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April was suffering from depression and needed to lose weight. “At home I suffered from depression all the time,” relates April Turnipseed, age 17, from Defuniak, Florida.

April heard about Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) from her friends Jamie and Annie. “We do yard work together—twice a week,” April shares. “Jamie talked about the lifestyle program, and it sounded interesting to me. Then she surprised me—she enrolled me in the 18-day session! What a great blessing.”

During those 18 days in August, April started a walking routine. “I walked a lot!” she says. “Every morning, from Monday to Thursday, my walking partner and I went outside for an hour-long fast walk. At Hartland I learned that exercise makes you happy when you’re depressed. Sunshine helps, too.”

Since April is from Florida, one would think she gets abundant sunshine. “Actually, I prefer to stay indoors. I don’t like being in the sunshine,” she admits. “But I know that’s not a good thing, so I spend at least 5 to 10 minutes in the sun each day.”

Then April mentions other things she learned from the lifestyle program. “I never knew that eating fast food is unhealthy for us, or that a person is supposed to eat only so much sugar in one year.”

In 18 days, April lost 15 pounds. “It’s amazing!” she exclaims. “If I lose all my excess weight, I’ll avoid diabetes, which my parents both have. I can live a happy, healthy life. But I will need to exercise a lot.”

April not only came to the LEC for physical healing, but also for spiritual healing. “I definitely wanted to be healed spiritually, and I have been. I’ve grown so close to God,” she rejoices. “The worships helped. I always felt like God was speaking to me—like the messages were all meant for me. Every speaker mentioned something new that I needed to know—something I’d been looking for. The two most important things I learned were how to be trusting and submissive.”

She adds, “All the books they gave me helped also.” Does April enjoy reading? She replies enthusiastically, “Yes—very much so!”

The LEC session indeed proved itself a rich blessing to April. She testifies, “It was very exciting! I stayed in a beautiful room, and I attended a cooking class five days a week. I had so much fun!”

April concludes, “I’ll be very tempted to return to the easy life I used to live. Living a healthy life is harder, but it reaps a lot more benefits.”

by Kevin Wahl
You Never Know Where God Will Call You

“I never imagined I’d be working in media ministry,” says Jesse Ravencroft, a 2003 Pastoral Evangelism graduate.

But God knew. And He knew just what college would prepare Jesse for his future ministry.

Not long after his high school graduation, Jesse struck up a conversation after church with Amelia Dias, a former staff member of Hartland Institute. He had no clue that their conversation would change his life. “I told her that in the future I wanted to do ministry. She told me about Hartland College. I phoned them, they interviewed me, I read their handbook, and I said, ‘This is exactly what I want!’”

Jesse enrolled immediately with a Pastoral Evangelism major and Health Ministry minor. Days were filled with classes, homework, outreach, and his favorite part—vocational training. “I worked at the Hartland Lifestyle Center as a chaplain and therapist. That prepared me for ministry better than any health class I ever took. When working with the health guests, we needed to understand their condition and figure out the treatment plan and protocol. That experience was the best part of all. Industry, exactness, promptness, efficiency—all those things I learned during my work experience.”

As a therapist, Jesse received the opportunity to minister to many guests with various health concerns. He remembers one particular man who arrived with a severe case of depression, which stemmed from his cancer. “I took him for walks and gave him treatments for his cancer,” Jesse recounts, “but the greatest benefit was when I prayed with him and gave him biblical principles to help him overcome depression.

“One day as we were walking together, he spotted a flower. As he reached down and plucked it, he said, ‘God made this flower to remind me that He loves me, and I can be happy.’ By the end of the session, he seemed like a totally different man. The depression and moodiness were gone. After that experience, I thought, ‘This is what it’s all about. I thank God for my training that helped me to reach out to people like him.’

Jesse is now engaged in a worldwide media ministry, digitizing old sermons and talks by the late W.D. Frazee and other historical speakers on medical missionary work, and archiving them online. “It’s quite interesting,” Jesse chuckles. “I took Pastoral Evangelism, minored in health, and now I’m working mostly in media, while teaching massage on the side. You never know where the Lord is going to lead you. Whatever you major in, the Lord might have something else in mind. But either way, make sure you get an all-around education—you never know when you’ll need to use it.”

by Rachel Perry
"If God is a God of love, why would He let such horrible things happen in the world?" a man questioned Simdumise, a student colporteur. Considering the literature he had with him, Simdumise handed him a *Last Generation* magazine with an article entitled, “God on Trial: If God is so powerful, why does He permit suffering?” He directed the man’s attention to a text in the article, “The Son of Man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.” Luke 9:56. The man willingly took the magazine.

This summer, colporteurs from Hartland College spent time sharing God’s love in Providence, Rhode Island and New York City. They were earning money for tuition by sharing God’s truth through books such as *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Bible Readings for the Home*. They were also testing the potential of *Last Generation* magazine in colporteur work. “Everybody enjoys the fact that we have a magazine,” says Chris, who led the team of Hartland students in New York City. Joel, another student colporteur, shares, “When people can’t afford a book, we offer them a magazine. They often give a small donation, and this gives them such joy, because they feel like they’ve done something for you.”

When Dennis offered a simple prayer and *Last Generation*’s “Back to Basics,” a special issue on the Three Angels’ Messages and the law of God, to a Muslim man in Rhode Island, it brought tears to the man’s eyes. He had just come from visiting his Christian mother, who frequently read Bible verses to him and asked for his opinion. Dennis’ visit was truly the opportunity that the Holy Spirit needed to reach his heart with truth.

Rena met a man to whom she handed “Minutes to Midnight,” an issue on the imminent return of Jesus. As he flipped through it, he came to our regular column, “These Times: A penetrating look at current events in light of Bible prophecy.” Seeing an item linking Pope Benedict’s*’ 2008 visit to the United States with Bible prophecy, he enthusiastically took the magazine.

When colporteurs found people sitting on store benches and inside cars reading magazines on topics such as the Sabbath and the danger of smoking, this was their greatest reward.

This summer, *Last Generation* magazine
proved to be a successful tool to give answers on a broad range of topics including God’s love, prophecy, death, and economic uncertainty. People everywhere are hungry for answers to questions. They want freedom from oppressing thoughts and lifestyles.

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by Laura Wehr
*Pope Benedict XVI

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The Ripple Effect

Your gifts to the Missionary Training Fund help students like Simdumise start ripples of influence whose results will only be known in heaven.

“Hartland was the only college that God kept pointing me to,” states Simdumise Poswa, a sophomore from South Africa. “I had been working for a few months as a missionary, and then I realized my need for training. So in turn I read the book *Education*, and then I read information on different schools, including their handbooks. Hartland’s handbook was the closest to the guidelines given in *Education*.

“After my first term, I thought I was ready for the mission field because I had learned so much in one term.” But, after a year and a half, Simdumise is in his fifth term studying Pastoral Evangelism. What’s keeping him? “I ‘woke up,’ realizing that if I can learn so much in just one term, then that means there’s that much more to learn from the other years I have left.”

Since he stayed, Simdumise has been learning the practical side of ministry. “I’ve learned how to relate to people on a personal level, how to combine doctrine with the love of Christ, and how to properly share the truths that I know with others.” Simdumise points to Hartland’s colporteur requirement as the litmus test of what he learns in the classroom. “I’ve especially learned from my evangelism class the importance of tact and good judgment, and that was tested when I went colporteuring. Then I needed to apply what I learned in class, because when facing rude rejections from complete strangers, it can be a temptation for the ‘old man’ of self to rise up in defense. But the grace of God kept me. Hartland has taught me lessons that I can apply when I’m off campus—lessons I will apply in my home continent after I graduate.”

After graduation, Simdumise plans to return to Africa to help establish a missionary training school. “Hartland has a program that offers students opportunities to start their own ministries in other countries. I am now part of a project called ‘Pure Light for Africa,’ a ministry preparing to open a school in Botswana to train many other missionaries for Christ.” He points out, “Being a Missionary Training Fund student has given me this opportunity.”

As you give to Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund, “you are not only helping the student to be trained, but you are indirectly reaching souls through him. Then the souls he reaches and teaches will reach and teach others. You don’t realize the impact you make in sponsoring even one Hartland College student.” In God’s hands, “your influence is unlimited.”

by Henry Joseph Ware
My heart aches as I write this article. If ever there is a time for young people to fulfill the requirement written by the Lord’s servant, surely that time is now.

“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!”

Twenty-eight years ago, God raised up Hartland College with the goal of rightly training young men and women to become leaders who will proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages to the entire world. Today, we have many graduates on every inhabited continent who are proclaiming the everlasting gospel—making the impact. But the army must be expanded rapidly. My heartache is due to the fact that many young people from poor countries, and from North America, who are eager to be trained for God’s service, cannot afford to attend Hartland College. When Hartland began, we knew this would be the situation, so we established what we call the “Missionary Training Fund” (MTF).

I have just returned from Chile and Bolivia, where I met outstanding English-speaking young people who earnestly desire to train at Hartland College. We urgently need a great increase in our Missionary Training Fund. Some of you could sponsor one student or more. Whatever you can donate, small or great, you will be investing your means in the preaching of the gospel of Christ—“the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” Your investment will be for time and eternity.

The state of the world’s economy is one definite sign that we are nearing the end of this world. This is not a time to build up our bank accounts, or to invest funds into the stock market or in savings bonds. I personally believe that “now it is high time” for sacrificial giving toward the completion of God’s work. Remember, you also will be taking part in hastening Jesus’ coming by sponsoring those dear young people who so desirously long to serve the Lord.

If the Holy Spirit moves you to support our Missionary Training Fund, mark your donation “MTF.”

by Colin Standish

1 White, Ellen G., Education, p. 271
Why I Chose Hartland College

I came here to get the highest training so I can be most effective in ministry and prepared to reach out to people—not with mere knowledge, but experience.

**Mathew Farley, USA**  
Health Ministry

The Hartland students I knew made a lasting impression on me. Hartland teaches true education, and I knew my heavenly Father wanted me to study here. I realized that “now it is high time” to learn and work for my Savior whose coming is near. What could possibly be better in these last days than letting the Spirit use me to help spread the everlasting gospel?

**Rena Lee, USA**  
Christian Media Management

I chose to attend Hartland College because of the principles of truth the college still upholds, especially on education. This, I believe, will train me and prepare me for the work of the Lord in the future.

**Viliame Saquisau, Fiji**  
Pastoral Evangelism

I chose to come to Hartland to experience true education and to be trained to be an instrument in preparing the final generation.

**Claire Ware, USA**  
Christian Elementary and Secondary Education

God does not call the qualified—He qualifies the called. I chose to attend Hartland College because I believe God would use the program at Hartland to qualify me to become a minister of the gospel.

**Dennis Anderson, USA**  
Pastoral Evangelism

I wanted to learn more about God through His Word, and to follow His blueprint for doing medical missionary work.

**Angeline Nyaata, Kenya**  
Health Ministry

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A Student’s Influence

Recently, I attended and spoke at an international youth Bible camp at Las Delicias Institute in Colombia, South America. Loago Setswalo, a Pastoral Evangelism intern from Hartland College, was also a speaker.

During Loago’s last presentation, he shared how God had called him to full-time ministry, and how God had made it possible for him to leave his homeland of Botswana, Africa to study at Hartland College. He also shared his vision to return to Botswana to start a missionary training school. While Loago spoke, I happened to be sitting next to a young computer engineering professor who taught at a prestigious university in Caracas, Venezuela.

Loago himself had studied computer engineering at a university in South Africa. After God called him to ministry, he faced a severe test. He left the university and waited over six months to receive his visa so he could come to Hartland. During that time, Loago’s uncle, a contractor, offered him a job as the administrator of his construction company in Botswana. Loago boldly answered, “No. God has called me to be a full-time missionary.”

As the professor listened to Loago’s testimony, he said to himself, “Wow!” He lowered his head, and tears flooded his eyes. He then related to me, “The Lord is calling me to do exactly what Loago just shared.”

The Bible camp ended, and the professor, feeling burdened to quit his job and dedicate his life to full-time ministry, requested a meeting with the Las Delicias leaders.

The leaders invited me to the meeting, and he asked us all for counsel and prayer. It was a most wonderful experience.

 Providentially, Loago and the professor were roommates during the Bible camp. He told Loago, “I have met some tests, and they have held me back. But now I am encouraged to move forward, because I know that God has called me also to be a full-time missionary.”

This is just one example of how encouraging and far-reaching a Hartland student’s influence can be when people see that they have dedicated themselves fully to the Lord, and that He is opening doors for them to serve Him.

by Norbert Restrepo as told to Kevin Wahl

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’s farm needs someone with large-scale farming and orchard experience.

Hartland Institute needs a marketer and/or businessman to promote Hartland’s goods and services to our local community and beyond.

Hartland College needs a Christian education instructor who is able to teach courses that train and prepare students to become Christian educators.

Hartland Plant Services needs a skilled framer/builder/plumber/electrician with experience in repair and construction.

Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) needs:
- a physician (MD) who specializes in diagnosing and uses God’s healing methods to manage and reverse chronic lifestyle diseases.
- a female therapist trained in hydrotherapy and natural treatments who is able to instruct and supervise student practitioners.
- a part-time vegan cook, who is able to follow recipes and prepare healthful and delicious dishes.

Contact Alena Wehr at 540-672-1996 ext 231 or awehr@hartland.edu.
Progress Report

Nearing the second reconstruction phase

"Dear brothers and sisters—as a result of your generosity, we are nearing the second phase of the renovation of our health and education facility," shares Norbert Restrepo Jr., president of Hartland Institute.

"The roof and the framing for the classrooms have been completed," relates Devon Blackwood, director of Hartland Plant Services. "The contractor is now ready to install the windows and doors."

What about the stairwell? Devon answers, "The stairs have been built. The final trim work and the finishing touches still need to be done." Devon also mentions, "Even though the roofing system is finished, the sun deck on the roof is still being repaired. This is where the health guests spend some time getting sunshine."

The next phase will deal with the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC). Devon informs us, "There is a set sequence that the contractor needs to follow in this renovation. After the HVAC has been installed, the contractor will start working on the plumbing."

Our aim is to finish every reconstruction phase, so that we can finally use our health and education facility. We always have room for improvement in providing quality Christian education for our college students, plus healthful treatments and homelike living conditions for our lifestyle guests.

Friends, your prayers and financial support are what enable us to progress in endeavors such as this renovation. We invite you again to open your hearts and reap God’s blessings.

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.
Extraordinary Education for Exceptional Times
The challenges that our youth will soon face require a preparation that has no precedent in history.

We have begun a new school year and it is an exciting time! We are blessed to see our students back with the new freshman class. What an awesome privilege and responsibility to receive and train these young people who desire to be missionaries. We are indebted to share with them the experience and talents God has given us. They are the younger members of our spiritual family who will have to take the heat of the battle and face the challenges of the upcoming final events.

Oswald Chambers, a prominent early 20th century Scottish Christian minister and teacher—best known as the author of the devotional *My Utmost for His Highest*—stated that humanism would ultimately lead to a vast, worldwide socialist confederacy with the son of perdition on the top.¹

Today, ten years after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, we live in the aftermath of a world that is consolidating into a globalist society. This modern tower of Babel, this modern image on the plain of Dura, is being erected before our eyes, and the challenges that our youth will soon face require a preparation that has no precedent in history.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15) is Christ’s command to His followers. Not that all are called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of either term—but all may be workers with Him in giving the “glad tidings” to their fellow men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given.

“In view of this command, can we educate our sons and daughters for a life of respectable conventionality, a life professedly Christian, but lacking His self-sacrifice, a life on which the verdict of Him who is truth must be, ‘I know you not?’

“Thousands are doing this. They think to secure for their children the benefits of the gospel while they deny its spirit. But this cannot be. Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory.”²

Oh that we would follow the prophetic instruction given to us for such a time!

¹ Chambers, Oswald, *Biblical Psychology*, p. 15
² White, Ellen G., *Education*, p. 264
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