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Victories were gained and lives were changed at PVYBC 2015.

by Rachel Perry

On June 14, 2015, our campus buzzed with excitement as 70 young people poured in from all over the country to attend Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp.

"I knew it would be different from any other year," says Leah, a camper returning for the fourth time. "Most of the campers and counselors were new."

Our theme this year was a continuation of last year's—Transformed 2. Dennis "Azariah" Anderson, '12 Hartland graduate, inspired the campers with practical ways to form good habits that will last, while Eugene Prewitt led them deep into the Word with a verse-by-verse study of Peter's Ladder in 2 Peter 1:3–8.

"Deep Bible Study was my favorite part of camp!" says Lillian. "It helped me get closer to God."

During the day, campers dispersed to various outreach, recreation, and theme classes. "I liked how the instructors worked one-on-one with us. It didn't feel like a class," says Daniel.

Sabbath afternoon, each outreach class practiced what they'd learned during the week. Some presented a health expo, others sang in choir, played in the orchestra, or gave out handmade gifts at a local nursing home. The "On Fire for

Missions" class prepared an engaging, interactive presentation about the need for missionaries among unreached people groups. At the end of camp, many made commitments to spend more time in prayer and Bible study.

"I decided to change my diet," says Daniel, a first-time camper. "I also decided to try to be more spiritual, to pray more, to get right with God."

Praise God for the victories gained and the transformations experienced!

"I was a little apprehensive at first," Leah admits, "but it was my favorite year so far, and I am counting the days till next year's camp! Hopefully I can be a counselor in 2017. I want to help kids like I've been helped!"

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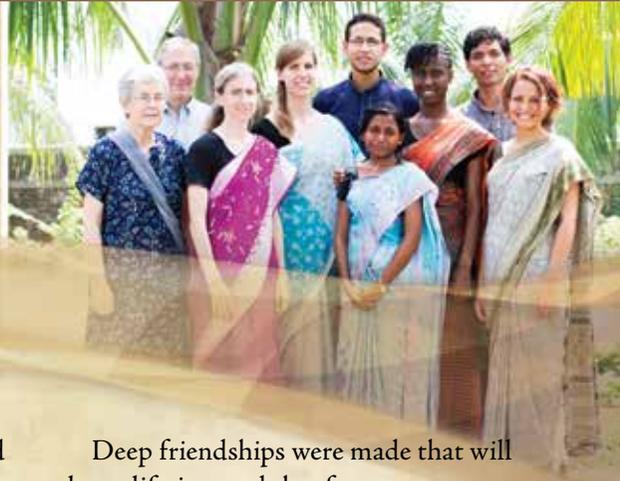
"No Limits!"

with Hannah Rayne
and Eugene Prewitt

God Called Us to India

We became older brothers and sisters to children who in most cases had no one.

by Lidia Sobor



For two years, discouragements and setbacks threatened to squelch our dreams of a mission trip to India. But when we finally walked through the doors of the Springs of Life cafeteria and saw the beautiful, glowing faces of those precious children, we regretted every discouraging thought that had entered our minds.

Our team, comprised of six students from six countries, represented each major from Hartland College. We were accompanied by the Endres family, or “Grandma and Grandpa,” as the children fondly called them. The biggest need was for teachers, so we each took up one, two, or three classes, while Catherine Gray took up the hectic and much-needed position of a nurse.

“Every day I would hear something like, ‘Miss, Miss! I need a bandage; there’s a boil on my leg; my eye is hurting; my leg is hurting; someone just fell and hurt themselves,’” recounts Catherine.

From 5 AM to 11 PM we were on our feet—giving worship talks, teaching, grading, cooking lunch, organizing youth meetings, nursing, and helping in study hall. There was never a dull moment! A highlight was our health expo, which included prenatal checkups. The children handed out flyers to surrounding villages, and more than 100 villagers turned up!

Deep friendships were made that will last a lifetime and that far surpass a teacher/student relationship. We became older brothers and sisters to children who in most cases had no one.

Momota, a graduate student from Springs of Life School and a sophomore at Hartland, shares her story about a 15-year-old boy currently studying there: “I asked him about his future plans. ‘I have no plans,’ he told me. ‘What’s the point of thinking of future plans when there’s no one to support and care what happens to me?’ I told him that I did not have much to offer, but what I could give him I would—to be a sister to him.”

Upon returning to the States, Momota received a message from him: “I am missing you so much. You were a great blessing to me. Sister, the love you gave me, this love I have never gotten from anyone else, not even from my family. Thank you so much.”

I know God called us to India. He has called you, too, to go and help those in need. Trials and discouragements will come, but trust in Him and “He shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6. You will find that the sum of life’s happiness is a life lived for others. Only this is a life worthwhile.



In Memory of
**ROBERT “BOB”
 JORGENSEN**
 (1955–2015)

by Vicky Jorgensen and Daniel LaFlair

“**A**nd I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14:13.

Brother Bob Jorgensen, a longtime board member and devoted friend of Hartland, fell asleep in Jesus Sunday evening, June 14, 2015.

Over the past months—years really—Bob spent many nights and late hours preparing for the next speaking engagement on his docket, returning phone calls, sending out products, or working on soil analyses for the many people who asked for help from all over the world. In addition to running Medical Missionary Press, Bob also maintained a garden providing food for himself, his wife, and his 87-year-old mother, as well as neighbors and local markets. Those in Bob’s hometown knew him as the head

elder of his church, which also kept him quite busy since they didn’t have a pastor.

Bob Jorgensen was also an active board member of the Adventist Agricultural Association. Like James White, he tried doing the job of many, feeling there was never enough time to get it all done and not enough people doing it.

Bob was instrumental in strengthening the agricultural program at Hartland Institute, and traveled there frequently. Bob spent his final week, June 5–14, 2015, conducting an agricultural seminar at Hartland. The meetings were quite successful with many in attendance, even non-Adventists, who expressed sincere appreciation for the subject matter. On June 14, after teaching two things he loved—true education and agriculture—Bob collapsed in the field from what appeared to be heatstroke at 9 o’clock in the evening. Although the paramedics worked on him for some time, they were unable to revive him. He is survived by his mother Florence, his wife Vicky, two brothers Gilbert and Will, and many other family and friends who loved him.

Many have expressed that Bob’s passing is a huge loss for Adventism. Indeed, the kingdom of God was honored by this wise builder. A great light has been extinguished; it’s now up to those of us who remain to fill some very large, empty shoes.

We’re told that “Many will be laid away to sleep in Jesus before the fiery ordeal of the time of trouble shall come upon our world.” *Spalding and Magan Collection*, p. 6.

Blessed is he who died in the Lord. Henceforth rest until the sleeping saints awake to immortality.

Sharing the Light

Growing up as an Adventist in Russia was sometimes dark and lonely for Alena. At Hartland, she's found a closer walk with Jesus and a new focus for her artistic talent.

by Alena Vlasova as told to Andrew Hendrickson

“If you will not stop being part of this sect, you will have no successful future,” my teachers told me.

Growing up in an Adventist home in Russia was difficult. At my public school, Saturday was a school day. This caused difficulty with teachers and students. Making matters worse, I didn't have a close relationship with God. I was very lonely and depressed, church was a chore, and my life seemed dark and empty.

Three years ago, a new pastor from South Korea came to our church. His enthusiasm and desire to serve God inspired me. I started singing in the choir, attending youth meetings, praying more, and becoming closer to God and others.

My mom learned about Hartland College from someone at church. I was still in high school, but my sister Nastasya came and studied health ministry. I decided to come to Hartland because I knew I couldn't study at a worldly college if I wanted a deeper relationship with God.

This wasn't easy, however. I couldn't get a visa; I didn't have money. But God provided a ticket, and I discovered the Missionary Training Fund, which would help pay for my education.

Studying at Hartland has been a blessing. I'd never thought before about

praying before class.

The teachers are here to support us, unlike those at home. I've made many friends from all over the world. I don't feel lonely anymore, for which I thank God immensely. I rarely read my Bible before, but at Hartland I've made a habit of reading every morning and evening. Through this, I've learned more about God, myself, and our purpose as Christians in these last days.

My major at Hartland is Christian media, which is a powerful avenue for ministry to our generation. I studied art in high school, and thought that media was what I should learn, but I didn't like computers. I prayed a lot. When classes started, I knew this was what I was supposed to do. God knows how to use our talents and potential to His glory.

In photography class I learned that light is the most important thing. Without light, a picture will just be dark. As Christians we are to be lights to the world. Many people have darkness in their hearts. They want to change, but don't know how. Our work is to share the light of Jesus with them.

I am very grateful to those who support students through the Missionary Training Fund. Your financial sacrifice gives us the opportunity to study at the school of Christ.





Summer Graduation 2015

Aim: Taking Hold of God's Strength

Motto: Doing God's Work Which Lies Nearest

On June 5–6, 2015, eight of the graduating class joined in praise for how God had led them, and to rejoice in the expectation of what God will do through them as they enter their lifework. They shared varied experiences from their internships—preaching, educating children, working in lifestyle centers, delivering babies—but each had a common testimony of how God had used them to lead souls to Him. We look forward to how God will continue using each of these graduates to finish His work!



Joshua Bandel
USA
Health Ministry, Associate

Bible verses: *Titus 2:11–14*

Vision: To go wherever God leads.



Shantavia Gittens
The Bahamas
Health Ministry

Bible verse: *Revelation 21:4*

Vision: To become a missionary and establish a lifestyle center in the Bahamas.



Jermaine Gayle
USA
Pastoral Evangelism

Bible verse: *Joshua 1:9*

Vision: To serve God and my fellow men.



Mark Li
China
Pastoral Evangelism

Bible verse: *Philippians 4:13*

Vision: To spread the pure gospel throughout China.



Mpho Mogampane
Botswana
Pastoral Evangelism

Bible verse: *2 Timothy 2:15*

Vision: To preach and teach the gospel of Christ in truth.



Angeline Nyaata
Kenya
Midwifery Ministry,
Associate

Bible verse: *Isaiah 30:21*

Vision: To cheerfully and willingly work for Christ. To completely surrender to His will. To go where He wants me to go and do what He wants me to do, answering His call by saying, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."



Asenath Rawlins
USA
Health Ministry

Bible verse: *Philippians 4:13*

Vision: To go where God wants me to go.



Sylvia Suk
USA
Elementary Education

Bible verse: *Isaiah 40:31*

Vision: To minister to children and families, preparing them for the kingdom.



Viliame Saqusaqu
Fiji
Pastoral Evangelism

Bible verse: *Psalms 119:165*

Vision: To take the final message of mercy to the world.

My New Friend Mike

"I made an appeal I had never made at the door before!" exclaims Cwayita, a Bible instruction intern in Spokane, WA.

by Cwayita Ntsikeni



"If there is a God, He has a very sick sense of humor," said a friendly guy whose countenance changed as he uttered these words.

While we visited at the door, I tried to find the reason for Mike's* conclusion. He grew up in a home with great Christian parents. So what was wrong?

"Father's Day without my dad was hard," he sighed, "although I had a great time with my 13-year-old daughter." His dad had died in a plane crash about a month before. He also cannot have biological children. He loves his adopted daughter dearly, but he'd love to have children by his wife. "How can God have me suffer like this?"

I asked him the key question in the survey, "If you had an opportunity, would you study the Bible more?" He looked at me for a moment. "I don't think so. Not at this time."

He clearly had a very negative perception of God. *How do I appeal to this man?* I pondered. I asked Jesus for help.

"Could I ask you a huge favor? Would you please give me a chance to share with you a different side of God?" He looked at me again with an inquiring face, mingled with a smile. He politely declined. "Not at this time. Maybe later."

The Spirit would not allow me to let him go without extra effort. He was hurting and desperately needed hope. I appealed again, "Since you are a researcher and love to learn, please allow me to share with you another perspective about God."

I prayed without ceasing in my heart. I sensed the battle between good and evil. My heart ached for this brother. We'd had a good conversation and had become friends by this time.

He thought about it again. "You know what, come back tomorrow, same time. We'll sit out here and you can share your thoughts. I want to hear it." I could not believe what I heard. I wanted to shout, Glory! Hallelujah! What a privilege to defend the character of God! I thanked him and left before he changed his mind.

I returned and had a great talk with Mike. We mainly discussed Creation and the authority of the Scriptures. He made it clear that I came at the right time. He wants to give religion a chance, but he has a lot of questions. He requested that we continue to meet when he has open evenings. Please pray for Mike and ask for wisdom for me as I work with him.

*Mike is a pseudonym.



Ten Days

That Changed My Life

Judith's health was spinning out of control when she walked through the doors of the Hartland Lifestyle Education Center.

by Kevin Wahl

“My body was in a constant state of painful inflammation,” says Judith. “I had stomach ulcers and other digestive disorders. My blood pressure pushed into high range. High blood glucose levels put me well on the way to developing diabetes. Most days I struggled to breathe due to asthma triggered by my allergies. Because of sleep apnea, I woke up every three minutes and suffered from almost constant fatigue.

“I also struggled with food and could not lose weight even with a reduced caloric intake. I tried every diet there was, but all failed.”

In 2013 Judith discovered that she had serious food allergies. The long list included beef, pork, chicken, turkey, eggs, rice, barley, kiwi, mangos, and more. “I felt there was nothing left for me to eat, and even though I eliminated many items from my diet I still suffered from digestive problems.”

She doubted she could ever lose weight or have the energy to pursue her life activities. “I needed help, I needed a life change. God answered my prayers when I found Hartland.”

Judith spent 10 days at Hartland's Lifestyle Education Center. “Hartland provided me with a foundational change and understanding in dealing with my

health issues. Their hands-on cooking classes opened my eyes to the bountiful harvest of healthy choices available for me. I learned how to prepare foods that are not only nutritionally beneficial, but taste fabulous!”

Within the 10 days, Judith saw dramatic changes in her health. “My blood pressure dropped back to normal range. I no longer had constant pain and discomfort in my digestive system. I could breathe. I no longer needed to take puffs from my inhaler several times a day. I lost a few pounds.”

Judith also dropped 12 of her 15 meds, and lost 10 more pounds after the session ended—a total of 18–20 pounds!

Today Judith begins her mornings with lemon water and prayer. “I've adopted the vegan diet. I cook many of the recipes I tried at Hartland. I usually eat two meals a day, breakfast and lunch. I'm never hungry as long as I stick with the program.

“I continue to lose one to three pounds a week. I track my steps and find that the days I get enough steps and drink enough water, the scales keep moving down. Most of my pain is gone. The inflammation caused by my allergies and intolerance is gone.”

Judith would tell someone with similar health challenges, “Hartland can help you. Give God 10 days to change your life.”

First Midwifery Graduate Passes NARM Exam!*

"I have found my calling," says Angeline.
"I love midwifery. I could do this until I die."

by Angeline Nyaata



I first saw the need of women in childbirth when I was a high school student volunteering at an understaffed hospital in Kenya. The nurses asked me to do some duties such as washing and feeding the newborns and assisting the women with getting up and going to the bathroom. It was then that I decided I wanted to be in a career that helped women in childbirth.

Later I came to the US to study pharmacy. My dream of helping women was forgotten. But as time went by, I decided that nursing would be a better option. During my nursing course I did maternal health, and my love for maternal health care was sparked again.

After finishing nursing school, I felt God calling me to come to Hartland. The same year I enrolled, a full midwifery program was started at Hartland! Last year I completed an associate degree in health ministry, and this summer I completed my associate in midwifery ministry.

During my internship I attended over 100 births, and I delivered 28 babies as a primary midwife (under supervision). It was what I call a "disciple experience." Just as the disciples did not always understand what Christ was teaching them, I did not always understand why I had to take some classes at Hartland. But when Jesus left the

disciples, they had their "aha" moments—"So this is what He meant!" That was my experience during internship.

"How do you know this is your calling?" people have queried. Sometimes I wondered the same thing. How would the Lord provide the money required for the paperwork and board exams? Was this really His will? But He miraculously provided for my every need, and I passed the NARM board exam this August.

While I was asking the Lord where He wanted me to go, I lost a nephew in my home country of Kenya. He was born premature. The minute my brother said, "Angeline, I wish you were here," I knew I wanted to go back home to train other midwives there.

Now I am back in Kenya. I've been doing treatments for family members who need physical healing. I've also been getting acquainted with the practice of midwifery here to get an idea of how I can best offer my services. Even though I have not yet begun practicing, I get a lot of questions from mothers and mothers-to-be who want more natural ways of dealing with certain situations. The knowledge of natural remedies that I received from Hartland is priceless!

*North American Registry of Midwives



The 60th General Conference Session

Positive developments on many fronts show God at work with His church.

by Norbert Restrepo

It was a wonderful experience representing Hartland Institute with a booth in the exhibit hall at the General Conference Session. We were also able to advertise Hartland College in the *Adventist Review* edition for the delegates. God gave us this unique opportunity to share with many what Hartland is all about. Our hearts are also full of praise for the significant events and decisions that took place at this very important session. I will mention a few.

Elder Ted Wilson's reelection as General Conference president will allow further development of the revival and reformation initiatives that were started during his first term. His spiritual leadership and clear convictions (in areas such as Creation, the Three Angels' Messages, medical missionary work, mission to the cities, and the historical grammatical method of interpreting the Bible), his firm stand against ecumenism, and his encouragement to remove worldliness from our midst are exerting a positive influence far and wide within the Adventist world. His reelection also helped set the tone for other positive developments during the session.

The revision of Fundamental Belief No. 6 on Creation was another triumph.

Wording was added that affirms literal days in the original Creation week. This clear and unmistakable language leaves no ambiguity that could allow a compromise with theistic evolution. Furthermore, this step strengthens our position on the sacredness of the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, thus upholding our distinct understanding of the Three Angels' Messages.

Fundamental Belief No. 23 on marriage and the family was also enhanced. The approved change removed the term *partners* that in today's culture would seem to allow couples to live together out of wedlock and could be interpreted as being in favor of same-sex marriage. The amended statement reiterates the phrase that marriage is between "a man and a woman."

Other major moves were the vote against allowing divisions to make provision for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, and the "statement of confidence in the writings of Ellen G. White." As we witness the increasing spiral of last-day events, it is encouraging to see how God is working with His church. We are living in momentous times!

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Medical Missionary Symposium

October 25–30, 2015

Speaker: Charles Cleveland

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January 29–31, 2016

Speaker: Steve Wohlberg

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Spring Convocation

April 29–May 1, 2016

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Convocation Speaker

Frank Fournier was born into a French Canadian Catholic home but became a Seventh-day Adventist at 27 years of age. Since then he has spent most of his life in self-supporting ministry, having served at Fountainview Academy, Riverside Farms Institute in Zambia, and Eden Valley Institute, among others. He was recently president of ASI National, and is now serving as the executive vice president of Outpost Centers International.

Fall Convocation

"Salvation Is of the Lord"

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