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Training to Do Health Outreach

Participants give us their feedback on our medical missionary training course.

"I liked the cooking classes most of all. The poultice class was very interesting, and I loved learning hydrotherapy. Before reaching my community, I need to make sure *I* am obedient to the eight laws of health. I'll also help my family. Then I see myself doing health fairs and cooking classes."—**Kashae, Registered Nurse**

"I enjoyed the hands-on experience, the emphasis on the eight laws of health, and the wealth of knowledge I received. As a wife and mother, I have a great amount of responsibility for my family's well-being. I want to be a better provider of nutrition, and I want to help take care of our medical issues more at home rather than going to the doctor. I also hope to share my knowledge with the others in our health department at my church."—**Michelle, Medical Coding and Billing**

"I liked learning about the health laws and how we can use them to help others. I want to share what I learned with my family, friends, community, and my church. If anybody really wants to learn to do medical missionary work, they should come to Hartland."—**Efren, Mechanic, New Holland Dealership**

"The cooking class taught me how I can eat healthier without eating meat, and how to bake using the basic things I already have in my house. The kitchen medicine class was really good, too. God gave us everything—the herbs, the fruits, the vegetables—to sustain our lives. My church needs this kind of eye-opener. I want to teach others about health."—**Joyce, Mental Health Department**



No Surgery for Me!

Efren chose natural remedies to keep his heart beating.

by Kevin Wahl

“I had chest pain and couldn’t breathe right. My heart kept skipping a beat. Two of my arteries were clogged,” shares Efren Rodriguez. Doctors warned him: “You need to have surgery—we need to put a stent in—and it needs to be done right away. You could have a heart attack any minute. There’s nothing out there that will cure you.”

But a still small voice told Efren, “No, don’t have surgery. You need to do something else.”

Efren came to Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) in October. At least one month before coming, he went on a raw diet. Efren says, “I had heard of natural remedies and treatments, and then I decided to go to Hartland for 18 days.” When he arrived, his LDL (bad cholesterol) read 139.

The way the LEC prepared the food and had everything scheduled proved a wonderful experience for Efren. “I started drinking juices. I did feel a little bit weak at the beginning because your body starts making changes. But as days went on, I finished drinking juices, started eating raw food and later cooked food, and I noticed I was losing weight. I felt lighter and I could move more easily, so I kept exercising and going for long walks.

“And I began to appreciate the food

more. I learned a lot about how to cook, what not to cook, how to mix things, and what not to mix—like not mixing fruits and vegetables.”

Efren relates his exercise experience: “We got up early and did our stretches and exercises. The more I walked, the more the pain went away. So I started walking around the property. I started going to the front entrance and back [1 mile]. Then I went all the way to Highway 15 and back [3.8 miles], and I didn’t have back pain anymore.”

When the session ended, Efren’s LDL had dropped to 124, and he had lost 11 pounds. One month later, he tells us, “I’m on the same program—eating the same way and drinking lemon water first thing in the morning, doing stretches, walking, and studying the Bible. I had to put two more holes in my belt.

“Anyone should go to Hartland—not just those with the same health challenges, but people with other health issues, too.”

Efren concludes, “I feel the difference, not having that pain and exhaustion anymore. I didn’t want to go through surgery. And going to the LEC helped me in every way—physically, mentally, and spiritually. I’m glad I made that choice.”

Special Adventist Squad Bible Conference

Hartland alumni help train youth to finish the work in the United Kingdom.

by Aaron Wilson

“Now I indeed see that there is much to learn about God’s Word and the history behind our faith—things that God wrought in the past,” shares James, an attendee at the Special Adventist Squad (SAS) Bible Conference.

“God definitely used [this conference] to show me some realities I had been doubtful about—and the presenters always found a Bible quote to quiet my second thoughts!” says Audrey, who traveled from Paris to attend the conference.

On March 29–April 1, 2013, young people from all around England, plus two from France, convened at Ashburnham Place, a Christian conference and prayer center in Surrey, England. Twenty-two youth met to study and learn God’s Word more deeply, and to share their faith with others.

The SAS Bible Conference featured three Hartland graduates from England—Reginald “Reggie” Wright, Ikechukwu “Ike” Anurukem, and Aaron Wilson—as its main speakers. The conference’s theme was “The Pillars of Adventism.”

Ike commenced the weekend with a presentation on Revelation 10 entitled “Thou Must Prophesy Again.” The next series of talks, given mainly by Reggie,

focused on the roots of Seventh-day Adventism, the Adventist pioneers, and the sanctuary message. Then Aaron spoke on the spread of Adventism in the British Isles and the focus for evangelism today.

Two attendees led the morning devotions, and two other speakers presented talks on the importance of the publishing work and true education. Reggie, Ike, and Aaron also helped conduct a panel discussion on Bible versions, while song services were led by Hartland alumnus Eliezer Alemeza. “Fellowshipping and attending meetings with like-minded believers refreshed me the most,” Eliezer relates.

Sunday afternoon, the conference attendees reached out to the local communities with a range of *Last Generation* magazines. They were blessed by this effort as they shared their faith through literature, and spent time speaking and praying with the people. Testimonies and blessings were shared afterward, encouraging all to continue the work when returning to their home communities.

Reggie teaches the Word.



Sunday night, a special prayer session was held to prepare the attendees to take what they learned and be godly influences to those in their homes, local churches, communities, and their nations at large. The Spirit has instilled a desire in the hearts of these vibrant young people to know and share the truths God has given His church for these last days of earth's history.

"The things discussed were broken down, which made them so clear and easy to understand," shares Sharleen. "I also liked having the chance to go out to meet the people in a nearby town and hand out some magazines to them."

"I've been motivated to study the sanctuary message," says Solomon. "Also, I like the fact that we passed out literature in the community—we didn't just feed ourselves. I think we should definitely do it next time."

"The most wonderful part for me was when we went out to do some evangelism, and I got to talk to a Spanish girl for around 30 minutes in

Spanish, and I don't speak much Spanish at all!" Krista recalls. "Another gentleman we met told us his life story, and we were able to give him listening ears and also to encourage him."

"I felt the Holy Ghost's presence when we sang and shared personal experiences," Audrey testifies. "The speakers' behavior, kindness, and above all, their connection with the Lord made me believe in the Seventh-day Adventist religion again. I would definitely come again with friends who also need to be reassured that there are Seventh-day Adventists who are true worshippers of the mighty God!"

The SAS organizers dream of starting a missionary training school in the UK. Youth who desire to serve God today must be trained to accomplish the work He has called His people to do and finish in this generation. The SAS team thanks Hartland Institute for sending them boxes of free literature; they are also grateful for the continued prayers and support of those who read this report. May God receive all glory, honor, and praise!

Participants prepare to pass out literature.



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You make “Educating for Eternity” possible!

by Richard Reichard, Stewardship Ministries Director

At the end of a year, we often review the year gone by. My blessings included my first grandson, a new son-in-law, and my mother turning 98. A challenge for me was my father passing away at 97, but even in this there is the blessing of knowing that he is resting, waiting for the Lord to call him.

For my parents as well as my wife and me, **3 John 4 summarizes our desire for our family** to the third and fourth generation. **“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”**

Hartland also purposes to see its “children” walk in truth. Hartland’s “children” are our college students, PVYBC campers, LEC guests, *Last Generation* readers, and so forth. **Without you, fulfilling our God-given vision of “Educating for Eternity” would not be possible.**

Two of our most important funds are the **“Missionary Training Fund,”** which supports worthy college students, and **“Where Needed Most,”** which fills the gaps, enabling other funds to do their job. In the coming year, I anticipate our being able to offer you **Charitable Gift Annuities**, which have a number of tax benefits for donors.

Some might not realize Hartland’s size and complexity. Having a college, youth camp, lifestyle center, outreach magazine, and more, means our needs are

larger than those of ministries comprised of one person and a few support staff.

Almost 50 staff members are necessary to operate this multifaceted ministry.

As I’m writing this, we just finished our fall graduation. What a thrill it was to hear how God used these young people during their internships! Henry *helped* with one evangelistic series but then *preached* two more series, in addition to doing all the other pastoral duties. The church chose him to be their pastor.

Debbie worked so diligently at a prominent lifestyle center that they told her, “We do not know how Hartland trained you, but we want more students from there.”

At a missionary training school in Europe, the administrators were so happy with Christian’s work that they selected him as their director. They said they could find *no one* more qualified or better able to communicate. **Each graduate saw lives transformed for Jesus** as a result of their internship ministry.

As we look ahead to the uncertainties of a new year, we can trust our loving heavenly Father to lead us. We will be able to accept the blessings and face the challenges so that our lives will glorify God. **Thank you for enabling us to train young people to walk in truth and to turn many lives right side up for eternity.**



Certifying Nursing Assistants

by Staff Writers

This fall, four students are pioneering Hartland's first Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. Cody Francis, the new academic dean of Hartland College, explains why the course has been added: "We want to offer more programs that will enable our students to have viable 'tent-making' trades. CNA students will be eligible to take Virginia's CNA state exam. This will enable our graduates to serve as medical missionaries in various capacities and to earn an income."

"Medical ministry is an entering wedge to spreading the gospel locally and abroad," adds Angela Stoffel, who is a registered nurse and the certified instructor for Hartland's new CNA program. "Students who become certified CNAs can work in a variety of health fields that require basic nursing skills. While each facility has its own policies and procedures as to the level of care a CNA can give, the job opportunities for a CNA are numerous. Just to name a few—home

health care, private duty, hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices, respite and rehabilitation centers, and health outreach or health education programs."

Who is eligible to apply for the program? "While we want to certify all our Health Ministry majors as CNAs before they begin working with patients in our Lifestyle Education Center, you do not have to be a Health Ministry major to apply to our CNA program. Students taking other majors at Hartland, as well as those who just desire a short training course, may also apply to our CNA training program," Cody Francis clarifies.

The current pilot program will run for about 8 to 10 weeks. "We are evaluating the schedule and the required hours to best suit the students who need to take state CNA certification exams. In the future, our plan is to offer the CNA program as a summer intensive," Angela Stoffel explains.

Cody Francis concludes, "Wherever there is a need for a CNA, our graduates will be able to work. And those who do home health care will be able to minister individually to many people physically and spiritually. It is a wonderful medical missionary opportunity!"



Fall Graduation 2013

AIM: Pressing toward the mark, looking unto Jesus

MOTTO: That our names remain

Christian Paúl

USA

Health Ministry

Bible verse:

Matthew 24:14

Vision:

To be a servant in
frontier missions

Debbie Paúl

USA

Health Ministry

Bible verse:

Psalms 16:11

Vision:

To be what God expects from me; to get a complete education that will prepare me for a greater usefulness in God's work

Henry Higgins

Australia

Pastoral Evangelism

Bible verse:

2 Corinthians 5:20

Vision:

To spread the everlasting gospel in Australia, working revival and reformation

To be inspired, visit hartland.edu/link/fall-grad-2013 and watch and listen to the graduates' internship reports and testimonies, plus the president's challenge!

Why I Chose Hartland College

With this year's fall term behind us, more freshmen tell us why they've come to Hartland.



I want to learn more about how to edit Christian media material while growing spiritually with other like-minded people my own age.

Riley Hart, Ohio

Christian Media Management

God answered my longtime prayer of attending a "school of the prophets."

Kartina Saerang, Indonesia

Midwifery



I like the education they offer, but above all, I believe God has a work for me to do, and I believe Hartland will prepare me for that work.

David Wells, Indiana

Pastoral Evangelism

God has given me a vision to serve and work with Him as a teacher training the youth. I know that this institution can help me make that a reality.

Alexi Andres Garcia, Venezuela

Pastoral Evangelism

Education Minor



It stands for everything that I truly believe in, and I want to gain more experience with Christ so that I am well prepared to serve others, leading them to Christ—first by example and then by teaching.

Tulia Lomani, Fiji

Midwifery



The Remnant Church

Still the light of this world

Revelation 12 provides a prophetic description of the great controversy. With vivid imagery, it summarizes the conflict of the ages. This imagery is reminiscent of the gospel prophecy of Genesis 3:15. It clearly points out that God's people triumph over the dragon "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." Then it concludes with the final remnant church: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17.

God's church is entrusted with a message and a mission that vindicates His character. As a body and community of believers, it is organized for more efficient service. The early primitive church grew with this vision: "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:4, 5.

But as the primitive Christian church

grew, heresies crept in and tares grew together with the wheat. This has always been the case. Notwithstanding this fact, the church is still the depository of God's truth.

God's church today is the church militant, not the church triumphant. Two opposing influences are continually exerted upon its members. One influence is working to purify the church, and the other to corrupt God's people.

"Although there are evils existing in the church, and will be until the end of the world, the church in these last days is to be the light of the world that is polluted and demoralized by sin. The church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warn'd, and counseled, is the only object upon earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard."¹

Through faith in God, let us seek to work in harmony and cooperation with our brethren, without compromising principle or yielding biblical truth. Our heavenly Father can bestow upon us humility, grace, and wisdom to do so.

Norbert Restrepo Jr., President

¹ White, Ellen G., *Counsels for the Church*, p. 240

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April 25-27, 2014

Speaker: Agatha Thrash

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May 25-30, 2014

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