A Bright Future in the Master’s Service

Mpho left earthly security to secure heavenly treasure by reaching souls for Christ.

“\[I\]’ve always had a keen interest in understanding Bible prophecies and being able to explain them. That’s why I did not hesitate to come to Hartland,” explains Mpho Mogampane, a Pastoral Evangelism major from Botswana. “The Lord has placed a burden in my heart to reach those who have not heard the everlasting gospel of the three angels of Revelation.”

Mpho heard about Hartland from a friend who wanted to use his internet access to submit application documents to Hartland. This sparked Mpho’s curiosity, and he began to search out more, looking into the school for himself. Within a few days he began his application online, despite the fact that he had already been working on his bachelor’s degree in accounting.

Mpho’s decision to leave his accounting studies was bad news to his parents. In their eyes, he was juggling with his bright future. “In order to make sure that I did not make a shipwreck of my future, they decided to not help me with my tuition. Therefore, if it were not for the Missionary Training Fund, I would not have been able to come here.”

Since coming to Hartland, Mpho has learned how to be of service to others, rather than serving only himself. He says: “This one thing I really appreciate about Hartland.

Before coming here, all that mattered was me—taking time to consider other people and understanding how to meet their needs was alien to me. Since coming here, I’ve learned to serve others. Like Christ, I’ve come to understand that my life is centered in serving, not in being served. I’ve learned to seek Christ more and make Him the center of all that I do, whether in my schoolwork or my vocational training.”

When Mpho returns to Botswana, he desires to disperse what he has learned like the leaves of autumn. His plan is to start a training facility that can equip other young people with health and Bible knowledge. He believes that some of the places he cannot reach in person can be surely reached by pen. His vision is to share the precious truths he learned here by writing books and tracts on various subjects of the everlasting gospel.

Mpho would like to thank those who support Hartland’s MTF program: “Even though you cannot see the hearts you have touched through your generous donations, I do assure you that they, too, are touching other hearts for Christ. I can assume the role God has given me because of you. Thank you very much!”

by Kelly Ostrom
Reaching Hearts with Written Words

In December 2012, Hartland students traveled to Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee, spreading truth-filled literature to those who need the peace of God.

In a small but busy parking lot, Lluvia Reneau and I saw a lady putting her shopping in her car. When I showed her The Desire of Ages, her eyes got wider. She said, “I really need this book. Do you have another one?” She was interested in seven books. Lluvia and I each had a copy of The Desire of Ages. She got both copies, because she wanted one for herself, and one for her son. Then she cried and we prayed with her. She told us, “Thank you so much for coming to me and talking to me because I really need these books.” God’s hand really led us to that lady. Esther Borges, Junior, Brazil

A lady working in a pharmacy asked, “What do you have?” So I showed her the books. She said, “Oh, I’m not interested, but I can give you a donation.” She donated $50! Later I canvassed another lady working there, and she cried, “I really need peace. I really need peace.” Then she added, “But I don’t have any money.” So I prayed with her and gave her Happiness for Life. Eventually I thought, The first lady gave me $50. Later I went back to the one who cried and gave her Peace Above the Storm. God had a plan. He had us all in the right place at the right time. Daniel Gustafsson, Sophomore, Sweden

I’m always attracted to people who look needy. I met a homeless lady who told me stories. I knew she couldn’t afford a book, so I gave her Happiness for Life. She was so thankful, she said, “Thank you so much for my Christmas gift. This is the only thing that I’m gonna get.” My heart was so touched. We both prayed and we talked for a little while. It’s not always about getting the book out—it’s really about deeply touching the person’s heart. I praise God for the opportunity to give someone their only Christmas gift. Shantavia Gittens, Junior, Bahamas
On October 27, 2012, Paige Stimpel, Jermaine Gayle, Rena Lee, Christian and Debbie Paúl (brother and sister), and Christian and Naomi De Los Santos (also brother and sister) headed on a nine-hour road trip to Columbus, Ohio. Youth, Do You Dare? (YDYD) was invited to spend a weekend with Spanish-speaking young people.

This weekend trip involved a series of messages, a concert, and a community outreach distributing Last Generation magazines. The group taught the youth the importance of having a devotional life—sharing precious gems from the book of Daniel. They taught purity from the life of Joseph, and presented a message about how God has a purpose and a plan for each of our lives.

Jermaine relates, “I made a new friend who knew very little English. We had a lot to share as we went out on our Sabbath afternoon outreach. I didn’t know much Spanish, either, but somehow we were able to have a conversation. He was a wonderful man with a strong desire to serve Christ. He was obviously affected by the meetings as he started telling me about how he enjoyed the discussions, which were a great blessing to him.”

Following the afternoon outreach, the YDYD team held a concert. Naomi describes it as being “one of the best parts of the weekend. I remember when we were asked to do the concert. We were thinking about how we were going to do it—seeing we didn’t have many musicians on the trip. But the Lord worked things out and blessed. Christian played some songs with his violin, and Jermaine sang a few songs.

“The most exciting part for me was a song we sang as a group. It took a few days to learn, but we were able to sing it in parts. The song was called, ‘Nunca te Rindas,’ which means never give up.”

Debbie shares her experience: “During the concert we not only played inspirational music, but we shared parts of our personal testimonies as well. For me that was the most amazing part. God doesn’t give up on us—He believes in us even if we don’t believe in Him. We’ve all been through hard times and have experienced losses, grief, pain, depression, and feelings that our lives had no meaning—but God helps us find true meaning in our lives. He shows us that He cares, that He loves us, and that He has a plan for us. To recall what God has done in our lives gives us power and increases our faith for the future.

To prepare for ministry, join us June 11–16 for “Have My Heart,” the YDYD summer training program!”

by Kelly Ostrom
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After numerous searches on the internet for a center to help her quit smoking, Doreen Hollier came upon Hartland’s website and found that the main ingredient was Jesus. “I’d been struggling to quit smoking and was getting kinda desperate and wanted to come where Jesus was,” she relates. “I tried quitting before using Chantix, but that gave me horrible stomach pain.”

Doreen admits she didn’t know what to expect. “I noticed how beautiful Virginia’s hills were in contrast to my home in Louisiana where everything’s flat. When I arrived at the health center, I realized I didn’t know anything about Seventh-day Adventists.”

Doreen opens her heart and tells us how she had considered herself to be a Christian but walked away from the Lord eight years ago after burying her husband. “My lifestyle changed. I began smoking a pack a day and started drinking wine. My job as a real estate agent added stress to my life as well.”

Being a mother of two sons and two daughters, Doreen straightway noticed the character of the students. “I saw these young people humbly walking around. They were kind, sweet, genuine, and pure. I hadn’t seen anything like them my whole life. I started asking questions about their beliefs. I heard numerous testimonies about the Sabbath. I was rejuvenated by their presence. The way they taught me, poured themselves into me, loved me, showed me patience, and let me cry on their shoulders changed my entire life. I learned more in the last 10 days than in the 53 years of my life.”

Quitting smoking was a lot easier this time around. “Coming here I had no withdrawals, no nicotine fits. I left my cigarettes at the hotel and haven’t thought about them since.”

Regarding the atmosphere of the Lifestyle Education Center, Doreen says that it was “full of laughter, warm and peaceful. The natural setting is beautiful. The vegan food is absolutely wonderful. I’d never tasted anything like the food here. The classes were great. The students taught and were so professional in their presentations. I had been in the blind about what Seventh-day Adventists believe, but I can’t say one bad thing about this place.”

Doreen’s whole lifestyle changed. “My mind is clearer. My hair is shinier. I realize the need for daily exercise, a plant-based diet, and most importantly, renewing my relationship with the Lord every day.”

Doreen concludes, “I’m gonna go home and start my life anew with everything I’ve learned here, and let my life be a testimony to all my family and friends.”
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eything is moving slowly but surely,” says Eduardo Brockmann, who is in charge of managing the renovation. Eduardo is a general contractor working for Hartland Plant Services. He continues, “We’ve ordered the fire pump [for the sprinkler system]. We have to install and test it, and then it needs to be inspected. After it passes inspection, we can move on to the next stage—electricity, insulation, and then dry wall.”

Eduardo informs us that the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) and the plumbing will be finalized after the electricity, insulation, and dry wall are complete. “The HVAC rough in and the plumbing rough in have both been installed. After the painting is done, the HVAC will be finished, and after that, the plumbing.”

About the classrooms he says, “The framing is done, except for a few changes we’re going to make. We’ll turn the old 2x4 walls into double walls—that way we’ll have walls that are more soundproof between the classrooms.”

Eduardo updates us on other changes that have been made. “We have installed some new windows and doors—those are all ready to go. And the roof is done—all the rafters have been repaired.” How about the sundeck? “The sundeck is finished and ready for use.”

Hartland Institute has not given up on reconstructing what will become its Health and Education Facility. This facility is much needed. It will equip us with new college offices and classrooms, plus a revived Hartland Lifestyle Center, thus improving our emphasis on health and education. The current estimates for completing the renovation are $250,000 for the college section, and $550,000 for the lifestyle center section.

We thank you for continually supporting this endeavor. Our heavenly Father blesses those who support His work with their gifts or offerings. “Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the Lord hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.” 1 Chronicles 31:10. Mark your gift “HEF” to have it used for this project.
In 1983, Hartland Institute of Health and Education began teaching college classes. The founders of Hartland had a vision to provide an institution that would train young Seventh-day Adventists to fulfill God’s commission for His last-day church—to take the everlasting gospel to the entire world, to bring men and women to the eternal kingdom.

Through Hartland College, young men and women have become ministers, evangelists, Bible workers, educators, and medical missionaries. Many of our graduates have established new ministries around the world. Today they are bringing large numbers of souls to the truth of the Seventh-day Adventist message and into God’s remnant church. Our graduates are becoming a force of change within our church, even at the highest levels.

Be sure to join us at this year’s camp meeting as we celebrate 30 years of service!

Colin D. Standish, President Emeritus

Speakers include graduates Aaron Baker, Adam Ramdin, and more!
The potatoes we get from here are awesome!” says Andy Bennett, executive chef of Lyon Hall, a high-end restaurant located in the Clarendon neighborhood of Arlington, VA. “They have massive amounts of flavor and great texture. You can see the difference in something so basic, when you compare it with a potato you buy in a supermarket. There are subtle differences that make a big difference on the plate.”

The delicious vegetables grown at Hartland Institute’s farm are served throughout Lyon Hall’s menu—in their brunch, lunch, and supper dishes. “We pickle baby carrots for one of our platters, use potatoes for some of our entrees, and use some greens for garnishing,” Andy attests. “Also, we use Cuban peppers to flavor the pickled vegetables, which are added on as a side dish. We sell a lot of the pickled vegetables, and beet salad as well.”

Andy learned about Hartland’s produce through The Fresh Link, a private produce distribution company. Owner Mollie Visosky explains their mission: “We aggregate and deliver fresh, local food to area restaurants, providing a sustainable business for small farmers.”

What does Andy like best about Hartland’s produce? “The quality and variety,” he answers. “We know it’s coming from a small farm, as opposed to something that’s been mass-produced.” Andy adds, “The best quality produce comes from a local community. It’s different—something we can’t get anywhere else.”

Andy and fellow chef James Wozniuk recently visited Hartland’s farm. Is it what they expected? “It shows the amount of hours people put into producing the food before it comes to the restaurant,” Andy replies. “I think it’s important to have that connection—meeting the growers. It reinforces the respect you have for the produce when you get it, because you know who grew it.”

“Even our guests like seeing that connection between the restaurant and the farm. So we relay the information to the servers, and they relay it to the guests. Our regular menu says that we use produce from local, small farms where possible.” Andy continues, “About once a month, we cater private parties. We’ll serve a special menu, and highlight the grower during that dinner.”

We are instructed: “Study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools.” Gardens…should be provided, and the work in every line should be under the direction of the skilled instructors.” And Andy’s testimony affirms that God is blessing our efforts toward becoming more industrious and self-supporting. So visit Hartland’s farm and buy yourself some tasty veggies! Freshness guaranteed!

by Kevin Wahl

1 www.thefreshlink.com
While at Hartland College, I learned Spanish in a relatively short period of time. Since Hartland is a multicultural school, I also learned how to treat people of different cultures. As a result, my internship possibilities increased. During my 2011 winter break, I visited the Dominican Republic. After spending a month on the island, I returned to Hartland and finished my last year of studies. Then I decided to do most of my internship in the Dominican Republic.

For four months, I taught Revelation at Campo Real, a missionary training school for youth. My students desired to learn scriptural things that had been cloudy all their lives. From the pulpit, they each gave presentations on topics such as the seven churches, the 144,000, and the seven trumpets. Four months before, those young people hardly knew the book of Revelation. Overwhelming joy filled my heart as I watched them express their own ideas of what they had learned.

Here in the mission field I’ve needed to fill many spots where someone else had intended to preach or share a message—without much notice! At Hartland I learned to always be prepared, and the Lord helps me to fulfill the duties that devolve upon me.

One night when I conducted worship at Campo Real’s sanitarium, a young man named Marcos attended. He struggled with alcohol and smoking. Marcos knew better, but the strong binds of sin had caught him, and wouldn’t let him go. After that evening worship, Marcos gave his life to Christ! I pray that Marcos will continue to search for the truth.

Visiting families throughout the island has been an exciting adventure. They’ve invited me to their houses for a few days, either just to visit, or to preach in their local churches. Also, I’ve been learning to cook Dominican dishes, and have found them all delicious!

I’m now doing Bible work for the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital. I’ll also present two week-long evangelistic series—one for the high school students at the church school, and one for the public. I pray that as I continue to bring God’s Word to hungry souls, my success will increase.

My vision for the future is to continue my missionary work in the Dominican Republic. I’ll be preaching and teaching the Bible, and leading young people in canvassing work and health evangelism. I’ll spend summers leading canvassing programs in the United States. I’d like to minister in other Spanish-speaking countries as well. By God’s grace, I’m able to serve others in a different culture.

by Samuel Francis as told to Kevin Wahl
Paul, transformed by the love of God, wrote: “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9. He stirs us: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant.” Philippians 2:5–7.

Grace is a divine attribute that will be reproduced in the life of the genuine Christian. Reflected in our lives, it becomes evidence that the image of God is being restored in humanity, that a new principle of life has been implanted. The prophet Jonah clearly identified grace as an attribute of God. “I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.” Jonah 4:2. However, Jonah did not appreciate God’s grace manifested toward the Ninevites. “It displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.” Verse 1.

To the unbeliever, God’s grace is a mystery, and so long as he does not experience it, he will remain a skeptic. He does not understand the longsuffering of God—the fact that He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9. Therefore, he questions why God allows suffering, and scoffs at “the promise of his coming.” On the other hand, as professed believers in God, we often misrepresent His character and, like Jonah, develop a greater burden to invoke His vengeance rather than to exercise His grace.

Moses, a true representative of God, showed grace towards His erring people. From the depth of his heart he cried out, “Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.” Exodus 32:31, 32.

We are living in the time of the end, and the world is waiting for God’s people to reflect His character. We need to “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18. Let this be our special prayer.

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