God Chooses a New President
How did you hear about PVYBC?
I've gone to different summer camps before, but last year my mom found PVYBC on Facebook. I noticed that the kids who signed up were from all over. I like meeting new people and exploring different cultures, so I signed up looking forward to a fun summer. But when I arrived, I felt like a stranger thrown into a sea of new faces. I wanted to go back home! Then I realized that trying new things is always scary, so I decided to brave it out, and God took away the fear. Getting to know my unit, I found out that we had a lot of things in common; they understood me and helped me through the summer.

What did you like best about camp?
Classes were a lot of fun! I took Beekeeping (we actually built our own hives) and joined the Medical Missionary class in the afternoon. I also signed up for Literature Distribution. What I liked best about camp were the evening talks around the campfire. We talked about the temptations we deal with, and I’ve had my fair share at public school. I am the only Seventh-day Adventist there. At camp, I could talk about the sermons with other campers and ask them to pray for me or help me when I battled with temptation.

My biggest battle is with worldly music. Being called out on that at camp and seeing others fighting with it helped me see I’m not fighting alone. Cooperating with God on this drew me closer to Him, and I want to study the Bible more and be baptized. My counselors helped a lot—whenever I had questions we found the answers together in the Bible, or we’d pray for answers to come. One of them asked me how I felt after spending time at PVYBC. I told her I felt a little scared, and she understood. Being at PVYBC helped me grow spiritually, but I didn’t know how I’d handle the temptations of the world outside. She prayed with me and with our unit, asking God to help us to be strong.

What would you like to see when you come back?
Next camp, I’d like to learn how to help my friends and relatives who hate church and don’t want to hear about religion. How do I appeal to them? They would be much happier if they knew Jesus. I’m really looking forward to this summer—to more friends, more fun, and, best of all, a stronger walk with God!
Cardiovascular disease or CVD is responsible for 50% of the total deaths in industrialized countries. Every 33 seconds, someone dies of CVD in America. The prime targets? If you’re male, 45 or older, and have a family history of the disease, it’s you.

Steve Bland didn’t realize his risk until last year. Steve shares, “Though I’m vegetarian, I’d cheat with fried chicken once a week. I didn’t give much thought to my health. And I felt fine until I had a stroke. Thankfully, I recovered, but further testing revealed blocked arteries—my carotid artery was 50% blocked. I knew that dodging death would take more than what any pill could do for me.”

Fortunately, studies reveal that living healthfully can reverse arterial blockage and lessen contributing risks like obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. The 18-day program at Hartland teaches and applies principles for healthful living in dealing with such chronic diseases.

“The Lifestyle Center is how hospitals should be. I received such good care, there’s no question I felt very loved. And they can make healthy food taste great! I learned many ways to reverse my risks for disease. The Christ-centered atmosphere strengthened me to make the changes I needed. In 18 days of lifestyle therapy, my cholesterol came down by 30 points, lab results were excellent, and I lost ten pounds!”

Despite his risks for CVD, Steve now has the tools and the key to avoiding this common killer. “I’m on my way to the right lifestyle, but it’s really God who will help me. I exercise and stay on the vegetarian diet. When driving, I keep my eyes straight ahead, instead of letting fast food places distract me. I can’t afford to be careless anymore. If I can just ignore the temptations of the world! Only God can help me. The fantastic results I came away with can only be maintained by trust in God and His help.”

As a former nurse, Steve understands the handicaps and struggles of those who suffer from the diseases of modern living. “I’ve seen people with strokes or blocked arteries get heart surgery, then come back for the same surgery years later. They don’t have options; they don’t know how to live. Others don’t see their danger until something happens. At the Lifestyle Center, they teach you how to live. It’s revolutionary. In these hard economic times, this program is worth its weight in gold!”

“If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God … I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Exodus 15:26

What is learning to live worth to you? 

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2 Ibid.
Friendship Evangelism

Alina Pop, a 2004 college graduate, uses her health food store to share the Three Angels’ Messages.

by Archie McCluskey and Betsy Mayer

“It was at Hartland that I learned to have a missionary spirit, understand different cultures, and invest in friendships,” says Alina Pop, a 2004 college graduate. These are essential tools that Alina now uses in her health food store in England, where less than 11 percent of the population attends church.

The home of Christian giants such as Wycliffe, Wilberforce, and the Wesleys, England was once the center of spiritual revival and global missionary outreach. But Christianity has fallen on hard times in England. Sharing the gospel in this post-Christian culture takes persistence and creativity. Alina is using her store to share truth in practical ways.

While many of Alina’s customers are attracted by new age philosophies and have little interest in Christianity, they are open to friendship. When they ask for health advice, Alina can meet their needs and gain their confidence—important steps in winning people to Jesus and His end-time truths.

She shares this counsel with others using friendship as her primary soul-winning tool: “Learn not to be judgmental when you see people doing things that you know are not good. Learn first to love them and be their friends. Then, gently teach them. Even silence can carry a powerful message; a consistent life is one of the greatest testimonies.”

Alina first learned about Hartland from Romanian friends who studied at the college. Arriving on campus, she was impressed with its standards and non-compromising spirit. She saw dedicated staff members who reflected God’s love. As the only Adventist in her family, this was important for her spiritual development.

“Hartland College is a good place to help you understand why you are a Seventh-day Adventist. You obtain the tools to find God yourself. Conversion doesn’t come through the school, classes, or work stations; it comes only by personal study and knowing Jesus for yourself. At Hartland you are on good ground to practice that.”

“I apply the knowledge I gained at Hartland as circumstances require,” she adds. “When you are open to God’s leading, He teaches you what to say or do as you meet people from very different backgrounds.”

Your unselfish contributions to the Missionary Training Fund helped Alina finish her studies. By investing in workers like Alina, you are helping plant seeds of truth that will bear fruit in places where perhaps you cannot go. Thank you for your generous support!
God Chooses a New President

God’s providence leads in the search for a new president.

by Josiah Wold

“I am deeply honored to have as my successor a man of God,” said Dr. Standish, in response to the Hartland Board of Directors’ decision to select Norbert Restrepo, Jr. as the new president of Hartland Institute.

Sixteen years ago, Dr. Standish began to pray for his replacement. Finally, at the age of 76, God answered his prayers.

It began over a year ago as a committee sought for the names of godly men to be considered for the position. Each of the nominees was asked to respond to a set of questions. At the bi-annual board meeting this May, each responder was interviewed and one was chosen.

This decision was preceded by many prayers. As the board meeting drew near, the campus drew together many times to entreat the Lord to impress upon the board His will for Hartland.

Just before the final vote was taken, the entire campus was called together for prayer. First, there was corporate prayer. Then small groups met around each board member and prayed again. The decision was then placed in God’s hands. When the board took the final vote, the selection was unanimous.

Eighteen men and women came together in unity and selected Norbert Restrepo, Jr., age 40, to fill the presidential role.

“This is the first time I have ever been on any board where I saw such a prayerful attitude,” shared Dr. Standish. Yet another board member said, “This is the first time that I can remember us taking a unanimous vote.” The presence of the Lord could clearly be seen.

The Restrepo family also believes that God has led. Brother Restrepo’s wife, Ivonne, said, “I had been praying that if God wanted us to come, all of the board members would be of the same mind.” Brother Restrepo had asked for four different indications of God’s will, all of which came to pass, showing him that he should accept the decision.

Brother Restrepo believes it is very rare to find a self-supporting college like Hartland. “Hartland reminds me of Madison, and I believe that it has much potential to be like that blueprint which God has given. I want to take the vision that inspired this place even further.”

Dr. Standish believes and prays that God will bring Hartland Institute even higher under this new leadership, and as a commitment to that he shares, “I will do all I can to hold up the hands of Brother Restrepo and his family, and pray for God’s guidance in his leadership.”

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Norbert and Ivonne were born in Colombia, South America, but their early lives were very different. Norbert was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist pastor’s family, while Ivonne lived in a Catholic home. When only four, Norbert’s family moved to the U.S. so his father could attend seminary. Dr. Agatha Thrash encouraged his mother, Nelsy Restrepo, a medical doctor, and the family to visit lifestyle centers to learn about natural methods of healing and educational reform.

Returning to Colombia, his father shared these reforms with his seminary students. But many feared that encouraging students to put away their competitive sports, adopt a vegetarian diet, and study the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy deeply was fanatical and extreme. The Restrepos returned to Uchee Pines for further training before developing sanitariums and country-living training programs in Venezuela.

Conservative environments sometimes place more emphasis on external reforms to the neglect of internal piety. As Norbert grew older, this discouraged him from self-supporting work. Twice a week, Norbert walked seven miles to the bus so he could take music lessons at a conservatory. Eventually, he won a scholarship to complete his master’s in music at the University of Florida, which he did not accept. At the same time, he was preparing to take entrance exams for medical school.

One evening, after hearing a powerful presentation on end-time events to a packed crowd, he listened to young people ask how they could prepare their lives for the second coming of Jesus. Norbert knew they needed the “radical” truths he had been privileged to hear from his parents. Suddenly, he felt God’s calling to equip young people to be God’s last generation workers. In obedience, he walked away from his personal ambitions.

Not long after this he met Ivonne, a new Adventist. Her father, an ex-Adventist, had told his children that the Adventists were right. Ivonne had wonderful memories of her grandmother taking her to Sabbath school, so when she needed answers, she began studying with Adventists. She later met Pastor Restrepo who encouraged her to study at Hartland. In 1994, Ivonne left a high-paying job with a Japanese insurance company to pursue missionary training here for six months.

Norbert and Ivonne were married in December of 1994. In 1996 they began a school in Colombia—Las Delicias—which grew to include two restaurants, a sanitarium, and a regionally recognized agriculture program. They have two children, Alejandra, 13, and Nelsy, 2.
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I chose to begin my internship working at Hartland’s Everlasting Gospel Network (EGN) Radio because I was excited to be a part of pioneering a radio station,” says Rachel, a Hartland media intern scheduled to graduate in June, 2010. “I also really admired the skills and knowledge of Kevin Patterson, my supervisor, and wanted to learn more from him about audio production.”

While finishing her time at EGN, Rachel was continuing her search for her next internship opportunity.

“I looked high and low for an internship site that suited my needs, but I couldn’t find one,” she says. “I submitted my resume to Weimar. Looking back, I’m sorry I didn’t check it out sooner!”

At Weimar, Rachel is producing a promotional video. This includes interviewing Weimar staff and students. She is grateful for the audio expertise she gained as a student in Hartland’s media program. “Now that I’m working with video here at Weimar, I’m seeing how helpful it is to have knowledge of both audio and video, as good audio quality is a very important part of video production.”

In interviewing Weimar staff and students, Rachel has also been encouraged to see how God is leading other schools closer to His ideal.

Rachel has had a desire to participate in foreign missions since the age of 14. With this in mind, she chose to take a wide variety of studies.

“I wanted to get as broad an education as possible,” she says. “Missionaries don’t specialize; they are asked to do things they never dreamed of doing.”

Even with foreign missions as her long-term goal, Rachel feels that mission work must start at home. After graduation she is planning on going home to assist her parents in the work of church-planting in a dark county.

“I am excited to see what new challenges this phase of my life will bring,” she says.

“I’m very thankful for my experience at Hartland. Not only has it given me valuable vocational skills, but it has also developed my character and helped my personality to blossom. I can’t wait to see how He will use me in His service.”

by Samantha Coon
Recently, I attended a seminar by Dale Goodson from Adventist Frontier Missions. He and his family worked for nearly 12 years among a primitive tribe in Papua New Guinea. He began reaching them by giving nightly Bible studies. After a year and a half, he had 28 baptisms, 70 faithful worshipers, and many more who gathered for Sabbath services. Things looked good. Four months later, the church was empty.

As Dale studied the relationship between culture and effective evangelism, he discovered principles in ministry that could have prevented the “wholesale apostasy.” As he recounted stories of both successes and failures, he shared principles they taught him.

**Reconciliation.** God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18. Reconciliation with God needs to come first. We need to help people see their need of Him and encourage change. However, when change comes without surrender, it is for the wrong reasons, and we shouldn’t be surprised when converts return to their old ways.

**Communication versus Expression.** Dale shared how his culture and worldview helped him organize his thoughts, which he expressed in the local language. Those hearing his words had their own culture and worldview to help them understand those words. The different worldviews naturally came to different conclusions. In order to switch from mere expression to effective communication, Dale needed to consider how they would interpret what he said. He shared several examples where baptisms resulting from a confused understanding of scripture naturally led to syncretism—a confused mixture of Christianity with other religious beliefs or practices.

**Priority and Pace.** “Spiritual development is a step-by-step process. Good evangelism and discipleship paces this development with the capacity of the audience to keep up. It prioritizes each step as it reconciles them with God, addresses their spiritual confusion, and matches biblical teaching with appropriate life application.” Excessive or irrelevant information creates confusion and does nothing to develop spiritual maturity in new believers. In the beginning, Dale gave people too much information, too fast, and overlooked critical issues. It takes time to understand new truths and the impact they have on one’s life. Being in a hurry actually slows down progress.

Dale challenged us to not only give out information, but to evangelize with the way we live. Inspiration tells us, “The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love.” Let’s ask ourselves, “Am I revealing His character of love? How evangelistic is my life today?”
Growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I have often heard preachers speaking about the wonderful Adventist family around the world. Indeed, there are many times I have experienced the deep sense of unity that comes from sharing the blessed hope of the soon return of Jesus with others of like faith all over the planet.

At the close of February, I was privileged to spend five days in Mexico. What a wonderful encouragement it was to meet brothers and sisters in Christ who believe so passionately in the precious gospel of salvation and who are highly motivated to take the gospel to the world! I sensed that we shared the same goals. I observed a deep desire within these believers to share the blessings that they have received, both from their own study of the Word, and from their ministry to those about them. As I passed through Mexico City with its teeming millions of people, I realized the immensity of the challenge facing God's ambassadors in that part of the globe.

What a fellowship I felt with Pastor Alejandro Maya! Our hearts beat as one. The same great principles of salvation, prophecy, and present truth resonated within us. At times I found people discouraged by the fact that they have come in contact with many who claim to be Seventh-day Adventists, but who are not living up to the precious light we have been given as a people. However, I am frequently reminded that God still has His faithful saints around the world. I have met many of them in the 117 countries I have visited. God has His people. He will not be left without witnesses who would rather die than knowingly commit one wrong word or action.

If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to join a group of faithful Adventist believers who are studying God's Word and the Spirit of Prophecy writings, whether by means of the telephone, email, mail, or even by participating in Hartland's convocations and camp meetings. You will be encouraged as you fellowship and dialogue with others who are looking forward to the soon and glorious return of our Lord and Savior.

In the Scriptures, God has instructed us to pray and strive for the unity of the faith—a unity that is based on a platform of truth. May God bless each one of you to that end.

Colin D. Standish, President, Hartland Institute
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Brendon White grew up a Catholic, but made a 180˚ turn from God. After two near-death experiences, he sought the Lord. On fire to share his new-found faith, he is now an evangelist and pastor.

Donald Ball is currently the Dean of Men at Hartland College and will graduate with a degree in Pastoral Evangelism this June. He has a passion for souls and to see God’s people be rightly trained to hasten the coming of our Lord.

Dr. Agatha Thrash has been on staff at Uchee Pines Institute practicing natural medicine for the past 37 years. An author of many books and articles, she lectures widely on natural remedies and nutrition.

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