WITNESSING IN THE BIG APPLE

As my namesake Daniel was called to the superpower of his day, so I have been called to New York City.

by Daniel Miranda as told to Betsy Mayer

I never thought that God would take me from my humble home in Barcelona, Colombia—a town that does not even appear on the map—to the so-called capital of the world—New York City! I am working in the borough of Queens as assistant pastor for the largest Spanish church in the Greater New York Conference. Everything in this experience has been new to me.

My main focus is Bible work. I now have 34 weekly Bible studies, and I am praying I can reach my goal of 40. Among those 34, there are two group Bible studies, one in an adult day care center (10 people) and one with an entire family (14 people).

Besides Bible studies, I am the director and coordinator of small groups. We are using this strategy to set the church members to work, bring revival and reformation, and generate Bible studies. Right now, we have 13 small groups, all of them in the evenings, and the pastor and I rotate in the groups. I also do pastoral work by phone to encourage church members and friends, give counsel, pray, and so on. I have been able to use many of the things I learned at Hartland, especially the things taught in the Bible classes, outreach classes, and evangelism class.

I now have a missionary partner! A few months ago we had an evangelistic campaign with “La Voz de la Esperanza” (The Voice of Hope), and two of the people I worked with were baptized—praise God! One of them, Diego, is 17 years old and wants to become a pastor. He accompanies me on Bible studies and visitations, and I am trying to teach him what I know. He is growing a lot!

The prophet Daniel’s example has been an encouragement to me. As he was called to be a witness in Babylon, the great superpower of his time, so have I been called to be a witness in NYC, the heartbeat of the United States. This text has become especially meaningful: “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Thank you for all your prayers and support, and for granting me the opportunity to receive an education to work for God. Please continue to pray for me and for the souls under my charge. Jesus is coming soon; we need to finish this work!
Helping Hands for Haiti

Students meet physical and spiritual needs in a struggling country.

by Nadele Bertus

“Haiti made me see God’s mercy in a whole new way,” says Miguel, a pastoral evangelism student and co-speaker in an evangelistic series in Haiti this past summer. “About 90 percent of the population are unemployed, and some don’t know when their next meal will be; yet they carry smiles on their faces.”

In 2010, an earthquake wiped out a third of Haiti’s population. Five years later the effects are still felt, and there is a great need both physically and spiritually. More people are searching for God than ever before.

Our team—Helping Hands for Haiti—consisted of seven Hartland students, Pastor Robert Banks and his daughter, and Dr. Annex, a Wildwood alumnus. We were invited to assist for the last two weeks of Ramah Mission School in northern Cap Haitian.

By God’s grace, in two weeks we conducted an evangelistic series at two churches, taught medical missionary and mental health classes, and gave free medical consultations. The results: 21 made decisions for baptism; around 600 were seen for consultation and natural treatments; 38 students completed ten weeks of classes and graduated from Ramah Mission School with tools to better themselves and to alleviate the spiritual and physical suffering around them.

“There are many around me who suffer from depression,” shared a Ramah student who formerly studied psychology. “I wish to implant the principles I’ve learned from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy in my life and the lives of others around me.”

In many ways when we sought to be a blessing we were in turn blessed. “I was inspired, and my own beliefs were reinforced as I saw how the Holy Spirit worked upon the people and how they embraced truth,” Christian noted.

Victoria even discovered a hidden talent: “I realized that I love teaching! It’s a part of me—when I understand something fully I want to explain it to someone else.”

The pastor of the church was very grateful for our coming. “We have never seen such simple missionaries. Even though we could not communicate, the love of Jesus shone through you all. The kids and even the adults were telling me that they wanted to be like you. You have inspired us to be more active in our work for the Lord. We pray that you will come again and visit us.” This confirmed that our ultimate goal was reached: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” John 12:32.
God’s Timing Is Impeccable!

The Lord brings literature missionaries to searching people at just the right time.

The young lady at the door was friendly, but seemed to have no interest in the books. As we talked, a little voice told me, “Show her God’s Answers to Your Questions.”

“Oh, let me see that book!” she exclaimed. “I’ve been studying Judges, and this book will help me a lot in my studies.” Before I left, she asked me, “Can I go to your church to study the Bible with you?” The following Sabbath, she came, and we studied for four hours! I gave her more books from the church’s literature rack. Later she called me and said, “Jasmine, I really love this book, Steps to Christ. I read it for my devotions every morning.” I’m so happy for this experience, and I continue to stay in touch with her!

—Jasmine Moo, Georgia, USA, Health Ministry

When I saw a big family barbeque in process, I was about to skip to the next house; but as I continued walking, I got a very strong impression: David, do not go past this house.

So I canvassed every book in my bag to the first lady who smiled at me. When I finished, she turned to the young man beside her. “Weren’t you studying this stuff?” They bought the entire set—basically Adventism in a package—and the young man began talking with me. “You’ll never believe this,” he told me. “Two weeks ago I was an atheist.” After surviving a serious car accident, he was convinced that there is a God. “Since that time, I’ve been trying to study the Bible, but it makes no sense. Revelation is especially confusing to me.” When I heard that, I knew God had sent me to him at just the right time. —David Symons, South Africa, Pastoral Evangelism

“My doctor was just telling me I need to implement these laws of health and everything you just said about this book!” Marcia* exclaimed, grabbing Habits that Heal from my hands. “I had an impression that someone was going to come today and give me a book. And now you’ve come out of nowhere!” When she found out I was born in Jamaica, she gasped and dropped her cane. “The Lord told me it would be a Jamaican!” She grabbed me and hugged me, saying over and over, “I can’t believe it!” —Catherine Gray, Canada, Health Ministry

*Name changed
“W hat does Pope Francis mean to you?” queried a student journalist to Angela Pulley, director of Hartland’s “Lifestyle to Health” program. With all of the tact and holy boldness she could muster, she answered, “Him being here is evidence that the Bible is true!”

On September 22–26, 2015, Pope Francis I made a historic, whirlwind east-coast tour, visiting Washington, DC, New York, and Philadelphia. Never before had a pontiff addressed a joint session of Congress, had a parade on Constitution Avenue, nor stood behind Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address lectern—with the Liberty Bell in front of him and Independence Hall behind him—being cheered by Catholics and Protestants alike. It was amidst these brazen moves of popery that Hartland College students and staff traveled to DC to pass out *Last Generation* magazines to attendees.

Early in the morning, September 26, we packed into three 15-passenger vans, two 7-passenger vans, and a car to go to Vienna metro station. Young people traveling to a religious event really gather attention, and we quickly found ourselves engaged in conversation with curious commuters, who willingly received our literature.

Once in DC, we moved strategically into position at security checkpoints and exits, waiting for the flood of humanity to pour forth. We hoped to place into many sincere Christians’ hands their copy of “Back to Basics”—a special edition of *Last Generation* magazine. Inside our magazine was an interest card with offers for free Bible studies, a DVD—“Revelation: The Bride, the Beast, & Babylon,” *The Great Controversy,* and more information about *Last Generation.*

“The people were so responsive,” reports Nicole, who, after the initial flow of traffic tapered off, moved with her team into the restricted zone (no backpacks allowed!) with backpacks filled with magazines. “The results went far beyond our expectations, and it was clear that God was moving mountains.”

While Nicole and company moved on, Raynald stayed behind. As he earnestly prayed that God would help him finish handing out his supply of magazines, a Catholic school group came by “and took nearly half of my supply.” Later as we looked around, we saw men and women young and old and from all social classes, sitting or lying on the grass reading *Last Generation* magazine.

Please pray for these seeds sown, which, if watered, will mature under the ripening power of the Holy Spirit.
By donating to the Missionary Training Fund, you can help sponsor a worthy student who will then go into the mission field to work for the Master! We currently have students enrolled from 25 countries; 18 of them are sponsored by the Missionary Training Fund. Your donation will help train them and send them out to win souls for the Kingdom!

Shantavia Gittens, a health major from The Bahamas.

Daniel Miranda, a pastoral evangelism major from Colombia.

Jeremiah Fameronag, an elementary education major from the Philippines.
“In the place where I come from, people are ignorant,” says Martin. “They don’t know who God is; they worship pigs in one village, and kill and eat them in the next. There are lots of people who need education in everything—physical, mental, and spiritual.”

Martin Raj was working as an accounts executive for an American medical billing company in India when he felt the call to do health ministry. The Lord opened the way for him to attend a medical missionary school in Kenya, which he says “provided a basic foundation” for him in this field “and a true spiritual growth experience.”

Excited about all the new things he had learned, Martin returned to India with a renewed fervor. “I spoke about health and the Bible to many people, and they were all convicted,” he shares. “But I soon realized that I had many things still to learn. And that’s the reason I came to Hartland, to equip myself even more so that I can be an efficient medical missionary.”

“Usually it is hard for Indians to get US student visas, especially if applying through a funding or scholarship program,” Martin explains, but he got his visa without a problem. “This was another confirmation from God that He wanted me to study at Hartland.”

Hartland College granted Martin a scholarship from the Missionary Training Fund, and he is now pursuing his bachelor’s degree in health ministry.

“By working at the Hartland Lifestyle Education Center and participating in outreach programs, I am receiving hands-on experience in my field. I’m learning how to do health outreach and, through that, lead people to Seventh-day Adventist truths. I lacked this knowledge and experience before coming to Hartland.” And not only this, but “God has been teaching me practical lessons on how to know His will, to be patient, to handle a critical situation, to be a thinker, and to be dependent only on Him.”

After he graduates, Martin plans to return to the great mission field in India to be a light for many who are in darkness.

“Many people think that only people who give Bible studies and health treatments are missionaries,” Martin says, “but it is not so. By giving to the Missionary Training Fund, you are a missionary too. You are helping students like me to be educated so we can reach people in countries where you cannot reach. God bless you for this work!”

Your Missionary to India

Martin Raj thanks you for partnering with him to reach his people.

by Rachel Perry
I Chose Hartland College Because...

“As an education major, I believe it is vital for me to be grounded in true education. I want to lead souls to Christ, not just in the classroom, but through every experience and period of life.” —Kelly Ostrom, Florida, USA, Christian Elementary Education

“I want to be trained as an effective missionary, and Hartland has the complete education that the Spirit of Prophecy describes. It doesn’t focus only on the spiritual but also on mental and intellectual aspects.” —Grady Yonas, Indonesia, Christian Media Ministry

“The school’s vision coincided with my own heart for missions! God truly led me to study here.” —Sabrina Petersen, Washington, USA, Midwifery and Health Ministry

“It is a school of true education that could give me a balance in achieving my goal of pioneering a medical missionary school and a lifestyle center in my country.” —Michael Kusarawana, Zimbabwe, Health Ministry

“The Lord has impressed me to become a more educated and Spirit-filled testimony for Him in these last days of Earth’s history.” —Kahn Ellmers, New Zealand, Pastoral Evangelism
I was young and the relationship standards at Hartland supported my need for personal development without heartbreaking distractions,” she continues. “My husband-to-be came to camp meetings and convocations, but while I studied at Hartland he was just an acquaintance. It wasn’t until years later that a friendship developed which led to a life commitment. I am thankful for God’s timing! It is always right!”

Mary Beth chose Hartland College largely because of the positive Christian witness of Hartland students. “While I was a student at Little Creek Academy, some Hartland students visited. Both their countenances and words expressed love and a sincere devotion to follow God wholeheartedly. It made me want more of the things of God. Later, when I was considering where to attend college, my mom thought it would be a good idea to attend Hartland’s graduation. We were so impressed by the graduates and their testimonies!”

Naturally gifted in working with young children, Mary Beth started out majoring in elementary education, but later felt led to switch to health. She relates the following memorable experience:

“While on a mission trip in Honduras, I had a bout with walking pneumonia. Hydrotherapy treatments were applied to my back and chest, which loosened up the congestion. During that time, I remember looking out my window at the mountains and thinking, People actually die out here without hope when, if they only had a knowledge of God’s simple remedies, they could live.” This realization strengthened her burden for health ministry.

Mary Beth is now happily married and is a certified Montessori pre-K and kindergarten teacher. “I have been able to work in our Adventist schools, which I consider a precious privilege and wonderful opportunity to influence children for an eternal life with Jesus. I have found that prayer is the most important factor for success. I love working with the children in my classroom!

“Many of my students have never heard of a vegan-vegetarian. It has been fun discussing the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables and sharing cherry tomatoes from our garden.”

She thanks God for the education she received at Hartland College. “Our teachers taught with the purpose of conveying knowledge and skills that would make us intelligent, effective missionaries to a suffering and dying world. For this education I am eternally grateful! Today, I carry with me a deep appreciation for God’s Word and a sense of responsibility to share Jesus with others. He truly is coming soon!”
Mom, you’re putting too much butter on your toast!” my kids used to tell me. Or, “That’s too much mayonnaise!” I never thought much of it until my doctor told me I had elevated liver enzymes. An ultrasound later confirmed a fatty liver, and soon I had full-blown diabetes.

Little did Estrella, now a grandmother of three, realize the effect that her diet would have on her health and life. After all, she was a vegetarian! Clearly, being a vegetarian had not prevented this predicament. Now her diabetes had accelerated to the point of stopping her from being the grandparent she wanted to be.

“I knew I needed help,” Estrella shares. In her search for solutions, she heard about Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) in Virginia, conveniently close to her children. Her interest was piqued.

“The moment I drove in, I felt a peace about the place,” Estrella explains. After a three-day drive from Chicago, she settled into the session, assured that God had brought her here.

Truly He had, for within the 18-day program, Estrella experienced amazing improvements. She arrived at the LEC with a blood sugar level of 376, but by the end of the session it had dropped to 166!

She walked three miles a day during her time at the LEC and has now set a goal of four miles.

In the area of diet, Estrella’s eyes were opened to the fact that “fat is a culprit in diabetes.” Having grown up as a Seventh-day Adventist, she was familiar with the health message and plant-based diet. She had even been to other lifestyle centers and followed their healthful recipes. However, she hadn’t recognized that the fat content in so-called “healthy” foods could lead to serious difficulties. Now she has learned to obtain natural fats in moderation from avocados, nuts, and seeds.

Estrella speaks gratefully of the LEC’s impact on her: “I’ve really appreciated the staff’s loving-kindness. It was something I was in much need of, and it has been very nurturing.”

Through the changes made during her time here, Estrella feels much more energetic and functions on a better meal and sleep schedule. The LEC session has motivated her to incorporate better health principles and, above all, has brought her in contact with the mighty Healer of the body and soul.

“I’m glad I found this place,” she states. We’re glad, too, Estrella.
Growing concern for the direction of Adventist education

by Norbert Restrepo

During this year’s Annual Council, Elder Ted Wilson announced that the Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold “an unprecedented three-day summit on Adventist education” next year. “Among all the positive blessings from the Seventh-day Adventist school system, we also see signs that a return to some of the basics of the original educational model is needed.”

Adventists aren’t the only ones concerned with the state of Christian education. Frank Gaebelien, a 20th-century American evangelical educator, described the curriculum of many Christian schools as being “a patchwork of naturalistic ideas mixed with Biblical truth.” Francis Schaeffer, an influential Christian thinker, deplored the fact that “liberal theology, which really is humanism expressed in theological terms,” had influenced Christianity into accepting a humanistic worldview. Thus the truths of Creation, Christ’s miracles, Christ’s second coming, and so on, are questioned.

Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, Director of Education at the General Conference, stated her concern about having teachers of no faith, because they can’t achieve the redemptive purpose of Adventist education. “The single most important thing that we need in our schools is committed, converted Seventh-day Adventist teachers.” At the Annual Council she illustrated this concern with the picture of the Trojan horse.

God has provided His people with a blueprint for educational success in our schools. As we at Hartland College seek to follow this pattern, it would be well for us to consider Madison College, which became the model of well-balanced education. This missionary school combined manual and intellectual training with special emphasis on agriculture.

“The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training,…the message would be quickly carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light.”


4http://www.adventistreview.org/1501-16.

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*January 29–31, 2016*
**Speaker:** Steve Wohlberg  
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#### Spring Convocation
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#### Medical Missionary Training Seminar
*May 22–27, 2016*
**Contact:** Angela Pulley  
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#### Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp
*June 12–19, 2016*
**Speakers:** Hannah Rayne and Eugene Prewitt  
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#### Summer Camp Meeting
*July 20–24, 2016*
**Speaker:** Dr. Thomas Jackson  
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#### Fall Convocation
*October 21–23, 2016*
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