



# news nuggets

Friday, December 7, 2018

## Current and Former RMC Employees Reunite in Chico, California »

Former RMC Youth Director Steve Hamilton and his former assistant, Joanna Rivera, recently reunited in Chico, California during a two-day period at the end of November when Joanna joined a group of Andrews University alumni and students traveling to the Chico/Paradise area to offer help after the devastating fire. Organized by Andrews University Campus Ministries, the group provided grief counseling for those impacted.



"Who would've thought that seven years after Joanna was working at summer camp with us, she would be a professional in her field...[and would] come and care for the people of Paradise in the emotional and spiritual way that they need," Steve Hamilton remarked. "Not only was she able to do that as a professional social worker, but as a personal friend of the Hamiltons. At a time when my kids needed someone close to talk to, she would come into their lives, re-engage with them not just in a personal church family way but in a professional caregiving role. Very cool."

Joanna hasn't been the only person connected to Rocky Mountain Conference that made their way to support the people of Paradise since the devastating fire. Kiefer Dooley, assistant youth director, recently drove a donated truck from his home in Westminster, Colorado along with Pastor Brian Simmons, another friend of Steve Hamilton.

Said about George HW Bush during his funeral:

"He never hated anyone. He knew what his mother and my mother always knew: Hatred corrodes the container it's carried in."

-- Alan Simpson

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"When Kiefer and Brian came from Colorado with the donated truck, I could feel the strength rise from my heart.", Steve recalls.

"I can viscerally feel the love and strength in a physical way from our friends and family. We are so thankful for the love and support we've received from the Rocky Mountain Conference."

-- Vanessa Rivera; photo provided

**Hero in Your Own Story »** Upper School language arts teacher, Jenni Eno, is taking her Real World Learners on a journey, asking them to find the "hero in your own story". Only the story isn't their own, but that of the 5th graders at Mile High Academy. Upper-school students are writing a graphic novel based on these real characters. This RWL assignment uses mentoring, leadership, writing, journalism, CHERISH values, and more to produce a final product that will have the ultimate authentic audience.



Mrs. Eno and Mrs. Little's classes are partnering once a week so that their students can get to know each other through interviews and recesses. The students are getting to know each other and are finding out the likes and dislikes of their mentee and then taking this feedback and turning it into a Superhero character.

Little was quick to point out that the "kids look forward to playing with their older peers. It gives them confidence and assures them that playing is still okay even when they get older." It's mentorship projects like these that make a Preschool through 12th grade program so great. One 5th grader was so excited by the project, she had her own comments on the RWL, "I hope they give me a cape".

The Upper School students are encouraged to find the unique in each child, asking questions that bring students out of their shells to be their genuine selves. When they start talking about their dreams and their real "super powers", like kindness and sharing, the Upper School students start to see their story come alive. That is when they can go back and



## Upcoming Events

### **Executive Committee**

*10 a.m., December 13*

### **RMC Staff Meeting**

*December 17*

### **GVR Board**

*December 18*

### **RMC Property and Trust**

*9:30 a.m. December 19*

### **Christmas Eve**

*Office Closed at Noon*

### **New Year's Eve**

*Office Closed at Noon*

### **Pastors Meetings**

*January 6 - 9*

### **NAD Adventist Ministries Convention**

*January 13 - 16,  
Albuquerque, NM*

### **Wyoming Taskforce Meeting**

*February 10*

### **RMC Staff Meeting**

*February 12*

### **GVR Board**

*February 19*

### **RMC Property and Trust**

*February 20*

### **RMC Staff Meeting**

*March 5*

### **NAD Treasurers Council**

*March 27-28*



outline their plot and build their storyboards.

When they're finished with their books, the students will present their projects to their mentees for critiquing. Seeing themselves through the eyes of their own heroes--that will be a special day.

-- Agape Hammond; text and photo

**Greeley Church Gives Back »** Each Thanksgiving, the Greeley Church gives out numerous Thanksgiving boxes to the needy in their community. This year was no different, but members decided to add to the giving. In addition to the Thanksgiving boxes, homemade pies were taken to every fire department in the city of Greeley and Evans. The firemen spend 48 hour shifts at the fire station and while others are at home celebrating Thanksgiving with our families, they're at the station on duty keeping us safe. For this, Greeley church members wanted to give back and let the firemen know how appreciated they are.



Ladies of the church worked hard to make 36 homemade pies and Pastor Jason, his wife Grace, and their daughter Abigail delivered to a couple of

the six fire stations, one of them the largest in the city. When they entered the fire house, every fireman stood to his feet and shook their hands with hearty thanks. "They very much appreciated our gift to them. They took us on a tour of their facility and shared with us what they do on a day-to-day basis. It sure gave me a greater appreciation for the job that they do to serve our community and family," said Grace. Other teams that delivered had similar experiences. "It was a blessing to me to give to those who dedicate their lives to serving us," said Mary Layton. Every station was so thankful and gracious for the gift of the pies.

Ironically, a member of the Greeley church collapsed the following Sabbath and firemen were on the scene to help out. "They were there when we needed them." Grace stated.

-- Grace Logan; photo provided



## **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](mailto: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.**

## **AHU Dedicates Radiography Lab »** AdventHealth

University (AHU), Denver campus, recently celebrated the dedication of a new Radiography program lab. Blessed by the generosity of Porter Adventist Hospital with their own lab space and equipment, University Radiography students will now be able to gain hands-on experience to supplement their clinical rotations.

Previously, students used the outpatient X-Ray lab located in the medical plaza at Porter Adventist Hospital to practice their skills. This space was used for several years, but had limited availability. Students are excited to now have full access to this new lab dedicated to them.



AdventHealth University president, Dr. Edwin Hernandez, was present during the dedication service. He thanked Centura Health executives for their support of the University these past nine years. Faculty, staff, and students also participated in the ceremony. Dr. Hernandez remarked that this new lab will help advance the mission of the University “to develop healthcare professionals who live the healing values of Christ”. Dr. Hernandez ended the service by offering a prayer of dedication for the new space.

Castle Rock Adventist Hospital Imaging Director, Clint Watson, who works closely with AHU faculty for clinical placement of the students, was one of the leaders present at this event. Several AHU students have been hired by Castle Rock Adventist Hospital following their graduation. “Being a brand-new hospital, we were concerned about taking students,” shared Watson, “but after we had been opened for a year, we partnered with AHU. It has been a blessing to work with Professor Connor for the last five years. It has been a great partnership and it is exciting to see this University grow. We want to continue that partnership as both institutions continue to grow!”

AHU’s new Radiography lab will be fully functional and available to the students at the beginning of Spring 2019 trimester.

For more information about AdventHealth University, please

visit [www.ahu.edu/denver](http://www.ahu.edu/denver).

-- Yoouhenky Hickman; photo supplied

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## **Inter-Mountain Academy Holds Fall Festival »**

The Pathfinder-sponsored Fall Festival held November 10 was a big hit with attendees. With Melissa Weber heading the effort and with the help of Sarah Hart, Sherri Nicolay, Kirstin Fox, Sarah Gould and other volunteers, the academy hosted 19 carnival-themed booths, including a cake walk, a small animal petting zoo, face painting, a toddler play area, pie throwing, a raffle for a family prize basket, and much, much more!



The most popular activities were the cake walk and the petting zoo, although quite a few people were "arrested and taken to jail. There was also plenty of delicious food: a potato soup or chili supper along with plenty of traditional carnival foods such as cotton candy and caramel apples.

IAA earned about \$2800 to help pay for the new playground that the students are "over the moon" about and Pathfinders raised about \$500 toward their trip to the 2019 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

~ Jami Simpson with Sarah Gould

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## **Vista Ridge Academy Students Awarded Ride in Police Car »**

Six VRA students, recipients of the Selfless Respect for Others Award through the Erie Police Department, were given a ride in Officer Thoen's police car on Thursday, November 29.





"Thank you, Officer Thoen for joining us in encouraging our core values," said Principal Sandy Hodgson, referring to the CHERISH values promoted by the school.

-- RMCNews; photo by Rachel Skaife

## Centura Health Impacts Village Life in the Amazon Basin »

Life in villages along the Amazon River is not easy. The remoteness of these villages makes life challenging in a multitude of ways and access to healthcare is a constant struggle. Centura Health has been leading primary health clinics in the Amazon Basin of Peru for several years but wanted to do more to change the overall health of these small jungle communities.



In 2017, a new project called **Salud Total** (or Total Health) was introduced in the village of Manati 1 Zona along with five key partners: Centura Health, Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl, the local district government, the Peruvian Ministry of Health, and the Universidad Peruana Unión (UPeU) a Seventh-Day Adventist university in Lima. The goal of this new project was to focus on health education and prevention, and to improve the wellbeing of the entire community.

With the support of the key partners, five UPeU students in their last year of university traveled from Lima to Manati 1 Zona, and spent the entire academic year living in the community. After conducting a health needs assessment, two areas of focus were established: 1) reducing anemia in children under five years old; and 2) reducing the incidence of

parasites in children over five. The results for both after the first year, were amazing with greater than 50 percent reduction in both categories.

The Adventist students and **Salud Total** project coordinator made an impact in this community, especially on the young people. Youth from this village have never gone on to higher education, but several of these students are now eager to pursue their professional dreams.



Even more impactful on the community was the spiritual influence. No churches exist in Manati 1 Zona, yet the Salud Total team organized regular activities on Sabbath. One result was the baptism of eight members of the community in November and plans are underway to organize a church community.

God has richly blessed the efforts of these medical missionaries. **Salud Total** will continue to operate in Manati 1 Zona next year, and the project will extend into another village in 2019 called Sinchicuy. It has truly made a difference in the physical, mental, and spiritual life of this jungle community.

To learn about opportunities to sponsor a young adult's education or to help support a project in Sinchicuy, visit the website at [CenturaGlobalHealth.org](http://CenturaGlobalHealth.org) or contact

[KimberlyKennedy@Centura.org](mailto:KimberlyKennedy@Centura.org)

-- Greg Hodgson; text and photos

'From the littlest spark may burst a mighty flame.'

~ Author unknown

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## NEW EMPLOYEES

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**Andy C. Nash** is the new Senior Pastor for LifeSource Fellowship Church effective January 1, 2019. He was a Professor at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee for over 15 years.

**David Martinez** will be the new Pastor for Golden, Denver West, and Lakewood Fellowship SDA churches starting January 1, 2019. He is the former Pastor of Aurora First SDA



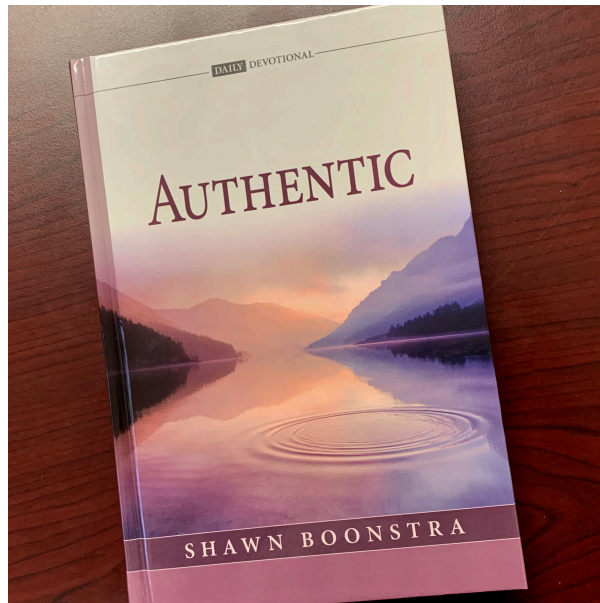
Church for almost 4 years. He last served as Chaplain at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital for 5 years.

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## DEVOTIONAL BOOK FOR 2019

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One of my earliest childhood memories is family worship. Night and morning, we all gathered around and read together--A habit that has stuck with me all of my life. I try to never leave the house, no matter how rushed I am without spending a few moments having a devotional time.



This year, I am very excited to see the **NEW DEVOTIONAL BOOK** for 2019 *Authentic* by Shawn Boonstra, director/speaker for the Voice of Prophecy. He has chosen to spend time visiting the 13 truths of the

foundation of the Adventist faith and to find authenticity and a deeper relationship with Christ.

The retail price is \$18.99, but mention that you read about it in *News Nuggets* and I will give you \$4 off until the end of December.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**25 Days of Christmas »** Mile High Academy is counting down the 25 days of Christmas and inviting you to join. Each day, they will have a great idea for giving to Mile High Academy, but you can give toward anything you're passionate about -- student scholarships, teachers, classrooms, programs, etc. You can find out more by going to

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E333258&id=2>

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**Feast of Lights »** Denver South Church extends an invitation to redefine this holiday in the Spirit of Christ. The annual Feast of Lights concert draws the eyes and ears back to a simple, yet beautiful story: the Prince of Glory who came to our sin-torn world as a lowly babe in a manger. Here Christmas takes on a new theme--the gift of a Son to a world that needs to know God's Love. Join us for Feast of Lights at 7 p.m., Friday, **December 7** and at 4 p.m.,



Sabbath, **December 8**. The church is located at 2675 South Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.

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**Better Together Holiday Party »** Denver South Church is hosting a Christmas Party and everyone is invited! The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. **December 15** with dinner a la potluck, followed by a brief worship service. Then, we will form groups for caroling. We will be caroling in the neighborhood around Denver South. Please bring a warm coat. Later, the caroling groups will return to the church to enjoy fun games, crafts, and prizes for all ages. Those attending are welcome to bring food to share at dinner and treats throughout the evening. We can't wait to fellowship with you during this great season!

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**Women of the Manger »** On Saturday, **December 15**, the Grand Junction Church will host moving performances on *Women of the Manger*. Performances will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited to begin their Christmas where Christmas began--at the manger. The Grand Junction Church is located at 550 25 1/2 Road, Grand Junction CO.

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**Prayer Breakfast »** Join us Sunday, **December 16**, 9-11 a.m. at the Conference office for a Prayer Breakfast to praise God for all He's done during 2018 and to pray together for more of the Holy Spirit in our homes, churches, and communities in 2019. You are welcome to bring a breakfast item to share--or just COME! Questions? Call/Text DeeAnn 303-243-1172. See you there!

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**10 Days of Prayer »** Plan now for 10 Days of Prayer. This is a global church event. You can find everything you need to host 10 Days of Prayer at YOUR church at [www.tendaysofprayer.org](http://www.tendaysofprayer.org). Want to join in but a bit hesitant about leading out? We'll be happy to coach you and pray together with you! (call DeeAnn at 303-243-1172) **RMC - LET'S PRAY!**

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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**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](mailto:HR@rmcsda.org).

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**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).

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**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](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org) for questions or to submit your resume.

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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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**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](mailto: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.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines,

see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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**Share the NewsNuggets with your congregation »** Add a note to your church bulletin or newsletter with the following URL: [www.bit.ly/RMCnews](http://www.bit.ly/RMCnews)

Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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*Knowing Christ and Making Him Fully Known*

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