Missionaries Build Personal Connections and a Church in Mansa, Zambia

As reported prior to their departure, a mission team of 27 visited Mansa, Zambia, June 13 to July 4, to aid the Mansa Christian Education Center. The team helped build the campus security wall and entryway guardhouse, and make progress on RMC church-building and evangelistic projects.

In 2014, RMC raised two-thirds of the walls for the school's church and planned return in 2016 to paint and dedicate the church that local work crews would continue to build over these two years. After the 2016 mission, the church project is near completion.

Kevin Ames, a team member from the Voice of Prophecy, enthusiastically exclaimed that this was one of the best trips he's ever experienced. Although the team visited Victoria Falls, Chobe Game Park, and the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, his highlights were interacting with and helping the local people.

While walking in Mansa, they came across a man pushing himself down the road in his wheelchair. Kent Kast, a teacher at Campion Academy, and several others took turns pushing him back to his home. "Moments like that," says Kevin, "I believe are why we were created. Moments like that give you true fulfillment, and you feel the love of God in your heart."

Team members were blessed in many ways, through...
making connections with new people, forging lifelong friends, growing closer to God, and even learning more about themselves. And, of course, they helped Zambians discover these nuggets, too.

Tumaini, a Fordina Pandeli Secondary student (FPSS) wrote to student missionary Christine Eagan-Foster, “I love you and I will miss you when you go. I now realize what a true friend is and I realized it from you, Christine.”

Another Fordina Pandeli Secondary student said she was thankful to come to FPSS to learn more about God. After each day, the students met with the team to exchange testimonies of how Jesus has revealed Himself in their lives. She shared how she missed the bus that was to take her back to school. Catching a later bus, she overheard that the bus she missed had a horrible accident, involving several fatalities and hospitalizations. Her heart skipped a beat as she realized God had spared her life.

Kevin summarizes everyone’s feelings when he says, “I had a life-changing experience in Africa!”

Nevertheless, the work was anything but easy. The team never gave up despite canceled flights, nights sleeping in airports, and standbys, and survived hail storms and bus breakdowns with only one minor setback: starting their work a day late. Undeterred, they quickly got to work, mixing cement and putting up cement blocks for the security walls and guardhouse. They progressed on the construction of the church, painting the interior before their final Sabbath morning services in Mansa.

The Zambia Seventh-day Adventist Church project is near completion, and is in need of donations to make the finishing touches. Donations can be made through the Eden Valley Institute for the "Zambia Church Building Project" at 9325 World Mission Drive, Loveland, CO 80538.

[Lynne Eagan; photograph of the church by Lynne Eagan; the team and FPSS staff/students by Kent Kast]

Franktown Missionaries Harvest Mongolia »

Franktown pastor Jamey Houghton and 10 church members are preparing to travel to Mongolia’s capital, Ulaanbaatar, for 11 days in the month of August. They are joining an It Is Written mission team made up of people from all over the world.

Part of a three-year project to introduce the people of Mongolia to Jesus, their efforts will help pave the way for an evangelistic series by John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, which will be held in 2017.

Sparsely populated and bordered by China and Russia, with a 30 percent nomadic and semi-nomadic population, Mongolia is a sovereign state known as the “land of the blue skies.” The majority of the population is Buddhist.

Pastor Jamey, along with his wife, Erin, will spend their time in a state-run Mongolian orphanage.

“We had a whole program set up and were told we can’t really talk about Jesus since the remnants of old communism there don’t make Christianity all that popular,” explains Jamey. “So we have adjusted things to still get the message across to the kids in a respectful, but effective way,” he
Along with spending time at the orphanage, Pastor Jamey will be preaching each night at an evangelistic meeting held at a local Seventh-day Adventist church.

During this series, says Jamey, "we are, for the first time, introducing the local people to Jesus. They don't know anything about the Bible. We simply introduce them to our friend, Jesus."

Mongolia has a population of around three million and its capital is home to 45 percent of the country's population. With an infrastructure incapable of managing so many demands, the streets are, understandably, full of potholes and the air, with smog.

"I think for Mongolian Christians, Abraham is hands-down their favorite Bible story. As nomads, they can relate to his way of life," comments Michael Campbell, former RMC pastor and current teacher at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines. He recently spent ten days in Mongolia training pastors.

On previous trips to Mongolia, It Is Written teams, also in preparation for the 2017 Bradshaw evangelism event, gave Bibles to people who knew "next to nothing about the Bible" and were hearing, for the first time, "about the second coming of Jesus," said Yves Monnier in his blog.

"That's why we're going," exclaims Jamey. "We want to be a part of the gospel going to the whole world, not only our home community."

To view Yves Monnier’s blog, go to: http://blog.itiswritten.com/blog/2016/04/23/day-7-our-final-day-in-mongolia/

[Carol Bolden; photos from Yves Monnier’s blog]

LifeSource's Children Ministries Seeks Radical Ways to Empower Youth »

If he had been asked five years ago what he would be doing today, LifeSource Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship’s children’s ministries leader Tim Cress probably would not have answered: Reconstructing the Redrock Ampitheater and Mile High Stadium in a church. But if you ask him now what he sees himself doing in the next five years, he can’t envision anything different.

Over three years ago, Tim landed the job of children’s ministries director at LifeSource and found himself faced with a few difficult facts: Only 20 kids attended Sabbath School classes on a weekly basis, and according to national statistics, 70-80 percent of them would leave the church. But if you ask him now what he sees himself doing in the next five years, he can’t envision anything different.

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Hence, Tim decided to take on a radically new approach to children’s discipleship. "Gallup’s You Lost Me multiyear study..."
concluded that the number one factor for youth staying in the church was based on having an unpaid, unrelated mentor who checked in with them regularly," he explains. "And if the kids don't want to come, then we're doing something wrong." Embracing these findings, LifeSource began modeling ways of building personal, lasting relationships among parents, children, and Sabbath school leaders.

"As a church, we are about two things: serving the community, and raising kids and families." A piece of the curriculum children's ministries is using “started in the elementary school before I came here. The program is called Orange. If red is the warmth and love of the home, and yellow is the light of the church, communities need to be orange," Tim shares. "Two combined influences are better than just two influences."

Over the last three years, he has been enforcing this philosophy in children's ministries. "It's something I'm passionate about."

Orange provides parents with resources of activities to do with their kids throughout the day, as based on Deuteronomy 6. Orange is also highly interactive, and Tim believes this hands-on approach has potential to retain youth.

LifeSource Adventist Fellowship houses a kid's wing patterned after Denver. Street signs, designating rooms, hang in the hall over sky-rises and Denver's wide streets. The purpose of this set-up, he says, is to show that wherever kids are in the city, God is with them. This theme is not lost in their classrooms.

The beginner room (age 0-2) is modeled after the Rocky Mountain Forest National Campground, whereas the preschoolers have a chance to explore the Denver Zoo, and those keen of eye might notice the reptiles hidden in a terrarium dug into an old piano. As if this and other hiding stuffed critters wasn't enough to grab their attention, a hollow tree in the corner offers them plenty of time to climb and work out their endless energy.

Meanwhile, kindergarteners and first-graders have a chance to climb the bouldering wall adjacent the Redrocks Amphitheater. Here, popular movie posters have been revamped to reflect Bible themes. For example, classic man-eating dinosaurs meet their demise in Jurassic Ark, and clownfish go on an epic pursuit of a lost friend in Finding Glory.

Second and third graders hang out in Elitch Gardens, a theme park in downtown Denver, and grades four and five convene at Mile High Stadium. "I received flack for this room," shares Tim with
a wry smile, “but the kids like it, and I believe Jesus goes with them to sports games.” It is also in the Broncos room where grades K-5 come together for group worship, and where their Walk This Way day camp success is displayed via a posterboard. Tim proudly claims, “They raised $1,800 to provide shoes for a children’s home in Zimbabwe.”

Across the way is an area for middle school and high school kids, and they have a little more liberty to decorate everything themselves.

And, parents, there’s a room for you, too.

Depending on what phase the child is in, there are a number of resources to read and to use, including baby dedication forms, memory verse bookmarks, and general parenting and technology guides. At the birth of a child, parents also receive a marble jar containing 936 marbles. One marble is to be removed at the close of every week to remind parents that every week prior to a child’s graduation counts. Additionally, Tim recently wrote a five-week baptismal series for a family so parents can be more involved in their kid’s walk to faith.

So the kids are happy. But...does it work?

“Family ministries is about relationships,” Tim explains, “And maybe kids need more leaders, not more lessons.” In other words, Orange aims to connect kids with adults who care about them. A newly-erected wall demonstrates this, as kids’ names are hung up on it for prayer, and volunteers can pin their names on it to apply for small group leadership positions. Additionally, rather than calling Sabbath get-togethers Sabbath school, they are called small groups. Small group leaders teach three out of four weeks, meaning they are regularly present; they do not cycle out. This stability and consistency is meant to help build and foster relationships.

For instance, a young girl’s parents frantically texted one small group leader, asking her to take care of the girl’s stuffed dog inadvertently left at the church. Throughout the week, the group leader took the dog with her, snapping pictures of their activities so the child would know her dog was safe.

Another prime example of these bonds occurred when Tim’s dog was killed by a car. His devastated daughter called her small group leader, who immediately rushed to their home to pray with her.

“I think this approach changes people’s view of the church. It’s evangelistic. I can talk to someone who doesn’t care about God but who cares about their kids, and this is common ground we might not have otherwise.”

In fact, on August 7, LifeSource will host a neighborhood party with an anticipated 300-500 visitors from throughout the neighborhood. Community members can come for free food, a water slide, car show and other fun activities. They will also receive free backpacks for their children.

LifeSource hosts a total of six events year-round to get (and keep) families and children in the church. LifeSource also houses an annual trunk-or-treat in the kid’s wing where kids can do crafts and solve a mystery. There is also a January family-based Christmas program called Jingle Jam.

Jim hopes that through their efforts, neighbors will engage. “Earning trust is something that takes time, and we’re in it for the long haul. We want to earn trust with people who don’t care (about God).”
So far, his methods seem to be working. LifeSource now serves 80-100 kids a week, and devoted families come from as far as Castle Rock, Aurora, and Erie, and of course all around Denver.

“I think of it like a business,” concludes Tim. “You have a decade of consistently earning your customers’ trust, but you find out that after a decade 80 percent aren’t happy and leave. We talk about evangelism but three out of four times they walk out the door. If this is not a place where our kids want to be, is this a place where we want others to come?”

[Stefani Leeper]

**International Prison Ministry Convention Brings Together Ministries from Around the Globe »**


Seven speakers, made up of conference presidents and prison ministry directors, and 3ABN Program Development Manager Shelley Quinn, presented at the convention.

The convention provided an opportunity for people of various ministries to convene and learn of God’s abundant blessings throughout the Church.

Representatives of two RMC prison ministries were in attendance, sharing their good news. Pastor Polly and Dorie Panganiban of La Vida Mission, whose prison ministry is within the Eastern Navajo Correctional Facility, say their ministry is winning souls for the kingdom whilst meeting the needs of the Navajo community.

Among those present were Judith Mackie, Sharon Williams, Pastor and Mrs. Benton Davis of Binding Broken Hearts Ministries, a mail ministries based in Wyoming. This year, Binding Broken Hearts Ministries is holding 5,000 Bible studies, and writes to inmates in 395 facilities throughout 34 states in the country. It also has distributed over 6,000 Andrews Study Bibles to inmates. An additional order has been placed with Andrews University Publishing for 5,000 Bibles for Binding Broken Hearts Prison Ministry of Sheridan. Inmates are waiting to receive their Bibles, and it is expected that Binding Broken Hearts will be out of Bibles by the end of October.

The next Biennial Prison Ministry Convention will be held July 25 - 29, 2018 in Colorado Springs.

For more information about the Binding Broken Hearts Prison Ministry, or to place a donation, visit [BindingBrokenHearts.org](http://BindingBrokenHearts.org).

[Enid Almeida with Diane Larkins; photo of members putting]
Rocky Mountain Conference Losses

Catherine Nash, mother of RMC Director of Trust Services Barbara Parrott, passed away on Sunday, July 31.

Anna Mae Williams, mother of Al Williams, recently retired director of Awaken Wyoming, passed away Friday, July 22.

We hope you will take comfort in knowing that your mothers are resting in the arms of our Lord and that you and your families are daily lifted up in prayer. In Barbara’s words, we now wait “for our Friend and Savior to sound the trumpet and call them home.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

Western Slope Camp Meeting -- August 3 - 7
Mountain Top Retreat near Montrose, CO
Speakers: Ed Barnett/Eric Nelson
Contact: Linda and Ron Johnson -- 970-245-2294
Use Instructions:
http://www.rmcsda.org/camp-facility-use-instructions
Directions:
http://www.rmcsda.org/mountaintop-retreat-directions
Registration:
http://www.rmcsda.org/western-slope-registration-form
Schedule:
http://www.rmcsda.org/western-slope-camp-meeting-schedule

Hispanic Camp Meeting -- September 2 - 4
Glacier View Ranch, Ward CO
Speaker: Omar Grieve
Youth Speaker: Dr. Oscar Carreon
Contact: Ruben Rivera -- 303-910-1614

Native Camp Meeting -- September 16 - 18
La Vida Mission, Crown Point NM
Speaker: Monte Church
Contact: Dorie Panganiban -- 505-215-6642

NewsNuggets Archive Now Online » The NewsNuggets archive is now online, and can be found at https://www-rmcsda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive.

Host Family Needed » Mile High Academy is currently in need of a caring family willing to host an exchange student from China. As a host family you will:

- experience another culture in your own home
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- create a lasting relationship with someone from across the globe

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Global Health Initiatives Inaugural Photo Gallery » Inaugural photo exhibit at Porter Adventist Hospital, July-August 2016. Coming to Adventist hospitals in Colorado, dates to be announced at https://www.centuraglobalhealth.org/CGH/10-Year-Anniversary/Special-Events/.
Western Slope Camp Meeting  »  For a detailed list of the schedule and speakers for the Western Slope Camp Meeting, August 3 - 7, visit [http://www.rmcsda.org/western-slope-camp-meeting-schedule](http://www.rmcsda.org/western-slope-camp-meeting-schedule).

Mark Anthony’s Dinner and a Message  »  Come for a free, live vegetarian performing arts cooking show hosted by chef Mark Anthony, at

- 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on August 6, and 4 p.m. on August 7 at Colorado Springs Central Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 6 p.m. on August 8 at the Woodland Park Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 6 p.m. on August 9th at the Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church
- 6 p.m. on August 10 at the Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Morning service on August 13, and 3 p.m. on August 14 at the Twin Peaks Seventh-day Adventist Church

Learn about plant-based nutrition and other great topics, such as weight loss, lowering cholesterol, and increasing energy. Limited seating. Visit [www.ChefMarkAnthony.com](http://www.ChefMarkAnthony.com) and his Facebook and YouTube channel at [VeganChefMarkAnthony](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwKk0JcXu1BeZJz7P7y8cNg).

Boulder 1:1  »  A 2016 gathering of a smaller-scale version of The One Project, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 14. Theme: "Jesus of Nazareth: His Message, His Passion." Based on the two-volume series *Jesus of Nazareth*, written by former Adventist Review editor William G. Johnson and produced by the Biblical Research Institute, Boulder 1:1 will explore the message and passion of Jesus, helping participants to connect these concepts with their own discipleship journey. Scheduled presentations include: Alex Bryan - Why the Local Church Matters; Dena King - What Jesus taught about the Trinity; Paddy McCoy - What Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God; Diane Johnson - What Jesus taught about Grace; Jessyka Albert - What Jesus taught about Discipleship; Stacy Soapmann - What Jesus taught about the Sabbath; Terry Swenson - What Jesus taught about The End; Jannelle Fazio - What Jesus taught.
about Prayer; **Sam Leonor** - What Jesus taught about Power, Sex and Money.

The Boulder 1:1 gathering includes time for “recalibration,” allowing participants to process their thoughts on the various reflections by noted speakers, and to begin engaging in practical applications that make a difference in their lives.

Location: Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church, 345 Mapleton Ave., Boulder, CO 80304; Planning to attend? Register at [https://the1project.org/gatherings/boulder-2016#reserve](https://the1project.org/gatherings/boulder-2016#reserve). Visit our website at [visitwww.bouldser.church](http://visitwww.bouldser.church).

**Bible Study Seminar** » On August 20, starting at 3 p.m., *It is Written’s* Curt Dolensky will host a 3-session seminar on how to give Bible studies. All are welcome to this seminar, held at Lakewood Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8001 W 23rd Ave. Lakewood, Colorado.

**Host Shadow Empire at Your Church** » The Voice of Prophecy’s *Shadow Empire* series returns September 15-17 to local churches, and pastors will again have the opportunity to be event co-speaker with Pastor Shawn Boonstra.

![Shadow Empire](https://example.com/shadow-empire.jpg)

This series, which addresses modern-day religious freedom by exploring the life of Constantine the Great, was filmed on location in Europe and the Middle East, and offers a fresh, Bible-based perspective on historical and current events. Pastors can find all the details they need at [www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event](http://www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event).

**Daughters of Grace Women’s Ministries Retreat** » The conference-wide women’s retreat at Glacier View, September 16-18, will feature Elizabeth Talbot, director of Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, and the author of several books. The retreat will include praise and worship music, inspiring skits, book giveaways, friendship circles, Saturday night activities, and a service project opportunity. The Adventist Book Center will feature a display of several publications by Elizabeth Talbot for sale. Registration and information brochures were sent to Women’s Ministries leaders in participating churches. Call or email Ginger Bell for more information, and to receive a brochure via email, at [720-980-9006](tel:720-980-9006) or [rexgingerbell@msn.com](mailto:rexgingerbell@msn.com). Registration deadline is September 1.

**2016 Western Colorado Men’s Advance** » Join us in Pitkin for our Jeep trip as we pray, study, fish, hike, and enjoy the colors in the mountains, September 16-18 (tentative, based on snow melt). Learn how to restore relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Study and prayer time held on Friday evening and Saturday. Bring your jeep, motorcycle, mountain bike, fishing pole, hiking shoes, and your Bible. Meals and rooms included in the flat fee of $170.00. To register or for more information, contact Wayne Oldham at [970-209-7911](tel:970-209-7911) or [woldham170@gmail.com](mailto:woldham170@gmail.com).
La Vida Camp Meeting » Celebrate 100 years of Adventist Mission in Navajo Land, September 16-18, at the 2016 La Vida Camp Meeting. Our guest speaker is NPUC Native Ministries Director Pastor Monte Church. Attendees will stay in our guest house, dorms, and staff houses, or can bring tents or RVs. Please call or email to reserve your spot with us at dorie@lavidamission.org or 505-215-6642.

Hispanic Women’s Retreat » September 30 - October 2, Sara Bullon will be speaking at the Hispanic Women’s Retreat. Location: Glacier View Ranch - 8748 Overland Rd, Ward, CO 80481. For additional information, contact Patty Rivera at 303-910-3548.

Give Them Hope Health Summit » Learn how to reflect God’s character in health ministries through ongoing support at the Give Them Hope Health Summit, held October 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Through the acquired skills of ongoing support, you can bring hope to your church and community through preventing and reversing diseases such as heart disease, cancer, Type II diabetes, and Alzheimer’s. For more information about this health summit visit our website at http://www.rmcsda.org/hope or call the RMC health ministry department at 303-282-3604.

Awaken Wyoming Testimonies » Per request and as seen at the Wyoming Camp Meeting, July 16. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGTcbpAGmaw

Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp » Watch our new Glacier View Ranch summer camp promo video at rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo. For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp or visit the new website at http://www.glacierviewranch.com/.

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Adventist University of Health Sciences’ Denver site is looking for a marketing and enrollment coordinator. If you love working with people, have a passion for Christian higher education, and are a self-starter, email your resume to Katie Shaw, ADU Denver executive director, at katie.shaw@adu.edu. Experience in marketing and/or college admissions is a plus!

Mile High Academy Positions are open at Mile High Academy as a part-time receptionist. The receptionist’s weekly schedule will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Receptionist applicants should have a high school diploma and a minimum of three years of relevant experience. Interested individuals for any listed positions must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing, and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. Please send your resume to Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org, and visit our website at
Daystar School in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at michelle.velbis@gmail.com or call 719-561-9120.

Voice of Prophecy: The Voice of Prophecy is looking to fill four positions: gift planning departmental assistant with accounting experience, mailroom assistant supervisor, digital content specialist/webmaster, and a donor relations coordinator. For more information, visit http://vop.com/jobs.

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