Sometimes I say, “I’m African, not because I was born in Africa, but because Africa was born in me.” Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to go to Africa, but I never thought that my dream would actually come true.

This past summer, the Lord opened the doors for me to go to Cameroon to work with some friends in our ministry, “Seeds of Truth 4 Africa.” I already knew that the people would have many needs, so I brought a whole suitcase full of baby clothes and a box of bandages, alcohol wipes, vitamin E oil, charcoal, goldenseal, etc.

The Lord worked the first miracle for us at the customs checkpoint in the Cameroon airport. An officer ordered us to open the box containing our supplies. “What is in the box?” he demanded.

“Medical supplies,” my friend Charles answered, breathing a quick prayer. “They are to be used for missionary purposes.”

“Well then, I need to have proof from the Ministry of Health.”

However, after opening the box and seeing only the baby supplies which were packed on top, the officer just asked us to close the box and go through. Praise the Lord! Charles later told me that for customs procedures in Cameroon, that is very unusual.

When I arrived at our destination, I noticed almost immediately the great medical needs. Besides the very low level of income, there is also ignorance about God’s simple ways of staying healthy. I was so thankful for the supplies I had brought with me! Soon we had an overwhelming host of people coming to us with various medical conditions. The people generally do not see a doctor, so most complaints had lasted a long time. Though we didn’t have a lot of medicine or knowledge, we did our best, and the Lord blessed beyond
what we could imagine.

“Your medicines are so wonderful!” one of the villagers told us. “No,” Charles replied, “our God is, not the medicines.”

Besides ministering to the many medical needs, we also did home visitations and Bible studies. Soon after I arrived, we were invited into a home where a 21-year-old girl had just given birth to triplets. After sharing about last day events and the soon return of Christ, we prayed with the family, especially for the newborns. “Please come again to pray and share with us,” begged the elderly man whom I assumed to be the head of the household. “This means more to us than any money that you could have given.”

When Joseph learned about the Sabbath from our Bible studies, he said, “With the truth that you have and the method you work [medical work], we can have more than 1,000 churches in less than 10 years!”

Joseph now worships with us every Sabbath and faithfully invites many others.

However, when God’s work is flourishing, the devil doubles his efforts. The pastor of Joseph’s former church (Pentecostal) went to the village chief to complain about our activities. He told the chief that Joseph was bringing strange people into his house to have studies and worship with them.

“They have helped and are helping many people with their health programs,” the chief replied. “Even my wife is getting better from her head problem after following the advice they gave her. Why are you complaining?”

The chief told us he will support our work no matter what. After all, his two grandchildren are attending our Sabbath worships!

Please pray for our ministry in Cameroon. The field there is ripe for the harvest. The few worshipers are asking for a building in which to worship, and Joseph has already offered land for a church building and treatment center. This is an opportunity we cannot let slip!
I CHOSE HARTLAND COLLEGE BECAUSE...

“God led me here. The principles and high standards of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy drew me to Hartland because that is what I need.”

Samantha Coon, Health Ministry, Montana

“I want to be a missionary in my country and teach people about God through the health message.”

Nastasya Bravarets, Health Ministry, Russia

“I want to preach the true gospel to all of the world. I need the ability to speak English well. I want to use my talents for my Lord Jesus Christ.”

Joshua Na, Pastoral Evangelism, South Korea

“They teach the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy and raise the standard high. The atmosphere here encourages me to grow spiritually.”

Patrick Vining, Pastoral Evangelism, Virginia

Hartland Commemorates 25 Years of Ministry

Watch our anniversary calendar for upcoming events held throughout 2008 to commemorate 25 years of ministry. Events will be scheduled in the local community and internationally, as well as at Hartland Institute.

Plan now to join us for our special 25th anniversary camp meeting, July 29-August 3, 2008.
When I first met Mark, the thought that we would one day be studying the Bible together seemed to be a nice, yet unlikely, dream.

It all began several months ago when I felt impressed to do outreach among Hartland’s neighbors. A friend and I went door-to-door on our bicycles giving free health literature to our neighbors. Encouraged by the positive response, we returned the next time with a health survey. That’s when we met Mark’s fifteen-year-old son. “Yes, I would like to take cooking classes,” he told us.

His father, Mark, didn’t seem interested at all. However, since he had to bring his son to our cooking classes, his curiosity was aroused. Soon the son lost interest and stopped coming, but Mark continued to come. After the last cooking class, he brought back such a good report that now his wife wants to come, too!

During this time, I worked to build a friendship with Mark and his family. When it was his daughter’s birthday, I gave her a little gift. I’ve also been to their home several times to visit and to do weight-training with the son. Eventually, we developed a good friendship.

One day, I got a message from someone at Hartland. “I saw your friend Mark in town. He wants you to call him.”

I dialed the number. Mark answered and said, “How have you been? When are we going to meet again?”

I was amazed. Wow, now he’s making the initiative to see me!

So I asked him, “Would you be interested in Bible studies?”

He responded positively. Since then, we have had a number of interesting studies, and now his son wants to join us! Hopefully, the whole family will soon get involved.

Recently, Mark told me, “Through moving here, I have been able to meet good people like you and have influences around me to keep me on the right track.” Now he is willing to go to church. What a change from the man we met many months ago who seemed completely uninterested in spiritual things! The Holy Spirit is working mightily. Please keep Mark and his family in your prayers.

“What happens when a person dies? How do we know that the Bible can be relied upon? Why are there so many religions? What is repentance?” Mark was full of questions.
“W hat could I do to make this possible? I didn’t know.”

Yik Foo Soon is from Malaysia, where Islam is the official religion. Although he didn’t grow up in a Seventh-day Adventist home, Yik Foo loved to go to the Pathfinder meetings at the nearby SDA church, where he heard Bible stories and made Christian friends.

However, he fell in with the wrong crowd at school. “I did a lot of bad things—gambling, video gaming, computer gaming, stealing, watching bad movies—as the youth in the world do. But I thank God for the seed that He planted in my heart. Because of the influence of Pathfinders, I didn’t do the really bad things.”

Then a church member invited him to attend a youth mission conference. “The speaker said, ‘If you want to give your life to Christ, you have to give up many things.’ He listed several examples, and one was video games. Video games were a part of my life! I was convicted and went forward with tears in my eyes. At that moment, I made a firm decision to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

Two years later, Yik Foo enrolled in the medical missionary training course at Aenon Health Farm. There he met David Fam, Canny Tay, Tat Ying Wong, and other Hartland graduates who told him about Hartland College. After finishing the course at Aenon, he applied to Hartland.

“My mother did her best to support me, even borrowing money from relatives, but I could only raise enough money for pay for two terms. I did get my visa, though, so I came to Hartland by faith. I decided, I will just move one step and see what happens. Now I praise the Lord, because He provided a way through the Missionary Training Fund.

“I really can say that my spiritual life has continually grown while I have been here, even though sometimes I was discouraged. But through all the difficulties and problems, God has made me stronger in Him.”

Yik Foo is now a sophomore training to be a pastor/Bible worker with a minor in agriculture. “My ultimate goal is to establish a college in Asia like Hartland College. If all the church members knew their Bibles and lived true Christian lives, the church would be on fire. I want to be like Paul, to train them and help them grow in Christ. Once they are stable, they can grow themselves and go out to work more mightily.”
When Pamela decided to quit her job and go to a Seventh-day Adventist school, her mother urged her to find a school in Virginia, since she had a brother there. She called Hartland and was told that it was “a unique place where one could learn to be a missionary.” Pamela decided to go for one quarter just to satisfy her mother; then she would continue her studies elsewhere.

“When I arrived, everyone was surprised to see someone like me there, because I looked like the black sheep of the girls. I did not know about dress or health reform. I did not know about the present truth message, and I was not willing to accept it at that time.”

But God was not willing to give up on Pamela. “Even when they thought I would not make it through the first quarter, the staff and students were patient with me. I saw the difference in their lives, and I wanted the same experience. I decided to stay and was re-baptized during my second quarter.”

Pamela graduated in 2002 as a health educator and went to work at a missionary school in the Dominican Republic called Campo Réal, where she met her husband.

“Today I am happily married,” says Pamela, “and we are working as missionaries in the southern part of the Dominican Republic, where knowledge of the health message is uncommon. We are planning to start a health center, but meanwhile we are working with the people at our home base, training them so they can continue spreading the message.”

Pamela and her husband are closely involved with the local church. For the past two years, the members (two families) were meeting under the trees. Pamela’s husband, a carpenter, made an attractive wooden building for the congregation. Today it is a growing church, and many people are receiving Bible studies in preparation for baptism.

The Lord is doing a mighty work in the Dominican Republic through the efforts of this young couple. Pamela says, “Hartland College prepared me to teach others about the Bible and the health message. If I had not come to Hartland, I do not know what I would be doing now.”

“I had backslidden from the church, but Hartland College put me on the road of service for the Lord’s cause.”

by Rachel Perry

Girl Miracle

by Rachel Perry
On November 10, 2007, a consecration service was held for two Hartland graduates, Lacinda Nicholson, Christian Elementary Education major, and JunSeok Lee, Pastoral Evangelism major. Both of them gave excellent testimonies about their experiences during their internships. We were inspired by their aim and motto.

**AIM:** Dispel Darkness, Give Light

**MOTTO:** “To be trimmed and burning”

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**TO ORDER CALL 1-800-774-3566**
On October 24-27, my brother Russell and I participated by invitation in the Questions on Doctrine (QOD) conference at Andrews University in which issues raised by the book QOD, published fifty years ago, were discussed. At its publishing, the book was strongly supported by the then-General Conference president and other denominational leaders, yet it was described as the most divisive book in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

I presented a paper on the concerns which QOD raised on 1) the understating of the role of Sister White to God’s people and to the world at large, 2) the false evangelical concept that the atonement of Christ was completed on Calvary, and 3) the erroneous Augustinian Catholic concept that Christ took the unfallen human nature.

My brother’s presentation focused on the history of the book and the dangerous process by which it was made. Larry Kirkpatrick, pastor in Southeastern California Conference, presented an excellent paper on QOD’s endorsement of the dangerous and unbiblical concept of original sin.

Most of the presenters agreed that the authors of QOD were not transparent. Some even indicated there had been deliberate deception by the authors to placate the evangelical theologians Walter Martin and Dr. Donald Barnhouse and to avoid the stigma of Seventh-day Adventists being labeled as a cult.

We shared some of our most pertinent books (The Evangelical Dilemma, The Perils of Ecumenism, and Perfection) with the two evangelical theologians who were invited to give their impression of QOD, Dr. Donald Dayton and Dr. Kenneth Sample, successor to Walter Martin. They readily took the books and assured us that they would read them.

Russell and I shared nearly 600 books with participants. We were amazed that many were familiar with our writings and were appreciative of the warnings in them.

A special communion service was led by Dr. Angel Rodriguez, director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference. To our surprise, out of all the ministers there, Russell was chosen to be one of the six deacons, and I was invited to be one of the two elders to participate.

While many of the presenters shared materials which we believe to be far from God’s truth, we made friends with many of them. We pray that the call for a conference where the Bible would be the basis of the dialogue will take place in the near future.

I will be writing a more detailed report of my reflections on the QOD conference in the near future. To read a copy of it, please check our website, www.Hartland.edu, in early 2008.
India:
“A few years ago I lost my husband in a road accident. In order to provide for my two children, I was drawn into prostitution. Though I was happy to earn a lot of money and give my children a comfortable life, my relationship with God was totally broken.

“One day I attended a women’s meeting near my house. After the meeting, the speaker prayed with me and gave me a Last Generation magazine, which had an article about Enoch - “The Man Who Walked to Heaven.” After reading that message, I spent two days in prayer and fasting and dedicated my life to Christ. I wish this magazine was in the Telugu language, so that many other Indian people who are spoiling their lives in the darkness of this world can come into the everlasting light of Jesus Christ.” - Y. Sunitha

Papua New Guinea:
“Some time ago in a community within Port Moresby, the capital city of Papua New Guinea, the majority of the population was Adventist. Now it is filled with many backsliders. One of them was handed a 2004 issue of Last Generation. After more than ten years of being out of the church, he has given his life once more to the Lord.” - Warinuma Laa

India:
“I was born and raised in a Hindu family and used to worship idols. We hated Christ and the Christians. One day, I was at a cultural program in the village center when some people began distributing Last Generation magazines. I took one, and the next day after work I started reading it. It was very encouraging, and I came to know the real God. The message “God in the Flesh” especially touched my heart, and tears started rolling out of my eyes.

“I immediately went to the pastor and learned more about Jesus Christ. Now I want to teach this truth to my family members and relatives. I want to have this magazine in Telugu so that they themselves can read it, and the God who touched my heart will also cleanse their hearts.” - K.S. Kumar

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NEW STAFF

Heidi Dettwiler

“As I saw students learning to love work and to see the blessing in it, it thrilled me! I saw that this was my mission: to help young people realize the value of working with their hands and growing their own food.”

Heidi Dettwiler graduated from Hartland College in November 2006. Now she is back to help at the farm! “I used to think that to be a missionary or to work for God I had to do something great, like go to a foreign country. But as I saw here the lives of students being changed, I realized that this is a great mission field. I’ve had offers to work in other countries, but I feel God calling me to work for my own people in the US.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to work under Bob Gregory, because I can continue to learn and to gain valuable experience. I love the outdoors and working with the plants, but the most rewarding is watching the growth and development of the students.”

It is exciting to see young people taking hold of this important foundation of true education.

Welcome back, Heidi!

The Fosters

“We’ve only been Adventists for three years,” says Sandie, “but the Lord has already shown us a lot of things. We know that there’s still much to learn, but we want to work for Him.”

Sandie, formerly a receptionist/office manager, is the new coordinator for Hartland World Missions. Her husband Dan is the supervisor for grounds.

“We had felt for a long time that the Lord was telling us to leave our secular jobs,” says Sandie. “Being new Adventists, we thought, We can’t start our own ministry; we wouldn’t even know where to start. What ministry could we work for? Hartland kept coming to our minds.”

“The biggest thing about Hartland that I like,” says Dan, “is that it’s not just a job or a place to go; it’s a place where everybody has chosen to be.”

Sixteen-year-old Jesse, their son, is already making plans to enroll at Hartland College in the near future. In the meantime, he volunteers at the farm every afternoon. He says, “I’ve always looked forward to coming here. I’m happy to be learning what God’s people should be learning in these last days.”
Neither religious liberty nor toleration were features of the Virginia colony in 1688. From the beginning, the colony believed they could only control their members by “religion and law. They exercised despotism in both.”¹ In spite of this, many Baptist preachers believed that their license was given them in God’s Word, so they refused to obtain a license from the government.

Joseph Anthony and William Webber were zealous, powerful, and effective young Baptist ministers. They once were invited to preach in Chesterfield County. The magistrate, discovering that they were turning many to “madness” (meaning Baptist beliefs) and were likely to do the established Church of England much harm, had them arrested and thrown into prison. Since they would not violate their conscience by agreeing to stop their itinerant preaching, they were left there for three long months.

While in prison, they preached through the iron grates of the prison windows. Many people on the street outside the prison cell heard and were converted to the Lord. Indeed, Chesterfield was the worst persecuting county in the whole colony; but few counties had a greater response to the principles of the Baptists than Chesterfield.²

Because of this, “it was judged the best policy to dismiss him. He was directed to shut the door of his cell, but to leave it unlocked, that it might be reported he had fled from prison…. The door was then left open—still he remained.” A fellow prisoner tried to persuade him to escape, but Mr. Anthony replied, “They have taken us openly, uncondemned, and have cast us into prison; and now, do they cast us out privily [privately]? Nay, verily, but let them come themselves and fetch us out.”³ Such courage is rare today. Most of us would take the opportunity to escape the jaws of punishment. But Mr. Anthony saw the trap. Have you ever seen something similar happen? How many faithful souls have been accused of wrongdoing when the accusers themselves set them up for it?

How Mr. Webber and Mr. Anthony were released is unknown. But they saw a higher principle. Why could not the magistrates have just as openly brought them out of prison as they had put them in? It was because the people’s sympathies were with the imprisoned men, and it would have been terribly humbling to openly release them. How often we will settle for less than the complete vindication of the truth while its enemies run roughshod over its supporters. We need more Webbers and Anthonys, don’t we?

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"I’ve learned so much! I want to use the treatments I’ve learned here to help my brother."

Yvonne Johnson came to the Hartland Lifestyle Center with a desire to be totally free of the medications she was taking for depression, anxiety, back pain, high blood pressure, thyroid problems, and high cholesterol. She also wanted to enhance her spiritual life.

When Yvonne arrived, she was suffering from fatigue and didn’t have energy to do anything. Serious withdrawals from the medications plagued her body.

Yvonne realized that the medications were harming her when she was hospitalized with kidney problems and found out that the cause was two different medications she was on. They had interacted with each other and made her very sick. “I thought I was going to die,” she says. “I decided that when I got out I would slowly start weaning myself off the medications.”

With the lifestyle center’s and God’s help, Yvonne is now medication-free. She has a lot more energy. During the seminars she learned about depression and developed a plan to fight it. She also fulfilled her goal of growing closer to God.

Yvonne enjoyed the morning and evening worships and especially appreciated the many people who prayed with her. In the past, her spiritual life often suffered because she was so busy helping her brother and daughter who had health problems. “When you’re trying to help someone else, and you’re not spending enough time with God, your faith is not as strong as it should be.” She wants to keep up her relationship with God and not let it fall by the wayside.

At the close of the 18-day program, Yvonne said, “I have learned a lot and am definitely going to practice what I have learned. That’s the only way I’m going to get my body back to where it should be. I want to feel good. I want to be able to help others when I leave here, and my brother will be the first one.”

Her advice is, “If you are suffering from health problems, go to the Hartland Lifestyle Center. There you can be helped by loving people and get your life back in order. You have nothing to lose—nothing.”
In the American colonies during the early 18th century, churches of all denominations were plagued by low standards, formalism, and worldliness. Then a movement known as the Great Awakening swept through the colonies, bringing great religious revival among all denominations.

As usual, when God brings His truth, opponents arise. Among the Presbyterians, the Awakening caused a split. The “old side,” loyal to the hierarchy, believed that only ministers with degrees from recognized institutions were qualified to preach. They were also opposed to the close examination of ministerial candidates for evidence of conversion. Though the “new side” believed in thorough education, they were convinced that what really qualified a man to preach was the living truth in his heart.

Concerned with the lack of converted preachers, one of the “new side” revivalists, William Tennent, started a seminary in his log home. Derisively called the “Log College” by its enemies, it was the forerunner of Princeton. This self-supporting institution was known for graduating ministers noted for their deep piety and fervent zeal, their plain exhortations, impassioned gospel, and their living faith.

Among other things, church leaders of the “old side” complained that the graduates from the Log College were not qualified for their office and therefore could not be appointed to churches as pastors. Feigning great concern for the unity of the church and ministerial qualifications, the synod took an action that only graduates from colleges “approved by public authority” could be hired as ministers. The degrees of Log College graduates were not recognized. If these graduates wanted to be hired, they had to pass an examination by the prejudiced synod.

However, the trouble did not end there. When the governor of the Virginia colony learned that some Presbyterians were preaching in unauthorized places and without required licenses from the Anglican church, he arraigned them before the courts. The “old side” Presbyterians accused the “itinerants” of unchristian practices and of unauthorized use of the Presbyterian name. They told the governor that these unauthorized preachers had been disfellowshipped and had established a separate society that divided the churches.

In summary, the cause of the split was threefold: the method of revival; the authority of and the training provided by the Log College, as well as personal piety being its main prerequisite for ministry; and the question of the right to itinerate.

While most of this sounds terribly familiar, we must remember that today we face a greater challenge. We are stewards of a far more important message. Let us not be distracted from our purpose.

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The 25th anniversary camp meeting of the commencement of Hartland Institute will be held Tuesday, July 29, through Sunday, August 3, 2008. Our plan is to bring back to Hartland many of our graduates from all over the world. Some will inspire you with power-filled messages; others will present reports on their ministries. It is sure to be a great blessing and encouragement to all who attend.

I would be delighted to have you with us for this special milestone. I know it will take effort and careful financial planning for some of you to attend camp meeting. And I thank you in advance for your commitment and dedication to being with us at this special time.

The camp meeting will conclude with a special program Sunday afternoon, to which we have invited the major leaders of the community. These include representatives from the federal, state, and county governments, as well as leaders of the major business establishments in the region. We plan to share the Hartland mission and the blessing that it is to so many in the local community and around the world. Above all, we will pay tribute to God for all His blessings through testimonies and expressions of gratefulness. This will not be a time to glorify man, but rather to give glory to God.

We pray that this camp meeting will launch Hartland into the final thrust to which God has commissioned us all—to complete the gospel commission, to bring forth that personal character which will prepare us to receive the seal of God and to be blessed with the latter rain. We pray that we will do our part to complete that commission, so that every individual on the face of the planet will hear the invitation to be with Christ throughout eternity.

I pray that all who read this will be making their own personal preparations by daily surrendering their wills to Jesus. We need the mind of Christ so that we will not yield to temptation nor be deceived by Satan. We seek to be part of that mighty army which God perfects through the Holy Spirit. May God bless you all.

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