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The pieces are coming together for a health evangelism center uniquely situated to reach Washington, DC.

by Staff Writers

Let Us Rise and Build!

Imagine a health evangelism center in a relaxing country environment uniquely situated to reach our nation's capital. Imagine this health center offering Jesus' method of ministry to both stressed and weary city dwellers, as well as to neighbors and families in our local community.

Imagine this health center combining lifestyle medicine with the ministry of midwifery on a small college campus that trains missionaries to take the Three Angels' Messages to a dying world. This is the vision the Lord has placed upon our hearts.

This vision is not just our idea; it is a heaven-ordained call: a call to reach out to our large cities, a call to combine gospel and medical missionary evangelism, a call to reach a dying world with the message of a crucified, risen, interceding, and soon-coming Savior.

God has especially called for Washington, DC to be worked:

"If there is any place in the world that should have the full rays of present truth,

it is Washington, the city that is the very heart of the nation.... If there is one place above another where a sanitarium should be established, and where gospel work should be done, it is in this city.... Above all other places the capital of our nation should now have an opportunity to hear the message for this time."¹

When the Lord calls for a specific work to be done, He puts the pieces together for its accomplishment, and He is doing just this for the fulfillment of this multiuse, health evangelistic center.

God has already given Hartland College a beautiful, healing, country campus within easy driving range of Washington, DC. We have 70 students enrolled in a variety of 1-year, 2-year, and 4-year programs. Our small "Lifestyle to Health" program is currently serving five to six guests a session, conducting community health outreach, and offering several one-week medical missionary training seminars a year.

Our midwifery training program is

entering its fourth year. We are networking locally and internationally, and our students are being prepared to take Virginia midwifery exams. We are serving mothers at crisis pregnancy centers, but eventually, our plan is to have a birthing center here as part of our community outreach.

A plan has already been developed to restore our old Wellness Center, currently unusable because of building code issues, and turn it into a multiuse health evangelistic center incorporating

lifestyle medicine, midwifery, community education, and more! While we are currently offering all

these ministries, we are doing this on a very limited scale. We urgently need more space!

We believe that like Nehemiah of old, God is calling us to, "Come and let us build!"² Just like in Nehemiah's time, God is going to work miracles to bring this vision to reality.

We would like to partner with you as we spread the gospel the way Jesus did, by combining health ministry with evangelism.

"If there is any place in the world that should have the full rays of present truth, it is Washington, the city that is the very heart of the nation...."

How can you help us make this vision a reality?

First, please keep this project in your earnest prayers as we entreat the Lord to finish the good work that He has begun.

Second, you can help with a one-time or monthly gift marked for the Health Evangelistic Center. Can you give \$50, \$100, \$500 or more a month to bring this project to completion? Could you make a one-time gift of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000

or more? Your gifts will go directly toward this building project.

Third, you can share this exciting project with your friends and family so that they can see how the Lord

has put the essential parts together—just a few more pieces and the vision will become reality.

As we unite, God will work even more mightily to move His work forward. Let us "rise and build!"

¹ White, Ellen G., "Our Work at the Nation's Capital," July 17, 1903.

² Nehemiah 2:17.

The old Hartland Wellness Center will be remodeled into a multiuse Health Evangelistic Center incorporating lifestyle medicine, midwifery, community education, and more.



Confirming My Call to the Ministry

My internship with CAMPUS has helped identify where in ministry I would be happy and useful.

by Jermaine Gayle

“I really want to know God more,” Tiffany’s friend Mia* interjected at the end of our study. “How can I?”

I was dumbfounded. This was an answer to a prayer I had not expected! I answered the best way I could and made an appeal for her to study more. Mia gladly agreed and thanked me for coming and connecting her and Tiffany on their journey to know God more.

Tiffany and Mia are students at a public college in Michigan, where I am interning with the CAMPUS† Ministerial Residency program. I had already been studying with Tiffany a while when her roommate Mia joined us one Sabbath because she had nothing else to do. I silently asked the Lord to work on Mia’s heart. She joined us again the next Sabbath, and this time she participated! It was amazing to see her enthusiasm while asking relevant questions.

The CAMPUS Ministerial Residency program is designed to effectively test an individual’s call to the gospel ministry and provide a venue for ministry training in a secular university context. I have clearly seen God’s providence in leading me to do my internship here.

From the day I arrived at CAMPUS, everything seemed to work in concert to steer me in the right direction. Godly

counsel has helped me identify exactly where in ministry I would be happy and useful. The training that CAMPUS provides in evangelism, time management, personal spirituality, and other practical aspects of pastoral ministry has made a huge difference and is far beyond what I could have expected.

Before coming to Hartland in 2011, I knelt in my closet and committed myself to a life of faith. It hasn’t been easy, but these years have proved to be the best four years of my life. I’ve begun to see how important it is to utilize my present situation to encourage and strengthen others instead of waiting for some future time to do so. When I began making the students and staff my focus and ministry, those moments at Hartland were the most fulfilling.

Now God is clearly leading me to be a pastor of a local Seventh-day Adventist church, where I will get the opportunity to assist members in personal evangelism, spiritual growth, and so on. There is nothing greater than seeing someone cheerful about their newfound faith, as a result of God using me to lead others to Himself.

*Tiffany and Mia are pseudonyms.

†Center for Adventist Ministry to Public University Students



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Students receive:

- An understanding of the Three Angels' Messages
- Opportunities to develop their Christian witness
- Practical application of studies
- Excellent internship options
- Agricultural training

Majors

- Pastoral Evangelism
- Elementary Education
- Christian Media Ministry
- Ministry of Midwifery
- Bible Instruction
- Health Ministry

*Preparing young people
to take the everlasting gospel to the world*

Go Ye!

Training the final generation includes strong outreach opportunities.

by Gillian Bethel



“I have two experiences to share, and I’ll try to be short,” smiles Alexi. It’s Friday morning chapel, a time when students and staff share inspiring testimonies about their weekly outreach encounters. We hear heart-warming experiences gleaned from colporteur, practical helps, Bible studies, and health outreach, as well as overseas

local church members share with three different groups: English, Spanish, and Messianic Jews. Over 100 inmates gather at the Buckingham CC and up to 70 men at the Augusta CC to hear Bible truth and share testimonies of God’s goodness. At the Fluvanna CC, a women’s prison where 13 female students and staff hold weekly meetings, an inmate said, “This is the happiest I’ve ever been in my life.” Another shared, “I have not slept so soundly since I started attending the Seventh-day Adventist Bible study and listening to gospel music at nights and in the mornings.”



The Three Angels' Chorale shares the gospel in churches, homeless shelters, schools, and prisons.

mission trips; but we are also blessed with some very unique outreach testimonies.

Four prisons have opened their doors for us to conduct regular Bible study groups, with 15 inmates so far baptized into local Seventh-day Adventist churches and others preparing for baptism. “I live for Friday nights,” enthused one of the inmates at the Coffewood Correctional Center (CC), where Hartland staff, students, and

Hartland’s outreach choir, the Three Angels’ Chorale, has sung in many settings in the US and overseas, including shopping malls, airports, prisons, schools, orphanages, churches, and even banks, but one of their favorite venues is homeless shelters. After singing to an appreciative audience, they’ve spent the night in the dormitories with the homeless men and women. “They don’t have cars to go to church, but we’re bringing Jesus to them,” says Alexandra. “They were crying and saying ‘thank you so much!’” adds Naomi.

The students in Hartland’s midwifery and doula programs have also found receptive mission fields. Both a pregnancy

crisis center and a residential facility for unmarried mothers have invited them to hold childbirth education classes. The students were able to give the women spiritual encouragement as well. The pregnancy center's director commented, "The Hartland students are a joy to be around, very friendly, open, and encouraging, as well as competent in their areas of study. And because the center is a ministry, the students are able to pray with the moms, giving all the glory to God." Some of the women have asked that the students assist at the birth of their babies, and the residential facility has asked for vegetarian cooking classes from a Hartland health outreach team.

It is also exciting to assist our local churches and our church at large in outreach programs. A team of 15 Hartland students and staff were privileged to join the recent **Your Best Pathway to Health outreach in San Antonio**. All had stories to tell of special encounters and opportunities to share Jesus' love. Hartland students and staff ministered through chair massage, dental assistance, hospitality, music, and many hugs and smiles to those they met, as well as enjoying the opportunity to work alongside volunteers and health professionals from all over the US.

On a smaller scale, but equally exciting, is **Youth, Do You Dare? (YDYG)**—a student-organized program seeking to ignite the fire within Seventh-day Adventist young people's hearts to serve others for God. It offers weekend training in personal Bible study and prayer and gives hands-on instruction on how to conduct health fairs and Bible studies. "I liked seeing all the youth interacting and working together, especially at the health



YDYG trains young people to connect with their community through hands-on programs like Health Expo.

fair," said a 19-year-old in Lake City, Florida. "I also liked getting to know each member of the group personally. I think it was valuable that they took time to mingle and talk with young and old."

Before Alexi finishes his "short" testimony, the next eager hands are already raised. This enthusiasm for ministry keeps the fire burning in our hearts to serve others for God.

YDYG outreach

Training Effective Missionaries

Chuck Holtry, a '97 elementary education graduate, now directs the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE).

by Kevin Wahl



“I’ve always loved children,” says Hartland graduate Chuck Holtry, “but while student teaching, I found that my true love was secondary education. As soon as I graduated, I went and taught academy.”

After teaching academy for five years—the last two years at Hartland Academy—Chuck started teaching some college classes at Hartland. “I realized that I really enjoyed working with older minds.”

Chuck ended up teaching Bible, something he’d never thought he could do. “And I discovered it’s something I really love doing. Eventually I felt the need to share publically the knowledge I have, and not just keep it to myself or among the “saints.” So I did an evangelistic series, and I liked it. Then God opened up the door for me to become an evangelist for Amazing Facts.”

Today Chuck is director of AFCOE.* “My job is to inspire and train other people in evangelism and Bible work—what it is and how to do it, as well as how to train others.”

Chuck is also involved with foreign mission work through AFCOE. Two years ago he traveled to Indonesia and last year to Guatemala, Greece, and Thailand. “This year it will be South Africa and again Thailand.”

In addition to doing evangelistic work,

Chuck is a devoted husband and father. He is married to Christina (Bruno) Holtry, '03 Hartland graduate, and has two children, Grace and Christopher.

Concerning his college education, Chuck relates, “At Hartland I gained a respect for the historical grammatical interpretation of Scripture. And that is the most important thing a student can ever receive from a college education—learning that they can trust God implicitly, that His Word is final, and that there is a truth, a foundation, a standard.

“In a sermon at the 2013 GYC** conference, Elder Ted Wilson stated, ‘We must base our beliefs on the Word of God using the...historical grammatical method of studying the Bible and approaching our prophetic understanding from a historicist’s perspective. God’s Word must be foundational to our beliefs, our faith, and our practical living that strongly establishes our identity as Seventh-day Adventists.’¹ And Hartland has provided that for its students.”

Chuck concludes, “I love teaching. For me, evangelism is teaching. It is the core of what I do.”

*Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism

**Generation of Youth for Christ

¹<http://www.3abn.com/Series/13GYC/13GYC000012.html>

Essential Education

Seventh-day Adventists shouldn't be surprised by the new evidence linking gardening with superior human development.

by Staff Writers

Did you know that gardening for 45 minutes can burn as many calories as 30 minutes of heart-healthy aerobics?¹ Were you also aware that soil contains properties more effective than antidepressants like Prozac?² The longer you garden, the more you realize the benefits to your body, intellect, and soul.³

Nearly 150 years ago we were counseled, "Study in agricultural lines should be the A, B, and C of the education given in our schools."⁴ "Working the soil is one of the best kinds of employment, calling the muscles into action and resting the mind," and "this work is essential to the education most favorable to spiritual advancement."⁵ This is why Hartland is committed to running a solid, agricultural farm as an essential part of our educational experience.

The Hartland College farm consists of orchards, gardens, and greenhouses where students grow fruit and vegetables according to God's laws of nature. In addition to the opportunities for hands-on education, all students take a gardening course that includes training in seed selection, soil preparation, planting, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and harvesting.

"My experience at the farm has been very humbling," says Miguel Harris, a second-year student. "It is a blessing to learn practical things, and to know it's also

preparation for the hard times to come. My goal is to one day be a farmer and minister to others through gardening and the health message."

Brittany Limberg, a freshman, shares, "The farm has taught me many lessons, especially patience. I didn't like the farm at first, but now I see its significance. I can see God through nature in so many ways."

Hartland's farm is at the forefront of healthful agricultural methods, producing superior quality, nutrient-rich crops free of harmful chemicals and genetically modified organisms. Not only do its harvests supply Hartland's kitchens, but the crops are sold to local distributors and farmers' markets.

Hartland's agricultural course is an essential aspect of our holistic educational program, also serving as an industry. Ultimately, gardening increases our faith and trust in God and teaches us to partner with Him. By working the land as the Lord commands, we will truly have the green advantage.

¹ Next Avenue, <http://www.nextavenue.org/gardenings-surprising-health-benefits/>.

² "Antidepressant Microbes In Soil: How Dirt Makes You Happy," <http://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/soil-fertilizers/antidepressant-microbes-soil.htm>.

³ See reference 1.

⁴ White, Ellen G., *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 179.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 179 and 178.

God Healed Me!

Before receiving treatments at Hartland, Earl felt ready to die.

by Kevin Wahl and Kay Baumgartner

“You have stage 4 pancreatic [neuroendocrine] cancer that has spread to the liver and possibly the lungs,” the doctor informed Earl Baumgartner. “We can’t take it out.” Earl received one chemo treatment, and on the way home he told his wife Kay, “I don’t want to go through this anymore. I’d rather die.”

Earl continually experienced pain, nausea, diarrhea, weight loss, and loss of appetite. Kay kept coming home to find him in the bathroom because he’d been throwing up. In 2005, Earl had 40 percent of his pancreas removed, along with his spleen and the lymph nodes that were around his pancreas. This resulted in him also having diabetes and becoming permanently insulin dependent.

What caused all this? Earl answers, “I’ve always been vegetarian. I always ate a good breakfast. But I didn’t chew my food very much. And I’d come home at 10 PM, eat supper, then go to bed on a full stomach. Eating late at night for years did me in. I learned that being vegetarian is not as important as *when* you eat and *how* you eat.”

After Kay phoned different lifestyle centers and went over their online information, Earl decided on Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC). Also, Earl’s church made a commitment to pray for him every day, and his pastor anointed

him. He felt healed immediately!

Others would eventually ask Earl, “Why did you go to Hartland after God healed you?” He’d reply, “If I didn’t change what I was doing, the cancer would have come back.”

Earl spent four weeks at Hartland’s LEC in February 2014. During the last week his cousinCarolynn Lord, a nurse, came to the LEC to learn how to do the fever treatments. After Earl left Hartland, Carolynn, assisted by Kay and a massage therapist, gave him treatments at home. Carolynn shares, “We did that for nine months. We just did exactly what I was taught. We brought the temperature up and took it down.”

After a new oncologist did a CT scan and blood work, he told Earl, “You’re fine and you need no treatment now. I’ll see you in a year for a checkup.”

Over the past 15 months, Earl has experienced excellent health with lots of energy. He feels no pain, works hard, and eats well—at regular and proper times. Earl says he would recommend Hartland’s LEC “to anyone who has cancer.”

During a recent visit, his doctor told him, “Keep on doing whatever you’re doing. It’s working well!”

Earl concludes, “I’m praising God for healing and for every new day of life, along with my family and friends!”



Arise! Shine!

Jesus is coming!

Norbert Restrepo, President

Christ's coming will take place in the darkest period of this earth's history. This sounds like an oxymoron because we consider the Dark Ages as something of the past; we are living beyond the Enlightenment period. Our world today has the accumulated knowledge of all previous civilizations plus cutting edge technology.

Notwithstanding these valuable achievements, humanity faces increasing crime, pain, and suffering. Even the most developed nations live in fear of terrorism and meaningless massacres. Whether in the dark alleys of poverty-ridden cities, in remote villages of pagan countries, or in the prestigious halls of universities in developed countries—bullying, sexual assaults, and crime lay evidence that human progress has not subdued evil.¹ Why? Because the only way to conquer evil is by victory over sin!

“At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy, and truth.”²

God has called us to “Arise, shine.” But this will only be possible if the “glory of the Lord is risen” upon us. Isaiah 60:1–3. What is the glory of the Lord? It is His

character. God's self-renouncing love is the power that can transform our characters and motivate us to serve others. God yearns to give us this experience; He desires to fulfill His promise in us.

But, “before we can carry the message of present truth in all its fullness to other countries, we must first break every yoke. We must come into the line of true education, walking in the wisdom of God, and not in the wisdom of the world. God calls for messengers who will be true reformers. We must educate, educate, to prepare a people who will understand the message, and then give the message to the world.”³

It is our privilege and duty to educate our church members and youth to experience victory over sin. Overcoming sin is only possible through the power of God. His grace will be imparted to us when we know Him personally and surrender our lives completely to Him. May this be a foundational element in our homes, churches, and schools so that we may truly be a light in the midst of darkness!

¹ “Here Are the 55 Colleges in America Facing Federal Sexual Assault Investigations,” *National Journal*, May 1, 2014, www.nationaljournal.com.

² White, Ellen G., *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 415.

³ White, *Review and Herald*, Feb. 6, 1908, p. 393.

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October 23-25, 2015

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About Our Camp Meeting Speakers

Isaac Olatunji Jr., 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 seminars 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 on satellite TV and radio. Scott lives in Michigan with his wife, Cami, and two boys, Levi and Silas.

SUMMER CAMP MEETING

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July 22-26, 2015

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