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Our hedge against economic uncertainty

STAND! PVBYC

“I Was Ready for a Change”

Russia Is Calling Me!
“This year’s theme—‘STAND’—was just what I needed. I was encouraged to do what is right no matter what is going on.” Rebecca, Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp (PVYBC) camper

This testimony was shared after a week of camp by Rebecca, a camper who describes herself as having “a lot of friends, but they’re not the best influence on me, and it’s always been hard to stand, because I don’t want to be weird.”

Sixty-one young people were shown that when they accept Christ, have a closer walk with Him, and serve Him, they experience joy and peace. PVYBC’s mission is “to train young men and women to choose right because it is right; to stand for truth though the heavens fall; and to be thinkers and not just reflectors of others’ thoughts.”

Although the structured schedule is packed with activities, counselors set aside a special time of daily worship where campers share with each other what they learned in their personal devotions. When asked, What did you appreciate most about camp? one camper replied, “Devotions, because they made me want to always do them.”

Dennis Anderson, a third-year Hartland College student, taught the Deep Bible Study class, focusing on the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6:11-18—our memory passage for the week. One camper reflected, “I liked how he broke down how to study the Bible.” Another said, “What I liked most about camp was the Deep Bible Study class, because we learned practical applications.” PVYBC’s well-rounded program includes recreation, life skills, and outreach classes. Campers discovered that Christians can have fun in a variety of recreation classes, such as Painting, Drawing, Canoeing, Sign Language, Auto Mechanics, Musical Mysteries, Science Experiments, and Digital Photography.

In classes such as Wilderness Survival, Basic Rescue and CPR, Medical Missionary Training, Cooking Adventures, Literature Evangelism, Creative Hymn Improvisation, and Woodworking, campers learned practical life skills. For example, those in Cooking Adventures prepared edible arrangements for our Friendship Feast, and our woodworkers built five sturdy picnic tables for Hartland Institute.

On Sabbath afternoon the youth used what they learned in their outreach classes to share God’s love. Participants in Orchestra, Camp Choir, and On Fire for Missions put on a program at a local nursing home. The Literature Distribution class conducted short surveys and found people who were interested in studying the Bible. Health Evangelism class members were pleasantly surprised to find a soap box derby at a nearby park, so there were many who accepted their offers for free blood pressure checks and free chair massages. Campers also handed out about 200 Last Generation magazines there.

During the evenings at campfire, Hartland College students shared their experiences of how they had to stand when it was unpopular to do so. On Saturday night, campers...
shared their testimonies of how God worked in their lives throughout the week.

Campers were not the only ones who benefited from camp. One counselor shared, “A lot of girls in my unit were having problems at home, and since I don’t have that at home, it was a real eye-opener to realize how many Christian homes in our church are falling apart! It really saddened me, so I shared some of my favorite Scripture verses that would help them have more faith. Sometimes they would just start crying out of nowhere, and I felt sick to my stomach. I thought, I don’t know how to deal with this! So I would go and put my arms around them, and pray with them. Then I’d say, ‘We can talk any time you need to, even after camp, okay?’ What an awesome experience, one that I will never forget!”

Mark your calendars so you don’t miss “Empowered by the Holy Spirit,” June 17-24, 2012. We can’t wait to see you then!

by Joan Reichard

Campers speak for themselves:
What did you most appreciate about camp? Why?

The spiritual atmosphere and the depth in which we can study the Bible and grow closer to Jesus, because it’s something important to me in life.
—16-year-old girl

The challenges thrown at me helped me grow physically, spiritually, and mentally.
—17-year-old boy

I enjoyed learning about God in a fun, interactive way.
—13-year-old girl

Studying the Bible.
—12-year-old boy

I enjoyed making new friends, learning how to study the Bible, and the yummy food.
—13-year-old girl

The outreach class, because it helps us share the light.
—13-year-old boy

The spirituality, because I learned to love and understand God more.
—12-year-old girl

The staff.
—16-year-old boy

I love it when everyone shows God’s love for one another.
—15-year-old girl

The Deep Bible Study because the speaker clearly explained everything.
—12-year-old girl

Testimonies. We got to know each others’ experiences.
—15-year-old boy
The July 10, 2011 issue of *Time* magazine featured an article entitled, “Want to Make More Than a Banker? Become a Farmer!” And with the way the economy is going, soon even backyard gardeners may be more financially secure than most bankers.

This is one reason Hartland Institute runs a serious agricultural farm. Hartland’s farm is also a fundamental aspect of education. “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Genesis 2:15. After the Fall, God used gardening to provide physical benefits as well: “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.” Genesis 3:19.

The Hartland College farm consists of orchards, gardens, and greenhouses where students grow fruit, grain, and vegetables according to God’s laws of nature. All students take a gardening course that includes seed selection, soil preparation, planting, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and harvesting.

Developing soil capacity requires intelligent thought and skill. Farm manager Esteban Cabrera loves working the ground. And he loves working with students, combining a farmer’s experience with their youthful energy. “The students are performing first class!” Esteban exults. “Each one of them does an excellent job.”

Hartland’s farm is at the forefront of healthful agricultural methods, producing superior quality, nutrient-rich crops free of harmful chemicals and genetically modified organisms. Not only do its bountiful harvests supply Hartland’s kitchens, but the crops are also sold to health food stores in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Hartland’s produce is also distributed to 60 high-end restaurants in Washington, D.C., through The Fresh Link, a private company owned by Mollie Visosky. The restaurants include Sonoma, Art and Soul, BlackSalt, Eola, and Komi.

As farm production increases, the more self-supporting Hartland can be. “There is a greater demand from our customers than we’re producing,” Brother Cabrera relates. “We are preparing to increase production—especially in winter when the shorter days and the cold weather limit how much you can grow. We are building raised beds in our current greenhouses, so we can grow root crops such as carrots and turnips. We also want to invest about $12,000 in greenhouses to raise baby greens, such as baby lettuce.”

Gardening increases our faith and trust in God and teaches us to be partners with Him. Many worried investors are storing up gold as a hedge against economic pandemonium, but you can’t eat gold. Nor can you develop character by hoarding precious metals. New farm employee Eduardo Maya exclaims, “If we work the land as the Lord commands, we’ll be as kings and queens!” Indeed!

*by Betsy Mayer*
Missionary in Training

Without Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund, Debbie Paúl would not be gaining the knowledge and skills she uses for ministry during school breaks.

“With God nothing shall be impossible!” This passage crossed my mind after checking in at the airport with two big suitcases—70 lb. each. I thought this was the flight company’s weight limit, but when I got there, they said, “Not if you’re going to Argentina. You have to pay $200 or leave your things here. This load is too heavy.”

What will I do now? I asked myself. I had taken fomentation supplies, clothes for little children, shoes, and a box full of books donated by Hartland Publications (HP). I knew those things would be a blessing to the people in South America. I prayed and then spoke with the company’s manager. He filled out some papers and told me, “Go. Everything is ready.” I praise God for helping me at the starting point of my mission trip. I knew He had a plan. The trip was His gift to me, and I needed to use it to glorify His holy name.

That first Sabbath afternoon in my hometown of General Alvear in Mendoza, Argentina, people from the community gathered together in a church member’s house. I spoke to them about health. Working at Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center taught me much more about health and how God’s laws help fight disease in a simple way. I shared the great value of a good night’s sleep—how it can transfer short-term memory to long-term memory and boost the immune system.

The people were shocked! And in their faces I saw their desire to know more! After I showed them the books HP sent, they wanted to set up a library where people could take books out, study them, and bring them back to let others benefit from them, thus reaching many more souls!

“These are just what she needs!” a mother exclaimed when she saw some shoes for her daughter. “I’ve never seen such a nice pair of shoes. God is so good!”

I realize the great need not only in material things, but in spiritual growth and physical health as well. So happy with the things they learned, the people begged, “This is too short! We need to learn more. Please come back.”

With our hearts on fire, my brother and I plan on returning to Argentina and visiting Chile in November 2011. We will present a one-week health program leading people to the true Healer—JESUS CHRIST!

I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for supporting Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund. Thank you also for your prayers. God bless you and keep you.

by Debbie Paúl

1 Luke 1:37
Hartland’s 2011 Family Camp Meeting was a stormy event! Well, not really. The weather outside was lovely, but we felt the time had come to tackle some issues that are gaining ground among God’s people. Our theme “Winds of Doctrine” says it all. At each evening meeting one particular issue was covered; the morning roundtable discussions gave opportunity for interaction and clarification for those with questions; and one entire seminar was dedicated to the charges of plagiarism against Ellen White. Other seminars covered practical knowledge vitally important in the end times. Our new exhibit hall gives ample room for visitors to browse the many booths and see what is going on behind the scenes at Hartland. Even though the economy is tight we had a large crowd. Visitors came from Florida, Michigan, and even as far away as California. We praise God that He has provided us with a lovely facility and powerful speakers to bring present truth messages in this critical time in Earth’s history.

We invite you to come to our fall convocation on “The Church Will Triumph,” October 21–23, 2011, presented by Hartland graduate, Giancarlo de Miranda, class of 2010.
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“I Was Ready for a Change”

Through prayer and lifestyle changes, Kathryn miraculously quit smoking.

Initially, I came to Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center for help with my smoking and weight problems—and depression, which seems to get better as my weight gets better. But when I arrived and they did the blood work, I found out that my cholesterol was too high.

Kathryn Joyner, 21, started smoking at the age of 13. When she started wheezing at night, coughing, and getting out of breath easily, she realized that something needed to change.

With the support of her parents and little brother, Kathryn threw herself wholeheartedly into the “Lifestyle to Health” program—plant-based cooking, exercising, and the whole gamut of healthful lifestyle changes. Miracles ensued.

“I have no more urges to smoke,” Kathryn rejoices, “and the only way that could happen is through God. Before I came here I tried to stop sometimes, but each time I grew very angry and irritable. However, once I came here, I was ready. I prayed about it, and I haven’t felt any cravings.”

Kathryn also lost 11 pounds, and her endurance is mounting! “It’s so easy to exercise here, especially when you’re walking, because there’s just so much to see and the scenery is so pretty.” She has already made a detailed exercise schedule to implement at home, and plans to keep in touch with her new support group of staff and students at the Lifestyle Education Center (LEC). Her brother, an avid meat lover, has even promised both to work out with her and to try all the plant-based meals she plans to make!

Kathryn discovered that the LEC program is not just about physical healing. “I believe I’ve grown spiritually. At one point I started feeling anxious, wondering if I would really be able to continue this program. Then I realized that stress is a lack of faith, and if I have faith, then I don’t need to be stressed out. Whatever comes, God will help me handle it.”

With such a confidence in God and solid plans for continued lifestyle change at home, Kathryn is sure to achieve her goal of total health.

Kathryn advises you, “With any lifestyle change, you must be ready for it and really want it, in order for the change to work. So if there’s somebody with these issues that really wants help, this is a great place to come. The main thing is to be ready and to be willing to accept the fact that you can’t achieve it by yourself. You need God. You need support from your family. And sometimes you need a lifestyle center.”

by Rachel Perry
Sign up for Hartland’s “Lifestyle to Health” program!

Each 18-day session allows seven guests to participate in healthful activities designed to help combat lifestyle-related illnesses.

Come and receive massage and hydrotherapy treatments, plant-based cuisine, and individual counseling from caring personnel.

Enjoy a relaxed, homelike setting complete with private bedrooms, exercise equipment, and a kitchen for health classes and cooking demonstrations.

Contact us for a healthy new you! Call 1-800-763-9355.

Current Staff Openings

Any candidate must be a Seventh-day Adventist with a firm belief in the principles of true education as outlined in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

HARTLAND FARM
We are seeking someone with large-scale farming and orchard experience to develop organic produce to sell to wholesale and retail distributors.

HARTLAND INSTITUTE
We are seeking someone with experience in marketing and business to promote Hartland’s products and services to our local community and beyond.

HARTLAND COLLEGE
The Christian Education Department seeks an experienced instructor with a commitment to excellence to teach courses that prepare students to become excellent Christian educators.

HARTLAND PLANT SERVICES
We are seeking a framer/builder/plumber/electrician with experience in repair and construction.

LIFESTYLE EDUCATION CENTER (LEC)
LEC is seeking an experienced physician (MD) who specializes in diagnosing and prescribing programs that are in harmony with God’s healing methods to manage and reverse chronic disease conditions.

The Natural Therapies Department is seeking a female therapist trained in hydrotherapy and natural treatments who is able to instruct and supervise student practitioners.

The Food and Nutrition Services Department seeks a part-time cook with experience in vegan cookery, who is able to follow recipes and produce wholesome, delicious, and appealing dishes.

Contact Alena Wehr at 540-672-1996 ext 231 or awehr@hartland.edu.
After finishing high school I wasn't sure what I should do in life, but through Hartland God placed a burden in my heart for medical missionary work! I’ve learned many things about the Bible, health, gardening, and how to share these life-changing truths. Also I learned many life skills, practical lessons that changed me as a person and refined my character. Most importantly, I found God personally and met friends for life, people who have the same desire to finish the Lord’s work.

My first college internship site was the Review and Herald’s health ministry called Natural Healing Through the Laws of Health, led by James Luke and his family. We traveled to various churches and homes, sharing with people the better way of living. My journey was full of amazing experiences as I witnessed God’s medical ministry plan at work!

Now I’m finishing my internship at Weimar Institute’s NEWSTART Lifestyle Center in Weimar, California. My goal here is to show the health guests Christ’s love for them. Sharing the health message makes reaching that goal much easier. Every time I teach people how to prepare healthful, invigorating meals, or give them a hydrotherapy treatment or massage, I have an opportunity to talk and pray with them.

One recent experience comes to mind. Raffaello*—a strongwilled Italian and staunch Roman Catholic—relished meat and cheese. He faced many health issues, underwent heart surgeries, was overweight, needed to be connected to an oxygen tank, and couldn’t walk on his own. After being on the NEWSTART program for a few months, he improved drastically. He learned a lot about our faith and lifestyle while being here at NEWSTART Lifestyle Center. Now he is at home witnessing to his large family about the new lifestyle that changes lives from the inside out.

I praise God for the truths I’ve learned, because now I’m better equipped to do His work. You can’t share what you don’t know. During my studies and internship I met people who made a great impact on my life and helped me see who God really is. I discovered a love for the Word of God like never before.

My vision for the future is to finish the work so Jesus can come soon! God gave me a tremendous burden for the people in my country—Russia. Most of them don’t know anything about God. Medical missionary work will be a perfect tool to reach those precious souls for Christ Jesus.

* not his real name

by Nastasya Bravarets

“Af ter four years of training, my heart burns to reach my people for Jesus Christ,” says Nastasya Bravarets.
We face a tremendous challenge. All around us, men and women grope for solutions to their problems—solutions that can only be found in God’s Word. Our challenge is, How do we reach these people when most do not recognize the Bible as the Book bearing the answers to their troubles? Many of them already belong to Christian denominations, but their understanding of the Scriptures is still unclear, so they do not receive the instruction that they need so much!

We find the answer to this dilemma in God’s Word. “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.” Romans 8:19. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16.

We need to manifest in our lives the practical solutions to our society’s problems. Men will see these “good works.” When our fellow men notice our happy homes, our well-educated Christian children, and the physical and mental health that we enjoy, they will wonder what makes this difference in our lives. And as they perceive God’s love flowing from our hearts in unselfish acts of service, they will be touched and their hearts will begin to soften in preparation to receive the seeds of truth.

The precious message that we have—the wonderful instructions for every aspect of our lifestyle—can be depicted as something desirable to those outside of our faith. Jesus made this very clear after sharing the blessings that would be ours as a result of receiving the principles of His kingdom. He then said, “Ye are the salt of the earth.”“Ye are the light of the world!” Matthew 5:13, 14.

In these times of financial uncertainty, increased crime, moral degeneracy, and abounding illness, we can be as a “balm in Gilead.” This includes sharing God’s health message—the opening wedge to preaching His gospel. Medical missionary work is the right arm of the third angel’s message. We are called to impart this knowledge to the entire world. The Lord says, “Arise, shine.” “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.” Isaiah 60:1; 58:8.

Norbert Restrepo Jr., President
Upcoming Events

Health Seminar  
September 9-11, 2011  
Speaker: Dr. Franklin Cobos and Dr. John H. Kelly  
Contact: Maria Gilgor  
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Collegedale, TN  
October 14-15, 2011  
Speaker: Colin Standish  
Contact: Steve & Betty Zmaj  
423-559-9927

South Hill, VA  
October 14-15, 2011  
Speaker: Jeff Wehr  
Contact: Richard Vaughn  
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Fall Convocation  
October 21-23, 2011  
Speaker: Giancarlo de Miranda

Contact: Paige Stimpel  
540-672-1996 ext 232

Fall Graduation  
November 5, 2011  
Contact: JH Shin  
540-672-1996 ext 302

Winter Convocation  
January 27-29, 2012  
Speaker: Cody Francis  
Contact: Paige Stimpel  
540-672-1996 ext 232

Colton, CA  
February 4, 2012  
Speaker: Norbert Restrepo  
Contact: Harold Cortez  
951-312-3917

Colton, CA  
March 3, 2012  
Speaker: Jeff Wehr

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To Schedule a Speaker  
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Staff Openings  
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Go to www.hartland.edu for updates.

About Our Fall Convocation Speaker  
Giancarlo de Miranda graduated from Hartland College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Pastoral Evangelism. He is currently working in his home country of Brazil as academic dean at Taquara Institute. With the help of Hartland’s Lord, Send Me program, Giancarlo is heading up the Santo Evangelistic Training Institute (SETI) which will prepare men and women for service to God.

The Church Will Triumph

October 21-23, 2011

With Giancarlo de Miranda

Hartland Fall Convocation

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Romie Durden by Michael Jackson
“Bud” Farquharson by Yvonne Cauthorn
Rex Horner (son) and Tammy Allen (granddaughter) by Billy and Jean Horner
Mr. and Mrs. Masilamony Lucas by Benaiah M. Lucas

In Honor of

A much-appreciated daughter by Rollie Palmeter