Eager to Go!

Sharing Jesus Through His Word

Singing Evangelism

Passing the Torch, April 30, 4:30 PM
During my winter break, I flew back home to Argentina, where my family and I prepared the groundwork for a mission trip that will take place this coming December, in Argentina and Chile.

As soon as I arrived at home and settled in, I translated a questionnaire used by Hartland College students for Bible study outreach. Then my dad and I marched door to door doing surveys and signing up Bible study contacts. To our surprise, at every two to three doors, we met at least one person interested in studying the Bible. The people impressed me as they expressed their need to know God’s Word. Some of them didn’t have Bibles and asked us if we could get them one.

One particular lady suffered from severe depression and guilt due to being involved in an accident that killed a child. She begged us to enter her house. We prayed for her, and then tears rolled down her face as she cried, “Thank you, Jesus, for sending these people to my house just when I needed comfort.” After speaking words of encouragement to her, we continued our surveys, finding wonderful souls hungering and thirsting to know God.

Finally, we stopped searching for contacts, because we had already signed up too many for the small number of Bible workers we have in our community. But the brethren of my home church got excited over the results, and many desired to help with the work. We gave them a short training course on how to do the surveys and how to give Bible studies.

My sister, Debbie, arrived during the last week, and she and I visited many of our parents’ Bible study contacts, who were thrilled to learn several new ways to keep themselves in better health. We also presented health lectures to the people from the community. On Sabbaths I enjoyed the blessing of sharing God’s Word with the brethren. A church member told me, “I see that when you speak, the Holy Spirit works through you. We were all extremely blessed by your message.”

If it weren’t for Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund, I would have stayed in Argentina to pursue a career in medicine. Instead, Debbie and I returned to the United States to continue being trained to take the gospel and the health message to the needy people of South America. The knowledge and skills that we acquire at Hartland enable us to present God’s truth to people on a much higher level. I thank every one of you so much for your support.

by Christian Paúl, Sophomore, Health Ministry

Eager to Go!

“I’m not waiting until I finish my training to share what I’ve learned,” says Christian Paúl, who returns to South America during school breaks to conduct health and Bible work.
It’s easy to stand for truth when others stand with you. But how can you “stand for the right, though the heavens fall” when you’re all alone?

Join us this summer and learn how to STAND.
Training Literature Evangelists

ReNeita uses the educational skills she acquired at Hartland to train young people for ministry.

“This is the best job I’ve ever had in my whole life!” exclaims 2005 Hartland College graduate ReNeita Samuel. ReNeita majored in Christian Secondary Education. Today she uses her knowledge to train young people to be colporteurs.

“After I graduated from Hartland, I taught academy classes for about two and a half years,” shares ReNeita, “but during my summers I also colporteured.”

ReNeita’s first exposure to colporteuring took place while she studied at Hartland. “When I first started colporteuring, I hated it,” she concedes, “but after being in it for a while, I absolutely loved the work.” After she spent her two and a half years teaching high school classes, the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists offered ReNeita the full-time position of associate youth publishing director. She accepted their offer.

ReNeita’s job is to organize and lead out in colporteuring programs. The organizing part includes recruiting students and training them to colporteuring during their winter, spring, and summer breaks.

“We have three or four programs in the summer, and I have to organize them,” ReNeita relates. “I love recruiting students, because I get to travel and hang out with them. I tell them how much money they can earn while colporteuring, as opposed to other summer jobs. But what’s more important than the money is ministry.”

As to whether her experience as a classroom teacher has helped her in training youth for ministry, ReNeita exclaims, “Definitely! The patience and endurance—definitely!” She continues, “I still work with young people. I still teach. But now I train them for ministry, which I love.”

ReNeita’s love for ministry grew from a casual interest that she gained during her time at Hartland. “I had always been curious about the Bible and spiritual things. Studying at Hartland, where our textbook was the Bible, gave me what I had been looking for.” She continues, “If I’d never studied at Hartland, I would have never heard about colporteuring. And I never thought of ministry as a career. Hartland had the greatest influence on me in that area. The way I view ministry and being a colporteuring leader are direct results of the training I received at Hartland.”

God’s Holy Spirit has clearly given ReNeita a passion for the colporteuring ministry and for training youth to serve Him. “Doing ministry work and getting paid at the same time is great. This is definitely where I want to be.” ReNeita concludes, “I cannot imagine anything else that I’d rather be doing.”

by Kevin Wahl, Editorial Assistant
The people are seeing God’s love and His character,” shares Hartland College intern Star Patterson. “They see that true religion is not only about doctrine.

Star is a Bible Instruction major ministering to Christ-purchased souls in Hawaii. “Though Hawaii is part of the United States, the Hawaiian culture is different,” Star relates. “Its people are warm and friendly, but an extremely large number of them are into spiritualism or New Age. So Bible work here is different. For giving Bible studies we use the Way of Life series by Quiet Hour Ministries. They’re focused on the love and character of God.”

As a Bible worker, Star helps men and women to make decisions for time and eternity. “My Bible study contacts have made meaningful decisions. They’ve gained victories in their lives. They’re learning how to depend on God’s Word.” Star continues, “Whenever they fall, they remember, ‘I have to pray. I cannot depend on myself. They know that they must say, ’It is written.’”

Star currently studies with Clayton Dela Rosa (pictured above) a man who quit smoking. “From the Bible, he learned that when we’re tempted, we need to pray in faith for the power to resist temptation. He also learned that we must believe that God gives us such power.

“When facing the urge to smoke, he prayed for grace and strength to break the addiction. Then he realized that if he kept his cigarettes, or threw them away in the trash can, he could smoke them later. So he took his cigarettes out of the pack and broke them. Then he shouted, ‘Yes! I’m free! I believe it! I’m free!’

Star continues, “He sees victories in his life and the power of God’s grace to help him. This shows that we need to direct people to God’s love and the power of prayer.”

While on Hartland’s campus, Star minored in agriculture. “I wanted to gain practical experience doing manual labor on the farm. I enjoyed working there for three years.”

After she graduates, Star wants to train youth to evangelize their local communities through Bible and agricultural work. “I want to train young people to be Bible workers so they can reach their people spiritually. I also want to teach them how to grow their own food, as well as use agriculture for manual labor and for teaching the health message.”

Star concludes, “Living the message we preach teaches me that Jesus is coming soon, and sharing God’s love draws other souls to Jesus. Everything we do, every day, prepares us to live in this last generation.”

by Kevin Wahl, Editorial Assistant
The Power of Health Outreach

Through cooking schools, health fairs, and seminars, we introduce our contacts to the Great Physician.

People everywhere suffer from sickness. They need healing and restoration. Many don’t know that they can live a better quality life here on Earth, which includes the hope of eternal life. Every medical missionary must be an educator. It is our mission to present God’s truth and lead people to the true Physician, Jesus Christ.

Last year, Hartland’s health outreach team shared Christ’s love through cooking classes, health expos, and street festivals. We even spoke in universities and public high schools. After learning more about healthy living, people outside of our faith express the desire to change their lifestyle. They realize that the most basic things we teach them are of the greatest importance to their lives.

“After being retired for three years, I love learning about natural remedies and how to cook healthy meals. Anything that helps me to live a longer life,” testifies Mieko.

“I’ve made some changes in my diet—the biggest dietary changes I’ve made in over twenty years. When you see the hard evidence showing the difference changing your diet makes, you cannot just ignore it,” declares David.

God provided opportunities for us to work in English, Japanese, and Spanish churches of different denominations. At first, we only ministered locally, but the Holy One opened the doors, enabling us to work in neighboring states as well.

Inspiration tells us: “Medical missionary work brings to humanity the gospel of release from suffering. It is the pioneer work of the gospel. It is the gospel practiced, the compassion of Christ revealed. Of this work there is great need, and the world is open for it. God grant that the importance of medical missionary work shall be understood, and that new fields may be immediately entered.”

In Washington, D.C., we participated
“I’m free!” exclaims Doniciano Solis. Doniciano used to paint houses on both private and commercial properties. “One day, someone accidentally tipped my ladder, and I fell three stories down onto a stump—on my head. I lost a lot of blood. It’s a miracle that I’m still alive,” Doniciano relates. “After that I suffered from severe depression largely triggered by terrible pain in my head, my right arm, and my right leg.”

A member of Doniciano’s church informed him that he could attend a wonderful program at Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC). “The minute I entered the LEC session and received my first treatment, I found instant relief. I knew that the program would help my situation.” He exults, “My speech has improved, I can move my limbs, and I can walk again. I can now serve God in His vineyard.”

Doniciano further testifies, “Once the spiritual aspect of my life had been addressed, the physical healing followed.” He declares, “Spiritually, I’ve been set free. After being anointed, the things that troubled me—doubt, guilt, fear, and a sense of unworthiness—vanished. God has delivered me from the ‘prison house’ I was in, has placed me on firm ground, and has given me a clear concept of His will for my life.”

Doniciano plans to continue following the eight laws of health and to share his faith and experience with others. He concludes, “I know what brought me my freedom. I’ve tasted God’s grace. I won’t let it go.”

Free at Last!

Despite a serious brain injury, God’s remedies have brought Doniciano physical and spiritual freedom.
“I’ve been through a tough week and a very hard day.” Tears flooded the man’s eyes as he shook my hand after a concert. “Now I feel such peace.” During our 2010 winter break, the Three Angels’ Chorale spent three weeks presenting concerts from Virginia to California and back. Throughout those 9,200 miles, we received many opportunities to witness the Holy Spirit working in people’s hearts as we presented “Heaven’s Greatest Gift,” a seasonal celebration of the life of Christ. Whether in churches, prisons, schools, homes or even gas stations, God had specific individuals for us to meet.

“We are so amazed. We rarely see people your age doing this kind of work!” People are inspired and encouraged when they see young people presenting Christ in music and testimony.

We also have been blessed with special power to reach other young people. At a youth correctional facility in California the chaplain explained, “Some of these young men and women are facing life sentences. They don’t need entertainment. They need Jesus.” Some of those teenagers had committed violent crimes. The spiritual warfare grew visible as we sang, and we prayed that God would speak to them through us.

“God worked here tonight through your music,” the chaplain told us later. “When these young people go back to their rooms, the battle begins as they struggle with what they have seen and heard. Please pray for our work here,” he pleaded.

Sometimes we ourselves forget the tremendous power of sacred songs to convict and comfort. This proved especially true at a boarding school in Arizona where caring Seventh-day Adventists work for Native American youth, many from traumatic backgrounds. Our choir director, Betsy Mayer, met a senior named Emanuel at breakfast. He shared about his baptism.

“Do you know what your name means?” she asked him.

He shook his head.

“It means ‘God is with us.’ During our concert we will be sharing a song entitled ‘Immanuel.’ It has a special message just for you.” Classes started as soon as our concert ended, but Emanuel took the time to tell us how much the music meant to him. He even asked for some of the music so that he could learn to play it himself.

We later learned from a school counselor how God really was with Emanuel. During one school break he had found his clothes outside his home in a box and no trace of his family. Now the Seventh-day Adventists at the mission school are his family.

When the last note sounds at a concert, our ministry doesn’t end. The music frequently opens the way for us to pray with our guests and share about God and the unique missionary training we receive at Hartland. We often leave Last Generation
magazines, and many people buy our CDs and receive information about our school.

At a gas station in Utah, a Native American lady selling beads motioned Adrian, a black choir member, over. “Come here. I want you to meet my husband.” She explained, “My husband is black, too, and we never see black people out here.”

“At first I feared that I was about to be robbed, but then I sensed an opportunity to witness,” Adrian says. “She took me to the back of the parking lot and began asking me questions.”

Adrian shared that he sang in a Christian choir, and the woman opened up about her desire to return to God. Her husband, completely skeptical, mocked her. “He just wants your money!” As Adrian and the wife continued talking, the husband walked away.

“I felt impressed to offer her a CD,” says Adrian. “I ran to the van for one, but when I got back to her, the husband had returned.

“Then her husband yelled, ‘You actually bought one of those things from him?’ When I explained to him that it was a gift, his expression changed to one of surprise.

“As I turned to leave, the man stopped me and said, ‘You know, she’s going to play that thing, and it’ll probably drive me crazy, but that’s okay. I need God right now, too.’”

As I reflect on this trip, I am reminded how God used us to bring the Three Angels’ Messages to people who might have never attended a prophecy seminar or a Seventh-day Adventist church. Our tour was not just a series of nice songs, but music with power, testimonies from the heart, and an opportunity to witness and to encourage others.

by Claire Ware, Junior, Christian Secondary Education
I recently read a fascinating story about Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy, a couple who adopted a homeless boy who later became a National Football League player.

The Tuohys live by the “Popcorn Theory,” which is their philosophy of giving and of valuing people: “You can’t help everyone. But you can try to help the hot ones who pop right up in front of your face.”

That’s what Sean and Leigh Anne did when they first met Michael Ohrer. “We didn’t set out to take in a homeless kid. We just gave him a ride. He was the ultimate example of the Popcorn Theory.” On a cold November day, others drove by this 16-year-old boy only wearing a t-shirt and shorts. “At six foot five and over three hundred pounds, [Michael] is the biggest piece of popcorn you ever saw. It’s about acknowledging that person’s potential and value. It’s about seeing him, instead of looking past him.”

Sean and Leigh Anne base their attitudes of giving on the Bible. “God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7. “Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.” Luke 12:48. And last but not least, the widow who gave her last two coins, “all that she had, even all her living.” Mark 12:43, 44.

They ended their story by encouraging us to discover the joy of cheerful giving for ourselves.

Hartland has popcorn kernels! They are in the form of wonderful students who come to us from around the world. Have you met soft-spoken but determined Loago Setswalo whose vision is to start a missionary training school in his home country of Botswana? Or Martha Castañeda from Colombia who waited four years to attend Hartland College? She isn’t waiting until she graduates to use the health outreach skills she’s learned, but is already planning a mission trip to Chile and Argentina. Then there’s the indefatigable Cheng Long Zhao from China who, despite his struggles with English, is majoring in both Pastoral Evangelism and Christian Media Management and minoring in Music. He recently conducted the Hartland Campus Choir ladies during a convocation concert.

Hartland is a popcorn bowl, which holds “the hot ones who pop right up in front of your face.” Operating this school is a faith venture. By helping us with our urgent needs, you are advancing the truth through our students. Thank you for your partnership.

1Tuohy, Leigh Anne and Sean with Sally Jenkins, In a Heartbeat, (New York: Holt, 2010), p. 1
2Ibid., p. 2
3Ibid., p. 2
Never to Retire!

After Hartland’s new leader, Norbert Restrepo, arrives in March, I will continue to travel, preach, teach, give counsel, inspire young people, and write as long as God gives me strength.

Praise the Lord! On Thursday, February 24, President-elect Norbert Restrepo Jr. finally received his visa from the United States Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. Our heavenly Father has rewarded us for patiently waiting. Brother Restrepo plans to fly up from Colombia with his wife and two children before the 2011 spring term begins. As soon as he arrives on campus, he will officially be the new president of Hartland Institute.

I firmly believe that those of you who know Brother Restrepo will be very happy with him as the choice for Hartland’s second president. He is a man of God who loves the precious truths of salvation. While a gentle man, he possesses a strong passion for God’s work and approaches it with fervency and great energy. He has spent the last fourteen years as president of Las Delicias Institute, located in Colombia and Venezuela. We are honored to have someone of his caliber taking up this responsibility. Meanwhile, I will continue to serve as president until Brother Restrepo arrives.

However, as I travel around, I am amazed that so many have interpreted the fact that I am stepping down from the presidency as meaning that I have retired. “All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils,” I have no plans to retire. I intend to serve the Lord as long as He gives me health and strength to do so. Yet, I believe that the time has come for me to be relieved of administrative burdens. Brother Restrepo comes at just the right time with the necessary qualifications to do this.

Please pray that God will continue to strengthen me to travel, preach, teach, give counsel, inspire young people, and also to keep on writing. My burden is to help God’s people and those who are out in the world to find the pathway to His eternal kingdom.

Colin D. Standish, President, Hartland Institute

PASSING THE TORCH

Come to our special event on Sabbath, April 30, at 4:30 pm. The torch of the presidency will be formally passed from Colin D. Standish to Norbert Restrepo Jr. Be sure to join us as we recap the story of God’s hand in establishing Hartland Institute!
Hartland Youth Rally, April 29–May 1, 2011

**Theme:** Soldiers of Christ

Jesus Christ yearns for you to be one of His soldiers who will hasten His coming. But how can you be a good soldier who wrestles against the prince of this world? Come join us and be inspired at Youth, Do You Dare!

**Speakers:** Aaron Baker, John Baxter, Norbert Restrepo Jr., ReNeita Samuel  
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April 29–May 1, 2011

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**About Our Spring Convocation Speaker**

John Baxter, along with other weekend speakers, will challenge and inspire both the young and the young at heart to serve as missionaries in their homes, communities, and to the uttermost parts of the earth!

Set free from drugs and alcohol 20 years ago, John now recruits, trains, and mobilizes missionaries for Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM). John is happily married to Beth (Dull), and they have two daughters, Hannah and Sarah. The family served as missionaries in India with both the General Conference and AFM. Prior to that John was an international banker in New York City.

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