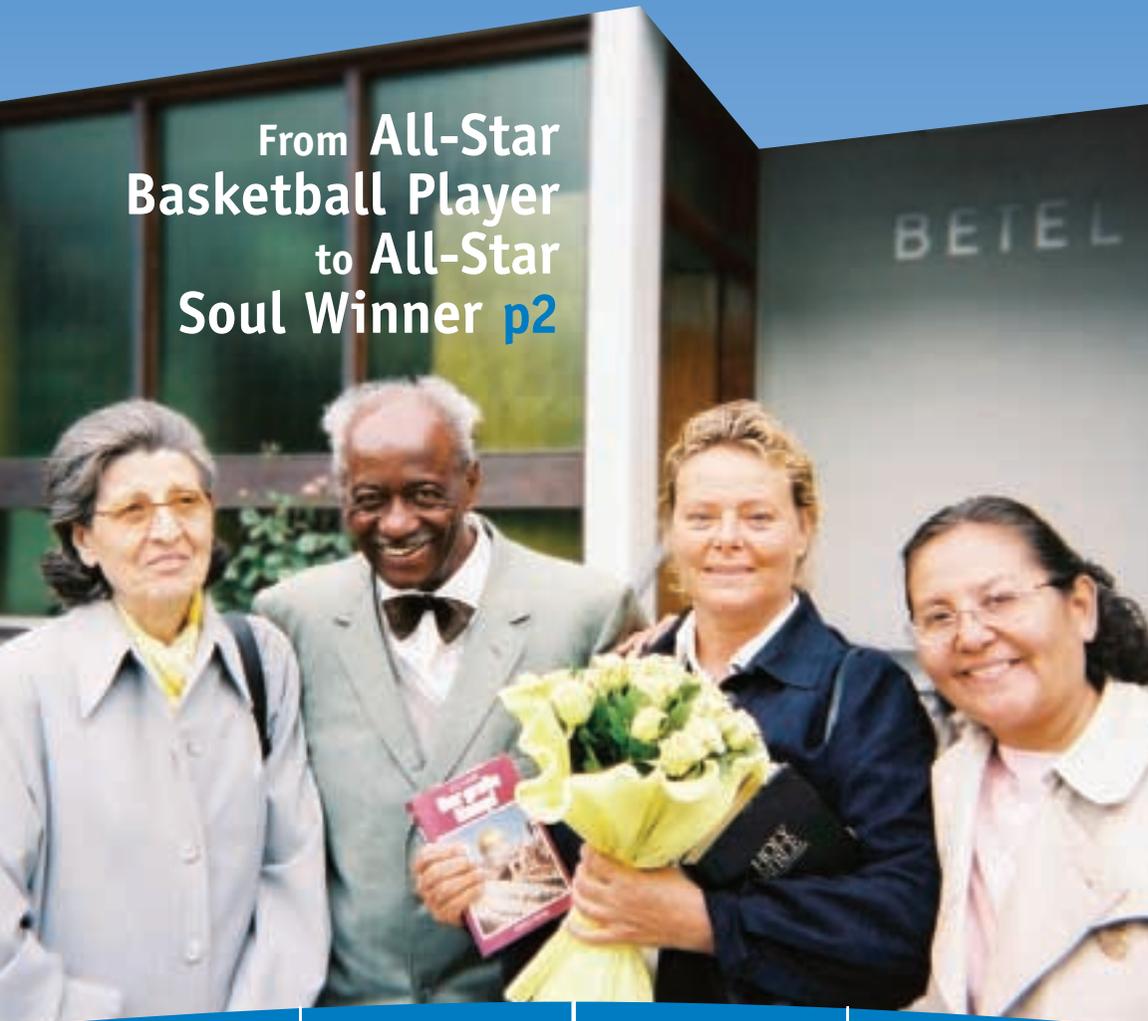


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# From All-Star Basketball Player to All-Star Soul Winner

By Hal Mayer

**Y**ogi Bough has lived in Lugano, Switzerland, more than 50 years. He learned to play basketball in New York City before moving to Europe. Between 1950 and 1960 he was rated the best All-Star basketball player in Europe. He could out-jump other players many inches taller than his 5 feet 9.5 inches, and he carries the distinction of being the first person in Europe to dunk the ball. He coached a women's basketball team to the championship four times.

But in 1960 Yogi found Christ

and the Seventh-day Adventist message. He gave up basketball and began colporteur-ing. Whatever Yogi does, he does with energy. For ten years (1960-1970) he was the most successful colporteur in all of Europe. To this day, he still sells literature to clients he has had for thirty years or more.



Although he is one of the only colporteurs left, Yogi, at 81 years of age, is still very active. He is seeking the lost in shops, prisons, and parks. Anywhere there is someone to talk to, Yogi tells them about Christ.

Yogi is especially effective with young people.

One day Yogi met Carla Capaccacia, a supermarket manager. He spoke to her about Christ. She brushed him off.

## “I Can’t Just Give Up My Job!”

By Hal Mayer

**“A**re you sure that what you told me about God is right?” asked Emilio. Emilio Vicini was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home in Italy. He had even studied theology at the Seventh-day Adventist seminary in Florence, Italy, for a short time but he became discouraged, left the message, and entered the drug culture.

One day feeling a desire to get back to God, Emilio came with his tattoos into a Seventh-day Adventist church in Switzerland where he is now living. He didn’t like the atmosphere he found there. However, after several weeks he noticed Yogi Bough and something encouraged

him to speak to him. Emilio said, “Could we talk? I have been watching you, and I notice that you are not like these other people. There is something different about you.”

Emilio poured out his sad story to Yogi. Yogi then asked him if he wanted to study the Bible. As they studied, Emilio learned about Present Truth.

One day Yogi said, “Emilio, if you want God’s blessing, you have to stop working on Sabbath.”

“How can I do that? I have to have money. I can’t just give up my job!” replied Emilio.



During the month of August, Hartland usually conducts three camp meetings in Europe. This year they were held in Macedonia, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic. The Three Angels' Chorale also ministered in Spain, Italy, Switzerland and England last December.

She didn't have time. But as Yogi kept coming back to shop, Carla became interested in the truth. When Yogi told Carla that if she was going to follow Jesus, she would have to stop working on Sabbath, she said, "But Yogi, how can I do that? I have to be here at the store on Saturday."

"God will give you something better," he responded.

In 1991 Carla gave up her job and her boyfriend to follow the truth and was baptized. And God gave her another job that made it possible for her also to

work with Yogi in Bible work and soul winning.

Yogi has brought more than 100 souls to the Adventist message. Sadly, sometimes people in church say, "Don't talk to Yogi. He'll convert you." But Yogi says that they just don't want to give up their worldly ways. He just keeps on doing God's work.

"Our God is absolutely wonderful," says Yogi. "I have learned that He does what He says He will do."

Yogi works with Hartland

whenever he can. He tries to encourage young people to get trained there for service in God's work. He also asks for a Hartland pastor to come to Switzerland when in Europe, for baptisms, communion services, and other ministerial work. Hartland is very active in Europe. We work with anyone, such as Yogi Bough, who believes Present Truth.

"Europe is a big mission field," says Yogi. "We need more people willing to sacrifice their time to help us over here." 

Yogi responded, "If you are sincere with God, He will be sincere with you and give you the Sabbath off."

Emilio thought about these words, and one day during Bible study he asked, "Yogi, are you sure that what you told me about God is right?"

"Yes, I certainly am," Yogi replied, to which Emilio responded, "Well then, I'm going to quit my job so I can keep the Sabbath."

For eight months God tested his faith. Emilio had no income, but he prayed that God would help him with his rent. Soon he learned of an apartment that was larger than the one he had. In addition, it was only half the price. Yogi and his friend Carla helped him financially. Still

he needed a job. They prayed and studied together, grounding Emilio in the truth.

When Emilio was ready for baptism, God provided him with a job in a nursing home that did not require him to work on Friday afternoon or on Sabbath, and with much better pay.

Emilio didn't want to be baptized by a pastor who doesn't believe Present Truth. So he waited until it could be worked out. Emilio was baptized on December 5, 2003 in Lugano, Switzerland. Emilio is thrilled with his faith. He has learned from personal experience that God does provide for those who are faithful. Now Emilio is working on getting his tattoos removed because he wants to do everything right and please God.

**I**t was Wednesday, September 12, 2001, in Brisbane, Australia—9/11/01 in the USA. The day began just like any other. However, little did I know that this would be a defining day in the history of the world.

I was a self-confessed atheist, working as a computer programmer for one of Australia's largest companies. I was well paid. I drove a brand new car and was building a new house. I had been all over Europe and Asia, and I did all of this by the age of 22. I also loved to entertain and to spend my money on my many friends. I did not realize that this day would be the beginning of an irreversible series of changes in my life. I awoke to discover that an unknown enemy had just attacked the United States of America, a country I idolized. I was in shock. "How could the strongest country on the planet be attacked like this—and on its own soil? Would this be the beginning of World War III?" These were questions that immediately ran through my mind.

At this point I began to wonder, "Could there really be a Sunday Law? Could this be the



## Jesus in Hot Pursuit!

*By Robbie Berghan*

**I awoke to discover that an unknown enemy had just attacked the United States of America: I was in shock. "Would this be the beginning of World War III?"**

beginning of the second coming of Jesus? Could God really be real?

I, along with my mother, father, younger sister and brother, had left the faith and left Jesus early in the year 1989. From that time onward I had grown up in the world and had become very much accustomed to the things which this world had to offer—like music, drugs, and alcohol.

With the early death of my God-fearing grandfather, I developed a hatred for God. I could not understand, if there really were a God, why He would take the life of such a godly man at such a young age. And with this I began to believe that there was no God. But now with these unprecedented events transpiring, I began to wonder, "Could there really be a God? Could this be the beginning of the end?"

When I arrived at work I searched the internet, looking for a connection between the events of 9/11 and the end of the world. I came across a link that took me to a statement written more than 100 years ago by a woman who seemed to have a familiar name. It came

from a book called *Testimonies to the Church*, Volume 9, by Ellen White. I could quickly see from the description given in this “prophesy” that there were striking similarities to the events that the world was watching.

After sharing this newly-found information with my fiancée, I found myself in a very challenging situation. As there was much dislike for religion in general within her family, I knew it was not wise to talk with her about things of this nature. However, I decided to share my findings with her and she gave me an ultimatum—something I had not expected from her. I had to choose either this new religious interest, or her.

This was an extremely hard decision to make. After a brief internal struggle I blurted out my answer. This put my life into a 180-degree U-turn. It was an answer that brought a response of sadness and shock mixed with anger from my fiancée. Almost immediately, I lost her, along with all my friends.

However, I have not regretted that decision to this day. God gave me faith when I had none.

## **There is nothing in this world worth more than a love for Jesus, who died that you might have the opportunity of looking into the face of God!**

He gave me hope when there was nothing to cling to. He gave me peace when my peace was taken. I made my decision, only by the grace of God, to believe that God was real, that He was still interested in me, and that He was able to change my life and keep me from sin.

God gave me victory over my love for worldly music, over abusive substances, and many other sins of this world. The Bible says that God is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of His glory (Jude 24).

For me, if God was not able to give me victory over the works of the Devil, then why bother being a Christian? This was not something that I would risk if

God were not able to change me and save me. Friends, God is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

Six weeks later I was baptized. Since that date, God has blessed me so much! I have sold my house and car, left my job, and moved to the United States. I am studying at Hartland College—where I know God brought me in order to train me to be a global evangelist for His Kingdom.

Dear reader, this is an appeal from someone who had no hope, someone who has seen the riches and pleasures of this world. There is nothing in this world worth more than a love for Jesus, who died that you might have the opportunity of looking into the face of God! (Revelation 22:4).

It's time to awake, time to study, time to make a stand on the platform of eternal truth, and time to be about our Father's work in hastening the second coming of the King of the universe! God is waiting, looking, and hoping for you and me to be on that sea of glass. Will you be there? I pray so. 

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# Christian Courtship

How to Know that You Are Ready

with Hal Mayer



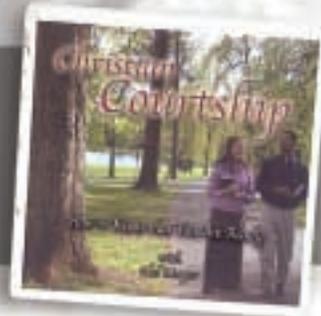
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## ★ HARTLAND COLLEGE

# Canvassing for the Soul

By Ben Ng

Canvassing is one of the best parts of Hartland College's training program. However, I probably would never have canvassed if it were not part of the core curriculum.

Canvassing gives training in character that books cannot give. I sincerely believe that the canvassing work does more for our character than even saving souls. That is not to say, of course, that it is not a means to save souls.

While canvassing this past summer, I saw how I needed to come up higher in everything that I say and do, because I was daily on the front lines for Jesus Christ. I had to

examine my life at a microscopic level to make sure I was not a hindrance in spreading our literature. At each door, I would see the great controversy unfold, and I would see how God wanted to use me, and train me, and make me ready for the time when the whole world will reject me because of the faith that I have in Jesus Christ.

If you have never canvassed before, I highly recommend that you experience this work. Maranatha, and may God bless you.





# Cardiac Carducci

MICHAEL EXPERIENCES RESTORATION  
THROUGH THE EIGHT LAWS OF HEALTH

*By Michael Carducci*

I came to the Hartland Wellness Center with diabetes and heart disease. I had high blood pressure, poor circulation, and angina.

Twelve years ago I went to the hospital with chest pains. That's when they found that I had diabetes. They did an angioplasty, but three months later the pain came back. In May 1992 they did a quintuple bypass surgery, and they told me that the surgical corrections would hold for ten years. I went back to my sedentary lifestyle and bad diet, and I was depending on my medications to keep me well.

When I first came to the Hartland Wellness Center, I was taking nine different medications – fifteen pills – a day. That cost \$168 a month. The first time I went for a walk, I had to take two nitroglycerin tablets because of chest pains.

Now I can walk for one hour in the morning, and I exercise another hour sometime during the day – all without chest pains. I'm not taking any medications now, and I've lost thirteen pounds.

**Before I came, I knew that I was going to do better physically as a result of my visit, but I've also been helped spiritually. I'm going to miss the peace here.**

My fingernails and toenails are pink; they used to be white because of poor circulation. I feel twenty years younger, with a lot more energy than when I came here. I'm surprised that with two meals a day – eating my last meal at 12:30 p.m. – I'm not hungry in the evening. I sleep much better at night. I go to bed at 9:00 p.m., and I wake up when the Lord wakes me up. Sometimes He wakes me up at 4:00 a.m., but I feel rested!

I was amazed that the entire staff is so loving, kind, and patient with the health guests. They're all positive and Christ-centered. Before I came, I knew that I was going to do better physically as a result of my visit, but I've also been helped spiritually. I'm going to miss the peace here.

The Lord has spared my life twice for a purpose. When I go home, my wife and I are going to share the eight natural laws of health as a ministry, so that others can receive the same benefits that I received here. 



The most anticipated summer event at Hartland, Old-fashioned Family Bible Camp Meeting, brought about 900 people on Sabbath morning and around 400 during the week. The main focus was the practical preparation needed for the coming of the latter rain.

Powerful and easy-to-follow health presentations alerted many souls to the importance of following the eight laws of health and of learning the natural remedies.

“The Challenge of the Remnant” presentation brought home hope and courage for God’s people. There is hope for those we love if we live a godly life and show love to them.

How to survive during the time of trouble was emphasized throughout the week. We were convicted about the importance of country living and our duty to provide a healthy environment for our children and youth.

There were other seminars that gave some of the practical knowledge that we as people of God need to consider. Once again, we could see how blessed we are to have such great light! May the Lord help us to fulfill our responsibility to share it.

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## Testimonies

FROM CAMP MEETING 2004

“I was so inspired and touched by the Holy Spirit. It was very different from other camp meetings that I’ve attended. I can really feel the solemnity, the freshness, and the purity of the gospel message, as if I’m going back to the pioneers. It was a genuine Pentecostal experience. It’s really very inspiring. And I feel like I am a renewed person now. Praise God!

I had been a Catholic nun for 21 years, but God’s ways are very mysterious. For one reason or another, my health was failing, and I was on some kind of a leave. It became a blessing in disguise because in the year 1999 I was able to discover the Millennium of Prophecy. It opened my eyes and touched my heart by the Holy Spirit. And I’m so happy, and I’m rejoicing in my newfound faith. Now it is the righteousness by Christ’s merits, and I can worship, and I can pray directly to God the Father through the intercession of the most powerful High Priest (that is Jesus) Who is my best Friend and my Saviour.” *Mary from the Philippines (Name has been changed)*

L-R: Agatha Thrash; round table discussions with Colin Standish, Ron Spear, and Ray DeCarlo; Lynnwood Spangler; campground; Jere Franklin; Three Angels' Chorale with alumni.



"I love to come here because it's like showers of blessings. It's like refreshing rain on a garden that hasn't had much water, and you begin to grow and to sprout and to produce some fruit. And I feel like it has helped me in my spiritual life to be more attentive to the Bible and prayer. Seeing the examples of what other people have done, I'm saying, 'If they can do that, I can do that, too. If God can do that for them, He can also do that for me.'" *Gayle from Ohio*

"I like coming to this camp meeting. I come with Joe and Elsa Willis, and I really enjoy the missionary emphasis that you have here. And also, I just enjoy hearing about God's people who really want to serve the Lord and who have a true desire to serve Him and all that He tells them to do." *Anna from TN*

"This is my very first camp meeting. I have been here for convocation and the reason I like to come to camp meeting is because we are hearing messages that we don't normally hear in our churches.

"Since being a Seventh-day Adventist, the true goal is to take the Third Angel's Message and to help men and women to be ready for Jesus Christ's soon return, I certainly would just want to be a part of this grand work.

"As Ron Spear said last night, "If you love your

brothers and sisters, you're going to exercise that love in introducing men and women to Jesus Christ through this grand message. So that is my main reason for coming here.

"We want to be there and the only way we can be there is if we not only observe all the laws that God has given us, but if we allow Jesus Christ to transform our lives into His likeness. And that's our goal. And that's why I come to Hartland." *Constantine from NY*

"I enjoy hearing the true word, not watered down—words that would touch your heart through the power of the Holy Spirit and that push home the importance of being ready for Jesus to come back." *James from NY*

"I always enjoy coming to camp meeting because I hear the Adventist message without anything added to it. I appreciate God's word spoken plainly." *Barbara from NC*

"It was a call to arise and work for the Lord. I enjoyed it!" *Angela from TN*

"Camp meeting was awesome. It helped me with my relationship with Christ." *Sethco from NY*

"It's my second time here, and I always get a blessing, and I may consider coming here as a student." *Bogdan from Romania*

"I enjoy the students' preaching. It was a revival for my life." *Emil from VA*

**"It was a blessing for me to see everyone gather in one accord and to see the burden for the young people."**

*Jasmine from TN*



## Christina Bruno

Christina is originally from New Jersey, but she moved to Hartland in 1999 with her family. She graduated from Hartland College with the Christian Secondary Education major. Following her graduation she accepted the position of **principal of Hartland Academy**. Her love for young people and her cheerful spirit are a blessing to the institution. We are glad to have you here, Christina. We appreciate your efforts with the young people.



## Chris Knight

Chris grew up in Baltimore, MD. He recently graduated from Hartland College with a major in Christian Publications Management. Hartland Institute is providing

leadership opportunities and other experiences that will better equip him for his vision of having his own ministry. He sees a great need for expansion in media production. He wants to see well-trained young people who will answer the call of developing the work at Hartland Institute. We are very glad that Chris has decided to help us by directing and producing audio and video presentations and graphic designs, training students in media, and supervising operations at the **Hartland Media Center**.



## Ann-Marie Scott

Ann-Marie Scott is originally from Jamaica but has been living in the United States of America for the last ten years. She attended nursing school in Florida, where she first heard about Hartland. After graduation she worked in homes doing medical missionary work. Ann-Marie says, "It is my desire to serve my Master the way He would have me to in this part of the earth's vineyard." She is currently working at the **Hartland Wellness Center** as a **lifestyle counselor**. Thank you, Ann-Marie, for serving God here.



## Male Bone Laing

Born in North Borneo (Sabah), Malaysia, Male Bone Laing was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home, but he left the faith. He heard the Hartland Touring Choir. Because of that encounter, he came to the U.S.A. to attend Hartland College. He majored in pastoral-evangelism, minoring in health ministry. During his internship he traveled extensively, running extension schools in Kenya, Australia, and New Zealand, conducting evangelistic crusades, preaching, and giving Bible studies. After graduating from Hartland College, he stayed on campus to work as the **health evangelism coordinator in the Hartland Wellness Center**. His goal is to let the world know about Hartland's medical missionary work. May the Lord continue to use you in a mighty way. We are happy to have you here, Male Bone.

*If you are interested in a staff position, please see page 16 for information about openings at Hartland.*

# Liberals and the UMC

By Hal Mayer

CAN THE UMC EXPERIENCE GIVE US INSIGHT INTO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN OUR OWN CHURCH?

The surprising and novel comment of William Hinson during the General Conference session of the United Methodist Church (UMC) in May, 2004 (*Christianity Today*, July, 2004), greatly intrigued me. “I believe the time has come when we must begin to explore an amicable and just separation that will free us from our cycle of pain and conflict,” he said. Hinson was referring to the conflict between liberals and conservatives in the UMC, including steady pressure to change church teaching on homosexuality. He suggested that the church split into two—each to follow its own theological course.

The UMC has been racked by conflict since liberals took control of key leadership positions back in the 1960s. The UMC has increasingly struggled with liberal leaders pushing the church farther from its historical beliefs. Sound familiar?

The idea of an amicable split caused quite a stir, but at the end of the conference, UMC delegates reaffirmed a middle-of-the-road commitment to “unity.” The idea of such a “divorce” now has the church looking for alternatives to help keep everybody together, including more accommodation of the liberal element.

While more acceptance from the mainstream is the main purpose, what strikes me is that the liberals, particularly those pushing the homosexual agenda, know that if they are isolated to themselves with their fellow liberals, they would lose their ability to project their agenda and its inevitable conflicts onto the main body. Their separate church would die out. Like viruses, they

need a host, the main body, in which to procreate their ideology. So long as the main body isn’t willing to kick them out, which isn’t likely, or “amicably” separate them, which is even less likely, the liberals will have plenty of ground upon which to continue the political slide into irrelevance. The disease only gets worse.

Unity is grounded in truth (see John 17).

No church that loses its commitment to biblical authority can long survive the steady pressure to compromise and yield to the forces of liberalism. As traditional services, music, and other historical beliefs and practices based in biblical truth are replaced with contemporary concepts and feel-good techniques, the idea of unity shifts to feelings and emotions rather than to the “faith once delivered to the saints,” leaving only a sentimental unity.

If there is a split, will the UMC be free of “pain and conflict”? Not likely, for the remaining moderates will continue to press their moderately liberal agenda.

Do you think our church has experienced this kind of process? I wonder what would happen if we had an amicable “divorce” such as Hinson suggested to the UMC. The problems are much too complex for simplistic solutions. But the UMC experience may give us insight into what has happened in our own church.

No matter what happens to the UMC, liberal elements will continue to press their agenda politically. Likewise, the farther we stray from our biblical moorings, the more irrelevant our message will become, and the more empty and sentimental our unity will be. 

**No church that loses its commitment to biblical authority can long survive the steady pressure to compromise and yield to the forces of liberalism.**

# Messiah Magazine

A GREAT HOLIDAY WITNESSING TOOL!

By Betsy Mayer

Would God ever use security guards to help spread truth-filled literature? Absolutely! The Three Angels' Chorale watched Him do this in a shopping mall in London.

The chorale has learned how effective it is to combine literature and singing in witnessing. After concerts, we often hand out copies of *Last Generation* magazine. The special issue on the life of Christ, *Messiah*, came off the press just a few weeks before we left for our December tour in Europe. It was the perfect complement to our repertoire on the life of Christ. We handed out over 600 copies of the magazine to English-speaking audiences.

One of our concerts was in a busy London shopping mall. As crowds of people stood listening to the choir, some of our friends handed

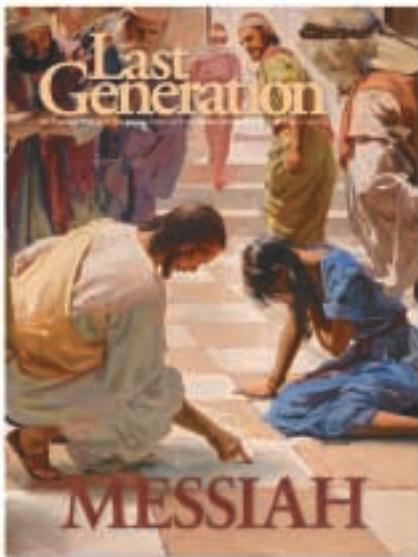


out *Messiah*. At one point there were so many people, the security guards came and helped distribute the magazine!

*Messiah* magazine is a beautifully illustrated, four-color glossy magazine dedicated to the life of Christ. Most of the illustrations are by the well-known artist, Harry Anderson. There are short passages from the Spirit of Prophecy depicting Christ's birth, His childhood, His love for sinners, His healing ministry, as well as His death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven where He stands as our advocate before the Father.

Throughout our European tour, audiences were receptive both to the music and to the magazines.

Let us pray that there will be souls in the Kingdom because of our efforts. 



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## Noelle Butler, MANITOBA, CANADA

“This was my first time at Hartland. It is so hard to put in words what I have experienced here. The camp meeting was truly a wonderful blessing to me, and I learned so much. What inspired me the most were the students. They have such a love for the Lord and such a desire to work for Him! I would definitely recommend this college to any young person who is looking for a place that trains young men and women to go and spread the message to a dying world. I truly hope to come to school here, and I want to say that Hartland has made a difference in my life. If you have never gotten a chance to come and spend time here I would definitely say, ‘Come and experience for yourself.’”

“I truly hope to come to school here, and I want to say that Hartland has made a difference in my life.”



L-R: Kristine King, Magdalene King, Noelle Butler

## Kristine King, CANADA

“I came with my family to camp meeting for a blessing, and afterward we volunteered for a few days. We helped on the farm, and that was fun and a blessing, too. When the time came to go I cried, and I wanted to stay. It felt good to be around spiritual people. I am going to come back, and when I finish high school you’ll find me in college. I thank God for Hartland.”

## Calvin and Magdalene King, CANADA

“Calvin and I thank God for the opportunity to visit and volunteer at Hartland. Our hearts are touched by the sincerity of the Hartland family. They took us into their homes as soon as we came on campus. Unending heartfelt thanks for being Kirk’s family while he was so far away from home. We enjoyed working, eating, worshipping, and fellowshiping with you. There are numerous things we have learned by being with you—mostly the loving, caring, and forgiving spirit that you all have. This place has unusual young people at this time in our world; they are so friendly, caring, and industrious. It is so unusual to have young people come towards you and want to know you—preferring others better than themselves.”

L: Calvin King, R: Devon Blackwood, staff



# Christian Prison Abuse?

By Hal Mayer

Pictures of the Abu Ghraib prison abuse have shocked the nation. Like most of us, I was stunned to learn that Americans were responsible for such atrocities. The enemy is us, too! But questions still plagued my mind. What got into those soldiers that led them to do those degrading things to their prisoners?

I naturally want to distance myself from them. Then I read about a famous prison simulation experiment done at Stanford in the 1970's<sup>1</sup>. Volunteers were assigned to be guards and prisoners. Within a few hours prisoner abuse began. Instead of its planned two weeks, the experiment was discontinued in less than one. In just five days, because of humiliation and abuse, prisoners began acting in pathological ways and the experiment terminated.

Similar experiments were done at Wheaton College with "Christian" youth from good homes (*Christianity Today*, August 2004). Within an hour the foul language started, then other vulgar behavior followed. During the middle of the night in some experiments, the "guards" stripped the "inmates," handcuffed their ankles in painful positions and made them eat food off the floor<sup>2</sup>. And these were Christians!

Without God's restraining power we all are capable of being cruel and inhumane to others. More troubling is that the rest of the group doesn't prevent the behavior from expanding when one or two get out of hand. Groupthink sets in. There is a power exerted in groupthink that includes loyalty, camaraderie, guilt projection, and which exerts strong pressure to remain silent, even when the behavior is known to be

wrong or immoral. Breaking rank becomes more of a crime to the group than the abuse itself. A mentality develops that justifies the abusive behavior. The victim "deserves it" because he has been "so very bad." If the evidence isn't strong enough, the mob mentality exaggerates and manufactures crimes that the victim didn't commit, to justify abuse.

Perhaps you have seen this kind of thing on a more moderate level in your local church.

I have heard stories in which church members are cruelly villainized by their fellow church members when they refused to go along with groupthink. Sometimes they are disfellowshipped by a reigned-up mob of their own former friends on the most flimsy pretenses.

Those who refuse to get caught up in mob mentality and try defending the victim are the true heroes. They fight for the rights of others, and often take it in the neck themselves. They are treated as traitors, or turncoats. But they also know that saying nothing enables the abusive behavior. The hero in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal is the soldier who reported the improper behavior to his superiors because he knew it was wrong. He paid a price, no doubt, from his friends for being a snitch. But in the end, he is the one who deserves the honors for exposing them.

True heroism and stewardship of our influence does not allow us to remain silent in face of abuse, even if there are negative consequences. **fi**

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Hal Mayer  
Stewardship Ministries

# Ministering in Southern Africa

This summer, Pastor Maurice Berry and I had the privilege of ministering in three South African countries. My meetings began in Paarl. One man I met, Mark Africa, had lost his job over the Sabbath. When he heard the Three Angels' Messages, it was a difficult time for him and his family, but with God's help he began a little industry. Within a few months he'd acquired three employees, and he is currently netting about three times the amount of income he received in his former job. Mark and his wife are currently preparing for baptism.

I also visited the town of Ceres. There has been no Seventh-day Adventist company in that place, but Brother Ashwell Beaton, a very strong lay leader, has worked to establish a community of believers there. He is hoping to purchase a property for the church congregation.

I then traveled to Nelson Mandela Bay, and once again we had a wonderful fellowship. One of the highlights was meeting Brother Martin Rensburg who was brought up in the Dutch Reform Church, has ministered in the Pentecostal Church for twenty-three years, and has served in the South African Air Force, as well. Twelve years ago he accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith and currently ministers to eleven SDA churches not far from Nelson Mandela Bay.

Pastor Berry joined me in Durban where we were blessed by the people's enthusiastic response to the messages. It was then on to Botswana. The faithful people there are among the most inspiring of any I have found around the world. Led by young

university graduates, these young people are far advanced in their understanding of Present Truth. They've opened a bookstore in the main mall of Gabarone, the capital. They are also producing an excellent bi-monthly magazine on Present Truth.

In Malawi the main meetings were held in Blantyre, the largest city in the country. Here, Pastor Kambwioi, who has been in self-supporting work since 1996, has taken a courageous stand on true Christian standards and has been a strong supporter of Present Truth. In Blantyre 160 people came to listen to the messages Pastor Berry and I preached on the Three Angels' Messages.

Everywhere we went, the positive affect of Hartland Publications books and *Last Generation* magazine as witnessing tools could be seen. Every place we visited there were pleas for more of this literature.

In Malawi the believers have, by great sacrifice, begun a training college. Sadly, eight of the young people from the church in Lilongwi were disfellowshipped for attending the last Hartland extension school held at the training college. I met with all eight of these young people, and they are certainly fine young people. Some are powerful preachers.

Please pray for the ongoing work in Africa. Many souls will be in the Kingdom as a result of it. Of this we are assured. 



Colin D. Standish, President

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