“Where is the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church?” people eagerly asked as we were leaving the Orange County Free Clinic. I grew astounded as I witnessed how powerful the health message is in opening people’s minds to spiritual direction.

Dr. Randolph V. Merrick, the clinic’s president, invited Hartland’s Health Outreach class to share God’s wonderful health principles.

As the people entered, Henry Campbell, a local Seventh-day Adventist health educator, performed a health age analysis on each person. They simply answered a few questions about their lifestyle practices—then we entered their information into a computer which calculated their health age. Some were shocked to find out that their health age was much greater than their real age, showing that they needed drastic lifestyle changes. This set the stage for them to listen with intense interest.

“The test showed that I’m a couple years older than my actual age,” relates Loretta. “I need to lose weight and get my body back in tune.”

After the health age analyses, we demonstrated a few easy recipes: a bean salad, baked oatmeal with blueberry topping, and a vitamin-packed smoothie. The attendees relished every bite.

While they ate, Ayumi Hashimoto, Hartland’s health outreach director, delivered an enlightening lecture about the effects of sugar and how to avoid high-sugar foods. All were surprised to learn that healthy cooking really isn’t so hard.

“We learned it is possible to buy and eat healthy foods, and not necessarily break the budget or compromise on taste,” attests April.

“Hartland’s health lectures help us to give healthy options to patients facing issues like diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol,” Doreen testifies. “They convinced me to cut back on my diet sodas.”

Having little experience with this type of health outreach, I was amazed to see such positive results. Everyone sincerely thanked us for taking the time to teach them these principles. After the health talks, we showed them a brief presentation about Hartland Institute. More than one expressed great interest in Hartland’s programs, and wanted to visit the campus—especially the farm where we grow our produce.

But the outcome stunned me the most. Just from hearing the health message presented, they were already excited to know about our church! The medical missionary work is definitely the right arm of the gospel ministry.

by Samuel Francis and Kevin Wahl

God’s Right Arm
As a Pastoral Evangelism major, I am persuaded now more than ever that God’s health message is the right arm of His gospel.
B rady Graham first came to Hartland Lifestyle Center in 2002. The health benefits were so outstanding that now, nine years later, he’s returned with his wife, Martha, for a refresher! “I saw the benefits from that time,” he explains, “but I slacked off. Then I started facing problems with diabetes and excess weight. I came back to work on those two things.”

This time Brady, seeing remarkable results again, has a renewed determination to stick with the program. “I’m going to exercise more, change my diet, and drink more water,” he vows, “and I’ll go to bed earlier and get up earlier.” He also plans to try some of the recipes at home. “The best meal I ate here was lentil patties with macaroni and ‘cheese,’” he recalls with a grin. Brady has already lost 15 pounds, and his blood glucose has gone down from 140 to 102.

Martha’s health also received a jump start. “I had high cholesterol, but I got it down to where it needs to be.” With the assistance of the professional, dedicated staff at Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC), Martha stopped taking both her blood pressure and her cholesterol medications. She also plans to join her husband in his lifestyle changes.

However, as every health guest at Hartland soon discovers, the best part of the whole program is the spiritually charged, pleasant atmosphere. “The surroundings are peaceful. The staff and students are friendly and pleasant. Every time I see the young people, they’re smiling,” says Brady. Martha agrees. “I had such a peaceful experience—much different from what we get in the city.”

Morning and evening, the guests enjoy worship talks presented by various Hartland College students. “The Bible studies were outstanding!” Brady exclaims. “The young people made me aware of different things, such as why God created us—to glorify Him.” Martha chimes in, “It was a wake-up call to us, reinforcing what we have been taught.”

Brady and Martha truly gained a jump start—physically, mentally, and spiritually. In conclusion, Brady advises, “If you suffer from health problems, try a facility like Hartland’s LEC to help you get off traditional medicines. Do it the natural way. It’s worth a try.”

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**Nastasya Bravarets, Russia**

*Health Ministry*

**Bible verse:** John 3:16

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“It was a great privilege singing to those who need comfort, giving them hope and the Advent message through music,” attests first-year chorale member Jermaine Gayle after a recent concert at a local hospice service.

Hospice of the Rapidan (HOTR) offers end-of-life care for people with terminal illnesses in five counties close to Hartland. As a part of this care, HOTR provides an annual service of remembrance to honor patients who have died that year. Although other views of death and the afterlife are presented at this program, the Three Angels Chorale—Hartland’s touring choir—is asked by the organizers to perform songs about the comforting truths of the resurrection and the New Earth.

Another first-year chorale member, La Quinta Reed shares, “At first I was scared, but as we sang, you could see faces changing in the audience, and how happy they had become.” “The music I heard sounded like angels singing!” exclaimed an attendee.

The chorale’s ministry doesn’t end when the last song is sung, but continues afterwards when chorale members mingle with the audience. Jermaine spoke with a family searching for hope beyond the grave and found that the music had made a profound impression on them. La Quinta was chatting afterwards with a mother and daughter, who opened up about their husband and father who recently had passed away. Other chorale members shared similar stories.

The Hartland Campus Choir has likewise partnered with HOTR for several years to perform spring community concerts, which also feature the hope and comfort of the resurrection and eternal life. This has been an opportunity for us to become acquainted with our community and to share truth with them through our music.

The impact of the chorale’s ministry in these settings is summarized by third-year Hartland College student Marlon Bingham, also a first-year chorale member: “People not only hear the message of hope through our songs, but they can see it in our lives.”

by Staff Writers
United in Service

Diego and Melissa Silva have blended their cultures and talents to conduct a vibrant ministry in Brazil and abroad.

“Hartland College provided the best circumstances for the development of my character during a crossroad in my life,” testifies 2006 graduate Diego Silva. “It also gave me the tools I needed for my life calling.”

He continues, “As a teenager struggling to find my identity, I faced questions like, What should I do with my future? Where should I study? Then I started reading the Spirit of Prophecy, which provided key answers to my questions.” Diego developed a love for the present truth taught at Hartland College and one year later, enrolled as a Pastoral Evangelism major.

“I learned about Hartland Institute from a former staff member,” Diego relates. “In Hartland I saw a school striving to apply the principles of true education I had read about in God’s Word. To this day I appreciate Hartland’s consistency and stability in standing for the integrity of the Bible, even in challenging times.”

Hartland’s Bible classes, manual training, courtship policy, and worships were rich blessings to Diego. His two favorite Bible classes were Conversion and Righteousness by Faith, and Middle Old Testament History. “I learned how to study my Bible for myself.” Last Generation magazine and the Hartland Lifestyle Center were two of his favorite vocational training sites. “I developed skills that are very useful in my life and ministry today. I acquired experience as a copy editor, chaplain, and therapist.”

Though Diego is originally from Brazil, he grew up in the United States. “I was six years old when my family moved to America.” But God called him to return to his homeland. “As a Hartland student, I went on a mission trip to Brazil in 2002. It was then that God clearly revealed to me my future in His work. He led me to the property that I would eventually purchase to start Taquara Institute.”

Today Diego serves as director of Taquara Institute of Health and Education, just outside Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. There he teaches Bible classes, including Conversion and Righteousness by Faith, and Old Testament History. “Hartland Institute gave me a model to follow in establishing a similar ministry.”

In addition to his teaching and administrative responsibilities at Taquara, Diego continues to preach God’s Word locally and internationally. Throughout 2011, he and his wife, Melissa, traveled and ministered on three continents.

Melissa Collett Silva, a 2004 Hartland graduate, begins her own unique story saying, “I never dreamed that I would one day live and minister in South America!”

Melissa is originally from Quebec, Canada and grew up speaking French and English.
“During high school, I spent four summers colporteuring. Through my colporteuring experience, the Lord impressed me to go into full-time ministry. After graduating from high school, I searched for the best college that would prepare me to be a missionary. I read Hartland’s handbook, and fell in love with their Bible Instruction program. I did not apply to study at any other college.”

She attests, “Majoring in Bible Instruction gave me a strong foundation in God’s Word, so that I would not be easily discouraged in the mission field, or leave God’s truth due to surrounding influences.

“Hartland also gave me opportunities to travel widely overseas, which prepared me for life in the mission field. I learned how to deal with diverse cultures.”

Melissa shares one of the most important lessons she learned while studying at Hartland. “During the summer before my senior year, a series of evangelistic meetings took place in Montreal. I made plans to be a Bible worker for that evangelistic effort, but my plans didn’t work out, and I was extremely disappointed.

“Instead of going to Canada, I worked in the kitchen at the Hartland Lifestyle Center, recorded my first music album—‘Glorious Love’—and then traveled on a mission trip to Bolivia. Our team conducted a Bible extension school, and I learned to speak Spanish.

“Looking back, I see that God had better plans for me—plans that would prepare me for my future work in Brazil. I have learned to trust God more when my own plans, as good as they might seem, fail.” She joyfully adds, “God always has better plans!”

After Diego and Melissa were married in 2007, Melissa became Taquara’s mission director. Although she didn’t speak Portuguese—the language of Brazil—she found it very close to Spanish with pronunciation similar to French, and now speaks it fluently. Melissa currently works as an administrative secretary. “Through Hartland’s outreach and vocational training programs, I developed the administrative, organizational, and secretarial skills that are needed at Taquara. I’ll always admire Hartland’s continual commitment to training young people for ministry—not for a career.

“Taquara’s students are being trained to labor in the Lord’s vineyard in Brazil and abroad. As a result of Taquara’s influence, self-supporting missionary work in Brazil is increasing. Many people are growing spiritually through Taquara’s camp meetings, convocations, and publications. It’s so wonderful to see the fruits of this ministry.”

Reflecting on their ministry together, Diego concludes, “Training young people for soul-winning ministry is the most meaningful work we can do.”

by Kevin Wahl
“About eight years ago, a group of Hartland students visited my country,” says Ysaura Marca, who comes from Bolivia, South America. “That was when I first heard about Hartland.”

Thanks to Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund (MTF), Ysaura now studies at Hartland College. She is a junior majoring in both Christian Elementary and Secondary Education, and minoring in Music. “I really like to teach. My siblings are teachers, and all my father’s siblings are teachers. I think it’s in my blood. I like music, too. I’m learning to play the piano.”

Even while in her home country, Ysaura exercised her talent for teaching. “Before coming to Hartland, I was studying to be an accountant,” she shares. “I used to help my classmates do their math. Sometimes, when we were doing homework, I would stand in front of the class and start teaching, because the things we learned in that class were hard for them to understand.” She then emphasizes, “I love to teach!”

Not only did Ysaura want to be a teacher instead of an accountant, but she desired to become a Christian educator—teaching youth the truth about Jesus. She testifies, “For me, coming here was the voice of God saying, ‘Ysaura, I give you another opportunity. You can lead a new life—and through this new-life experience, you can learn more about Jesus.’”

The Savior entreats, “…Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Matthew 11:29.

Ysaura and her family are planning to start a new school after she returns home from college. “Our school will be an academy for teenagers,” she relates, “because being a teenager is a hard part of your life. Either you are turning your life over to Jesus, or you are turning your life over to the world. I want to help teenagers understand how wonderful it is to have Jesus in their life—knowing Him and keeping His commandments—instead of having everything this world offers you. Even though this world gives you wonderful things you can see, it’s more precious to have Jesus beside you.”

Ysaura attests, “I don’t believe I would be here if it weren’t for the MTF. My parents have their own business, but they are not well-off. I really think it would be too hard for me.” To all who support Hartland’s MTF, she conveys, “I pray that God will bless you for every sacrifice you make for us—for all the students who come here through the MTF. Thank you so much!”

by Kevin Wahl
Unclaimed Promises and Unfulfilled Prophecies

They’re like gold bullion lying forgotten in a Swiss bank vault!

Special promises and prophecies have been given for every age. When Daniel understood the Lord’s promise “to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem,” he cried unto the Lord in prayer asking for their fulfillment! Daniel 9:2. Nehemiah also cried unto the Lord as he recognized the unfulfilled promises of his age, and God opened the doors allowing him to be actively involved in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

When we read John’s letters to the seven churches in Revelation, we find wonderful promises offered to each of them. The blessings promised are based on the condition of hearing what the Spirit has to say. This hearing implies obedience.

The message to the church of Laodicea, the church or our age, emphasizes this opportunity of hearing Jesus in a special way: “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20. In fact, Revelation begins with a blessing for those who read and “hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.” Revelation 1:3.

Today, as we are living in the antitypical Day of Atonement and Christ is finishing His redemptive work in the most holy place, we should cry unto the Lord and search the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy to see the promises and duties that apply to us. Then we should set ourselves to fulfill them. There are promises for us to claim right now—we must not wait till the Sunday law comes about.

God desires to make us a “spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.” 1 Corinthians 4:9. Just as Nehemiah was an instrument in the Lord’s hand to bring about the restoration of Jerusalem, we can be His special servants in these last days. We can arise and rebuild the walls—the walls of biblical economy, true education, and Christian service. As we perform this practical work motivated by God’s love, the world will marvel. Our neighbors and community will perceive the love of God and the wonder of His law. Our message will have power when His promises are fulfilled in us and through us. Oh that we may experience revival and reformation!
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