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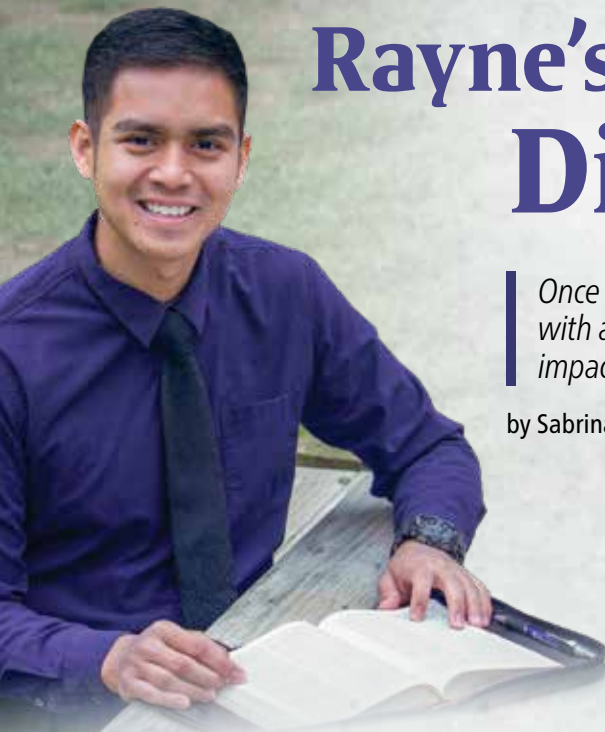
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Rayne's New Direction

Once a backslidden Adventist who partied with a bad crowd, Rayne is now training to impact young people for Christ.

by Sabrina Petersen

All I had was a theoretical knowledge, but no personal walk with Christ.”

Rayne Clement expresses the experience of many young people who grow up in Seventh-day Adventist families. He studied the Bible and knew all about Daniel, Revelation, and the sanctuary by the age of nine. Later in his teens he was baptized, but found himself a stagnant Christian. Determined to study medicine, he immersed himself in college life and found himself partying and drinking with a bad crowd. Little did he realize how God would turn his life around.

One day, Rayne heard of an AOY (Army of Youth) Bible conference happening near him. Deciding to go, Rayne experienced a spiritual revival that turned his life in a different direction! As a result, he chose to take a year off from medical school and attend a Bible training school in Malaysia called SALT (Soul-Winning and Leadership Training). As he engaged in Bible work, God strongly impressed him to go into full-time ministry, and he began praying earnestly for confirmation. After a year, as

he saw two people baptized from his work, Rayne was certain of this new direction in life.

But Rayne wondered where he could study to become equipped for ministry. Benjamin Ng, a pastor teaching at SALT and a Hartland alumnus, suggested that Rayne consider Hartland. As Rayne researched the school, he found that its principles, and particularly the pastoral evangelism major, coincided with his calling.

“I wanted to receive the right training and experience true education so I could be an effective servant of Christ,” he explains. “I chose this major because there is a need for more zealous and faithful ministers of God to finish the work. I want to help people to be saved, sanctified, and sealed into the kingdom of God.”

Even so, the obstacle of finances loomed before Rayne. He had a sponsor for his first year of schooling, but then what? Where would he obtain further support? That’s where Hartland’s Missionary Training Fund (MTF) came in.

“Because of the MTF, I can continue my studies to be trained as a missionary,” Rayne shares with gratitude. He is excited for the ways in which he can use his education to train more young people in his home country, Malaysia. Because AOY and SALT turned his life around, Rayne is burdened to teach in these programs and impact more young people for Christ.



A MISSION FOCUS FOR GOD

Willy's vision is to start a lifestyle program in Indonesia.

by Vanessa Sosa

“Hartland College changed my life,” Willy asserts. “It helped me have a mission focus and use my health knowledge as a tool to minister to others as Jesus did! I can’t get this kind of education in my home country.”

Willy Yonas is from Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population in the world. As a health ministry major, his vision is to use his health knowledge as a bridge to share the gospel.

“The knowledge I gained at Hartland has already been so useful during my internship, especially my nutrition and research writing classes, as well as the work ethic I learned from working at the farm and the lifestyle center.”

Willy applied to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) in February 2018. His prayer was: “Lord, if You want me to be Your witness in Washington, DC, please open the way.” Five months later, God did! While there, Willy helped assess research studies, enter data, look into statistics, and prepare classes. He was even given the opportunity to give a lecture to study participants!

“My favorite experience was seeing the results of a 16-week study on how a plant-based diet affects people’s health. I watched patients’ metabolism increase, cholesterol

levels come down, weight decrease, and even their gut microbiomes improve!”

Willy is striving to learn more about the scientific evidence in favor of plant-based diets. “This way, I can share the Seventh-day Adventist health message with support from scientific papers and thus reach out to intellectual groups.”

Currently, Willy is completing the second part of his internship with the Faith Community Health Department of Adventist HealthCare in Maryland. “Our goal is to train health ministry leaders of churches and faith-based groups to improve the health of their congregations and communities.”

Willy has a vision to start a lifestyle program in Indonesia with weekly support groups and health classes. He wants to give Indonesians an opportunity to change their lifestyle in a “cheaper and more effective way.”

“After experiencing what a plant-based diet and lifestyle change can do, I have a burden to share what I’ve learned with my people! I want to help them have a better quality of life. By God’s grace, this will be an open door for me to share Jesus with them!”

“I never regret that I came to Hartland,” Willy concludes. “It has thoroughly prepared me for my life calling.”

Missionary in Training


My work station, my convocation assignment, and my classes prepared me for an amazing mission adventure!

by Joy Inyele

“These magazines answer my son’s questions! I will surely read them with him!” exclaimed Ann Marie, my seatmate on the plane.

In February, I joined a team from the Markham Woods Seventh-day Adventist church in Florida on a mission trip to my home country. I also prayed for opportunities to pass out literature along the way. I’m a student editor for *Last Generation* magazine, so before leaving Hartland, I packed a variety of issues to give away. Settling in the plane for my second flight, I didn’t know that the lady smiling back at me would be God’s first answer to that prayer.

Though born in a Christian home, Ann Marie became an atheist while in college. Recently, one of her sons had been bombarding her with questions on religion. When she learned that I was a Christian, she peppered me with questions about God, the Bible, and the Christian faith. That is when the magazines came in so handy! For every question, God brought to my mind an issue, or an article in one of the magazines that highlighted the topic. I ended every discussion on a given topic with something like, “Hey, I think I have a magazine just for that!”



As I hugged her goodbye, she was clasping seven magazines, including *Last Generation’s* special issue on the Sabbath! Watching her tuck those truth-filled publications into her handbag, I prayed, “Oh God, please accompany those silent preachers!”

Encouraged by that encounter, I charged into my mission experience! We worked among the Maasai community in western Kenya, where I helped with the VBS program at a public primary school.

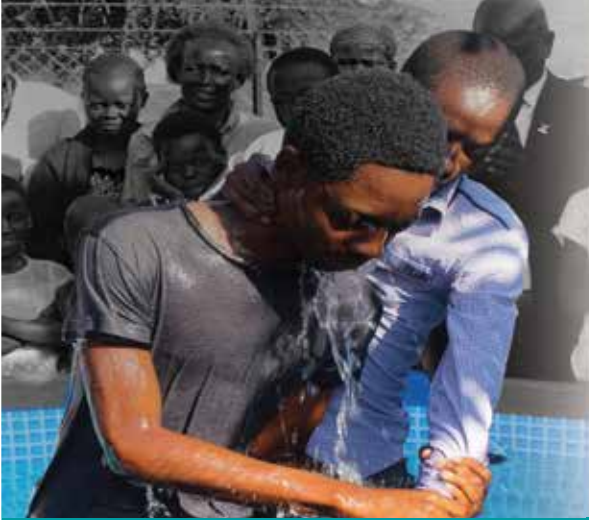
I loved the children! Their eagerness to learn and their innocent questions reminded me of my own childhood. What a difference it would make if only they knew God and His purpose for their lives! We taught them the plan of redemption and showed them that God has a place for each of them in His great plan.

I deeply appreciate every opportunity to prepare for service in the mission field through my training at Hartland, be it through my classes, teaching children during convocation, or preparing articles for the magazine at my work station.

GOOD NEWS FOR BOTSWANA

Two students conduct Bible and health evangelism among ancestor worshipers in their home country.

by Rachel Perry



“Wow! I never knew this was in the Bible. My pastor never told me,” said one lady after learning about the seventh-day Sabbath.

During winter break, two students, Goabaone and Botho, returned to their home country of Botswana to apply what they’ve been learning at Hartland. They focused their efforts in Moremi, a small village deeply rooted in ancestral worship with no Seventh-day Adventist presence. Their plans included personal visitations (offering simple health treatments, Bible studies, and prayer), two health expos, and a three-week evangelistic series.

“The village chief was so happy to have us there that he provided a place to conduct the evangelistic meetings!” Botho beams.

But some villagers were not happy. That meeting place was dedicated to their ancestors, and Christians had no business there, they asserted. When boisterous storms threatened to cancel the meetings, these villagers claimed it was a sign from their ancestors! But for the students, it was a sign of the great controversy, and it made them even more determined to trust the Lord and continue His work.

“The people had never heard of the Sabbath before,” Botho continues. “As we opened Scripture before them and shared

the good news, this melted their hearts.”

Goabaone and Botho also recruited a team of 27 Seventh-day Adventist youth (and sometimes more), whom they trained to help with medical missionary and Bible study outreach. The team learned massage, hydrotherapy, and simple remedies for common ailments, as well as effective Bible study techniques. These skills were applied as they went door to door in the village.

“Most villagers were very happy to have us minister to them,” Botho reports. “After the meetings, some gave their lives to Jesus and were baptized. This brought so much joy to our hearts!”

“My training at Hartland College really prepared me for this mission trip,” she reflects. “Working in the Hartland Lifestyle Center instilled discipline and hardworking skills, which helped me throughout the trip. I used what I had been taught in my classes to do the medical missionary training.

“I really praise the Lord for all that He did through this trip, because it changed each and every one of our lives. We look forward to returning at the end of this year, and can’t wait to once again witness the Lord working in the lives of His children.”

Meet Our New Academic Dean

Hartland welcomes Dr. Kevin Grams to its College Department.



1 HOW DID YOU GOD LEAD YOU TO WORK AT HARTLAND?

My parents joined the founding faculty at Hartland Institute back in 1983. They had earlier worked with Colin Standish and many other members of Hartland's original faculty at Weimar Institute in the early '80s. My father met Norbert Restrepo at a meeting a little over a year ago and soon returned to Hartland as a volunteer. Through this connection I was invited to visit the campus periodically to serve as an advisor to the president and offer suggestions for institutional improvement. Hartland's board asked me to be the Academic Dean of the College beginning in January of this year.

2 WHAT WAS YOUR PREVIOUS OCCUPATION?

Since 2012 I've lived on our family farm in Minnesota, where I continue to run the agriculture operation. Prior to full-time farming, I was a teacher and administrator at several Seventh-day Adventist schools, both conference and self-supporting. I completed my graduate studies at Andrews University.

3 WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT HARTLAND?

I like how Hartland seeks to offer a balanced curriculum that blends traditional study with outreach, practical education, agricultural training, and nature study. I also enjoy the wildlife, forests, and close proximity to Shenandoah National Park.

4 WHERE DO YOU ENVISION HARTLAND COLLEGE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

Our ultimate goal is to prepare missionaries to serve wherever the Lord calls them. As such, we are constantly looking for better ways to integrate agricultural training, practical work-education experiences, outreach opportunities, nature study, and active outdoor living into the formal curriculum. We are also developing a master plan that will help us design an environmentally sustainable campus, so that buildings, residences, and trails will be pedestrian friendly and will complement the surrounding natural environment of our scenic campus.

Our immediate goals are to add a preprofessional element to our Health Ministry program, develop an assessment and evaluation cycle to provide continuous improvement for each of our degree programs, and explore some creative strategies to ensure that our curriculum provides plenty of opportunities for students to get outside and exercise. Longer-range goals include attaining regional accreditation for Hartland College and seeking credentialing opportunities for students in our Education Department.

Have questions about accreditation? Please see our Q&A page:
<https://hartland.edu/college/admissions/credits-and-accreditation/>

Why I Love Piedmont Bible Camp

"This camp helps me to prepare for my dream—becoming a missionary doctor!"

by Grace Pimentel as told to Sabrina Peterson

Hello, my name is Grace, and I am 12 years old. When I grow up, I want to be a missionary doctor that specializes in the field of ophthalmology. In helping people who can't afford medical treatment, I'll be following Jesus' example of healing and teaching.

When I first heard about Piedmont Bible Camp, I wasn't sure I wanted to go, as I had never been to summer camp or slept away from home. I wondered if the girls in my cabin would be friendly. But I decided to sign up because I could learn more about being a missionary doctor.

I heard that "When you get to Piedmont, you will never want to leave." I found this statement to be true. My counselors were funny, kind, and very responsible; and, as it turned out, my cabinmates were all homeschoolers like me.

Although it was fun, I did not truly know the level of discipline at Piedmont. First, we would wake up at 6:00 every morning. During the day, we had line call where I learned to say "sir" before and after every sentence when talking to the drill sergeant. I have never done so many push-ups in a week! Also, my cabin had to remain spotless with every shoe facing the same direction.

In preparation for camp, I had chosen my classes carefully: Health Evangelism, Medical Missionary Training, and Fitness Training. In Health Evangelism I learned how to do chair

massage, take blood pressure, and stay properly hydrated. In Medical Missionary Training I learned natural remedies, such as hydrotherapy and essential oils. I ended up being the only girl in Fitness Training, but there I learned how to keep my body healthy for God's service. I even found out where I can read about fitness and gardening in the Bible!

The spiritual training was just as important as the physical training. My favorite part was campfire time when we would sing Scripture songs and listen to a sermon for young people like me. It was encouraging to be among so many youth who are learning to serve the Lord and are interested in studying the Bible beyond superficial Bible stories. At Piedmont we're trained to be thinkers and not just reflectors of other people's thoughts.

I can't wait 'til camp comes again this year, and I hope to see you there!





"My life is complete in seeing lives changed by God, one child at a time."

by Momota Koyal

IT'S WORTH GIVING

"Lady with a Mission" rang in my ears and made me smile as I cleaned my floor and thought of the kids I'm blessed with. I was thinking of the story Hartland once put in their ministry report with that same title. Back then the title held very little meaning for me, but now God is showing me a bigger picture of my mission field.

Allow me to share a little glimpse into my life. I'm working at a mission school deep in the interior of India. As the headmistress and girls' dean, I get to work with 80-plus children from ages 8 to 24, and sometimes older.

I know that God sent me here by the many questions the students ask. They are hungry for the truth! "Miss, if God knows I'm going to sin, why did He create me?" "How do I know God's will for my life? I want to be a missionary like you, but I don't know how." "How can I make a difference?" I just smile and remind them that the God I serve doesn't always call the

qualified, but He qualifies the called.

One boy who had been a troublesome student became very close to me after I had to discipline him many times. As I was feeling down about my work, God used this child to make me realize the importance of mission work. The student wrote a heartfelt letter of gratitude about how I'm a blessing to him. As I read it, I cried in shame for doubting God's leading in sending me here. My life is complete in seeing lives changed by God, one child at a time.

Hartland has not only taught me to teach in a classroom but has also helped me to live in the middle of nowhere and still survive. From being a teacher to a nurse, mother, health educator, leader of God's children, and, most importantly, a better spiritual leader, Hartland prepared me to serve.

God is doing amazing things in our jungle home in India, and it wouldn't have been possible if you hadn't let God move in your hearts to give generously to the Missionary Training Fund. Even though you may not be able to go overseas yourself, you are being a missionary by training us to go where you can't, and by lifting us up in your prayers. Thank you!



FAITH THROUGH MANY STRUGGLES

by Freddy ('06) and Connie Castro



LORD, SEND ME |

The Coy family's faith encourages us to hold fast to God amid discouraging times.

In our search for property to develop our ministry, Loma Linda Campestre,* God led us to the Coy family, who agreed to sell us their property. Four of them are Seventh-day Adventists known for their loyalty towards God, keeping their faith and setting an example of steadfastness among the local believers.

The Coy family is composed of eight siblings who plant corn and potatoes together and take turns caring for their 90-year-old widowed mother who loves country living. Since last September, we have been spending much time with them as we share the house where they grew up.

The Coys are encouraged to see us developing our project on their property. "This is what we have always dreamed of seeing take place on this beautiful land after the death of our father," they shared.

On December 30, 2018, the Coy family decided to end the year with a special family reunion. As they started their trip, eager to prepare a meal and enjoy it together, a back tire on one of their vehicles exploded and the car rolled several times. Sadly, 12-year-old Santiago and his aunt Amanda were ejected from the vehicle and died almost immediately. What a great loss and terrible experience for this close-knit family!

"When heart-breaking thoughts come, God reminds me that we shall see our sister and our little nephew again at Jesus' soon return," says Guillermina, one of the survivors. "We have been strengthened through each hug, phone call, and visit that we get. What would become of us if we didn't believe in the great hope of salvation written in the Bible?"

She also says, "If I had died, I would not have felt the pain of losing a loved one, but Ecclesiastes 7:2-3 teaches me that 'It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting; . . .for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.'"

As we move forward with plans for expanding our ministry, we trust that God is in control, and is preparing us to remain steadfast during experiences that could damage our relationship with Him, including the death of loved ones. Though Satan tries to discourage us, our faith is strong that God will prevail and His purpose for us to teach others the true gospel of Jesus will be accomplished.

*An alumni project supported through Hartland's "Lord, Send Me" program

Flor Finds Hope

A devastating diagnosis filled Flor with fear, but at Hartland, she learned to trust in God.

by Flor Van De Water as told to Rachel Perry

If you go with radiation, you will probably have 10 more years,” my doctor in Colombia predicted, “but be prepared, because it’s going to happen again.”

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in January, and I thought, *Well, this is it. My time has come.* I didn’t think I had any other option.

But then I heard about a lady who had taken high-dose injections of vitamin C and was still going strong 20 years after surgery for colon cancer. I mentioned it to my daughter, a Seventh-day Adventist who lives in Virginia.

“I know a place here that will do vitamin C treatments,” she told me, describing the intense, multi-faceted approach of Hartland Lifestyle Center. I still wasn’t too convinced, but after weeks of researching and talking with cancer survivors, I became terrified and told my doctor I didn’t want chemo.

“Are you crazy?” my sister argued. “You can’t go without chemo, without radiation.” On the other hand, my daughter insisted, “You have to do what God wants you to do.” I felt torn, not knowing which way to go!

I finally set the date with my surgeon and decided, “I’m going to boost my immune system, prepare for the surgery, and then do all the therapy they have to offer at Hartland.”

I was already observing a plant-based diet, but I had to take care of other issues contributing to my condition, like anxiety, lack of exercise, and irregular sleep patterns from working night shifts for many years.

The staff at Hartland were excellent! They explained each treatment based on scientific studies, so I knew it had a solid foundation in research. I learned that healing is a complex blend of many factors, with a strong link between the mind and the body. At first, I was afraid the treatments might not work because my faith wasn’t strong enough. But the staff taught me a lot about how to build my faith.

Now, I have hope! I feel more relaxed and secure to make decisions. I’m also practicing better habits—drinking water, exercising, and thinking in a positive way. I still have a long way to go, but I will leave it in God’s hands and continue with my new routine. And, if I have the opportunity to share with somebody about Hartland, I will!



Law-Abiding Citizens?

Inspiration clearly shows us which laws to obey and which to resist.

by Norbert Restrepo

The Pharisees assailed Jesus constantly during His public ministry. On one such occasion they had their emissaries ask Him, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" Matthew 22:17, NKJV. Jesus' answer made them marvel: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

The apostle Paul declared, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." Romans 13:1, NKJV. Ellen G. White similarly stated, "Whenever we can comply with the law of the land without putting ourselves in a false position, we should do so."¹ However, as the apostle Peter clearly pointed out, when human authorities give commands that are contrary to God's clear commands, we must "obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.

The 20th century brought with it more direct and indirect governmental regulations, and today they continue to increase. Many of them are reasonable, ranging from fire drills and safety procedures to insurance, certification, and licensing requirements for many

jobs. Ellen G. White addressed one of these regulations, explaining their purpose and exhorting Adventists to respect them: "Wise laws have been framed in order to safeguard the people against the imposition of unqualified physicians. These laws we should respect, for we are ourselves by them protected from presumptuous pretenders. Should we manifest opposition to these requirements, it would tend to restrict the influence of our medical missionaries."

At the same time, she admonished not to "submit to regulations if the sacrifice of principle is involved; for this would imperil the soul's salvation."

The three angels' messages warn us of legislation that will soon be imposed on the whole world in direct opposition to God's law. The forces in this world are already preparing themselves for this final battle—Armageddon. The focus will be on whom we will worship and obey: God, or the beast and its image. May our religious experience today be so fully grounded in the Word of God that we will not sacrifice our principles nor succumb to spiritualistic deceptions!

¹ Ellen G. White, *Medical Ministry*, p. 84.

² Ellen G. White, *Loma Linda Messages*, p. 452.

³ *Ibid.*

Upcoming Events

Piedmont Bible Camp

June 9–16, 2019

Speakers: Nicole Bertelli and Jasper Iturriaga

Contact: Eva Sanchez
(540) 216-2137

Summer Conference

July 17–21, 2019

Speakers: Thomas Jackson, Paul Coneff, and David Emerson

Contact: Events Coordinator
(540) 672-1996 ext 232

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October 18–20, 2019

Speaker: Philip Samaan and Enoc Lombana

Contact: Events Coordinator
(540) 672-1996 ext 232

Winter Convocation

January 17–19, 2020

Speaker: Tim Riesenberger

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(540) 672-1996 ext 232

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online at booking.hartland.edu.

On-site registration is also available.

We look forward to seeing you!

About Our Summer Conference Speakers

Dr. Thomas Jackson and his wife have worked in the field of disease prevention and natural health care for over 25 years. Dr. Jackson is an international health educator and lifestyle consultant. He and his wife Oleta have two children.

Paul Coneff is a licensed marriage and family therapist with 20 years in pastoral ministry. He is a coauthor of *The Hidden Half of the Gospel: Connecting Your Story to Jesus' Story*.

Dr. David Emerson divides his time between Hartland Lifestyle Center and his private practice in Myersville, MD, specializing in lifestyle change, reversing Alzheimer's, and cancer therapy.



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