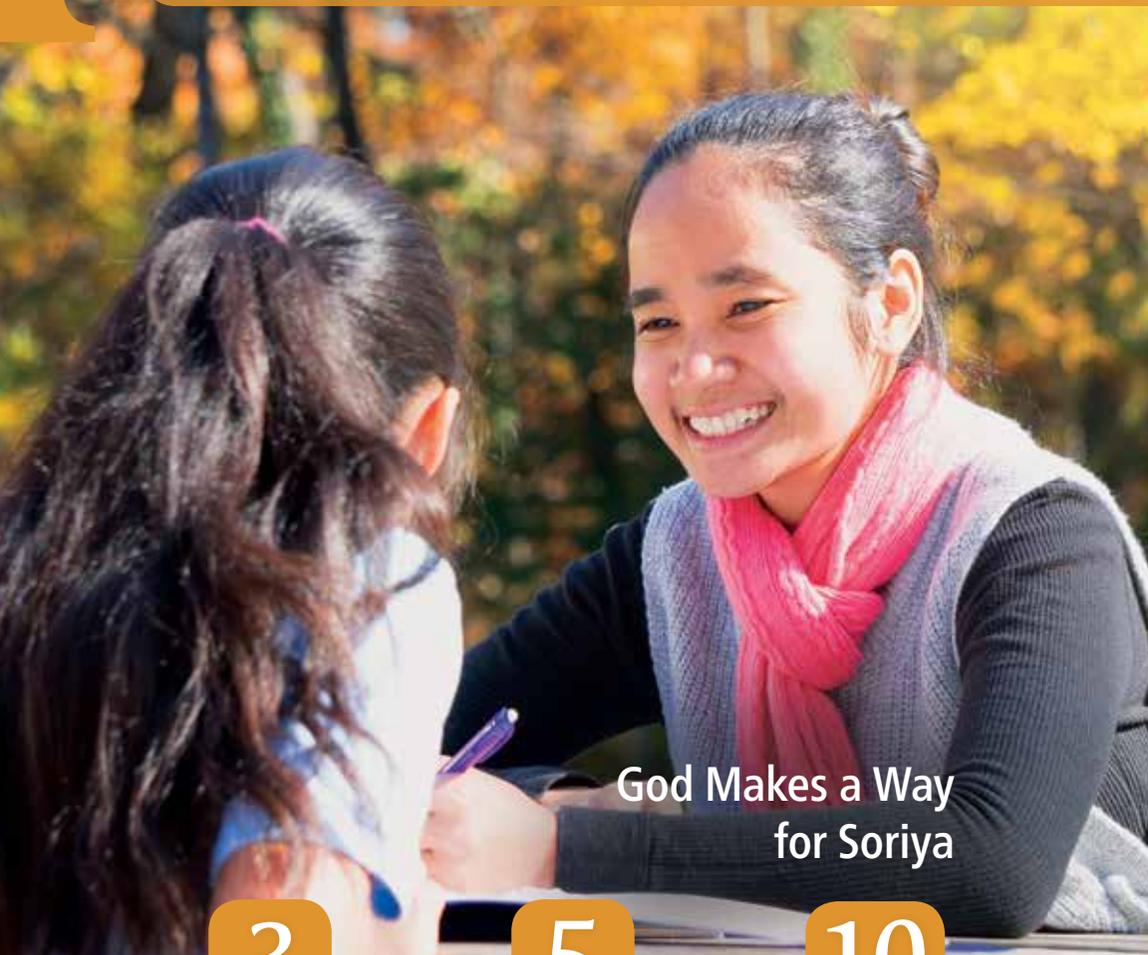


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# A School that Nurtured My Dreams

At Hartland, I was encouraged to develop my spiritual gifts with music, children, and storytelling.

by Michelle Chai Song as told to Rachel Perry



Michelle (Chai) and Ki Song with their children, Eliyon (5) and Nate (3)

“Thank you for talking with me,” the email read. “I had been contemplating suicide, but your encouraging words have blossomed in my heart. I want to give life another chance and get to know your God.”

The email came from a girl I met in Japan during a Three Angels’ Chorale tour. I’d noticed she looked sad and withdrawn, so I made a point to find her after the concert. As we talked, she confided to me that she was the target of ruthless bullying. I shared with her about Jesus and told her, “Even if you feel that there is no one on earth you can trust, He will *never* leave you or forsake you.” I later learned that she broke free from her depression and began attending church faithfully. This beautiful experience is one of many I had during my time at Hartland.

In fact, the Three Angels’ Chorale is what initially drew me to Hartland. My older cousins went to Hartland and were part of this choir. As I listened to their stories, I knew I wanted to experience it for myself.

I chose to major in elementary education. I am deeply grateful for the vision and encouragement of a dear friend and mentor at Hartland who told me she saw a future for me in children’s media ministry. Her faith in me gave me courage to step through the doors God

opened. I started with *Keep the Faith for Kids*, character-building songs and stories still listened to by children around the world. Later, I hosted a children’s television program, *Camp Do Right*, through Light for Life Ministry—another dream come true! Now, AudioVerse has asked me to create an audio children’s program. *StoryTime Adventures* is slated to air its first episode this fall.

It’s neat to look back and see how my experiences at Hartland prepared me to be an active member in my church and fitted me for leadership. The practical education I received stretched me in every way possible and ingrained in me a ministry mindset. In return, it is my goal to impart my knowledge and training to the youth within my influence, so they can best utilize their God-given talents to render effective service to our Master.



Michelle working on a recording project

# Bahamian Residents Find Treasure

Lanardo fulfills a wish to bring the health message to his island.

by Lanardo Rolle



Senator Fred Mitchell with Lanardo Rolle (right)

“I can’t afford to miss a night!” exclaimed Merralee, a regular attendee during the “Health Is Your Treasure” seminar held in Exuma, Bahamas. For two weeks attendees learned how to prevent and treat many diseases with remedies from their kitchen cabinets.

The Lord has placed a burden on my heart to minister to the people on my island. Whenever I visited home during school breaks, I was overwhelmed with questions from church members and people in the community such as “What can I do to lower my blood pressure?” or “How can I improve circulation in my legs?” Seeing this need, I made plans to bring God’s health message to those who were suffering in my country.

The Lord confirmed His hand in this work by providing all expenses. We posted flyers and invited people, and the turnout was wonderful! Many came from near and far to hear how they could improve their health. We focused on major diseases common on the island, teaching how to prevent and manage them through kitchen remedies, hydrotherapy, and NEWSTART principles. We also provided free blood pressure and glucose screenings.

People showed up every night with note pads and questions. “When will you have another one of these seminars?” they asked. “Can you bring this program to my island also?” “This was so much good information!”

The Lord used this mission trip to open doors and remove barriers for the church members in their communities. “The Lord blessed our small team to do much with health work in Exuma,” said Angela Pulley, director of Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center and one of the presenters. But the Lord was not done working yet.

My last day there, I had the opportunity to meet with Senator Fred Mitchell, the former minister of foreign affairs and immigration. I told him I am studying health ministry abroad for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and he responded, “Oh! Well-spoken-of people.” After talking, I asked him if I could pray with him, which he freely accepted. Our meeting has grown into a friendship, and I’m seeking God for wisdom to reach this politician. This trip has intensified my desire to return home to share the gospel through the health message.

# God Makes a Way

Soriya thought her hope of attending college was lost, but God had a plan.

by Rachel Perry



“My people need a missionary teacher who can bring them to God,” says Soriya. “That’s why I am taking Christian Elementary Education at Hartland College.”

Born into an Adventist missionary family, Soriya Sem was baptized in fifth grade in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. However, when she was nine years old, life took an unexpected turn when her father passed away—a crippling blow to her family’s financial stability and her hopes for college.

After finishing high school, Soriya volunteered at an orphanage, where she met a missionary family who introduced her to Hartland College. Hope sprang up in her heart as they told her about the Missionary Training Fund. Maybe she would be able to attend college after all! She applied and through a series of miracles was accepted to Hartland College, was granted a Missionary Training Fund scholarship, and received a visa to study in the United States.

“One of the biggest challenges I faced when I arrived was culture shock,” Soriya shares. “Everything was so different! But God has never left me through this experience. He is teaching me to share, love, be patient, forgive, and humble myself. Before, I didn’t care about anybody

and I didn’t like to share. But seeing how the staff and students love and care for each other has changed me.”

“My spiritual life has grown a lot through morning chapels, vespers, and the Bible classes,” she continues. “Now I love to read the Bible! Day by day I see that I am growing.”

Soriya is excited to share what she’s learning with her people back home. “I’ve been recording the lectures and saving all my notes and textbooks—especially the Ellen G. White books, many of which are not available in my language. I want to share this knowledge with my people, because I want them to know God loves them. They can apply it to their lives and be saved.”

“Thank you so much to those who give to the Missionary Training Fund,” Soriya concludes. “Your gifts make it possible for me to learn and to see God’s mighty work in my life. Without you, I wouldn’t be at Hartland. May the Lord prosper and protect you, and may your families be filled with His joy.”

# An Army of Workers

Hartland students inspire Nigerians to be medical missionary soul winners.

by Staff Writers



**T**his August, a group of Hartland students journeyed to Osun State, Nigeria for a mission trip. For three weeks, they trained local Seventh-day Adventist youth and staff at the Ile-Ife Adventist hospital in medical missionary evangelism. Topics included personal evangelism, natural remedies, the effects of media and music on the brain, and the use of health ministry to lead souls to Christ.

“Our Hartland training prepared us for the challenges we faced in Nigeria,” says Kahn Ellmers, a pastoral evangelism major from New Zealand. “Nigerian Seventh-day Adventists need thorough education in healthy living and practical ways to study the Bible and share their faith. We taught them how to combine medical missionary work with the gospel. A lot of youth and staff were motivated to take better care of their health and be more involved in outreach to their communities.”

There is still much to do in Nigeria, where many lack health education and have yet to hear the three angels’ messages. God has placed a burden upon the Hartland students’ hearts to continue supporting and helping with this work.

## Testimonies from Nigerian youth:

“I’ve learned so much, especially from Kendi, the youngest of the Hartland team. If such a young lady could go places for God, leaving her comfort zone for an unknown place, what about me? I’ve realized that I urgently need to study the Bible every day. I also need to be careful with what I put into my stomach, because I am what I eat. I pray that the Lord will grant me boldness to share with my friends and family what I’ve learned.” —**Mary**

“I learned to seek God first in everything. Also, I learned how personal effort wins people to Christ. Lastly, I learned about healthy living and knowing my Bible by observation, interpretation, application, and asking questions. It has really inspired me to be a medical missionary, pointing sin-sick souls to the Man of Calvary.” —**Modupe**

“Fellowshipping with mission-minded believers from the ends of the earth increased my faith in God’s Word and His providence for His children. The lessons I learned inspired in me hope, courage, belief, and assurance that there is no limit to how much God will use me if I surrender.” —**Opeyemi**

# I chose to attend Hartland College because...



“I want to be trained to serve others by meeting their physical needs and then presenting the gospel to them, while at the same time developing my character and growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.”

—**Joy Inyele**, *Kenya*, Health Ministry



“I want a true education so that I can provide the same to the children in my classroom.”

—**Nia Mukasa**, *Georgia, USA*, Christian Elementary Education



“I know that we’re in the end times and Jesus is coming again very soon. I want to hasten His second coming with the best of my knowledge and ability.”

—**Bryan Lim**, *Tennessee, USA*, Christian Media Ministry



“I want to be equipped to train church members for evangelism.”

—**David Dazile**, *Florida, USA*, Pastoral Evangelism



“I want to be trained not just to deliver babies, but to reach the hearts of the unreached through practical service to families.”

—**Lizzy Osborne**, *Michigan, USA*, Midwifery Ministry



## The Key

Kevin learned something at Hartland that proved to be vital for effective ministry.

by Gillian Bethel



Kevin Condori (far left) with a family he is studying with

When Argentinian student Kevin Condori went to Queens, New York, for his internship, he wasn't expecting to be an associate pastor in a three-church district with full responsibility for a new church. Working under a mentoring pastor with over 20 years of experience, Kevin finds himself giving Bible studies, preaching, teaching, leading small groups, visiting members and non-members, assisting in meetings and church boards, helping the youth department, and more.

"My favorite part is the human part—being with the people, listening to them, helping them, counseling them," he says. "As a pastor, God has given me the opportunity to see the people's necessities and reach them in a more effective way." For example, Kevin relates his experience studying with an 8-year-old boy: "After going to his house, I realized he was going through a tough situation. His parents are divorcing. God is using me as a pastor, father figure, and friend for him, and has given me the opportunity to help him through this hard situation. Last week he told me, 'Pastor, we only have four more lessons, and after that I want to be baptized.' What a joy in my heart to see that even while the devil is trying to destroy his family, he is making a decision to give his life to Jesus."

Did Hartland prepare Kevin for this kind of internship? He answers, "I have used everything I learned at Hartland. Many times I thought, *I will never need this in the future*. But here God puts me in different situations and places where I use even the things I thought I would never need! In preaching, teaching, and even talking with people, I use the knowledge I learned at Hartland." Even beyond this, being at Hartland prepared Kevin in a vital way: "The self-discipline and time management I learned at Hartland has been key in my experience in New York," he says. This key has helped turn a busy and demanding internship—which he describes as "squeezing me"—into an experience "helping me to develop my abilities and qualities to the utmost."

His vision beyond graduation? "To serve God, the church, and the people as a pastor." This internship is certainly a good start!



This little boy (right) is studying for baptism.



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# CALADOS: A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY

Loma Linda Campestre helps a family expand their self-supporting ministry.

by Freddy ('06) and Connie Castro

In 2011, we met Milena de Pablos, mother of five, who has been a powerful influence on her children even without formal education. Her trust in God has been her tool for survival. Loma Linda Campestre\* has assisted her in finding a country home and opening new points of sale in the marketplace to support her family industry. Here is her story.

## How did the industry start, and what does it mean to you?

*Milena:* Providentially our industry started by a request from a movie actress, who wanted to try a nutritional cracker. My husband and I used to sell nuts and homemade bread on the streets. After the request and many trial recipes, we came out with a unique and delicious Calado (toast) that is now a top-selling product in several cities in Boyacá.

Our industry means everything to us. We all love to work from home, and as we hear our clients tell how our product has helped them with their health problems, we know our commitment to serve others is not in vain.

## How has living in the country blessed you?

*Dillan (age 19, eldest son):* Living in the country has helped me grow closer to God. It saves me from many troubles.

The city offers all kinds of distractions, misleading friends, and wasted time. The country offers tranquility and gives me an opportunity to have fun with my younger siblings.

*Milena:* Living in the country provides true preparation for Jesus' second coming by contemplating God's creation. We have more family communion, reading, studying, and spiritual growth.

## What changes have you seen in your children by living in the country?

*Milena:* I have seen positive changes in all our children. They have each learned to value creation. They read more and have learned to adapt to new schedules. We explore together, and the Bible stories become alive just outside our front door. We have no complaints.

## What part of the Bible do you like to meditate on?

*Milena:* I like to study the Psalms because they are full of encouragement. Their counsels are practical and real. I ask God to reveal His answers to all my questionings. He is extremely faithful to answer all I ask of Him.

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

## Determined to Succeed

"The devil wants to keep us cripples—but we must not let him win!"

by Rachel Perry



**I** don't know if I can, but I must! thought Maryfrances Brown upon arriving at Hartland's Lifestyle Education Center (LEC) in July of this year. A single mother of three grown sons, she was determined to regain control of her health.

"I suffered from congestive heart failure, high blood pressure, obesity, prediabetes, and depression," she shares. These conditions were compounded by her sedentary office job, which left her with little time or motivation for exercise. At Hartland, she hoped to gain physical strength and reverse these conditions.

As Maryfrances went through the 17-day lifestyle program, she found that the positive, peaceful atmosphere was just what she needed. "Each day was filled with encouragement, positive reinforcement, and genuine concern for my physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. The entire staff shared their enthusiasm and love for each of us and our Lord. No matter how busy they were, they always wore a real smile. Their 'realness', encouragement, and prayer motivated me to keep going."

By the end of the program, Maryfrances glowed with new hope and confidence. "I feel that with God's continued help and

guidance, I will succeed! I am no longer taking my blood pressure or pain meds, blood thinner, or fluid pill. My goals have not all been reached, but I know they will."

But the good news doesn't end there! Maryfrances has continued on the total plant-based meal plan and walking each day. When we called her in October, she announced, "I have lost a total of 117 pounds since March, and 58 pounds since Hartland. I thank God for saving my life and sending me to Hartland."

Angela Pulley, director of the LEC, believes Maryfrances's upbeat outlook has been key to her success. "She was positive with all the hard things she had to do, and I believe that determination was the best part of the healing process."

Maryfrances has a special message for those who may be facing similar health challenges. She says, "Call Hartland and go! We can and must, with God's help, take control of our lives. The devil wants to keep us cripples—but we must not let him win. I encourage you to attend Hartland's Lifestyle Education Center!"



# The Day of the Lord

Increasing disasters indicate the climactic sign of Christ's coming is at the door.

by *Norbert Restrepo*

The apostle Peter exhorts believers to look for and hasten the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:1–14). He reminds them of “the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets” warning of the day of the Lord, the day of His wrath, the day of judgment, and the day of His coming. Even though classical prophets warned people in their time of God’s impending judgment, their prophecies had a wider typological apocalyptic application.

We find a notable example of this in Matthew 24, where Christ foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple, merging this event with the final judgment of the whole world at His second coming. This discourse was His comprehensive response to the apostles’ question, “Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?” Matthew 24:3.

Jesus placed His second coming as occurring after the “tribulation,” after the “times of the Gentiles” (Matthew 24:21, 29; Luke 21:24; Revelation 11:2), after the notable “signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity” (Luke 21:25). He also mentioned the condition of the world, comparing it to the days of Noah and of Lot (Luke 17:26–30), and pointed out

the “abomination of desolation” as the sign of imminent destruction.

Today many of these signs have been fulfilled; the condition of the days of Noah and Lot are upon us, and nations are distressed and perplexed. Natural disasters have hit nearly every continent in 2017,<sup>1</sup> crimes such as the deadly shooting in Las Vegas have increased,<sup>2</sup> and ecumenism advances, as is being celebrated this year with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.<sup>3</sup> These fulfillments indicate that the climactic sign, the abomination of desolation, is at the door.

“We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed.”<sup>4</sup> Oh, may we heed the warning! May we pray, watch, and work to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord.

<sup>1</sup> “10 of the Deadliest Natural Disasters of 2017,” [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com), updated September 20, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> “Police say Las Vegas gunman planned ‘extensively,’ used cameras to monitor officers as they approached,” [WashingtonPost.com](http://WashingtonPost.com), October 3, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> “Reformation Anniversary (1517-2017),” [www.churchofengland.com](http://www.churchofengland.com), accessed October 10, 2017.

<sup>4</sup> White, E.G., *Prophets and Kings*, p. 278.

# Upcoming Events

## Winter Convocation

January 26–28, 2018

**Speaker:** Dwayne Lemon

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

## Spring Convocation

April 27–29, 2018

**Speaker:** Joshua White

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

## Piedmont Valley Youth Bible Camp

June 10–17, 2018

**Speaker:** Eugene Prewitt

**Contact:** Joan Reichard  
(540) 672-1996 ext 305

## Camp Meeting

July 18–22, 2018

**Speaker:** TBA

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

## About Our Winter Convocation

### Speaker

Dwayne Lemon, once a professional dancer and choreographer in the hip-hop and R&B culture, was called out of the darkness of that life to humbly bear the light of God's love in his local vineyard of Atlanta, GA. He loves to share how we can have a genuine and fulfilling relationship with Jesus through a life of surrender. He believes that medical missionary work and the three angels' messages will help us prepare to meet the Lord. Elder Lemon and his wife Alexandra have four children: Jahred, Kayla, Kaleb, and Jada.

### Prayer Request

Please remember Dr. Colin Standish and family in your prayers.

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