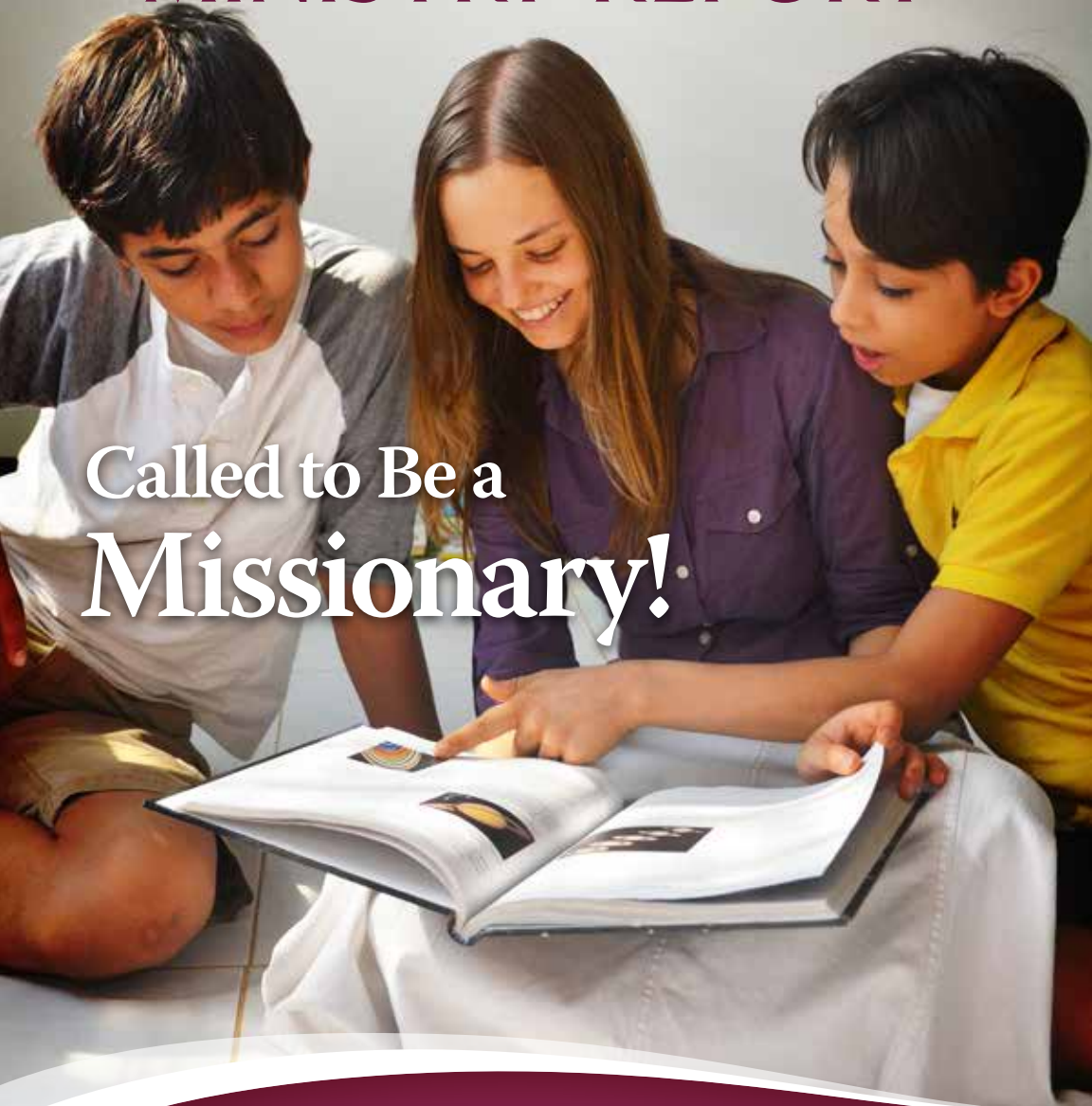


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Doors Wide Open

From church cooking classes to television, God has opened amazing doors of opportunity for Hartland students.

by *Debbie Paúl*

Christian Paúl, Maria Gligor Harris, and Dyane Pergerson ▲

“CAN YOU COME and share at the TV station where I have a program?” asked Dyane Pergerson. Dyane is a Seventh-day Adventist whose health series has aired for many years on Comcast in Richmond, Virginia.

What? Present our “Lifestyle to Health” program on television? God was opening doors way beyond the small audience attending our 18-day Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) program. So, in late 2012, Hartland Health Ministry majors and former LEC Director Maria Gligor Harris spent much time in prayer and preparation for this opportunity.

During the program, we spoke about blood pressure, depression, and stress. We also talked about “I” problems—issues caused by self-centeredness—for which everyone today is seeking solutions. Many young people called during the program on depression needing answers to their personal problems. People are perishing while waiting to hear a word of hope in the midst of their pain. We witnessed how the health message really opens doors for ministry.

Another door of opportunity had previously opened for the LEC team. One of our former health guests, Jean Francis, is

the health coordinator for the Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland. She was so inspired by what she learned during the 18-day health session that she began sharing some of the recipes and health tips after returning to her church. She got people excited about living a better lifestyle and then invited us to present a series of cooking classes and health talks at her church.

We visited Jean’s church many times, conducting cooking classes on breakfast meals, holiday specials, healthy desserts, breads, and main dishes. The members became eager to share what they learned: “We need to start a small restaurant near the church to give the community good healthy food choices as well as health talks.” “This is so delicious that I want to share this with my family!”

God said that the health message is the right arm of the gospel. Please, keep praying that our efforts will reach not only our guests at Hartland’s LEC, but also others who need physical and spiritual healing. Remember that the main purpose of all medical missionary work is to point souls to Jesus—the true Healer, peace Giver, and Source of real happiness in life.



“I Love the Birds!”

It was the beautiful nature that surrounds Hartland that drew Guenia to the LEC program.

by Larry Ware

AFTER SUFFERING FROM arthritis in her fingers and hands for many years, Guenia Lissner realized she needed relief and decided to come to Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) for help. She shares, “I have a lot of pain. I know arthritis is an autoimmune disease and that stress can have an effect on it. I needed a break from working constantly at home, answering emails, talking on the phone, and seeing all the bad news around the world. I needed some time to relax and think.”

Originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Guenia has lived in Virginia for seven years. “My home is in a beautiful town of about 45,000 people. It’s small but we have restaurants, a gym—everything.”

Guenia first heard about the LEC from a friend who invited her and her husband to have lunch at the center. She recounts, “I loved the vegan food, the peaceful atmosphere, and the polite people. The food agreed with me because I was already vegan. I met Rosi and Esther who are also from Brazil and decided to come back a second time to visit them, the birds, and the wonderful atmosphere at Hartland. I came the third time to be a guest!”

Guenia tells us that before coming here,

“I slept only two or three hours a night. I have since learned a lot about other areas of good health like taking walks in the sunshine and getting lots of fresh air. The program changed my life, and I’m going to make other changes with my health.”

Guenia says, “I was a vegetarian before, but after coming to America I changed my diet. I have now been vegan for the past two or three years. My diet is 80% raw. I love all of the meals here because it’s the same style I make at home—lots of salads and raw desserts. Since I can’t eat gluten, special food was prepared for me.”

“I love the quiet, peaceful atmosphere and the birds. The natural treatments, the paraffin bath, the teas, and the special diet did help my hands. The workers were very supportive emotionally and with my physical treatments. I learned a lot and enjoyed all the classes and their teachers. All my classes were important and were taught very clearly.”

She concludes, “I have a friend who is very sick. Before coming, I visited her many times and taught her how to juice vegetables. I have encouraged her to come here and will continue to do so. I will take brochures for friends and others who are sick. I want to say thank you to everyone who helped me.”



Willing to Learn and Love

Rena never stops learning—even how to interact with others.

by Rachel Perry

“MY TIME AT Hartland has been a period of overcoming challenges, learning more about myself, surrendering my will to God, but most of all it’s been character development!” Rena Lee, a senior at Hartland College, expounds further: “Learning to not give up on friends when times get rough, but to be patient and willing to work on relationships; learning to be friendly, to come out of my box and mingle with people; learning to be a responsible, hard worker—these are the best lessons I learned at Hartland.”

Rena had “never touched design software” prior to coming to Hartland, and didn’t foresee media ministry in her future. But God led her to take the Christian Media Management major, and she is glad He did. Working in the afternoons as a designer in Hartland’s media center “pushed me to teach myself and put into practice what I learned in class.” This work ethic has proved invaluable in her internship experience.

As an intern at Three Angels Broadcasting

Network (3ABN), Rena has had wonderful opportunities to learn not only graphic design, but set design, video production, and photography, as well. Even more exciting, the seeds of love that God has planted in Rena’s heart are already bearing fruit.

“When you are willing to help in whatever aspect you can outside of work, people appreciate it so much. It simply comes down to being a friendly servant, and people will continue to seek your help.”

As Rena nears the end of her internship, she faces many decisions. “I know God wants to use my skills for His army. My dream is to travel around the world using my talents to help different ministries, especially those targeted toward youth. There are doors opened to several places at the moment, so I am waiting on God to show me the next door He wants me to go through. I can only put my trust in Him, and He shall direct my paths.” Please pray for Rena as she approaches this exciting new chapter in her life and ministry.



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Samuel Francis, USA

Pastoral Evangelism



"Hartland offers true education according to present truth in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. I also want to learn principles of self-supporting ministry."

Mark Li, China

Pastoral Evangelism

"I believe it will prepare and equip me with the experience and knowledge needed to teach youth about our soon-coming Savior."

Lidia Sobor, Australia

Christian Secondary Education



"God had a purpose in mind to transform my heart so that He can transform others through me."

Sylvia Suk, USA

Christian Elementary Education

"I wanted to make friends, develop my social skills, have a deeper experience with Jesus, and train for better service to Him."

James Whitaker, USA

Christian Elementary Education



Called to Train Missionaries

Martha and Ysaura will soon return to their home countries to work for God. Now there are others who need to be trained.

by Colin D. Standish, President Emeritus

▲ Ysaura Marca and Martha Castañeda

BACK IN AUGUST 2011, I traveled to Chile and Bolivia. The lay people are very active missionaries, thus the work of God is advancing rapidly in these countries.

In Chile I ministered in the countryside, near the city of Chillan. Despite freezing rain, we had an excellent turnout of all ages. The Castañeda family, with whom I resided, is developing a lifestyle center on their property. They have many fruit trees and in season they grow vegetables. Their daughter Martha is training at Hartland College, majoring in Health Ministry and intending to be part of the family ministry team upon graduation.

In Cochabamba, Bolivia, I found the same enthusiasm for the heath message as I found in Chile. Also, I had the privilege of meeting the parents of Ysaura Marca, a Hartland student majoring in Christian Secondary Education. There are two lifestyle centers in this country, one established by Pastor Norberto and Dr. Nelsy Restrepo, and another that is also training people to do medical ministry.

Dear friends, please keep God's work in mind. As I look back on my trip to Chile and Bolivia, I recall how the dedication of many of the young men and women greatly impressed me. Many parents from these

countries plus other parts of the world are hoping that their children can be trained at Hartland to be laborers for the Lord.

Once again, one of the struggles is the finances, for most countries are not affluent and it is impossible for families to send their children to be trained here without assistance. I urge you to help us raise the means necessary to assist students with our Missionary Training Fund. Both of the students aforementioned—Martha and Ysaura—are aided by this important fund. Both will begin their internship sometime after the 2013 spring term.

I can assure you, sacrificing for these young people to be trained will be of great impact in the final moments of this earth's history. Christ has commissioned us to take the everlasting gospel "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."¹ Only after this grand closing work has been done will our dear Savior come. "Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missions."²

¹ Revelation 14:6

² White, Ellen G., *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, pp. 55, 56

Called to Be a Missionary!

God used Hartland College to prepare Rachel for the mission field.

by Kevin Wahl



Rachel with her students, Gabriel and Daniel Palacios ▲

“MANY YEARS AGO, God called me to foreign missions,” recalls Rachel Perry, a 2010 graduate. “I wanted a solid education that would prepare me for the mission field. God led me to Hartland College. There I obtained practical skills, plus experience in different kinds of evangelism.”

Rachel majored in Christian Media Management. “At the time, I wanted to experience something new. Eventually, I decided that media wasn’t for me—yet I wanted to finish what I started, so I stuck it out till the end.” Wasn’t that a waste of time and money? “I disagree. In this age of technology, the tools I gained have proven invaluable. Also, my talents for writing and editing were greatly honed.”

Rachel relates one experience she’ll never forget. “I decided to face my fear of giving a Bible study. I spent one year giving weekly Bible studies to a sweet 11-year-old girl. The Lord knew that her childish acceptance of my mistakes was just what I needed to boost my confidence and spur me on to greater challenges.”

After graduating from Hartland, Rachel furthered her studies at Weimar College, where she earned a certificate in Massage and Hydrotherapy. “This was something I loved, and I planned to start a massage

business. However, my calling to foreign missions returned with full force. Each passing day, my heart’s desire burned hotter and hotter to carry out this calling.”

Just after Rachel received her massage license, Adventist Frontier Missions invited her to homeschool two boys in Thailand for a year. “After much prayer, I took it as a sign from God, and joyfully accepted. Although I have no formal training in elementary education, I’m enjoying the challenge of learning to trust God more fully. I pray every day that He will be the boys’ Teacher, and that I will merely be His instrument.

“I’m so thankful for the Introduction to Teaching class. I never thought I’d refer to my class notes, but now I don’t know what I’d do without them! I’ve also enjoyed teaching the boys some media skills.”

Aside from teaching, Rachel joined the local Thai church choir. “I’ve shared some singing techniques I learned in Hartland’s Three Angels’ Chorale. We hope to make music an integral part of our ministry to the Buddhists in Central Thailand.”

After completing her mission in Thailand, Rachel will spend a second year in the field as a nurse’s assistant in a Philippine jungle—her dream come true. “I hope to implement many of the

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A Swedish Minister in Training

“I have grown tremendously since I came here,” says Daniel Gustafsson, a Hartland sophomore from Sweden.

by Daniel Gustafsson as told to Kelly Ostrom



I AM A PASTORAL EVANGELISM major with a minor in Health Ministry.

I heard about Hartland College when I visited graduate Jay Krueger’s ministry. He seemed very knowledgeable about the Bible. I asked him to tell me more about where he was trained and he handed me a Hartland catalog. That evening I couldn’t put the catalog down until I read it all the way through. It seemed too good to be true—I had found the school I was looking for!

Since coming to Hartland, I have learned more of how to take the Word of God as it reads—not to read it the way I want or to interpret it by what I think it says. The environment and the classes here are spiritually focused, giving me the opportunity to grow at a much faster pace than I would anywhere else. It’s encouraging to be in a place where people take God’s Word seriously and follow what has been revealed to us. The teachers are very loving—willing to do whatever they can to help. This setting has helped me to foster a deeper love for the truth and for others.

At Hartland I have learned to deal with new situations better and to “rejoice in the Lord always.” I have become more balanced

and have learned not to overgeneralize things to the extent that the Christian life becomes heavy or burdensome. I have learned to face difficulties and look at them more as “character-building lessons” than negative things. I have learned to be more compassionate of others’ situations, and to love them even though they might not think the way I do.

When I finish my training, I plan to return to Sweden and spread the Three Angels’ Messages by combining health and the Bible. I believe the health message will make the very secular people of Sweden more receptive to the gospel. Then, I can teach them how to live practically with Christ as the center of their lives.

Those who give to the Missionary Training Fund enable students like me to have the benefit of coming to a school like this where otherwise we wouldn’t have the opportunity—I would not have been able to come without it. You might not be a missionary in a foreign land, but through your gift you, too, can be part of the blessing by helping students to be properly trained to work for the Lord. Thank you!



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We must take advantage of favorable circumstances for proclaiming the Three Angels' Messages.

DURING THE PAX ROMANA (27 BC to AD 180), the Roman Empire experienced nearly 200 years of unbroken peace and economic prosperity. Uniform legal and monetary systems, well-designed roads, and civil service are considered key factors of this success.

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The Pax Romana's unique circumstances enabled the early Christian church to take the gospel to the entire known world. "Providence had directed the movements of the nations.... The nations were united under one government. One language was widely spoken...."¹ Similarly, our present circumstances of global connectivity offer great advantages in spreading the gospel.

But the Pax Romana was only partially responsible for the spread of the gospel.

The Bible records, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ...And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:1-4. All thoughts of rivalry were banished. Under the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ's love shone through their lives through unified acts of unselfish service, and signs and wonders followed after them. The sick were healed and multitudes of "believers were the more added to the Lord." Acts 5:14.

Do you want to see this happening today? God is waiting! "Now, while probation lingers, it does not become one to pronounce sentence upon others.... We are not to condemn others; this is not our work; but we should love one another and pray for one another. When we see one err from the truth, then we may weep over him as Christ wept over Jerusalem."² Let us surrender our hearts completely to God so that we might receive His Holy Spirit and proclaim the gospel in this generation!

Norbert Restrepo Jr., President

¹ White, Ellen G., *The Desire of Ages*, p. 322

² White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 345, 346

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