My Burden for Southern Africa

Meet Our New Bible Teacher

Hastening His Coming!
When I was about 11, Mother asked me to share something during evening worship. While sharing, I was strongly impressed that the Lord wanted me to do ministry work. I’m majoring in Pastoral Evangelism because this is the training that will prepare me for my calling.

I served the Lord for over 13 years as a lay preacher before coming to Hartland College. I helped conduct evangelistic seminars, house-to-house evangelism, and missionary work in Zimbabwe, Botswana, and South Africa. Then I came to study at Hartland.

Since arriving, I’ve been challenged to have a greater understanding of the things I believe as a Seventh-day Adventist, and to become more qualified to teach these biblical truths that we hold dear. I’m enjoying the opportunity to be in a college where I can study the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy as a part of my preparation, and I’m looking forward to going back to the mission field with renewed zeal and the advantage of formal training.

Also, I’ve been exposed to people of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and races. This has enriched the experience I had with the peoples of Southern Africa. I’ve been particularly impressed by the fact that God’s truth transcends culture, race, and geography. It is amazing how His truth pulls out people from any culture and joins them to one family of faith, sharing common beliefs and practices. I have an expanded understanding of the fact that the gospel is “the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” Romans 1:16. I’ve been encouraged, and I can see in a new way that His truth is marching on and will triumph gloriously.

My greatest desires are to train young people for missionary work, to reach the unreached, and to prepare a people for the Lord’s coming. I’m here to learn many new ways of doing ministry so I can add richness to the many methods that we use back home. I plan to teach at one of our seminaries or serve as a chaplain in a university. In either position, I intend to be actively involved in reaching the unreached regions of Southern Africa.

Finally, I’m very grateful for all who support the Missionary Training Fund, which helps me and several other students to be trained for ministry. I thank every one of you for being an instrument in God’s hand. May the Lord richly bless and prosper you. Be faithful unto the end, and you will receive your reward for your wonderful work of helping the students in need.
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Hartland heartily welcomes 2006 Pastoral Evangelism graduate Diego Silva to its Bible Department.

What did you do before returning to Hartland?
I served as president of a two-year missionary training school in Brazil called Taquara Institute of Health and Education. I founded the school in 2006 shortly before graduating, and worked there until August 2013.

How did God lead you back?
God led me back through undeniable providential circumstances. I was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease in early 2013. I was told that I needed surgery, and it ended up being easier and a lot more convenient to have this done in the US rather than in Brazil. If it had not been for this turn of events, I would not have even thought about returning to the States.

Describe your duties.
I currently serve as major advisor for the Bible Department. This implies that I work with our Bible Instruction and Pastoral Evangelism majors, giving them guidance as to how they can get the most out of their student experience, as well as helping them identify their life calling. I teach Bible and church history classes, and am developing an online distance learning program for Hartland College.

What do you like most about Hartland?
I love to work with the quality young people Hartland draws from all parts of the world. Hartland offers the unique opportunity to work with a number of international students while being small enough for teachers to educate in a more individualized setting. I also find it a blessing to be able to teach Bible classes in an environment where the authority of God’s Word is regarded as supreme and above man’s authority.

What is your vision for the Bible Department, and how do you plan to make it a reality?
I have a burden to help young people train for ministry, identify their life calling, and find their place in God’s cause. I also have a burden to extend Hartland’s program to individuals who are unable to come and participate physically in our campus-based program.
Distance Learning Comes to Hartland College!

Now we have a solution for those who cannot participate in our campus-based program.

What is distance learning?
Distance learning is designed to make education available to individuals who are not able to attend classes in a traditional setting such as a classroom. Hartland’s distance learning program provides access to many of our college classes when the source of information and the learners are separated by time, distance, or both.

Why is Hartland providing education through distance learning?
Over the years, many individuals have desired to attend Hartland’s campus-based program, but due to various reasons were not able to enroll as students. Young men and women from overseas have had visas denied, and thus could not come to study. Others, due to the fact that they have families and jobs, were not able to interrupt their plans and enroll as students. Whatever the reasons, now we have a solution for those who want to enroll, but are unable to participate in our campus-based program.

How will Hartland’s distance learning program operate?

The widespread uses of computers and the internet have made distance learning easier and faster. OpenClass is a distance learning software designed by Hartland College. Through OpenClass, students log on with a user name and password, and then are given access to video lectures, class syllabi, handouts, lesson notes, exercises, and much more.

What is special about Hartland’s distance learning program?
One important feature of our distance learning program is the emphasis we place on critical thinking, student research, and creativity, while relying less on recall and memorization. Our goal is to provide the student with tools and resources that will assist him or her to go beyond the content and information provided by the teacher. Learning to study is an important aspect of our program. Another very important aspect of Hartland’s academic program has been an uncompromising loyalty to the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The distance learning program continues and builds upon this in each course offered.
What courses do you currently offer?

One-year Biblical Studies certificate:
- Conversion and Righteousness by Faith
- Fundamentals of the Christian Faith
- Daniel
- Revelation I
- Revelation II
- Life and Teachings of Jesus I
- Life and Teachings of Jesus II
- Christian Marriage and Family or Principles of Christian Mental Health
- One elective class

Two-year Biblical Studies associate’s degree:
- Conversion and Righteousness by Faith
- Fundamentals of Christian Faith
- Early Old Testament History
- Middle Old Testament History
- Latter Old Testament History
- Daniel
- Revelation I
- Revelation II
- Life and Teachings of Jesus I
- Life and Teachings of Jesus II
- Acts and General Epistles
- Pauline Epistles I
- Pauline Epistles II
- Seventh-day Adventist Church History
- Christian Marriage and Family
- Principles of Christian Mental Health
- Two elective classes

Is it possible to take individual classes?
Yes. Any of the classes mentioned above can be taken without enrolling in one of our programs. Other classes available, besides those already listed, are:
- History of the Christian Church
- The Sanctuary Message
- Biblical Apologetics
- Prophetic Guidance
- Science and the Bible
- Philosophy of Christian Education

If I start by taking individual classes, and later decide to enroll in one of your programs, are credits transferable?
Yes. If you have taken online classes, and then decide to enroll in any of Hartland’s regular programs, whether distance learning or our campus-based program, credits will be transferable.

What are the costs involved?
- One-year Biblical Studies certificate – $5,400 (9 classes)
- Individual class price – $600 ($200 per credit hour)
- Discount price of $3,000 (one full payment at enrollment)
- Discount price of $3,200 (first payment of $1,600 to begin course; second payment of $1,600 before taking sixth class)

- Two-year Biblical Studies associate’s degree – $10,800 (18 classes)
- Individual class price – $600 ($200 per credit hour)
- Discount price of $5,500 (one full payment at enrollment)
- Discount price of $5,800 (first payment of $2,900 to begin course; second payment of $2,900 before taking tenth class)
As we look at the events happening in our world today we yearn and sigh for the Lord’s appearing! Darkness is covering the world. Anarchy, wars, terrorism, and epidemics are taking hold everywhere. Many are seeking in vain for happiness, health, and peace.

In a September 4 Vatican meeting, Shimon Peres, a former Israeli president, presented a “United Religions” idea to Pope Francis I to counter religious extremism in the world today. Peres nominated the pope to lead this organization. Over the past 18 months, Francis has established himself as a respected world leader who speaks with genuine moral authority. “Who else in the world, asked Peres, can draw half a million people when he speaks?”

But no coalition of religious and political leaders will be able to solve the problems of this world. God’s image needs to be restored in mankind; His eternal principles must be accepted. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been entrusted with an understanding of the everlasting gospel. It is our privilege to share it with the world.

Hartland’s mission is to proclaim the Three Angels’ Messages of Revelation 14, and to train an army of youth to preach this gospel to the entire world! On June 6–7, thirteen missionaries graduated from Hartland College. New students arrived in the fall, eager to begin their missionary training. They came from different states, countries, and continents, but they have a common vision: to be workers for God in giving the glad tidings to their fellowmen.

Throughout this year, staff and students ministered in South Korea, Congo, Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Chile. In December they will visit China and Peru. We are continually involved in health outreach, prison ministry, and literature evangelism within our community. Our lifestyle center and natural farm are also witnessing tools. How wonderful to minister to souls thirsting for truth!

By giving to Evangelism, Ministry, the Missionary Training Fund, and/or Where Needed Most, you can have a part in the blessing! We appeal to you to prayerfully consider supporting Hartland with regular donations to help us fulfill our mission.

We are also raising funds to reconstruct the old Hartland Lifestyle Center in order to expand our ability to accommodate health guests. We need the ladies’ dormitory that we have been using as our Lifestyle Education Center, and we need classrooms for our Health Ministry and Midwifery courses. All this and more can be achieved if we renovate the old Hartland Lifestyle Center!

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for opening up your hearts and partnering with us in ministry. Together we can hasten the Lord’s coming!
Youth, right outside your home, there’s a world that’s longing for a message of hope. We have the God-given responsibility of proclaiming the gospel to this languishing world while time is running out. If you’ve ever tried to spread the gospel, you know it’s not always easy. What do you say? How do you say it? How can you be a witness in your home, school, or church?

Since 2002, our mission at PVYBC has been to train youth to be thinkers and not just reflectors of others’ thoughts; to choose to do right because it is right; and to stand for truth whatever the consequences. We seek to inspire youth with principles of truth, obedience, honor, integrity, and purity. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, you will have the courage of heroes and the faith of martyrs, and you will gain the victory at any cost.

Come to PVYBC and learn how you can be excited about Jesus at home, in school, and with your friends. Classes include: Deep Bible Study, Wilderness Survival, Canoeing, Camp Choir, Beginning Guitar, Child Evangelism, First Aid and CPR, Photography, Science Experiments, Literature Evangelism, and more!

We’ll start receiving applications January 5. Apply soon!

Apply online at pvyc.com. For more information, email piedmont.valley.camp@gmail.com or call 540-672-1996 ext 304.
My Hartland experience is one of the most positive adventures of my life. I came in with bad health due to poor lifestyle choices. I weighed 387 pounds, had type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and was getting to the point where I almost couldn’t walk. I felt like the rusted-out Tin Man from *The Wizard of Oz*. My knee didn’t work, my back was out, my shoulders were displaced, and I was close to losing my legs. I figured that in about six months, I’d probably be dead.

But praise God, Hartland Lifestyle Education Center put me on the right path to health and saved my life. I had been fighting the whole diet thing all my adult life, but I finally stopped fighting. The staff and students were by my side the entire time, encouraging me on the road to recovery, walking with me, and expressing genuine friendship and concern about my life. One day at a time, little by little, the weight came off, and I got more and more excited. After only 11 days, able to kneel down and pray for the first time in three years!

In my 18 days at Hartland I lost 44 pounds. I got off insulin, I got rid of three of my five blood pressure pills, and my feet fit in my slippers for the first time in six months! I went home with a determination to stick with it, to keep walking and eating right, to keep losing weight.

It has been two years since then, and I have now lost a total of 130 pounds. Now instead of staying in the house all day I walk three to six miles, six days a week. I can breathe normally again. I feel 30 years younger!

To overcome health challenges people need direction. Don’t just get help from people who will give you medicine to cover your symptoms. Go to Hartland like I did and let someone show you how to change your lifestyle, improve your health, and get off medication because your body has set itself right again.
Two graduates from the region known as the "10-40 Window" finished their 4-year degrees this fall. Jin Jian is from the People's Republic of China. Raksa is from Cambodia. Both represent countries that have not been easily accessible to gospel outreach from Western countries. The 10-40 Window contains the largest populations that are non-Christian. Add to that the outright hostility to the gospel in many of these places, and you have a challenging mission field. Both graduates have a vision to work for God in their home countries. Keep Raksa and Jin Jian in your prayers that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit as they fulfill Jesus' commission to them.

Raksa San, Cambodia
Health Ministry
Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31
Vision: To take the gospel of health to Cambodia

Jian Jin, China
Pastoral Evangelism
Bible verse: Proverbs 1:5
Vision: To set up a training school by His grace
We are very proud of our 15 students who have passed the Childbirth Educator and/or Doula training. Our mission is to provide the highest possible level of education and training for young ladies to attend expectant mothers in all phases of pregnancy, from prenatal to newborn care. This field has proven to be an open door to share the gospel and the last-day message to expectant parents. We pray for God’s blessing on these young ladies as they pursue God’s calling for their lives.

Childbirth Educators/Doulas

- Alexandra Carraquillo, Puerto Rico
- Blanca Saenz, USA
- Hannah Crosby, USA
- Kartina Saerang, Indonesia
- Katherine Leong, USA
- Kimberly Peralta, USA
- Krystal Lehman, USA
- Lynn Kawakami, Japan
- Nadele Bertus, USA
- Sabrina Oliver, USA
- Tammara Usedo, USA

Childbirth Educators

- Catherine Gray, Canada
- Lomaswati Dlamini, Swaziland
- Megan Neill, USA
- Tulia Lomani, Fiji
It is difficult for us to understand and appreciate God’s sacrifice in giving us His Son, thereby providing a plan for our redemption. The King of glory humbling Himself to fallen humanity? Yet the Bible says, “The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14. He accepted our fallen nature and struggled against Satan’s temptations. He was willing to take this risk because He loved us.

The life and death of Christ, which are the price of our redemption, are not only a promise and pledge of eternal life, but they (along with His resurrection) are also the greatest demonstration of His character of love. How much was God willing to humble Himself for us?

“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21. Christ made Himself of no reputation. He became a servant. He humbled Himself even unto death on a cross! Oh, if we knew this love we would be “filled with the fullness of God.”

The apostle Peter was confronted with this love in a most vivid way. On one occasion when he was disheartened and it seemed to him that everything was failing, including his success as a fisherman, Christ performed a special miracle for him! He filled up his fishing nets to the point of bursting. Peter was so touched with Jesus’ condescension that he fell down at His feet and cried out: “Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” Luke 5:8.

On the night of Gethsemane, after Peter had denied His Lord three times, Christ turned and looked upon him with compassion, not with a condemning glance. Two days later Christ sent a message through an angel to the disciples, and specifically to Peter, that He would meet them in Galilee.

Yes, Christ came down to our level to touch us with His love, restore His image in our lives, and give us an opportunity to work for the salvation of our fellowmen. “God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:19.

Will we love others as He has loved us? Will we forgive others as He has forgiven us? May we be partakers of the humility of God!
Upcoming Events

Winter Convocation
January 30–February 1, 2015
Speakers: Tom and Alane Waters
Contact: Events Coordinator
☎ (540) 672-1996 ext 232

Spring Convocation
April 24–26, 2015
Speakers: Edwin Nebblett and Family
Contact: Events Coordinator
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Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp
June 14–21, 2015
Contact: Joan Reichard
☎ (540) 672-1996 ext 304

Camp Meeting
July 22–26, 2015
Contact: Events Coordinator
☎ (540) 672-1996 ext 232

Staff Openings
Contact: Nancy Carmouche
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Visit hartland.edu for updates.

Lifestyle Education Center
RN familiar with natural remedies and the eight laws of health

Plant Services
Skilled electrician/plumber/basic construction worker

About Our Winter Convocation Speakers
Tom and Alane Waters are the cofounders of Restoration International (RI). They cohost 3ABN’s Marriage in God’s Hands and have authored two books—For Better or for…Best! and The Powerful Potentials of Homeschool. They also travel frequently, speaking at RI family retreats, marriage retreats, parenting seminars, conference camps, and church seminars. They live in northwest Arizona and have three grown children.

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