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By Betsy Mayer

“I’m not a Christian...but

Why would the Three Angels’ Chorale travel 20,000 plus miles in thirty days, on two continents and in five countries, to give fifty-two performances on the life of Christ? Couldn’t they find enough opportunities at home?

The story of Malebone Laing from East Malaysia is one example of why the choir goes to far-flung and unlikely places.

Eleven years ago, after a shopping mall concert on the island of Borneo, a street-savvy young man with hair to his waist approached me and stated, “I want to come to your school.”

I certainly didn’t recognize him two years later at freshmen orientation when he asked, “Do you remember me?” A former gang member, merchant marine, and martial arts instructor, Malebone has touched the lives of many young people, even before his graduation from Hartland in Pastoral Evangelism.

One such person was Ben Ng, a twenty-four-year-old computer professional who currently serves as choir scheduler and bass from Melbourne, Australia. In 2002 Malebone gave a series of youth revival meetings at Ben’s church, and Ben was

convicted to turn his life around and prepare for gospel ministry. In January of 2003, he came to Hartland College.

Recently, as Ben and I prepared for a series of shopping mall concerts in Penang, Malaysia, he said, “I’m praying that we meet another Malebone, Mrs. Mayer.” So I wasn’t surprised when the hip interior designer of one mall approached me and said, “I’m not a Christian, but you’ve touched me in such a way that I’m moved to ask how I can join your group.”

I gave him our web address, www.3angelschorale.com, and invited him to visit our campus

Local Heritage Concerts

By Amarachi Ananaba

This year the Three Angels’ Chorale used heritage concerts to reach our community. It all started last year in the town of Culpeper through a contact with the Museum of Culpeper History. The first heritage concert, “Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs,” was held at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, the only church in Culpeper to survive the Civil War. It was so well-received, other surrounding historical societies requested similar concerts.

First, the Rapidan Foundation requested a February concert, where we met Madison County

Supervisor David Jones. He introduced us to the Madison Chamber of Commerce who, in turn, introduced us to the Madison Historical Society.

The Madison concert was held on November 7, at the Hebron Lutheran Church, the oldest continuously-used Lutheran church in the United States.

Then the Museum of Culpeper History requested a repeat of last year’s concert.

Through song and narrative, the concerts traced the history of Christian faith in this region from the time the German settlers surveyed the land in the



how can I join your group?"

if he was ever in America. "God may just lead you to sing with the Three Angels' Chorale," I added. That young designer illustrates how people of all cultures, ages, and musical tastes are blessed by godly music. "There's just something about your music and sincerity that touches me deeply," or "I start crying when I hear you sing," they regularly comment.

Although we work hard, we are not great musicians. What they are describing is an encounter with the Holy Spirit. We believe we would forfeit this supernatural advantage by depending on nightclub

elements so popular in Christian music today.

During the Christmas season, secular people are open to Christian music. This is why we use non-traditional venues for our concerts. They aren't likely to come to church, so we go to them in shopping malls, prisons, schools, holiday resorts, and retirement centers.

In our recent tour to Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, New Zealand, and Australia, we performed in one or more of these settings in each country. Although the Asian countries are largely populated by Buddhists and/or Muslims, our

listeners were still mesmerized by the real Christmas story told through song and testimony.

Malebone was a key organizer for our concerts in New Zealand. At every church we visited we met enthusiastic SDA young people he had impacted on previous visits. They, in turn, are actively encouraging others to join them. All because of a concert in a shopping mall eleven years ago.

Thank you for supporting this unique ministry through your prayers and gifts. I can't wait to discover the next link in this great chain of ministry, can you? 

early 1700s, to the Great Awakening, the Civil War, and down to the present day. After some of the concerts, a small reception gave guests and choir members the opportunity to visit. Hartland College health outreach students also provided free chair massages.

Many community guests attended these concerts and their responses were enthusiastic: "Thank you so much for the . . . concert



Hebron Lutheran Church, site of a heritage concert

at Hebron Lutheran Church this past Sunday. It was a wonderful presentation in history, and the music was beautiful. Visiting with students after the performance was very refreshing. To see their love for God and devotion to their school and mission renewed my faith. And the wonderful message was a bonus." D. T., Madison, Virginia

Why I Chose to Come to Hartland College



Matt Boyd

"I came because the timing was

right, because it's not accredited so the state doesn't control what is taught here, and because I was familiar with Hartland. My sisters attended here, and I've been coming to convocations for years."



Janine Legaspi

"I came to experience true

Christian education and learn more about Jesus. I want to prepare myself and build my character for the mission field."



Lai-En Hao

"I want to study the Bible!"

Alexandra Standish

"I have seen how much my father has dedicated and sacrificed his life for this school. This created in me a desire to be a part of it."



Sandra David

"I knew I was lacking spiritually.

I didn't want to come, but I couldn't disappoint my parents, so I came. Now I truly enjoy myself here. I am grateful that God showed a way for me to be here."

Daniel Verduzco

"When a new friend told me about the college, I knew that the Lord had



called me to go, but I did not want to go. Every day, I wavered between going or staying in California where I had a comfortable life. Eventually, I came and I praise God for bringing me here to Hartland. It was a miracle."

Rebecca Verreault

"I chose Hartland because it is the school that follows the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy the closest. It is a place that will prepare me the best for God's service in the future, as well as for eternity."



Hillary Overcash

"I didn't really want to come, but I felt like God wanted me to, so I came in faith. I'm very glad I came. I'm happy here and I've learned so much! My



spiritual life has improved, and I've made lots of friends from all over the world."

ReNeita Samuel

"This was the best place for God to continue the work He began in me (Phil. 1:6).

Through His providential leading in my life, I knew

this was the place He wanted me to be; so willingly, I came."



Filipe Ferreira

"After much prayer in the valley of

decision, the Lord clearly showed me through a series of divine interventions that Hartland College was the place that I had to attend. And with great joy, I came."



L-R Elizabeth in the clinic; Visiting a neighbor; Kathy helping a baby

“Get Thee Out of Thy Country”

By Frances Lundberg

“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee.”
Genesis 12:1.

I have always been in awe at the close connection

Abraham had with God, to be willing to leave his home and kindred and journey to a foreign land. I am just as amazed when dedicated Seventh-day Adventist Christians are willing to forsake the comforts of America to serve in the mission field, even though, unlike Abraham, they have no earthly wealth.

As I wrote this article, the Elvin Easton family were packing their clothes, books and other personal belongings, and giving away their furniture and modern conveniences in preparation for mission service in Honduras.

Their great love for the Hondurans was heightened when Elizabeth and the children, Kathy and Brian, spent May-September 2003 serving at the Maranatha Medical Ministries clinic in Honduras while the Willises were away. Elvin was able to join them for the last month of their stay.



Gardening in Honduras

Elizabeth was unprepared for what took place almost immediately upon their arrival at the clinic. A man had disturbed a beehive and, while trying to escape from the bees, he fell. His left eye hit a rock and the eyeball burst! But God did

not abandon Elizabeth; she was able to help the man find relief.

Along with treating the sick, Elizabeth was responsible for conducting prayer meetings, teaching the children, supervising the farm workers, and carrying out a multitude of other tasks. She had a “crash course” in what it means to be a true medical missionary!

Now that they’re in Honduras, the Eastons are helping the Willises in agriculture and Bible work while seeking the Lord’s guidance in finding property to establish another clinic and an agricultural program. They will then canvass door-to-door to ascertain the needs of the new community and to find students to train at the clinic.

Please keep the Easton family and the Hondurans they serve in your prayers. 🙏

Cornucopia of Blessings

By Ed Hill

**FREEDOM FROM DEPRESSION
AND PAIN POSSIBLE WITH
GOD'S REMEDIES**



Mrs. Deloris Hill is a former nurse who retired from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Hill entered the Hartland Wellness Center's eighteen-day program because of her fight with cancer. She says that the staff members and their treatment programs were a tremendous blessing to her.

Before going to the Hartland Wellness Center, Mrs. Hill could not do any walking. Afterward, this seventy-year-old lady could walk up and down hills! Family members thank God for this simple blessing of her being able to walk again.

Mrs. Hill had never fasted before. At Hartland, she fasted twice: a five-day fast and later a three-day fast. Also, as a result of the efforts of the staff, Mrs. Hill could lift weights and ride the stationary bike in the exercise room when this was not possible

before! God was truly good to this now-active lady.

For many years, Mrs. Hill had suffered with crippling back pain that the doctors could do nothing about. Pain pills and resting in stationary positions were the only sources of relief. Praise God that this disabling pain has left her and never returned! Mrs. Hill has said that she wants to continue to exercise and eat the way she learned at Hartland.

Still another wonderful providence of God is that while Mrs. Hill was at Hartland, she was able to stop taking her depression medication completely and has not taken any since.

There was yet another gift that Mrs. Hill received from the Hartland Wellness Center. The



alert staff members were the first to point out signs of kidney problems to Mrs. Hill. When she notified her doctors in oncology and general practice, the doctors were totally

unaware of the problem.

The Hartland Wellness Center staff is "second to none," Mrs. Hill says, and she fondly remembers each of the staff members by name. Mrs. Hill said of her care, "I got so much out of it. I was so inspired!" This dedicated Roman Catholic lady was so impressed that she said if she had the health and strength, she would sell her property and go to work for Hartland Wellness Center. Her short stay at the Wellness Center was truly a cornucopia of blessings for all concerned. I know—I'm her son. 

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Where's the Basketball Court?

By Alina Pop

The education system developed by the Greeks did not involve manual labor. Slaves were responsible for that, relieving the free man from any labor such as farming, building, etc. Sports was the means of recreation.

After reviewing the counsel of God, the founders of Hartland College decided to avoid competition and rivalry among the students, but instead created opportunities to do useful manual labor and active service. "Our belief was that missionaries needed to know practical labor before going out into the mission fields," says Hal Mayer. "Sports would not prepare them to win souls for Jesus. Competition works against the Christian principles."

For instance, we are instructed in Philippians 2:3: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." In sports, one team works against another, exploiting their weaknesses, instead of helping each other. Sports can also encourage pride. Have you ever heard the boasting that goes on around a heated contest? Finally, some sports require physical

aggression toward other players. This results in unnecessary injuries ranging from bruising and dislocations to concussions and broken bones. Some of these injuries have lifelong effects.

The best curriculum, according to God's Word, centers on cooperation and service. Hartland College is determined to follow God's counsel no matter how unusual it may seem.

"His [Jesus'] education was gained directly from the Heaven-appointed sources; from useful work, from the study of Scriptures and of nature, and from the experiences of life. . . ." *Education*, p. 77. "It is he [Satan] who would lead students, sent to our schools for the purpose of receiving an education and training for the work of evangelists, ministers, and missionaries, to believe that amusements are essential to keep them in physical health, when the Lord has presented to them that the better way is for them to embrace manual labor in their education." *Manuscript Releases*, Volume 8, Number 151.

Ellen White wrote from Australia to W. W. Prescott, President of Battle Creek College,

"I have seen Satan triumphing over the entering into his devices in games, plans which he will use to decoy souls to their everlasting ruin." Document file 249d.*

The students at Avondale in 1900 were allowed to play cricket on Sunday afternoons, so Ellen White wrote, "A view of things was presented before me in which the students were playing games of tennis and cricket.... They were presented to me as a species of idolatry, like the idols of the nations. . . ." *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 350.

"A mature Christian isn't going to be feeding his mind and heart with football, soccer or other competitive games that glorify Satan's principles," adds Brother Mayer. How much better it is to strengthen the body through other forms of recreation! The mental and spiritual benefits are lasting. 

*A sheaf of correspondence between E. G. White in Australia and W. W. Prescott regarding school matters in Battle Creek, particularly sports and amusements, is on file in the Loma Linda University Heritage Room.

★ VOLUNTEERS



The Williamsons

Leanne Williamson and her son Caleb returned to volunteer at Hartland a second time to “just enjoy the fellowship with the students and staff. I guess we brought such good reports back from the last time that Doug wanted to see what Hartland is like.” So husband and father Doug joined them on their second mission.

Doug enjoyed the people he worked with and especially enjoyed the spiritual aspect of campus life at Hartland. “I thought Hartland is very well organized. I was impressed with the students and staff. I had a great experience. I recommend volunteering, and I recommend that students go there.”

★ NEW STAFF



Kim Anderson

Kim came to us from Connecticut. She had been praying for a job where she could work in food service, when the Lord answered her prayer by bringing her to work in the kitchen in the Hartland Wellness Center. She says she feels the presence of the Lord here. “When we’re singing hymns in chapel, it’s like angels are singing. I want to learn to grow spiritually, mentally, and physically. I want to be a blessing and help get the Lord’s message out to as many people as possible.”



Billboard ad, England, promoting a satellite sports channel featuring “The Red Devils” (a soccer team). The irony of the play on words is that what they are saying isn’t far from the truth!

“Satan has devised a multitude of ways in which to keep men from serving God. He has invented sports and games, into which men enter with such intensity that one would suppose a crown of life was to reward the winner. At the horse races and football matches, which are attended by thousands and thousands of people, lives for which Christ shed his blood are thrown away. What will become of the

souls of the men and boys whose lives are thus extinguished? Will they be counted worthy of the redemption which Christ died to secure for them?”

Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, June 13, 1907.

Bob Gregory

By Joan Reichard



Bob, Jordyn, and Lynnita Gregory

Bob Gregory grew up in northern California where his career in agriculture began. He spent about thirty years working in agribusiness as a consultant for a variety of growers. His job involved selling everything from fertilizers to pesticides. He also did calibrations on equipment.

He has experience working everything from alfalfa to zucchini to walnuts and almonds and rice. One of his first exposures to organic production was when he worked with the Lundberg family in the 1970s as they developed their process for growing organic rice.

When Bob heard of the opportunity to work in agriculture at Hartland five years ago, he was managing the largest nursery in California. He was dissatisfied with working for worldly gain, and decided to use his talents in the Lord's work.

His goal was to share his knowledge of agribusiness and to provide students opportunities to get hands-on experience. When he had to leave he hoped someone would follow up on that program, but no one was able to do it. That is why, when he and his

wife Lynnita had fulfilled a commitment to family members, the Lord once again led them back here to continue the work that was started.

"I'm glad to be back. I feel very strongly that we should grow our own food. Agriculture goes hand in hand with the medical ministry work. We really can't understand medical ministry unless we understand elements of diet. And we can't really understand elements of diet unless we have an appreciation for agriculture and how the food is produced." 

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"Students should be given a practical education in agriculture. This will be of inestimable value to many in their future work." *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 311.

Truth

Beyond a Master's Degree

By Canny Tay Seyong Han
and Wu Bin



Canny Tay Seyong Han: There is no question that colporteur work is one of the important ways to proclaim the Three Angels' Messages. Last summer four Hartland College students and I went to Maryland to work with the Capitol Chinese Church of Seventh-day Adventists. Because the church was planning to have an evangelistic crusade at the end of summer, the pastor invited us to do the groundwork and colporteur to help with our tuition.

After we had prayed much and spent many hours going from door-to-door, sixty people agreed to have Bible studies in their homes. More than 250 contacts promised to come to the meetings, one of whom was Wu Bin. We were pleasantly surprised. All we can say is, "Praise the Lord!"

Wu Bin explains... "Many years ago when I was studying English, I first heard about the Bible when reading some material about it. After I came to the USA, I joined a traveling group in a church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I spent several days with the people from the church, living in their houses and going to church with them. This was the first time that I heard people talking about the Bible and Christ. After I got back, a pastor in the church started to write postcards reminding me about the Bible study on Friday nights. He sent me postcards for half a year,

Although I have little knowledge of the Bible, I have started to a build belief in God, and I am willing to follow His way.

but I did not go there once. You can see how stubborn I was! I think our Father in heaven is very patient because He waited for me while I was in darkness.

Several years later, after I graduated from George Washington University (GWU) with a master's degree, I joined a Bible study group with GWU students. The leader, a student who was getting his master's in business administration, talked about the Bible, giving an example from biology. Because I majored in biology, I "knew" that what he was saying was full of error and nonsense. I was angry that a person could talk about the Bible and biology when he did not know anything about biology. I left, but I knew God was seeking me and I was seeking God. I was

struggling in my life and my work asking, "Where is God?" I knew He was there somewhere waiting for me. I needed to find out.

Last summer (2004), I went to a church in Silver Spring, Maryland, where I met a group of young students from Hartland College.

Canny Tay, a smart young student from Malaysia, told me a lot of

things about the Bible. For the first time I found the Bible so amazing and interesting. I started to learn that without God, we cannot do things right. Although I have little knowledge of the Bible, I have started to build a belief in God, and I am willing to follow His way. Amen! 🙏

Adventism and the Spanish Armada

By Hal Mayer

The religious Reformation of Europe brought powerful social changes. However, God had more than the immediate spiritual interests of Europe in mind. The Reformation helped lay the groundwork for God to create an environment in which the Three Angels' Messages could flourish.

During much of the Dark Ages, Spain was the dominant global power. But the Reformation brought new life to the English. Britain began to have ambitions of competing with Spain for global dominance. Rome was concerned both with Britain's Protestantism and with its global ambitions. If Britain should become a substantial global power, Rome would lose control under the resultant Protestant colonies and governments.

Rome, therefore, attempted to regain England and sent the mighty Spanish Armada of Philip II to England to re-conquer the British for Rome and make her Catholic again. The Spanish Armada was the greatest fleet of ships at that time, a formidable foe to the English who had no ships. When the fleet of 136 galleons showed up in the English Channel, England panicked. Queen Elizabeth asked Parliament for fifteen ships; they gave her thirty. It was obvious, however, that even these 30 ships, out-gunned and out-numbered, were no match for the powerful Armada.

England's citizens began fasting and praying. This was a time for faith. Would God defend the Reformation He had ordained? Would England still be free? More importantly, would England be able to ascend to global power? From God's point

of view, this was very important. God intended Britain to colonize much of the world. He intended America to be the cradle of religious freedom so that His last message to the world, the Three Angels' Messages, would flourish and become strong. Without a global Britain, Spain would dominate colonization and America would be Catholic.

If Britain should become a substantial global power, Rome would lose control under the resultant Protestant colonies and governments.

As the English ships went out to meet the Armada, God sent a fog onto the English Channel. The Spanish captains did not know the dangerous channel. Their large ships had difficulty maneuvering. However, the English captains knew the channel very well. Their ships were smaller and could maneuver more easily. When the fog lifted, the Spanish galleons were splintered and broken.

The English rose to greatness. It was often said that the sun never set on the British Empire. She colonized many parts of Asia, the South Pacific, Africa, and North America. Her language, which was quite different from the Latin-based languages of Catholic nations, even today dominates trade, commerce, travel, education, and many other spheres of action.

Furthermore, the Adventist message was nurtured in a land that was far from Rome, in a political environment the opposite of Rome's, and in a language environment that was very distant from Rome's language. Thank God for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Perhaps you have an "armada" threatening your life. By faith, God can defeat it and use you to spread the last message to the world. 

Tsunami!

THE THARASINGHS' FIRST-HAND
ACCOUNT FROM INDIA



L-R Calm before the storm; Morning worship; Peaceful inlet; Rushing to escape

PROLOGUE

Our readers will probably remember that several years ago Hartland sent a container of *Last Generation* magazines to Tamil Nadu, India, where they have been faithfully distributed. A number of precious souls have been brought to the truth of the Seventh-day Adventist message through this effort. The Tharasingh family runs a ministry there, including a small children's school. Their daughter Tania graduated from Hartland a few years ago, and their daughter Ayesha is currently studying at Hartland College. Tania is now married to Brian Beavers; they are working at the school in India with Tania's parents, Timothy and Anita, and several other fine workers.

The school group went to an Adventist beach campsite on December 24 for a Sabbath retreat and spiritual fellowship. On Sunday morning Anita and

eighteen of the children went down to the beach at 7.00 a.m. for a walk, devotions and prayer, and to watch the sunrise. At 8:30 a.m. they came back to the dormitory to clean up before going to breakfast at a nearby restaurant. Here is their report. While at the restaurant....

09:30: First tsunami hits exact spot where Anita and children had been praying an hour before. "We hear the news while having breakfast and rush by van to the campsite to see that the water had entered the rooms and most of the three-acre campsite up to about three feet high and had receded.

"09:45: Van unable to enter campsite due to sludge. Group rushes to dormitories and retrieves bags and luggage and rushes back to van. Meanwhile, one small car owned by an SDA doctor parked near the rooms which are quite close to the seashore was washed inland

about a hundred meters. Brethren manage to push the car onto the highway.

"10:00: Second tsunami hits while we make it to the highway."

Thank God that He spared their lives and that no one was lost. Had the tsunami been an hour earlier, many of them might well have died on the beach. Had it been during the night, much more loss would have occurred.

Their ministry continues its evangelism, and they are looking for ways that they can help newly orphaned children in their school home.

Here is the text that Anita read to the children at the sunrise worship: "Who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?... And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?" Job 38:8, 11.

May the Lord bless their ministry. 

Verbal Sledgehammers

By Hal Mayer

Philip Zimbardo, a Stanford University psychologist, experimented in 1969 with two “abandoned” cars, which he deliberately left unattended: one in the Bronx, New York, and the other in Palo Alto, California. He left the hoods open and removed the license plates. Within minutes, people began stealing the parts from the car in the Bronx. Within three days the car was stripped, and people began smashing windows and ripping up the upholstery until the car was trashed. However, the car in Palo Alto remained untouched for more than a week.

Zimbardo also tested human nature by taking a sledgehammer and openly smashing a window of the car in Palo Alto. Soon other people were taking turns with the sledgehammer until the vehicle was demolished. This experiment gave rise to the “broken window” theory of crime. When a broken window is not repaired in a vacant building, it sends a signal that no one is in charge, and soon many windows are vandalized. Uncivil behavior, unchecked, breeds more incivility.

This happens with ideas, too. I belong to a conservative Adventist email chat group. I have noticed that often when someone makes a comment, someone else takes offense almost immediately. Others join the argument, which descends to name-calling, ridicule, and mockery. People’s feelings get hurt, and further incivility ensues. Those who don’t like the hostile environment opt out of the fray. Soon the discussion involves only those with verbal

“sledgehammers.” And this shamefully happens among Present Truth believers.

I have seen this in other settings, as well. If one proposes or defends an idea or principle, even in logical, rational terms, another may take out his “hammer” and pound on it. If the latter cannot successfully argue his point, he turns to sarcasm, mockery, and even misrepresentation, particularly if the idea or principle doesn’t fit his personal agenda. These “broken words” draw more of the same and escalate the damage like the



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broken windows of Zimbardo.

During my twenty years in ministry I have listened to many stories of people who have been treated uncivilly by fellow Christians. The latter often attack their opponents by accusing them, twisting their words, smashing their reputations and trashing their characters. There is something about human nature that loves, or at least gravitates to, the demolition of what is good in someone else. Tragically, this incivility often draws more uncivil behavior in return, making matters worse.

It is difficult to separate the argument from the person. Nonetheless, true Christian courtesy is something we all must learn, for God requires us to hold our tongues (and our pens) when we are in danger of crossing that line. Upholding the truth does not require that we be unchristlike, even when we disagree.

“But speaking the truth in love, may we grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” Ephesians 4:15. 

Making of None Effect the Spirit of Prophecy Part 2

By Colin Standish

“Like the Sabbath, the week originated at Creation, and it has been preserved and brought down to us through Bible history. God Himself measured off the first week as a sample for successive weeks to the close of time. Like every other, it consisted of seven literal days. Six days were employed in the work of creation; upon the seventh, God rested, and He then blessed this day and set it apart as a day of rest for man.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 111.

While attending the Faith and Science Conference held in Denver, I sensed that there is another way in which we make of none effect the testimony of the Holy Spirit. While dialoguing with one of the delegates, I asked him whether or not he accepts the Spirit of Prophecy declaration that the earth is approximately 6,000 years old. He understood that Sister White had said this quite a number of times, but he could not recall if she said it in the “context of chronology.”

God knew that this issue would come up, and He inspired Ellen White to write some specific things about the matter of creation: “Infidel geologists claim that the world is very much older than the Bible record makes it. They reject the Bible record, because of those things which are to them evidences from the earth itself, that the world has existed tens of thousands of years. And many who profess to believe the Bible record are at a loss to account for wonderful things which are found in the earth, with

the view that Creation week was only seven literal days, and the world is now only about 6000 years old. . . .” *Lift Him Up*, p. 52.

I believe not to accept this is to diminish the Spirit of Prophecy and to deny its effectiveness. “Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” 2 Chronicles 20:20.

Sister White also wrote, “When men leave the Word of God in regard to the history of Creation, and seek to account for God’s creative works upon natural principles, they are upon a boundless ocean of uncertainty. Just how God accomplished the work of Creation in six literal days He has never revealed to mortals. His creative works are just as incomprehensible as His existence.” *Lift Him Up*, p. 52.

We must resist all efforts to diminish the testimony that God has given to us, for we are the remnant who “keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Revelation 12:17. And we know that the “testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.” Revelation 19:10. God continues to guide us with this “sure word of prophecy.” 2 Peter 1:19. 



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Spring Convocation

April 29-May 1, 2005, Hartland
Speaker: Eric Betts
Contact: (540) 672-1996 ext 232

May 7, 2005 Upper Cumberland
Conference Center

Speaker: Colin Standish
Contact: Marlon James
(256) 379-2586

Hartland Camp Meeting

July 26-31, 2005
Theme: "END TIME"

August 19, 20, 2005
Glendale Bible Sabbath Church

Speaker: Colin Standish
Contact: Rollie Kindom
(818) 242-7149

September 4-8, 2005
Midwifery & Childbirth Education
Hartland Wellness Center

September 16-19, 2005
Gazely Fellowship, England

Speaker: Colin Standish
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October 2-7, 2005
Medical Missionary Training
Hartland Wellness Center

Fall Convocation

October 28-30, 2005
Speaker: TBA
Contact: (540) 672-1996 ext 232

Hartland Needs Want to Help?

Staff Openings:

If you are interested in one of the following positions, please contact Helen Ratcliffe at (540) 672-1996 ext 231.

- Builder/Carpenter
- Education Department Advisor
- EFL Coordinator
- Executive Secretary
- Female Massage & Hydrotherapy Supervisor
- Graphic Designer/Instructor

- Physician
- Religion Department Advisor
- Wellness Center Administrator

Volunteers for short or long periods are needed and appreciated at Hartland. If you are interested in the blessings of volunteering for a worthwhile cause while enjoying the spiritual life on campus, let us know your interest.

- Construction (all skills)
- Formatter
- Grounds
- Maintenance
- Proofreaders
- Receptionist
- Secretary

Call us at (540) 672-1996 ext 285, write us (Attn: Stewardship Ministries) or e-mail us at sm@Hartland.edu.

www.Hartland.edu

Check our website for updates, additions and changes.



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S. E., Idaho