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SHERITA FINDS HOPE

Hartland's prison ministry team helped one grateful inmate find Jesus in His Word.

by Rachel Perry



“**S**herita had been in prison for a total of 12 years,” relates prison ministry director Johny Carmouche, “but she had been in prison four times. This is what happens in prisons: it’s a revolving door. We do prison ministry because people don’t have to go back into prison. If they have the hope of Jesus Christ in their lives, it will keep them from returning.”

Ivonne Restrepo recalls her first memory of Sherita: “What caught my attention was her face. She looked angry all the time—the kind of person one might be afraid to approach—and she never uttered a word. When I’d ask her something like ‘How was your week?’ she would just grunt.” But as the group continued smiling and welcoming her, they began to see changes.

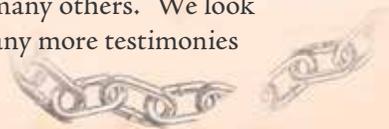
“After two months,” Ivonne continues, “she got engaged in the studies and started asking questions. I remember the first time she asked a question, it was about forgiveness. She said, ‘I need to know about this.’ And from then on, her response was so different. She asked more questions, and even began sharing praises and prayer requests. Soon she enrolled in correspondence Bible studies. She became one of our most enthusiastic

members, sharing in every Bible study and defending the Hartland group whenever something negative happened.”

Sherita shares her side of the story: “I didn’t know a lot [about the Bible], and that’s what kept me coming back. I got close to God, and I found peace. I learned how to forgive, and that’s what really transformed my life. Not only did I learn forgiveness; I learned how to be humble. I felt the presence of God, and people saw that I was changing. Even the officers noticed! When I came home, people said, ‘You’ve changed!’ And I said, ‘That’s because I found God.’”

Since Sherita’s release, she has kept in touch with Ivonne and even shared her testimony at one of Hartland’s convocations. “She calls me every time she needs to make a decision,” Ivonne smiles. “She’ll say, ‘I need to pray with you.’”

“We need your prayers,” Ivonne concludes, “because the Holy Spirit is working not only in Sherita’s heart, but in many others.” We look forward to many more testimonies like Sherita’s!



A DOOR OF UTTERANCE

Nicole sees God's hand at work in her internship.

by Rachel Perry

Knock, knock, knock.

A bitter winter evening found Nicole Bertelli, a Bible instruction intern, in front of a door at an apartment complex. Feelings of discouragement threatened to overwhelm her, but recalling Bible promises strengthened her to move forward. She knew that God had brought her here.

In fact, her internship experience had been a leading of God's providence. She hadn't planned on interning in Michigan; she had been very certain of another site. Yet, just as her own plans fell through, she received a call from the pastor of the Battle Creek Tabernacle in Michigan: Would she come there as a Bible worker?

Now, she finds herself actively involved in Bible work and youth ministry in the Michigan Conference. Her responsibilities involve leading about twenty Bible studies, encouraging church members in outreach, teaching youth Sabbath School, and working with young people at the nearby Adventist academy.

"It is extremely rewarding to see God moving on people's hearts," she shares.

That's exactly what happened that evening at the apartment complex. A Muslim gentleman, Mr. K, answered the

door in answer to Nicole's prayer to talk with someone from another faith group. Though the man refused Bible studies, he agreed to help Nicole fulfill a class assignment which required her to find out more about another religion and share her own beliefs.

As Nicole learned more about Mr. K and built a friendship with him, he became curious.

"Please, why did you knock on my door that day?" Mr. K inquired during their third meeting. Nicole's work had impressed him and he wanted to know what motivated her.

Thus, the way opened for Nicole to share her own testimony. "I told him that the love of Jesus constrains me." She shared with him the battle that she had faced to knock on doors that evening, but how God had strengthened her with the assurance that she was doing His work. "I also told him about my plans of becoming a missionary in a land where Christianity is not prominent." She hopes she can continue witnessing to Mr. K.

"These [internship] experiences have confirmed my desire to serve God," says Nicole. She anticipates working with unreached people groups in the future. Please keep Nicole in your prayers!



STRENGTHENING OUR TEAM

Hartland welcomes two new staff members and their families.

by Jamie Whitaker

From its beginning, Hartland Institute has sought to form and maintain a strong staff team having the knowledge, willingness, and ability to operate according to God's blueprint for our schools. This spring, the Lord sent two more individuals to strengthen our team.

Giancarlo Miranda, from São Paulo, Brazil, immigrated to Canada as a teenager, where he became a Seventh-day Adventist in 2001. Four years later he enrolled at Hartland College. During summer and winter breaks, he became a skilled student colporteur leader. After graduating in 2010 with a degree in pastoral evangelism, Giancarlo pursued his calling to educate young people for ministry in his home country. He worked two years at Taquara Institute (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) as academic dean and Bible teacher. After that, he founded Santo's Evangelistic Training Institute, an agricultural missionary training school in Espírito Santo, Brazil. He served the institute as president and Bible teacher for five years. Today the school has proven to be a success, having a steadily increasing enrollment and 27 graduates to date.

Giancarlo is now the assistant academic dean for Hartland College and a Bible teacher. With his wife Tatiana and daughter Sofia, Giancarlo says, "We are happy to become part of the Hartland family and ministry."

Matz Groschel, also from Brazil, immigrated to the US as a teenager and has extensive experience in management, maintenance, logistics, auto mechanics, the lumber industry, and construction. He comes to us from Taquara Institute, where he recently served as administrative director. Matz is passionate about providing every student with a thorough vocational training. His goal is to fit each graduate to take up some type of trade where he or she can be self-supporting while doing ministry.

"We have the resources here for agricultural and related industries to succeed," Matz asserts. We believe he has the potential to help all areas of the Vocational Division, including establishing industries. He plans to begin by organizing and managing our plant services, grounds, and auto shop. We are most grateful to have him and his wife Emilia on our team!



A NEW LIFE OF SERVICE

I pled with God to use me in His service. His answer came from across the world.

by Rafael Kopke

As a young Christian in Brazil, I confronted daily pressure and harassment at work. One day during a break, I knelt in despair and cried, imploring the Lord to send me to a place where I could work serving Him. God's answer arrived from across the world. A group of Hartland students came to Brazil on a mission trip, organized by Diego Silva and Brian Beavers. Without me telling them my struggles, God touched their hearts to invite me to attend Hartland.

Hartland provided a place free from worldly dangers and distractions. It became a home to me, with a loving Christian family and spiritual nourishment that enhanced my relationship with Jesus.

Being among other focused young people with a common goal influenced me to adopt a different Christian lifestyle. I was encouraged to wake up early to study my Bible and spend time in prayer. After hearing daily sermons prepared by peers, I lost my fear of public speaking and making mistakes. Practical training helped me acquire many other new skills, such as repairing my car or

fixing the washing machine. The vegan diet cleared my mind, renewed my energy, and strengthened my health. I became a new person.

My previous experience with computers encouraged me to choose the Christian Publications/Media Management major. Through magazines, videos, audio, websites, and many other upcoming technologies, the "almost impossible" mission to preach the gospel to the world becomes a tangible reality for this generation. I've learned new ways to reach people for Christ, and currently God has opened the door through my work to reach thousands for Him.

After graduating and getting married, my wife and I prayed continually, asking God to guide us to where He would like us to serve Him next. One day a call came, and today I serve the Lord as graphic designer for *Young Disciple* magazine, using the skills I learned at Hartland.

The greatest thing one can expect from Hartland is not only to gain a focused and awesome experience with the Lord, but also a valuable knowledge of oneself, of one's strengths and weaknesses. Hartland College is a place that will fit you not only for mission, but for life.



MY GOAL, MY VISION

"I aim to pioneer a school that will give quality education to those seeking missionary training in my country."

by Michael Kusarawana as told to Kevin Wahl

When I became a full-time medical missionary, I met a pastor from New York who was conducting an evangelistic series in Zimbabwe. I explained to him my vision for medical missionary work and my intention to study in the US at one of the self-supporting institutions.

The pastor mentioned Hartland College. He requested my contact details, promising to send them to Hartland upon his return to the US, which he did. Today, thanks to the Missionary Training Fund, I'm a pastoral evangelism student minoring in health.

To me, Hartland is different from any other institution. It gives me a practical approach to education, prepares me spiritually, and develops my mind. Also, interacting with the other students precipitates new ideas and a different perspective of the world around me.

This institution is giving me tools to work in the gospel medical missionary field. My religion classes challenge my mind to do deep Bible study. And Anatomy and Physiology class—it's so practical! It gives me a different perspective on the human body. Also, working in the lifestyle center exposes me to the kind of people I'll be working

with when I'm in the field. So this is a balanced approach for my ministry.

Other vocational training has also brought balance to my definition of ministry. I've been able to learn various trades, such as marketing, sales, and bookkeeping, which will help sustain me while doing gospel work.

The greatest lesson I've learned at Hartland is *total surrender*. Through education, trials, and practical work, I've learned to give all to God and to know that He is in control; I am His instrument.

After finishing Hartland, I aim to pioneer a self-supporting school and lifestyle center in my country, training young people to illuminate the world by combining the gospel with medical missionary work. This is my goal, this is my vision.

Only eternity will reveal the lives changed by those of you who sponsor missionaries through the Missionary Training Fund. The names of many whom you have never met will be in the kingdom as stars on your crown. Your gifts changed my life. I want to utilize what I've learned here to change the lives of others.



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YOUTH, DO YOU DARE?

Lighting the fire for service
in Puerto Rico

by Kendi Callender

In today's world, young people often look to their peers more than to their parents. Although this trend can have detrimental effects, the power of influence can also be used in reaching them for Christ. With this in mind, Hartland College has a ministry called Youth, Do You Dare? (YDYD). Our goal is to influence young people to know Christ personally and to reach the world for Him.

For the first time in YDYD's existence, the ministry (made up of five students and five staff) left the States and flew to Puerto Rico. We spent 10 days visiting churches, schools, and other venues, sharing tips on how to study the Bible and apply its truths in a relevant way.

"This mission trip was full of challenges, trials, and opportunities to use our talents for God's work," says Ferdi Sastropawiro, a staff sponsor. While presenting at Bella Vista Academy, he learned something important: "It was a perfect occasion for us to grow as a team and get everyone involved. Even my five-year-old son, Diego, used his talent of origami in one of our seminars to show God's love in creation. It's sometimes easy to overlook the youth, but I'm so thankful that God doesn't."



YDYD also spent time discussing the meaning of real Christianity with a worship group at Antillean University. "We learned so much together," says Willy Yonas, a student member. "It was a blessing to search the Scriptures with them and find truth that we can incorporate in our lives."

"Love for service was our motive to keep going," says Alexi Garcia, the current president of YDYD. He recalls the special time spent with patients of the Bella Vista Seventh-day Adventist Hospital: "I still remember the smiles from the patients and their families, and even hospital staff, as we played the ukulele and sang Scripture songs to them." We also gave them *Last Generation* magazines as a reminder that God is still with them through difficult times.

YDYD has a burden for the youth in the Adventist Church to be lights for the Lord. If you desire this ministry to come to your church, please visit our website, youthdoyoudare.com, or contact us at ydyd@hartland.edu. Thank you for your support and ongoing prayers for YDYD!



SOON-TO-BE DOCTOR

Luisa learns new ways to serve through
Loma Linda Campestre.*

by Freddy ('06) and Connie Castro



“I don’t want to be a ‘half-time’ doctor, because I now see that people need more thorough care,” says Luisa, a medical student in Colombia. “My life goal as a doctor is to help people regardless of their financial situation. I desire to work with a small population in a country setting, getting to know my patients and strengthening prevention of disease through a holistic lifestyle approach.”

Luisa grew up in a Catholic family. “I was fascinated to know the reasons for everything,” she remembers. She advanced through her education quickly, graduating from high school at the age of 15. Now, at 22, she is on track to graduate as a medical doctor.

“Growing up, I felt emptiness, a missing piece,” she shares. “This made me think that our immense world had to exist through a great power which I had not learned of. I began looking for God, which is why I turned to science—to learn more about the human body and His marvelous work of creation. I began reading the Bible and finding answers to my questions.”

When we met Luisa two years ago, we invited her to teach anatomy and physiology at Loma Linda Campestre

(LLC) in exchange for training in massage and natural remedies. Luisa is currently working with LLC, providing massage therapy in hotels and homes.

“Freddy and Connie have taught me simple health methods to love and serve humanity. I have realized that my patients have a greater need—one I cannot meet as a physician. I have begun pointing them to our Creator, the Person we can really depend on. People will always look to physicians to cure illness. But if I can point my patients to God and help them acquire hope in Him, then I feel I have done my work.

“I would like to serve God through ADRA,** doing what I love most. The greatest tribute we can give God is to care for His greatest work of creation: humanity. The possibilities of improving other people’s lives through Him are infinite.”

Luisa is taking Bible studies, and she has been exercising incredible faith in all she has learned thus far. Please keep her in your prayers!

*Loma Linda Campestre is an alumni project supported through Lord, Send Me.

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FINISHING TOUCHES

Construction on the Health and Education Center is almost complete!

by Angela Pulley

Over the past 12 months, Hartland Institute of Health and Education has engaged in a capital project to renovate the original lifestyle center facility built in 1989. This beautiful structure was in dire need of renovation after 18 years of continuous use.

During the construction-planning phase, the building was re-envisioned as a comprehensive health education center. Part of the facility was redesigned as a college and community education wing complete with classrooms, hydrotherapy and massage labs, and a birthing center. The lifestyle center portion of the building was remodeled to include a larger exercise room and updated hydrotherapy and massage facilities for guests. The goal of this project is to offer improved health education and lifestyle medicine services to students, health guests, the surrounding community, and beyond.

The Hartland Lifestyle Center team is excited about all the progress seen at the building site. In our previous update in *Hartland Ministry Report*, we announced that the first phase—the education wing—had been completed,

and the second phase—the lifestyle center portion—was underway. Now, construction is almost complete and the most exciting phase has begun—furnishing and decorating!

Our design team includes staff and Hartland friends, as well as a volunteer professional—the gentleman who first decorated the original facility in 1989! He is 83 years old now, and he's doing it at cost, just as a donation to Hartland. We are so thankful for this and the many other ways we've seen the Lord's hand throughout this renovation process.

The reopening of the Health and Education Center (formerly Hartland Wellness Center) is slated for late summer or early fall 2017, depending on the county's approval. At that time, the lifestyle center program will move from its temporary home in the ladies' dorm to the remodeled facility.

We thank you for how the Lord has used your prayers and gifts to help renovate this building. By God's grace and with your continued support, it will soon be fully operational, ministering to men and women through the gospel of health.



THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

The great principles of education are unchanged.

by Norbert Restrepo

When Adam and Eve chose to receive the knowledge of evil, they brought upon themselves and their posterity a change in their nature and circumstances. Sin separated man from God and introduced in his nature a bent towards evil. From thereon through the flow of history, the different existing cultures manifest varied circumstances and different conditions, all of them tainted by sin and evidencing the struggle between good and evil. Nonetheless, true education is still conformed to the Creator's plan; the great principles remain unchanged.¹

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth for ever." Psalm 111:10. "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?" Deuteronomy 10:12, 13.

True education embraces the principles of truth, honor, integrity, purity, obedience, and unselfish service. It draws us into an intimate

relationship with Christ so that He can empower us to make these principles, which are the reflection of His character, the controlling power in our lives. These principles will transform our character, direct our behavior, and guide our lifestyle.

In the beginning of the world, God instituted a system of education that was to be a model for humanity forever. "The Garden of Eden was the schoolroom, nature was the lesson book, the Creator Himself was the instructor, and the parents of the human family were the students."² Today, despite changed conditions, the book of nature continues to be a source of knowledge; useful occupation continues to be a blessing that strengthens the body, expands the mind, and develops the character; and God is still our instructor.

Friends, it is our privilege to follow an educational model where God's Word is the ultimate authority, where science does not conflict with revelation, where useful occupation is always present, where unselfish service is the underlying motive, and where godliness is the ultimate goal!

¹ White, Ellen G., *Education*, p. 30.

² White, p. 20.

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Speakers: Stephen Bohr and Randy Skeete

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Spring Convocation

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Speaker: Joshua White

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of the present-truth message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Twice a year, Stephen teaches the Foundations of Seventh-day Adventist Theology class at Amazing Facts College of Evangelism.

Randy Skeete is an evangelist and revivalist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Elder Skeete has preached for revivals and evangelistic meetings around the world, including Uganda, England, Australia, the Philippines, and Kenya, as well as in the United States.

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