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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, devotionals, 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](#).



Friday, August 30, 2013

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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.

Contact: [Ruben Rivera](#)

Women's Ministry Seaside Escape

Sept. 13–15
Farmington, N.M.

Oct. 11–13
Glacier View Ranch
Ward, Colo.

The **Seaside Escape** retreat is a great event to invite a co-worker, neighbor or friend to attend. We'll dig deeper into the story of Sarah and Hagar, and bask in God's presence. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with women from around the Rocky Mountain Conference!

Contact [Ginger Bell](#) for more information.

RMC Men's Advance

Sept. 20–22
Lake City, Colo.
Redcloud Ranch

Contact [Marv Olson](#) more information.

From the RMC Calendar:

[RMC Hispanic Campmeeting](#)

August 30, 2013

Join Hispanic members from around the Rocky Mountain Conference for the annual RMC Hispanic Camp Meeting

[Office Closed](#)

September 02, 2013

[Womens Retreat - Wyoming](#)

September 13, 2013

Contact: Karen Fettig

[Women's Seaside Escape Retreat & Leadership Seminar](#)

September 13, 2013

Facilator: Dee Ann Bragaw
Contact: Ginger Bell @ 720-980-9006 Sunday: Women's Ministry & Leadership Seminar



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

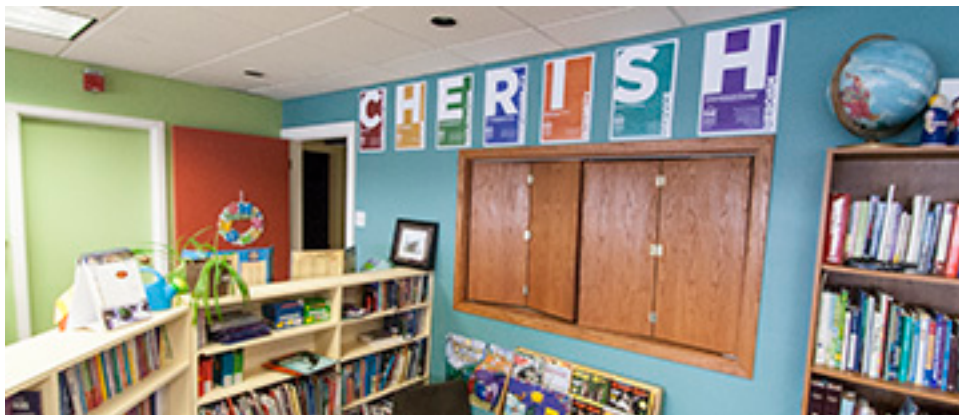
evangelistic series » Let's pray for the evangelistic meetings, which begin **Sept. 6** at **7:00 p.m.** with **Dr. Tim Rumsey** as speaker. The meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church, 701 Kimbark St., Longmont, Colo.



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.

[Campion Academy Board](#)

September 16, 2013 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Men's Retreat](#)

September 20, 2013

Contact: Marv Olson for information and registration

[Finance Committee](#)

September 24, 2013 8:00 am - 9:30 am

[Executive Committee](#)

September 24, 2013 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

["Seaside Escape" Women's Retreat & Women's Ministry Leadership Training Event](#)

October 11, 2013

[GVR Board](#)

October 15, 2013 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

[RMC Property & Trust Committee](#)

October 16, 2013 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

[Campion Academy Board](#)

November 18, 2013 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Finance Committee](#)

November 26, 2013 8:00 am - 9:30 am

[Executive Committee](#)

November 26, 2013 9:30 am - 3:00 pm



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

