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...Now Walk With God

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Events

Sept. 6-7
*Adventurer
Leaders Training
(Areas 1-3)*

Sept. 9-12
*Camp Wawona
Volunteer Project*

Sept. 14-16
*African American
Convocation/Bible
Quiz-a-rama at
Fresno Westside*

Sept. 28-30
*Singles Retreat
at Camp Wawona*

Sept. 30
*Treasures and
Clerks Training
at CCC*



"By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected...our words, our acts, our dress, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence...every impulse thus imparted is seed sown which will produce its harvest." MLT, p. 121 ...Now Walk With God!

LOOKING FORWARD

The Teacher's Convention will be held August 5-8, 2012, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, TN. Check the NAD Web site www.nadeducation.org or the CCC Web site www.cccedu.adventistfaith.org for more information.

The IShare conference will be held at the Visalia Convention Center August 18-18, 2012. Keynote speakers include Pastor Dan Jackson, NAD president, Ricardo Graham, PUC president, Anil Kanda, Ceres pastor, and Taj Pacleb, CCC evangelist. IShare stands for "I Seek to Help Advance Revival & Evangelism." Registration is \$2.99 per person. With meals included the price is \$49. Group rates for lodging are available at the Comfort Inn for \$79. Breakfast is included.

The Pacific Union Conference Special Constituency Meeting is August 19th in Woodland Hills regarding the authority to ordain workers into the gospel ministry irrespective to gender. You may watch the Session via live **web-streaming beginning at 1:00 p.m. PST. Simply navigate your browser to the Special Session Web site at <http://session.adventistfaith.org> and select the last item on the navigation bar, "Watch Session Live." You will be directed to the Mediasite where the event will be viewed. After the meeting concludes your members who may have missed the proceedings can watch the meeting in its entirety via the same link for several weeks afterwards.**

Delegates, don't forget to make your travel plans and reservations. If you have questions contact Ron Rasmussen's office @ 559.347.3194 or Brad Newton's office @ 805.413.7100.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

A great camp meeting held July 12-21 ended with the **Evangelism Offering at \$1,024,804.65**. Praise the Lord! The Evangelism Committee will be meeting Sept. 17-18 to prayerfully consider the allocation of the funds to various projects.

It seems the **"Cradle to Crown—Children First"** initiative is right on time when looking at a KSEE24 News report by Audrey Asistio. Interviewee Kendra Rogers, executive director of First Five in Fresno County, shared that up to 75% of California children are not proficient in reading or math—only seven states had worse stats. California's worst ranking was in economic well-being at 45th position in the nation. Ms. Rogers indicated that we're going to pay for these kids up front in education, family and health programs, or later in more negative ways.

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AROUND THE CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Bill Krick, literature evangelism director, reports that **summer literature sales are already \$325,000** and that the 93 students have reached approximately 282,000 homes, more CCC homes than any other summer! The team leaders have challenged the students to read *The Great Controversy* and they have left 2,520 copies with families. One experience: Student LEs are back in San Francisco for the first time in many years. With a carefully selected 18 or older-aged team, a seasoned leader, lots of quarters for parking, and a plan bathed in much prayer, they are having some amazing experiences, **including the discovery of a church which loves Doug Batchelor's end-time teaching and already keeps Sabbath!**

GLOW is growing. It is in 32 languages,

with 25 million pamphlets printed by the end of July. The Adventist World Magazine is going to print a GLOW story soon. GLOW coordinator, Nelson Ernst, reports that Kansas/Nebraska Conference has expressed an interest in starting the GLOW program which he presented at Wisconsin camp meeting this summer. He will be presenting at the Hawaii Conference in early September. **glowonline.org** and **cccglow.org** have been updated; **glowonline.org** is now super internationally friendly thanks to the efforts of Pastor Justin Kim of Fresno Korean.

This summer **Teen Bible Academy (TBA)**, led by the Youth Evangelism Team (**YET**) had two programs with approximately 50 students total.

Students were trained in personal devotions and Bible study, how to witness and give Bible studies and then applied their new skills in community service. Four students chose to be baptized through the TBA program.

YET were key leaders in the camp meeting youth tent as they lead song service and recreation time, facilitated small group studies/baptismal class, presented morning worships, and much more. One of the highlights was a project called **"Kids Against Hunger,"** where during the week the kids collected funds toward making 10,000 meals for children in orphanages in Haiti and Mexico. **The youth raised \$2,600 and on Friday, July 20, they assembled 11,730 vegetarian meals in 1½ hours!**

PERSONNEL

We pray God's special blessings for the following in their varied new responsibilities:

CCC office staff transitions include Norma Villarreal from secretary in the junior youth ministries department to assistant director for youth ministries; Sandra Pasillas' additional assignment of half-time secretarial for youth ministries; and Cesar de Leon's new dual assignment of ministerial and evangelism coordinator.

Bonnie Manning (formerly accounts payable) married Ron Messimer and now resides in the Santa Cruz area.

Lindsey Pratt started as a ministerial intern and YET leader from Andrews University.

Incoming pastors are **Justin Kim** to Fresno Korean from Kentucky/Tennessee, **Ricardo Vilorio** as senior pastor of San Jose Hispanic church from the Texas Conference, long-time Visalian Edward Urbina as administrative pastor at Visalia English, **Joshua Shin** to Milpitas from Andrews University

after completion of his Doctor of Ministry degree, **Don MacLafferty** to Clovis from Georgia/Cumberland, and **Jay Perry** as pastor of San Luis Obispo/Morro Bay. **Stephen Mackey** transitioned from San Francisco/San Jose to pastor Bakersfield Southside, and **Jon Tillay** transitioned from leader of YET to associate pastor of Sonora. **Jamey Houghton** left Bakersfield Hillcrest for the Rocky Mountain Conference in June.

As **Brian Simmons** (Sonora) goes to Andrews University to continue his education, **Zac Page** is returning as associate pastor of Modesto Central.

We lift up in prayer the following families in their time of grief and readjustment:

On May 31, 2012, **Esther Walde** died in Sonora, CA. She and husband, Elmer (now deceased) served the Hawaiian Mission, the Voice of Prophecy, Central California, and the North Pacific Union conferences. Elmer was CCC president from 1964-68. They are survived by three daughters, Carole,

Donna and Colleen, seven grandchildren (two are currently serving in our Conference, Jon Tillay and Bryant Worth) and six great-grandchildren.

George R. Elstrom, 1976-85 CCC Executive Secretary, died in College Place, Wash., on Monday, June 4, 2012. He began his CCC tenure in 1974 as senior pastor of the Fresno Central and Italian churches. His first wife, Cherry, who worked 11 years in the CCC Education Department, died several years ago. He is survived by his second wife, Twila, and his son, Tom, and family.

Harry Clark laid down with his cat curled beside him for an afternoon nap on June 5, 2012, and didn't wake up. Born of missionary parents, Harry was a pastor and teacher in the Hawaiian Mission and taught at Fresno Adventist Academy for many years. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Doreen, children, Rachel and Kevin, two grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

CHILD EVANGELISM

Between 40-50 churches around Central California have been busy planning, praying, doing, and following up with Vacation Bible Schools. Each of you who have volunteered your time in anyway, have been planting seeds for eternity! The following is a story shares how courage and perseverance are both vital in this warfare against the devil's attacks on our time and spirits. We look forward to hearing more stories.

The Little Selma Church That Could. It began as a thought between Pastor Ezequiel Nichols and me [Cindy Paige] actually wondering if we could pull off having VBS here at our Selma church. It had been at least 20 years since the last one was held. Willing to put our faith and trust in the Lord, we jumped in. We dreamt BIG, with a small budget, aiming for 75 children. We didn't even have many volunteers, so we prayed diligently and passed out flyers on Sabbath afternoons. Every day I would check my phone messages for parents wanting to register, but not one message was there.

I started to lose hope, but continued to plan. I remembered Psalm 37:7 "Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act." I knew in my heart that I needed to accept whatever the Lord's plans were, whether it was 75 children or two. Our VBS theme was "Camp S'mores," obviously a camping theme, from Jul. 29—Aug. 2, at 6:30-8:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 29, with help from our dear church members and volunteers from other churches, we were ready. When 6:30 p.m. came not one child showed up, my heart began to sink, but then I remembered Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done."

At 6:35 two or three children and their parents registered. At 6:40 there was a line in front of our registration booth of at least 32 children of all different ages. Thirty-two kids came every night—some from the Selma church but most from the community. We had great stories, activities, crafts, music, and snacks. Most importantly, some for the first time were hearing and learning about the love and care God has for them. We continue to praise the Lord for all His seen and unseen plans for our VBS at the Little Selma Church That Could. By: Cindy Paige

Reedly's VBS year-round follow-up ministries includes:

- Feeding the homeless
- Monthly socials
- Taking breakfast to a VBS family who is less fortunate
- A Mother's Day Lunch on Sabbath
- Church events have brought church members closer as they continue to work as disciples for Jesus



Camp Meeting—"To Love Him is to Know Him"

Prayer requests: Please pray for all of the child and family evangelism outreaches that are happening around Central. Praise God for the **33 Juniors who have accepted Jesus as their Savior** and have asked for baptism and continue to study with their families and pastors.

In Discipleship (Formerly known as Kids In Discipleship)

One mother shared that after her family went through the "Footprints for Kids" small group studies, her seven-year-old daughter wanted to study the Bible with her two 15-year-old cousins. Her mother got the children's Bible studies "Lift Him Up" for her daughter. While studying one night, one of the cousins jumped up and exclaimed, "I get it, I get it, I accept, I accept!" Accepting Jesus as her personal Savior had suddenly made perfect sense to her. The Holy

Spirit had worked through this precious, willing little girl to lead both of her cousins to Christ and they are now preparing for baptism. Praise God—a little child shall lead them!

