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This is my first anniversary as president of Hartland Institute,” states Norbert Restrepo. “It has been a unique undertaking, weighed with challenges and responsibilities, but also abounding in opportunities.”

On March 23, 2011, Norbert Restrepo Jr. set afoot on Hartland’s campus. At that very moment, he officially became the institute’s second president. Norbert’s predecessor, Dr. Colin D. Standish, formally introduced him as president on April 30, at the 2011 Hartland Spring Convocation.

Prior to working at Hartland, Norbert served 14 years as president of Las Delicias Institute in Colombia. He recalls, “I always viewed Hartland as a unique missionary college that followed in the footsteps of Madison College—that had the potential that Madison reached, and that was very emblematic to other self-supporting institutions around the world.”

Norbert relates some of his administrative responsibilities and visions for Hartland. “This institution has several divisions and departments—Hartland College, Hartland Lifestyle Education Center, Last Generation magazine, Hartland Publications, Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp, and so on. One of my responsibilities—sort of self-imposed—is to get to know how these departments run, the staff that run them and the visions that they have, and to see how we can better utilize all these services to enhance our overall objective—proclaiming the Three Angels’ Messages.

“Then you have the normal routine of letters, reports, committees, and classes that I teach off and on, plus speaking appointments and public relations. I also make time each week to work with the students on the farm.

“Furthermore, we are very close to Washington, DC. I see us as an outpost center that needs to reach the major cities around it, and the close proximity to the United States’ capital gives us, by geography, a special role of service and outreach.”

Norbert also feels a responsibility to make Hartland more industrious—more self-sustaining. “We have started an industry...
department—it has been approved by our board of directors. Now we are working on the details as to how it is going to operate. Our main goal is to develop industries that will provide trades for our students, while at the same time serving as sources of revenue.

“We need to be improving and seeing how we can better meet the expectations of our students—helping them to sustain themselves in the world we are living in today. This will help our students to figure out how they could start outpost centers that are self-sustaining, while opening outreach opportunities in their communities.”

During Norbert’s presidency, God has continued to bless His work at Hartland.

This summer, Hartland is offering an intensive Daniel class, which hopefully will attract more people who cannot take a lot of time off to attend college classes.

Norbert comments, “Hartland College has been implementing new programs, like Certified Childbirth Education—attracting more female students.”

In one year, Hartland Natural Farm has dramatically increased its production. “The Lord has blessed the produce of our greenhouses, and the number of visitors has increased,” Norbert exults. “From an average of $4,000 in sales per month, our farm has now reached $12,000!” He continues, “God is clearly telling us, ‘This is the foremost industry I want you to have.’ That was very difficult to see at first, but now we are witnessing the tangible results.”

But what has been Norbert’s greatest joy so far? “It has been working with students from different backgrounds, while placing special emphasis on the specific lines of ministry for God’s people in the last days—Bible work, publishing, media, medical missionary work, and canvassing. It has been very exciting to see the potential they have as the next generation.”

While operating under its new president, Hartland Institute continues to move forward. Hartland’s standards have not lowered, nor have its values changed. Its mission is still the same: Preparing young people to take the everlasting gospel to the world in their generation through evangelistic, educational, health, and media ministries.

“As I seek to carry forward the responsibilities of this office, I pray that I will do it with full dependence on God and with humility,” Norbert vows. “It is a blessing to work with each person at this outpost center that combines several branches of evangelism with the wonderful work of educating young adults for ministry.”

Norbert concludes, “I thank all our staff members, students, volunteers, constituents, board members, and all Hartland’s friends and supporters for their hard work and prayers. I also thank Dr. Standish and his family for their prayers, counsel, and consistent support. Last but not least, I praise God for every blessing He has provided.”

by Kevin Wahl
“God gave me a burden for the Chinese nation—for there are but few Chinese evangelists. Hartland equipped me with the skill and knowledge I needed.”

Tat Ying Wong came from a traditional Chinese background in Malaysia, and was taught ancestor worship from a young age. When introduced to Christianity, he hungered to discover more of the deep truths of the Bible. “I was impressed to see that those who graduated from Hartland knew their Bible very well. I then decided to study at Hartland.”

Inside the “incubator” of Hartland College, Tat Ying found the ideal environment for spiritual growth. “I used to live a life of selfishness and intemperance,” he shares. “But at Hartland I learned that my body should be dedicated to God and not to self. I especially learned how to spend my time wisely and cherish the time spent with God during my morning devotions.”

Tat Ying also discovered the value of discipline and hard work. “There are two things I appreciate most about Hartland. First, I like the strict rules, because they helped to shape me into a more disciplined man. Second, I like the vocational training. Though it’s tough work sometimes, it taught me a lot of life skills.”

As Tat Ying immersed himself in the Word and deepened his relationship with Christ, he found a burden growing in his heart—a burden for his Chinese people. This became evident as he diligently prepared himself for pastoral ministry. “I spoke very poor English, and standing in front of people was a great challenge for me,” Tat Ying recalls. “Yet I would take any opportunity to present special music. Friends from Hartland wondered why I love to sing Chinese songs so much. There is only one reason. In order to be a public speaker, I seized every opportunity to stand and speak so my timidity could be chased away. It worked wonderfully. Praise the Lord for giving me the talent to speak in public.”

Now Tat Ying is not only the pastor of a local Chinese church in Malaysia, but he also gets many opportunities to speak in other countries, like China and Taiwan. “I praise God for leading me. In these past seven years of service, many have been led to Christ, and more than 100 have been baptized.”

“I am thankful that Hartland has equipped me with biblical principles,” Tat Ying says. “It helps me a lot in pastoring the church.” Praise God for using Hartland College to equip another missionary for His service!

by Rachel Perry

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“Haven’t I already learned enough to work for You, Lord?” Rosi prayed. Rosimeire “Rosi” Souza, a Brazilian, graduated from Taquara Institute of Health and Education, near Rio de Janeiro, in 2008. After graduating, she served as a staff member there. But her studies planted in her heart a seed for medical missionary work.

Rosi relates, “I was impressed that I needed to go to Hartland, but I also wanted to work for the Lord in Brazil. I didn’t want to spend another four years studying.”

Brazil’s economy made coming to Hartland difficult for Rosi. “Many of my friends tried to discourage me from coming to the States to study, because they knew I did not have enough money.” But she never gave up. She believed that “if God wants to train someone, He will provide the funds.”

“Lord,” prayed Rosi, “please have Hartland sponsor me through the Missionary Training Fund if You want me to study there.” This was her way of knowing the Lord’s will. The answer came quickly. “I received news that Hartland accepted me into their MTF program!” Rosi, now majoring in Health Ministry, continues, “I never imagined I would learn so much! The Lord showed me that I’m not just here for academics, but for my spiritual growth, also.” Not only has she learned more about health, but through vocational training, outreach, and living with the Hartland family, she has grown spiritually.

If it were not for the MTF, which requires an agreement to spend equal time in mission fields, Rosi couldn’t attend Hartland College. “I’m humbled that people are willing to support the MTF, a tool the Lord uses to train His soldiers for battle.”

She emphasizes, “Gifts to the MTF don’t just serve once—they enable Hartland graduates to win souls to Christ, and then to train those people for His service. It’s a continual cycle.” Rosi plans, “When I graduate, I will go back to Brazil and use health lectures, natural treatments, and lifestyle programs to witness for Christ.” She will also be the coordinator for Keep the Faith Ministry’s mission activities in Brazil. “Using the health message as the gospel’s entering wedge is the one of the best ways to reach people,” she states. Rosi has a missionary seed planted in her heart, and now wants to plant that seed in others.

Rosi gratefully concludes, “Thank you so much for supporting Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund!”

by Rena Lee
On June 1–2, nine graduates were dedicated to God’s service. The graduates gave inspiring testimonies about their Hartland College experiences. They even shared how God helped them through the challenges they faced, which prepared them for their lifework. The graduates also held a roundtable discussion where they talked about what is true education. Chuck Holtry, 1997 graduate, spoke on integrity and the importance of never compromising. President Norbert Restrepo challenged the graduates to never let their circumstances or surroundings define their character. President Emeritus Colin Standish concluded the service offering the dedicatory prayer.

Ike Anurukem, UK  
Pastoral Evangelism  
Bible verse: Romans 5:6

Matthew Belonio, USA  
Pastoral Evangelism  
Bible verse: Ezra 7:10

Wei Kang Chia, Malaysia  
Pastoral Evangelism  
Bible verse: Psalm 23:1

Leilani Hortaleza, Philippines  
Christian Secondary Education  
Agriculture Minor  
Music Minor  
Bible verses: Ephesians 3:16–21

Loago Setswalo, Botswana  
Pastoral Evangelism  
Bible verse: Acts 26:18

Hui Ching So, Malaysia  
Christian Elementary Education  
Bible verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Claire Ware, USA  
Christian Secondary Education  
Bible verses: Isaiah 55

Nathan Wehr, USA  
Christian Media Management  
Bible verse: Isaiah 58:1

Josiah Wold, USA  
Pastoral Evangelism  
Bible verse: Romans 10:14
“The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will…stand for the right though the heavens fall.”¹ Two Hartland College staff members, Brian Beavers and Don Ball, recognized this need. They even found the answer: “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-com ing Saviour might be carried to the whole world!”²

Youth, Do You Dare? (YDYD) is an outreach movement they started two years ago. Its aim is to train young people to do practical gospel work—to be soldiers of Jesus Christ. Their first youth rally took place July 8–10, 2010. It featured several speakers, including Isaac Olatunji and Maurice Berry. A very small group attended the rally, but that was only the beginning.

Then Brian and Don turned YDYD over to a team of Hartland College students. “My goal is to make YDYD for real—a successful program preparing young people to do God’s work,” stated Health Ministry major Christian Paúl.

The students planned the second YDYD rally—“Soldiers of Christ.” On April 30, 2011, about 40 enthusiastic young people arrived to hear powerful messages presented by Adventist Frontier Missions recruiter and trainer John Baxter. Bonni shared, “YDYD showed me that I can make a difference, even in the small aspects of my life. I want to be trained to do canvassing and medical missionary work.”

This spring, April 27–29, Hartland held its first youth convocation organized and advertised by YDYD. What a huge success! Before 420 attendees—a significant number of them being youth—Dr. Thomas Jackson, director/cofounder of MEET Ministry, presented practical messages on the efficacy of medical missionary work. He also spoke on the message of Isaiah 58, which will bring about a manifestation of Christ’s righteousness. Pastoral Evangelism majors Matthew Farley and Tyler Florence spoke on devotional life.

³White, Ellen G., Education, p. 57
²Ibid., p. 271

Join us next year, June 11–16, for “Have My Heart,” the YDYD summer training program!

Mark your calendar and invite a friend!
YDYD Testimonies

“One Sabbath, there was an impromptu health awareness day. As a result, I was called at the last minute to present something on health. Thanks to the messages given at Hartland, I was able to put together a very informative presentation. The church members told me, ‘Jason, you saved the day.’ But that’s far from true. There must have been a divine reason for me to be at Hartland.”

Jason, West Virginia

“YDYD is a great environment in which to reconnect and refocus on our mission.”

Dasha, New York

“You’ll learn a lot, and understand more about the Bible.”

Anne, Virginia

“Don’t pass this opportunity up!”

Todd, New York

To order DVDs or audio CDs of Thomas Jackson’s messages, call 1-800-774-3566.
Jim’s New Start

By attending Hartland’s 18-day “Lifestyle to Health” session, I finally addressed my health issues and lifestyle habits.

“My experience here was fantastic!” says Jim. “I really needed a new start—a chance to address my health issues, build more discipline, understand a better diet, and to cultivate more consistent exercise habits.”

Jim came to Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC), mainly to address his type 2 diabetes and heart problems. “I also needed to have better self-control—to adopt a healthy, plant-based diet.” He adds, “Good health is obviously dependent on exercise as well.”

Jim describes his experience. “The atmosphere here is serene. I’d walk outside, watch the sun rise over the pond by the front gate, and boldly declare, ‘God, You’re awesome.’ The staff members are exceptionally loving, caring, and supportive. They took the time to help us through every step of the process. I never had the chance to bake bread before coming to Hartland. During my stay here I baked bread three times! Now I have confidence in that ability.”

“The cooking classes were a joy, and are the real strength of the program.” Jim continues, “I love waffles. I never imagined I could make waffles out of soybeans, but I made them and they were good!”

He also shares his thoughts about being on a vegan diet. “Eating no animal products was completely new to me. So before I started, I wasn’t sure of it. But through the course of the program, everything I ate was good. And it was definitely great to be eating the way I should be—having more grains and vegetables.”

Jim exults over the results. “My health improved tremendously. I’m more disciplined, more energetic, and in a better state of mind. My diet has been under control, and I exercised almost every day, which is phenomenal. I’ve also lost 12 pounds! When the program finished, I saw a huge difference in my lab results from when the program started. Changing my lifestyle truly does have an effect on my blood!”

Jim now plans to keep exercising daily, and to continue eating a plant-based diet. “Now I have the foundation of fruits and vegetables, and that’s the direction I’m moving forward in. It’s just a matter of continuing. It’s also a new start.”

Would Jim recommend Hartland’s LEC to others? “If anybody I know dealing with any host of health issues is really searching for that discipline to get on a healthy diet and exercise program, I would highly encourage them to come to Hartland’s LEC.”

Jim concludes, “God, thank You for a new start.”

by Kevin Wahl
Centers of Influence

Reaching the cities through a new evangelistic method

The world has experienced unprecedented urban growth in recent decades. In 2008, for the first time, the world’s population was evenly split between urban and rural areas. Today in the United States, approximately 60 percent of the population reside in urbanized areas with over 200,000 inhabitants.\(^1\) Reaching the masses in these congested cities is indeed a daunting challenge. Nonetheless, we have been instructed to do so.

“We must do more than we have done to reach the people of our cities. We are not to erect large buildings in the cities, but over and over again the light has been given me that we should establish in all our cities small plants which shall be centers of influence.”\(^2\)

“In many cities we should have small restaurants, as centers of influence, by which the attention of thinking men would be called to the principles that make us a peculiar people.’ Thus many would be led to a knowledge of the message for this time.”\(^3\)

“I have been given light that in many cities it is advisable for a restaurant to be connected with treatment rooms. The two can co-operate in upholding right principles…. These establishments will serve as feeders to the sanitariums located in the country and would better be conducted in rented buildings.”\(^4\)

The above quotes enlighten us on how we can reach the cities through mission centers by applying Christ’s method. His method alone will give us true success. “The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”\(^5\) The prophecy of Isaiah 58 outlines this principle and connects it with our final Sabbath message.

Today, it is inspiring to see this initiative among God’s remnant people. Let us all play an active part in fulfilling this prophecy. Let Christ’s righteousness and His glory arise in us, that we may hasten the Lord’s coming.

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\(^1\) United Nations, *World Urbanization Prospects, The 2007 Revision*

\(^2\) White, Ellen G., *Counsels on Health*, p. 481

\(^3\) *Review and Herald*, June 14, 1906

\(^4\) White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 60

\(^5\) White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143

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