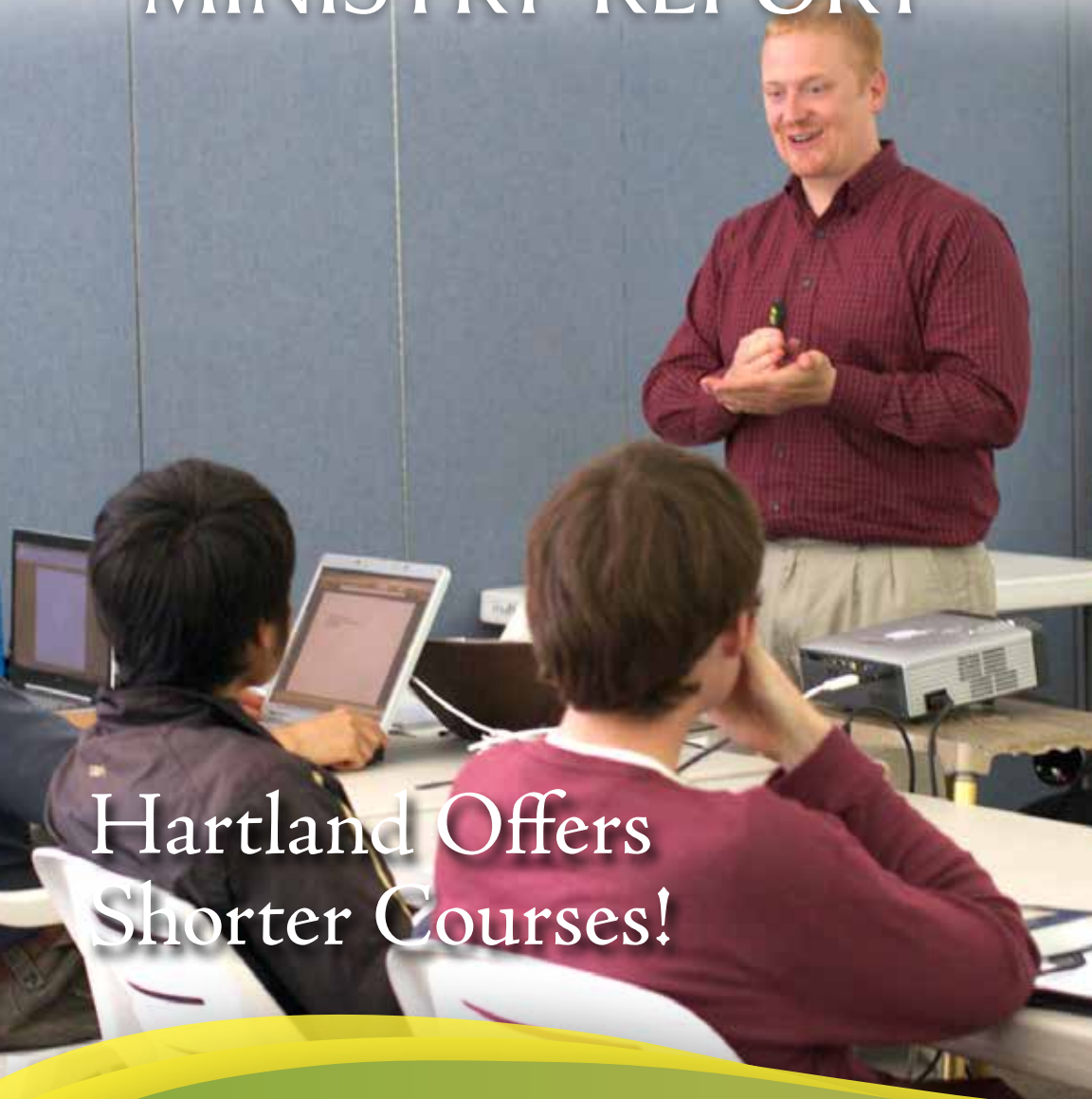


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At a gas station, I canvassed a gentleman sitting in his car smoking. I think being kind made an impression on him. In his mind, he was probably just worried about problems. I thought showing a smile and giving a handshake would make his day, and it did—God opened him up to me. He ended up getting the books *Man of Peace* and *Peace Above the Storm*. He told me he has a girlfriend and he wants to share them with her. I also signed him up for stop-smoking classes.—**Miguel Harris**, Freshman, *Dominican Republic*

In a small office for rental cars, I found a young lady who likes to read. I found out that she is a new believer and was at that moment reading the gospels. She told me that she was praying for God to help her understand what she was reading. Then I “happened” to come to her office with the book *Bible Answers to Your Questions*. I prayed with her and then left with a thankful heart to God for using someone like me to answer a sincere truth seeker’s prayer.—**Sylvia Suk**, Junior, *Georgia*



In a parking lot, I met a man who was quite interested in *Foods That Heal*, *Plants That Heal*, and *Peace Above the Storm*. He told me, “If you wait here, I’ll go to the bank and come back.” He loved the information so much, I decided in faith to let him take the books with him. He came back with his donation, and we talked for about 20 minutes. I told him, “Because you’re so kind, I’ll give you *Nature’s Healing Way*.” Then he said, “Because you tried to bless me, I want to bless you again.” He gave me an extra donation.—**Shane Smith**, Sophomore, *Connecticut*



Other Ways to Minister

“Meeting a health guest’s physical, spiritual, and emotional needs through service, encouragement, and counseling, has given me the opportunity to develop the qualities of a Health Ministry major,” shares Martha Castañeda.

by Martha Castañeda as told to Kelly Ostrom

I knew God had a special plan for me, but after five years of training at Hartland and through my internship, I now better understand my life calling. I’m convicted of my life calling and am encouraged to move forward in the work. My vision is to be a blessing to my fellow man. God is leading me to work in Chile, South America, where my parents have been doing missionary work through the health message. Seeds have been planted, but now it’s time to bring this work to the next level. By God’s grace, very soon a lifestyle center will be running along with a medical missionary training program. My family and I pray for God’s blessing as we move toward this goal.

I currently work as a therapist at Eden Valley Lifestyle Center, doing hydrotherapy and massage treatments. I also prepare remedies in the herbal laboratory. Between sessions, I help with office work and house-keeping, but my favorite job is working with the clients. I’m thankful to God for choosing this place as my internship site. When I left Hartland, I had no idea how my internship experience would be. I had one Bible verse in mind, though. “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh

in us.” Ephesians 3:20. The Lord has exceeded my expectations.

During the October session I had my most memorable experience. When I first met my client, Rosalie, in the treatment room, I knew she was a gift from God. We bonded quickly, and by the end of the program, it felt like we knew each other from before. She asked me to be her adopted daughter, and I was thrilled to reply, “Yes!”

I visited her in December for Christmas. During that time, I had the privilege of giving her hydrotherapy treatments for her breast cancer. Rosalie is also a single mother with a 13-year-old son. She has faced many trials, but her sweet spirit and loving heart have been stronger than any trial. We still keep in touch, and we encourage and pray for each other. Calling Rosalie “Mother” and giving her the love and support she needs has been therapeutic for her and an unforgettable experience for me.

Many times, God calls us to minister to others in ways we least expect. But when we take the challenges, those means of ministering to others become the greater blessings in our lives. They also help us understand His deeper calling for our future ministry.

Bringing Health to the Bahamas!

by Kevin Wahl



Jermaine



Shantavia

“You would think that an island has an abundance of fruit, and that the people subsist on what the land provides,” says Shantavia, “but in my homeland of the Bahamas, it is not so. Health is a greater need there than *I* thought!”

In December 2013, Hartland students Shantavia Gittens and Jermaine Gayle, accompanied by Irisdene Samuel and Maria Rodriguez, traveled to the Bahamas. “We visited four Seventh-day Adventist churches and held health outreach efforts for their communities,” Shantavia recounts.

The team taught hydrotherapy and massage, conducted health expos, and presented a series on overcoming addictions. Church members and people from the community attended their meetings each night. All who came expressed gratitude for what they were taught.

The first night of the series, after the team taught principles and practical lessons on how to do massage, Jermaine delivered the message—an introduction to health. “A pastor from the local [Seventh-day Adventist] conference smiled and told me that I spoke about some health principles that he had never heard! He expressed confidence in the message and invited me to preach at his church on Sabbath.”

The second night, a lady suffering from insomnia and very high blood pressure came and received a hot foot bath. “We checked her blood pressure and told her that we would check it again the next day, which we did,” Jermaine recalls. “Miraculously, she had a wonderful sleep and her blood pressure dropped significantly.”

Thursday, that same week, the team participated in a community health extravaganza held by the local conference. Many people attended, including government representatives. The attendees were blessed as the team demonstrated the eight laws of health in simplicity.

On Sabbath, at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church, Jermaine preached on righteousness by faith, emphasizing victorious living in the end-times. “A few of the guests who came to our night meetings were present,” Jermaine exults. “When I made the appeal, two of them came forward requesting prayer. They also signed up for Bible studies.”

In addition to holding health programs, the team distributed books among the tourists and those living in the communities. “The response was shocking—everyone was so receptive,” Jermaine relates. “When we were in the towns, many would even stop their cars and ask us questions before we even approached them.”

Finally, a radio station invited the team to speak about the things they did. Shantavia concludes, “Thank you all who supported us through prayers, donations, and words of encouragement. Because of your efforts to help us, lives will be changed for eternity.”



Changing My Ways

“Better lifestyle habits bring better health,” states LaJoya Assent.

by LaJoya Assent as told to Kevin Wahl



LaJoya Assent (right) with Tina Aquino

I knew that my eating habits were not conducive to good health, and I really wanted to start doing better. I also have liver disease, and I knew that my lifestyle habits—lack of exercise, lack of sleep—were contributing to depression. So I started an exercise routine. Yet for other reasons, I still needed a new start and help to get going. I did an internet search for Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle centers and realized that Hartland is right here in Virginia, only about an hour and a half away.

While I can't say the cleansing process—three days on a juice fast—was easy, it was definitely necessary to give me a fresh start and help me to get over my addictions to fatty and sugary foods. The vegan food we prepared and ate was delicious! Now I eat healthier food and actually look forward to cooking. I lost 10 pounds and no longer feel fatigued.

My experience at Hartland was a very pleasant one. It reminded me to be welcoming and to show God's love to everyone, regardless of what they look like on the outside and not to make assumptions about anyone's relationship with God based on appearances.

The staff is extremely friendly—from

the nursing staff to the lifestyle center leadership to the students. I was especially fortunate to meet several young women and men who have dedicated their lives to serving God and others. They blessed me with their service and worship services. Tina Aquino was my therapist. She represented Christ well through her patience, her down-to-earth personality, and in making me feel comfortable around her.

The atmosphere was beautiful, calm, and quiet—a welcome change from what I am used to at times. I was very thankful to be able to get away from work and the hustle and bustle of the Washington, DC metropolitan area, and to just inhale and exhale fresh air and observe nature.

I would encourage those who have the same health challenges as I did to come to Hartland. I would even encourage those who consider themselves *healthy* to come. There is always something new to learn about improving your health and life.

I'm glad I attended Hartland's "Lifestyle to Health" program. I now have more energy and enthusiasm, and I spend more time getting to know God and trusting in Him.

SOUTH AFRICA CALLS ME!

Cwayita is training to spread the everlasting gospel in her homeland.

by Kelly Ostrom

“**B**ecause I believe God called me to be a Bible teacher and Bible worker back home in South Africa, I chose to take the Bible Instruction major at Hartland College,” says Cwayita Ntsikeni, a third-year student.

Cwayita loves the Lord immensely, and it’s evident in everything she does. Whether singing, giving a Bible study, working, or having an everyday conversation in the dorm, Cwayita allows God to shine through her.

Cwayita first heard about Hartland when a school friend invited her to a camp meeting in Botswana where four of the speakers were Hartland graduates. When Cwayita heard them speak, she was impressed that she needed the same training. A year later, Dr. Standish came with another Hartland student. Her impression to come to Hartland deepened, and she began looking for a sponsor.

By 2011, the Lord had given Cwayita a sponsor so she could start her first year at Hartland. But after a few terms, the sponsor was unable to continue and Cwayita had to go on a work-study program. Later, the Lord opened the way for her to receive support from the Missionary Training Fund (MTF) so that she could finish her course.

Canvassing and prison ministry have made the greatest impact on Cwayita’s experience

as a Hartland student. “While canvassing, I’ve been able to pray and sing with people, share a testimony of the Lord’s goodness, give a small Bible study, or share an encouraging thought with the discouraged. Then finally, I’m able to leave them with truth-filled literature. All this brings so much joy to my soul!

“Prison ministry has been the best outreach for me. It’s the highlight of my week! To see the smiles, the joy, the excitement of studying God’s Word, and the impact that the studies have made with the inmates, warms my heart.” These experiences have given Cwayita opportunities to practice what she has learned in her studies.

Cwayita plans to return to South Africa to work from city to city, town to town, and village to village, training church members and doing Bible work with them. She has a heart for soul winning and helping to plant new churches, and she wants to get members involved in the work, too.

To those who give to the MTF, Cwayita wants to say a big THANK YOU. “The Lord has used you mightily in keeping me at Hartland. Be not ‘weary in well doing; for in due season [you] shall reap, if [you] faint not.’”¹

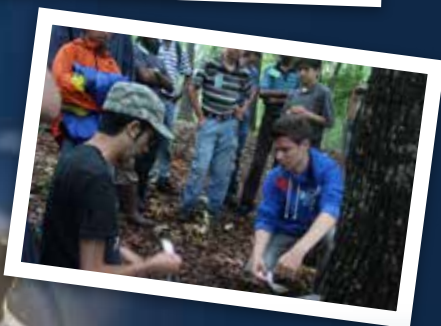
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Hartland Offers Shorter Courses!

Expanding our options for more students

by Cody Francis, Dean of the College

What are these shorter courses?

We are excited to be rolling out some new courses that combine the strengths of our regular four-year curricula with more flexibility. We have developed one-year and two-year courses in **Health Ministry** and **Bible**. Another new option is a one-year **Gospel Medical Missionary** course, which combines elements from the one-year health and Bible courses. We are custom-tailoring shorter courses in Christian Media Management and Childbirth Education, as well.

Why are you offering these courses?

Many people would love to take one of our full four-year programs, but are limited in time or finances. Others feel called to be doctors or work in other professions for which we do not offer courses, but would like to become grounded in the Bible or natural remedies before pursuing professional degrees. In order to provide programs that would benefit those in these categories, we are expanding the options that we offer.

What makes these courses unique?

While there are many other short training courses, few offer a full academic year that combines in-depth study, practical labor, and outreach activities in a wholesome Christian environment. We strive to follow the balanced Spirit of Prophecy counsels regarding a country setting, agriculture, missionary work, and so forth.

For those wanting a balance of gospel and medical ministry, the one-year **Gospel Medical Missionary** course is an excellent option. You will take the strong Bible classes: **Conversion & Righteousness by Faith** and **Fundamentals of the Christian Faith**. Then you could take either **Daniel** and **Revelation** or **Life & Teachings I and II**, spending time studying Jesus' ministry. For the health segment, you will take the highly practical classes: **Principles of Medical Ministry**, **Massage**, and **Hydrotherapy**. You will also receive opportunities to apply your skills in various outreach classes doing health fairs, conducting cooking classes, or giving personal Bible studies.

For those desiring to focus primarily on health, the one-year **Health Ministry** program would be an excellent

preparation for practical medical missionary work or a foundation to utilize while pursuing other programs. This course includes the foundational Bible classes: **Conversion & Righteousness by Faith** and **Fundamentals of the Christian Faith**. You will also have the opportunity to take **Massage, Hydrotherapy**, and **Anatomy & Physiology I and II**, along with other advanced health and outreach classes specifically designed to help you do health expos, deliver health lectures, and conduct cooking schools. You will also have the option of taking the CNA certification class!

There are others whose interest lies primarily in advanced Bible studies. In addition to attending the foundational Bible classes, you will have the opportunity to spend a year either studying the New Testament gospels and epistles, plus the book of Acts—or diving more deeply into the Old Testament chronologies and prophetic books, along with **Daniel** and **Revelation**. In addition to writing your own commentaries, Bible studies, and sermons, you will take practical classes: **Evangelism, Speech & Homiletics**, and the Bible outreach classes, in which you will learn how to go door-to-door, prepare a church for evangelism, and many other vital aspects.

What could I do after completing these courses?

After successfully finishing any one-year program, you will receive a certificate of successful completion. There are many calls for Bible workers, and the Lord could certainly open doors in these areas. Medical missionaries with the CNA

certification could minister to people individually in their homes or find employment in the medical field, having the added medical missionary knowledge that could not be obtained from a secular course. Others could minister in their local churches and neighborhoods as lay medical missionaries.

Who would benefit from these courses?

All who want more knowledge along biblical or medical ministry lines would be greatly blessed. These could be retired individuals desiring to use their “golden years” in active missionary work, but not knowing where to start. They could be young people who are not sure what their calling is yet, but want to be equipped in these areas, or others who want to become more active in ministry, but do not know how. Students who feel called to pursue professional degrees will greatly benefit by being fortified with biblical and health knowledge first. In short, if you or someone you know wants to work for God—this could be just what you are looking for! Do not hesitate to call our admissions office at 540-672-3100 ext 308, or email admissions@hartland.edu.



A Prisoner's Poem

An inmate writes his thoughts on finding a new life in Christ.

The Fall



This title has nothing to do
with the time of the season.
It has to do with the fall,
of Adam and Eve and the reason.

The reason was sin,
which continues even to this day.
They disobeyed God,
when they went their own way.

Sin leads to death,
while living in this world.
But we can all be forgiven,
every boy and girl.

The fall of Adam and Eve
brought suffering with lots of pain.
But oh Praise God through Jesus Christ,
repenting is great gain.

October 22, 2013



Chariots and Horses

**“Cursed be the man that...maketh flesh his arm.”
Jeremiah 17:5**

It was the year 48 BC and civil war was disrupting the Roman Republic. The troops of the Roman Senate, led by Pompey, were deployed for battle at Pharsalus, Greece. The senators were overconfident in their superior number of horsemen—7,000 compared to the 1,400 of their opponent, Julius Caesar—and they urged Pompey to attack. Notwithstanding their numeric superiority, Pompey’s great army was defeated.¹

The Israelite nation also faced the temptation of trusting in their horsemen. As a safeguard against dependence on the arm of flesh, the Lord had warned those who should rule over Israel not to multiply horses unto themselves: “Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!” Isaiah 31:1.

Completely disregarding this command, King Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt. “They brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.” “Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the

cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.” “And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.” 2 Chronicles 1:16; 9:28; 1 Kings 10:26; 4:26.

“More and more the king came to regard luxury, self-indulgence, and the favor of the world as indications of greatness.”²

Today we also face the ever-present danger of trusting in the arm of flesh. Education, wealth, talents, natural abilities, human reasoning, and personal criteria and experience can all become our arm of flesh. We have the natural tendency to place our confidence and dependence on any of these advantages.

What a contrast we see in Jesus’ life as a human! He said, “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.” John 5:30.

May we place our trust in “[God’s] strong arm” (Psalm 89:10), follow His Word, and humbly submit to godly counsel.

Norbert Restrepo, President

¹Nardo, Don, *Julius Caesar: Roman General and Statesman*, p. 60

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appreciation for the lessons we learn about medical missionary work from our denominational history. Since August 2008, Dave and his family have been putting those lessons to practical use, as their conviction has grown that medical ministry is the essential method for finishing God's work.

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