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Seed Planting Season

Twenty-eight Years of Service
“I learned about Hartland after my pastor met Dr. Standish in Germany. My pastor asked me if I wanted to study there,” shares 2002 Hartland College graduate Maria Gligor. “Back then I worked as a nurse at a hospital in Romania, but I knew I needed to improve my character. I had recently been baptized, and I wanted to learn more about Daniel and Revelation.”

Maria easily obtained a visa, and decided to major in Health Ministry at Hartland. “I was already a nurse, so I thought, Why should I change? However, I didn’t realize the full extent of the natural lifestyle program. It is very different from nursing.”

Having a nursing background enabled Maria to challenge some of the classes, but she still had a lot to learn about God’s healing ways. After studying for three and a half years, Maria worked at the Hartland Lifestyle Center and witnessed God’s healing ways firsthand. “The classes give the theory, and when working in the lifestyle center you can put the theory into practice. You can see with your own eyes how proper diet, exercise, and hydrotherapy treatments really work to decrease pain or lower blood glucose levels in the lifestyle guests.”

Maria also came to appreciate the missionary focus of Hartland College. “When constantly hearing someone in class say ‘missionary,’ ‘mission trips,’ or ‘working for the Lord,’ you gain a desire to have not just a job, but a ministry. It’s a completely different mindset.”

With the mindset of “service” rather than “a career,” Maria has since been sharing the things she learned at Hartland with others. When Hartland’s lifestyle program needed a new director, Maria accepted the challenge. “As a student, I worked in every department in the lifestyle center, so my experiences there have enabled me to direct the program. Now I must work with the health guests, conduct health lectures and cooking classes, supervise the housekeeping and the hydrotherapy treatments, and run the kitchen. I even plan the menus, delegate work to the students, and take the health guests on outings.”

Hartland’s lifestyle program still has many needs—such as a full-time doctor and a new director to take over some of Maria’s many responsibilities—but in the meantime, Maria cheerfully carries more than her share of the weight, because she sees that God’s natural remedies really work, and she gains great satisfaction from serving Him. “When you’re in ministry, the joy and satisfaction is much deeper and more profound than on a regular job. Hartland taught me this.”

by Michelle Patterson
What is it about Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) that attracts the interest and participation of people from a variety of backgrounds and with so many different needs?

In this issue we get acquainted with Tom and Marlene Wilson. Marlene underwent the LEC program in May 2010, while Tom, her husband, was her companion and encourager. They traveled from Michigan to experience the healing atmosphere and training that had helped others before them.

Marlene faced a weight challenge which contributed to a fall from her porch. She sprained her pelvis and her leg was twisted under her. But praise the Lord, she did not break anything! Right then and there she decided to do something about her weight.

Marlene and Tom found their way to Hartland. They had heard stories of others who had received excellent results from lifestyle programs, including stories from previous guests at Hartland’s LEC.

Marlene arrived with her low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol up to 267. It dropped to 240 during her stay. She came with her pain level around 9 on a 10-point scale. By the end of the session, it had lowered to around 4. Over the 18 days, she lost 20 pounds. Her attitude changed. Up to this day, she continues the lifestyle that she learned at the LEC.

Tom states, “The LEC program saved my wife’s life, psychologically as well as physically. The upbeat atmosphere, the other guests with positive outlooks, and how caring the staff members were made it a tremendous experience.”

It definitely helped Marlene to have Tom there with her. Although he was not a direct participant in the classes, Tom learned with her. After leaving Hartland, this enabled him to help Marlene stay with the program and encourage her in striving toward her goals.

Perhaps you could also be helped by the healthful regimen at Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center. We offer a number of different solutions to a variety of complaints. Or perhaps you can encourage someone else to take advantage of the programs offered.

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Marlene made excellent progress in Hartland’s lifestyle program with the help of her husband, Tom.

by Archie McCluskey
The president is often looked to as the one who sets the sail of an institution—the direction in which it will go," states Dr. Colin D. Standish, foundational president of Hartland Institute from 1983-2011. “In any organization, serious decisions have to be made. Ultimately, the buck stops at the leader. He is held responsible.”

It is written: “Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.” Psalm 115:11. “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.” Jeremiah 17:7.

“Before opening Hartland Institute, the other board members and I made a commitment to follow the Word of God on the major issues of running a college,” Dr. Standish relates. “We did extensive research on how to operate a college according to the plans established by Sister White under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We wanted to follow firmly the principles laid out in the Spirit of Prophecy.”

During his 28 years as president, Dr. Standish dedicated his life to full-time service for Jesus Christ. He spent much of his time traveling, preaching, teaching, counseling, and inspiring the students. By the power of God, many great and wonderful things happened over those years.

Concerning his travels, he shares, “When Hartland first started, I was 49 years of age—still strong, energetic, and in good physical shape. It has always been difficult to cross the various time zones, but we saw a lot of needs in God’s church, and we wanted people to know about the institution—mainly its lifestyle program and college.”

As to whether he is ever tired from traveling when it is time to teach a college class, Dr. Standish answers, “You must make the students your top priority. They are the precious young people whom you are training to take the everlasting gospel to the world.” He continues, “Yes, you get exhausted. But you do the best you can, and God gives you the strength you need to press on.”

In the summer of 1988, Hartland’s first annual, on-campus camp meeting took
place. That was indeed a high moment for Dr. Standish. “Oh, yes—undoubtedly!” he exclaims. “Nearly 1,000 people attended out of curiosity or interest. Many of them showed up on campus early, so we had an open house before we actually got underway.”

Dr. Standish has also been blessed in watching many students complete their courses at Hartland College. “During Hartland’s first three years, one transfer student graduated from the college each year,” he exults. “Then in 1987, four years after the institution started, we had our first—you might say—‘official’ graduation. About fourteen students graduated that year.”

Hartland Institute is located near many historical sites connected with the American Revolution, religious freedom, and the ratifying of the United States Constitution. Dr. Standish believes this to be no accident. “There is no question. God has placed us right in the center of religious and civil liberty—the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is very important that our church be active in standing up for religious liberty. Religious and civil liberty go together. You need to have both.” Staff members and students enjoy visiting these historical sites as they study the Bible and history.

However, his greatest joy of all in serving as Hartland’s president has been “the spiritual development of the students. The real blessing is in seeing young men and women going out into the world and doing a great work for God—winning souls for His eternal kingdom. That is the most satisfying.”

In honor of his 28 years as Hartland Institute’s foundational president, Dr. Standish has been named President Emeritus. While the institution now operates under the leadership of its new president, Norbert Restrepo Jr., Dr. Standish will continue to travel, preach, teach, and give counsel as long as Christ gives him strength. Even though Dr. Standish has stepped down as president, he still works at Hartland, and he still lives on campus. His desire is to serve the Lord as long as God lends him breath.

Dr. Standish has been truly blessed by his experience as Hartland’s president. He testifies, “If I were to give a summation of it, I just feel that I have been blessed by the Lord to be part of an institution where the central goal is to follow God’s counsel. I am so thankful to Him for the opportunities that I have enjoyed in being part of this ministry.”

by Kevin Wahl

Top: Colin Standish (left) with his twin brother, the late Russell Standish (right), circa 1980

Far Left: Dr. Standish with his beloved wife, Mrs. Cheryl Standish, circa 1979

Left: Dr. and Mrs. Standish with their son Nigel and daughter Alexandra
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The church must arouse. The members must awake out of sleep and begin to inquire, “How is the money which we put into the treasury being used?” The Lord desires that a close search be made. Are all satisfied with the history of the work for the past fifteen years? Where is the evidence of the co-working with God? Where has been heard throughout the churches the prayer for the help of God? Where has been heard throughout the churches the prayer for the help of the Holy Spirit? Dissatisfied and disheartened, we turn from the scene.
This Spring, ten Hartland College students went to Clearwater, Florida, to spread God’s Word through the colporteur ministry. Below are three of the powerful testimonies they shared with us.

“A Native American woman smiled at me and bought every book that I carried in my bag. Then she told me, ‘Keep up what you’re doing.’ After I wrote her a receipt, she handed me another $10 and said, ‘This is for lunch.’ She was thrilled with her new books! Also, a lady at a fitness club really liked the book Foods That Heal. In turn, she invited me to come back in the evening, and she set up a whole booth for me so I could sell books to other people. I returned with Rena Lee, and the people bought copies of Foods That Heal, Peace Above the Storm, and other books. What a blessing!” - Radford Bingham, Sophomore, Florida

“When I sold my first book this spring, the lady thanked me very much for the book. Praise the Lord. But I learned that our Lord doesn’t measure us by how many books we sell, but by what spirit we go in to reach out to others. Most of the people I met did not buy books, but I still prayed with them, for they desperately needed ‘the peace of God, which passeth all understanding.’ I know the Holy Ghost led me to those souls to help them—to leave Christ’s peace with them. The spring canvassing experience only went on for one week; but it changed my life, and I thank God for it.” - Adrian Bingham, Sophomore, Florida

“One lady’s seven-year-old son heard me canvass her on the children’s book, Storytime. Right away he left his video game, ran over to us, and said, ‘Mom, I need that book.’ But they didn’t have much money, so she asked me to come back. I told her I’d ask my leaders if I could. Just as I was about to canvass someone else, she and her son stepped outside. She told me, ‘My son is scared that you won’t be back tomorrow. He has $10 and he wants to buy that book.’ I thought, He’s in second grade. He has $10 and he wants to buy this book. WOW! God is so awesome. Never underestimate a little kid!” - Rena Lee, Sophomore, Georgia
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USA Today, March 17, 2011

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“Too Late!”

Stewardship lessons from the Japanese invasion of Rangoon

“Take everything in my house, Mr. Hare—the oriental carpets, the furniture, and the dishes. Take them all. I can’t use them anymore, and I would feel so much happier if your mission had them.”

Mrs. Ling was one of the wealthiest women in Rangoon, and she was in an extremely generous mood. But as much as the Burmese Seventh-day Adventist mission could have used her goods earlier, they were worthless now. The Japanese would invade the city tomorrow, and everyone was trying desperately to get out.

“I’m sorry, Mrs. Ling. We really could have used your help when we asked a few months ago. Now we are preparing to leave with our few belongings, and we have no idea when we will be back.”

“But the Japanese will take them—possibly even destroy them. Please take them with you!” Mrs. Ling began to weep.

“I’m sorry, Mrs. Ling, but the government is only allowing two suitcases each. We’re all packed now, and we have no room to take your things. It’s too late to give them now.”

“Too late! Too late!” Mrs. Ling sank to her knees in the dust by our mission compound, ignoring her fine silk clothing and wailing loudly. “Why did I wait? They will take everything from me. It’s too late!”

Eric B. Hare’s experience of evacuating Rangoon just before the Japanese occupation is a must-read. A lesson that comes through repeatedly is that one day it will be too late to help the cause of God with our money, our valuables, our time, and our talents. If we wait until the last minute to “help,” the need will be over and our resources will be worthless.

Here’s what we can do now. Counsel is given to make out our wills and arrange our property so we may leave it at any time. Some of these assets should be liquidated now, while there is still opportunity for the means to do some good. Lay this before the Lord. He will direct you. We can also deny ourselves snacks and other unnecessary items and put the money we save into a self-denial box. If we do this, “large and small sums would be saved for the cause of God.”

“The time will soon come when no man can buy or sell, save he who has the mark of the beast. We have no time to lose. The end is near.”

by Betsy Mayer

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It is a solemn thought to be part of a ministry that educates young people. We have the responsibility of exerting an influence and inviting them to respond to our high calling: “Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:7.

As a people we do not fully comprehend the profoundness of true education. Its direct relation to the everlasting gospel and its special role now, while we are living in the antitypical Day of Atonement, need to be understood.

Very relevant indeed are these prophetic words: “Now, as never before, we need to understand the true science of education. If we fail to understand this, we shall never have a place in the kingdom of God.”

Why is it so crucial for us to comprehend the true science of education? Inspiration answers: “In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, ‘other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.’ 1 Corinthians 3:11.”

The apostle Paul identified in a signal manner the direct relationship there is between the gospel and education—the power of God and the wisdom of God. “…We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24.

True education teaches us to depend on God, to make Him in reality our strength, wisdom and righteousness. Even more, it gives us the experience of the cross as the essence of all true development and the real source of power and influence.

Also, true education imparts an experimental knowledge of God; and as we know Him, we will love Him, assimilate His character, and obey His commandments. Love towards Him will motivate us to aim for the highest development of all our faculties for His service and glory. Love for Him will constrain us to love our fellow men. We will seek to understand the divine principles and will apply them to every field of knowledge. We will be willing to set aside the influence of our worldly values and false education, tradition, prejudice, unbelief, and any other thing that might be holding us back from fully following God’s revelation.

If we know and experience His love, we will receive the fullness of His power! “And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:19.

As parents, as teachers, and as Christian leaders, we need to bring the cross of Christ “into the daily experience in practical life.” This will touch the hearts of our children and youth. This will bring unity among us and all strife will cease. This will motivate us to strive for excellence. This will give us wisdom and discernment to understand the mysteries of God in the spiritual as well as
the physical and material realm. “He who has a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience has a settled faith in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures…. He knows that in true science there can be nothing contrary to the teaching of the word; since both have the same Author, a correct understanding of both will prove them to be in harmony.”

Our heavenly Father is yearning to give us this vision again as He is about to disclose the final and most complete manifestation of His power in the closing scenes of the history of redemption. He wants us to go deeper than the external adherence to the forms of godliness. He wants to manifest His power and His glory in earthen vessels!

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With God's blessing, reduced staff, and efficient management, Hartland's Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) has successfully generated $50,000 in “seed” money to help resume the renovation of the old lifestyle center. The first phase of the reconstruction project requires about $58,000. During our spring convocation, we witnessed God's Spirit impressing the hearts of His faithful stewards as they gave $5,000 towards the project. A few days later, when a donor learned about the LEC's $50,000 allocation, he was happy to match it towards the next phase. "I broke out in tears," shares LEC Director Maria Gligor. "I was so happy to see God's hand in this process." We trust more of the Lord's entrusted means will be channeled through His stewards to bring our project to completion. We invite you to open your hearts to receive and share His blessings.