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Training God’s Future Servants
“No, Mother,” said Yin Soo,* “I cannot bow anymore to honor my ancestors.” Shocked at his apparent disrespect, Yin Soo’s parents hit him a few times, hoping to knock some sense into the boy. But he wouldn’t give in. Yin Soo is one of my students.

I arrived at Hartland in 1996, while still in my teens. I was young and inexperienced, and I struggled to learn English. But I praise the Lord for loving Christian friends and teachers who helped me. They taught me through their example what true Christianity is all about. The Bible classes at Hartland answered my questions and helped me get rid of the doubts and discouragement that plagued my mind.

One of the most important lessons God taught me at Hartland was that I should live for others and for God, not for myself. Life isn’t only about making money and having a comfortable life. For that main reason, I have been working at self-supporting academies ever since I came back to Korea. At one point, I got discouraged and gave up. I thought, *It’s no use educating kids in this kind of setting.* But God showed me that I was actually doing a great work. He helped me to see the future, not the present condition of my students.

Although they might be rowdy teenagers today, tomorrow they could be great workers for God. I am taking part in raising the future servants of God! What an honor!

Recently, God called me to help start a self-supporting academy, following the principles outlined in the Spirit of Prophecy. It opened in March 2006, with six students. Now He has blessed us with more students, several of whom are non-Adventist, like Yin Soo. Since Yin Soo started attending our school, he has stopped eating pork and dog meat, which he used to love. His parents have noticed that he has become more spiritual.

We have seen God’s working not only in the lives of our students, but also in the lives of their parents. Some of them have been baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church as a result!

I don’t know what God has in mind for my future, but I want to help expand God’s work here at the school until He calls me to some other place. Whatever I do, I want to glorify Him and serve my fellow human beings. After all, isn’t that what I learned at Hartland? May the Lord keep and sustain me. *May the Lord keep and sustain me.*

*Yin Soo is a pseudonym.*
THE GOSPEL OF SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SETS LIVES FREE.

by Ruth Collins

“I believe you all are angels. God sent you here to help me to live better and to get better.” Most people in Kenya don’t drink water unless they are sick or thirsty. They think of it as a medicine. As a result, they have a lot of problems, such as pain in their joints, headaches, ulcers, stomach problems, and tuberculosis. One woman got E. coli from the water. We investigated and found that she had only boiled the water for two minutes as opposed to the recommended 15-20 minutes. We explained to the people why it is important to drink water, and by the third week they were bringing their water bottles with them to the meetings.

One day, before starting out on our visitations, I was impressed to bring a big bottle of charcoal powder. That day I met a young girl doubled over with stomach pains, so I gave her some charcoal water. Later that day my translator saw her again. “Tell your friend thank you so much for that charcoal!” she beamed. “It really worked quickly!”

This mission trip taught me that there is nothing within our own power that enables us to do God’s work. We are dependent on Him. It was a great experience, and if I could repeat it, I would!

“Thank you. Words can’t express what your help means to us. When you go back to America, always remember that there is a family that will never forget you.” I had been sleeping on a bed during my stay in Kenya, but this man had no bed. We pooled our money to buy him one, and his whole family came to thank us.

The last Seventh-day Adventist contact in this village had been made twelve years ago. The most striking need we saw was in the area of health. We encountered at least thirty different diseases. From 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, we visited people in their homes and told them what they could do to have better health. We also prayed with them, gave them promises from the Bible, and helped with their basic needs.

Kenneth, a backslidden Adventist, was heavily involved in witchcraft and voodoo. With his permission, we burned everything pertaining to witchcraft right there in front of his house. Later, his wife came to us praising God. “My husband is a totally different person! He has stopped smoking and drinking, and now there is peace in our home. Thank you so much!” After we returned to Hartland, we received word that Kenneth had passed away. How thankful I am for the opportunity we had to re-share Christ with him!
“I got to know God.” - Boy, 11

“What I like most about PVYBC are the friends, spiritual influence, deep Bible study, campfire, and everybody’s friendliness.” - Girl, 12

“My favorite class was drill and march, because it helped me to be responsible.” - Boy, 12

“The food, friends, and deep Bible study were the best.” - Girl, 13

“My counselors were considerate and fun without being too lenient. They were very sweet and understanding. Keep on doing what you are doing!” - Girl, 13

“The spiritual aspect was the best part of camp. I really got closer to God.” - Girl, 14

“The counselors were caring and fun to be around and answered a lot of my questions.” - Boy, 15

“I always looked forward to deep Bible study with my counselor, because he taught us a lot about the Bible.” - Boy, 16

“I enjoyed meeting new people and getting closer to God. I can’t wait to come back next summer!” - Girl, 13

“My favorite class was drill and march, because it helped me to be responsible.” - Boy, 12

“The campfire talks were very stirring.” - Boy, 14
A year ago, we had a visit from a sales rep for United Litho, Last Generation’s printer. She warned us that unprecedented postal increases were about to break on the publishing industry. Also waiting in the wings was a substantial paper price increase. The printing industry was estimating that 30 percent of small periodicals might go out of business.

I knew that there were only so many of these price increases that could be passed on before we started losing subscribers. Of even deeper concern to me were our overseas free literature accounts. Overseas shipping would nearly triple! Now our free literature money would have to pay for a higher proportion of mailing costs.

But that wasn’t all. Next came the news that because donations had decreased, yearly funding for free literature was being cut by $20,000! I was beginning to feel like Job. But then I remembered that throughout the twenty years of our existence, the barrel of meal and the cruse of oil had never failed to provide the finances to give spiritual bread to the hungry.

Remembering God’s command that we be wise stewards, I began to consider what we could do to stay in business. We reevaluated our free literature program, cutting where necessary and scaling back in some instances. The postal increases came with a hidden blessing. The service to international destinations was much better—airmail versus surface shipping. It no longer took two to three months for the magazines to reach their overseas destinations. In most cases they arrived in two weeks or less. This gave us better control over our shipments and better communication with our literature missionaries.

But when the paper price increases arrived, I knew that I would have to look for a new printer. United Litho is situated near Washington, D.C., a region with high labor costs. Reluctantly I began to prospect for a new printer with lower labor costs.

When I found one that could provide the same service for $2,000 less per issue, including the freight to ship it to our local mailer, this seemed to be the step we should take. But I contacted United Litho once more, letting them know that we would prefer to stay with them if possible.

The next day, the sales rep called back in great excitement. They were just purchasing a new piece of equipment that could greatly reduce production costs on our particular format. Would we be willing to sign a three-year contract with them for $2,000 less per issue? This seemed too good to be true!

We accepted the offer, praising God for filling once more our cruse of oil and our barrel of meal. Even with paper price and postal increases, we won’t have to increase our subscription rates, and we can still provide free literature to our overseas contacts.
While I was a missionary in South Korea, the Holy Spirit touched my heart to surrender my life and work for Him.” From then on, Julieta Tano began to search for a school where she could receive further training for God’s work. She looked at various schools on the Internet but did not find what she was looking for.

“I met Seven Lee, who was on his internship in South Korea,” Julieta relates. “He suggested that I go to Hartland. But I said, ‘That’s too far, and I don’t have money.’ He smiled. ‘Just pray about it, and try checking the website. Who knows? Maybe that’s the place God wants you to go.'”

She pushed it to the back of her mind, but her desire to be trained for God’s work never left her. As she continued to pray, she decided to take a step of faith and apply to Hartland College.

“By the time I returned to my home in the Philippines, I had already decided to go to Hartland. But money was an issue. Even though my family supported me, they could not give me money.” But she still pressed forward in faith. With only a few hundred pesos,* she went to the embassy to get her visa.

Giving her a temporary denial, the officials told her they needed other papers to process her visa. “When I was denied, I thought of giving up,” Julieta admits, “but the Holy Spirit came to me with the thought, This is just a test of faith. If you quit, you will never succeed. So, after I had done my best, I decided to accept the result as God's will for me.” Later she found out that those papers were not applicable in her case. When she went back to the embassy, she was pleasantly surprised to see the officer holding her visa.

Now she just needed to get her ticket, which she had reserved in faith two weeks prior. “I didn’t have much time to raise the money, so I sold my digital camera and my computer.” That gave her a little less than half the money she needed for her ticket. Some of her family members gave her the rest of the money, even getting themselves into debt so that she could buy her ticket.

“I am a health major,” says Julieta, “but I want to take as many Bible classes as I can. I want to teach people how to live a healthful lifestyle following the pattern God has given us. I want the world to know that our body is the temple of God and that it’s entrusted to us.” To all those who give to the Missionary Training Fund, she says, “I greatly appreciate your generosity. This opportunity is an answer to my prayers.”

* The peso is the currency used in the Philippines. One hundred pesos is worth about $2.50 USD.
A new industry comes to Hartland

by Staff Writer

Woodworking has been an interest of mine ever since I was a child,” says Kevin Wagner, senior at Hartland College and head instructor at “Hartland Woodcraft.”

Donors to the program at Hartland College will be pleased to learn how some of their generous gifts to the school are being utilized. The college has started another campus industry: a woodworking shop where custom casework and millwork are being produced. “Casework,” Kevin explains, “is basically the building of such items as cabinets, bookshelves, and anything that looks boxy. Millwork is a term used for moldings and frame-and-panel-type work that is both decorative and functional.”

“Our product line is what you can’t find elsewhere. We are not able to effectively mass produce anything, but we do custom orders,” comments Kevin.

Kevin gained experience for his skill in woodworking by apprenticing himself to a master craftsman in New Hampshire for eight weeks. “Once I got back on campus, I just started building,” he says. “I’ve had a lot of support from the faculty here. The Lord has brought equipment to us at an excellent price. He’s provided most of what we need.”

When asked whether he has plans for future expansion, Kevin eagerly explains, “If the Lord allows, we would eventually like to mill our own lumber here from trees on campus; however, we will need more equipment and more people to work with.”

Kevin is grateful to Hartland College for giving him the opportunity to teach a skill to young people. He hopes to benefit students who are looking seriously for a “tent-making skill” they can use to help them support themselves as they work as missionaries out in the field.

Students involved in the program at “Hartland Woodcraft” express their appreciation for the new campus industry:

“Woodworking is something that will help me to make it financially while I am working as a Bible worker somewhere in Asia,” says Yik Foo Soon, a pastoral evangelism major.

“I know that I’m learning a field of carpentry which is going to help me better understand how to build things,” commented Eliezer Alemeza, “whether it be something simple like a chair, or perhaps something more complex, such as a humble church in a third world country.”

“This may be just a hobby at first, but I hope eventually to be able to build necessary items for people in need,” explained Paul Kim, looking to the future. “It will be my ministry.”

“Hartland Woodcraft” is in its beginning stages, but with God’s blessing coupled with the enthusiasm of those who work in the shop, the potential for benefit to our future missionaries and for vital outreach to the community is great.
When Hartland began in July, 1983, there was an $18,000 mortgage payment due every three months. We could barely pay our staff’s $25 monthly stipend, let alone our electric bills. The nagging fear of defaulting on our mortgage and losing the property kept us on our knees daily.

A week before the first mortgage payment was due, we were still $6,000 short. God would have to work a miracle. One friend promised to send $500 and call another friend in Idaho. Two days later we got a call from his friend in Idaho saying that he would send $500 and call another friend in Montana. The next day, while we were praying for $5,000, we received a phone call from the friend in Montana. His family was praying about what to do with a tax refund. How much was the tax refund? Exactly $5,000!

Twenty-five years later, Hartland is still in need of miracles. Here are some serious needs in our college for which we only have a fraction of the funds to move forward.

**Build**, as soon as possible, phase one of a college multi-purpose building (hydrotherapy lab, massage lab, at least one lecture/lab room for health class, classrooms for cooking and sewing classes). Estimated cost: $500,000.

**Paint/refurbish** the women’s dorm rooms and foyer in the mansion. Estimated cost: $27,000.

Yes, God has promised to supply all our needs. What He needs are individuals who will participate in the miracle of how He will do this. Your sacrificial giving can provide for just such an opportunity.

Thank you for also being part of Hartland’s ongoing miracle by …

1. **Praying** for staff and students
2. **Calling** friends and inviting them to share in the blessing of giving.
3. **Recruiting** dedicated and consecrated college students.

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” *Life Sketches*, p. 196

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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, as well as at Hartland Institute.

Plan now to join us for our special 25th anniversary camp meeting, **July 29-August 3, 2008**.

**Camp meeting will continue through 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, August 3rd. Please plan to stay for the special 25th anniversary praise and thankfulness commemoration service. For details see www.hartland.edu for details or call 540-672-1996 ext. 232.**
Come with me to Zimbabwe, Africa, and join me as we travel down the bumpy, dusty road to Zvishavane, a small mining town. As we walk along the busy city street, we approach the local post office—a large building with many shops. Curious, we step inside. A myriad of sights, sounds, and smells greet our senses. A pottery shop here, a jewelry shop there, a food vendor across the way—all vie for our attention.

However, our eyes are drawn to a little photo studio where a friendly-faced young man waits at his booth. He smiles and welcomes us as we enter his shop. “How may I help you today? Have you come to have your photo taken, or would you like to check out some books from my library?”

He directs our attention to a small bookshelf against the wall, filled with English books, magazines, and tracts. As you take a closer look, one of them catches your eye. “By Colin and Russell Standish!” you exclaim. “Oh, yes,” he beams. “We just received a box from America with several of their books, along with audio tapes and a few books from other authors, such as B.G. Wilkinson. Have you heard of them?”

“How—why, yes,” you stammer. “I regularly support Hartland Institute, where Colin Standish is President. How did you get these books?”

“In December 2007, two Hartland graduates came to speak at my church: Pastor Rodney Millin and Brandon Jones. From them, I came to know Hartland, and they graciously sent me a box of materials for this little library I operate in my photo studio. Please tell the brothers and sisters at Hartland how thankful I am for these materials, especially the Sabbath School Lesson Comments by Ellen G. White. At last I have something to hand to my clients who come in every day! I pray that I may continue to have a lasting relationship with Hartland so that my studio library can be awash with truth.”

As we leave that little photo studio, you don’t seem to notice the smoky smell of jerky or the brawling in the streets. Your mind is carried back to that gift you sent to Hartland, marked “Free Literature Fund.” Could it be that your donation helped send that literature on its way to the little studio library in Zimbabwe?
WHY STAFF CHOSE HARTLAND

Martha Correa

“Where can I go to educate my daughters?” I asked Pastor Restrepo in Colombia. He suggested Hartland Institute. So I went to the United States to visit Hartland and other institutions, asking the Lord for specific signs to show me where to go. His answer was clear: “Go to Hartland.”

At first it was very difficult for me to understand the many nationalities, but I have come to appreciate the differences. It has helped me to understand other cultures and to know how to reach them with the gospel. I have now been working here for almost ten years. My daughter Viviana graduated from Hartland College and married one of her classmates. Both she and her husband are staff now. I’m so happy that Hartland has brought another spiritual person into our family!

Jeff Gordon

I came to Hartland in 1995, because I wanted to work for God, rather than the world. It has truly made a difference in my life. For example, I had never heard about the concept of personal devotions until I came to Hartland. People here talk frequently about their personal devotions, and I asked, “What is that?” Now I understand and am doing my own personal devotions; it has been a tremendous help to me spiritually!

During a week of prayer in 1996, I realized that I had never understood conversion correctly. I went through the process of seeking genuine repentance, asking the Lord to change my heart. Then I was rebaptized. Hartland has done one of the greatest things ever in my life, which was to help me understand conversion. Without that, I probably would never have the hope of salvation.
 quesTions & ansWeRs

From time to time, Hartland Institute receives questions regarding a wide range of issues related to the Institute's mission, operations, scope of ministry, or its relationship to other Seventh-day Adventist organizations. We think that many of our readers may be interested in the answers to these questions.

Q.

My sister and I were told that Hartland has divorced itself from the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Is this true?

Dr. Standish responds to this question and to a series of related questions.

A. The short answer is No.

Q. - What is Hartland’s connection with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists?

A. - Like all Seventh-day Adventists, the constituents, board, administrators, staff, and most students are members of local churches. In that way, we are all part of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist body of believers.

Q. – What evidence is there that Hartland has strongly spoken out against separation from the Seventh-day Adventist church?

A. – A number of our books make this plain. A good example is the book Embattled Church. This book provides a vigorous defense that the Seventh-day Adventist church will never be Babylon.

Q. - Have any of Hartland’s staff or leaders been denied church membership?

A. - I have never heard of anyone being rejected as a member.

Q. - Have any of your staff members resigned from membership in a Seventh-day Adventist church?

A. - Yes, I know of three. But, knowing Hartland’s position that all staff must be faithful Seventh-day Adventists, they left Hartland also.

Q. - Has Hartland’s position changed during its history?

A. - No, our position is unwavering.

Q. - How does Hartland contribute to the local church community?

A. - Our staff and students contribute in virtually every facet. Many are elders, deacons, or Sabbath School teachers, both in the adult classes and the children’s divisions. They also work with their churches to conduct public evangelism, Bible studies, colporteur ministry, and health ministry.

Q. - Do you have any other thoughts?

A. - If our readers hear reports, please contact Hartland. We will do our best to provide honest, accurate responses.

If you have a question about Hartland that you would like to see answered in a future Hartland Ministry Report, please contact Joan Reichard at sm@hartland.edu.
Religion has had an enormous influence in history. The vast conversions to Constantine’s Christian Church in the 4th century, and Mohammad’s great Muslim following in the 7th century, created a geopolitical atmosphere that led to war and bloodshed in God’s name. In the 16th century, Protestantism led to the Thirty-Year War (Rome’s last attempt to recover Protestant Germany), in which nearly 30 percent of the German population was destroyed.

A recent article in The Economist entitled “The New Wars of Religion” predicted that “faith will unsettle politics everywhere this century.” Commenting on this point, The Atlantic pointed out that Catholicism and Pentecostalism are competing for adherents in Latin America; that Islam claims one fifth of the world’s population and that it is only a matter of time until it surpasses Christianity in numbers; and that Hindus and Buddhists make up another 20 percent of the world’s population and are growing. The Economist predicted that by the middle of the 21st century virtually 80 percent of the world’s population will adhere to one of these major faiths. Religion is not declining, but expanding.

As religious zeal increases, so does religious conflict. “Where different religions bump up against one another. . .,” wrote The Atlantic, “the intense competition for souls could produce another era in which religious conflict leads to religious war, only this time with nuclear weapons. If we are really in for anything like the kind of zeal that accompanied earlier periods of religious expansion, we might as well say goodbye to the Enlightenment and its principles of tolerance.”

This prediction is insightful. Jesus predicted that there would be wars and rumors of wars as well as a terrible time of trouble and intolerance for His followers, who will be persecuted not by the secular world, but by religious zealots. (See Revelation 13:15-17.) Most Americans don’t know much about religious history and are therefore doomed to repeat its intolerant mistakes. They think that secularism is the enemy. But they want a secular lifestyle with a religiosity that is emotional and lacks a deep understanding of God’s true principles.

It is no secret that poorer nations are more religious than richer ones. The current economic decline, if it goes far enough, could fuel a religious zeal to restore America to God’s favor. Amid threats of economic disaster and other fearful calamities, of which there are many, Americans are predicted to become more zealous and less tolerant. They will press for outward signs of religiosity, such as Sunday worship laws, to regain favor with God. In doing so, they will eventually turn their zeal on those who insist on obedience to the law of God, particularly the fourth commandment.

You don’t have to be sick to better your health,” says Dee Green, a recent guest at Hartland Lifestyle Center (HLC). “A lot of people complain about being tired, but investing in your health will give you extra energy.”

Lynn and Dee Green actually work at Hartland—Lynn in plant services and Dee in Hartland Publications. But they realized that their health wasn’t as good as it should be, even though they knew the health message. “I wanted to improve my health,” Lynn shares, “since I had a lot of bad habits that needed to be broken, like eating late at night and not exercising enough. I decided to go through a session at Hartland Lifestyle Center to help me get back on track.”

“We work in an office all day, I don’t often get the exercise and the sunshine that I should be getting,” Dee confesses. “But daily outdoor exercise really raised my energy level a lot during the session. Every morning I looked forward to my walks with Gao Na, my student therapist. We talked about everything, from Scripture to what she wants to do after she graduates. It was my favorite time of the day.”

Lynn also experienced a boost, both physically and intellectually. “Being a guest at the Lifestyle Center not only improved my endurance, but it improved my lifestyle in general. The lectures taught me many things about my eating habits, hypertension, and many other aspects of life. Dee and I still drink lemon water every morning, since we learned that it gives our bodies a good ‘jump start.’”

Having experienced the relaxing, rejuvenating effects of exercise in the great outdoors, Lynn and Dee started brainstorming. How can we continue getting our exercise after the session is finished and we have to return to work? They both came up with the same answer: hiking. Now they go hiking every weekend. “At first we only hiked one or two miles,” Lynn says. “Then we moved it up to three miles, and I said, ‘This is enough for me!’ But we kept at it, increasing the mileage each time. Now, sometimes we hike as much as 20 miles in a day!”

Dee especially enjoyed the closeness she felt with each of the other health guests. “I felt like I’d known them my whole life! Everything we did, we did together, and that really bonded us. It was so encouraging to see the progress that everyone else was making. One lady could hardly get out of bed when she arrived, but by the end of the session she was participating in all the exercises with us.”

“I think everybody should go through a session at HLC, even if they’re not sick, so they can see the benefits of a healthful lifestyle,” Dee concludes.
Changing the U.S. Constitution?

One U.S. presidential hopeful proposed that the Constitution needed to be amended so it’s in God’s standards.

by Hal Mayer

Mike Huckabee, the former Southern Baptist minister who was running for President of the United States, recently made this comment: “I have opponents in this race who do not want to change the Constitution…. But I believe it’s a lot easier to change the Constitution than it would be to change the word of the living God. And that’s what we need to do—to amend the Constitution so it’s in God’s standards rather than try to change God’s standards so it lines up with some contemporary view.”

One wonders which parts of the U.S. Constitution he would change if he were to become President. And what does he believe are God’s standards? That would undoubtedly include the Ten Commandments. While campaigning in Atlanta, Huckabee told his audience that “the logic that each of the states can come up with their own definition of how to respect human life is the logic of the Civil War.” In other words, he would use the power of the Federal Government to impose anti-abortion laws. Another example of this penchant to impose his beliefs at the federal level is his support for a federal ban on smoking in public places; although, in fairness, he backed away from this position slightly by saying he would sign congressional legislation if it came to him.

While many of us would certainly support him in such moral and temperance initiatives, there is a darker, more dangerous side to amending the Constitution according to “God’s standards.” How would Huckabee relate to the first amendment that guarantees religious liberty?

If Huckabee intends to impose God’s Ten Commandments on the United States Constitution, what would he do about the fourth commandment? Would he attempt to impose Sunday laws, which would agree with his view of the fourth commandment, or would he prefer to impose the Saturday Sabbath, as the fourth commandment actually teaches? Neither would be appropriate or acceptable under the first amendment, which prevents the establishment of any religion nor religious law on the nation, but allows each citizen the freedom to practice his religion as he sees fit.

Though it does not appear at this time that Huckabee will gain the Republican nomination, he garnered a lot of support among religious conservatives. It suggests that there are a significant number of people who would like to impose religious laws on the American people.

Prophecy is being compellingly fulfilled at the very moment when God’s people seem to be sound asleep. Like the ten virgins, they may awaken awfully close to the coming of Christ, some prepared and some unprepared.

Now more than ever, we must watch and pray as the seconds on the prophetic clock tick away.

Treasures from Romans Chapter 12

Pauls message in this chapter rings with relevance for last-day Christians

I’ve pondered often the message of Romans chapter 12 over the years. Most likely, you have, too. One of the reasons I treasure this portion of Scripture so much is that within its verses lies a clear revelation of what God is desiring from each of His children in these closing days of Earth’s history. Since you and I reckon ourselves to be among those who are awaiting the imminent return of Christ, Romans 12 has been written for us!

Here are some of the Spirit-generated thoughts within Romans 12 which have touched me.

I treasure the message of verse 1. Here, God is asking us to offer ourselves to His service as living sacrifices, and He says that He wants only pure, unadulterated sacrifices. We can see that this appeal is only reasonable, for we would not expect our heavenly Father to accept spoiled and compromised offerings, would we?

If you look at verse 2, you will be reminded of the fact that in order for us to be transplanted successfully into the heavenly home, we must become changed into the likeness of Christ. This change will not come about merely by our making the outside “look good.” On the contrary, we are changed into that likeness by a process known as “the renewing of our minds.” The Spirit communicates to us through the mind. The conversion of an individual is not surface work, but rather a heavenly re-creation of the mind.

I love to ponder verses 3 through 8, where God’s Spirit reminds me not to compare myself to my brethren and sisters in the faith, as if my performance were somehow superior to theirs, or vice versa. In these verses I am challenged once again to acknowledge that each member of the body has a place and a work set aside for him or her by God. And I am expected to do well those jobs which God has given me, in a spirit of humility.

I urge you to meditate prayerfully on verses 9 through 21 this evening. What blessed and specific counsel for the last-day Christian! We cannot afford to overlook it in our rat-race pace of living, for we are almost home. It is almost time for the Lord to come. May God give us a sense of urgency to make our calling and election sure.

Yours in the blessed hope,

Colin D. Standish, President
Upcoming Events

April 5, 2008
Creswell, OR
Speaker: Colin Standish
Contact: Dr. Richard Hanson
(541) 895-5300

April 9-13, 2008
Colton, CA
Speakers: Colin Standish and JC Perozo
Contact: Pastor Harold Cortes
(909) 370-1311

April 12, 2008
Glendale, CA
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

April 18-19, 2008
Birmingham, AL
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: (205) 356-6796 or (205) 854-5917

April 25-26, 2008
Blairstown, NJ
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: (908) 362-5365

Spring Convocation
May 2-4, 2008
Speaker: Ray DeCarlo & Diego Silva
Contact: Sandie Foster
(540) 672-1996 ext 232

May 5, 2008
Honesdale, PA
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

May 24, 2008
Creswell, OR
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

May 31, 2008
Goldendale, WA
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

Spring Graduation
June 6-7, 2008
Contact: JH Shin
(540) 672-3100 ext 302

Rio Linda, CA
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

Piedmont Valley Youth
Bible Camp
June 15-22, 2008
Contact: Tashien Copening
(540) 672-3100 ext 254

June 19-21, 2008
London, England
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

June 26-July 6, 2008
Panama/Guatemala
Speaker: Hal Mayer
Contact: Keep the Faith
(540) 672-3553

25th Anniversary Camp
Meeting
Theme: Touching Lives for Eternity
July 29-August 3, 2008
Contact: Sandie Foster
(540) 672-1996 ext 232

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