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Azariah with his unit at PVYBC 2009

Hands-Down Confirmation

It was a quote I read in Sister White's writings that confirmed my call to work with young people.

by Dennis "Azariah" Anderson

“**W**hat are your thoughts about dating in high school?” My student's question caught me by surprise. He explained that he had been struggling to separate his feelings from his logic. As he opened up, I asked him some pointed questions, sharing the inspired principles I had learned and studied at Hartland.

When I first came to Hartland as a pastoral evangelism student, I wasn't sure of my calling in life. I just knew that I needed to learn more about the Bible. But when I worked as a counselor at Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp, I began to see that God was calling me to minister to youth. After that, I kept finding myself in situations working with young people. People would ask me, “Are you planning to be a youth pastor? You look like a youth pastor.” But what really made it click was a quotation I read from Sister White's writings: “Preachers, or laymen advanced in years, cannot have one half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates.” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 511. That quote was hands-down confirmation. Now I knew—my ministry was youth.

That's why I ended up at Shenandoah Valley Academy. I completed my internship here, and I now serve as assistant boys' dean and Bible teacher. I also teach a youth class at the New Market SDA Church on campus.

I recently had the opportunity to share my personal testimony for a vespers service. A student came up to me afterwards and said, “I also have a story to share, and I think that you're the person I need to share it with, but I'm not ready yet.” Over lunch one day, another student shared with me his struggles with suicidal thoughts. “I think I should speak to you more,” he concluded. As I interact and mingle with the students, I'm reminded over and over again that God has brought me here for a purpose—to plant seeds that God will water.

I thank God for the lessons I learned at Hartland—lessons of submission, of being intentional and prioritizing, of opening up and being vulnerable with others, of taking advantage of the opportunities God gives us. These have made me who I am today, and now I'm able to share these same lessons with my students.

Ana's Story

"I'm so much closer to Jesus now."

by Ana Sanchez

Hi! I'm 11 years old and I like to read, sing, laugh, play, eat, and spend time with God, my family, and my friends. My sister Eva attended PVYBC in 2013, and she came back so excited! She told me wonderful stories of friendships, spiritual experiences, and all the fun things she did. It made me want to go, too!

Last summer, I got my wish. I was a little nervous because it was my first year and I'm not very outgoing, but I shouldn't have worried. I soon felt like I was part of a family. I learned to get out of my comfort zone to talk to people and make new friends.

My counselors were awesome. They took the time to teach me and the other girls in our unit how to have meaningful personal devotions. Whenever I needed to talk, I knew I could talk to them and they would listen and pray with me. I felt that they really cared about me and wanted to help me.

One of my favorite parts of each day was Deep Bible Study, where we learned how to study and understand the Bible on our own. I liked how our teacher used lots of interactive methods! Another thing I liked was line call. It challenged me to be more detail-oriented and to be on time—not a second late!

For my classes, I chose Child Evangelism, Drawing, and Healthy Cooking and Baking. I learned so many things—how to reach the hearts of younger children for Christ; how to draw a 3-D triangle that looks like you could grab it; and how to make delicious healthy bread, pizza, French toast, party foods, ice cream, and lots more!

My favorite part of the day was campfire. There's something captivating about the sun setting next to you as you sing and listen to an uplifting message. I loved the Scripture songs!

It was really neat to watch God working in the hearts of other campers, too. Some kids weren't talking very nicely when they first came, and they only had two-minute devotions. But by the end of camp, they were not using those bad words anymore. They were leading out in unit worship and asking a lot of questions about spiritual things.

I'm so glad I went to PVYBC—not just because it was fun, but because I learned how to study the Bible deeper and to have a more intimate relationship with Jesus, and that's the most important thing!

I wish everyone could come to PVYBC!

Go to www.pvybc.com to apply for this year's camp!



Daniel Miranda gives lifestyle counseling at a health expo.

Mission to Peru

Health outreach opens doors and gives students a new appreciation for Hartland education.

by Andrew Hendrickson

“I wanted my friends to fall in love with missionary work,” says Daniel Miranda, a third-year pastoral evangelism major who led out on a recent trip to Peru. “I also wanted to see my friends’ faith being strengthened as mine has been on previous mission trips.”

Daniel chose Peru in hopes of improving local knowledge of the health message, the Three Angels’ Messages, and true education. Additionally, as he was leading his team of fellow South Americans, he hoped to encourage them to return to South America and support the work there.

The team of eight people—a ninth joined part of the time—visited 16 churches over a period of four weeks, splitting up into groups of two or three. They also conducted three health expos in different communities as bridging events.

“We made more than 300 contacts from the community,” Daniel reports, “which we were able to give to the local churches to follow up.” Local church leaders were very grateful and supportive. They saw this initiative as a stepping stone towards their goal of widespread health evangelism in 2015.

Through one health expo, the team was able to reach the mayor of Moro, Chimbote. The mayor enthusiastically provided a public place for the event, even making

a radio announcement and providing an ambulance on hand in case of emergency.

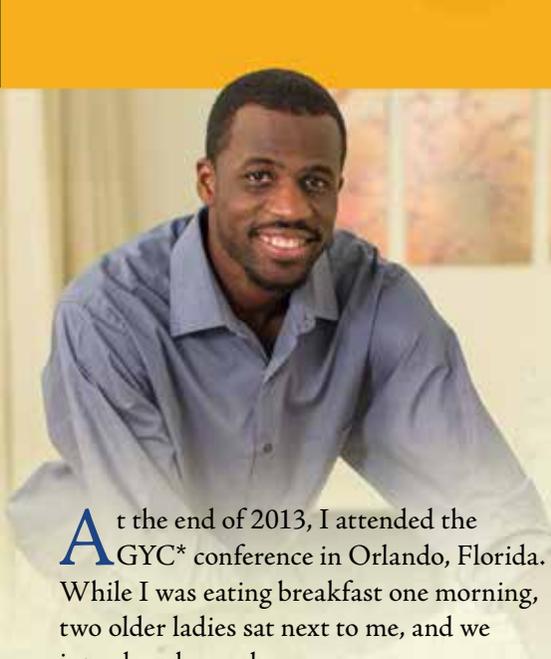
“As you can imagine, much interest was aroused,” Daniel relates. “We had the greatest attendance there for our health expo. We were so thankful for the help, that we decided to use this as an excuse to reach the mayor for Christ.” They gave him *The Great Controversy* as a token of their appreciation.

Jennifer Sarria, a Christian media ministry major, taught cooking classes, which she considered a blessing in many ways. “Not only were we able to open doors and make friends, but we were also able to draw interest for Bible classes. We had the opportunity to teach Adventists and non-Adventists alike how to prepare vegan food, which was a beautiful experience.”

The team returned from the trip with a new love for missions and a newfound thankfulness for the education they have been receiving at Hartland.

“Personally, the mission trip to Peru was a blessing in every way,” says Jennifer. “It helped me see my education differently—not as a career for myself, but as a useful tool with which to help others. Everything I had learned at Hartland I found to be a blessing during the trip.”

“Praise God for the all-round education offered by Hartland College,” Daniel concludes.



Certainly Called to Mission Service

“I was sure God was leading me to Hartland College,” says health ministry freshman Lanardo Rolle.

by Lanardo H. Rolle as told to Kevin Wahl

At the end of 2013, I attended the GYC* conference in Orlando, Florida. While I was eating breakfast one morning, two older ladies sat next to me, and we introduced ourselves.

I told them that I enjoy mission service. I had just come from a Maranatha Volunteers International mission trip in Prescott, Arizona, where we repaired classroom buildings for students at Camp Yavapines. “Mission service has always been my passion,” I said, “but I need to be better trained so I can do more.”

After hearing this, one of the ladies—Yolanda—said to me, “You should go to Hartland!” She directed me to a booth in the exhibition hall where I was to ask for a man named Cody Francis. I found the booth, and he answered my questions and gave me some reading material.

I started applying to Hartland College immediately after the GYC conference. I couldn’t afford to attend, but I applied anyway. Yolanda continued encouraging me every step of the way, even after I returned to my country, The Bahamas. She prayed with me after every conversation. Then Yolanda would say, “Lanardo, if it’s God’s will, He will make a way.”

When I finally received an email stating that I’d been accepted and would be

supported by the Missionary Training Fund, I shed tears of joy. I was sure God was leading me to Hartland.

I’ve nearly completed my first year now, and the Lord has taught me many wonderful truths. He’s given me victory over many things, and I am confident that He will be with me to the end. At Hartland I’ve been learning how to reach out to people and meet their needs through various outreach programs. When I return home, I plan to use what I’ve learned here in many ways—holding health expos, giving Bible studies, conducting cooking classes, doing youth ministry, and more! My desire is to take the gospel to every island of The Bahamas and to other countries near and far.

To the many faithful persons who support international students like me who cannot afford education, thank you very much. The Word states, “God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.” Hebrews 6:10, 11. Always remember that the promises of God are sure!

*Generation of Youth for Christ

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Hartland Goes to GYC by Cody Francis

Hundreds heard about Hartland for the first time in Phoenix, Arizona.

“I’ve been looking for a college with a missionary emphasis,” said Catherine.* “Your program sounds exactly like what I’ve been looking for!”

For many years, Hartland has taken students to the annual GYC (Generation of Youth for Christ) convention and been blessed by the messages and fellowship, but this year was different. This year, not only were we able to attend, but the Lord opened the doors for Hartland College to have a booth, sharing with the thousands who came to GYC about the opportunities the Lord has for young people at Hartland.

“I’ve heard so much about Hartland!” some said when they saw our booth. “What do I need to do to become a student?” Others had never heard of Hartland before and were interested in learning more. We met many faithful young people who feel called to be missionaries and are looking for a place to prepare for service. Several asked about enrolling in our online distance learning program. Many alumni also stopped by to catch up on how the Lord is continuing to bless the work at Hartland. One man had recently interacted with a couple of our interns. He was so positively impressed that

he said, “When my children are college age, I want to send them to Hartland!”

One thing that made Hartland’s booth unique was the midwifery display with several models of the development of fetuses in the womb. “What is this for?” everyone wanted to know. “How amazing that a little baby in the womb is so perfectly formed at only ten weeks of life!” they marveled. Patti Barnes, Midwifery Program Director, was there to share how young ladies could be trained to become childbirth educators, doulas, and midwives. This generated numerous inquiries and interests.

By the time GYC ended, we had distributed all 900 of the DVDs we had brought, given away many brochures and student handbooks, and talked with an untold number of people. We praise God for the opportunity He opened to be able to share, assist, and participate in GYC. We look forward to how the Lord will use the seeds planted there to germinate and bear fruit as missionaries for the Master to hasten His coming!

Check out page 5 to read Lanardo’s story of how God used GYC to bring him to Hartland!

*Catherine is a pseudonym.



by Amy Clark

Unexpected Blessings

“I wish my training years wouldn’t end!”

“Where did you meet Miss Sylvia?” Becky,* one of my second graders asked, about two weeks into the school year. Sylvia Suk had come to do her student teaching with me in my small multigrade school in rural Arkansas.

“At the airport,” was my reply.

“What?” she gasped. “You mean to tell me that you brought a perfect stranger to be our teacher?”

“Yes, pretty much!” Sylvia came as a perfect stranger but has quickly endeared herself to us. She has been a big help in the classroom and is already an excellent teacher. The students love her and want her to stay forever. “We like Miss Sylvia!” they say—including Becky. We are indeed blessed to have her in our school.

Sylvia’s time here hasn’t been quite what she expected. After hearing stories of some beginning teachers’ internships and first years of teaching, she had mentally prepared herself for a year of hardship and toil. But she says, “I can count many blessings so far that overrule the negatives. One expectation that has been met is the fact that I would be learning. I realize more and more that I still have so much to learn, and that only makes

me wish that my training years wouldn’t end.”

Sylvia is thankful that God led her to Hartland for her education. “It was at Hartland,” she relates, “that I began having a deeper understanding of who God really is and what His work is for us as His servants on earth. I see how God is working in me and through me to be a blessing to others that they may have a closer walk with Him.”

Looking toward the future, Sylvia says, “My vision is to abide in, reflect, and share Jesus with whomever the Lord puts in my path—to carry the message of the gospel to others that they may carry it also, until everyone has had a chance to look heavenward. I have a burden for young people because it seems that they are the most vulnerable to the attacks of Satan—and yet, at the same time, they are the most receptive to the love of Christ when rightly presented. I pray that God may use me to minister to His children young and old, through lines of education, child evangelism, and music.”

Sylvia has truly made a positive impact on the young people in our school, and I know that she will continue to influence souls for eternity wherever she may go.

*Becky is a pseudonym.



A New Outreach Opportunity

Word about Hartland's midwifery program is spreading in our community!

by Patti Barnes

“I feel very honored to be a part of God's early work in this program,” says Kartina Saerang, a midwifery student at Hartland College. “It was ‘for such a time as this’ that the Lord opened up the opportunity to work with the women's shelter.”

Hartland midwifery students have been sharing their knowledge of childbirth with Pregnancy Crisis Centers (PCC) in Virginia, promoting a healthy lifestyle that will benefit both expectant mothers and their babies. The students have done so well that PCC has recommended them to yet another institution—the Paul Stefan Home in Madison, VA.

The Paul Stefan Foundation was formed to help mothers be successful in parenting and in finances. They provide mothers and expectant mothers with a place to live and learn. By offering them educational opportunities, they can help these mothers learn to support themselves and end their dependence on state aid.

The foundation recently was able to secure the President Madison Inn, a facility with 31 rooms, lecture rooms, and a kitchen. Here the mothers are able to stay for up to four years, obtain a degree, and learn practical skills, including culinary arts from a retired chef. Now another valuable

training is being offered to these mothers—childbirth education.

Hartland's midwifery students will visit the Paul Stefan Home and teach the mothers and expectant mothers how to best take care of themselves and their babies through the prenatal period. They will also be offering labor support (doula services) to those who are interested. This one-on-one contact will provide our students with practical experience as well as opportunities to share the health message and the gospel. We have already begun on a small scale, and it has been a very positive experience.

“The women are appreciative and eager to learn,” says student Tammara Usedo. “They have confidence in us and look forward to our visits.”

“I see now that each step was the Lord's plan—the birth of Hartland's midwifery program, our work with the crisis center, and now our partnership with the Paul Stefan Home,” says Kartina. “I am excited to see what more the Lord will do!”

We thank the Lord for opening up these opportunities and bringing our students more and more avenues to get practical experience. Our goal is to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, following His counsel and being used by Him for His glory.



A Life-Changing Choice

Surgery was not something Margaret wanted.

by Rachel Perry

“Lord, I want You to do what is best for me,” Margaret prayed. “Use whomever You have to use to help me get better.”

Doctors told Margaret Finley that without surgery to fix her bulging disc, she would not have any quality of life. But she wasn’t ready to accept that prognosis. A friend whose daughter had been helped through Hartland’s program recommended the Lifestyle Education Center (LEC).

“I figured they probably wouldn’t be able to help me with my neck, because according to my research, they basically deal with chronic diseases,” Margaret explains. “But I decided to go anyway, because my goal was to get off diabetes medicine. I thought, *If my body is in optimal health, then maybe my neck will get better.*”

When Margaret first arrived at the LEC, the pain in her shoulders and neck was so intense she could hardly raise her arms. The LEC team prayed with her and laid out the care plan. “From what I’ve watched,” says Margaret, “every plan is made under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I knew God had already talked to them about it.

“I appreciated how they treated me as an individual with my particular health needs,” she continues. “The regimen was

tough, but I felt like I accomplished a lot. My heart is much stronger. I was not an exercise person before I came here—just a casual morning walk was enough for me. But the hills of Hartland helped me develop a love for exercise. I’ve come to realize that we are meant to move—that God meant for our bodies to exercise and to move every day.”

And about Margaret’s neck pain—she was right! “My neck has improved! The problem that I had is not gone, but the pain has lessened. I hardly even know it’s there unless I overextend myself. I truly believe that the massage and the hydrotherapy I received at Hartland was very beneficial in making that happen.”

Today, Margaret is off all her medications, her blood pressure is stable, and her blood glucose level is excellent. “I am sticking to the program,” she testifies. “I will forever be grateful for the change Hartland has made in my life.”

“If you have health challenges like I did,” Margaret concludes, “ask yourself, What choice do I want in my life? Do I want to live a healthy life? Or do I want to live a pill-bottle life? If you really want to feel good again, come to a place like Hartland. It’s money well spent.”



Pursuing Faith in Postmodern Times

Facing the lure of cultural and personal preferences

Norbert Restrepo, President

Jesus asked the significant question, “When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:8. If it was difficult for the Jews to believe in Jesus’ divinity even though they witnessed His blameless life and miraculous works, we can expect a greater challenge finding people with genuine faith in God in our postmodern world. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6.

When the existence of God is affirmed, other issues such as the nature and function of God, how He reveals Himself, and how He communicates with man become decisive.¹ All of these crucial issues require faith in Him who is the Truth.

But even in Heaven and in the Garden of Eden where the existence of God was clearly evident, God’s character, His law, and the truthfulness of His word were questioned. After the fall of humanity, God spoke to His children through prophets, but their message was often rejected, and the traditions of men were placed above God’s law.

Satan continued to undermine faith in God and His character through paganism, with its many gods reflecting human

passions and ambitions. Later, his work continued through the rationalism and spiritualism of the Greek philosophers, the subtlest and most alluring form of paganism.²

Fast-forward to the Enlightenment, and we see a religious liberalism emerge as theologians accepted the presuppositions of rationalism.³ This prepared the way for the acceptance of a naturalistic-evolutionary worldview by neo-orthodox theologians such as Karl Barth, and the development of the historical-critical method of studying the Bible, which minimizes the need for faith in God and obedience to His commandments.^{4,5}

Today, we face the relativism of postmodern society. Will we replace simple faith in God’s Word with humanistic thought? Will we follow cultural and personal preferences, disregarding God’s principles? Oh, may we choose to please God and exercise faith in His Word!

¹ Hasel, Gerhard F., *Understanding the Word of God*, 1980, p. 21.

² White, Ellen G., *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 234.

³ Schaeffer, Francis, *How Should We Then Live?* 1976, p. 175.

⁴ Hasel, p. 20.

⁵ Adventist.org, information, official statements, documents, methods of Bible study.

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Speakers
Isaac Olatunji Jr., PhD, a 1994 graduate of Hartland College, teaches religion and theology at Oakwood University. He is also speaker/director of Project Latter Rain Ministries, specializing in evangelism, leadership development, and health education. Through revival and reformation, he seeks to prepare God's people to meet Jesus when He comes.

Scott Ritsema is an educator, writer, and speaker with a passion for present truth. Scott currently presents seminar material to churches and other gatherings on topics such as media, parenting, education, and sexuality. His seminars have recently been featured at a number of GYC and ASI conventions, as well as satellite TV and radio. Scott lives in Michigan with his wife, Cami, and two boys, Levi and Silas.

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