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Reaching Washington, D.C. for Jesus

The Pimentel family brings fresh skills to the task of sharing the gospel with the elite in our nation's capital.

by Rachel Perry



Gabriel and Nannette with their children

“Hartland offers me the ability to do what I enjoy—creating a program, implementing it, and then seeing it flourish and continue to thrive,” says Gabriel Pimentel. “Better yet, I get to do outreach and community service as part of my position instead of trying to make it fit into what I do.”

As CEO of an organization working with urban Native Americans in Southern California, Gabriel loved his job, yet he and his wife, Nannette, felt convicted that something was missing. “We had a good church, a well-paying job, and a nice home,” says Gabriel Pimentel, “but we wanted to pursue the [country-living] lifestyle that we knew was important for raising our children.” He also yearned to have more opportunities for witnessing. “Since I worked in a federal, off-reservation institution,” he explains, “I couldn’t openly share Jesus.”

In his work as Hartland’s new director of Advancement and Development and the marketing director for our Lifestyle Education Center, Gabriel’s previous experience is a great asset! Having worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative associate, Gabriel maintains collaborative

connections and understands how wealthy and powerful people think.

“All my education and work experience seem to tie in here,” he observes. “Most of what I do is what I’ve always done—connect people, find resources, and share our programs in a positive light. Now I can also partner with the Holy Spirit in sharing our beliefs with the world.”

For years Hartland has attempted, but struggled, to reach Washington, D.C. Ellen White wrote, “We are many years behind in giving the message of warning in... the capital of our nation. Time and time again the Lord has presented Washington to me as a place that has been strangely neglected...” *The Review and Herald*, August 20, 1903. We are so thankful that the Lord has brought Gabriel and his family to help us in achieving our goal to reach Washington, D.C.

“My wife and I had always talked about serving as missionaries, but with two young children it seemed nearly impossible. Now we’ve realized, *Wow! We’re becoming those missionaries we always wanted to be—but right here in the United States!*”

A Voice in the Night

Late one night, as I watched a Hartland graduation video, I heard the Holy Spirit tell me, “This is where you must go.”

by Rita Pinzone, class of '02

Rita Pinzone (left) studying the Bible with a friend

I was working as a receptionist in Australia whilst paying off a mortgage and felt restless and unfulfilled with my life. I felt a strong desire to work for God rather than for a secular business. So I prayed for nine months for God to show me what He wanted me to do.

Suddenly I became very ill. One night when I couldn't sleep, I watched a Hartland graduation video where I listened to Pastor Eric Betts' powerful, inspiring graduation speech. As I listened to him and other graduates, I knew this was the spiritual experience I longed for. At that very moment, I heard a voice in my ear saying, “This is where you must go.” I had no doubt it was the voice of the Holy Spirit. My prayers for direction had finally been answered.

God had already placed a desire in my heart to study nutrition, so when I looked at Hartland's curriculum, I immediately knew that health ministry was for me.

I loved being part of a student body from different parts of the world and building friendships with like-minded believers. I especially appreciated Hartland's focus on Christ's mission, true education, and training missionaries.

Being introduced to literature evangelism, I witnessed miracles before my eyes. I experienced what it means to be “co-laborers together with God.” I found purpose and fulfillment through sharing truth-filled literature with those in darkness.

After leaving Hartland I worked in two health retreats—one in the US and one in Australia. But I couldn't forget the blessing of literature evangelism. I realized that God had given me a talent for this work and many wonderful experiences! I felt that no other ministry compared to the excitement and fulfillment of working in the front lines of God's vineyard. As I returned to literature evangelism, God also opened the way for me to be a Bible worker.

My greatest passion is to share my faith with those who don't know God and bring those in darkness into His marvelous light. I'm now serving as Bible worker and team leader in literature ministry for the South Australian Conference. I want to saturate South Australia with truth-filled literature. Combined with the entering wedge of our health message, I want to “reach all people in all places” with the three angels' messages.

Blessings at GYC

Hartland staff and students joined thousands of other young people seeking spiritual revival and fellowship at the annual Generation of Youth for Christ conference.



"The atmosphere was different from any other gathering of Adventist young people I've attended—an atmosphere of blessings!"
—Estelle Harmse



"The seminar I attended gave me ideas to enhance my devotional life." —Bryan Lim



"I was blessed by the opportunity to give back to GYC by helping with the flagging at meal times." —Miguel Harris

"I was really blessed by the outreach and seeing everyone's excitement to knock on doors and reach people. Our bus got 75 Bible studies!"
—Rachel Bourque



"Networking in the small groups and exhibition hall provided an opportunity to interact with like-minded people and potential business and ministry partners."
—Michael Kusarawana

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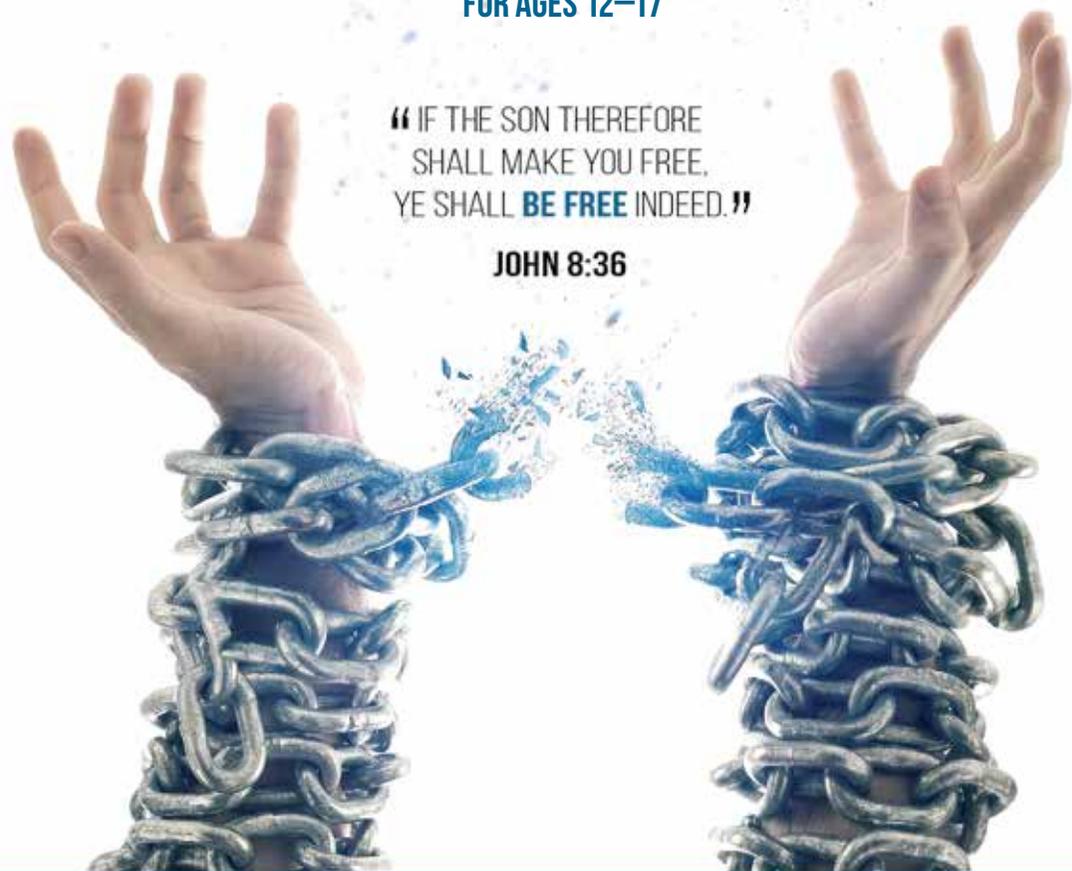
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SHALL MAKE YOU FREE,
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JOHN 8:36



Hidden Treasure

"I have gained a deeper appreciation for my health degree since I joined AMEN."

by Ezra Ndegwa



My name, Ezra, means “helper” in the Bible, and I’ve always desired to help both the fortunate and the unfortunate, the rich and the poor, with the knowledge I have gained.

During my first year at Hartland, I watched a YouTube video about a group of Christians who traveled to 11 countries in 11 months, using their knowledge to help others. I knew that this was what I wanted to do! When I learned about Your Best Pathway to Health, I thought this was the answer, and I prayed to God about Pathway. But He showed me another organization, Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN). I wanted to start working with them right away, but it was my first year and they were not accepting interns. So for three years I spent every Sunday fasting and praying at the back lakes. God did grant me my request, and I was offered a job as an intern at AMEN.

At AMEN, I have had the opportunity to work with doctors in vision, dental, medical, and lifestyle medicine. This has provided an excellent training ground for me to learn more in the medical field. I

deal with a lot of patients at the free clinics each day, so I get an opportunity not only to share my knowledge with them but also to pray with them. When the patients leave the free clinics, I love seeing how they glow with joy.

As a Hartland student, I worried sometimes that my degree would only be helpful to the health guests at the lifestyle center and maybe a few Seventh-day Adventists who really have an interest in the health message. But all that changed when I joined AMEN. I was amazed that people are so willing to learn more about the health message and various lifestyle changes. Some people I meet are even willing to pay me just to get the free information that I thought wouldn’t make a difference. Others have tried to hire me as their health coach. I feel like I have a hidden treasure within me that everyone wants a piece of.

I am really thankful for all the knowledge I gained while at Hartland, and I hope that by God’s grace I will be able to practically deliver what I have learned to others.



Vision Lost and Found

"I lost my sight, but I found my faith!" says Vanesa.

by Gillian Bethel

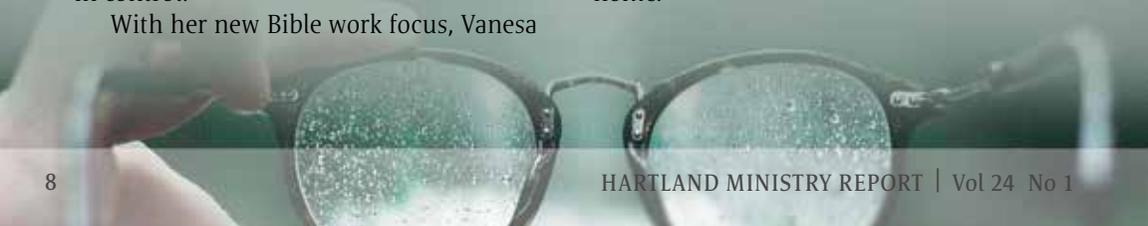
Eight years ago, in Argentina, a Catholic young woman was studying to be an English teacher, little realizing God's plans for her future. To Vanesa, studying in America seemed like an impossible dream, yet step by step, God led her to Hartland College. Through her grandmother, she was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and started attending; then an invitation to a seminar brought her in contact with Dr. Colin Standish, who encouraged her to train as a missionary at Hartland. Being accepted into the Missionary Training Fund (MTF) made the dream a reality, and Vanesa became a media major—excited to use her artistic and communication talents for the Lord. However, God had more to reveal about her calling.

Four years before, Vanesa had suffered a partial loss of vision in one eye, and it soon became obvious that working in media would place too much strain on her eyes. This was a devastating blow because of her love for media work. God impressed her to change her major to Bible instruction, and after much prayer, Vanesa decided to take a leap of faith and "trust Him because He is in control."

With her new Bible work focus, Vanesa

has found that the multifaceted training she is receiving at Hartland gives her some valuable tools. She enjoys the combination of theoretical classes and practical outreach experiences, and is especially pleased that the health outreach classes have shown her practical ways to minister to non-believers. As Vanesa puts it, "We need to live the Bible because in some cases, we are going to be the only Bible some people will ever have." She now realizes her calling is to become a "true medical missionary," combining her Bible work with simple health ministry to reach hearts in Argentina.

To MTF donors, Vanesa says, "I would like to thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for being so Christ-like and faithful. I can assure you that your blessings upon me and my fellow students have been a tangible miracle we will never forget. Your Christ-like kindness is opening more doors, reaching more people, and winning more souls than you can ever imagine. Every penny you invest in the MTF is valuable and is bearing fruit that has an eternal reward. Please, continue to help us finish the work so we can all go home."



Miracle at the Well

Students at Purelight Missions Training Centre see how answered prayers change lives.

by Loago Setswalo, class of '12
 Founder/Director of Purelight Missions Training Centre*

“The message you are bringing is so beautiful. I can see that you are a consecrated man of God,” Mrs. B told Paul, our new student, on a door-to-door mission outreach, after listening enraptured to his Bible study. Mrs. B is from Setlagole, a remote village that has no Seventh-day Adventist church.

“Do you have any prayer requests before we leave your home?” Paul asked.

“I want you to pray for my well,” responded Mrs. B. “It’s been dry for four years.” Mrs. B claimed that four years ago the well had enough water to supply the family needs, but a supernatural occurrence had dried the well. She believed that if the missionaries prayed, there would be water again. They replied, “We will set a day to have a special dedicatory service for your well.” Paul and his team saw this as an opportunity to reach Mrs. B for Jesus.

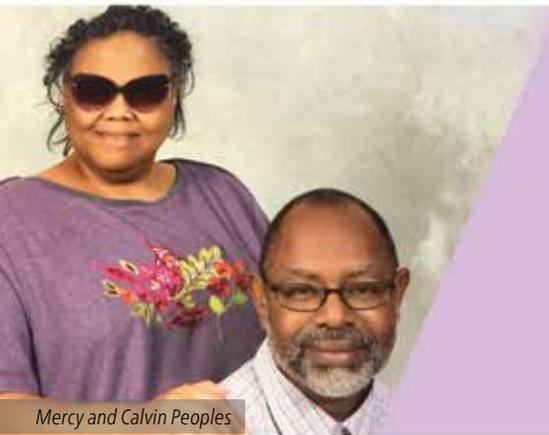
The day was set, and the whole team—about 20 missionaries along with the district pastor and some church leaders—went to Mrs. B’s home. The neighbors were watching. We dedicated the well to God, and prayed that God would remove any evil presence that had dried the well. Immediately, a different atmosphere filled the home. Mrs. B and her two children believed the Lord had

answered their prayer. They were now interested in learning more about our faith. They hungered for more studies and wanted to dedicate their lives to God. The missionaries were excited to see God working. And the well? It yielded so much water that it filled a 1,000-liter tank! The family is still studying and considering baptism.

“I am so glad for the training I am receiving here,” says Paul. “It teaches dedication and perseverance which are needed in the mission field.” Paul is a native of Botswana and has six years of experience as a conference Bible worker. Now he wants to be thoroughly trained to do mission work. He still needs a sponsor to cover his tuition and personal expenses; he is currently on the work-study program.

There are many like Paul who have years of experience in Bible work, but they want training to help them be more effective in missionary work. You can donate today towards our Missionary Training Fund to help many students who are on the waiting list.

**Purelight Missions is an alumni project supported through Lord, Send Me.*



Mercy and Calvin Peoples

“The Price Is Worth It!”

Mercy faced kidney failure and a host of other health challenges, but now she has hope for a better future.

by Rachel Perry

“Before I came to Hartland, my health was poor,” says Mercy Peoples, a recent guest at our Lifestyle Education Center (LEC). “I had high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and kidney failure. Life was stressful, and I became very depressed.” She also struggled with her weight. “At one point, I had weighed over 350 pounds; the hospital scale could not even weigh me because it didn’t go up that high.” Gastric bypass surgery and medication brought her down to 275, but she couldn’t seem to lose any more.

Mercy and her husband Calvin arrived at the LEC hopeful, yet uncertain. Would the program work? “I only went to see if they could save my kidney,” says Mercy. “I never once considered about my diabetes, blood pressure, or cholesterol.”

Mercy and Calvin quickly felt at home in the warm, loving environment of the LEC. “It was wonderful, refreshing, and relaxing!” Mercy relates. “I appreciated the kindness and personal attention that I received, and the prayers before each procedure. It felt like I was with family.”

The new schedule of going to bed early and waking up early was difficult for Mercy at first. But she was determined not to give up. “My kidney problems and weight loss

goals motivated me to keep going. I was going to get my money’s worth out of this program!”

After just four days, Mercy started seeing results. She was able to get off her insulin; her pancreas was working again! At the end of her 10-day program, Mercy anxiously entered the LEC exam room one last time to get her vitals checked and find out her blood test results. What would the outcome be?

“When I saw the results, I was shocked, then happy! I had lost 14 pounds, had no more diabetes, no more high blood pressure or high cholesterol, and my depression was gone—and all with no medication, just a simple change of diet.” It was a miracle!

Mercy is excited to continue implementing these changes at home. “I’m walking more, eating just two meals a day, and sticking to the plant-based diet I learned about at the lifestyle center. I’ve already lost 16 more pounds!”

“I tell anyone and everyone I can about Hartland’s Lifestyle Education Center,” Mercy adds. “You can never put a dollar amount on your health, but the price is worth it!”

The Elijah Message

“I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me.”

by Norbert Restrepo



“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:5, 6.

Malachi, which means “my messenger,” prophesied that God would send His messenger to prepare the way for Christ’s coming. This prophecy was fulfilled at Christ’s first coming, but it will be fulfilled again before His second coming, just as most Old Testament classical prophecies which have a typological connection with the end-time world judgment.¹

In fact, based on the context of Malachi 3, we can also see a fulfillment of this prophecy in the great Advent movement that preached the first angel’s message and proclaimed the “midnight cry” in 1844.² The first fulfillment was seen in the life and ministry of John the Baptist, who was called to live “in holiness and righteousness before Him...to give knowledge of salvation unto His people by remission of their sins...to give light to them that sit in darkness...” Luke 1:75–79. Just as John the Baptist fulfilled his calling, just as the Advent believers in 1843–1844 accepted and proclaimed the midnight cry, we have a message to live and proclaim today.

“In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. Just such a work as that which John did, is to be carried on in these last days. The Lord is giving messages to His people, through the instruments He has chosen, and He would have all heed the admonitions and warnings He sends. The message preceding the public ministry of Christ was, Repent, publicans and sinners; repent, Pharisees and Sadducees; ‘for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Our message is not to be one of peace and safety. As a people who believe in Christ’s soon appearing, we have a definite message to bear,—‘Prepare to meet thy God.’”³

Oh, may we arise to fulfill our call!

¹ H.K. LaRondelle, *How to Understand the End-Time Prophecies of the Bible*, p. 7.

² Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, Chapter 22: “Prophecies Fulfilled.”

³ Ellen G. White, *SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol. 4, p. 1184.

Upcoming Events

Medical Missionary Training

April 22-26, 2018

Speakers: Dr. David Emerson, Doris Hernandez, and Cheryl Farley
Contact: Angela Pulley (540) 672-1996 ext 277

Spring Convocation

April 27-29, 2018

Speakers: Joshua White and Diego Silva
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 25-29, 2018

Speakers: Phil Mills and Jay Gallimore
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Fall Convocation

October 19-21, 2018

Speaker: Christian Berdahl
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About Our Spring Convocation

Speakers

Joshua White, author, speaker, and child development researcher, is the director of A Thinking, Generation Ministries. Through his extensive research, Joshua has discovered that the education of our young people for God's kingdom and the raising up of a generation to finish the work must begin in the child's earliest years. In his seminars, Joshua uses the latest brain science and education research to unveil Satan's attacks on our children and to clearly reveal God's methods of training and educating children.

Diego Silva studied pastoral evangelism at Hartland College and graduated in 2006. He served as president of Taqura Institute from 2006 to 2013, and as chairman of the Religion Department of Hartland College from 2014 to 2016. He now pastors the Miles City and Hardin Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Montana Conference.

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Please remember Dr. Colin Standish and family in your prayers

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