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On July 23–27, over 900 attendees thronged Hartland’s campus for a spiritual feast as they listened to featured speakers Elder Stephen Bohr and Christian Berdahl. Elder Bohr spoke on prophecy and the mission and message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Christian presented practical Christianity talks, including his personal testimony.

A panel discussion answered submitted questions on topics such as women’s ordination and tithes. More talks were given by President Norbert Restrepo Jr., President Emeritus Colin D. Standish, Hartland graduates Rodney Millin and Diego Silva, and several other speakers. Spanish-speaking visitors heard presentations preached by Elder Bohr, Norberto Restrepo Sr., and Enoc Lombana.

Weekday seminars were held as well. Health discourses were delivered by Doris Hernandez,



Hartland’s Health Ministry instructor. Christian gave music lectures, and Elder Bohr lectured on open and closed doors of opportunity given to mankind by God.

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*We invite you to attend our fall convocation, “The Gay Puzzle: Leading Souls to Christ,” October 24–26, featuring Ron Woolsey and Michael Carducci.*

# COURAGE TO STAND

Hartland Camp Meeting 2014



**Testimonies:**

We were greatly blessed by the preaching, teaching, and fellowship. What an encouragement to see such a large attendance! Hartland is a little taste of heaven.—**Richard and Laura, Kentucky**

I appreciated the spiritual atmosphere and the refreshing Spirit-filled material that we received from all the speakers. Stephen Bohr and Christian Berdahl truly brought important messages for these end times.—

**Keith, Tennessee**

Mostly I appreciated the speakers, specifically Pastor Bohr. Also, I very much liked the style of music during the services.—**Elizabeth, Virginia**

I was very impressed with the reverence shown during the Sabbath service, and the kindness shown by the staff.—**Enzo, Delaware**

The dorm rooms were awesome. I loved the architecture of the old building. All of the speakers were great. I especially liked Christian Berdahl’s “Distraction Dilemma.” Also, J.H. Shin’s talk about how to memorize Scripture was very helpful. I’m using his techniques now and am finding



that I remember Scriptures better now than I did before. The health talks by Doris Hernandez were also very helpful.—**Maura, Pennsylvania**



# Where He Leads, He Provides

**“Only God could provide for my further training in media,” says Jennifer.**

*by Jennifer Sarria Cifuentes as told to Kelly Ostrom*

**M**y name is Jennifer Sarria Cifuentes. I am a Christian Media major from Colombia, South America. I was not born a Seventh-day Adventist; I came into the message with my family. As we followed the light God gave us, we moved to the country and joined a self-supporting ministry. I became acquainted with Hartland from the interns and graduates who came to share their Bible knowledge and by observing how God was working in their lives.

I worked on the production team for the ministry’s publication. We printed testimonies and other helpful articles. I wasn’t really trained for that work, but I learned from brothers in the ministry and let God use what little knowledge and talent I had. I was motivated by the way people responded and by our increasing print orders. I knew I needed more tools to do a better job, and as I saw the need and prayed about it, I realized that God was leading me to pursue training in media ministry.

My family did not have the finances for me to study at Hartland. Since we went into ministry, God has provided and cared for our needs; so when I was accepted to receive help

from the Missionary Training Fund, I knew it was God’s provision for my education.

I would like to share one important testimony about how God has provided since I came to Hartland.

When I started my first school term, it became evident that I needed a computer—but I had no money to buy one. One day I opened my mailbox and saw a slip indicating I had received a package. I didn’t know anyone who would send me anything, but there was a medium-size box with my name on it, and inside was a computer for my schooling and a note saying, “This is from the Lord, who knows all things.” I was very moved. I knew only God could impress someone to do that.

Likewise, I do not know those of you whom God has used to make my education here possible, but I am very grateful to each of you. No human reward is greater than what God can give for each voluntary effort or sacrifice you make to support us. Your investment helps me and others to develop for better service. Your gift helps me to finish so I can return to my country and provide well-designed spiritual material, especially for youth. Thank you.



# Forever Grateful

Dear Hartland,

I had a smoking addiction for 40 years and spent 20 of those years trying to quit. One day, I requested my church to pray for me that I would be delivered from this stronghold. Two members of the Warrenton Seventh-day Adventist Church expressed to me how the Hartland Lifestyle Center could help me with my struggle and that the center had a very high success rate in assisting people with finding the right balance in life, with God being the center.



I went to the center for the 10-day session. The experience was wonderful and intensive. The atmosphere was very peaceful and tranquil. The lectures were very informative and the cooking classes showed me how easy it was to prepare healthy food to stay in good health. The Hartland Lifestyle Center's amazing staff supported me through the entire program with compassion and guidance and prayer each day. Most of all, to be around such wonderful, kind, loving, caring, supportive, dedicated, God-loving young people made me feel so special, like I was family, and they cared about me. They will be my heroes and mentors forever.

The life principles I was taught through diet, prayer, and exercise were very easy for me to continue after leaving the program. The length of time spent there was just enough time for me to establish the new godly habits and to be free from strongholds. So when I got home, I was ready each morning to start my day the way I was shown at Hartland (prayer, water, morning stretches/exercises, good healthy breakfast, and a godly attitude towards life).

My life has been forever changed through my experience at Hartland, and I am forever an advocate for the amazing work and support provided through the lifestyle center. Another success story!

May God continue to change lives through the Hartland Lifestyle Center.  
*Sincerely, Velma Harris*

# Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp

**Campers relate how their lives were changed during PVYBC 2014—“Transformed.”**

**“I’ve been transformed...”**

“...from impure thoughts! Thank Heaven.”

“...because I used to wear shirts that show a lot, but now I don’t and won’t.”

“...into a patient and understanding person.”

“...to being an on-time person.”

“...because I used to be selfish and now I am not.”

“...by learning to go through hard times, but stick through.”



Germanesca Gems



Waldensian Watchmen



Camp Choir

“...in my devotional life. I’ve never before had a devotional life like I did during camp.”

“...to always think of others before myself.”

“...by learning to do hard things, and have grown closer to Jesus!”

“...into a more patient and kinder person.”

“...by learning more about God’s Word and letting God into my mind and soul.”

## **What did the campers enjoy the most?**

“Devotionals with unit—spiritual and touched my heart on a personal level”

“Healthy cooking and baking”

“Good food, interesting classes”

“Classes—learned more about how to serve God”



Mealtime!

Child Evangelism

“Chinese class”  
 “Homiletics class”  
 “Bible studies—learned a lot and made big decisions”  
 “Scripture songs”  
 “Found Jesus in my life”

**A parent’s testimony:** “My son now prays much more, and leads out in worship more by prayer and through song. When he hears about family members being challenged with issues, he willingly offers prayer. He’s also learning how to work out issues and turn to God more for himself rather than depend on the prayers and lifestyle of his parents.”

First Aid and CPR



Beginning Guitar



Photography



by Alexi Garcia

After I received the acceptance letter from Hartland and with it the opportunity to become a Missionary Training Fund student, I went to the American Embassy in Venezuela. They told me to talk in English and I did not know much of that language, so most of my answers were “Yes” or “No.” When they asked me to explain my bank account balance and how I would pay, I said, “Let me speak Spanish.” It went well and they approved my visa.

But on the day of my flight I needed to pray hard. I knew my I-20 was not up-to-date due to government problems. It went well until I arrived at Atlanta International Airport and I faced the reality of being in a place where I didn’t know the language. Because of the I-20, they sent me to immigration and I waited there about two hours.

When they finally called me, they checked all my papers and then told me I could not be in the United States. I thought, *If God brought*

*me this far, He needs to do something.* I smiled and waited and then they asked me, “What are you going to study?” I answered, “Pastoral Evangelism.” The man looked at me and asked, “Is that something religious?” I replied, “Yes, I am a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.” He then said, “I have never heard of that church before, yet because you are a Christian I will let you into the country, but you need to fix your I-20. Welcome to the United States.”

After I finished there, I missed my flight and had no idea how to communicate with the airline assistant. She asked me for money to buy a new ticket. But after she checked my flight itinerary, she said to me, “Go to Dulles International Airport. You don’t need to pay.” I was happy and just thanked the Lord for such an experience.

On March 4, 2013, I arrived at Hartland safely and in really good condition. My journey to Hartland was a real experience of faith for me. God indeed showed me that it was His will for me to be here, and now I’m glad I chose to follow God’s plan for my life.

## TRAVELING TO HARTLAND

**“The director of Las Delicias Institute in Venezuela wanted me to study at Hartland College to develop more in the area of Bible. I was not sure about the idea, but I applied to come anyway,” says Alexi.**



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# Educating “Outside the Box”

by Kevin Wahl

Mike with his wife, Dambi



**“I’ve learned that experience and knowledge are more valuable than degrees.”**

“**W**hile studying to become a Seventh-day Adventist, I met a handful of Hartland graduates,” shares 2010 graduate Mike Kwon. “They knew the Bible a lot better and seemed to be a lot more dedicated to the Lord’s work than other young Adventists. So when the Lord called me for training, I knew which school I wanted to attend.”

Mike majored in Christian Media Management. “I’d been studying computer science in a university setting before the Lord called me to Hartland. The usage of modern technology was up my alley and a gift God had given me. Today technology advances so quickly that even in the business world, it’s difficult to find qualified help. So it’s a great blessing to possess a coveted set of skills and use it to advance the Lord’s work.”

During one of Mike’s spring breaks, he served as a canvassing leader. “A local church planned to hold an evangelistic series and we laid some groundwork by conducting a canvassing program supported by the church. I had no leadership experience and most of my friends were better at distributing books than I’d ever been. It was a challenge to be their peer one week and then be their leader the next week.

“But during that short trip, the Lord

taught me that to be a leader is to be a servant of all. If I could do anything to make the canvassers more efficient, whether by distributing water when they were thirsty or books when they were low, I quickly learned that my role was to serve.”

After graduating, Mike worked two years for Light for Life Ministry, doing computer work plus online sermons and talk shows for English-speaking Korean youth. Then he spent two years as youth pastor for the Atlanta Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Duluth, Georgia. Mike currently works a “tent-making” job, developing mobile apps for Verizon, while passing out free literature and leading out in group Bible studies.

Mike concludes, “Hartland taught me that my education was independent of my degree—or even my major. I learned to think and find answers for myself, and that there is no limit to how much I will supplement a formal education. I’ve been ‘thrown into the deep end’—put in environments that value actual experience and knowledge more than degrees—and I’ve worn many hats that did not pertain to the field in which I was formally trained. Hartland didn’t give me the proverbial fish, but taught me how to fish.”



## Mercy and Justice

God must possess both traits of character or He cannot resolve the moral dilemma of sin.

After Israel's apostasy with the golden calf, Moses returned to Mount Sinai to intercede for them. Seeking reassurance of God's continued presence and guidance, he asked God to show him His glory. The Lord descended in a cloud, passed by Moses, and proclaimed: "The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." Exodus 34:6, 7.

God is merciful but also just—forgiving yet punishing. Notwithstanding, many today believe that God is only merciful and that in His character of love there is no place for retribution. Their conclusion is that sinners destroy themselves as a natural consequence of the evil lives they have lived. They believe that "all negative results of sin are intrinsic, natural results, and that God does not and will not add extrinsic punishment to sin's natural consequences."<sup>1</sup>

This concept denies God's right to execute judgment. If all destruction were exclusively a natural consequence of evil,

a moral judge would not be needed to determine a just punishment. But how could God be the Author of the moral law and not have the right to punish those who transgress it? Furthermore, if death is only a natural consequence and not a penalty, then Jesus' suffering and death were unnecessary!

Isaiah 53:5 says that Christ "was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." "This penalty Christ bore for the sins of the transgressor; He has borne the punishment for every man and for this reason He can ransom every soul, however fallen his condition, if he will accept the law of God as his standard of righteousness."<sup>2</sup>

"Through this plan the great, the dreadful God can be just, and yet be the justifier of all who believe in Jesus, and who receive Him as their personal Savior."<sup>3</sup> May we accept the mercy and righteousness of Christ into our lives!

**Norbert Restrepo, President**

<sup>1</sup> <http://advindicate.com/articles/2014/7/23/herb-montgomery-aligns-with-kinship>

<sup>2</sup> White, Ellen G., Manuscript 77, 1899

<sup>3</sup> White, Letter 43, 1895

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## Fall Convocation

October 24-26, 2014

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Ron Woolsey

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## Fall Graduation

November 8, 2014

**Contact:** David Velez-Sepulveda  
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## Winter Convocation

January 30-February 1, 2015

**Speakers:** Tom and Alane Waters  
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## Spring Convocation

April 24-26, 2015

**Speakers:** Edwin Nebblett and  
Family

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### Convocation Speakers

**Michael Carducci** is director of  
EXCEED Ministry. EXCEED stands  
for "Excellence in Christ through  
Evangelism for the Erotically Defiled."  
Opening his heart to a tender and

loving Savior led Michael to breaking  
free from same-sex attraction and  
sexual addiction. Today he speaks at  
high schools, academies, colleges,  
churches, on radio and television  
interviews, and internationally at  
ministerial conferences, helping  
people who are sexually defiled and  
addicted.

**Ron Woolsey** pastors the Marshall,  
Arkansas Seventh-day Adventist  
Church. He is also speaker/director of  
The Narrow Way Ministry, serving as  
an author, musician, radio evangelist,  
and international speaker. A former  
homosexual, Ron now helps gays  
and lesbians to understand and  
overcome their homosexuality.  
Under the pen name Victor J.  
Adamson, Ron authored the book  
entitled *"That Kind Can Never  
Change!" Can They...?*

*We thank those who have given in memory of...*

- \* Damaris Gortis by Dr. Elsa Gortis
- \* Mary Ellen Lenihan by Carl Rennhack
- \* Mrs. Dessie Mode by Jay and Cathy Pavlik III
- \* Douglas Pudleiner (husband) by Lenora Pudleiner
- \* Pastor and Mrs. Alex Snyman by Priscilla McNeily

*In honor of...*

- \* Our mighty Commander, Jesus Christ by Lois Wilson
- \* John Arnold by Peter Netusil



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