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Friday, January 11, 2019

Sisco Delivery Truck Jackknifes GVR Access Road. Ministerial Retreat Participants Delay Return Home »

It was snowing on Sunday evening, January 6, as expected in the Glacier View Ranch area. But this did not effect the opening of an annual RMC ministerial retreat. Departures from the retreat were a different story. A Sisco delivery truck jackknifed just a few hundred yards from the lodge on a slippery iced access road.

"This is a news story, are you going to put it in the NewsNuggets?" asked Ted Williams, a Fort Lupton church pastor.

Humor abounded with several pastors laughing that it must have been a ploy by Mickey Mallory, RMC ministerial director, who organized the retreat. "He wanted us to stay to the end and not consider leaving early," Ed Barnett, RMC president remarked.



Some 60 ministers, representing all churches in the Conference, enjoyed the four-day annual conference, and small obstacles did not dampen their enthusiasm. "Lifting Jesus Up" was this year's theme and included presentations by special guests, well-known revivalist Lee Venden, and Dr. Chris Holland from Adventist World Radio.

"I have found myself come alive," Bob Alpine, pastor of Alamosa and Monte Vista churches, said of the retreat.

Venden, who conducts revival seminars in the United

"Sometimes when you're in a dark place, you think you've been buried, but actually you've been planted."

-- Christine Caine

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States and abroad, challenged the ministerial group to make Jesus the main thing in everything that we do, including our preaching and teaching. "When we lift Jesus up, He will not only move our hearts, but also the hearts of those around us," he said.

Several pastors attended the meeting with their spouses and children. Abigail Logan, daughter of Grace and Jason Logan, who assisted with childcare at the retreat, found herself not only caring for children, but also attending Pastor



Venden's meetings. His "messages helped me to realize that that's not what my spiritual life has to be like. It can be full, joyful, and exciting. I was reminded that by looking to Jesus with daily study time, prayer, and sharing Him, my life with Jesus will grow and grow. I don't need to be guilty for the time that I spent neglecting time with Jesus, I need only look forward to eternity with him," she said. "I thank God that He had other plans and brought me up here this week."

Chris Holland's presentations linked the theme with evangelism. He said that the United States should be considered a mission field just as much as places overseas. He challenged us to make our churches centers of influence in the community.

Commenting on his presentations, Leif Hansen from Estes Park said "I was so inspired and re-energized by being reminded of this great truth that was woven like a red thread throughout Dr. Chris Holland's seminar, evangelism is not what we do; evangelism is who we are!"

"Both speakers not only shared relevant and practical content, but they complemented each other in such a powerful way," commented Christian Martin, pastor of Denver South Church. "Yes, it's all about Jesus, a distinct picture that must be the central focus of all 28 fundamental beliefs."

NAD Adventist Ministries Convention

*January 13 - 16,
Albuquerque, NM*

Teen Prayer Conference at GVR

January 18 - 20

NAD Adventist Health Ministries Convention

*January 20 - 26,
Albuquerque, NM*

Wyoming Taskforce Meeting

February 10

RMC Staff Meeting

February 12

President's Day -- Office Closed

January 18

GVR Board

February 19

RMC Property and Trust

February 20

Executive Committee

February 26

Staff Meeting

March 5

NAD Treasurers Council

March 27 - 28

Town Hall Meeting -- Casper Church

March 30

Town Hall Meeting -- Denver South Church

March 31



Michael Goetz, lead pastor of Campion Adventist Church, stated that, “through the prayer and study time at the pastoral workers meeting, the challenge was communicated that God has a dynamic challenge extended to the church, [and] to me. He isn’t done doing great things.”

“I’ve appreciated the time with fellow pastors at this retreat. The guest speakers have provided valuable information that is helpful in ministry and it’s so nice to do all of this up in the mountains at GVR. There is something special about spending time in nature and hearing encouraging messages. I’m thankful for my time here this week,” commented Jamey Houghton, Franktown church pastor.

During the retreat, it was announced that the association of Rocky Mountain Ministerial Spouses, formerly known as Shepherdess International was formed by several pastor’s spouses who attended the retreat. Emily Roque-Cisneros was elected as RMMS president with Heidi Martin, VP, and Sherva Wilson and Esther Marpaung, assistants and Grace Logan as Care Coordinator. Besides planning activities for ministerial retreats, a Facebook page will be created to allow spouses the chance to stay connected and informed of any relevant happenings.



“It was a very inspiring and uplifting meeting,” said Gingerlai Tupito from Arvada First church. “We got to do a lot of sharing and interacting. We were reminded how to be effective assisting our spouses’ ministry and how we can relate to our



Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information – about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

fellow church members in a loving and caring way,” she said.

“God never fails to encourage, inspire and bless us during our RMC pastors fellowship and worship together. I am looking forward to the blessings He will bring as we share the joy of serving Him with our church families,” said Steve Nelson, a district pastor in Western Wyoming.

--Rajmund Dabrowski with Mickey Mallory; photos by Rajmund Dabrowski, and Mickey Mallory (last)

Bem-Vindo! Campion Welcomes Brazilians »

The international student program at Campion continues to grow with the arrival of new Brazilian students. Four students started this week and three more are expected to arrive by the end of the month. The students all come from Seventh-day Adventist families and schools in Brazil and have come for the purpose of learning English this semester and continuing on to earn their high school diploma at Campion.



Zeca Santana, a native speaker of Portuguese, was instrumental in recruiting these students and making arrangements for them. “I have felt an affinity towards Brazil for many years,” Santana commented, “and I thought culturally that it would be good for Campion because Brazilians have a vibrancy of life and I wanted to bring some of that here.”

The new students were greeted warmly by mentor students at Campion. The mentor students help new international students make friends and integrate into our campus culture by walking with them to classes, eating meals with them, and participating in activities with them during the first few weeks of arrival.



In addition to the new students, a college-age volunteer from Brazil has also joined the staff at Campion for this semester. Erika Faria is a senior college student at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro where she studies Music Education. Here at Campion, she will be assisting in the Music Department, the ELL classes, and in the girls' dorm. "I needed an experience to improve my English and I chose Campion Academy because I saw an opportunity to improve my English and work with music in a Christian environment," she explained.

We are thankful that God has blessed Campion with these new students and volunteer. Welcome to the Campion Family!

-- Jill Harlow, text and photos

Upper Schoolers Mentor 8th Graders » Upper school students hosted the eighth graders this week, an annual tradition called "8th Grade Move-up Day". It's a chance for our own eighth graders to experience a day in the life of an upper school student. Eighth graders get to spend time with the teachers they will have next year, sit in the classrooms that will become second homes, and most of all, collaborate with the 9th and 10th grade students that at one time were their middle-school peers.



Students participated in games and hands-on activities as they rotated through classes that showed off all that they will be doing next year. Of course, it's not all fun and games in

high school. Broken into teams of eighth graders and upper schoolers, the teams had to meet intense challenges.

The day also included a chapel program, hosted by Kiefer and Jessyka Dooley, and of course, donuts.

Mentorship is a big part of what we do at Mile High Academy. When older students share their experiences and collaborate, not only do they pass on their own knowledge but their own learning increases. They become teachers while they learn. It offers them an opportunity to become knowledgeable in subjects that they can pass on to peers. Thanks upper school for sharing your day with our 8th graders!

-- Agape Hammond; photo by Jessyka Dooley

La Vida Mission Academy » "The teachers here are awesome," proclaimed Aridawnn, a first-year student at La Vida Mission Academy, RMC's self-supporting school serving the Navajo people in New Mexico. Day students are accepted at no charge and the school currently boasts 17 students with teachers certified in New Mexico and with curriculum driven by requirements of the Education Department for the State of New Mexico.



The school year began with a Pathfinder campout at Blue Water Lake where students braved the rain and either got acquainted or re-acquainted. Many other trips and activities followed.

Ninth-graders study algebra, physical science, English, reading, Bible, Navajo language, Navajo history, and New Mexico history. Senior studies prepare them for their general education diploma (GED) which provides them with data support for their diplomas and college opportunities.

Seniors are looking forward to their senior trip during which they will visit a Seventh-day Adventist college, experience a traveling classroom and give presentations along the way at various churches.

By the sound of it, the students at La Vida Mission Academy love their school, commenting for their own

newsletter, published at the school. Following are a few of those comments:

Gabriella (a new 9th grade student) enthused, "The teacher cares about my learning and I am learning a lot. I like it here. My brother and sister are in the elementary school so I have family here. I really like how everyone cares about us."

Warren (a graduating senior) shared, "I will be graduating this year and want to become either an underwater welder or Adventist pastor. I have passed two of my GED tests to support my high school diploma. I play the guitar and really appreciate the chord book Ms. Dorie gave me."

Jajuan (a 9th grade) said, "I love what we do and I am looking forward to what this school can do for me. I have seen many changes through my time being here and I love the changes because it is always making this school better and better. I like it when people from other schools come to help build stuff we need. We have a new roof on the school and cafeteria that Sunnydale Academy did for us. We have a new corral to ride horses in down at the barn that La Sierra Academy built for us. We have welding and auto mechanics. One of my favorite things is tanks. I was able to learn how to build a toy one during welding class."

Demetrius (a new 9th grade student) remarked, "I like many things about this school--especially the people. The people are really great and awesome once you get to know them. What's fun are the outdoor activities like the camping trip we went on at the beginning of the school year. There is mechanics, Pathfinders, academy groups who come and help us, art class for the elementary and once a year we get a semi truck full of donations. Our dorm parents are caring and cook us some great food."

La Vida School has an academic wish list that includes an interactive white board with ceiling-mounted projector, science equipment for physical science, biology, and chemistry, and textbooks for subject content in core subjects. To contact the academy, call 505-786-5539. They're located at 700 County Road 7730, Crownpoint NM 87313.

-- RMCNews with Catherine Hartley; photos supplied

RMC PERSONNEL

Jessyka Dooley is the new Youth Ministries Assistant Director as of January 1, 2019. She is the new bride of Kiefer Dooley and comes to us from the Boulder Church where she served as Associate Pastor for the last two years. Her ministry concentrated on various areas within the church with a special interest in youth and kids ministries.

Pastor Stephen L Schwarz officially retired December 31.
Pastor Bradford Schleif also officially retired December 31.
Pastor Charles Gadway transferred to the Ohio Conference effective December 31.
Sherry Muller, Planned Giving & Trust Services accountant officially retired December 31.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Casper Church	Sabbath, March 30
Denver South Church	Sunday, March 31 (new)

Grand Junction Church	Sabbath, April 6
Pinon Hills Church	Sunday, April 7

Campion Church	Sabbath, April 13 (new)
Colorado Springs Central Church	Sunday, April 14

All Town Hall meetings begin at 6 p.m.

CAMP MEETINGS

Native American -- La Vida Mission, April 26-28
NE Colorado -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson
Cowboy -- Location TBA, July 10-14, Speaker: Ed Barnett
Wyoming -- Casper, July 16-20
Western Slope -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker:
Artur Stele of the Biblical Research Institute

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service at Brighton Church » A memorial service for Dr. Leiland Kaiser will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sabbath, January 12 at the Brighton Church. Leiland passed away January 3. All are invited to celebrate his life. The church is at 567 E Bromley Lane, Brighton.

Dwight Nelson at Campion » "Come Alive" is the title of the seminar to be held at 6:30 p.m. on **January 30 and 31** with Dr. Dwight Nelson. If you've lost hope or feel lifeless, this seminar will teach you how Jesus can help you come alive. The church is located at 300 42nd Street SW, Loveland. Free refreshments and childcare.

10 Days of Prayer » 10 Days of Prayer began January 9. Be blessed as you join in the 10 days in your local church, or join in the nightly RMC conference call! Can't come every night? No worries! All of the resources are available to everyone at www.tendaysofprayer.org!

When: 8-9 p.m. each night, Wednesday, Jan 9 - Friday, Jan 18

How: Call 605-468-8026 and use access code 1010801#

You can pray along or just listen in!

Theme: A Deeper Experience

Who: EVERYONE is invited

Please forward this email - let's blanket RMC and beyond with an invitation to prayer!

Be blessed, friend, and let's pray!

First Thursday Prayer Call » Join us on Thursday, **January 3, 2019**. We'll pray over our families, churches and conference together. This month's theme: More Holy Spirit in 2019! Dial 605-468-8026 and key in the access code 1010801#

Mile High Academy Kindergarten Visitation » Mile High Academy invited your Kindergarten-ready child to visit MHA for a morning of learning and fun from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. January 17. Your child will experience Kindergarten in a hands-on and engaging way. Pizza lunch provided. RSVP to milehighacademy.org/kinder-visit or email ahammond@milehighacademy.org.

Campion Church/Academy Snow Wheeling

Invitation » Northern Colorado off-road enthusiasts, come join us on **January 27** for a family-friendly day of snow-wheeling in the mountains. We welcome those who may have never driven your 4x4 in the snow and seasoned off-roaders alike. We will meet at 8 a.m. in the Campion church parking lot for a driver briefing, worship, warm drinks, and donuts. Plan to leave Campion and head to the trail at 9 a.m.. This event is an initiative to mentor and connect Campion Academy students with members of RMC. Bring a lunch to eat on the trail, dress warmly, and be ready for winter conditions. For more information, contact Esequias Perea (817) 944-5733.

Another Prayer Conference Opportunity »

In addition to our weekly RMC prayer call that takes place at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays, you are welcome to join another prayer call at 8:30 a.m. Sundays with Tammy Romero, prayer ministry leader at True Life Community Church. To join, call 669-900-6833 and key in the pin 541451286#. "Feel free to just listen or to join in praying," invites Romero, "and let's come before the throne."

Prison Ministry Convention » The 27th International

Prison Ministry Convention will take place **July 24-27** in Buffalo, New York. To register, go to www.Adventsource.org and click on "Events" and then "Event Registration.". You can also register by calling AdventSource at 800-732-7587. For more information, email dmcmanus7@live.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

AdventHealth University » The Denver site of AdventHealth University seeks a Nursing faculty member to teach full-time. Qualified person with an MSN, DNP/PhD in Nursing preferred. Simulation experience and Med/Surg practice background preferred. To apply, visit www.adventhealthcareersgreaterorlando.com and search for Job #274310. This position is located in Denver adjacent to Porter Adventist Hospital.

Mile High Academy » Immediate openings are available for substitute teachers for all grade levels at Mile High Academy. Applicants should have experience working with children and be able to maintain a positive classroom environment while carrying out the teacher's lesson plans in classrooms as assigned. High school diploma required. Bachelors or some college preferred. Days/hours are on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Brenda Rodie at 303-744-1069. For an application, send an email request to HR@rmcsda.org.

HMS Richards Elementary » Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ [\(970\) 667-2427](tel:(970)667-2427).

ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy

Sister School China Campus » Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - **ESL Teacher Needed**

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the

school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, *NewsNuggets* will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

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--Editor

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