Western Slope Sabbath Celebration crowd blessed by world church leaders » Nearly 500 people gathered in Montrose, Colo., on Aug. 17 for a very special Sabbath convocation. Many Adventist world church leaders were there, blessing all those present with exciting reports from around the world, devotional, and the morning message by General Conference president Elder Ted Wilson. The day concluded with the leaders and attendees circling the gymnasium singing “We Have This Hope Together” and Elder Wilson praying for those carrying the mission forward in that region.

It Is Written speaker/director faces health challenge » John Bradshaw, speaker/director for It is Written, is very optimistic about his prognosis after his recent tongue cancer diagnosis. A news release about his condition is available on the It Is Written website.

Upcoming Events

RMC Camp Meeting Dates

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Aug. 30–Sept. 2
Glacier View Ranch Ward, Colo.
A virtual Festival of the Laity program is planned for September » The North American Division has planned a virtual Festival of the Laity convention, which will begin Wed., Sept. 11, and continue through Sat., Sept. 14. The inspirational training programs will be streamed live in the evenings, Wednesday through Saturday, and on Sabbath afternoon as well. This excellent free program is available to all churches. For more information and to register for the event, visit www.festivalofthelaity.com.

Chris McConnell accepts position with the Voice of Prophecy » This week, Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of the Voice of Prophecy, invited Chris McConnell, IT director for Rocky Mountain Conference, to join his team at the VOP. Chris is highly skilled in social media, and will lead the VOP's efforts in that area.

Chris has a passion to share our message with the world via social media and the Internet, and I know he will be a tremendous blessing. Chris was instrumental in helping us with new technology to get distance learning up and running in some of our schools, and he helped district churches connect on Sabbaths through the Internet. We wish he and Candice only the very best in the days to come!

Western Slope region hopes to get new high-power FM radio station » I received a very hopeful report from Janice Grant, of the Montrose Church in Colorado, about the excellent progress that has been made toward acquiring a high-powered FM station that would be able to reach much of the Western Slope of Colorado. There are three main issues to be dealt with before the license will be issued. 

Please read Janice's report here to learn how to be a prayer support for this exciting project.

'The ADVENTISTS 2' film to air on public television in September » Martin Doblmeier, an independent film maker with Journey Films who filmed the documentary “The ADVENTISTS,” has created a second film about our church and its medical mission. The new documentary will air in Colorado in September. Watch the official trailer for “The ADVENTISTS 2.”

KBDI - Channel 12 will air “The ADVENTISTS 2” on Sept. 8 at 6:00 p.m. and again at 11:00 p.m. There is also a listing now for CPT 12.1 (Colorado Public Television) on Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Doblmeier also has just finished another documentary about Adventist education, which will air in 2014 on public television. I just viewed the final cut of the Adventist education documentary this week, and it is excellent! Hopefully, we can schedule a screening with Doblmeier in the Rocky Mountain Conference this fall.
Korean Camp Meeting held at Glacier View Ranch

During the weekend of Aug. 9–11, the Colorado Korean Union Camp Meeting took place at Glacier View Ranch. This group has grown each year, and there were 110 people in attendance at this gathering. Pastor Young-Bok Choi from Los Angeles and Emmanuel St. Cloud from Andrews University were guest presenters. The highlight of the camp meeting included two individuals who gave their lives to Jesus and were baptized.

Vista SDA Fellowship to begin evangelistic series

Let’s pray for the evangelistic meetings, which begin Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Tim Rumsey as speaker. The meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church, 701 Kimbark St., Longmont, Colo.

On the road

Much has happened since our last edition of the News Nuggets! There have been meetings, convocations, concerts, and conventions.

Our RMC Pastors Meetings took place at GVR. The ministerial families especially appreciated the childcare and recreation planned for their children. Speakers who presented to the pastors and spouses included Craig Carr, Pamela and Claudio Consuegra, Elissa Kido, Esther and Ron Knott, Ben and Sylvia Orian.

Rocky Mountain Conference schools opened the 2013–2014 school year with the C.H.E.R.I.S.H. core values being taught front and center.
The Heritage Singers packed the house at LifeSource Adventist Fellowship on Saturday evening, Aug. 24.

Our family took some vacation time. Highlights included successfully navigating our way up Imogene Pass out of Ouray, Colo., in a couple of Polaris ORVs, and encountering a bear near the Tetons in Wyoming.

This week, I attended North American Division meetings for conference presidents. Alvin Kibble and Ken Denslow, from the NAD, organized the meetings. The opportunity for fellowship and leadership training were excellent!

The Hispanic Camp Meeting begins today at Glacier View Ranch, in Ward, Colo. Ruben Rivera, our Rocky Mountain Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator, along with all of our Hispanic church pastors, work very hard to make this annual event a spiritual feast for our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters. Let’s pray for them as they come together to worship!

It is hard to believe September is almost here. The year 2013 is flying by! I hope each one has a restful, blessed Sabbath. As we come together, let’s do the same as King David when we meet to worship and study God’s word tomorrow: “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.” —Psalm 22:22 (NLT)

Have a wonderful Sabbath,

Elder Gary Thurber
Rocky Mountain Conference president