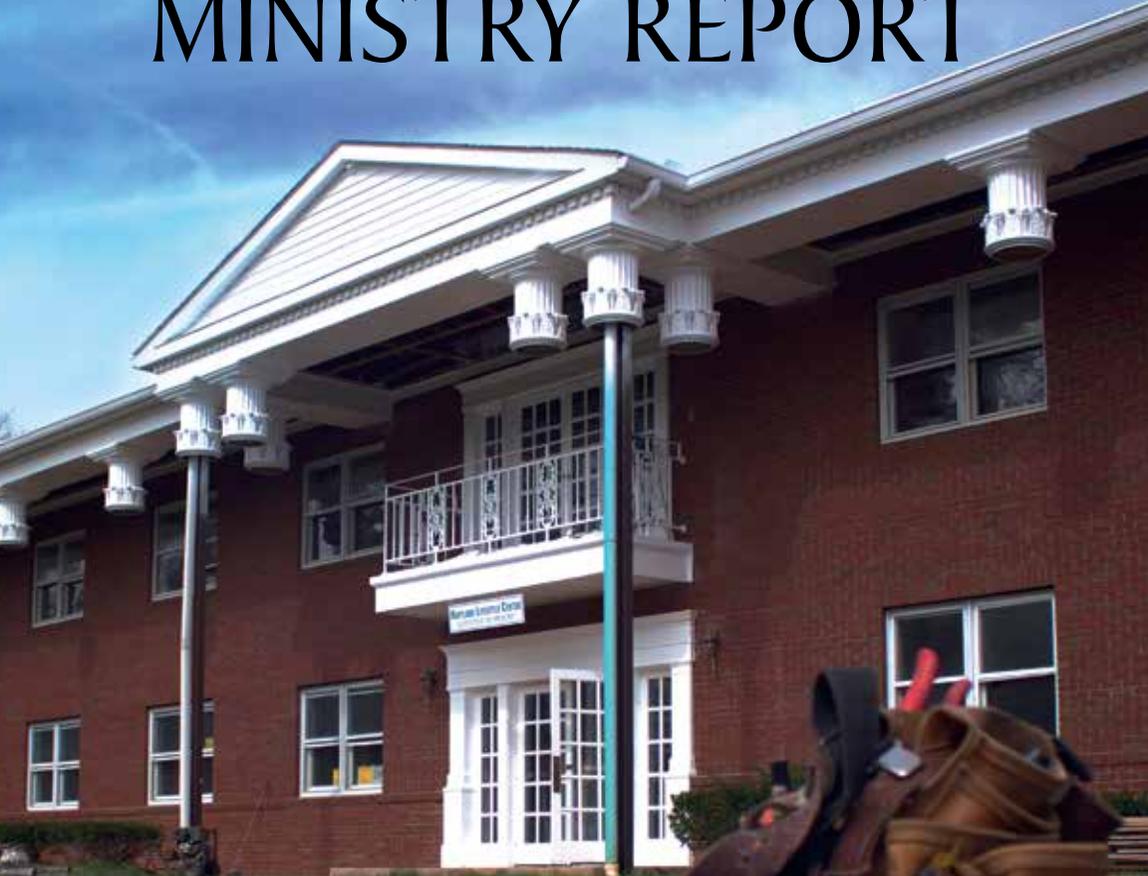


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Teamwork in the Trenches

A Hartland College instructor and a college student team up to share truth with Oklahoma Academy students.

by Kendi Callender



Holding the attention of adults on spiritual topics is hard enough. It's a totally different challenge with youth. This is what Hartland College instructor Ferdi Sastropawiro and student Peter Petrie experienced when they were invited to Oklahoma Academy to speak on the Great Controversy theme over the weekend of April 9.

"In order to be clear, we gave each sermon one main point, a message that could be stated in one sentence," explains Ferdi. "For example: 'God's way of solving a problem is in the problem.' 'How we relate to problems can bring blessings.' 'Christ is the head of the church, therefore He is responsible for the church.' 'Why idols in our lives? Do you not trust in the Lord Jesus?'"

"We made it real by speaking and counseling with several students one on one." This helped students address individual issues such as the importance of cleanliness, how to deal with anger, and how to know the specific place God has for each person. "We ended discussions by encouraging and reassuring them that the Lord will guide them continually, as He promises in Isaiah 58:11."

The Holy Spirit thoroughly prepared

both the speakers and the students. "Students shared with me that they were having problems socially and spiritually the day before. Little did they or I know that my next sermon would give them hope and present God's way for dealing with their problem," Ferdi relates.

"It was obvious to all that God had orchestrated the weekend to help the students in personal and practical ways. Students asked for prayer time and pleaded with God, asking Him to do for them what they could not do for themselves.

"The students expressed their appreciation for the sermons Peter and I shared and found the talks very interesting with lots of illustrations, personal stories, testimonies, activities, and practical applications. We were overwhelmingly encouraged by their positive responses," says Ferdi.

We pray that the results will be long-lasting and continue bearing fruit as the students put into practice what they have learned.

Would you like to invite a Hartland speaker or staff/student team to present in your church or school? Call us at 540-672-3100.

THE VERY TRAINING I NEED

“Hartland College is one of a kind. Very rarely have I seen elsewhere the training given here,” says MTF student Samuel Amirtharaj from India.

*by Samuel Amirtharaj
as told to Kevin Wahl*



Hartland’s Bible-based, Christ-centered curriculum convinced me that this is the training I need. But because my family works at a self-supporting institute in India, we had to really think about finances. We prayed a lot, and by God’s grace I learned about the Missionary Training Fund. When Hartland accepted me, my conviction was sealed that God had called me here. After that, I did not fear anything because I could see God leading me.

I chose to study pastoral evangelism because India has a great need for rightly trained pastors. All the activities at Hartland, from vocational training to outreach, are preparing me. The knowledge and skills I learn in my classes are tested through practical assignments, like sharing a doctrine with nonbelievers, preparing sermons, knocking on doors, and so on.

In March I went with Hartland’s Youth, Do You Dare outreach team to Elmira, New York, where we worked with an academy. After my devotional talk one morning, one teen told me that he really wanted to know the Bible more. That impacted me in a way nothing else has. I praise God for choosing this

broken vessel for His glory.

Hartland’s teachers and other staff members help me to stay focused and to not forget God’s purpose for my life. It is very hard to find this kind of mentorship.

This winter break, several other students and I are going on a mission trip to Nepal. We will do medical missionary work with Lay Institute of Global Health Training, which is led by my brother Joshua, who studied health at Wildwood.

India needs a strong Bible-based training center for evangelism. After I finish my studies at Hartland, Joshua and I plan to start a gospel medical missionary training center for students from all parts of India.

I thank all of you donors for helping students like me to be trained at Hartland. I want you to know for a verity that God has recorded everything and He will reward you in heaven. Please continue supporting the Missionary Training Fund so more people will be added to God’s kingdom. Please also pray for my family and future plans.



Culture Day Draws the Community

This year the entire community was invited to Hartland’s third annual Culture Day event showcasing our diverse student body from 28 countries. Over 300 doors were knocked on, posters were left in public places, and many personal invitations were given. Ultimately, about 80 guests, including many from the Mennonite community, came from the surrounding counties and as far as Washington, DC.

“The first person I spoke to asked, ‘Do you know where I could get Nigerian food?’ We started to talk, and she told me she’s here with her family for the first time, and they love it,” shares Nigerian midwifery student Victoria Adeyeye. They ended up taking a picture together at the event’s photo booth.

All told, a variety of vegan dishes and desserts were served representing 13 countries from Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, and the Caribbean. The Asian food was especially popular. While guests ate, students gave musical and slideshow presentations about missionary work in their countries.

“It was great, the food was amazing. I wish we could have it every day,”

“We have such a wealth of nationalities, we didn’t want to keep it to ourselves,” says Karine Sanchez, event organizer.

by Andrew Hendrickson and Rachel Perry

laughs publications production student Chris Chung, who personally invited several guests. “A lot of people don’t know who we are and what we stand for. This event offers good potential for Hartland to be a blessing and a shining light in the community.”

“I’ve been living in Culpeper for 16 years, and my parents have been living here for 26 years, but this is the first time I’ve heard about Hartland,” remarks Don Haight Jr, a Culpeper resident invited by Chris. Don enjoyed the event, the campus, and the people so much that he decided he wanted to learn more, especially about Hartland’s natural farm. He returned a couple weeks later for a campus tour and lunch in the cafeteria.

“It was fantastic,” said Don after the tour. “I learned a lot, and I realized I still have a lot to learn. Now I’m trying to find a way to promote Hartland, so people in the area will know about it and take advantage of the services and products that you have here.”

We praise the Lord for using Culture Day to be a light in the community, and we look forward to an even bigger blessing next year!

A PATHWAY TO HEALTH AND MORE

On April 27–29, Hartland staff and students joined thousands of Seventh-day Adventist health professionals at Your Best Pathway to Health, a free mega-clinic outreach event in downtown Los Angeles. Here are some of their testimonies.



Tania Hernandez, Mexico, *Health Ministry*

My cousin in LA was unreceptive to religion but needed dental work. The doctors prayed with her, which really got her attention. She liked that no one was pushing religion on her, just offering good service and treatment. Afterwards she wanted to know more about health and natural remedies and happily accepted some books. The best thing was when she came with us to the Sabbath service for the first time. Just a month before Pathway to Health, I had offered to study the Bible with her, but she refused. It had seemed that all the doors were closed, but God opened them. Pathway to Health was a bridge to give my cousin the little push she needed.



Chris Ocampo, Washington, USA, *Health Ministry*

I worked in the relaxation department—massage and hydrotherapy. Even though I'm from the LA area, I didn't grow up downtown, so I never saw the great need there. Streets are filled with tents where homeless people live—tent cities. They're in need of not only a solid place to stay, but of something more fulfilling in their lives. The Pathway to Health event showed me that there is a great need in the cities—mentally, physically, and spiritually. It confirmed in my mind that I want to help these people, especially with their health.



Ivonne Restrepo, Health Outreach Instructor

Maria, a 29-year-old mother from Mexico, had never seen a doctor. Scared to death that her infection of 14 years might be breast cancer, she came to Pathway to Health for help. I was privileged to be her translator, and as we got to know each other, she began asking questions: "Why are you doing this? What is 'Seventh-day Adventist'?" Maria had no religious background, but as we talked, she indicated her desire to raise her children for the Lord. "I will go to an Adventist church because I want my kids to be in Sabbath School," she told me. She eagerly signed up for Bible studies, and we prayed together. Maria was overjoyed when her test results came back negative for cancer and exclaimed, "The Lord healed me here!" I praise God for this divine appointment.



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By faith, we have signed a contract
old lifestyle ce



For some time you have heard about the planned reconstruction of our old lifestyle center into a renewed Health Evangelistic Center (HEC). On March 15, 2016, a contractor was engaged to complete the first 3 phases of the 6-phase project. By this September, if all goes according to plan and we find the remaining \$300,000, we will have a dedicated and private midwifery classroom as well as health, hydrotherapy, and massage classrooms. Phase 3 will also move our Lifestyle to Health program back into its original



AS BEGUN!

and construction has begun on the center building.

space, providing our health guests with proper guest rooms.

An added benefit of moving the lifestyle program out of the ladies' dormitory where it has operated temporarily for over seven years, is that it frees up badly needed space for our increasing female enrollment.

Please join us in praising God that a path is opening to better fulfill the vision and mission entrusted to Hartland! Thank you, also, for your continued support to help make this vision a reality.



Media and the Opening Wedge

Shane Smith, a media major from Connecticut, has found his niche at Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) and its media branch, Life & Health Network.

by Shane Smith



When I first started my internship, I thought I would be sitting in an office editing videos all the time. But I have been able to do something I've always wanted to do—travel! AMEN does free health clinics all over the US, and my job is to help with setup and breakdown, and document everything so I can make a video about it. Besides health clinics, AMEN plans overseas mission trips twice a year, and they have an annual conference. I wasn't able to go on a mission trip with them last year, but I'm planning to go this year by God's grace.

As fun and exciting as it is to fly all over the US doing health clinics, it's not easy. Sometimes our day starts at 3 AM and ends at midnight. But when you're doing the Lord's work, it's worth it. People have started Bible studies and given their lives to Christ after coming to AMEN's health events. Seeing that and hearing the feedback from the churches makes all the late nights and long weekends worthwhile.

Lately I have been working on a project with Life & Health Network called Diabetes Undone. I was given the

opportunity to help with the recording of the cookbook that goes with it. Every recipe has a QR code that links to a video, so people can scan the code with their smartphones to see how to cook that recipe. What I really like about working with Life & Health is that I am learning so much more about health. The other week we recorded hydrotherapy videos, and that was the best!

My time at Hartland prepared me for my internship in so many ways. Vocational training taught me time management, and the media training I received has been a great blessing. I had no idea that all the information I learned in design class would be so useful in the video work I'm doing today. Videography is my passion, and thanks to the foundation laid at Hartland, I have been able to grow and improve every year.

Before, I wanted to be an overseas missionary. But since I have been working with AMEN and Life & Health Network, I have seen that people need a lot of help right here in the USA. My vision for the future is to use media wherever I go to inspire people to help others.



When Angels Sing

Without the angels, we couldn't touch the people God brings to our concerts.

by Sabrina Petersen

“You sounded like angels!” a concert attendee exclaimed. *Really? Hadn't she heard the discordant notes?* I mused. After all, we're not professionals; we're just seeking to glorify God.

Spring break found the Three Angels' Chorale (TAC) en route to Florida. Ten days later, we returned with 3,795 miles, 17 concerts, and many divine appointments behind us. You see, our ministry goes beyond simply singing. . .

It's about recognizing the hurting heart. A woman's scowling face met Elizabeth's gaze during one concert. “After we sang, I was impressed to talk to her,” Elizabeth shares. Through compassion, Elizabeth's own testimony, and a prayer, the story of a deeply struggling individual tumbled out. God used Elizabeth to show this lady that she was not alone.

It's about ministering to people through testimonies and teaching. In North Carolina, we held Sabbath School and a concert for a church of Karen people, ethnic refugees from Myanmar and the relatives of one of our TAC members.

It's about touching the hearts of young and old, like the little Karen boy who asked, “How can you be a missionary?” or the lovely elderly people we ministered to at Fletcher Park Inn in North Carolina. Taro met one such individual, John

Thurber, a tenor from the King's Heralds quartet in the 1960s. We were blessed to share music with those who, like him, had spent years of their lives in ministry.

It's about encouraging backslidden Christians. Upuia met her two aunts at a concert in South Carolina. Unbeknownst to Upuia, they had previously been Seventh-day Adventists. “My aunt said she probably never would have set foot back inside that church until I invited her to the concert; it's given her a reason to actually want to go back to that church.”

These anecdotes provide a glimpse into our varied experiences. Visiting six states (TN, NC, SC, GA, AL, and FL), we sang at Laurelbrook Academy, Greater Miami Adventist Academy, three SDA elementary schools, an Assembly of God church, a nondenominational ministry called JAARS (Jungle Aviation and Radio Services), nursing homes, and numerous other churches. We held two Spanish concerts one being at the SDA Inter-American Division office.

Through it all, we echo the sentiments expressed by Martin: “One thing I saw was that, however I sang, God was there with us. God definitely sent His angels to sing with us.”

Indeed, He did.

No More Meds!

Pastor Summers loves sharing the health message that helped her conquer diabetes.

by Rachel Perry



“I am an 18-year cancer conqueror, and I believe God allowed this to happen to me so I could minister to other women who are combating this disease.” Meet Ada Summers, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Madison County, Virginia.

One of Pastor Summers’ church members invited Angela Pulley, director of Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center (LEC), to their Fitness Day. Angela and several Hartland students presented lectures and provided vegan food samples. The attendees enjoyed Hartland’s lectures and food so much, they invited Angela and her team to participate in more health events. It was through these events that Angela befriended Pastor Summers.

“I have diabetes,” Pastor Summers told Angela. “I’m taking medication, but I want to get off.” Angela invited her to come for a 10-day session at the LEC.

“My experience at the LEC was one that I shall never forget,” Pastor Summers relates. “I enjoyed it from the moment I set foot there. The location is breathtaking, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are no words to describe the humility,

honesty, meekness, love, peace, and joy of the people I met—both staff and fellow health guests. I loved the prayers before and after treatments, as well as the worship time every morning and evening. The food was different, but I enjoyed it very much.”

Some health guests find the lifestyle program difficult at first, but Pastor Summer’s positivity carried her through. “I believed and knew this would help me to get well, so it was not hard for me.”

And her faith was not in vain! “At the end of the program I felt great!” she exults. “My blood sugar went down, I lost weight, I stopped taking my medication, and now I am doing wonderfully.”

“Now Pastor Summers and I are trying to organize a program called Health Coalition—inviting pastors to come for a vegan meal, a health lecture, and health screening,” shares Angela. “We hope they will get excited about healthy living and pass it on to their congregations.”

“I would encourage others 100 percent to come and reap the benefits of this program,” says Pastor Summers. “I thank God for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful experience.”



Living Centers of Influence

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

by Norbert Restrepo

Light and darkness are symbols of righteousness and sin, freedom and captivity, life and death. Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. And to His followers He says, "Ye are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14.

Christ's faithful disciples throughout the ages have worked passionately to dispel darkness and shed light. Their homes and communities have been centers of influence, brimming with love and life.

For example, during the Dark Ages, Waldensian missionaries would descend from their Alpine valleys as students and merchants, risking their lives to share the gospel of hope, of freedom from superstition, guilt, and sin.

In the 18th century when the Moravian Church heard that the slaves in the West Indies had a miserable life and lacked knowledge of Christianity, they sent missionaries to improve the slaves' conditions and share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ.¹

Today, in our 21st century, many are "captive." Estes & Weiner reported in 2001 that each year, between 100,000–300,000 children in the US are at risk of being forced into the commercial sex industry.

In 2014 an estimated number of more than 29 million people worldwide were living in slavery, the greatest number in history, and approximately 15,000 people were being trafficked each year in the US for purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation.²

Beyond coerced slavery there are other types of captivity. In 2009 the World Health Organization reported that 2 billion people worldwide had problems with alcohol and 185 million abused drugs.³ One in eight Americans is addicted to something. The 10 most common addictions are alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gambling, shopping, sex, food, video games, the internet, and the addiction to work.⁴ The fact is that any selfish indulgence can enslave and destroy.

But the good news is that Jesus liberates, and He has called us "to uplift, to sweeten, the lives and characters of others by the power of a pure example united with earnest faith and love."⁵ He has called us to be centers of influence, shedding light and hope to those around us!

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July 20–24, 2016

Speakers: Dr. Thomas Jackson and Dennis Priebe

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ARME Bible Camp

September 23–25, 2016

Speakers: Ivor Myers and others

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October 21–23, 2016

Speakers: Taj Paclieb and Norman McNulty

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Winter Convocation

January 27–29, 2017

Speaker: Chris Holland

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Spring Convocation

April 28–30, 2017

Speaker: TBA

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About Our Camp Meeting

Speakers

Dr. Thomas Jackson and his wife have worked in disease prevention and natural healthcare for over 25 years. He was a candidate for a professional basketball career until crippling arthritis interfered with his plans. Dr. Jackson shares his experience of how he overcame this 10-year arthritis battle without drugs. In his seminar you will learn practical and simple principles of how to experience physical, spiritual, and mental health.

Dennis Priebe is a Seventh-day Adventist minister with 40 years experience as a pastor, teacher, and seminar speaker. Eleven years were spent as a college professor at Pacific Union College, and 20 years as a speaker for Amazing Facts. Priebe has written several books and booklets, with many audio and videotapes on the same topics. His one desire is to prepare people for the very soon return of Jesus to this world.

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