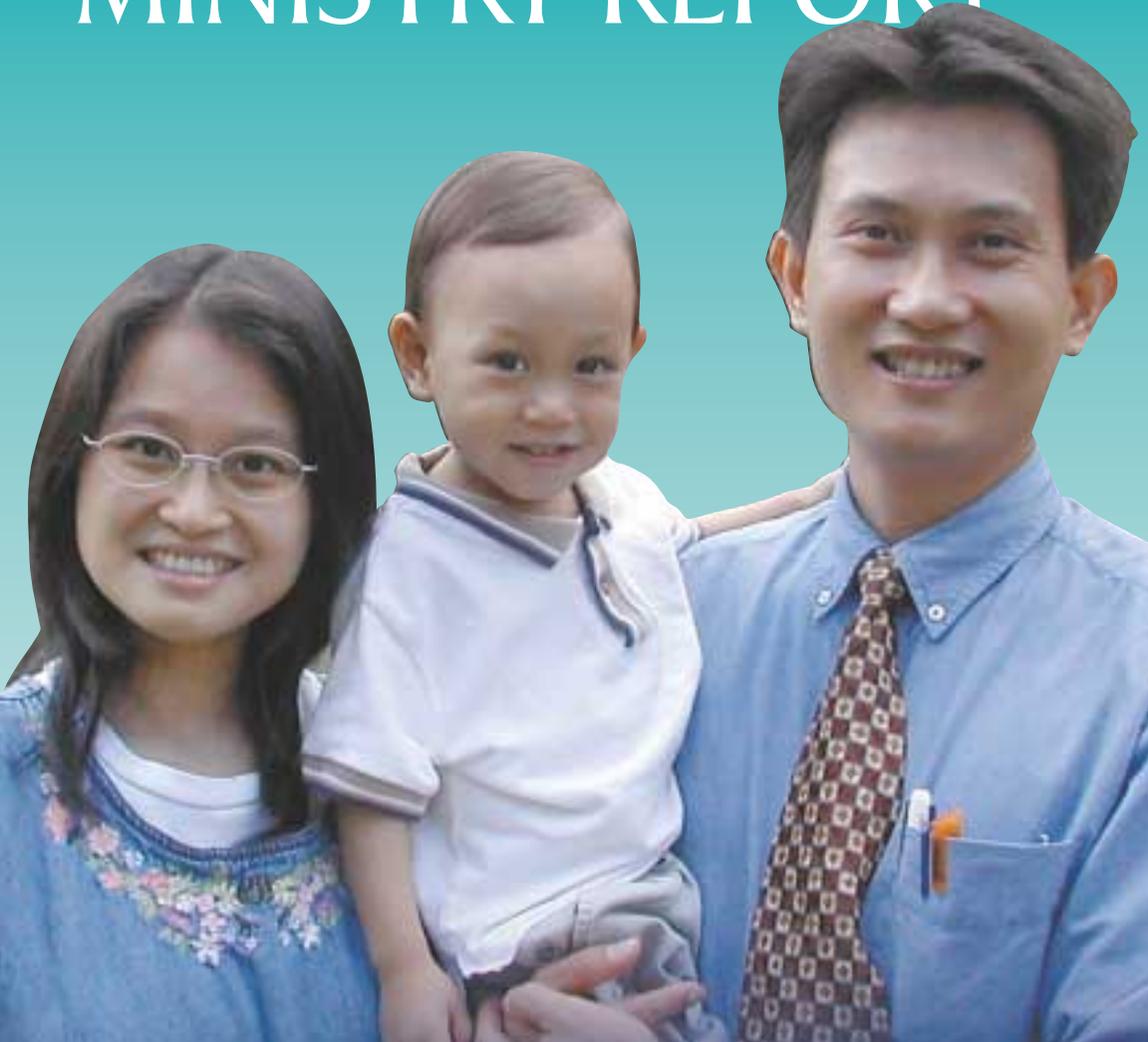


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Hartland College Made Me the “Miracle Child”

I was very impressed by the graduates from Hartland College whom I had met in my home country, Malaysia.

In this way, God called me to study at Hartland. Students don't get lost at Hartland. They get a lot of attention that really helps them grow. Besides knowledge, Hartland College trained me for practical labor. It made me tough. If I could discipline myself at

Hartland, I could be disciplined anywhere. I also learned how to manage my time.

I especially appreciate the fact that Hartland College gives young people like me opportunities that they wouldn't otherwise have. I didn't have a solid academic background, so I wouldn't have been able to develop well in other settings. But Hartland gave me a chance to become a strong leader. God knew that I needed Hartland because He had a special work for me to do. Hartland is more personal with a lot of individual help. Students grow strong in the Lord and in skills especially needed for His work.

My other family members are good academically. I was the worst. But after four years at Hartland, my family now has a high regard for me. In their eyes, I'm their “miracle child.” Their worldly education gives them a very different perspective from mine. But they can see that the training at Hartland made me stable and useful in God's work.

In 1999, the Lord directed me to start sanitarium, school and publishing work in Malaysia. We have



David Fam, his wife Gail and son Solomon

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tremendous vision. We can take ten to twelve patients at a time for ten or twenty days in our health farm.

Our small school can handle four to six students every year.

We teach them Bible and health with lots of practical training and outreach work.

In this small environment, our students grow quickly with our twelve staff members working really close to them, helping them. We are planning to make our school an international school especially for Chinese students.

Our publishing house is about to launch a special service to provide

evangelistic sermons in Chinese languages on digital VCDs. These will be sent all around mainland China. The work for the Chinese people is very big. I'm dedicating my time to this work.

Without Hartland, I don't think I could do what I'm doing now. I send Malaysian students to Hartland College because they need the character training that it offers. They need four years to ground them, teach them to be strong, and train their hearts and minds for the front lines.

I always feel proud of my college. I never try to hide it. I cherish my experience and have good memories. It really gave me the tools I need for my ministry.

In my ministry, I've been accused of many things, even being a “gangster.” I have learned to pray a lot. I've learned to put away emotion and not take it personally. Whenever you do something worthwhile for God, you are going to suffer abuse. I have a friend who once told me, “True Christians are not afraid of consequences.” I believe that in

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I Have Multiple Sclerosis, But I Want to Run Again

By Rejane Martinelli

I lost the vision in my right eye completely in 1992, but not until 1995 was I diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. In 1995, I lost the strength and movement of my left hand. I had two MRIs and got a second and third opinion to confirm the diagnosis.

I took cortisone, a strong medication like a small dosage of chemotherapy. One of the side effects is not being able to sleep, and this lasted six months. I lost lots of hair and had stomach problems. It didn't help my hand, either, which was still numb and tingling.

Another symptom that was caused by multiple sclerosis was frequent urinary tract infections. I would take antibiotics and be healed. A few days later, I'd have another infection. The doctor told me, "I don't know what to do with you. Just take one pill every day." I was becoming increasingly dependent on drugs.

About two months after I started taking the medication, my mother told me about natural treatments in Brazil. I went through a program there and felt much better. I slowly

got my strength back. My infections were gone. When I returned to the United States, people saw a difference.

Then in 1999, my husband was invited to meetings in Africa. I decided to go with him, but in order to go, I had to take yellow fever shots. I didn't know I couldn't take shots, and my

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multiple sclerosis flared up again. I lost almost all the movement in my left leg and had to drag it. When we returned from Africa, I was feeling so bad that I started taking cortisone and other conventional medicines again. But they didn't help me at all. I was losing my balance. I was walking slowly and didn't have much strength to walk outside. Walking was difficult. I would walk a short distance and have to stop to rest. In order to recover, I knew I would have to take natural treatments. Eventually I decided to come

to Hartland Wellness Center.

One of the symptoms of multiple sclerosis is that if I walked a lot, my muscles would hurt. Here at Hartland, after fomentations and massage, there's almost no pain any more. I also learned about the gluten free diet. I'm really happy because this has helped me very much.

I love the prayer here at Hartland. Every time we start a treatment, we pray. We pray before we walk or before doing a fomentation, or anything. I have learned a lot. I have learned that prayer is very important, even in the small things. I was really surprised to see this kind of atmosphere. Also, I was treated very nicely. The staff is so helpful.

I've been at Hartland Wellness Center 18 days now (Sept. 2003). I am doing much better! Now I can walk around the circle driveway three times. I'm not losing my balance. I am stronger and I have more energy. I am much better than the day I came. I'm a runner, and my dream is to run again! I always think about this. 

Three Angels' Chorale Upholds the Truth

By Aiko Reichard



I spied a familiar face in the congregation. After our concert, Mary hugged me tightly. It had been years since I had seen her. God brought us together again to encourage one another in the truth. The simplicity of the truth presented in song by the Hartland College Three Angels' Chorale had touched her heart. As we talked, I couldn't help but notice her cheeks were wet with tears.

"You all came at just the right time," she told me. "You answered our specific prayer. There was no way you could have known our needs, but I believe the Holy Spirit was working."

"Some people in our church don't want to make it known that we're Seventh-day Adventists. Then here you came, the *Three Angels' Chorale!* In each song you sang, you pointed to Jesus and His soon coming. It's so beautiful to see young people standing for the truth."

It is always thrilling to be a part of heaven-ordained meetings, and I believe this was no coincidence. The music of that day went beyond the songs that our choir sang, for "the melody of praise is the atmosphere of heaven; and when

heaven comes in touch with the earth, there is music and song--"thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." Isaiah 51:3, Ed 161.

You may obtain a copy of the newly released CD of the Three Angels' Chorale, *Worthy is the Lamb* for \$18, which includes shipping and handling by calling 540-672-3100 ext. 249. Previously released CDs and cassettes are also available. 

THE NEW CHOIR CD

"I love the Three Angels' Chorale CDs. They're the only CDs I listen to. I'm so happy that there is a new one out now, so I can listen to something different."

David Lee, Philadelphia



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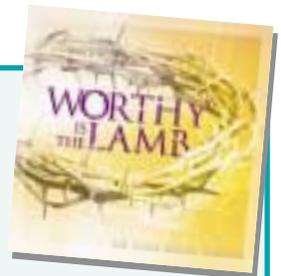
"I cannot wait to finish and go back to my home country, to preach and teach the wonderful truths of the Bible and to heal the sick using natural remedies. God has placed a great burden in me to seek and save the lost. By His grace that is what I am going to do as long as there is life in me. Only in eternity will the saved souls in the kingdom of God reveal the results accomplished because of gifts to the Missionary Training Fund." *Mile Pavlovik, Hartland College student from Macedonia*

**BRAND NEW
RELEASE JUST
IN TIME FOR
GIVING**

The Three Angels' Chorale of Hartland College has just released another beautiful CD entitled *Worthy is the Lamb*. This is the third release and is already a wonderful witness to the powerful effect of music and the gospel.

Anyone who has heard the choir in person or on CD knows how well the music is chosen and how carefully it is presented, to the glory of God. This CD will make a wonderful gift to family and friends.

Quantity discounts are available. *Worthy is the Lamb* also comes on cassette tape. Previous releases are available, entitled *Still be My Vision* and *Portraits of the King*. Call 540-672-3100 ext 249.





Pastor Uzoukure Has a Dream

By Frances Lundberg

When Pastor Jones Uzoukure of the Deeper Life Church in Nigeria, West Africa, awoke on Friday, September 7, 2001, it seemed like it was going to be an ordinary day. He never dreamed that in the afternoon he would be lying unconscious and near death in the hospital with multiple machete wounds. Nor did he dream that his 12-year-old twin daughters would be dead in the ashes of what had been his home.

When the Muslim attack on the Christians began at 3 p.m. on that fateful Friday, several men stormed into Pastor Uzoukure's home and started chopping him with their machetes. His finger was almost severed; his arm was laid open as he tried to protect his head from the savage blows. They wounded him in the stomach and tried to chop off his foot. After dragging his unconscious body outside and depositing it in the gutter, they went to get gasoline so they could burn him.

Before they returned, a "man" saw him and, wrapping part of his own garment around the pastor's head to control the bleeding, put him over his shoulder and carried him to a clinic. He then went back and took Pastor Uzoukure's wife by the arm and led her to her husband. She did not know the "man" nor did they ever see him again. When the Muslims returned, they were so angry over not finding Pastor Uzoukure's body that they poured the gasoline on his house and burned it to the ground, killing his twin daughters.

Pastor Uzoukure remained in a coma for two weeks and in the hospital for three months. He was penniless and concerned about the large hospital bill, but the doctor that treated him said that he would take care of the entire bill.

Two days before our extension school program was to begin, Pastor Uzoukure had a dream. In his dream he saw a Bible seminar being conducted at which there were two white people. A Seventh-day Adventist friend of his rode on public transportation for about six hours to personally invite him and actually accompany him to the program. He realized that this was the program that he had



Extension school group in Nigeria

seen in his dream. He was thrilled with the lessons and dedicated himself to moving forward in faith, living out the principles that he learned.

Please pray for Pastor Uzoukure, that he will use his talents to share the three angels' messages and hasten the coming of Jesus.

Thank you for your continued support of the programs that Hartland World Mission conducts worldwide. 

Pray for Frances

On November 10, Frances was in a tragic head-on collision with a large pickup. Her little car was crushed. The other driver had a diabetic coma incident. Frances has several broken bones, a shattered knee and lots of stitches. But she is mending and glad to be alive!

Reclaiming Halloween



Part 1, by Amy Knight

By the third home visited, I knew that God was the mastermind behind this idea. Usually people were waiting for us in their homes with huge bowls of candy. They were quite surprised, however, that instead of asking for a treat, we were treating them. The whole Hartland campus was taking advantage of Halloween to treat our neighbors with the special issue of *Last Generation* magazine entitled “Hooked on the Supernatural.” Everyone was in such a light mood that most didn’t seem to think twice about accepting our magazines.

While we were waiting for our driver, two boys in their late teens came walking down the street. I ran over and gave each of them one of the magazines. I felt as if God had delayed the van so that those two could have the truth. Through the evening, my partner and I met many divinely-set appointments. I look forward to meeting many of those that were dressed as



witches, devils, and ghosts, redressed in robes of white in the earth made new.

Amy Knight is a student who coordinated the Reclaiming Halloween evening.

Part 2, by Hal Mayer

Our Halloween “treats” were distributed in Virginia, Las Vegas and Southern California. I was preaching that Sabbath after Halloween in Southern California. The trick-or-treaters were coming thick and fast to the house where I was staying. Instead of candy, we gave them a copy of “Hooked on the Supernatural.” One time several Halloweeners came to the door. I noticed their parents shadowing in the distance as I gave them copies of the magazine. One boy complained, “We want candy!” I said, “This is better than candy,” and I sent up a silent prayer that the magazine would do some good. Most children were happy to accept the magazines, at least on behalf of their parents.

Hal Mayer is Director of Stewardship at Hartland Institute and teaches history at Hartland College.

Part 3, by Canny Tay

“Is this magazine talking about the bad things of Halloween?” asked a middle-aged lady living in Fredericksburg. We were hesitant to say anything about the deceptiveness of Halloween and Harry Potter, so I

suggested that she would find the answer in the magazine. “Don’t be afraid to tell me. I believe that Halloween is from the devil,” she said. “The Bible tells us that wizards and witches are abomination to the Lord!” (Deut 18:11,12) As we left, she encouraged us, “Keep on doing this; I’m sure many people will be blessed by this good work.” I was greatly encouraged by the “Reclaiming Halloween” project.



Canny Tay is a student at Hartland College.

Part 4, by Lyn Snyder

Sometimes people react negatively to God’s silent messengers. A lady called from Spotsylvania, VA and left a voice message to say that she didn’t really know how to put into words how she really felt about what we did on Friday night (Halloween). To hand out

“I look forward to meeting many of those that were dressed as witches, devils, and ghosts, redressed in robes of white in the earth made new.”

magazines to people on this night when they were unsuspecting was in her eyes reprehensible. She was especially perturbed by the fact that we had given this magazine to children to put in their candy bags. We see it differently, of course.

She went on to say that if we were doing this work for God, maybe we needed to rethink our strategy and not do it on a family night. She finished the message by saying that she was going to call the Better Business Bureau to find out about this magazine.

Perhaps this woman was one of those that Ellen White speaks about. “Many read these papers and tracts and their combativeness is aroused, and they throw the silent messengers from them in a passion. But ideas all new to them have, although unwelcome, made their impression, and as the silent messenger bears the abuse without retaliation there is nothing to feed the anger which has been excited. Again the hand takes up the neglected paper or tract, and the eye is tracing the truthful lines, and again in passion it is thrown from them as their path is crossed. But the mind is not at rest; the abused paper is at last perused, and thus point after point of truth commences its convicting work; step by step the reformation is wrought, self dies, and the warfare and antagonism to the truth is ended. The despised paper or tract is henceforth honored. . . .” *Publishing Ministry*, pg. 398.

May there be many who will be led to the truth from the “Reclaiming Halloween” project.

Lyn Snyder is the subscriptions manager for Last Generation.



PRESENT TRUTH AND HARTLAND PUBLICATIONS



“In all my travels in the United States to Seventh-day Adventist bookstores, I have not found any like Hartland Publications. The quality and assortment of books they carry is the best. No other bookstore has the sometimes hard-to-find historical and prophetic materials. Also, the books on health and natural healing, gardening and country living are first rate! Present Truth is alive and well at Hartland Publications.”

Jim Farber, OH

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every conflict or problem, God has a special way of helping us deal with it, and I have learned to trust God. If God is your advisor, you can stand firm and do your work with confidence.

I think students need to realize that Hartland College can't change them. It is consecration to God that changes them. Four years at Hartland is a huge blessing *if* you stay connected with God. Many students leave because they don't have a connection with God. The high principles at Hartland become offensive to those not consecrated to the Lord. They cannot see things with spiritual eyes. 

David Fam is President of Aeon Health Farm in Melaka, Malaysia. David graduated from Hartland College in 1995. David's training at Hartland College was made possible through generous gifts to the Missionary Training Fund. He and his wife Gail have one son (Solomon) and another child on the way.

Tyndale's Calling

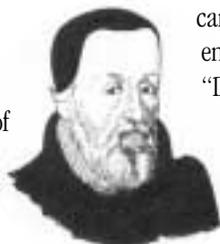
by Hal Mayer

The state of the English church was dismal in 1525. Churches, abbeys, monasteries, chantries, and other religious houses were abundant, exceeded only by the inns and pubs. Religious symbols, icons and images were everywhere. The priests and other churchmen seemed to seek only money, while their shameful ignorance of the Bible led to the most absurd claims. Erasmus once said, "No word of Christ is heard in the pulpits," and, "I doubt whether in the whole history of Christianity the heads of the church have been so grossly worldly as at the present moment."¹

William Tyndale, while studying at Cambridge, came under conviction that he must do something about the apostate condition of the church. He was already a student of the Greek New Testament of Erasmus and was learned in Latin as well. His clear-thinking mind was stirred by the events of the Reformation on the Continent. Though bound for scholastic greatness, Tyndale was being turned in another direction by the Spirit of God. Instead of becoming a churchman, William Tyndale was about to become God's self-supporting outlaw.

Tyndale left Cambridge and began to teach the sons of a nobleman, Sir John Walsh, at his estate near Bristol. While he was in the humble work of tutoring children, God's purpose for him unfolded. He could see that Latin and Greek would not bring their hearts to heaven. He knew that the Scriptures he loved would have to be translated into the language of the people.

Tyndale began to preach openly in the city. His fervor and power impressed many. He firmly declared of the Pope, "God hath promised Christ's merits to all that repent. How then came this foul monster to be lord over Christ's merits, so that he hath power to sell that which God giveth freely?"²



The friars were furious at such teaching. Where would their gain be if the people really believed that salvation was a free gift from God? The whole church structure would collapse. After Tyndale would preach, the friars would hasten to the pubs, which as Tyndale intoned were "*their* preaching places," and plot how to silence him. Tyndale was arraigned before the Bishop's chancellor, but managed to escape condemnation.

Tyndale then went to seek wise advice from an old churchman on how he might not throw himself away before he had accomplished anything. While the elder cautioned him to be very careful what he should say, he nevertheless said enough to give Tyndale courage to proceed:

"Do you now know that the Pope is the very antichrist, which the Scriptures speaketh of? I have been an officer of his and have given it up, and defy him and all his works."³ Tyndale came away convicted that though he might need to be cautious,

he would never trim his views to save his life.

"I defy the Pope. . . ." The words of this retired elder rang in Tyndale's ears. He knew what he had to do. He must work secretly to bring the Scriptures into the hands of the common people, or England would remain under the thrall of Rome. There was no other single project during the English Reformation more important than Tyndale's translation of the Bible from the uncorrupted sources into the English tongue for the common man.

Little do mothers and fathers today realize how important it is not to push their children into worldly education to pursue worldly ambitions, when God would have them trained for His cause, perhaps in self-supporting work, where the need for workers is very great. Think about it. What are your goals for your children? How are you training them for the crisis ahead? 

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Carl Makes a Good Decision

By Hal Mayer

Here is an interesting idea for those who have expensive bad habits. Carl Rennhack has recently become a good friend of Hartland through meetings that Elder Standish and I have been having over the last couple of years in New York City. Besides his work as a clerk, Carl is a lover of cats and works with an association there that finds homes for strays. Carl is also somewhat of an expert in interesting facts and details. He has made over 100 submissions to *Ripley's Believe it or Not* that have been published, including some about Seventh-day Adventists.



Carl started coming to Hartland camp meetings, and this August he approached me on Sabbath afternoon. "I'm under conviction to give up coffee," he said. "Wonderful," I replied, "That will save you some money every month."

"Yes," he said, "perhaps about \$30."

I asked him what he planned to do with the extra cash.

"I think I'll give it to God's work at Hartland," he said.

About a month later, I received a letter from Carl with a check enclosed. He told me he was under conviction to give up cream cheese, too, and had included the savings from that as well!

God bless you, Carl, and thank you for your inspiring support.



Hot off the Press!

You asked, so we responded. Just in time for holiday sharing is *Last Generation's* new special issue, "*Messiah*," featuring the life of Christ. Beautifully illustrated with Harry Anderson and Lars Justinen artwork. Christ's life, earthly ministry, high priestly ministry and soon coming are featured in excerpts from *The Desire of Ages*, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, and *The Great Controversy*. This would be a great piece of literature to take to your communities this holiday season. We have good discounts on unbroken cases of 100, 200, and 300. Call 1-877-LASTGEN for more information.

From the Mailbox

Just finished reading the *Hartland Ministry Report*. It is always such a blessing to read and we are always so encouraged and inspired by all the good reports in there.

After reading the article "Where Should I Attend School?" we would like to order a copy of the video on Hartland College. Our daughter is contemplating attending Hartland. She is thinking about doing some volunteer work out there after she gets her GED to see if God is truly leading her to attend there as a student.... Her heart is truly knit to mission work and she wants to make sure she is in the best possible place to secure the training she will need to fulfill God's plan for her life.

Also, I would like to say how much I appreciated your April 2003 article entitled "The Impiety of Modern Tolerance." It was very well put—I took that page from the *Ministry Report* and now have it right in the front of my Bible. I may have occasion to share it with someone as the Lord directs at some time in the future.

We certainly appreciate the way God is using Hartland for the finishing of His work.

RR, North Carolina (via E-mail)

"I get your *Hartland Ministry Report*. I like it and read it from cover to cover."

Myrl Nogle, Lakeside, AZ

The Blackwoods Join the Hartland Team

In July, Devon and Michelle Blackwood and their daughter Devannah (five) left New Jersey to join the Hartland Institute family. Devon has a lot of experience in construction, as well as electrical and mechanical engineering. He joins the Plant Services division as part of the new construction team.

“For years we have been wanting to serve the Lord,” says Devon. “We came to camp meeting frequently and saw staff position openings advertised. We really appreciate Hartland’s integrity and the spiritual atmosphere. It’s like nothing we’ve experienced elsewhere and



we want this kind of atmosphere for our family, especially Devannah. We want her to be exposed to the mission field to develop her love for serving the Lord.”

Michelle is homeschooling Devannah and hoping to volunteer from time to time. “I love being here at Hartland,” says Michelle, “and Devannah loves working in the garden with flowers and other plants. It’s so

much different than the city.”

“Devannah loves Hartland, too,” remarks Devon. “When we had to go back to New Jersey to get a car, she wanted us to go without her and leave her for the weekend at Hartland.”

Devon is enthusiastic about the unique opportunities in working at Hartland. “It’s been a wonderful experience coming to Hartland. I’ve learned a lot since I’ve been here. But I feel like I’m in school because I learn while I’m working with others. I love teaching students, too.”

Welcome, Blackwood family! May the Lord bless your ministry. 

Dawn Arthur Joins Hartland Wellness Center

A big welcome to Dawn Arthur who joins the staff as the alumni nurse.

“I’m a nurse, but I didn’t want to practice nursing in a conventional setting,” she says. However, in order to complete my training, I worked in a critical care unit. I’m not going to take drugs myself and I was giving lots of drugs to people who didn’t need them. I knew it wasn’t right.”

Dawn is a mother of three children and has homeschooled them until recently. Her husband Michael operates a bulk health food business including two natural food stores.

“I heard Hartland had an opening. I had uncertainties, but the Lord put a heavy burden on my heart. I had to get into an environment that accepts natural alternatives.”

Dawn’s responsibilities as alumni nurse include following up with

former health guests concerning their lifestyle adjustments. She has a vision to start a newsletter for the Hartland Wellness Center alumni and others who are interested in health. It would also be designed to interest people in alternative health options and promote Hartland Wellness Center. Dawn plans to find places where Hartland Wellness Center can have an influence and develop programs that will connect with those open to alternative health care. “I see a lot of opportunities for evangelism and for reaching out to others through the Hartland Wellness Center,” she says.

May the Lord bless your ministry at Hartland, Dawn.



India Project Continues to Bring Results



* LAST GENERATION

The Tharasingh family

The results of the special *Last Generation* India project are still unfolding. We heard from Anita, the principle person organizing the distribution of the special India issue of *Last Generation* magazine. She says that the new converts to the SDA message are being severely tested but are strong. Brother Fernandez, for example, is being tested at his work where he is a salesman. He is under a lot of pressure to deceive his customers. Also, his family is pressuring him to compromise his faith altogether. He has been invited to join a ministry team so he can leave the city and its sinful influences.

Brother Bestervitch is continuing his work of soul-winning among the alcoholics and drug addicts. You may remember that he was one of them at one time. The word is that four new converts have come to the truth through his ministry.

Some time ago, Mahesh Vallapalli wrote to us at *Last Generation* to ask some doctrinal questions. Tania Tharasingh, our graduate from India who is back there now teaching in an orphanage, responded to his questions from there. He is now convicted on the truth and is actively studying both the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Recently, he came to a meeting that was held in his area by a team from Hartland. What a blessing it was to meet this young man and speak to him of his faith in the truth!

The Hartland team spent two and a half months in India. They conducted revival meetings and a week of prayer, gave health lectures, conducted a cooking school, trained students in hydrotherapy and massage at a nursing school, and presented music seminars, building on the good work of the *Last Generation* magazine. 



Jesse and Cristy with Shelby, who was baptized through their efforts.



Jesse with Cheryl, a personal Bible study contact, who was baptized at Hartland recently.

Two More Graduates!

Hartland College held Fall Graduation November 8, for two students who have begun their life of service for the Lord. Jesse Ravencroft from Oregon and Cristy Allen from Arkansas were consecrated to God's service Sabbath evening in a special ceremony.

Cristy wanted to be an evangelist when she was 10 but found herself detoured; taking pre-dietetics at a public college. "I had a 4.0 GPA and from a worldly point of view I was doing well, but inside I was miserable," says Cristy. God led her to Hartland College where she trained in secondary education and minored in personal evangelism. Cristy was instrumental in many Bible studies at Hartland and enjoys working with people.

Jesse loved his classes at Hartland College, but what he liked most was the practical training. "My greatest training at Hartland has been working

on the farm," he says. "I learned patience and diligence, and the Lord will take that experience and use it in the gospel ministry."

Jesse also worked in Hartland Wellness Center, where he loved working with the guests. "I learned to roast them, then to freeze them, and then watch them get better." Jesse also was the chaplain for the guests for quite some time.

Jesse and Cristy love Jesus with all their hearts. Jesse says, "The time I've spent at Hartland College has prepared me for Jesus' coming."

Jesse and Cristy have also proven themselves to be soul-winners while studying at Hartland, each having led several souls to Christ. Jesse will return to Oregon for the time being where he is needed at home, and Cristy will be teaching at Ouachita Hills Academy, Arkansas.

Why Do You Volunteer at Hartland?

By Hal Mayer

“Hartland is a worthwhile cause. I can come and be around people who are Christ-centered and who are doing an important work for God. Hartland is also training students in practical labor.

I like volunteering because it is furthering God’s cause.” *Greg Henshaw, plumber, Brighton, VA*

“We saw this volunteer opportunity like a mission trip. I wanted my son to see Hartland. My nephew, Darryl, came with us. He wants to come to school at Hartland now.” *Leanne Williamson, Manitoba, Canada.*

“Mom and I thought it would be interesting to help with the

Caleb Williamson



David Peckham & son Andrew



Greg Henshaw

ladies’ dorm project. I’ve done a lot of practical work like plumbing, block laying, etc. Also, we’d like to get to know Hartland. My friend Kirk is here in school, so I thought it would be nice to visit him too. I’ve had a good experience. I’ve learned how to work with other people and meet people from different countries. We want to come

back in January.” *Caleb Williamson, Manitoba Canada.*

“I saw an ad for volunteers to come help at Hartland and I wanted to do something. It was nice to see action going on, rather than see things static like at camp meeting. I also wanted my son Andrew to see the college.” *David Peckham, Barrington Hills, IL* 

“Hartland is by far the most important school we have. Its vision is mission, and the college helps young people know their calling in mission. And the students are getting it! Their goals have changed since coming to Hartland College. Their direction and their priorities have changed for the better and we wanted our son to catch the vision too.” *Leanne Williamson, Manitoba, Canada*



Ladies’ Dorms Under Construction

On October 7, 2003, two building permits were issued by Madison County to build ladies’ dorms for Hartland College. These dorms are being built largely by volunteers and are well under way. We are now in the midst of framing the first dorm. If you are interested in

volunteering some time, please contact Jan Caster at 540-672-3100, ext 285.

THANK YOU

We want to say a huge “thank you” to all who made gifts to the special 20th anniversary fund to build the two new dorms for our college ladies. Because of your generosity, we were able to meet the special matching offer of \$75,000, which doubled your gift.

In fact, by the grace of God, we were able to raise the total goal of \$300,000.



Three Angels' Chorale Impacts Culpeper

By ReNeita Samuel



The Three Angels' Chorale of Hartland College was given an amazing and very unusual opportunity by the Museum of Culpeper History. They were asked to conduct a special concert for the county of Culpeper highlighting its 300 years of musical faith. The program, "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs," was heard by over two hundred people gathered in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, November 9. Betsy Mayer, director of the chorale, narrated the program. The chorale, vocal soloists, a duet, a male quartet, violin solos and congregational singing enthralled the audience with a wide variety of psalmody from the 18th century, familiar hymns, spirituals and African songs in a Zulu dialect from the 19th century, and gospel songs and hymns from the 20th century. The Holy Spirit was definitely present in the church.



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Elder Colin Standish explained that the reason that Virginia was chosen to be the site of Hartland College was because it was the only state in the Eastern US that allowed religious colleges to listen to the voice of God alone. Other states required accreditation which would have endangered our mission. The program ended with twenty of our international students marching up front, holding their countries' flags.

After the program, many people expressed their

appreciation for the beautiful music and history that was presented. "Come and sing at my church!" said an enthusiastic lady. A man who was an Irish Catholic was thrilled to learn that "Amazing Grace" was written by a Catholic. One gentleman commented, "Right after the Civil War, there was a great flux of immigrants. We had to get used to different cultures and this was reflected in the music." A lady named Eleanor said, "I think you should do this more often!" The doors have been opened for Hartland to do more ministry for the people of Culpeper.

Betsy Mayer, the chorale director, was very thankful for the turnout. "This was our way of saying thanks to Culpeper County for 20 years of friendship," she said. "Through this concert and future concerts, we can reach out to people of other faiths. It breaks down prejudices wonderfully, and will help Hartland become better known in the region." Newspaper coverage is spreading the good word even farther.

Zan Miner, Museum Director, was touched by the unity of the choir. "It's amazing how you're all so amazingly different, yet you're in total harmony," she said. Zan plans on doing this again.



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What's Wrong with Self-supporting Work?

By Hal Mayer

Some people think that self-supporting work is offshoot. Some people think that self-supporting institutions are too strict. Some think that self-supporting organizations are not part of the church. But I have my own ideas about what is wrong with at least some self-supporting institutions.

Too much faith. You can't rely on your own chutzpah. Self-supporting work requires a lot of faith because you have to rely on God for finances, staff, problem solving, etc. Self-supporting work demands that you exercise faith more fully and more completely than anywhere else.

Too much sacrifice. That's a tough one. No successful work for Christ is accomplished without sacrifice — a lot of it! And guess what? “We are nearing the end of this earth's history, and the different lines of God's work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrifice that they have yet been.”

Upward Look, p. 241. Self-supporting work prepares you for what's coming.

Too much hard work. Yes! Not enough staff, so that means everyone has to wear more than one proverbial “hat.” You have to be versatile, flexible, multi-tasking-capable and very energetic.

Not enough pay. Uh oh! The big issue. Well, actually, when you consider everything, many people in self-supporting work actually do better financially than they would with a mortgage, car loans, credit card debt and city living (with its many extra costs). They need a “regular job” to support all that.

Not enough benefits. True, the benefits may not be the same as other institutions offer, but in many cases they are better. Children get educated and generous routine medical support, housing, utilities, etc. are part of the package. But most importantly,

some of the benefits are “out of this world.”

Not enough job security. Look, folks, job security is a state of mind. It depends on what you are expecting. If God has something else for you to do, you shouldn't worry about security. Of course any self-supporting institution could go belly up. But are you aware that some conference institutions have closed or laid off staff lately? How about secular institutions? If you have the right attitude and you are productive, you'll have plenty of work to do. He'll take care of that.

Not enough help. True. But how

important is the spiritual integrity of the self-supporting institution? It happens that self-supporting institutions can't hire just anyone, even if they are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. These institutions have to be very selective or else they get people who don't uphold the standards or who are not doctrinally sound, etc. So, yes, self-supporting institutions are

perennially shorthanded. But then they don't have the stronger worldly influences to leaven them.

Too efficient. That's true too, self-supporting work tends to be efficient. It has to accomplish more with less, but that isn't such a bad thing. It is a great place to invest in God's work, because the donor gets a lot more productivity for the gift.

In the end, this list is not really about what is wrong with self-supporting work. It's about what's *right* with it. And you do need some chutzpah, but not the kind that isn't sanctified. Considering everything, how much more fulfilling and rewarding it is to put one's shoulder under the load of self-supporting work. God has many great opportunities for you, even if you are volunteering. 



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Following the Savior



Recently, Romans 12 left a profound impact upon me. It rang with added authenticity with such practical lessons of true Christianity. It starts with Paul's earnest plea to Roman believers to present their bodies as a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, a reasonable service. God's people are to be transformed by allowing the mind of Christ to come into theirs.

God has entrusted to His people, above all others, the precious privilege of reflecting the character of Jesus—to be witnesses in word and in life to the power of the indwelling gospel of Jesus Christ. If all of God's professed believers were to respond wholeheartedly, the Holy Spirit would be poured out upon them. Under His mighty direction, the gospel would be taken to every person on this planet. (See Mark 16:15.)

No matter the different roles that we have in God's church, we are all one body in Christ. Many gifts are given to God's people, but they are to be exercised according to the special counsel of the Lord. A true Christian is exhorted to love without pretense, to abhor evil and to hold only to those things which are good; and above all, to prefer others through kindly affection. Each of us is called to put all our energies into the work that God has appointed us. We are even to bless our persecutors. Oh, how close we have to be to Jesus to fulfill such a high calling! We are to rejoice with those rejoicing and weep with those who are weeping. We are to have full empathy for our fellow brethren and sisters.

While it is easy to act with great respect to those who are in high positions of authority both in the nation and in the church, nevertheless, God's call is for us to behave exactly that way toward those of low estate. Read the words of Christ as recorded in Matthew 25:35-40. Paul's message is poignant when we see how much contempt and division there is in many churches today. His appeal in Romans 12, verses 18-19 to those of us who have been guilty of seeking to avenge those whom we believe have dealt harshly or unkindly with us, is surely a practical rebuke. How our carnal hearts cry out to retaliate, rather than to bring back the spirit of unity and reconciliation! The last two verses of this chapter give us a foundation for reconciliation, responding in kindness to our enemies so that we may overcome evil with good. It is one thing for us to know the doctrines of our church or to expound the prophecies with great power. But it is another to live the life of the humble Nazarene who thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation. Philippians 2:6,7.

How wonderful our church would be if we were true followers of our blessed Savior! Let us pray to this end. Read Romans 12 again prayerfully, and in Christ's power, live up to all His principles.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Colin D. Standish, President

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