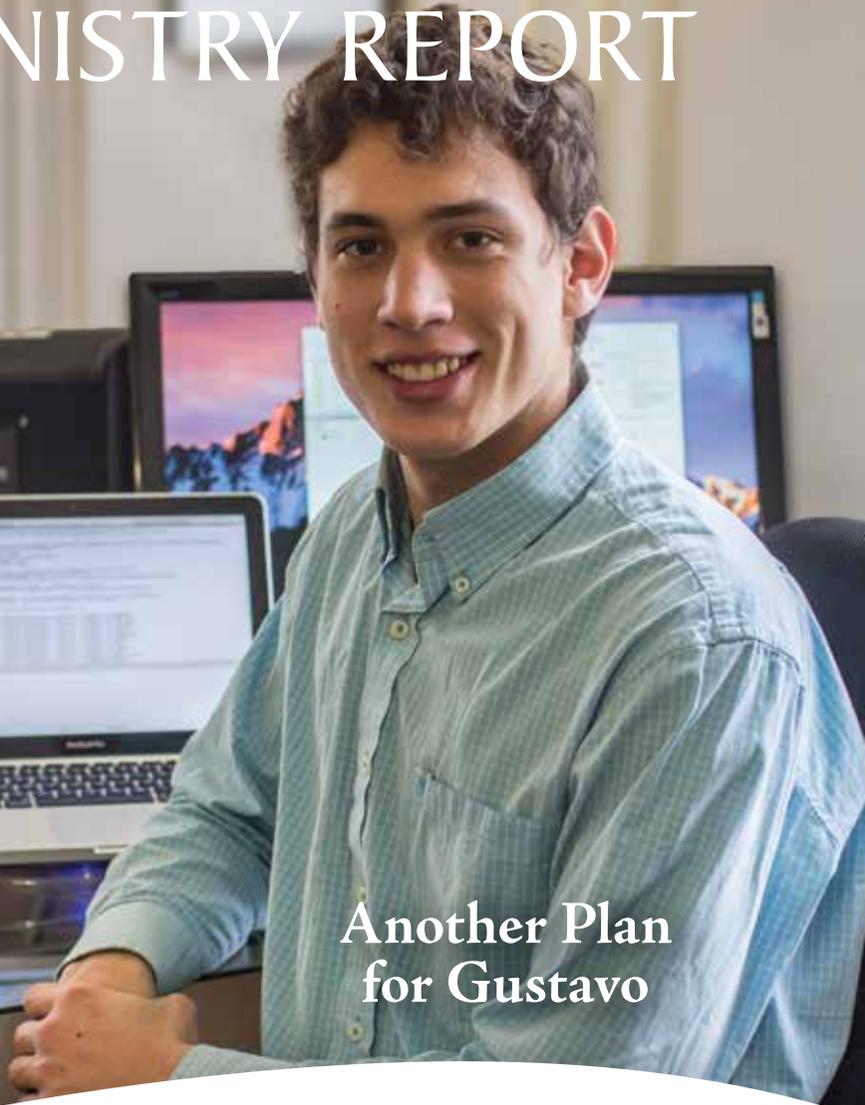


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# Path of Discovery

Filipe finds a new calling and the needed tools to fulfill it.

by Rachel Perry



Filipe ('08), Brooke ('08), and Audrey Ferreira

Filipe Ferreira grew up Seventh-day Adventist and had great dreams of sharing our unique health message as a vegan chef. However, through a series of heart preparatory experiences and providential leadings, the Lord gave Him a broader vision.

“Coming out of high school, I had a deep ambition to learn how to study God’s Word for myself,” Filipe relates. “I wanted to know why I was a Seventh-day Adventist.”

After watching Hartland’s “Catch the Vision” promotional video in a church, Filipe felt impressed to take the pastoral evangelism course. “I had peace that this was where I needed to be. At each crossroad God provided further clarity and confirmation that He was leading and that I was on His path!”

Hartland’s Bible classes proved to be life-changing for Filipe. “Truths came alive like never before, and God placed a desire upon my heart to share His truth with others.”

But the changes didn’t stop there!

“I came to Hartland not having a passion for gardening, but God changed my heart and I completed a minor in

agriculture—the ABCs of education. I also learned basic woodworking skills and organized several summer youth Bible camps. These broad opportunities have helped me today not only as I raise a family, but as I lead out in our churches and community.”

Filipe is now associate pastor of two churches in the Bay Area of California, where he encourages his members to have an intimate relationship with Christ and share Him in their own communities.

“Hartland’s combination of foundational Bible knowledge with practical labor has given me a balanced and holistic approach to ministry. This has been my most helpful and practical tool. The principles Hartland taught me from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy continue to be a well that I draw from daily.

“Witnessing individuals become fully committed disciples for the kingdom of God is the most satisfying part of my ministry,” he concludes. “Because of my initial desire to study the Bible for myself, there is always a place in my heart for teaching others of God’s truth and love. It is a joy to see others catch the vision of God’s truth and decide to live for Him!”

# I CHOSE TO ATTEND HARTLAND COLLEGE BECAUSE...



“Hartland is a very good place to develop the physical, mental, and spiritual faculties together.” —Alejandro Varela, *Colombia*, **Media Ministry**

“I wanted to serve God without losing God. I wasn’t happy with what I was learning in my secular college. For 12 years I’d been praying that God would direct my path, and He did. Hartland fit my personal requirement to the letter. The Lord opened impossible doors to bring me here, and I’m so happy.” —Magdala Clairvil, *Florida, USA*, **Bible Instruction/Midwifery**



“I want to be a better Christian and a good missionary, and I am convinced that Hartland is following the right blueprint.” —Asahel Marin, *California, USA*, **Health Ministry**

“Hartland is very biblical with a strong spiritual atmosphere. I’m learning how to be spiritually oriented to serve and bless people.” —Stephen Rajan, *India*, **Pastoral Evangelism**



“I wanted to gain a spiritual foundation before witnessing to others, and I felt that Hartland was my best option to give me that training. It is my desire that God would use me to reach the hearts of children to teach them of His merciful love and win them for His kingdom.” —Upuia Fineaso, *Virginia, USA*, **Elementary Education**

# INTO ALL THE WORLD

Hartland students and staff were busy sharing the gospel during their winter break.

## NORTH INDIA



A famous proverb states, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” This was one of our goals—to equip Seventh-day Adventist Bible workers and volunteers to be effective fishers of men. The Lord led our team—Cody Francis, Peter Moses Jayakumar, Samuel Amirtharaj,

and John Samuel—to New Delhi along with LIGHT\* Ministry to train workers in health evangelism, personal evangelism, massage, hydrotherapy, the eight laws of health, last-day events, and the sanctuary. We also hosted a health expo where the workers applied what they were taught in the classes. These workers were encouraged, challenged, and trained to carry forward God’s work in the capital city of India.

We then went to the northeastern part of India to speak at the annual meeting of the Khasi-Jaintia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for about a week. Cody Francis was the main speaker, and we spoke during the morning devotions and seminars. The meetings were held outside in a big tent where the climate was very cold, but we saw hundreds of people attending and being blessed. We also witnessed people being reached through a health expo we hosted. We sincerely thank all who supported us, and those who hosted us in India. Above all, we thank the Lord for His protection and blessings! —by John Samuel

*\*Lay Institute for Global Health Training*

## THAILAND



Moo Koh Paw is a Karen refugee in Thailand. When I met her, she was depressed, lacking vision for her future. However, her life began to change as she attended Sunshine Orchard, a mission school in Thailand. After being baptized, she continued with the school’s one-year Medical and Bible Outreach

Training (MBT) program, which enabled her to become a missionary teacher among her own people.

Last school year when Moo Koh Paw was a student, a group from Hartland had the opportunity to supplement this program with Bible and midwifery classes. The directors of MBT were eager for the group to return this school year. Our group taught classes such as Laws of Health, Biblical Hermeneutics, Jungle Dentistry, and Mission Midwifery.

The mission trip was particularly special to me, since it was my third time working among the Karen refugees at Sunshine Orchard. Moo Koh Paw had been one of my close friends and English students. Thus, God gave me an incredible gift in allowing me to glimpse the transformation of her character and her newfound love for serving others. I'm thankful for the privilege of working with students and staff from Hartland to change the lives of Karen young people through the MBT program.

—by *Sabrina Petersen*

## SOUTH AFRICA



What does it take to share the gospel with the world? Where should one go to accomplish the task of preaching, teaching, and healing? Simple. Go where the people are: your neighborhood, across the ocean, or an open field. God's wandering children are waiting to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

To this end, an international team of 14 volunteers—including Hartland staff, students, and graduates—came together in Butterworth and Soweto, South Africa. Collaborating with local churches, laymen, health professionals, and musical evangelists, H.E.A.L.\* South Africa was formed to meet the needs of people suffering both physically and spiritually.

In Soweto, church members learned to operate a health expo. In addition, within two weeks, Butterworth experienced eight evangelistic campaigns and three health clinics, in which over 300 guests were helped and received instructions for healthier living. Thirty people accepted Christ and many others are interested. A follow-up week was devoted to encouragement, further Bible study, and medical help.

God worked profoundly. Coming together with one purpose, goal, and mind, we did as Christ commanded: Go into all the world, sharing the love of Jesus.

—by *Kendi Callender*

\**Health and Evangelism for an Abundant Life*



by Norbert Restrepo

For Hartland, 2016 was a year filled with mission-driven activities focused on educating for eternity and serving today—thanks to you!

Because of your gifts, 76 students experienced true education, and of the 14 graduates, most are already active in ministry.

Our staff and students went on six mission trips to India, Thailand, South Africa, Colombia, and Bolivia. We conducted and participated in numerous outreach programs in our community and beyond, joining with local churches, Adventist Medical Evangelism Network, and Your Best Pathway to Health.

At Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp we served 61 youth. We also held four wonderful convocations, ARME Bible Camp, and a medical missionary seminar.

We saw God's restoring power while hosting 59 guests at our Lifestyle Education Center (LEC). Recently two guests who had cancer were found cancer-free when they returned home! Some overcame their nicotine addictions, and others were helped with their hypertension, weight loss, and diabetes.

We now have the occupancy permit for the second phase of the Health and

Education Center (HEC)—the lifestyle center section that includes guestrooms and the kitchen. We are waiting to move the LEC operation into the HEC when the renovation is complete (target date is June) so our guests will not be disturbed by construction. Nonetheless, we are thankful that since last fall we have been able to use the education wing of this building where we have classrooms, labs, and offices.

God also blessed the year-end fundraising, exceeding what we received last year by 52 percent. We praise the Lord for providing funds through you. Thank you for your faithful support and partnership in mission. Let's continue to work together, encouraging others to partner with us in this wonderful work. We are specifically trying to increase donations for the Missionary Training Fund and the HEC.

We pray that your year will be filled with the "exceeding riches of His grace." Let's earnestly pray for a full surrender of our lives to God, for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and that we as a worldwide church may press together serving our Father with increased faith and humble obedience to His Word. Let's pray and work to hasten Jesus' coming!

# PIEDMONT CHANGED MY LIFE

Going to Piedmont made me realize a lot of things. My need for baptism was one of them.

by Leah Haesche



Leah Haesche, second from right, with her unit

“**Y**ou have to go to Piedmont!” my best friend told me as she shared her experiences from the previous week at camp. Hearing about a Seventh-day Adventist camp got me excited because I didn’t have many friends, and church was my only social life.

Going to Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp for the first time was very interesting. I liked meeting all the smiling new people! If you asked me what my favorite class was, I could honestly say, “All of them.”

Over the years that I’ve attended Piedmont, I’ve taken classes in Choir, Science Experiments, Literature Evangelism, Child Evangelism, Drilling and Marching, Knot Tying, Medical Missionary Training, Creative Crafts, CPR and First Aid, Photography, Horsemanship, and Fitness Training. Learning in a godly environment made such a difference to me. Every class changed my perspective and taught me new ways of thinking.

I also learned a lot from Chuck Holtry, Hannah Rayne, Cody Francis, Eugene

Prewitt, and other speakers during Deep Bible Study and Campfire. I know some kids didn’t like “all the Bible stuff,” but to me, it was so interesting to learn new things and hear other people’s viewpoints.

My counselors were very helpful, especially in their way of teaching. They strongly encouraged regular Bible study and devotions, yet I never felt pushed. I think that had a lot to do with my actually wanting to learn.

I always knew about God and intended to give my life to Him “when I get older,” but coming to camp every year has made it easier to understand Him and want to be with Him. Every year I get closer to Him, and last summer I was baptized; I can thank Piedmont for that.

I’m so glad that Hartland has been able to help me on my way Home. I would like to be a counselor in a few years and help others the same way that I’ve been helped. I plan to come back every year for Piedmont, or at least tell people about it!

# Another Plan

God turned Gustavo's dream into a life calling.

by Gillian Bethel



Gustavo was a high school student in Brazil with big dreams. In the evenings he worked at school fixing computers to earn money to buy his own powerful computer—"the dream of all geeks!" He also dreamed of going to college to specialize in computer science. But during this time he was reading the *Testimonies for the Church* and coming closer to his Savior. Gustavo realized God was calling him to be a missionary to his own country using his talents in media to help churches and ministries.

He heard about Hartland from the graduates who started Taquara Institute of Health and Education. Deciding to apply for financial aid from the Missionary Training Fund, he prayed God would make it possible for him to study media here. Gustavo recalls, "A few weeks later, I received the answer: I had been accepted! I was so happy to see God's providence." But how would he finance getting to America? God had already taken care of that. "The money I made working for my school paid my plane ticket and other expenses. The Lord had another plan for my life even before I knew it!"

Gustavo enjoys the balance of classes and practical training he's receiving. "Here at Hartland, I'm having a wonderful experience working with the Information Technology team. We take care of the campus network, fix electronics, and take care of the academic online system for students and teachers. Every week I learn new lessons that I'll use in my life calling."

Has studying at Hartland meant he has had to delay his calling? No; he's already doing media missionary work! "A brother recently explained to me his wish to start a video ministry over the internet. I'm currently helping him with this project. Another brother gave me an idea of creating a website with the story of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There are so many things to do! It reminds me of Matthew 9:37: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

With a big smile Gustavo concludes, "I want to thank all the donors for opening the doors not only for me, but also for many foreign students to come and get training to go back and finish the work we've been called to do."

# PURELIGHT MISSION SCHOOL IN ACTION

Students and staff from Purelight Missions conduct camps to train more workers.

*by Simdumise Poswa, '14,  
Dean of Purelight Missions Training Centre*

**I** feel like I have just gotten married to Christ,” Matsepo said, her face beaming with joy. She recently attended a mission camp in Mafikeng hosted by Purelight Missions and Last Generation Movement (LGM) and was baptized. “I am looking forward to living for Jesus and telling others about the things I learned at this camp.”

During the three-week mission camp, a group of 43 young people came from the North West and Gauteng Provinces. Five Purelight students worked with me to train the young people in evangelism, how to study the Bible, and medical missionary work. We visited homes in the village giving Bible studies, praying with those in need, and doing simple treatments. During the second and third weeks, we held an evangelistic series.

Purelight student Noxolo Sojola had the most bizarre experience. “Mary had all the symptoms of a pregnant woman, but the clinic and hospital both said she was not.” She had been in this condition for six months, and her belly was still growing. After we had visited her several times, she decided to attend our evening meetings. One evening Noxolo suggested, “Brother Sim, I think you should pray for Mary at the end of

your message.” A few missionaries and I gathered around Mary and prayed for the Lord to intervene.

When we visited her the next day she was elated. “When I came back from the meetings last night, I went to the restroom and a lot came out,” she explained. “I don’t know what happened, but I feel light and free and my belly is going back to normal!” The next day the clinic confirmed that she no longer had pregnancy symptoms. “I want to join your church because I can see God is here,” said Mary. “I want to prepare for baptism.” We praise God for His miracle-working power.

During the mission camp, young people were challenged to be soul winners. Eight people were baptized, and others are preparing for baptism in 2017. Mafikeng District Pastor Bildad Keskeny said, “We are so thankful for the work you have done here. In 2017 we should do three mission camps and invite all the young people in the district.”

Only eternity will reveal all the people reached through the efforts of Purelight and LGM. We invite you to partner with us in helping to train more missionaries.

# Rejuvenated

Geanie finds a refreshing haven at Hartland's Lifestyle Education Center.

by Sabrina Petersen



“Mom, I know the perfect place for you,” Geanie’s daughter said. Over the past few years, Geanie has been a full-time caretaker for her ill husband, so her family decided it was time to send her on a retreat.

Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) plays a key role in helping people to begin a recovery from serious lifestyle-induced illnesses. But sometimes people simply need a place to escape the rush of life and rebuild positive habits. Because it’s easy to fall into a rut of seemingly harmless, yet unhealthy habits, a change of environment can make all the difference in starting afresh.

Can the LEC help? Absolutely!

Geanie found just that place when she came for an 18-day session. She was thankful for an opportunity to get away from the noise and congestion of the city to enjoy the quietness and nature at Hartland.

Though fairly healthy already, Geanie still experienced many benefits from the program. She spent time walking throughout the peaceful campus, digging deeper into her Bible during the morning and evening worships, learning new exercise routines, and gaining motivation

to make changes in her life. She especially enjoyed learning how to cook vegan recipes, since she had been wanting to cut meat and dairy from her diet.

As a bonus, Geanie was pleased to discover that she lost 5 to 6 pounds and experienced a drop in blood pressure due to the healthier lifestyle!

Geanie resolved to make positive changes as she went home. After experiencing the benefits of going to bed earlier and waking up earlier, she decided that she wanted to continue doing so. She is also motivated to exercise in order to build muscle and maintain her strength.

Above all, the LEC encouraged her in her spiritual growth. “Sharing the Word, getting to hear about the Lord and talk about Jesus and what He means to everybody here—it’s just wonderful,” Geanie remarked when asked about the atmosphere of the LEC. During her time here, the LEC staff and volunteers became like family to her.

Based on her own experience, Geanie encourages anyone needing a jumpstart on healthy habits to consider coming to the LEC. It was a blessing to her, and she knows it would also be a blessing to others.



## Terrorism and Fundamentalism

How should we, as Seventh-day Adventist Christians, respond to the perceived connection between the two?

by Norbert Restrepo

On September 11, 2001, the United States suffered the worst terrorist attack on its own soil. Since then, Islamic terrorism has become a global threat, frequently targeting Western societies.<sup>1</sup>

Interestingly, Pope Francis has chosen to identify violent Islamic terrorist groups as fundamentalists, a term used to label conservative religious movements, especially those characterized by the advocacy of strict conformity to sacred texts. It used to refer exclusively to American Protestants who insisted on the inerrancy of the Bible.<sup>2</sup>

“God cannot be used for personal interests and selfish ends; He cannot be used to justify any form of fundamentalism, imperialism, or colonialism,” the pope said in an address to Muslims, Christians, Jews, and members of other faiths....<sup>3</sup>

In a press conference in December 2015, Pope Francis called fundamentalism a disease that exists in all religions. “In the Catholic Church we have some—many—who believe they possess the absolute truth and they go on sullyng others through slander and defamation and this is wrong. I say this because it is my Church. Religious fundamentalism must be combated. It is not religious, God is lacking, it is idolatrous.”<sup>4</sup>

This discussion is relevant to us because some scholars view Adventism and

Ellen G. White in particular as an early source for the rise of creationism and fundamentalism in America.<sup>5</sup> Prejudice against those who hold the Bible as an absolute source of truth is real and will continue to grow; however, we have been counseled to disarm it.

“The followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which threatens liberty of conscience.” *The Great Controversy*, p. 616. “There is to be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Our work is to study to weed out of all our discourses everything that savors of retaliation and defiance and making a drive against churches and individuals, because this is not Christ’s way and method.” *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 64.

Firm adherence to biblical truth and principles should not be characterized by a critical spirit and pharisaic attitude. Like Jesus, let’s disarm prejudice through a life of unselfish service that demonstrates God’s redemptive love.

<sup>1</sup>“ISIS Has Now Become a Truly Global Threat,” *Time.com*, March 22, 2016.

<sup>2</sup>“Fundamentalism,” *Britannica.com*, December 6, 2016.

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**Speaker:** Charles Cleveland

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## Piedmont Valley

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June 11–18, 2017

**Speakers:** Chuck Holtry and

Christian De Los Santos

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## Summer Camp Meeting

July 18–22, 2017

**Speakers:** Stephen Bohr and

Randy Skeete

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## Medical Missionary Training

July 30–August 6, 2017

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### Convocation Speaker

**Charles Cleveland** gave his life

to God as a young man in the US

Navy and later became a Seventh-

day Adventist pastor. Early in his

Christian experience he felt a keen

interest in medical missionary work.

Eventually this led him into full-time

self-supporting work, serving as

administrator of several lifestyle

centers. When the Berlin Wall fell, his

work shifted to Western and Eastern

Europe, where he helped establish

a number of medical missionary

schools and lifestyle centers.

Today he is president of Health

Education Resources, designing

and distributing health expo

banners and other health education

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