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Young Adults from Campion Academy and Fort Collins Church Make Disciples from All Nations »

As a youth pastor in Madison, Wisconsin in 2007, Nestor Soriano had the privilege of baptizing a young Chinese student from the University of Wisconsin. An avowed atheist, Xiang (pronounced “shiang”), was moved to learn about Christianity. He studied the Bible with Nestor’s friend Jared and Nestor baptized him during the summer of 2008, the only Christian in his family.

Now, as associate pastor for the Campion Church, Nestor is involved in campus ministry at Colorado State University. The chief reason for this ministry, Nestor explains, is to save the world by saving students. “Sometimes,” he continues, “the only way to reach people in foreign countries is through their family members who become students in the United States.”



Based at the Fort Collins Church, the campus ministry started as friendship evangelism, but has evolved into a more focused spiritual ministry, according to Fort

Collins pastor, Daniel Birai. This young adult ministry has two groups spending time on the campus of Colorado State University, one weekly.

The initial group hands out Bible surveys asking questions like, “Who is Jesus?”; “Were you raised in a Christian home?”; “If you died tonight, would you be saved?”; “Do you have a Bible?”; “Do you read it?”; and “Would you like the opportunity to study it more?”

If they answer, “Yes,” to the last question, someone from another group is ready to step in and give them one-on-one Bible

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Look for Christ
and you will find Him.
And with Him,
everything else.
-- C.S. Lewis

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studies. If they're not ready for one-on-one studies, the student is invited to a Friday night get-together called "THRIVE" where they study the Bible as a group and where they can develop friendships with other students or young adults from the Fort Collins church.

Jessica Rios, Campion Academy recruiter, takes Campion students to the CSU campus one Friday per month to do surveys. It gives them the opportunity to be active in their faith and to ground them in their beliefs.

The first time they went, it was a cold, snowy day and the students were wearing thin jackets. Jessica prayed all the way there that it would be a good experience, not one that would sour them on witnessing. Working at an outside booth, she worried they would get chilled. But when she said it was time to go, they all asked if they could stay longer. They were able to find four CSU students interested in Bible studies to turn over to Pastor Daniel Birai.

"People are ready, just waiting to be asked," Jessica enthused.

Pastor Birai recently met with one of the four students contacted on that cold, snowy day. Abdullah is a Muslim from Kuwait studying engineering. He wanted to learn more about Christians and what they believe. Daniel and Abdullah spent 45 minutes getting to know each other and Daniel showed him a Bible, explained how it was written and identified its major players. "He seemed really interested," stated Daniel.

The two will meet again after Abdullah's Christmas break. Daniel plans to invite him to his home for some Kenyan food.

Only God knows the far-reaching effects of this ministry. In the meantime, Nestor, Jessica, Daniel, the young adult group from Fort Collins and the students from Campion Academy will continue to build and multiply disciples so that these new disciples can saturate their nations with the Good News.

Mission activities in Fort Collins will result in influencing changed lives and Christian witness in another part of the world. That's global mission at its best.

[Carol Bolden; photo courtesy of coloradoan.com]

Young people interested in learning how to do public university ministry are invited to attend Impact Rally held at the Campion Church, January 20 and 21. To find out more, go to impactrmc.org.

Daystar School Embraces Local Heroes Project » What do a fireman, pastor and Vietnam veteran have in common? They were all selected by Daystar Christian School students as Pueblo local heroes. Teachers, nurses, karate instructors and



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Christmas Day--Office Closed

December 26

New Year's Day--Office Closed

January 2, 2017

Staff Meeting

January 3, 8:00 a.m.

NAD Ministries Conference

January 8 - 11

<http://www.adventistministriesconvention.com/>

Pastor's Meetings

January 28 - 30

Staff Meeting

February 6, 8 a.m. - Noon

RMC Property & Trust Committee

February 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

President's Day--Office Closed

February 15

Executive Committee

factory workers were also chosen.

What criteria did the students use when selecting their heroes? They used the acronym CHERISH. Each letter stands for a specific character trait: Christ-centered, Honor, Exploration, Responsibility, Integrity, Service and Heroism. These character traits are an integral part of Daystar Christian School's everyday curriculum, but this project took them to a new level. By reaching out into the community, the students identified their "heroes" by choosing Puebloans that represent each of these character traits.

Students spent the first part of the year learning in-depth what each character trait meant and then identifying people in their community who had these traits. Jon Pompia, a *Chieftan* reporter, explained how to give a good interview and students watched videos from other famous reporters that gave them tips and good questions to ask.

Visiting the Center for American Values was another way that the students utilized professionals to help them understand how to represent a hero. Phil Anaya, educational director at the center, was very helpful in explaining the criteria and process of choosing and documenting heroes for their center. Center for American Values was then chosen as the venue to host the project-based learning experience for Daystar students.



After benchmarks were created and met, interviews given, essays put through a three-tiered editing process, art projects created, and invitation letters sent, the culmination of a semester's worth of work was presented on December 13.

"The students demonstrated ownership of their projects when asked a question. This shows me they did the research and work themselves. They showed an understanding of what a hero is. It is important to understand that everyone has the ability to be a hero, not just a chosen few," stated Anaya.

Diane Harris, associate superintendent of education for the Rocky Mountain Conference reflected, "I was impressed by the quality of the academic work, but more importantly, there is an

February 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

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entire community that is changed because these students called out something more important than IQ, career choices, or economic success. I think of the young firefighter down the street who was publicly recognized for displaying a life of responsibility and heroism, the (school) board chair who someone noticed is Christ-centered and our own Dave Walker (retired teacher), who we all know does embody integrity.”

Diedre Sicher, Daystar school board member agreed, “Valuable character traits in others is not something most kids are encouraged to recognize but we should conscientiously help them develop this on their own.”

Student from 1st to 7th grade said their favorite part of the project was learning more about the people in their local community.

“I have a connection with them [community people] that I didn’t have before,” said 7th grader, Collin Velbis. “It makes me respect and appreciate them more – knowing the sacrifices and hard work they have gone through.”



Each student also had a specific trait that really connected with them. Audra Bennett, a 6th grader said, “I think I will remember heroism the most. It inspired me to be a better leader and to stand up for myself and for others.”

“The character trait that I will remember the most is integrity. I will remember this because it will always remind me to do the right thing even when no one is looking,” exclaimed Isabella Kilfoy, 5th grader.

“So many skills were learned throughout this project. I know that many of the skills such as time-management and communication, will propel and mold these students in a way that a worksheet or class assignment could never do. I am so proud of my students – they pushed through some uncomfortable and tough situations – but they finished strong,” stated Michelle Velbis, teacher and principal of Daystar Christian School.

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.

A Wiser Generation Banquet at Boulder Church » With the hope of establishing a new tradition, the Boulder Adventist Church held its first Wiser Generation Banquet. Focusing on individuals within the church and Mapleton Avenue community who are over 55+, they celebrated their life stories and built friendships.

Pastor Japhet De Oliveira stated that the gathering was promoted through "This is Boulder," the church's information outreach to the community, alongside personal invitations.



"It was wonderful to see our neighbors celebrating Christmas with us," he added. The banquet was described as "elegantly and thoughtfully presented." Bob Ambler, a church member since 1955, and his wife Audrey, members since 1963, said it "was an amazing evening. We learned some new facts and shared stories about other church members. We see them in church, but little do we know about their life stories and the fun lives they've had. The gathering made us feel special. We were blessed," Audrey said. She added that "except for parsnips, we enjoyed the food and the surprises hidden in the Christmas Crackers."

In a perfect start of the Season to celebrate the first Advent, some 40 individuals were treated to a dinner catered from Spice of Life, a Boulder based catering company. Boulder Chamber Orchestra strings provided a string quartet with a selection of Christmas carols which ended with the Hallelujah Chorus. The orchestra, which uses the Boulder church venue for several performances during their concert year, presented a selection from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Antonin Dvorak, and concluded with Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5, The Reformation, with guest conductor and pianist Nicholas Carthy.

There was a general consensus among the participants that the evening was unforgettable. The banquet decorations by Erin Hieb, the photo booth area where Ryan Baluyot captured those

happy to be in front of the lens, Pastor Jessyka Albert's, custom-made Christmas party favors for each guest, and Pastor Elia King's crooner-voice which echoed into the room with a couple of classic Christmas songs, were among the features of the evening to be long remembered.

For Jeanette Bell, a member of the Boulder congregation since 1976, it was "a beautiful experience and near perfection. It brought us all together. I consider it as one of the finest I've attended in my church. It was absolutely fabulous."

Another unforgettable feature of the evening was storytelling by Becky De Oliveira, who with her sense of humor and quick wit also introduced a new name game of "Guess Who?." Sharing ten facts about individuals present at the banquet, she asked the audience to guess who in the room was described. Boulder Bookstore vouchers were given as prizes.

In a short homily, Pastor Japhet De Oliveira said that "our culture has replaced the awe and wonder of Jesus, with synthetic byproducts," and then presented the season's event as a moment of joy, reflection and sharing in the Christmas story.

The organizers wish to recognize that the whole event was produced by Jordan Kraus along with Pastor David Smith and the Boulder ONELIFE youth group who set the venue and produced the entire program. True to an English Christmas tradition, Pastor Japhet, who visited England during the previous week, brought Christmas Crackers and Terry's chocolates from England to create a night to be remembered.

Plans are already in place at the Boulder church for an Easter Wiser Generation Banquet.

[RMCNews with Japhet De Oliveira; photo by Japhet De Oliveira]

Fort Morgan's Lighthouse School Participates in City's Annual Christmas Parade »

While many floats at Fort Morgan's December 1 Christmas parade depicted "Peanuts" characters to match its "A Charlie Brown Christmas" theme, Lighthouse Christian School's float showed children gathered around a lighthouse.



Students in the lower grades, along with their younger siblings, rode on the school's "lighthouse" float while older students walked alongside throwing hands full of candy to the watching crowds and staff members walked ahead carrying a large banner proclaiming the name of their school.

A loudspeaker broadcast a message, as the float passed the crowd, promoting the school's multi-grade classroom setting using Bible-based curriculum and their participation in numerous field trips and hands-on activities.

Float-building director Nohemi Hernandez enlisted an army of volunteers, including Luis Flores who built the lighthouse which took several weeks to build and assemble. "It was very tricky figuring out how to hook up all the cords for the lights on the float to work," explained Lighthouse School teacher, Jodie Aakko. "We had to use car batteries and an extra generator."

The first time Lighthouse School participated in the parade was two years ago when they won second place with a float depicting a live Nativity scene. This year's winners haven't yet been announced.

Fourth grader Christian Mendez said about his experience, "It was fun because we got to wave at the people to let everybody know how much fun we were having."

First-grader Leah Alvarado added, "I enjoyed riding on the float because I got to see how happy everybody was."

"The parade was a fun activity for the school kids and for families, too," explained teacher Jodie Aakko. "I'm already excited for next year's parade," she exclaimed.

[Carol Bolden; photo by Jodie Aakko]

See <https://www.facebook.com/LighthouseSDAChristianSchool/?fref=ts> for a video of the float.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share Infographics From BibleInfo.com to Tell Story of Desmond Doss »

On November 4, Hacksaw Ridge was released on the big screen. In this film--which is based on true events--Desmond Doss, a medic in the U.S. Army, braves heavy enemy fire and saves an estimated 75 lives by lowering them down a cliff to safety. Even though Doss repeatedly risks his life to save his fellow soldiers, he is remarkably spared by the power of God and eventually receives the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. Inspired by this amazing story, on the Voice of Prophecy's Bibleinfo.com website, you will find in-depth infographics that explain the true story of Hacksaw Ridge. These resources answer questions such as: *Where is Hacksaw Ridge and what does it look like today?

*How would Doss compare with a modern-day soldier?

*How can the lessons from Doss' experience impact my life?

Go to www.bibleinfo.com/doss for more information.

RMC Youth Mission Trip

to Waianae » Calling all teens! Join the Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department for a mission trip to Waianae on the island of Oahu. Projects include evangelistic meetings, VBS, homeless/health ministry and building projects at Camp Waianae. For more



information and to register, visit www.rmcyouth.org/mission-trip-2017 or call 303-282-3660. **Registration deadline extended until December 31.** Adults can join as a trip chaperone. Spots are limited, so contact Shannon Werner at shannonw@rmcsda.org for more information and to register.

Our Daily Bread Bakery and Deli » Featuring fresh-ground, whole-grain breads, buns, and bagels along with honey-sweetened pies, cakes and cookies, Our Daily Bread, Vegetarian Bakery & Deli opened its doors at on December 11. The deli offers vegetarian and vegan soups, sandwiches and a salad bar. Owner Dianna Shull will offer evening classes on healthy lifestyle topics. Located at 790 Kipling Street in Lakewood, their hours are Sunday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday: 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sabbath: CLOSED. For



Denver West Church » Hollywood, popular music, television, video gaming, spectator sports, e-relationships, and pornography are saturating the lives of God's professed people. What does the latest science say about the mind-altering effects of 21st century media? And what is the spiritual agenda in the entertainment and advertising industries? Find out on December 4 at Denver West Church. **Session 1** begins at 9:30 a.m.; **Session 2**, 11 a.m.; Captivating **documentary**, 1:45 p.m.; **Session 3**, 3 p.m.; DVDs available at 4 p.m. Link on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1863028473910179/> Denver West Church is at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver.

Candlelight Service » The Champion Church Candlelight Service begins at 7 p.m. Friday, December 16. Come enjoy a night of beautiful music and readings. Reception of cookies and punch follows. Champion Church is located at 300 42nd Street SW, Loveland CO 80537.

Caregiver Needed » Caregiver(s) desired for two seniors who live in their home in rural Dakota. No medical background required -- skills can be taught. Food preparation, light housekeeping, assistance driving and meeting appointments. Looking for someone who loves the older generation and enjoys interacting with them, someone with a high level of integrity and trustworthiness. Reasonable pay. Private living quarters. Negotiable time off. Seventh-day Adventist church in community. For more information, call 303-913-6012 or 303-870-8009.



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Boulder Church » The Boulder Adventist Church is actively building a "mental health" database of professionals. If you are currently licensed in the state of Colorado or know of a professional in the field you could recommend, please contact Pastor Japhet De Oliveira at japhet@boulder.church. We have particular needs for Christian specialists, but are open to other affiliations.



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD! » We would like to break yet another record for attendance at a One project gathering. Our San Diego gathering (February 24-27, 2017) includes a two-day focus on the book of Revelation on Saturday and Sunday, as well as an evening of creative worship preceding the gathering and the one-day Create conference afterward.

There are special programs for teens and children.

If you haven't registered yet, do so now! Remember to book your

accommodation early while rooms are still available.
For information on the One project, contact Boulder Adventist
Church pastor Japhet De Oliveira: t. 303-601-6349 e.
japhet@boulder.church

The Black Hills Lifestyle Medicine Center » is pleased to announce their partnering with one of the most respected and current lifestyle outpatient educational programs globally. They now use the CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) materials for the core curriculum in this unique residential lifestyle treatment program. This partnership not only improves the Black Hills Lifestyle program, but also provides an upgrade toward a more research-driven and evidence-based program. Graduates will be both Black Hills Lifestyle alumni as well as CHIP alumni, giving them access to CHIP resources, including local CHIP chapters and online materials. CHIP alumni who sign up for a Black Hills session and bring their CHIP Kit with them will receive a \$100 reduction in program fee. This holiday season, give yourself or your loved one the gift of improved health. Our gift to you? A \$500 scholarship plus a generous transportation allowance. Our latest program runs from December 4-22. Call today for a reservation at 605-255-4101.

Christmas Wish List from Glacier View Ranch » Please choose one or more items that speak to your heart or join with someone else:

Naturalizing perennial **flower bulbs** (for around ranch, front entrance sign); **Garden hoses** for watering; **Bushes** for landscaping around buildings; **Grass seed** for lake front; **lamp shades** for lodge guest rooms; **Window treatments** for lodge guest rooms; **Furniture** for common area in lodge; **Paint** for inside lodge, exterior of summer camp cabins, pool meeting room, cafeteria, summer camp office, all building exteriors; **Stain** for exterior wood; **Heaters** for summer camp cabins; **Curtain rods and curtains** for summer camp cabins; **Insulation, sheet rock and installation** in breezeway; **Doors** in breezeway; **PA system** for lodge, auditorium, Long House and Campfire Bowl; **Fencing** to update and unify ranch fencing; **Road treatment** of gravel and/or solution for summertime dust; **Razor** for summer camp activity; **Razor Track** to prevent unnecessary accidents; **Pool repair** of paint and water to refill pool after repair; **Pool ceiling repair** and insulation; **De-Humidifier** in pool area; **Snow blower** to clear ranch roads in winter; **Man-lift** for maintenance in high areas; **Swings** for lake front, prayer garden and cafeteria areas; **Commercial washer** for laundry room; **Commercial**

dryer for laundry room; **Benches** for Camp Fire Bowl and Wagon Camp; **Flooring** for cafeteria; New **kitchen equipment** for main kitchen and prep area; **Fridge, freezer, oven/range** for Long House kitchen; **Box truck, van/suburban, pick-up truck; RTV/Gator/Polaris; 60'x80' activity building** for use in bad weather; **New building** for Nature Center.

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Mile High Academy Kindergarten Visitation Day » If you have been considering kindergarten for your child, our Kindergarten Visitation Day is a great way to let them experience a day in the life. Bring your child to Mile High Academy from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. January 12, to experience the joy of learning, making friends and getting to know their teacher. Lunch provided. Parents are invited to stay for a short information session after drop-off to get to know our program. RSVP online at milehighacademy.org/visits-sign-up.

Prison Ministries Training » The Alliance of Prison Ministry Organizations & Affiliates (APMOA) announces its biennial prison ministry training convocation on July 27-29, 2017 in Crystal City, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Plan to attend and make it a family vacation. To get a training convocation brochure when it becomes available, email laurieanne2011@hotmail.com

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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.

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--Editor

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