, Dan Forbes,

pastor, hosts the Families by Design radio program. It gives the community an opportunity to see the church as one that cares about their families' needs and challenges, while offering expert advice from guests.

*Tampa Spanish on the radio* — Andres Portes, pastor, is the speaker for *Nuevo Amanecer* (New Dawn), the weekly radio program produced by Tampa Spanish Church. The director, Margarita Ramirez, and her team distribute hundreds of copies of the program on CD. Many

secular-postmodern people, LifeSpring's vision is "making passionate Christ-followers as we gather with God, grow with others, and go to serve," says Anthony Wagener-Smith, church planter.

*Lighthouse Community in Altamonte Springs* — This energetic group of different ages loves to live the gospel. They target the unchurched and the urban community with events



LEE BENNETT

*Evangelist Rolando de los Ríos produces a weekly radio program, Revelación, which has resulted in many baptisms.*

the three-letter airport code for its name, SRQ Sarasota grew from a home setting to leasing a store front. The relocation enabled more effective

community service in an area near three college campuses in the city. This downtown Sarasota church combines new methodology with solid Adventist theology.

### How We Grew in 2013

Florida Conference membership now exceeds 62,450. A renewed evangelistic emphasis this past

year contributed to growth through 2,684 baptisms and professions of faith. The Conference celebrates these additions and thanks God for the collective work of the churches under the leadership of committed pastors and evangelists.

—BY ABEL PAULÍN



ARIC TURLINGTON

*Charter members of Lighthouse Community Mission Group were welcomed by members of Florida Living Church which sponsors the new congregation.*

individuals have joined the church during the 15 years of programming.

### Evangelism through Church Planting

*LifeSpring in Wesley Chapel* — LifeSpring is a new church plant at Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel in a high-growth section of the greater Tampa area. Seeking to minister to

for kids, such as field days with games and free food. Once a month, they take lunches to the homeless and spend time listening, talking, and praying with them. The members of this church plant are now preparing to plant another church in the form of a youth center in a tough neighborhood of Orlando.

*SRQ Sarasota* — Using



## God Brings His Children Safely Back in the Fold

While attending college, I, along with my sister, Kaye, and brother-in-law, Noel Johnson, drifted away from our Adventist backgrounds. Kaye and Noel no longer lived the life God asked of them, but they still believed. I, on the other hand, didn't live it or believe it.

Years later, my husband and I retired in Florida and purchased a home next to Kaye, Noel, and our mother. Every time we drove by Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church in Apopka, my mother — even after senility had set in — would say she wanted to go to church again. I hated to hear her comments, because I had no intention of taking her to church.

When God placed several Christian friends in our lives, we noticed a peace we did not previously have. I asked Kaye



MARTIN BUTLER

*Priscilla Lynn (right) with her sister, Kaye Johnson, and husband, Noel, returned to the Adventist Church three years after their mother, Mary Elizabeth Carter, died with the hope that her daughters would come home. Someday, Mary will learn how the love of God filled her daughters' hearts to serve Him once again after 40 years.*

to go to the Methodist church with me, but her answer was unequivocal, "If I go to church, it will be to 'my' church." So, on a Saturday morning in January 2007, Kaye, Noel, and I found ourselves in Forest Lake Church. After several months, I decided it wasn't

for me, although Kaye and Noel continued to attend every Sabbath.

My opinion of Adventists was still not favorable, so Noel was stepping out on a limb when, almost a year later, he asked if I would be interested in attending a special meet-

ing at Forest Lake Church. I heard myself say, "I don't have anything better to do, so I will go." Evangelist Mark Finley was speaking about the Holy Spirit, and I listened — really listened. At the end, he asked everyone to kneel and pray for the Holy Spirit, which I did.

When I got to my feet, I was a different person. I became saturated in my desire to know more. God put a burden on my heart for studying His Word with people, and I was soon involved in giving Bible studies, organizing prayer walks, and eventually teaching a Sabbath School class.

Yes, my life, as well as the lives of Kaye and Noel, changed from what we wanted to what God wants for us. Miraculously, God brought three of His children back into the safety of His fold.

—BY PRISCILLA LYNN



MARTIN BUTLER

*Priscilla Lynn is a Sabbath School teacher at Forest Lake Church.*



MARTIN BUTLER

*Kaye and Noel Johnson welcome new member Marvin Lowman to Forest Lake Church where, until recently, they served as directors of the greeting ministry.*



## Pathfinders Makes it Cool to Accept Jesus

There were games of soccer, volleyball, football, and even Frisbee golf. Children were everywhere, playing, flying kits, creating potholders, learning outdoor skills, talking, and enjoying the beautiful day. It was Pathfinder Camporee, April 24-26, and more than 1,700 youth were camping in a new space of 33 acres at Cohutta Springs Conference Center.

“Camporee allows Pathfinder to see the big picture, to realize that they belong to an organization with purpose,” says Fernando Verduzco, Georgia-Cumberland children/junior youth ministries director. “Most importantly, it helps them experience their peers responding to the Gospel message, and gives them the opportunity to join them. They find that in this setting it is actually cool to accept Jesus publicly!”

Verduzco; John Swafford, former children/junior youth director; Darrel Starkey, construction coordinator; and Olivier Lemaitre, executive director for Cohutta Springs Conference Center, all worked together to ensure that the new location for the Camporee was in place. They installed running water, brought in portable toilets, and created roads with signage for the large number of campers. In the past year, Pathfinders has seen an increase



TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

*About 1,700 Pathfinders from 70 clubs gather for Camporee at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Jonathan Montes was the guest speaker. Pin trading and making potholders were two events offered.*

of 350 new members in a total of 70 clubs. Verduzco attributes the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisc., for this growth, but they had long ago outgrown the old location at Cohutta Springs.

The speaker for the weekend was Jonathan Montes, associate pastor of Calhoun, Ga., Church. Montes challenged the Pathfinders on Friday evening, saying that “you are the Church.” The time to act is now. The time to make a difference is now.

Friday also brought a fun tradition to Camporee with the annual food fair. Walking around the campground one could find a variety of items, including empanadas, corn dogs, Romanian pastries, egg rolls, and the very popular shaved ice. In talking with a few Pathfinders, they shared that they all come to camporee to socialize —

friends are important. Ron Derrick, a member of the Pathfinder executive council, said, “The biggest blessing is seeing Pathfinders committing or recommitting their lives to Christ on Sab-

bath morning. I have been involved with Pathfinder leadership for 34 years. It is a way of life.

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



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## Atlanta Belvedere Pastors Tag-Team Evangelism

The reality of two brothers from an obscure little town winning souls for Christ came to a crescendo on April 19, 2014. No, this isn't about the Galilean brothers, Peter and Andrew; this refers to the Bulgin brothers from Jointwood in southwestern Jamaica, West Indies.

While George Bulgin, retired pastor, delivered an inspiring series of sermons at Atlanta Belvedere Church in Decatur, Ga., his younger brother, Samuel Bulgin, D.Min., senior pastor at Atlanta Belvedere, was in the mission field at the Battle Ground Company in Lithonia, Ga., doing likewise.

In total, 21 individuals

were won for Christ, 12 from Atlanta Belvedere, and nine from Battle Ground. In addition, 22 other individuals were officially accepted into the faith on profession of faith.

The power of the Holy Spirit was witnessed in the lives of new converts from the Battle Ground Company, who dedicated their baby, got married, and were baptized all on the same day! George Bulgin's easy-going and conversational style was a hit among members and guests, as they came out night after night to hear the proclamation of God's Word from



ANDRE JONES

*George and Samuel Bulgin, brothers from Jamaica, preached two separate evangelistic series at the same time, reaping 21 individuals for baptism and 22 who joined on profession of faith. Samuel Bulgin, D.Min., is the senior pastor at Atlanta Belvedere Church in Decatur, Ga.*

the Book of John.

One member described the grand celebration on April 19 as a "high day" at Atlanta Belvedere. Amidst the heavenly music and

celebration, however, remember that there is much work to be done as all seek God's help in preparing souls for His Kingdom.

—BY ANDRE JONES

## Conference Shares Quick Evangelism Update

**Auburn, Ga., Church** actively support the local elementary school and provided supplies and new tooth brushes to four 5th grade classes, and restocked the school's food locker. They plan to offer a 3-Point Play Basketball Camp, participate in "Let's Move Day," and work on a depression recovery seminar with Neil Nedley, M.D.

**Greenville, Tenn., Church** offers "how to" classes on a variety of topics. Their community service center serves more than 100 people every week with food boxes, clothes, and utilities. They plan to hold a breakfast for 20-40 families each week to become better acquainted.

They will also create evangelism task force teams, and they hope to create a lecture room with an area for cooking schools.

**Jellico, Tenn., Church** held "God in Shoes" and a 3-Point Play Basketball Camp, and they plan to begin a branch Sabbath School after the meetings. They also are holding a 10-day evangelistic series in Oneida, Tenn., in August.

**Conyers, Ga., Church** held "Revelation of Hope" seminars in April and May. They have also held a "Marriage Vows Renewal" service, and a cooking class.

**East Ridge Hispanic, Tenn., Church** held a special

evangelism outreach targeting Latin women. They had a special dinner on May 10, 2014, to honor the women.

**Collegedale, Tenn., Community Church** held Service Outreach Weekend (SOW) in late March. More than 200 members visited nursing homes with sunshine bands of singing children, youth, young adults, and families passing out promise cards and visiting with families.

**Atlanta North, Ga., Church** plans "Calibrate Your Moral Compass" as the theme for a fall series of meetings that will begin with soup and salad, and a presentation at 7 p.m.

**Johnson City, Tenn., Church** subsidized a Hispanic Bible

worker for the fifth year, and completed a 28-session "Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus" seminar with 15 non-members. At their request, "The Footsteps of Paul" seminar was launched with 13 of those individuals attending. The seminar will stop for the summer months, resume in September, and finish before Christmas. This will give the members an opportunity to get well acquainted with the attendees.



## “Caring and Sharing” — An Outreach Ministry

The residents of Branch Creek Apartments, a senior retirement community in Athens, Ala., were excited and appreciative of the colorful spring baskets distributed by the Athens Women’s Ministries group on April 12, 2014. The baskets certainly brought a lot of smiles and sparked some interesting conversations. Visiting, praying, and just getting acquainted with such lovely people was a satisfying and rewarding experience — one that was enjoyed by all. Some residents related interesting stories of how God had blessed and led them throughout their lives. For the residents who receive few visitors throughout the year, this was a real treat;



*Alberta Griffin (left), one of the senior residents of Branch Creek Apartments in Athens, Ala., received a colorful spring basket from Christine Mayer and Makiya Hagen.*

and they expressed their joy in sharing and communicating with other Christians.

The Easter season, with its emphasis on Christ’s death and resurrection,

presents the perfect opportunity for greeting people and letting them know who we are, our interest in a risen Savior, and that, as Christians, we truly care about each one of them.

The gift bags were filled with craft articles — home-made bookmarks, scrubbies, candy, small toiletries, as well as books and other literature. Each bag also included a free Bible Study Enrollment Card.

The Athens women believe that the best way to witness is to “enlarge our territory” of contacts and reach out to those in need. This means that even in a small church like Athens, we must give freely and unselfishly to uplift others — especially to the disadvantaged groups in this area. The theme this year is “Caring and Sharing,” and a number of other events are already in the works for reaching out in love.

—BY SANDRA PRICE

## Bass Student is Healed from Seizures to Salvation

Chris Stiefel was having seizures. The seizures got so bad he had to be taken from school at Bass Memo-

rial Academy to the hospital. His mother brought him home to Gadsden, Ala, and the doctors finally

were able to diagnose and prescribe some medicine.

All the time God was at work in this situation.

What Satan intended for evil, God intended for His glory! “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives,” Genesis 50:20.

Through this hard time Stiefel developed a closer walk with the Lord. Now his mother, Jamie, and brother, Colton, are coming to church, and doing

Bible studies. Recently his dad, Greg, was in church.

Rick Blythe, pastor, anointed Stiefel with oil as elders Michael Abraham and Sid Argo laid hands on him. “Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him,” James 5:14, 15.

—BY LINDA FREEMAN



*Rick Blythe, pastor, anointed Chris Stiefel with oil as elders Michael Abraham and Sid Argo laid hands on him.*



## Conference Pathfinders Reach Out to their Communities

Pathfinders from all across Gulf States Conference were in fine form on Sunday morning, May 25, 2014, for the annual Pathfinder Parade during Camp Meeting. More than 300 Pathfinders and 30 Adventurers showed their club colors and creativity as they displayed their floats to promote this year's theme, "S.W.A.G." — Saved With Amazing Grace.

After the parade, spectators were invited to view the club's exhibits in the auditorium, which showcased the various club's honors that were earned during the course of the year, as well as activities and community service events.

The Jackson Ammi club, under the leadership of Fausto Cano, earned its carpentry honor as Favian Preciado taught the Pathfinders how to make furniture to sell in order to earn money for the Oshkosh Camporee. Items for sale included a set of end tables, a "Roma" table, a television stand, and several handmade clocks.

Two words best describe the Hattiesburg Hispanic Pathfinder club — service and mission. Every Sabbath after church, but before the youth program, you can find them reaching out to their community in practical and powerful ways. On this day of the week, they can be found preaching, teaching, and



*Eva Galvez, age 10, preached near a building complex in Hattiesburg, Miss.*



*A member of the Hattiesburg Hispanic Pathfinder Club gives a Bible study.*



*The Huntsville, Ala., Pathfinder Club marches during the parade.*

making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, every member of this club is engaged in a mission in some form or fashion. Eva Galvez, 10, was preaching near a building complex in Hattiesburg when an adult asked her the tough question why Ellen G. White was a prophet. Galvez gave them a quick Bible study on the test of a prophet to answer the question.

In addition to outreach

on the street, the Hattiesburg Hispanic club presents the eight health principles every three months. When Jose Arauz, club director, was asked if their church was growing as a result of this outreach effort, he responded, "We have so many young people coming into our church."

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the mes-

sage of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come — the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" *Gospel Workers*, page 66.

Hattiesburg members praise God for the Pathfinder clubs, directors, and especially the youth.

—BY SEAN DAY

## Hispanic District Uses Radio to Share God's Word

The Madison Hispanic District, composed of three churches, Madison, Springfield, and Lebanon, and one mission group, Bowling Green, Ky., and their pastor, Nathan Delima, felt God calling them to use



radio as a means of sharing God's Word. In order to do this, members would need to be trained how to speak on the radio. A communications expert, Baruch Lagos, was recruited, and April 2014 was set for training. Promotional material was sent out to the district, and people were asked to register if they had an inter-

est. Three weeks before the course was to begin, there were only two people registered; on the day the training began, there were only eight registered but 12 came. By the third day of classes, 22 had registered.

During the training each student learned how to read and pronounce words correctly and

how to develop a radio program, among other things. Many of the participants had not even finished elementary school. But, they all put their heart and mind into the training and did their best.

After 40 hours of training, a graduation ceremony was held on April 27, at the Springfield Hispanic

Church with more than 200 in attendance. Steve Haley, president of Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and Armando deLeon, Conference Hispanic coordinator, were present.

Delima and the 22 new radio speakers believe that very soon, as they begin to preach the everlasting Gospel through the radio, many will be led to give their hearts to Jesus. It truly is a dream come true!

—BY NATHAN DELIMA

## Conference Has Renewed Vision for Publishing Ministry

Ted C. Wilson, D.Min., president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, recently shared, "Now, with populations exploding in many lands and the signs of Christ's return being abundantly fulfilled throughout the Earth, I envision not just a dream, but the real promise of a soaring crescendo of further evangelism and witnessing through publishing ministries at all levels and in all applications." *The Literature Evangelist*, March 2014 issue, p. 10.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is committed to seeing that vision become a reality. Careful

plans are being laid to expand the literature ministry into every church in the Conference. Training semi-



GLOW tract display rack

nars are being scheduled so that everyone who desires to work as a literature evangelist part-time or full-time will be enabled and equipped. The goal is to have at least one literature evangelist in every church.

The Conference GLOW Ministry has already begun with 200,000 GLOW tracts bearing the Conference website address, and offering its own Bible correspondence course in English and Spanish, as well as several free missionary books. The GLOW Ministry will provide a way for every church member to participate in literature distribution. Plans are in

motion for training many younger students and Pathfinders in MagaBook evangelism.

Through the cooperation of several conferences in the Southern Union, improvements have been implemented to the Home Health Education Service program. As the publishing program continues to grow in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, the goal is to provide more opportunities for those who sense God's leading as full-time career literature evangelists.

—BY ROCKY DAVIS



## Revelation's Hope Revealed

*Former Pentecostal pastor*

Aundre Evans, a former Pentecostal pastor, had just said a prayer at work seeking understanding for God's will in his life and what role God's law played in the plan of salvation. During a break, he sat down to read his Bible, when Josh Wiley from Oak Grove, Ky., Church, felt impressed to say something to him. He had noticed Evans reading his Bible during breaks before.

Wiley walked up to him and said, "Did you know that men changed God's law?" Then Wiley turned and walked away. Evans could not believe his ears. He did not expect such a quick answer to his prayers. He immediately got up and asked Wiley what he meant by that statement.

At that moment, Wiley's machine broke down which meant he could not work, and Evans would be working on his machine. They both believe that God allowed this to take place to give them time together. So while Evans worked on the machine, Wiley gave him a Bible study on God's Holy Law.

Other studies ensued and Evans accepted the Sabbath. On March 14, 2014, Wiley invited Evans and his wife, Yvonne, to Clarksville, Tenn., Church to a series of meetings being held by Kieth Noll, evangelist/trainer. At the end of the series, Aundre



*Berta Wiley (front, left), Yvonne Evans, Josh Wiley (back, left), Kieth Noll, and Aundre Evans*

and Yvonne Evans took their stand to be baptized by Bob Wint, pastor, and become members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Within six weeks, Evans shared what he had learned with his sister, a devout Baptist Christian, and she took her stand for the Sabbath and stood up in her church and gave testimony that she was going to keep all of God's commandments, including the fourth.

At the time of this writing, Evans' mother is reading *Ten Commandments Twice Removed*, and is being drawn to Jesus and the truth of His Word.

*Former member*

Mary (name changed) had been out of the church for 37 years. She was raised and baptized in the Adventist church and attended regularly. However, she

married a non-Adventist who smoked and later picked up the habit herself, but still attended the church.

Mary's daughter, Lisa (name changed), was born with organs twisted up in her body and placed on opposite sides of where they should have been. Doctors told Mary that Lisa would not live more than a few days; they were amazed that she lived a week, then a month, and then a year.

Lisa lived with her condition for 12 years, but finally her body was giving in. Mary asked to have an anointing for Lisa. The head elder of the church conducted the anointing; they had prayer and anointed Lisa, but she soon passed away.

The week following the funeral, the elder had a sermon on how second-

hand smoke kills children, and a short time later Mary was dropped from church membership.

Thirty-seven years later, Mary received a flyer in the mail for "Revealing Revelation's Hope" prophecy seminar. She decided to attend, and as the meetings progressed she felt conviction of the truth once again and expressed her desire to rejoin the Church. When Bob Wint and Kieth Noll visited her, she told them what happened so long ago and broke down in tears. For 37 years, Mary had lived with the guilt of her smoking habit. She asked, "Do you think God can forgive me?"

Mary had a hard time believing the promises of God for forgiveness. Finally, she was shown I John 1:9 again that says, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Noll asked Mary if she thinks God lies. She said, "No." "Then we must believe this promise, or we are calling God a liar," Noll said. At that moment, Mary believed and is planning to be baptized very soon.

At the end of the prophecy seminar, 13 were baptized, three re-baptized, and 11 more are preparing to be baptized.

—BY KIETH NOLL



## Dublin Holds First Hispanic Evangelistic Meeting

When John T. Boston II, was introduced as the pastor of First Church in Dublin, Ga., there were two congregations worshipping in different areas of the building each Sabbath. The English-speaking members and the Spanish-speaking members were divided by the language barrier. The Holy Spirit began to move on the leaders of Dublin, and impressed them with a plan to grow the churches together.

Head elder Robert Hunter and Boston decided to lead the church in a vote to abandon the separation, and to do everything

possible to join the groups together. Sabbath School, Bible study, intercessory prayer, and children's church all reflected a congregation that was intentional about being inclusive of the Hispanic community. A summer campaign even had one young woman, Ingrid Lopez, translate Boston's sermons each night in Spanish. The only thing that had not been done was a full-blown evangelistic series completely in Spanish.

When the call was made for Efrain Poloche, Hispanic ministries coordinator for South Atlantic



*Efrain Poloche, Hispanic ministries coordinator for South Atlantic Conference, delivers his message in Spanish during the evangelistic meetings at First Church in Dublin, Ga. Theresa Benitez, 15, translated the messages in English during the one-week meeting.*



*John Boston II, pastor of First Church in Dublin, Ga., holds the microphone while Efrain Poloche, Hispanic ministries coordinator for South Atlantic Conference, prepares to baptize a new member as a result of the "Prueba Con Jesus (Try Jesus!)" evangelistic meeting at First Church.*

Conference, to come and lead a Hispanic evangelistic meeting in a historically English-speaking church, he immediately said, "Yes!" The meeting was called, "Prueba Con Jesus (Try Jesus!)" Each night, Theresa Benitez, 15, translated the messages in English when Poloche could not attend. The English-speaking members attended and supported the meetings that were full with the Hispanic community. Joyce Grey said, "It is how I imagine Heaven — all of God's children working together for the Lord's Kingdom. The language barrier doesn't stop us from following the Holy Spirit." At the end of the one-week series several families took their stand for Christ, and nine Hispanic individuals were baptized.

Poloche said, "In all my years of doing this

I have never seen the English and Spanish come together and grow together like this. It really is something special." First Church Hispanic ministries leaders Euglio and Theresa Benitez said, "Before Pastor Boston came we were separate, and it didn't seem right. Now we are excited to come and worship, and we are on fire as we see how the Lord is growing our family together."

First Church members no longer consider themselves English or Spanish, they are one family and that's the way it will be when God returns. They serve the community together, have Pathfinder ministries together, worship together, and the entire congregation is growing together.

—BY WHITNEY K. JORDAN

## iServe Event Inspires Youth to Engage in Christian Service



*Inspired to engage in Christian service, youth from Lighthouse Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., volunteered to clean the house of an elderly man.*

The Lighthouse Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recently hosted its first iServe event. iServe is the vision of Curtis Powell, pastor of Lighthouse. It is designed to inspire young people to engage in Christian service. “When young people are engaged in service, they can truly make a difference by showing the love of God through serving others,” states Powell.

During the event, young people from the south Florida area churches joined together to give God glory

through their many talents — songs, spoken word, choral reading, and instrumental music. Hearts were blessed and spiritual commitments renewed.

Jean-Bart, who served as the keynote speaker for the event, challenged the young people to be like the Samaritan in Luke 10, who went out of his way to meet the needs of a stranger.

On the final day of the three-day event, the youth organized themselves into groups to serve others. The young people distributed

food to the community, visited door to door, and cleaned the houses of the elderly.

When asked what the iServe weekend meant to the youth, 16-year-old Nicholas Smith stated, “It meant that as youth we can have a positive impact in our community by giving back through our efforts.”

Due to the success of iServe and its impact on the community surrounding Lighthouse, another event is planned for the summer.

—BY MICHELLE FARQUHARSON

## Mary Cutting Celebrates 85 Years



*Mary Cutting with her grandchildren, Ian, Samantha, and Donny*

The year 1929 was memorable. It was the year the Stock Market crashed, and the Vatican City, the smallest nation in the world, became an enclave of Rome. It was the year that Martin Luther King Jr. was born. And, it was also the year Mary Cutting came into the world.

Cutting was born in Nevis on March 20, 1929, the first child of Ann Tyson.

She had two brothers, George and Carlton. The family relocated to St. Kitts when Cutting was 13 years old. She attended St. Village Girls School.

Cutting was always a God-fearing young woman. One night she had a direct call from the Lord. She prayed, and the Lord led her to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her neighbor invited her to church. That night, at the age of 16, she gave her heart to the Lord. She has been an Adventist ever since. Because of her diligence and commitment to the Lord, soon her mother and two brothers were also baptized. In St. Kitts she attended Bassateie Church.

Things were hard in St. Kitts, so to find a better way of life, Cutting immigrated

to Aruba in 1945. There she met and married Cecil Cutting in 1950. Three years later they immigrated to Barbados in search of jobs. She has always been a devoted Christian, finding time to balance between working as a nurses’ assistant, singing in the choir, church work, and raising their two girls, Celia and Olivia. Her desire to spread the Word of God resulted in her starting a branch Sabbath School in Barbados.

Wanting to make a better life for her children, she immigrated to Miami, Fla., in 1980. In 1981, at its inception, she joined Perrine Church and has been a faithful member ever since. Over time, Cutting has worked in several areas of the church, including as Sabbath School

division leader, Sabbath School division teacher, assistant M.V. leader, Sabbath School secretary, and deaconess. She loves to sing and has always sung in the choir.

Her three grandchildren, Donny, Ian, and Samantha are the joy of her life. Her hobbies are telling stories about Jesus because she enjoys talking about the Lord. Her advice to young people is to always trust in the Lord, and pray without ceasing because the Lord will always answer their prayers. She says, “They have nothing to fear unless they forget God.” Her favorite song is “How Cheering is the Christian Hope.”

—BY MILLICENT TAYLOR



## Jordan Street Church Members Mobilize for Mission

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all

members were fully aware that with limited means, more than ever, the outpouring of God’s Spirit would be necessary in order to win souls for Christ. The



*A new convert is baptized as a result of the Jordan Street Church members witnessing and giving Bible studies.*

things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen,” Matthew 28:19, 20. These are more than the famous last words of Jesus to the members of Jordan Street Church in Pensacola, Fla.; these are their marching orders. The members no longer see evangelism as the work of the pastor or evangelists, but for the entire membership. This evangelistic mindset of the members has been developing for many years, and has culminated this year in the mobilization of virtually all of the ministries of Jordan Church to propagate the “everlasting Gospel.”

Realizing that this is spiritual warfare, the mem-

bers united for 40 days of prayer and fasting at the beginning of February 2014. They paired with prayer partners, and prayed

for their own spiritual development and for the outpouring of God’s Spirit. Java Mattison, South Central Conference publishing director, concluded the 40 days of prayer and fasting with a half-week revival. His powerful preaching stirred the hearts of the members and resulted in precious souls making decisions for baptism and rebaptism.

At the same time the members were earnestly fasting and praying, a team of literature evangelists set up camp in the church for a month. They canvassed the neighborhoods of Pensacola and identified potential Bible study interests, and even led one young man who was baptized and continues to actively attend Jordan Street Church.

Members fell in love with the individuals they

met in the homes. One man broke down into tears as one of the deacons visited his home and offered him the love of Jesus and Bible studies.

Momentum and excitement for souls continued to build as the members held outreach Sabbaths on April 26 and May 17. After divine worship, the members were divided into groups led by different elders, and they went out into the community to distribute nearly 600 tracts on the first Sabbath and 400 handbills on the second Sabbath. This only whet the members’ appetite for souls as the children and adults came back for AYS with their testimonies of how God blessed them when they went door to door to witness.

—BY DANIEL LUBEGA



*Jordan Street Church members were mobilized for the outreach ministry.*

## South Central Women Hold “Redeeming Love” Evangelistic Series

The harvest truly is plentiful, but there are still many who do not know about the love of God. The women of South Central Conference have been doing as Jesus commanded. They prayed that God would send forth laborers, and He did. He sent the women of South Central, and He used them to answer persistent prayers.

Since 2010, Operation SWEEP (Spirit-filled Women Exalting Eternal Principles) has been the springboard from which the women have launched evangelistic series. Many women are preaching and teaching the Good News of salvation. In 2012, the

call came for South Central women to go to College Hill in Knoxville, Tenn., to help the work there.

In addition, a smoking cessation segment was given on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before the series began. Each night before and after the meeting, attendees could have their blood pressure checked. Also, during the series, attendees were given tips on how to preserve their health, and they enjoyed music from various musicians including some Sunday church choirs/groups. Before the evangelist began the study, a three-minute animated video of the subject under

study was shown to reinforce the biblical lessons. Each participant was given a Bible with marked page numbers to make it easy to locate the texts. The entire teaching was interactive.

Virginia Holt had been attending Revelation Seminars at College Hill for more than six years, according to Alexander Lampkin, pastor. Holt had a laundry list of questions written down on a sheet of paper.

Gwendolyn Jones walked her through the Bible, and she received the answers to all of her questions. Each night, Holt was transported to the meetings. She arrived early, sat in the front row, and consistently answered all the quiz questions. Her eyes would sparkle as she waited in anticipation to see how well she did. Her prize selection among the variety of gift choices would always be one of the books. She was truly searching for answers.

When Shirley Scott, evangelist, asked if the teachings were clear, Holt answered in the affirmative. As the meetings neared the closing nights, she decided

to follow Jesus all the way through baptism. Holt was the first fruit of the Re-



*Gwendolyn Jones (right) studied the Bible with Virginia Holt and helped her find all the answers to her questions.*

deeming Love Revelation Evangelistic Series. The Word of God says that one plants, another waters, but God gives the increase.

There were approximately 35 visitors during the series. More than 20 were given a Bible and the Revelation Seminar Bible studies. Each wanted to continue study after the seminar was over. Most of the attendees were Sunday churchgoers. According to Revelation 18:4, when the final cry is made to come out of Babylon, many will heed the call. In the meantime, the women of South Central will teach, preach, and baptize.

—BY SHIRLEY SCOTT



*After six years of attending evangelistic meetings, Virginia Holt is baptized.*



## Oakwood University Receives Re-Accreditation

Oakwood University has received notice that it has been fully re-accredited through 2018 by the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA). Five years is the maximum term of accreditation awarded by AAA. The AAA visit is a comprehensive external review of the universities ability to implement its mission using pre-determined operational standards, as well as its adherence to the philosophical beliefs of Adventist education.

The site visitors consisted of a diverse team of Adventist higher education administrators and faculty who were tasked to investigate Oakwood's performance in its execution of a variety of internal and external mission-focused

areas. Some of the areas examined included Oakwood's current and future academic programs, spiri-

programs. A few notable commendations:

1. The administration and faculty's thoughtfulness

curriculum into the freshmen courses that will enable students to build their competencies in their



AAA site visit team: Isaac Oyewole (left), Joy Febr, Marcel Sargeant, John McVay, Adam Fenner, A. Jean Warden, Hudson Kibuuka, and R. Clifford Jones.

tuality, financial solvency, personnel, and facilities.

The committee's report provided a number of commendations on the quality of Oakwood's academic

and deliberate approach in providing a quality curriculum that seeks to develop for service and Heaven.

2. The incorporation of a sound, critical-thinking

entry-level courses and prepare them for greater critical thinking responsibilities as they advance to higher-level courses. The committee also commended the design of the critical thinking curriculum, which supports the Adventist philosophy of Christian education, and prepares students to incorporate these skills as aspiring Christian professionals.

3. The faculty and staff's commitment to service-learning as one of the core elements of its curriculum.

The next official AAA site visit is scheduled for 2018.

—BY GEORGE ASHLEY, PH.D.

## New Beginnings is Re-awarded Grant

The New Beginnings Single Parent Resource Center of Oakwood University is a program that offers support and assistance to single parent students attending institutions of higher education in the North Alabama area. The program has served students from Oakwood University, Alabama A&M University, Cahoon Community College, Drake Technical College, and University of Alabama in Huntsville. Some of the

services provided include part-time childcare assistance, tuition/textbook scholarships, and support groups. These services are largely funded by grants and donations.

In December of 2013, a proposal was submitted to the Daniel Foundation of Alabama, an organization known for its philanthropic efforts. For several years New Beginnings has requested funds from this foundation and has been

awarded each time. The primary needs identified in the most recent proposal were to increase tuition/textbook scholarships, expand child-care assistance, and continue running the on-site food pantry.

New Beginnings was notified this past February that the Daniel Foundation of Alabama had decided to award the program \$10,000.00. These funds will be utilized over the course of the 2014-15

school year to assist single parent students to not only remain in school, but graduate with their degree.

For more information about New Beginnings, call 256-726-7801.

—BY GERALDINE M. THOMPSON

## Southern Students Help Lead 1,300 to Christ at Meetings in Central and South America

This May, approximately 100 students and staff from Southern Adventist University held evangelistic meetings in Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. Through these efforts — and considerable groundwork beforehand by the local congregations and conferences — more than 1,300 people have been baptized. All of the trips were organized by Southern’s Evangelistic Resource Center (ERC), with assistance in several of the campaigns from ShareHim and Quiet Hour Ministries.

Carlos Martin, professor in the School of Religion, led a group of 20 students to Bolivia and partook in what he referred to as “pure, old-fashion evangelism.” The multi-ethnic group from Southern represented 13 nationalities, a quality Martin saw as attractive to their audience.

“We seemed to represent the cultural diversity of the World Church, and I think people appreciated that,” Martin said.

Freddy Fuentes, associate professor for the School of Education and Psychology, traveled with 13 students to El Salvador, seeking to bring the message of Christ’s love to a country deep in political turmoil. Their government is suspected of being connected with MS-13, one of the most violent gangs in the world, that has branches in large cities throughout



*Sophomore theology major Bryant Rodriguez (left) hugs newly re-baptized church member Dairo Rafael de la Barrera Blanco in Cartagena, Colombia. Blanco was a former Seventh-day Adventist who had been disfellowshipped, but recommitted his life to Christ during Rodriguez’s evangelistic series.*

the Americas. Despite this, the group had 174 baptisms.

“Gang members kind of hung around at first, perched outside like pigeons on a fence,” Fuentes said. “But as they listened to the sermons, they invited their friends to join them at the meetings, and they gave their hearts to Christ!”

### **Blessed by Serving**

These mission trips not only had a powerful influence on the people in the countries visited, but also on the students who devoted their time to sharing God’s Word. Student preachers return to the United States with a better understanding of the biblical doctrines and increased confidence in their ability to witness.

“Some students were brought into the Church as child members, without full instruction before baptism,”

Martin said. “But, for these meetings they had to study and explain the doctrines to others. Many will go on to become lawyers, architects, and surgeons who already know how to preach doctrines. Southern is preparing Church leaders for today and for the future.”

Chris Janetzko, senior mass communications major, turned to social media to seek the prayers and encouragement of friends and family while he was preaching in Colombia. This was especially true while working on his sermon about the 2,300-day prophecy, a topic about which he didn’t feel particularly confident in his ability to share. When the presentation was finished, Janetzko’s faith was affirmed through the experience, and he took to Facebook as means to express his excitement.

“The Spirit led tonight! Whoever doubted He would?”

Though the bulk of work done by students involved preaching evangelistic sermons, they also served as the hands and feet of Jesus by working in medical clinics, children’s ministries, and in construction. This was especially true in Costa Rica.

### **Supporting Students**

The ERC has an ambitious vision for the role of Southern students and the University in helping prepare the way for Jesus’ second coming. The five trips in May, and one underway in Chile at the time of this article’s writing, require considerable financial and human resources. Thus summer’s outreach costs approximately \$330,000, with expenses being split between the University, the Southern Union, local conferences, and the students who are participating.

Some of the students have yet to reach their fundraising goals. Readers impressed to support this important work may visit [southern.edu/give](http://southern.edu/give) and select “Summer Evangelism Abroad” from the “Gift” dropdown menu.

—BY RACHAEL HANKINS AND LUCAS PATTERSON



## Los 120 de Hoy

Rosy tenía 12 años cuando se bautizó en Atlanta. Su vida en la iglesia era activa. Desde temprana edad sus padres la habían incentivado a involucrarse en muchas actividades, colaborando en obra misionera, ocupando puestos de responsabilidad, e inclusive cierta vez predicando ante una audiencia de 3,000 personas. Su educación académica se había llevado a cabo mayormente en escuelas de la iglesia. En la adolescencia comenzó a asistir a una escuela pública. Allí fue expuesta a situaciones nuevas; un mundo diferente que no estaba preparada para afrontar. Las amistades la alejaron paulatinamente de sus costumbres, e impusieron gustos por experiencias diferentes. Esto, sumado a la falta de afecto y comprensión de parte de la iglesia, hicieron que Rosy se apartara totalmente. Nadie, ninguna de las personas con las que había participado en tantos proyectos y actividades se acercaron a ella, o la llamaron para ayudarla. Lo único que escuchó de parte de aquellos a quienes tanto había querido fueron palabras de juicio, que le produjeron dolor.

Su vida continuó el camino descendente que había iniciado. Satanás encontró muchas maneras de mantener su mente entretenida; todo parecía excitante. No obstante, poco a poco estas



experiencias comenzaron a crear un vacío en ella, y un enorme sentimiento de culpa que nada podía apaciguar. Mientras más se alejaba, se sentía con menos derecho de acudir a Dios. En esta etapa un amigo la invitó a asistir a una iglesia inter denominacional y ella comenzó a hacerlo regularmente, aunque nunca sintió la paz y la satisfacción que alguna vez había experimentado. Poco a poco pudo ver cómo a pesar de su situación el Señor la había protegido y atraído con cuerdas de amor. Una de las cosas que perturbaban su mente, era el hecho de asistir a la iglesia los domingos. No tenía duda de que el sábado es el día que Dios declaró santo, dedicado a Él. La voz del Espíritu Santo comenzó a hacerse más perceptible.

En su misericordia Dios puso a César en su camino, quien la invitó a asistir a las reuniones de

un grupo pequeño en el que él participaba. “Allí me di cuenta”, dijo, “de que la razón por la que no había encontrado paz era porque estaba intentando enderezar mi camino por medio de mis propios esfuerzos. Le dije a Jesús que me ponía en sus manos, y ese fue el punto de un nuevo comienzo. Esa fue la decisión que me trajo paz.” Al poco tiempo se encontró con un amigo y juntos comenzaron a asistir a la Primera Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Atlanta. “Hoy, ese amigo es mi esposo, y ambos continuamos asistiendo a esta iglesia que me abrió ampliamente sus brazos sin juzgarme. Fueron un claro testimonio del amor de Cristo, y agradezco a Dios por ellos.”

Durante el mes de mayo, en el lapso de una semana de reuniones evangelísticas en las que se recorrieron diferentes congregaciones del noroeste del territorio

de nuestra unión, 120 personas se unieron a la iglesia por medio del bautismo, incluyendo a Rosy. Varios de ellos, luego de caminar separados de Jesús decidieron regresar al camino de la vida abundante.

Según el informe de secretaría de la Asociación General, 43 de cada 100 nuevos creyentes dejan las filas de la iglesia. ¿Confiaríamos en un hospital donde de cada 100 pacientes, 43 mueren allí? ¿Volaríamos en la empresa aérea de la cual 43 de 100 vuelos no llegan a destino? ¿Y qué del mecánico que de 100 reparaciones 43 terminan fundiendo el motor? Seguramente tomaríamos precauciones para que estas cosas no sucedan. Si este es el principio que aplicamos en nuestra vida cotidiana, ¿no deberíamos aplicarlo también en el terreno de nuestra vida de relación en la iglesia, y mirar con más atención a aquellos que dejan el camino de la salvación obnubilados con las atracciones que ofrece este mundo mientras los aleja de la vida eterna? El obtener el 100 por ciento de éxito en la retención de los creyentes es utópico. La mayor causa es la libertad que nos concedió el Creador. Tal libertad llevó a que en un mundo perfecto dirigido por un Dios perfecto, 33 de cada 100 decidieran tomar un rumbo opuesto al que

Él les señalaba, trayendo aparejados el dolor y la muerte, mientras que el resto eligió confiar en su Guía y Padre amante.

El ver alejarse de la iglesia a alguien puede no parecer una realidad muy dolorosa hasta que esa persona es nuestro hijo, cónyuge, o el vecino a quien trajimos al conocimiento de la verdad. Así como nos duele y buscamos hacer todo lo que está a nuestro alcance para verlos regresar, Dios en un grado infinitamente mayor, hizo lo máximo para traer a sus ovejas descarriadas, enviando a su Hijo a morir para rescatarlas. Mientras que para muchos el anhelo de recibir pronto la vida eterna es tal, que el hecho de esperar por quienes no conocen a Dios o se han alejado podría parecer innecesario, el Señor prefiere “demorarse” antes de ver a uno de sus hijos perdiendo la oportunidad de arrepentirse y regresar a Él. (2 Pedro 3:9).

En un estudio realizado por una de las divisiones de nuestra iglesia, se encontró que la mayoría (78%) de los que dejan el Camino lo hacen por problemas de relación con aquellos que forman parte de la iglesia. Con frecuencia creemos que lo hacen por falta de instrucción doctrinal (sólo el 2%), por sentirse abandonados por Dios (3%), por pasar a pertenecer a un grupo

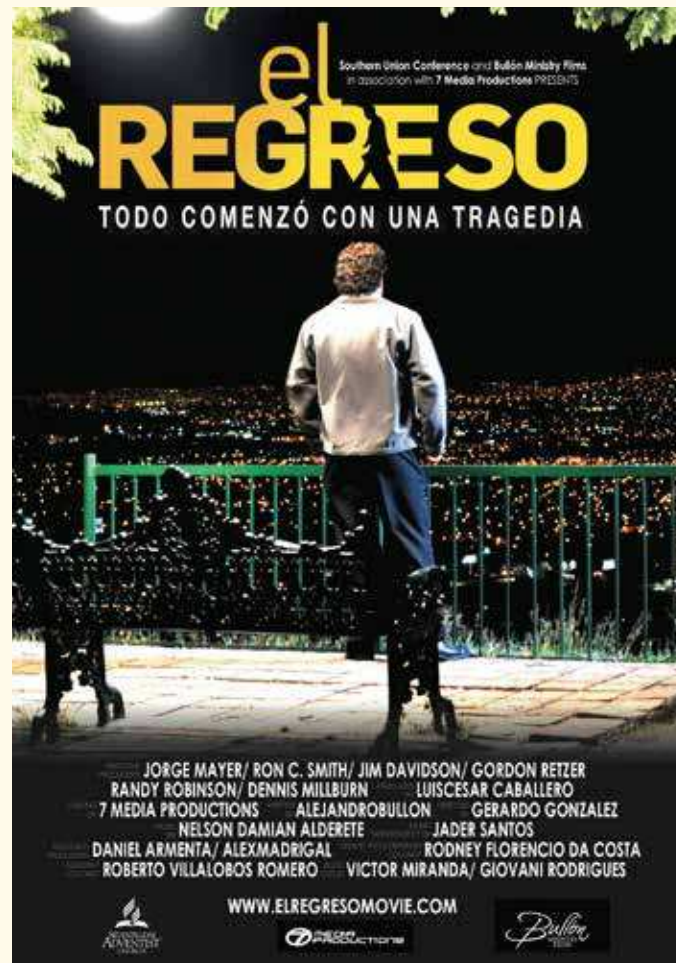
disidente (4%), o por no vivir a la altura de los principios bíblicos (16%). Así se expresaron algunos de ellos: “Cuando tuve un problema, me desanimé. Esperé una visita, pero no llegó. Así pasó el tiempo. Ya hace 4 años que no voy a la iglesia.” “Al poco tiempo de haberme bautizado falté un sábado a la iglesia. El pastor me visitó y me trató mal. Después de aquel día, nunca más pisé la iglesia.” “Salí con un grupo disidente, no por lo que enseñaban, ya que sabía que era absurdo,

pero estaba amargado con la iglesia por su frialdad e indiferencia. Hoy no soy nada.” “La presión familiar era terrible. Yo era el único adventista en la familia. La iglesia se mostraba indiferente y fría. Cuando falté dos sábados consecutivos en lugar de ánimo recibí críticas.”

Con el propósito de traer de regreso a los “hijos pródigos” Southern Union Media Production ha creado una película. El protagonista central, luego de llegar a la iglesia y ver sus imperfecciones se aleja y regresa a su

vida antigua. A pesar del ruido y otras atracciones que le ofrece el mundo, no tiene paz. Su vida es fuertemente tocada cuando una de sus amantes le indica que podría haberlo contagiado de SIDA. Paralelamente, se entera de que la mujer con la que había estado viviendo está embarazada de su hijo. Muchas de las situaciones de la película hacen que los “hijos pródigos” se identifican con el personaje protagonista, y abre los ojos de la iglesia respecto a las actitudes que no ayudan en la recuperación de los descarriados. ¡Qué privilegio tenemos de ser los embajadores de ese Dios que ama tanto a sus hijos, que está dispuesto a seguir esperando! Maravillosa oportunidad la nuestra de acercarnos a esos hijos, sobrinos, padres, amigos, etc., que un día estuvieron adorando a Jesús con nosotros, para mostrarles el amor redentor de Cristo y el cariño de sus hermanos; para decirles que se los extraña, que nadie puede reemplazarlos y quisiéramos gozarnos juntos por las cosas que Dios hace en nuestras vidas, sin mirar sus tatuajes, el largo de su cabello o vestido. La iglesia vibraría de gozo, y el cielo también.

Si en una semana llegaron a Jesús 120 ¿Puedes imaginar cuántos regresarían si tu iglesia se uniera para rescatar a aquellos por los cuales Cristo murió? La





oportunidad es nuestra, y se presenta ahora.

## CÓMO TRAERLOS

1. Haga una lista de todos aquellos que dejaron la iglesia.

2. Seleccione parejas que deseen realizar la tarea traer a estas personas.

3. Visite a cada uno de ellos; pídeles perdón por no haberlos visitado;

dígales que usted y la iglesia los extrañan; que trae un pequeño presente para que miren; ore con ellos agradeciendo a Dios por la oportunidad de haberlos encontrado.

4. Entregue la película EL REGRESO

5. Ore fervientemente para que esa semana el Espíritu Santo los impulse a

mirar la película.

6. Visítelos la semana siguiente, expresándoles que está feliz de verlos nuevamente. Pregúnteles si tuvieron oportunidad de ver la película, y cuál fue su impresión.

7. Invítelos para el próximo sábado (o aquel sábado especial); dígalos que los pasará a recoger ya

que quiere acompañarlos.

8. Toda la programación de ese sábado estará dirigida a ellos, a hablar del amor incondicional del Padre y de cuánto quieren aprender de tal amor para demostrarlo a los demás.

– JORGE MAYER, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Carolina Noticias

# Evangelismo Público y Personal Resulta en Bautismo y Boda



Raúl Claros llegó a este país procedente de Honduras trayendo consigo la ilusión de conseguir una mejor forma de vida, aunque encontrar trabajo no fue fácil para él teniendo en cuenta la barrera del idioma. Sin embargo, estaba decidido a luchar a fin de lograr sus desafíos.

Un sábado de noviembre del año 2012 llegó como visita a la iglesia de Greenville, NC,

durante una campaña de evangelismo que despertó su interés por el estudio más profundo de las Escrituras. La cálida recepción que recibió le dio la confianza de haber encontrado una nueva familia. Linda, Ramiro y Gilberto, miembros de Greenville, inmediatamente iniciaron el estudio de la Biblia con él. Raúl mostro gran interés en la Palabra de Dios, y su vida espiritual

empezó a crecer. Dios tenía algo especial reservado para él.

En septiembre del 2013, Mariela Mejía, también procedente de Honduras, llegó de visita a la iglesia durante otra campaña de evangelismo. Los miembros entablaron relación con ella, y esto llevó a que tomara la decisión de estudiar la Biblia. La semilla de la verdad cayó en tierra fértil. Ella abrazó el evangelio con gran interés, y pronto decidió entregar su vida a Jesús. En la iglesia adquirió muchos amigos, y conoció a Raúl. La amistad creció hasta que se pusieron de novios, y luego se comprometieron.

Raúl Claros y Mariela Mejía fueron bautizados en el bautismo del 22 de marzo pasado y como

broche, unieron sus vidas en matrimonio. El pastor Sandoval tuvo el privilegio de officiar ambas ceremonias. Hoy, ambos están felices de haber encontrado a Jesús como su Salvador personal en una cruzada de evangelismo. Ahora son nuevos testigos de lo que Dios hace en la vida de las personas que son sensibles a su llamado.

Los miembros de Greenville también se beneficiaron espiritualmente con esta experiencia, siendo testigos de lo que resulta cuando la iglesia brinda amor a las personas que llegan de visita.

– MARIELA MEJÍA, PROTAGONISTA

## Evangelismo de Siembra y Cultivo en Wilson



Teología Plinio Cárdenas, Martín Ayala, Claudio Sánchez y Joel Velásquez.

Durante este mes de campaña se presentaron inspiradores mensajes espirituales de la Palabra de Dios. Los asistentes y visitas fueron invitados a aprender más acerca de Jesús y testificar de la obra hecha por Él en sus vidas.

A la fecha la iglesia continúa con el plan de siembra, riego y cultivo de la preciosa semilla, ahora en una etapa diferente del proceso, esperando que para fin de este año muchas sean las almas que hayan recibido a Cristo en sus vidas.

– ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

La iglesia de Wilson, NC, fue partícipe de una bendecida campaña de siembra y cultivo de 30

días, que se llevó a cabo desde el 16 de febrero hasta el 15 de marzo. La misma estuvo a cargo

de 4 oradores, quienes predicaron una semana cada uno. Los mismos fueron el licenciado en

## Al Encuentro con Jesús en Filial Manteo

La filial “Manteo” en NC, que nació gracias al

trabajo de los miembros de Greenville, está

integrada por 29 personas que se reúnen en un

local cómodo y atractivo. Con el lema “Al Encuentro con Jesús” organizaron una campaña de una semana en marzo. El orador fue el licenciado en Teología Plinio Cárdenas. Sus temas se basaron en las experiencias que algunos personajes bíblicos tuvieron

con Jesús, que demuestran el amor de Dios en diferentes circunstancias. Muchas visitas tomaron la decisión de seguir preparándose para entregar sus vidas al servicio del Señor pronto. Los integrantes de Manteo continúan sembrando la buena semilla a los efectos de que al finalizar este año pueda haber una cosecha de nuevas almas para el reino de Dios.

– ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



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## Filial Faison Crece Gracias al Evangelismo

La Filial “Faison” en NC, es resultado del trabajo de amor de la iglesia de Mount Olive-NC. Faison es un grupo de 37 nuevos conversos que crece rápidamente. Cuenta con un local propio, obtenido con el apoyo y esfuerzo de sus miembros.

Del 5 al 12 de abril se llevó a cabo el ciclo de conferencias “Al Encuentro con Jesús” que en esta oportunidad tuvo una duración de 8 días. La presentación de los temas estuvo a cargo de Honorio Rodríguez, director de la filial, quien compartió con miembros y visitas las benditas promesas de las Sagradas Escrituras.



El sábado por la tarde esta cruzada culminó con el bautismo de 7 personas. El evento fue una bendición para los que encontraron a Jesús por este medio y para los miembros que colaboraron armoniosamente en equipo, y recibieron una inyección de ánimo para seguir trabajando en la ganancia de almas para el Reino de los Cielos.

– ELÍAS SANDOVAL,  
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## Instituto de Evangelismo Laico FIEL

Es domingo de mañana. Poco antes de las 9:00 a.m. el salón se va llenando mientras los concurrentes se estrechan las manos sonrientes. Después de una breves palabras de bienvenida, se escuchan las voces alegres entonando el himno tema: “Haz de mí un discípulo” del compositor y pastor

Homero Salazar. Éste ha sido el comienzo típico de una de las clases del Instituto de Evangelismo Laico de la Florida (FIEL, por sus siglas en inglés).

Desde comienzos de este año, se brindó a los laicos hispanos de la asociación de la Florida la oportunidad de

recibir entrenamiento en dos áreas: evangelismo público y evangelismo personal. Como respuesta, el curso comenzó con una matrícula de 275 alumnos distribuidos en cinco localidades para facilitar la asistencia.

Las clases se dictan un domingo por trimestre y tienen una duración

de aproximadamente cuatro horas. Un grupo de pastores tienen a cargo su presentación. Al final de cada jornada, los alumnos tienen la oportunidad de confraternizar en un delicioso almuerzo. “El plan original fue escoger a un pequeño grupo de no más de 15 a 20 personas interesadas en aprender a

predicar en campañas de evangelismo — explica el pastor Rolando de los Ríos, evangelista de la asociación y director del instituto— pero el entusiasmo y el interés por aprender también a dar estudios bíblicos fue tal que se debió cambiar la logística, resultando en lo que actualmente tenemos”.

Además de la asistencia a clases, cada alumno cumple el requisito de estudiar el libro “El Evangelismo” de Elena G. de White, y contestar un examen vía internet basado en el capítulo correspondiente. El propósito no es sólo académico; cada

El objetivo es también desarrollar disciplina y profundidad en el estudio de la verdad que habrán de enseñar y predicar. Cada dos semanas, los alumnos presentan sus exámenes electrónicamente a través del sitio web del programa de radio REVELACIÓN, ([www.RevelacionAdventista.com](http://www.RevelacionAdventista.com)). En este mismo espacio cibernético se pueden ver los boletines informativos que el alumnado recibe periódicamente. Tanto la asistencia como la puntuación alcanzada por los exámenes rendidos contribuirán a la calificación final para la graduación el 13 de



FIEL también han de participar de una clase práctica. Durante agosto y septiembre todos tomarán parte en grupos pequeños y estudios bíblicos a personas interesadas, en preparación para la gran campaña pública que se llevará a cabo en octubre. En este proyecto, los alumnos oficiarán de predicadores y de obreros bíblicos bajo la dirección de los pastores de las iglesias.

Muchos se preguntan qué sucederá con el Instituto en años por venir. Lo que está sucediendo

es sólo el comienzo. El pastor Allan Machado, vicepresidente de la asociación de la Florida

y director de la obra hispana tiene grandes expectativas para el futuro. Este año sólo se dictan clases de evangelismo y aunque siempre estas materias permanecerán como la esencia misma del instituto, se planea añadir otras que enriquezcan el conocimiento y la capacitación del alumnado para brindar un mejor servicio en una misión que debe terminarse pronto.

– ROLANDO DE LOS RÍOS,  
EVANGELISTA DE LA  
ASOCIACIÓN Y DIRECTOR  
DE FIEL



alumno laico habrá de fundamentarse en la verdad presente y en su confianza en el Espíritu de la Profecía y la organización.

diciembre, en ocasión de la convención anual de Discipulado y Evangelismo, en Campo Kulaqua. Los alumnos de



## Evangelizando en lo Cotidiano

Allí estaba sentado en una vieja banquetta, con los pies descalzos, una gorra marrón, y manos arrugadas. Sosteniendo un viejo bastón, con una camisa blanca gastada, el anciano miraba a la nada. Pasé por el frente de la calle; estaba llorando. Lo saludé con la mano, y él fijó su mirada en mí; mostraba una gran necesidad.

El viejo lloraba, pero yo no crucé la calle, no lo conocía, no me animé a acercarme. En mi camino guardé la imagen de su mirada encontrándose con la mía.

Traté de olvidarme, caminé rápido, pero pensé... "los viejos no lloran así por gusto". Esa noche me costó dormir. La imagen del viejito llorando no desaparecía, y me dije: "mañana temprano iré a verlo, conversaré con él tal como entendí que su rostro me lo pedía, y le hablaré de Jesús, nuestra única esperanza." Luego de calmar mi conciencia logré dormirme. Me levanté temprano, compré un café con leche y unas galletas y fui de prisa. No estaba la banquetta, no estaba el viejito. Toqué a

la puerta y salió un señor.  
-¿Qué desea? -me dijo.  
-Busco al anciano que vive aquí...  
-¡Oh, mi padre murió ayer por la tarde!- dijo entre lágrimas  
-¡Murió!- dije

explíqueme".  
Me invitó a pasar y me llevó donde estaba el viejo diario. La última página decía: "Hoy tuve un bello día, alguien me saludó con mucho cariño y me brindó una sonrisa

de Westchester, Florida, y se han propuesto llevar el evangelio del amor de Cristo en su corazón, en todas sus actividades personales y de iglesia. Cada departamento, cada programa, cada picnic,

cada almuerzo, todo lo que exista debe tener el propósito de compartir el evangelio de amor, ya que mañana puede ser tarde.

El 2013 terminó con una hermosa y bendecida serie de conferencias a cargo del pastor Daniel Ospina y un buen número de personas entregaron sus vidas a Cristo. El 2014 comenzó con una campaña a cargo del

pastor Rolando de los Ríos y 14 almas se unieron a la familia de Dios.

¡Mañana puede ser tarde!

- PASTOR ORLANDO LÓPEZ,  
IGLESIA DE WESTCHESTER,  
FLORIDA



decepcionado. Las piernas se me aflojaron, la mente se me nubló, los ojos se me humedecieron.

-¿Usted quién es? -me preguntó...

Dije: -Nadie...ayer pasé y vi a su padre llorando, pero no me detuve a ver lo que le pasaba, hoy volví para hablar con él...pero ya es tarde.

-No me va a creer- dijo el señor, -entonces Ud. es la persona de la cual escribí ayer mi papá en su diario.

Extrañado por lo que me decía le dije: "Por favor

amable, pensé que se iba a detener, pensé que quería decirme algo, pero no importa, hoy es un día bello".

Tuve que sentarme, me dolió el alma. Me dolió pensar qué importante hubiera sido para ese hombre si yo hubiese cruzado la calle, le hubiera extendido la mano y le hubiese hablado del amor de Dios.

El autor de esta historia es desconocido pero la lección que el relato trae aparejado ha impactado las vidas de los miembros de la iglesia

## Milagros a Través del Evangelismo

Durante el mes de abril el distrito hispano de Marietta lanzó la cruzada de evangelismo: “Viva una Gran Esperanza”. Como resultado de este movimiento misionero 13 almas se unieron a la iglesia de Cristo a través del bautismo.

Cada esfuerzo de evangelismo en la iglesia se convierte en un escenario de inspiradoras historias de conversión. Tal fue el caso de Aurelio, entre otros, padre de una

hermosa familia pero atado a las cadenas del licor. Esclavizado y sometido a él por muchos años de su vida, fue atraído por la Palabra del Señor durante las conferencias y experimentó el milagro de conversión en su corazón al ser liberado de su vicio. El último sábado de la campaña,

Aurelio, junto a su esposa Angélica y su hija Devani



de dieciséis años, bajaron a las aguas del bautismo para ser hechos nuevas criaturas.

¡Gloria a Dios!, cuando Cristo es levantado de delante de los hombres, dice el Señor, “...a todos atraeré a mí mismo. (Juan 12:32)

– RICHARD URDANETA, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

## Kentucky-Tennessee Noticias

## Preparándose Para Ganar Almas



*Ancianos evaluando el fin de semana*

Fue maravilloso contar con la presencia de los pastores Roger Hernández y Walter Castro los días 7

y 8 de marzo, cuando se llegaron al territorio de la asociación Kentucky Tennessee para preparar

a las iglesias en el área de la ganancia de almas para Cristo Jesús. En forma clara mostraron a los asistentes que por la gracia de Dios, se verán resultados maravillosos si se logra un liderazgo en las iglesias que se canalice a través de los ministerios

bíblicos.

El coordinador de grupos e instructor general Armando Zaldaña nos

recordó lo que dijo el Dr. George Knight: “El éxito no vendrá por accidente. Será el producto de un pensamiento deliberado, planeación y acción.”

Dos días más tarde los ancianos y pastores se reunieron para evaluar lo ocurrido durante ese fin de semana, y trazar planes que conduzcan a los objetivos propuestos entonces.

– ARMANDO DE LEÓN, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



## Campaña en Iglesias Central y Memphis Sur



Indudablemente se sintió la presencia de Dios y su espíritu moviéndose en medio de la congregación mientras su Palabra era predicada con poder por el evangelista Mario Monzón en el distrito que abarca las iglesias

Central y Memphis del Sur. Dichas congregaciones alaban a Dios por las 19 personas que se unieron a la iglesia en el primer trimestre de este año y no dudan que durante el resto del año Dios continuará obrando maravillas.

Gracias a los líderes, ancianos y a cada hermano que colaboró tanto en la iglesia Central como la de Memphis Sur, el Señor se pudo manifestar y todos fueron bendecidos.

— ARMANDO DE LEÓN, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Southeastern Noticias

### Evangelismo Juvenil

La escuela sabática de jóvenes de la iglesia Emmanuel en Tampa FL, liderados por Meylin Cepero, tomaron la iniciativa de tener una casa culto juvenil. todos los lunes a las 7:30pm. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo en un hogar diferente cada semana. Este programa

se está en pie desde hace dos meses, y más de 25 jóvenes se llegan para estudiar acerca de Dios, y el mensaje que tiene en su Palabra. Casa culto juvenil está beneficiando tanto a jóvenes de la iglesia, como a visitas. Algunos de los asistentes estaban desanimados, pero están



comenzando a ver la vida con otra luz, desde

otro ángulo. Cepero se siente muy feliz con los resultados.

— REYNALDO OJEDA JR.  
PASTOR DE LA IGLESIA

## SAU Duplica Participación de Estudiantes en Viajes Misioneros

La participación en los viajes misioneros que normalmente se llevan a cabo en las vacaciones de primavera, se vio duplicada en el 2014. Bajo la dirección de Karen Glassford, la nueva coordinadora de viajes misioneros de corto plazo, 130 estudiantes se embarcaron por un periodo de dos semanas con destino a Haití, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Perú, Brasil, y comunidades Navajo en el oeste de los Estados Unidos.

Nueve estudiantes y 3 profesores de la escuela de enfermería fueron voluntarios en Haití, sirviendo en clínicas médicas. A este grupo se sumaron 3 estudiantes de otras áreas quienes organizaron una escuela bíblica para los niños. Todos no solamente sintieron que ganaron experiencia, sino también recibieron bendiciones por sus esfuerzos.

Aarón Snelgrove, estudiante de tercer año en el área de servicios de emergencias exteriores y enfermería, dirigió un grupo de 14 estudiantes y 1 profesor en Guatemala, y contó con el apoyo de Quiet Hour Ministries, que se especializa en evangelismo internacional. El grupo trabajó en la construcción de los fundamentos para una iglesia, estableció clínicas

médicas, y llevó a cabo series de evangelismo y una escuela bíblica de vacaciones en horas de la tarde. Como resultado, 8 personas fueron bautizadas durante su estadía, y 50 luego de su regreso a los Estados Unidos.

Un grupo de 15 estudiantes fueron voluntarios en Nicaragua bajo el liderazgo de Dale Walters, profesor asociado del departamento de tecnología, quien participa de este tipo de viajes desde 1973. Estudiantes de su departamento colaboraron en trabajos mecánicos y de construcción, mientras otros sirvieron en clínicas médicas con la ayuda de una practicante de enfermería.

Una de las misiones médicas más intensivas fue la desarrollada en Perú, donde 20 estudiantes acompañados por cinco médicos brindaron atención médica y dental gratuita en diferentes comunidades. Los estudiantes recibieron entrenamiento previo al viaje, y entrenamiento adicional cuando llegaron a Perú. Se atendieron cientos de pacientes y los estudiantes pudieron adquirir experiencia práctica en los procedimientos médicos y dentales; una oportunidad única. Cinco estudiantes y dos miembros de la facultad que estaban en el grupo, pero provenientes

de otras áreas de estudio no relacionadas con la medicina, ayudaron en labores manuales y organizaron una serie de evangelismo para la comunidad.

Otro grupo de 21 estudiantes acompañados por dos miembros de la facultad se unieron a un ministerio brasilero llamado Amazon Lifesavers, que provee servicios médicos y comunitarios a los pueblos en el río Amazonas. Se internaron en lo profundo de la selva para proveer atención médica y ayudar en la construcción de una iglesia y un jardín comunitarios. Debido a que el ministerio se lleva a cabo en el río, los estudiantes vivían en los barcos y dormían en hamacas.

Más de 60 participantes fueron como misioneros a territorios Navajos en los estados de Utah, Arizona, y Nueva Méjico, en los Estados Unidos. Allí trabajaron con La Vida Mission, Holbrook, y Monument Valley para construir invernaderos, remodelar, limpiar, organizar e instruir. Paul Turner, estudiante de segundo año de teología y gestión de bienestar de la comunidad empresarial,

actuó como líder trabajando para reclutar miembros y establecer conexiones en las áreas de mayor necesidad. Gym-Masters, el equipo de gimnasia de la universidad,



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realizó presentaciones acrobáticas en escuelas públicas y adventistas en la reservación Navajo, con el objetivo de demostrar los beneficios de trabajar duro y mantenerse alejados de las drogas y el alcohol.

La universidad se siente bendecida por tener la posibilidad de ofrecer estos programas de evangelismo por medio de los cuales muchas personas alcanzan sanidad y salvación, y los estudiantes aprenden acerca de los beneficios y bendiciones que una vida de servicio trae aparejadas.



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**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY** offers a 6-day Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy Workshop August 3-8. University faculty and the following speakers will present: Don Miller, Uchee Pines Institute; David DeRose, Weimar Center of Health & Education; Elvin Adams, US Health Works; Norman McNulty, neurologist. For information: [www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw](http://www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw); email [fran@andrews.edu](mailto:fran@andrews.edu); call 269-471-3541. [7]

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## Carolina

**Family Camp (NEW DATES)** – July 1-14. NPR.  
**Master Guide Training** – July 25-27. NPR.  
**Sabbath School Workshop** – July 25-27. NPR.  
**Pastoral Family Retreat** – July 27-30. NPR.  
**Carolina Teachers' Convention** – Aug. 1-4. Gatlinburg, TN.  
**Parenting Seminar** – Aug. 8, 9. Arden Church.  
**Prayer Rally** – Aug. 9. Arden Church.  
**Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention** – Aug. 22-24. NPR.

## Florida

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**Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule**  
 July 6. Lauderhill, Plantation, Sunrise. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)  
 July 13. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Fort Myers Shores, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples.  
 July 14. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.  
 July 20. Silver Springs Shores in Ocala, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.  
 July 21. Belleview, Lady Lake, Inverness.  
 July 27. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Fort Lauderdale. Aug. 3. Palm Coast, Palatka,

St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.) Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinics  
 July 12. Bethel French.  
 July 19. Miami Central Spanish.  
 Aug. 9. Winter Park Spanish.  
 Aug. 16. Haines City Spanish.  
 Sept. 27. Sunrise.  
**Let's Get Moving Kids** – Oct. 5. Crane's Roost Park, Uptown Altamonte Springs. 8-11 a.m. Health Fair for children featuring a run/walk (5K, 3K, and 1/8 mile) to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Participants will be awarded race bibs, finisher medallions, goodie bags, and healthy snacks. Health fair includes raffles, face painting, bounce house, music, and more. Sponsored by Forest City Spanish Church. Cost: \$10. (\$12 after September 5.) Details: <http://www.letsgetmovingkids.org/>, [info@iglesiafc.com](mailto:info@iglesiafc.com), or 407-592-4808.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Cohutta Springs Family Camp (ages all)** – July 15-20. Crandall, GA.  
**LEAD Evangelism Training** – July 18, 7:00-9:00 pm. Knoxville Adventist School, Knoxville, TN.  
**LEAD Service Outreach** – July 19, 20. Knoxville, TN.  
**Stewardship Sabbath** – July 19. Warner Robins Church, Warner Robins, GA.  
 God in Shoes Outreach  
 July 21. Jellico, TN.  
 July 27. Cohutta Church, GA.  
 Aug. 3. Vise Grove Mission Group, Heflin, AL.  
 Aug. 3. Rogersville Church, TN.  
 Aug. 6-10. Murphy Church, NC.  
 Aug. 17. Cedar Ridge Church, Georgetown, TN.  
 Will Clinics  
 July 19. 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Calhoun Church, GA.  
 July 20. 4-6 p.m. Cartersville Church, GA.  
 July 21. 4-6 p.m. Adairsville Church, GA.  
 July 22. 4-6 p.m. Rossville Church, GA.  
 July 23. 4-6 p.m. Lookout Mountain Church, Rising Fawn, GA.  
 July 24. 4-6 p.m. Blairsville Church, GA.  
 July 25. 4-6 p.m. Chatsworth Church, GA.  
 July 27. 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Dalton Church, GA.

**Stewardship Sabbath**  
 July 26. Newport Church, TN.  
 July 26. Smoky Mountain Church, Sevierville, TN.  
**Ministerial Retreat** – July 27-30. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.  
**Prayer Ministries Day** – Aug. 2. Jellico Church, TN.  
**Personal Ministries Rally** – Aug. 2. 2-5 p.m. Hiram, GA.  
**Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting** – Aug. 6-10. Speaker: Alan Meis. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.  
**International Pathfinder Camporee** – Aug. 11-16. Oshkosh, WI.  
**First Day of School** – Aug. 14.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Executive Committee** – July 15. Conference Office.  
**Ministers' Meeting** – July 27-30. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Hispanic Youth Retreat** – July 31-Aug. 3.  
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 50+ Camp – Aug. 5-10. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Highland Academy Board** – Sept. 4. Highland Academy.  
**Hispanic Women's Retreat** – Sept. 5-7. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Young Women's Retreat** – Sept. 12-14. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Pathfinder Council Campout** – Sept. 12-14. TBA.  
**Conference Executive Committee** – Sept. 16. Conference Office.  
**Women's Retreat I** – Sept. 19-21. Indian Creek Camp.  
**Women's Retreat II** – Sept. 26-28. Indian Creek Camp.

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**SmartStart Begins** – July 28. New students at Southern can earn 3 credit hours for free during the summer. You pay for books and food, but the tuition and residence hall rent is on us — a savings of more than \$2,000. To learn more, visit [southern.edu/smartstart](http://southern.edu/smartstart).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY/ DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND** – Oct. 3, 4. Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, ND. Come and renew your friendships! Honor classes: '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '75, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05, '10. Details: Call 701-258-9000, x236, or visit: <http://bit.ly/DAA-AlumWknd14>.

**SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION** – Oct. 16-18. SAVE THE DATE – Celebrating 25 Years of Communication Excellence! Theme: "A Call to Serve." Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL. Details: [www.adventistcommunicator.org](http://www.adventistcommunicator.org).

|                 | June 27 | July 4 | July 11 | July 18 | July 25 | August 1 |
|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Atlanta, GA     | 8:52    | 8:51   | 8:50    | 8:47    | 8:43    | 8:38     |
| Charleston, SC  | 8:30    | 8:30   | 8:30    | 8:27    | 8:23    | 8:18     |
| Charlotte, NC   | 8:40    | 8:40   | 8:40    | 8:37    | 8:32    | 8:27     |
| Collegedale, TN | 8:59    | 8:59   | 8:57    | 8:54    | 8:50    | 8:44     |
| Huntsville, AL  | 8:02    | 8:02   | 8:02    | 7:59    | 7:54    | 7:49     |
| Jackson, MS     | 8:10    | 8:10   | 8:10    | 8:07    | 8:03    | 7:58     |
| Louisville, KY  | 9:08    | 9:08   | 9:08    | 9:10    | 9:09    | 9:03     |
| Memphis, TN     | 8:16    | 8:16   | 8:16    | 8:14    | 8:11    | 8:07     |
| Miami, FL       | 8:16    | 8:16   | 8:15    | 8:14    | 8:11    | 8:07     |
| Montgomery, AL  | 7:55    | 7:55   | 7:55    | 7:52    | 7:48    | 7:43     |
| Nashville, TN   | 8:06    | 8:06   | 8:06    | 8:03    | 8:58    | 8:53     |
| Orlando, FL     | 8:26    | 8:26   | 8:26    | 8:24    | 8:21    | 8:16     |
| Wilmington, NC  | 8:26    | 8:26   | 8:31    | 8:28    | 8:22    | 8:16     |



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# Medical/Dental/Health Professional CONVENTION

GATLINGBURG, TENNESSEE | OCTOBER 9-11, 2014



**JIM DAVIDSON** DIRECTOR, MEDICAL/DENTAL/HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

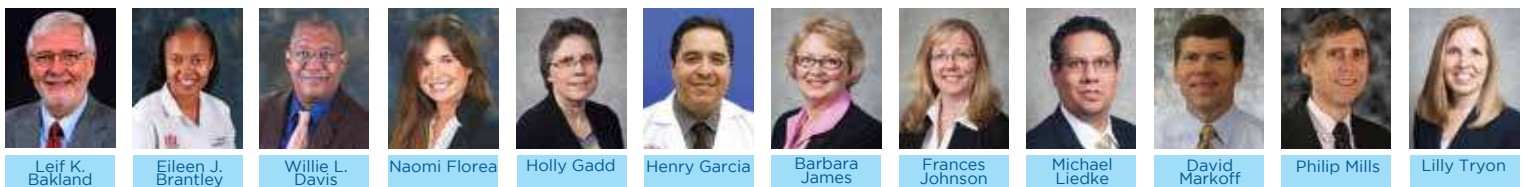
Welcome to the 25th consecutive biennial Medical/Dental/Health Professional Convention. We invite you to fellowship together in the beautiful Smoky Mountains. We know your participation in the weekend will refresh your faith, renew old friendships, and reconnect you with your family and loved ones. Continuing education for physicians, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, and allied health professionals are part of this special weekend.



**KARL HAFFNER, Ph.D.** WEEKEND GUEST SPEAKER

Karl Haffner has spoken extensively to healthcare organizations on topics ranging from leadership issues to soul fatigue. His humor and enthusiasm are infectious, delighting audiences around the world with his passion and perspectives. His B.A. and Master's degrees in business administration, combined with his B.A. and Master's degrees in theology, along with a Ph.D. in leadership, make Karl a forceful and credible voice. Karl currently serves as the Senior Pastor for the Kettering Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio, and also serves as the Mission Strategist for Kettering Health Network.

## SPEAKERS



Leif K. Bakland

Eileen J. Brantley

Willie L. Davis

Naomi Florea

Holly Gadd

Henry Garcia

Barbara James

Frances Johnson

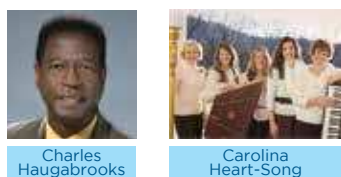
Michael Liedke

David Markoff

Philip Mills

Lilly Tryon

## MUSICAL ARTISTS



Charles Haugabrooks

Carolina Heart-Song

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Golf Tournament will be held at Gatlinburg Golf Course on Friday, October 10, at 11:30 a.m. Advanced registration is required by September 30, 2014.

**REGISTER NOW, SPACE IS LIMITED.**

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