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Esther's Vision

Esther Borges desires to reach Brazilians through the health message.



“When I return to my country, I want to work as a medical missionary,” says Esther Borges, a Health Ministry major from Brazil. “The Seventh-day Adventist Church needs people who are willing to promote seminars to help the community, such as health lectures, cooking classes, Bible studies, etc. One of my dreams is to be able to teach, and if God opens the doors, I would like to combine health with teaching and become a health educator.”

Esther believes that her time at Hartland College is just the preparation she needs for this work. “I see Hartland as a perfect place to learn the principles of true education that Mrs. White talks about. I see a combination of spiritual, intellectual, and practical knowledge provided for the students. I’ve learned more about the Bible, health, and practical things such as natural treatments, how to plan cooking classes, and how to give Bible studies. Since Hartland is an international college, I’ve been learning how to interact with people from other cultures and to learn from them, as well.”

As Esther receives her practical training in medical missionary work, she also sees the importance of maintaining her spiritual health. “Hartland provides Bible classes

that help me to get closer to God. Not only are Bible classes provided, but also morning chapels and dorm worships led out by godly deans, teachers, and work supervisors who are always around helping us to grow spiritually.”

We are excited as we see Esther pursuing God’s calling for her life and getting a thorough preparation for ministry. Furthermore, we thank each one of you for your part in helping her realize these dreams. Without your generous gifts to the Missionary Training Fund (MTF), Esther would not be at Hartland College today.

Esther also wants to thank you personally for your help: “When I decided to come to Hartland as a student, I was working in a missionary school, and the salary was not enough to save for my tuition at Hartland. My family also was in no financial condition to pay for my education. So I want to thank all who donate to the MTF. Without your help it would be impossible for me to come to Hartland. Thank you once more for all your efforts to help me and other students, as well.”

by Rachel Perry

Change Is Challenging, but Good!

“I have to do a lot of things differently every day if I want to stay healthy.”



Ruth walking on the treadmill

When Ruth Broomes returned home from the hospital after suffering congestive heart failure, the reality that she heeded a lot of help in order to recover hit her hard. She then decided to come to Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC).

Ruth recounts many ways the LEC helped her. “Before I came here, I spent 24 hours a day on oxygen. Now I’m off my oxygen. I had a lot of problems with my diabetes. But with the diet they put me on, a lot of those problems have been resolved. Some of my health problems have not been completely resolved, so I still have more work to do. But it’s been a big improvement. I’m not on my oral medication for diabetes.”

She also shares, “My heart was failing due to excess fluid in my body. I don’t have that problem anymore.” In addition, Ruth’s kidney function improved and her cholesterol dropped from 152 to 128. She even lost seven pounds and 3% of her body fat.

Ruth describes the exercise program. “I enjoyed the stretching, walking, getting on the treadmill, getting on the bike, getting on the trampoline—everything.”

The program “changed my lifestyle because I eat differently now. Whenever you do something different than before, that’s change.” Apparently she liked the plant-based diet. “I

wasn’t able to eat everything they served here, because I had to fast. But I enjoyed everything I was able to eat.”

Ruth describes the atmosphere at the LEC as being “really, really nice. I had a good experience here—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Everyone is so wonderful and polite. They care about you and how you are doing. You can see that they want to help. So it’s really encouraging.

“I enjoyed the morning worships immensely. I learned that I need to love and pray for the people who annoy or aggravate me.”

In contrast to the hurried city life where she lives in Philadelphia, she delighted in the country setting around Hartland. “It’s so tranquil. I could go for a walk and talk to the Lord.”

When returning home, Ruth plans to continue using the principles learned at Hartland. She emphasizes, “Definitely—definitely!”

Ruth concludes, “I thank God for giving me opportunity to come here, providing me with help when I needed it most. There are many others who have problems similar to mine. I hope and pray that as the word goes out, they will embrace it and realize this is what God wants for us. He doesn’t want us to be sick—He wants us to be healthy.”

by Kevin Wahl



Missionaries in Action

Preparing youth for ministry in Bolivia.



Front: Rena, Ysaura

Back: Dan Endres, Marlon, Dennis

“Please come next year! We want another missionary camp!” This was the request heard from many young Bolivians as we said goodbye after four great weeks of teaching and ministering in my homeland of Bolivia.

In June–July 2012, Dennis Anderson, Marlon Bingham, Rena Lee, and Dan Endres, a Hartland board member, joined me for a mission trip to Cochabamba, the fourth largest city in Bolivia. We taught in churches and schools, and held a camp meeting for young people entitled “Missionaries in Action!”

We also gave health lectures in religious and public schools. At a high school in La Paz, the young people were open to hear and receive everything we shared. At the end of each meeting they asked us for more information.

From June 23–30, we conducted a Bible seminar for the Cala-Cala Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cochabamba. Both Sabbaths, we presented the sermon, special music, and an afternoon program. Every evening from Sunday to Friday we held additional meetings in the church. Dennis taught the people how to study the Bible and Dan Endres spoke on biblical science. These meetings were received quite well and many were blessed.

While at the Dulles airport waiting for his

outbound flight, Dan Endres met a lady who was waiting for her return flight to Bolivia. Providentially, she was from Cochabamba! The lady made it to one of our meetings. She told us she had drifted away from the Lord, but was now looking for a deeper experience with Him. We prayed with her, and reminded her of God’s desire to see her in His kingdom.

The church seminar ended and then came camp meeting, which took place at a boarding school outside of Cochabamba. From Sunday to Sabbath, we held meetings and seminars for youth and young adults. We taught six classes: biblical science, choir, colporteur, health, speech and homiletics, and principles of music.

Marlon shares, “My main topics were prayer, letting go of sin, and health. I also taught some doctrinal topics. Whatever we presented, the people were greatly blessed.” The health class covered spiritual healing from sin, the eight laws of health, herbology, and hydrotherapy. Marlon adds, “Many times after each class, children, teens, and adults would stay over to ask more questions, especially those in my health class.”

Rena relates, “I taught colporteur. Many

of the students had never even heard of colporteur. Several said to me, "This sounds so exciting! I want to do this! I would see them spending free time memorizing their canvasses. They learned difficult canvasses in basically one day!"

"After arriving back in the States we had many friend requests on Facebook. One student sent me a message thanking me for the class and saying, 'I will be going to Chile in the summer to colporteur!' What a gift from God!"

Dennis recounts, "A young lady named Carla had some questions on the seventh-day Sabbath. Someone told me I should speak with her. I prayed a lot for wisdom and words before meeting with her.

"She did not have a Bible, but it just so happened that I carried an extra Spanish Bible with me. After I showed her the fourth commandment in Exodus 20, she stated, 'I was taught that the Sabbath is Sunday.' I then shared with her some clear verses in scripture which show that Sunday is the first day of the week. Her eyes were opened to the true Sabbath. Afterward she asked many other questions. I felt impressed to give her the Spanish Bible. She was delighted to have it, and promised to read it."

On the final Sabbath afternoon, the young people went door to door distributing literature in Cochabamba. During a Saturday night vespers, they shared many testimonies on how the Lord used them to impact the people they met. The meetings ended with Dennis encouraging and entreating the youth to "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth."

The camp meeting was successful, and all the youth had great experiences. A large number of young people rededicated their lives to the Lord and sought a deeper walk with Him. Many are waiting for us to come again! I told them, "By God's grace we will come back!"

by Ysaura Marca



Campers study methods of colporteur.



Students enjoy learning to sing.



Rena spends mealtime with the campers.



Dennis teaches vocal exercises.



We Invite You!

You are invited to assist us in proclaiming the gospel through health and education.

When you think of Hartland Institute, what comes to mind? Dedicated students? The Lifestyle Education Center? Our vibrant farm that grows tasty organic veggies? Or maybe you think of our graduates devoting their lives to helping children in an orphanage in India. When you think of Hartland, hopefully you recall the amazing things God does through this ministry. Many of you give direct financial support to these wonderful ministries, and we thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord's work. They could not happen without your dedication, prayers, and selfless generosity.

Today, you are invited to give to something extra special: to give to every single one of these projects and many more just like them. Hartland Institute has a "General Fund" that provides subsidies and support for our ministries. The General Fund may not be as heartwarming as caring for a child in India, not nearly as delicious as an organic meal, nor as compelling as one of our students or graduates living a Christlike life. The General Fund is none of these exciting ministries. Yet—it is all of them!

Here is the key: none of these ministries can exist without the General Fund. So every dollar you contribute to the General Fund is given to educate a student. It is a dollar we can use to support a child in India. It is a dollar we can use to share Christ with those who need Him most.

You are invited to prayerfully inquire of the Lord what He would have you give to support Hartland's ministries. No gift is too small, and every gift will be invested in eternity. Jesus says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matthew 6:19, 20.

As you think about Hartland, we also think of you. You are in our prayers every day. You are in our hearts. If we can serve you through special prayer or encouragement, please call us. Thank you for praying for us. We look forward to the amazing things God will do as we work together in anticipation of His return.

by Richard Reichard
Stewardship Ministries Director



Summer Soldiers on the Street

Spreading the Word through literature evangelism

This past summer, Hartland College students colporteur in Delaware, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Tennessee.

Divine Appointment at the Library

By God's divine timing, I met a couple in a parking lot at a library. They weren't able to get any of the books, but they said they used to be Seventh-day Adventists, and hadn't gone to church in a long time. They were very interested in everything I shared, and wanted Bible studies. The Bible worker studied with them, and they started attending church again. That was the only day I was at the library. God used me to call them back through the colporteur ministry.—**Tina Aquino**, Sophomore, *Idaho*

Making Friends for Eternity

It's not about making money. It's about reaching more people for Jesus. I would make friends, and then share something from the Bible and how God has led me in my life. Then they'd ask, "What books do you have?" The people liked health books, children's storybooks, and even *The Great Controversy*—when

they found out that America fits into Bible prophecy. Instead of setting a goal each day to sell more books, I would say, "Reach more people."—**Xiangdong Cheng**, Sophomore, *China*

Sympathy Melts Hearts

Colporturing made me realize that the people out there are struggling and they're spiritually weak. I learned how to sell the books and how to talk with people, sympathize with them, and have compassion on them. One lady wasn't able to buy the book she wanted. I felt impressed to give it to her, so I did. She started crying. I saw God working in the many people that were receptive. A lot of people said "No," but more people said "Yes."—**Chris Ocampo**, Freshman, *Washington*

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labor." *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 390



Send More!

Hartland graduates are begging for more *Last Generation* magazines for evangelism in their countries.

“If you only knew how blessed the youth were to hand out those *Last Generation* magazines to people. They were excited even though it was their first time. They wished we had more,” reports 2011 Hartland graduate Julieta Taño. During her outreach activity at a recent youth retreat in the Philippines, the magazines were used to find local Bible study interests.

“We would be really glad to have a shipment of *Last Generation* magazines. I wish you knew how great the demand is for them over here,” writes 1996 graduate Rodney Millin, pastor and conference evangelist in Zimbabwe. Pastor Millin has received several pallets of *Last Generation* magazines in the past and desires more on a regular basis.

Letta Kuhlmann, from Serowe, Botswana, received *Last Generation* magazines from Loago Setswalo, a 2012 graduate. Letta used her magazines to help young people start Bible studies. These were the magazines that some of our readers helped send to Southern Africa for the evangelistic campaigns which Loago and others con-

ducted in December 2011.

Letta writes, “A young man from church told me about his burden to share the truth with his peers, but didn’t know how to do it. I immediately reached for my copies of *Last Generation* and showed him how to use them as a tool to share the good news. He soon had a group of young people studying the magazines. Each member in the group would have a copy of the magazine. The group would read a topic together and discuss it afterwards.”

But the story doesn’t end there. A young lady who attended a “magazine Bible study” received “Back to Basics,” our special issue on the Three Angels’ Messages and the Law of God. “I got my first copy of *Last Generation* from a friend and brother in Christ four months ago during the inception of our Bible study on ‘God’s Law.’ Little did I know it would lay a foundation for my spiritual journey and [recent] conversion into the Adventist faith.”

You may be wondering why people from developing countries seem to respond

more readily to *Last Generation* magazines than people you've tried sharing with in the United States. Seventh-day Adventist Church growth rates are 3 to 5 times greater in the developing countries represented by Julieta, Rodney, and Loago, than in countries like America. Developing countries lack the secular materialism and corresponding spiritual apathy that plagues Western countries. Additionally, young people in developing countries make up a much greater percentage of the population than they do in the developed world. Young people are more open to new ideas and easier to reach with the gospel.

Because the covers of *Last Generation* often feature young people, the magazines are especially suited for countries with young populations. Julieta says these magazines "go like hotcakes" in the Philippines. The young people who passed out *Last Generation* magazines wanted their own copies to read, but because there weren't enough to go around, the youth gave to all the interested people they met. "We will pray that you receive funds to send us more," writes Julieta. "They want copies about smoking, alcohol, the Sabbath, and how to resist temptation."

Young people are the future of our church. Countries with active young Seventh-day Adventists are the ones that we believe we should be targeting with *Last Generation* magazines. These young people will know how to share them with their friends and others to bring them into God's truth.



Thank you for your continued support of *Last Generation* magazine. Any funds that you would like to send to support these graduates' literature evangelism projects will be greatly appreciated. Before Jesus comes, "the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10.

by Betsy Mayer
Managing Editor, *Last Generation*



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Freddy and his family use the health message to minister to the needs of others.



“Hartland Institute was for me a spiritual home. It helped me to develop a stronger spiritual knowledge, and widened my vision to continue ministering to others,” shares 2006 graduate Tito “Freddy” Castro.

Before coming to Hartland, Freddy studied at Las Delicias Institute in his homeland of Colombia. “The Lord guided my path in miraculous ways. I studied at Las Delicias for some basic training,” he says, “then Las Delicias helped me with the process of getting accepted as a Hartland student.”

Why Hartland? “I decided to study at Hartland that I might enrich my Christian experience and be approved for every good deed. I majored in Health Ministry because I like to help the sick and suffering, and to share God’s love through the health message.

“Most of all, I appreciated Hartland’s peaceful environment and the Christian fellowship, as well as their support to me and to those wanting a higher education.”

Freddy recalls his most memorable experience while working at the Hartland Lifestyle Center: “During a 2005 health session, I was the therapist for a health guest who suffered from asthma and fatigue in addition to being overweight. It amazed me to see how much his health improved over such a short time.” He emphasizes, “The experience changed me.”

After graduating, Freddy worked again at

the Hartland Lifestyle Center. There he met his wife, Connie. “How our Creator brought us together to share the same goals and to help each other fulfill our individual spiritual desires, is a mystery to us. But as Ecclesiastes 3:11 reads—‘He hath made everything beautiful in his time.’”

Today Freddy and Connie live in Colombia with their two children—Ana Victoria and Jonathan David. “The name of our ministry is Loma Linda Campestre,” he relates. “We prepare wholesome foods from whole grains. All our products are totally vegan. We minister to others by selling the foods in our community, and providing therapeutic massage and hydrotherapy treatments.

“This type of work brings tremendous value to each of our lives. It develops our talents and provides health to those in need. It also produces trustworthiness, dependability, creativity, motivation, and happiness in the hearts of those who benefit from our family ministry.”

Freddy concludes, “I know today more than ever that the Lord is blessing Hartland to continually motivate and educate young hearts till Jesus’ soon coming. I see Hartland College as an instrument to all who wish to serve God no matter what his or her talent is. Hartland helped me to be better prepared to serve our Lord.”

by Kevin Wahl



In the World, or of the World?

Higher critical methods of Bible study

The longing to follow trends, to do what is popular and culturally acceptable, has always been a challenge for Christians. We tend to imitate the customs of our surrounding society. We have even come to believe that this will enhance our influence and the effectiveness of our ministry.

Early in the history of Israel, the elders petitioned Samuel: "Make us a king to judge us like all the nations." They prefaced their appeal with an apparently valid reason: "Thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways." But, the true motive was a secret desire to be "like all the nations." 1 Samuel 8:5, 20.

This sad history provides lessons for today: "The Lord...foretold that Israel would be governed by a king; but it does not follow that this form of government was best for them or according to His will. He permitted the people to follow their own choice, because they refused to be guided by His counsel. Hosea declares that God gave them a king in His anger. Hosea 13:11."¹

Today we face a growing challenge as equality and non-segregation are repeatedly urged as reasons to alter gender roles established by the Bible. Many in our beloved Seventh-day Adventist Church argue that if we retain these "outdated" roles, we limit our ability to minister to this generation. This argument has been bolstered by the use

of the popular "scientific method" of interpreting scripture. Also known as "higher criticism," it undermines confidence in the relevance of God's Word to us today.

"When men choose to have their own way...in opposition to [God's] revealed will, He often grants their desires, in order that, through the bitter experience that follows, they may be led to realize their folly and to repent of their sin. Human pride and wisdom will prove a dangerous guide. That which the heart desires contrary to the will of God will in the end be found a curse rather than a blessing."²

Because God's people have allowed historical critical methodology and other aspects of humanism into religious schools, fundamental and historical beliefs have been questioned on the grounds of time and culture. Despite this trend, our utmost priority must be to educate our youth with a thorough practice and understanding of the principles and doctrines that are as immutable as their Author.

I invite you to partner with us in providing solid biblical higher education to prepare a generation to stand in this time of shaking in God's church.

Norbert Restrepo Jr., President

¹ White, Ellen G., *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 605, 606

² *Ibid.*

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