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Meet Our New Education Advisor

Hartland welcomes Ferdi Sastropawiro to the College Education Department.

What did you do before coming to work at Hartland?

I was the Bible worker for the Rocky Mount SDA Church and the wellness coach for the Rocky Mount Lifestyle Health Center here in Virginia. Before that I taught in Adventist academies in the Texico, Oklahoma, Nevada-Utah, and Northern New England Conferences.

How did God lead your family to Hartland?

We encountered Hartland for the first time when the Three Angels' Chorale came to minister to the Rocky Mount Church through songs and testimonies. We began attending Hartland's convocations, and these visits were the beginning of God's leading for our move. When I received an email from Cody Francis asking me to consider the education advisor position, the Lord reminded me of a time when I had previously felt God's calling to work in a college setting. Now He was more fully making His plan known to me. The Lord opened doors, and my family answered the call.

Describe your duties.

I serve as academic advisor for the Education Department, providing

educational and spiritual guidance to our education majors by planning schedules, recommending courses, and determining appropriate education solutions for different types of students. I am also the principal at Hartland Day Academy.

What is your vision for the Education Department?

The choice to be a teacher in the Lord's work is life-changing. By God's grace, our education program will provide the highest preparation for our students by pointing them to the words, the life, and the methods of the Prince of Teachers. When they complete the program, they will have a strong desire to lead students to Jesus, be enthusiastic and well versed in classroom management, lead strong academics and positive interactions with students, and have experience working with students in lower to upper grades. They will be team players, unafraid to extend themselves beyond the curriculum.

Recently we have been exploring the possibility of adding two courses to our program: Child Evangelism and ESL Certification. We are praying for more students to come and join us!

God Opens Doors

“The best thing I learned at Hartland is that God is in control,” says midwifery intern, Tammara Usedo.

by Sabrina Petersen



Tammara wanted to study midwifery in a Christian environment free of New Age practices and superstition. Thus, she and her husband Stewart decided to leave Connecticut and move to Virginia so she could attend Hartland College.

Despite tight finances, Tammara has watched God open doors, particularly for her internship. One dilemma she faced was that the only internship sites were in Texas and Tennessee, but relocating again was not an option. “We knew God had a plan for us in Virginia,” she says.

Indeed, He did. While Tammara completed her last term of studies at Hartland, an internship site became available within 45 minutes of her home.

Another challenge that Tammara had to place before the Lord was that of debt. With student loans, rent, and other expenses, she realized the need to find a job during her internship; yet no one wanted to hire someone who had to be on call 24/7 as a student midwife. “At one point I wanted to give up midwifery, but every time I was going to quit, the still small Voice kept saying, ‘Work hard; stay faithful in the small things.’” God has provided powerfully as Tammara has

followed His leading. Just recently, she received a call from her preceptor, asking her to work full-time! “This is only from God,” Tammara rejoices, “because most student midwives pay their preceptor, not the other way around.”

God has been faithful to Tammara as she has followed His will for her ministry as a midwife and has sought to witness for Him through her example. Her first opportunity came through her attire. Her preceptor told her, “I never have to worry about Adventist students dressing appropriately because you all dress very modestly. I like that.” Her coworkers, who were initially skeptical about her vegan diet, were shocked to realize its benefits. “I have never seen a more perfect blood panel!” one of them exclaimed after Tammara had been tested for nutrient deficiencies. Through these small situations, Tammara’s coworkers have opened up to the truth, gratefully receiving Spirit of Prophecy books such as *The Desire of Ages* and *The Great Controversy*.

Keep Tammara in prayer as she continues to be used for the glory of God through her ministry as a midwifery intern!

Hartland Prepared Me for My Work

“Evangelism is still my passion, and the Lord uses my talents every day,” says Pastor Don Ball, class of 2010.

by Kevin Wahl

“I still use the material and training that I received at Hartland College to impact my church members and the surrounding communities!” reports Pastor Don Ball.

Don majored in pastoral evangelism and graduated in June 2010. “Honestly, I didn’t choose my major—God called me to it. He put a burning desire in my heart to be an evangelist and a shepherd of His flock.”

While working at Hartland full-time as dean of men and sometimes as outreach coordinator, Don was able to go through the curriculum and earn his BA degree. “I saw the fruit of missionary-minded students who had a good understanding of the Bible and a firm grounding in the Spirit of Prophecy. That encouraged me greatly, and I desired to have the same training.”

He continues, “The Bible classes were excellent. Hartland helped me to sharpen my Bible knowledge and equipped me to know what I believe and to prove it with a clear ‘Thus saith the Lord!’ I also learned how to survive on a missionary salary, to depend completely upon God to meet all of my needs, to wrestle with God, to not put confidence in man, and that character development, through the grace of God, is the most important work.”

After graduating, Don continued working at Hartland and received the privilege of teaching Life and Teachings of Jesus II. “By teaching that class I learned that if I had been more diligent while I was a student, it would have been a much better class.”

Today Don works for the Northern New England Conference, pastoring the Blue Mountain District in Maine. “The Lord chose me after a six-month process by a search committee. My personal policy is that I never ask to be placed into a position nor seek one out. I wait for the Lord to call and direct me where He wants me to be.

“The two churches that I pastor have several outreach projects taking place. Just to name a few, we have an awesome feeding-the-hungry program, an active radio station in the area, and a wonderful small school. Several people have been baptized, over 10 candidates are studying for baptism, and evangelistic seminars are planned for the fall of 2016 and the spring of 2017.”

Don concludes, “Opportunities to spread the Three Angels’ Messages and reveal God’s love to people who know little or nothing about Jesus are blessings beyond what words can describe!”

RACHEL'S NEW DIRECTION

“My plan was to achieve a national scholarship, leave my country, and travel abroad to study medicine. God had other plans.”

by Rachel Perry

Rachel Marcano comes from a family that highly esteems education and had grand plans for her. “I was supposed to be a neurosurgeon and help my family out of poverty,” she explains.

Shortly after she gave her heart to Christ, the Lord led her to attend a short medical missionary training course taught by Mamon Wilson. “It was here that God redirected my steps and called me to medical missionary work,” she says.

“I chose Hartland for three reasons,” Rachel continues. “First, this school is based on the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, and is a haven for spiritual growth, physical development, and mental expansion. Second, it offers a detailed and intense 4-year training program, calculated to produce well-rounded, capable medical missionaries. Third, Hartland offers a Missionary Training Fund program for students who cannot pay for their schooling. Without these three conditions, I would not be here.”

Rachel’s father was horrified when she told him she wanted to go to an unaccredited school to be a medical missionary. “Anyone else but you, Rachel!” he pleaded. “God has given you such talent

and blessed you with a brain. You are not to waste it!” However, God worked powerfully to change her father’s attitude toward her attending Hartland.

“God has been teaching me many things: patience, love, courage, self-denial, to be more soft-spoken, and so on,” Rachel relates. “I have come to appreciate His character in an entirely new way, and daily He continues to win my heart and draw me closer to Him.”

At Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC), Rachel also has the opportunity to practice the things she learns in class.

“I do massage and hydrotherapy, and counsel the lifestyle guests. I am gaining experience for my future lifework in Trinidad, and it’s a blessing to work here. Every experience of serving at the LEC, every chance to tell the guests about Christ, confirms my calling. When I go back home, I plan to open a lifestyle center by God’s grace and with His help.”

Rachel concludes with a message to our donors: “Thank you for allowing God to use you for His glory to advance His work and hasten His coming!”



Reaching the Karen

“My people need me to go back and help them,” says Jasmine Moo, a sophomore at Hartland College.

by Rachel Perry

Jasmine Paw Ner Moo grew up in a Karen refugee camp in Thailand, but after eight years in the United States she felt called to return. This past December, her dream came true when six students and faculty from Hartland joined her on a mission trip to three locations on the Thailand/Myanmar border where she grew up.

Wai Ler Moo School

“Does God have a wife?” “Where does God get His power?” “There is only one God, so why are there so many religions?” Students submitted 50 such questions for a Q&A panel at the end of our week of prayer. Most of the students at Wai Ler Moo

are Buddhist and have not yet accepted Christ. Joining missionaries from Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism, we focused especially on Bible prophecy and personal preparedness for end-time events.

“I saw light bulbs turning on in the students’ minds,” says Nicole. “They were so excited about learning new things and getting to know Jesus in a way they didn’t know before. That was so precious.”

Public decisions for Christ mean a lot in this part of the world, where converts potentially face much persecution from their Buddhist families; even so, by God’s grace, 18 students were baptized at the end of the week. We pray that God will continue to strengthen their faith.

Sunshine Orchard Children’s Home and Learning Center

“Before, I thought childbirth was just an unimportant event that happens every day,” Poojah, a Sunshine Orchard student, confesses, “but now I will always look at pregnancy and birth as a gift from God to be guarded with extreme diligence.”

In addition to presenting a week of prayer for the entire school, we taught intensive courses for the Medical and Bible Outreach Training (MBT) students.



Nicole with some of the students who were baptized at Wai Ler Moo School in Burma



Moo Koh Paw, a Sunshine Orchard student, does a prenatal checkup on a local villager.

The training included Bible, music, dental health, massage, and midwifery. Students especially enjoyed the birth attendant course, in which they learned about prenatal health, pregnancy problems and danger signs, preparing for labor and delivery, giving birth, and caring for mother and child after birth. The students then practiced their examination and education skills on real patients in local villages.

“Out of our nine students, five have dedicated their next year to be medical missionaries,” writes MBT program director, Lorna Dreher. “Others are planning to be teachers and health workers. Thank you for coming and teaching us!”

Ta Ya Day Village

“My parents were missionaries in this village many years ago,” Jasmine relates. Unfortunately, no more missionaries have come since her parents left in 2004. Jasmine and two other team members spent a couple days in Ta Ya Day, visiting and encouraging the believers.

The team was surprised to find a great need for health education in this little village. “They have a problem with dehydration; they don’t like to drink water,” reports Katherine. “We taught them about the eight laws of health—especially water.”

The Karen Mission Trip impacted the team, as well.

“This trip totally changed my life,” states Jasmine. Previously a health major at Hartland, she felt led to change her major after the Karen Mission Trip. “When I taught math at Wai Ler Moo and Sunshine Orchard, I realized that maybe God is calling me to be a teacher. I asked my team members to pray for me, and I asked the Lord, ‘Please send me an answer.’ And He sent me the answer. I know He is calling me. I really love teaching, and I want to go back. My heart is there. After my schooling, I will go back.”

“This trip helped me figure out what I want to do in life,” Nicole shares. “I really want to work with underprivileged people—people that, if you don’t go to them, the message won’t go to them.”

“I am forever thankful to the Lord for this privilege,” declares Dr. Cherie Lou Fernandez, midwifery instructor. “If God wills it, I will be going back to serve again. I hope to make this an extension of Hartland’s midwifery program.”



SDA church members in Ta Ya Day Village

INVITE A SPEAKER

NORBERT RESTREPO

Norbert Restrepo Jr, president of Hartland Institute, is originally from Colombia, South America. Norbert came to Hartland after serving 15 years as executive director of Las Delicias Institute, a lay-operated missionary training center in his home country. His responsibilities included being the lay pastor of the campus church and Bible and health instructor, as well as administrator. Homeschooled and mentored by his parents, Norbert graduated from Las Delicias with two majors: Health Education and Bible Instruction. He and his wife Ivonne have two daughters.



Topics:

- Principles of Christian education
- The mystery of godliness
- Prophecy
- End-time events
- The influence of music on the brain

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CODY FRANCIS

Cody Francis gave his heart to the Lord as a teenager and has been striving to serve Him ever since. He currently works at Hartland Institute of Health & Education as a teacher and the dean of the college. He is also actively involved with Mission Projects International doing public evangelism and participating in various missionary efforts. Cody is a member of the Living Hope Seventh-day Adventist Community Church in Virginia where he is actively involved along with his wife Mandy and three daughters.

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Kimberly Kicks the Habit

"I have quit smoking for good."

by Sabrina Petersen

The bondage of addiction can appear impossible to break, especially when one is faced with the challenge alone. Kimberly Metts, a guest at Hartland's Lifestyle Education Center (LEC), realized this in her own case. "I attended the lifestyle center because I wanted to quit smoking and I knew I could not do it by myself," she says. The healthy atmosphere and loving staff would provide the boost she needed to follow through with her decision.

Though not experiencing severe health problems, Kimberly, a director at an engineering firm and a grandmother of one beloved grandson, knew that she needed a change in her habits. "I had problems catching a deep breath due to smoking," she explains. Conquering this addiction would improve her quality of life, thus better allowing her to enjoy her family, friends, and one of her favorite activities—camping.

Kimberly describes her experience at the LEC: "Hartland is an absolutely exceptional center. All of the staff are kind and supportive; and by supportive, I mean they anticipate your needs before you even know that you might need something. Whether I needed food, drink,

or company, the staff were very prompt in helping me achieve success."

Kimberly is also thankful for the personal touch of the staff, as they sought to help her overcome her addiction. "My therapist would listen to me ramble on about my family for hours. The staff made me feel like I was important," she comments. Furthermore, she encountered God's amazing peace here: "The atmosphere at Hartland is tranquil. You can feel God's presence."

What was the result of Kimberly's time at the LEC? "I only attended the program for four days, but by the end of the fourth day, I felt success. The nicotine was out of my system and I didn't feel withdrawal symptoms."

Through the power of God and His healing methods, not only has she fully turned away from smoking, but she has also been able to sustain the change. "I have not smoked since I started the program in November 2014," she reports, and she plans to keep it that way!

Based on her own powerful transformation, Kimberly says, "I would recommend Hartland to anyone who feels they can't quit smoking on their own."



God's Witnesses

We have a special role to play in vindicating the righteous principles of God's laws.

by Norbert Restrepo

“God has a distinct people, a church on earth, second to none, but superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the law of God.”¹

The Bible records how God gave Israel, His “church in the wilderness,” clear indications of what was right and wrong in their relation to Him, to one another, and to themselves.

“Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live.” Deuteronomy 4:1. The result of their obedience would be life and blessings. Furthermore, the surrounding nations would recognize the superiority of God's law through their witness. “Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of all nations.” Verse 6.

One of the promised blessings was the removal of “the evil diseases of Egypt” from their midst. Deuteronomy 7:15. The Israelites had received additional instructions on dietary habits, cleanliness, and moral behavior that would prevent the development of such ailments. The absence of these diseases would be another way to draw attention to the wise laws of the God of Israel.

Today, postmodern society has widely rejected divine revelation and the concept of an absolute moral law. The increasing violence, crime, suffering, and disease reveal the tragic results. This presents us, as Seventh-day Adventists, with an opportunity to demonstrate to the world that God's principles are true and His laws eternal. Consider the following example:

“Research suggests that a predominantly plant-based diet can reduce the risk for type 2 diabetes. In studies of Seventh-day Adventists, vegetarians' risk of developing diabetes was half that of non-vegetarians.... The Harvard-based Women's Health Study found a similar correlation between eating red meat (especially processed meats, such as bacon and hot dogs) and diabetes risk...”²

As the world sees the positive results of our lifestyle, we can point them to God's natural laws. This will open the door to present God's moral law and the certainty of His prophetic word.

Oh, may our lives reflect the goodness of God, demonstrate His character of love, prove the relevance of His law, and manifest the power of His saving grace!

¹ White, Ellen G., *Counsels to the Church*, p. 240.

² <http://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/becoming-a-vegetarian>.

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Ingo Sorke, raised as a

Lutheran in Germany, thought

he would "never become a

Seventh-day Adventist." After

his baptism in 1986, he went on

to study theology in Germany

and the US, and later pastored

several churches in Texas. He

currently teaches Bible courses

at Southwestern Adventist

University. Ingo enjoys spending

time with his wife of 23 years and

his two teenage sons, especially

ministering together in a new

church plant.

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