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COVID-19: A Wake-Up Call

It's time to heed our prophetic message of end-time preparation.

We are living in uncertain times. Who would have imagined last year that we would be immersed in a pandemic characterized by the World Health Organization as of “epic proportions”! The Word of God foretells uncertain times, and Jesus in His prophetic discourse clearly pointed out that there would be “famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Matthew 24:7, 8.

Recently, the *Adventist Review* published an opinion article written by Dr. Herma Percy, a fourth-generation Adventist who is a Homeland Security expert. Dr. Percy stated:

“COVID-19 is a wakeup call for...doubting Thomases. Some are now rethinking Adventist doctrinal positions as we see that prophecies are coming true and now recognize the value of the principles of the doctrines. Thus, COVID-19 may not just be a sign of the times, but a sign to our own body of faith.”

Dr. Percy adds: “For far too long, far too many have shunned far too much of the end-time doctrines. It’s time to dust off old doctrines and embrace antiquated truths.”¹

She continues, “Take, for example, Ellen G. White’s warning, of more than 100 years ago, to move out of the city in the last days. She wrote that ‘the cities will be filled with confusion, violence and crime, and these things will increase till the end of this earth’s history.’² And again, ‘When God’s restraining hand is removed, the destroyer begins his work. Then in our cities the greatest calamities will come.’³ Further, she emphasized that no city will escape the turmoil: ‘The end is near and every city is to be turned upside down every way.’^{4,5}

Yes, we should see COVID-19 as a wake-up call to heed our prophetic message with its multiple implications. We have been warned that “those who do not realize their danger because they do not watch, will pay, with the loss of their souls, the penalty of their presumption and their willful ignorance of Satan’s devices.”⁶ 

¹ Herma Percy, PhD, “COVID-19: A Sign to Rethink Some Adventist Beliefs,” *AdventistReview.org*, June 3, 2020.

² Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, p. 84.

³ Ellen G. White, *Last Day Events*, p. 111.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Herma Percy.

⁶ Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, April 25, 1907, par. 18.

MISSIONARIES TO COLOMBIA

After their graduation, God united Daniel and Kelly in team ministry.

by Kelly Miranda



God planted in me a love and a burden for the Latino culture a long time ago. I grew up in a neighborhood with Latinos and my best friend was from Honduras. She introduced me to Adventism by inviting me to her church to practice Spanish. To my surprise, my Spanish teacher also attended that church. Her family later became key to my accepting Adventism and attending Hartland College.

When I arrived at Hartland, Daniel Miranda was already a student. I was

impressed by his devotion to missions and his sincerity to please God. Little did I know that the Lord would bring us together in ministry and in marriage five years later.

Daniel did his pastoral evangelism internship in New York City and I did my Christian secondary education internship at an Adventist school in Barranquilla, Colombia. After internship, I received an invitation from Fundación Las Delicias to be the head teacher of their day school. Daniel had actually grown up in a small town near the ministry, and decided to return and head up their Department of Evangelism and the Bible Instructor course. It was here, while we were working for the ministry, that the Lord brought us together.

We got married three years ago and the Lord has blessed us both abundantly. Hartland gave Daniel a solid foundation to be able to teach the Word of God and do Bible work. South America has a strong need for solid Bible training due to rampant winds of doctrine. Fundación Las Delicias fills that need. We have Bible instructors working for ministries in Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru, and the Dominican Republic. Others have felt called to pastoral ministry and are studying at the local Adventist university. Also, the Evangelism Department is very active and we've seen many souls baptized. We support the local churches and train lay members to do outreach using the health message, Bible studies, friendship evangelism, and more.

The academy here has taken shape and is growing each year. We now have school records, nice classrooms, distance learning, and students enrolled from local churches. Currently we have 10 students on campus and 21 students online. We've gained a lot of confidence and rapport in the community, and we have even made an agreement with an educational institution to certify the studies that our students receive. Hartland gave us both the training we needed for God's calling! 🔥

The Work Continues

Hartland's maintenance team has been working hard putting donors' dollars to work!



In progress: Living room



After: Living room

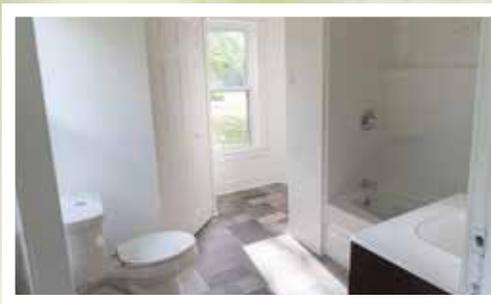
The staff house next to the mansion, which used to be a one-family home, was remodeled to accommodate two households, and new windows, carpeting, plumbing, and an AC/heating system were installed. (See pictures on this page and top of next page.) The duplexes also received special attention—both received new roofing, both kitchens were remodeled, and one got new flooring and renovated bathrooms. The media center was recarpeted and repainted, and the mansion's entire plumbing system was replaced. Our next project will be to rewire the mansion. Thank you to all who gave to make this possible!



Before: Second-floor bedroom



After: Second-floor bedroom



First-floor bedroom was remodeled to make a bigger bathroom.



Second-floor bedroom was changed to a kitchen to create a separate apartment.



Before: Media classroom



After: Media classroom



Staff house was updated with new roof and shed.



Staff house kitchen cabinets and flooring were updated.

The Best Investment

Elizabeth has returned to Hartland Lifestyle Center for a second session and highly recommends it!

by Rachel Perry

“I had the most wonderful experience during my first stay at Hartland, and I’ve been thinking about it for the last two years,” Elizabeth says. “I was so thankful to find out that you had reopened after closing for COVID.”

Elizabeth first came to a session in 2016 and enjoyed the cozy atmosphere of the small lifestyle center. She has just completed the June 2020 session in the renovated, purpose-built one. She loved it!

“The kitchen is beautiful, I love having my own private bathroom, and the hydro room is wonderful. These stairs are easier to climb, and if I need it, there’s an elevator. But the best part of the old program is still here—the kind, loving, Christlike spirit of the staff. I’m treated like royalty! I feel like I’m in a little piece of heaven. I just wish I could come once a month!”

COVID-19 shut down our lifestyle sessions for a while, but our reopening came at just the right time for Elizabeth.

“Coming here was the best medicine for me because I was lonely. I live alone, and for a couple of months I could only see my family from a distance. On top of that, I was sick from my chronic illness, and I really needed the treatments that I get here.”

Knee problems made it hard for her to walk and climb stairs, but with the



hydrotherapy and other treatments, she saw incredible progress!

“I’m walking more than I have in several years. And the staircase, which is 20 steps—I do that 3 to 5 times a day. That’s how improved I am since I’ve been here! I’ve had help with my body, my mind, and my spiritual life. I love the worship times in the morning and evening with inspirational music and Bible study. I feel so blessed.”

Elizabeth plans to continue the treatments at home, and she stays in contact with the new friends she made here, both staff and students.

“Hartland has made a big difference in my life. I would say it’s the best investment you can make, to come here. The entire experience has been a blessing, and I recommend it highly. I’m so sad to be going home, and I’m already looking forward to my next stay!”



GOD CHOSE FOR ME!

Alêssandra accepted God's call to serve, but left the details to Him.

by Gillian Bethel

"I didn't choose Hartland. God chose this college for me," smiles Brazilian student Alêssandra Lima de Sousa. She adds, "God can transform your life in a flash!" He certainly did that for Alê!

Although raised as a Seventh-day Adventist, Alê lost her way for a while; but as a teenager she felt God's call. She surrendered her life to His will, whatever it

would be, and was baptized two years later.

From then on, Alê dreamed of being a missionary. As a start, she worked for the conference in São Paulo. But then, under God's guidance, her life suddenly took a new direction.

One day, Alê met an American Adventist couple who invited her to become an au pair for their children and learn English in the States. She accepted, and later the couple told her about Hartland and encouraged her to apply for a Missionary Training Fund scholarship. Alê realized this was God's leading. She had never dreamed she would be studying at an English college in America!

Not knowing what to study, Alê prayed, "Lord, You choose what I need to do; I will just follow Your instructions." She was so excited about filling out her application that she missed the part about choice of major. Her "host mom" filled in "Health Ministry" for her, understanding her talents and desire to be a missionary. Alê saw this as God's choice for her and an answer to her prayer.

Alê loves her major and hopes to work in health counseling to draw people to the gospel. She feels Hartland is thoroughly preparing her. As well as in-depth theoretical and practical health knowledge, "I'm learning how to create Bible studies, how to give lectures, how to preach, how to organize a health outreach, how to be a Christlike leader and a self-supporting missionary."

Alê wants to do well in her classes: "Being an MTF student challenges you to do your best and get high grades. The money that comes through this project is from people who believe in you, people who have their own needs but are faithfully giving this offering which is such a great blessing."

To MTF donors, she says, "You have been a powerful instrument in God's hand. Because of your choice to be a servant, God answered my prayers and used you to fulfill His purpose to His glory. Thank you so much!" 🔥

Canvassing During COVID-19

Students tell how God worked as they pioneered a new system of canvassing.



Davian Copeland

Pastoral Evangelism, Connecticut, USA

“I had looked forward to being a canvassing leader this summer since the fall of last year. However, when the pandemic hit, everything became uncertain. That uncertainty was quickly removed as our program directors were strong in faith and continued to move forward, adapting their plans to meet the pandemic. Still, upon entering the summer, none of us knew what to expect; we were about to pioneer a new system of canvassing. It turned out to be massive success! God went beyond our expectations.

“One day, one of my students mistakenly locked the keys inside the car. This caused a huge delay. I had planned to go to a distant territory, but now it seemed best to go to a closer one and have more time to canvass. After about 30 minutes of canvassing, I went to check on one of my students. She eagerly shared with me how she just

met a lady who was praying to God in her car for books to teach her more about Him. My student quickly realized that this was staged by God. She explained to the lady that we were supposed to go to another place to canvass, but because of the delay with the key issue, we came here instead. The lady was so grateful at the realization of God's love for her.” 

“It was nearing the end of a tough day, and I began to pray more earnestly for a divine appointment. At my last house I met Deb. She was sitting on her back porch smoking a cigarette. I approached her and began to canvass her. She looked and sounded defeated. She wasn't interested in the books, but was nice enough to let me canvass her anyway. I asked her if I could pray with her and she happily accepted. After I prayed, I saw she was crying. She thanked me and said, 'The world needs more people like you.' She was in a lot of pain and I wanted to help. I left her with *Steps to Christ* and shared my personal testimony with her. She was grateful. I praise God for Deb, and I believe the world needs more people like her.” 

Adam Landry

Pastoral Evangelism, Maine, USA



Diego Rodriguez

Pastoral Evangelism, Texas, USA



“My leader dropped me off in a parking lot and I canvassed the first person I met. After checking out the books, the lady called to her son, ‘Hey, bring the bag.’ Turning back to me, she said, ‘Someone that lives with me told me to give this bag to someone, and that I would know who it is.’ When I checked inside, there was some food and \$20—enough to cover two books. She continued, ‘This person gave his life to Christ during an 11-year prison sentence. He just got out and is doing ministry for the Lord.’ I knew this was a divine appointment! ‘Okay,’ I told her, ‘if you believe this is for me, then I also believe these two books are for him.’ I handed her *The Desire of Ages* and *Steps to Christ*, along with my phone number.

“Later, the man called me. ‘Wow, I just finished reading the first chapter of *The Desire of Ages*!’ he exclaimed. ‘I’m about to start *Steps to Christ*.’ I prayed for him, and he asked me to keep his family in prayer.”

“Canvassing during COVID-19 was a very unique experience—three full weeks of quarantine in the church before officially going to the mission field. Doing online canvassing during the quarantine time gave me opportunities to reach out to many church members, especially the youth of my age. Then, the Lord led me to have an online Bible study with a family from Thailand who had been looking for six years for a person who spoke their language to give them Bible studies. By the grace of God, we’re now on our sixth week doing Bible studies, and I can see the difference in them already!

“‘Arise, shine; for thy light is come’ (Isaiah 60:1) is the promise that I claimed every day during the whole program. This verse strengthens me to do my very best seeking the lost and pointing them to Jesus. ‘More than ever before, the world needs Jesus’ has become my new motto to reach out to the world. Canvassing not only helped me to grow closer to Jesus, but also helped me to see that the world is indeed ripe for the harvest.”



Saw Klay Tun

Pastoral Evangelism, Myanmar

Last Generation Unmasked!

COVID-19 might have made witnessing a little harder, but you can still send magazines through the mail!

by Betsy Mayer

A few weeks ago, Teresa, our sales and subscription manager, received this voicemail message: “Hello! I recently received your magazine *Can We Trust the Bible?* and I’m wondering if there’s a Sabbath-keeping church nearby.” The caller had read the article, “Ahead of Their Time,” about the Bible’s health laws and how they could protect against pandemics. The article mentions statistics about how those who practice biblical Sabbath-keeping, among other things, have better health than the general public.

Teresa gave the caller information for a nearby church. This caller was a recipient of a large mailing of over 30,000 copies of *Can We Trust the Bible?* sent in May to zip codes across the United States on behalf of churches and individuals. The magazine also offers Bible studies by mail and a link for online Bible studies through Amazing Facts.

We’ve now received a number of requests for mail-in Bible studies. We suspect that many more have requested online Bible studies.

In Oregon, a Seventh-day Adventist postal worker who was unfamiliar with *Last Generation* found a number of copies of *Can We Trust the Bible?* in the reception area trashcan. Unbeknown to her, a fellow member in her area had sponsored the mailing, and box holders who weren’t

interested had thrown them out unread. Curious, she took one home. The more she read, the more she was convinced that it was published by Seventh-day Adventists. The next morning, she arrived early, rescued the rest of the discarded copies, and took them to her weekly Bible study group to share with other members looking for good witnessing material!

Ray, a literature missionary from Massachusetts, worked with his local post office to identify specific route numbers in his community to which he wanted to send *Can We Trust the Bible?* We are now partnering with Ray to send copies route by route as he can finance them.

Another literature missionary in South Dakota read Ray’s story in an online blog* and was inspired to do the same with 5,000 names in her area! We can organize zip code mailings to your area for less than 75 cents a magazine, including shipping. Mailings of 5,000 or more magazines qualify for discounts.

Would you pray with us for the thousands who have received *Can We Trust the Bible?* **Call 540-672-5671** for ideas on how to partner with us in witnessing through the mail.

*Visit our website at lastgen.net to sign up for our weekly blog.



Purelight's Miraculous Establishment

Staff and students marvel as God provides for His school, building on their faith and prayers.

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

We have existed by a miracle, we have been sustained by miracles, and now we are expanding the ministry by miracles of God. The property we bought was way below market value—108 hectares at \$60k USD, and at that time we only had about \$40k, but God provided the funds and we secured the property. How two poor Africans who had just graduated could raise that money is a testimony of its miraculous establishment.

Our secret has been prayer, expecting great things from God, and hanging on to the promises of God by faith. We pray and fast once a week, pleading with God to provide for our needs, and what God has been doing has shocked and enriched me. We bought this farm with just one main building on it, and in less than two years the Lord helped us raise all the money needed to build the ladies' dorm, administration block, and staff quarters! This is at an estimated cost of \$200k! Our students have testified how these miracles transformed them.

Not only do we see God's hand in the infrastructure, but also in making provisions to meet the monthly operating expenses. Generally our students struggle to pay their bills, and for years we had very few regular donors, but the students have always eaten healthy meals, our electric bills are always paid, and we still have enough to pay staff stipends and expand the buildings on the farm. Many have

asked me to share with them our fundraising strategy, and I guess it's prayer! In the past seven years of our existence, there has never been a month where we have failed to meet our monthly obligations due to lack of funds, or where staff stipends were not paid.

Since last year we have been witnessing a miracle developing before our eyes—the building of a conference center. The estimated cost for this center is about \$400k. The progress made thus far is amazing! We managed to lay the foundation and used bricks to build the wall up to roof level. This is a 300-capacity conference hall with a recording studio, computer lab, library, staff offices, showers, and ablutions. It is the biggest building on our farm. We have been able to pay all the money needed for its construction, and we are now praying for the Lord to provide funds for the roofing and furnishing of this center. You can be part of this miracle!

This center has tried my faith more than any other project, and "in reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."¹

¹ Ellen G. White, *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, p. 204.

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Upcoming Events

Fall Convocation

October 16–18, 2020

Speakers: Dr. Karl Tsatalbasidis and Joshua White

Contact: Events Coordinator
(540) 672-1927

Weight Loss Workshop

October 25–30, 2020

Speaker: Jennifer White

Contact: Angela Pulley
(540) 672-1998

Winter Convocation

January 22–24, 2021

Speaker: Steve Wohlberg

Contact: Events Coordinator
(540) 672-1927

Spring Convocation

April 16–18, 2021

Speaker: TBA

Contact: Events Coordinator
(540) 672-1927

Summer Conference

July 14–18, 2021

Speakers: TBA

Contact: Events Coordinator
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Fall Convocation

Oct 15–17, 2021

Speaker: TBA

Contact: Events Coordinator
(540) 672-1927

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We look forward to seeing you!



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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:



Karl Tsatalbasidis is the new Religion Department chair at Hartland College. He is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister who served as a pastor for 18 years and as a teacher since 2011. His PhD from Andrews University is in systematic theology. His dissertation sought to recapture the vision of the heavenly sanctuary by applying it to the issue of worship.



Joshua White, author, speaker, and child development researcher, is the director of *A Thinking Generation Ministries*. 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.

We thank those who have given in memory of...

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Dr. Colin Standish by Lois Wilson and Verna Parchment

James E. Walker, Jr. by Joyce Rogers Walker

John Nauss (husband) by Louise P. Nauss

Liza Stevenson by Kari Wilcox

Mary Ellen Lenihan by Carl Rennhack

Ronald Mitrowski by Gail Mitrowski

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