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God's last-day people will be faithful and obey at any cost.



Norbert Restrepo | President

Jesus in His description of the sign of His second coming and the final events said, “So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” Matt. 24:33–34. Referring to two momentous events, the destruction of Jerusalem and His second advent, He declared that the generation that shall see the sign (the abomination of desolation) will also see the fulfillment of the event during their lifetime. Through this prophetic analogy, we understand that there will be a generation who will live through the final phase of Earth’s history. The group of faithful believers that will experience the final events are often called the last generation; this same group is referred to in Revelation 12:17 as “the remnant of her seed.”

“The term ‘remnant’ as it’s used in the Bible, refers to a group of people who remain loyal to God during a time of hardship. There is special meaning to the remnant of believers that will exist in the last days, when earth is at its worst, right before Christ’s Second Coming. Scripture tells us who will make up this end-time remnant: those ‘who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.’ Revelation 12:17, ESV.”¹

Scripture identifies the remnant as those who keep God’s commandments and have the testimony of Jesus. Why? Because this has been the essence of the great controversy from its beginning in heaven. The pen of inspiration declares: “All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe.”² And this controversy will soon reach its climax.

The final generation’s loyalty to God, their keeping of the decalogue through the power of the Holy Spirit, will demonstrate that there is a people who are willing to lose every material possession and even life itself rather than to worship the beast and receive its mark. “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11.

Those who will be faithful to God during that time are preparing for this event through full surrender of their lives to Him that loved them. They recognize the demands of God’s law and confess their sinfulness, repent, and seek the Lord in

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humility and contrition while the divine Advocate pleads in their behalf. Furthermore, we have been told that “when, through faith in Jesus Christ, man does according to the very best of his ability and seeks to keep the way of the Lord by obedience to the ten commandments, the perfection of Christ is imputed to cover the transgression of the repentant and obedient soul.”³

When the time of trouble comes, the faithful ones will not perish. “The flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but Jesus will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire. Their earthliness will be removed, that through them the image of Christ may be perfectly revealed.”⁴

“As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given, ‘Take away the filthy garments,’ and the encouraging words are spoken, ‘Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.’ Zechariah 3:4.

“The spotless robe of Christ's righteousness is placed upon the tried, tempted, faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world.”⁵

Oh, may we choose to behold His love and appreciate the opportunity to draw close to Him today. May we accept His robe of righteousness in exchange for our filthy garments! 💧

¹ Fundamental Belief No. 13—The Remnant and Its Mission.

² Fundamental Belief No. 8—The Great Controversy.

³ Ellen G. White, *Christian Education*, p. 112.

⁴ White, *Prophets and Kings*, p. 589.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 591.



MADAGASCAR'S NEW MEDICAL MISSIONARY!

by John Andy Mihatsarafara 

"The training and experiences I've received from Hartland College have strongly contributed to my purpose of becoming a healing agent to this broken world."



I grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist family and was baptized in the church, but I came to accept Jesus as my personal Savior later in life.

I've always been passionate about health, and every Sabbath afternoon, a lady at church shared health nuggets. What she shared intrigued me a lot.



John Andy gives a treatment to a health guest at Uchee Pines.

I read the book she used, *Counsels on Diet and Foods* by Ellen White. Through that book, God taught me that health is a spiritual matter, and we need to care for it.

As soon as I changed my lifestyle habits, especially my diet, my mind became clearer, allowing me to appreciate spiritual things. Then I started reading more and wanted to know more about God's will and purpose for my life. That experience shifted my life goals to becoming a servant of God, someone who will prepare people for His soon coming.

After reading more of Ellen White's writings along with doing Bible studies with some friends, I wanted to get medical missionary training at a school that upholds the principles of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. That's how I found Hartland. I had other options for school, but Hartland fit my criteria.

I appreciate the different classes I took. Even though I'm a health ministry major, I took many Bible, education, and media classes, which made my education broad and comprehensive. My favorite part was my internship, where I used all the different classes I took in more practical ways and for serving others.

During my internship at different lifestyle centers here in the US, I saw powerful health and spiritual results among the sick from using just simple natural remedies along with lifestyle changes and prayer. Then I deeply realized the power of the health message and how I can take it to my country, Madagascar. There the health message is less known and not appreciated as much as it should be.

Some of my friends back home are building a lifestyle center, which will be the first one in my country, as far as I know. I would like to work with them so I can continue using what I've learned and my experiences from my medical missionary training.

Hartland's Missionary Training Fund (MTF) scholarship was another reason I chose this school. I could not afford the college expenses at all. I appreciate each one of you who has contributed to the MTF. Through the means you have provided, more missionaries can be trained so we can finish the work and go home soon. 💧



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Hartland College Class of 2025

“For with God nothing shall be impossible.” Luke 1:37

Hartland graduate Pastor Douglas Na’a (2004) challenged this year’s graduates to always have their wills surrendered to God, no matter what may be the test or the temptation, because with God all things are possible.

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¡México, allá vamos!

Twenty-five Hartland College students and staff spent their spring break ministering in eastern Mexico.

by Violeta Howard, Spanish teacher at Hartland Day Academy

On March 14, 2025, very early Friday morning, 25 excited staff and students, along with 24 other Adventist friends from different parts of the US—including dentists, nurses, health coaches, and evangelists—left on a mission trip to Mexico. We hit the ground running, as the next day God opened doors in the North Conference of Quintana Roo for us to share mental health topics in eight different Adventist churches in Playa del Carmen.

That same afternoon we held the first health expo at a park in the city and shared the eight laws of health with about 400 people. Media major Laura Zapata, who directed the three health outreach events, reflected: “This responsibility stretched me beyond my comfort zone. It was my first time leading health expos, and I was honestly terrified. The Lord reminded me that the work wasn’t mine to carry alone. He was the one leading, and I just needed to trust

Him.” As the pastor and members of the district later reached out to the attendees, 24 persons expressed a desire to receive Bible studies. We say, “*¡Gloria a Dios!*”**

At the Francisco May and the Cristobal Colon Adventist Schools, approximately 650 students, ages 12 to 17, listened to seminars on identity, addictions, life purpose, lasting relationships, preventative health, and devotional life. Most of the presenters relied on the translators to convey their thoughts. The students participated willingly and interacted well with the presenters.

Media major Jason Tshuma shared that to “teach and connect with students was one of the most meaningful highlights of the trip. Teaching is my passion, and being able to share on the topic of life purpose with these students was both fulfilling and energizing.”

Elementary education major Jasmine Meng's seminar was on identity. She shared how she had been terribly bullied at the age of 14. "Sharing my experience with others was also an encouragement to me," she explained.

On the island of Cozumel, we conducted Vacation Bible Schools in several churches. The children were adorable. By the second evening they were greeting us with joy. We were now friends. They learned about the frontal lobe through short demonstrations and experiments.

For elementary education major Bethany Nicholaides, this was the highlight of the trip. "I enjoyed interacting and building a relationship with the kids, seeing how happy they were to have us there." All too soon we were saying goodbye to the children, several wishing we would stay longer.

Not only were those we served blessed, but we also were blessed as we gave of ourselves. For pastoral evangelism major Ming Zhang, this was especially so. His first language is Chinese and he had been reluctant to speak English. Providentially, he roomed with Rufino Lozano, a participant from Arkansas who also speaks English as a foreign language, and they became very good friends. Ming felt comfortable speaking to Rufino, who encouraged him as he gave presentations in English. Upon his return to Hartland, Ming's friends have noticed that he is now talkative and relaxed as he speaks English.

Rufino himself experienced a phenomenal transformation. He revealed, "This trip has impacted me so much that I have decided to quit my job and serve in the mission field."

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Media major Jadon Glover is usually nervous beyond words when speaking in public. Since he had to preach on Sabbath, he decided to fervently pray, "asking God to give me confidence. When it was time for me to preach, I wasn't nervous at all."

The top two events that most of us felt blessed by were the health expos and the seminars at the schools. Pastoral evangelism major Jayson Hutchison presented on devotional life. "I had been praying for a deeper relationship with God," he expressed, "and I realized that the tips I was sharing with the children, God wanted me to apply in my own life. Since then I have been much, much closer to God."

"God was very generous with us and, without a doubt, accompanied us all the time," said team leader Tony Fuentes, Hartland's dean of men. "We feel happy to be instruments in God's hands in distant lands." 💧

*Mexico, Here We Come!

***"Glory to God!"





A Karen Missionary Trains More Missionaries!

by Kevin Wahl

“The Lord has been leading and guiding since I returned to Thailand,” says 2023 pastoral and health ministry graduate Saw Clay Tun, originally from Myanmar (Burma). “One thing I can say is that the mission field is indeed large, and we really need to pray for more laborers.”

Clay is the Educational Department director for the Education Opportunity Foundation in Thailand, and he oversees the foundation’s projects, such as publications, media fundraising, dormitories, schools, and church planting. Last but not least, Clay is also the director of the Emerald Missionary and Evangelistic Training (EMET) Center, also in Thailand, on the border of Burma.

“We planned to open it in the ‘No Man’s Land,’* but because of the unstable war situation, we decided to open it on the border where people from both sides, Thailand and Burma, can come.”

EMET developed into a two-year program, and it opened June 2, 2024. Church members and young people are trained to reach out to people in their local areas. “In our first year, the school had 48 students. We envisioned them becoming evangelists, pastors, teachers, and Bible workers upon graduation.

“From the very first week, we challenged them by having them lead all



the Sabbath school classes on campus and at other locations.

“Female students help to lead song services and teach Sabbath school for adults, youth, and children at our campus church. Male students divide into six groups, visiting orphanages, dormitories, and schools, where they also teach Sabbath school and preach during the divine service.

“These responsibilities are challenging, but they provide invaluable learning and practicing opportunities. I am most grateful for witnessing the students’ transformations

"One of my greatest desires is to train more missionaries, especially young people, to share the everlasting gospel in their local places."

and their zeal to serve God, which inspire me to dedicate myself even more fully to His service."

Clay continues, "As our students grew in their ability to share God's Word, we formed small groups that visit local villagers and church members every Wednesday evening for fellowship and worship.

"In addition to these outreach efforts, we launched a new community program. Every Sunday, we offer classes in Burmese, Karen, and English. Our students are divided into five groups, supporting two orphanages and three villages. We are blessed to have over 170 children regularly attending these programs. Each session begins with singing, followed by Bible verse memorization, and a Bible story starting from Genesis. Afterward, the children attend their respective classes. We praise God for their faithful attendance each week!"

At the end of November, EMET completed its first year of lectures. In December, the students launched into their internships, working under supervisors or pastors in schools or villages. "We sent them out in pairs to serve along the border and in other remote areas. Altogether, they covered around 20 locations.

"I was deeply encouraged to hear that two of our students were able to reach out to a Buddhist army and even distributed Bibles among the soldiers. Many others served in schools, churches, and dormitories, teaching and conducting Bible studies. Seven of our students stayed behind on campus to assist with publication and construction work."

EMET started its second year in the first week of May 2025, with 46 returning students

and 10 new students. "We've also launched new outreach efforts this year. Every Wednesday and Friday, we have home visitations. On Sundays, we're running English education and health programs."

Some of the classes Clay teaches are Fundamental Beliefs, Righteousness by Faith, Pauline Epistles, Acts of the Apostles, and Missiology.

Starting May 5, 2024, before officially opening, EMET prepared its students to serve as counselors for the Karen Young Disciple (KYD) Camp. "Last year, we held our first-ever KYD Camp. Around 200 students and over 100 counselors and volunteers helped out. The camp had a profound impact on many lives.

"Twenty-eight students decided to get baptized and hundreds of young people committed to serve God. We were thrilled to have collaborated with the Aeon Health Care team from Malaysia to make that camp a success."

Clay was also excited to welcome 2024 Hartland health ministry graduate Naw Ywar, who arrived at EMET on May 6, 2025, to teach health classes. "We are incredibly grateful to have her with us for our second year. Her health classes are a tremendous blessing for our students as they prepare to graduate."

Clay concludes, "I am determined to let God lead our EMET school in training more young people to serve Him faithfully, efficiently, and effectively. Please keep us in your prayers, and may God richly bless you all." 💧

*The area between Thailand and Burma

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Paul Coneff

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