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Hope and Healing Comes at Wyoming Camp Meeting »

Among the exhibitors at the Awaken Wyoming camp meeting, July 12 - 17, was The Hope of Survivors, a nonprofit organization which addresses and provides assistance, support, hope and healing for survivors of pastoral sexual abuse.



Samantha Nelson, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization, is delighted to report the class size doubled each day and that her team was “blessed to minister to several victims privately before or after the seminars.”

One of these attendees, a former victim, shares that she and her husband had been absent from the Wyoming camp meeting for several years. What brought them to the meeting in Casper, Wyoming was an advertisement received in the mail. “I started to throw it away, when suddenly the word ‘HOPE’ caught my eye. ‘Hope of Survivors—a ministry addressing the issue of sexual misconduct among spiritual leaders.’” She could not believe her eyes.

“I was shocked someone actually started a ministry centered around the Church’s most taboo subject,” she explains.

Excited to attend this series of meetings, she and her husband headed up Casper Mountain. After attending every meeting hosted by co-founders Pastor Steve and Samantha Nelson, she can now testify, “A burden was lifted as I agreed to let God fill my heart with forgiveness—for my pastoral perpetrator, my enabling family and the passive church I had left.”

Friday, July 29, 2016

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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee

August 2, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Western Slope Camp Meeting

August 3 - 7

Steve and Samantha created the organization after a personal experience with abusive clergy. Since December of 2002, The Hope of Survivors has helped thousands of victims from over 35 countries and 55 denominations, religious and faith communities.

The couple began their Wyoming ministry on December 1, 2015, after Steve accepted the call to the Cody Seventh-day Adventist Church. He shares that since this move they have seen eight victims a month, or two new people a week. The website receives much more traffic as churches, pastors, and individuals peruse it for various resources and information.

The Hope of Survivors, which runs on donations, will celebrate Clergy Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention Day® on August 1. Following will be the Walk Hope Survive 5K walk, from August 27 - September 3.

[The Hope of Survivors newsletter]

Montrose Hispanic Company Holds Celebration »

Be a beacon in your community, Ruben Rivera, RMC Hispanic coordinator, challenged a newly- formed church company of the Montrose Seventh-day Adventist group. He was speaking at a celebration, July 23, 2016, and welcomed the company church on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Conference.



The group was formed in 2012 by two pastors, Fritz Krieger and Michael Shannon, and the gathering also celebrated the baptism of six new members. Fritz, pastor of the Montrose English Seventh-day Adventist Church, encouraged the group to continue growing, and expressed his love and appreciation for the new congregation. The evening ended with a Mexican dinner and fiesta in the Montrose school gym.

Fritz and Michael, pastor of the newly-formed company and of five other churches in Colorado, met in September 2012 with the idea of planting a Spanish-speaking congregation in Montrose. Two months later, at a business meeting in Olathe, a vote decided the formation of a branch Sabbath School in Montrose. The Sabbath School groups began meeting in the Montrose English Seventh-day Adventist Church on January 19, 2013, with an attendance of 17 believers.

Since then, seven reaping evangelism series have been held and 31 baptisms as well as two professions of faith have occurred. Sabbath School weekly attendance averages 45 individuals. On May 17, 2016, the RMC Executive Committee voted to grant the request to make Montrose Hispanic Branch Sabbath School into a Seventh-day Adventist company. It is an active group strongly supporting and participating in the events of the Conference’s Hispanic Ministries.

The company plans to hold evangelistic series later in 2016.
[Michael Shannon; photo provided by Michael Shannon]

From the Pages of History: Nuggets of the Gospel Came on the Heels of the Gold Rush »

Bangs sticking to a young man’s forehead, lips parched, body aching from hours of being jostled on the uninviting wagon bench, wooden wheels slowly trudged over earth worn bare by wagons of

Pastor & Teacher Meetings

August 6 - 8

HR On-Boarding

August 10

GVR Board

August 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

August 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Daughters of Grace Retreat

September 16 - 18

Western Colorado Men's Advance

September 16 - 18

Hispanic Women's Retreat

September 30 - October 2

Give Them Hope Health Summit

October 13 - 16

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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

pioneers pursuing the 1844 Gold Rush. Golden rays stream relentlessly on his mules, glistening on their sleek black backs. Despite the danger of Native American attacks, his small family sets up a homestead in Montrose, Colorado, to work as missionaries among Anglo and Hispanic miners.



One man's work in Montrose, combined with recently established congregations in Boulder (1870s), Longmont (1880), and Denver (circa 1880), and the presence of James and Ellen White, who held the first formal series of Adventist meetings in the history of Colorado and who set up a nine-year personal summer retreat in the state in 1872, led to the 1882 establishment of the Colorado Conference.* In just over a decade, driven by dynamic sharing of the Gospel and emphasis on Scriptural truths, the Adventist presence in Colorado had grown enough to receive recognition as an official conference.

For the next 100 years the ministry in the Midwest continued its growth, and the Colorado Conference later merged with the Wyoming Conference to become the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1981.

Today, mission work in the conference is ongoing, and over the last 15 to 20 years, planting churches has been a main thrust with countable success.

These years also saw a change in emphasis in evangelism, including hundreds of baptisms. This success paired with an additional 400 to 500 baptisms resulting from an *It is Written* evangelistic series by Adventist televangelist Mark Finley and Voice of Prophecy Director Shawn Boonstra.

RMC President Ed Barnett noted evangelism is a key way to fulfill the Gospel commission.

A firm believer that personal and public evangelism in the church is critical to fulfilling the call of discipleship, Ed advocates for more personal and public evangelism in local churches.

“The Gospel commission should be something we all look at, and try to make work. We all have a sphere of those we meet—more than likely our friend circles do not consist of the same people—and we need to realize a personal commitment to being disciples of the Truth,” he shares.

Ed recognizes Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist churches have met much success in the fields of personal and public evangelism. It seems the Hispanic church members build stronger spiritual connections with friends and visitors, and invite them to church functions. These churches typically hold two evangelistic meetings or series a year, and also experience the fastest church growth.

By inviting friends and acquaintances to church functions, socials, series, and other events, and by holding more public evangelistic series, there is greater potential for positive results. However, getting people on church grounds is not the only generator of success.

“This Sabbath School lesson quarterly focuses on service and outreach,” Ed explains. “When we help the less fortunate meet their needs, they will be more receptive to the Gospel.” He

church members.

Please email your story to 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.**

elaborates, “Sometimes, we are the only exposure people have to Jesus, and it’s our responsibility to make sure we are acting as Christ’s disciples.”

Ed lists other strategies for spreading the Good News. Many churches do not hold public evangelistic meetings, but still find success as they actively reach out to the community. Holding financial planning or parenting training, health seminars, youth/young adult events, and other activities are great opportunities to touch hearts.

In a busy world that offers little time to spare, building bridges and making connections can be difficult. However, when filled with Jesus’ love, in our very countenance we can be an encouragement to others.

The Gospel nuggets are still to be found in our territory. Writing in a recent *Mountain Views*, Eric Nelson, RMC vice president and outreach coordinator, says “outreach and evangelism are integral parts of ministry in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Many methods can be developed and implemented. The methods are not as important as the fact that the churches are focused on reaching out toward their communities, with Christ-centered presentations and truth-filled sharing.”

*Historical details in this article were taken from “History of the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church” in the files of the *Boulder Daily Camera*, and *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*, vol. 10.

[Stefani Leeper with Rajmund Dabrowski; photo of the Oregon Trail ruts in Guernsey by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Visitors are Always Welcome at Glacier View Ranch »

Surrounded by a tranquil forest with a backdrop of rugged peaks, Glacier View Ranch (GVR) is a high-altitude Christian camp located in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Miles away from everyday ordinariness, it’s a place to hold a family reunion, a weekend getaway, or a church or corporate retreat.



In the summer, sun sparkles off the glacier-made, ten-acre lake and mirrors the forest and rugged peaks beyond. You can swim, fish, canoe or just enjoy the scenic vistas and fresh mountain air.

“Glacier View Ranch has 600 acres and is surrounded on three sides by national forest,” says RMC Youth Director Steve Hamilton, who spends his summers directing the summer camp. “It’s in proximity of Rocky Mountain National Park, and recreation opportunities are limitless,” he enthuses.

You can even use GVR as a basecamp to the great outdoors. There are miles of trails along a mix of aspen, spruce, fir, and Ponderosa pine. You could hike to the Ceran St. Vrain Trail, an easy trail through the forest and along a riverbank with plenty of shade. Watch for columbines and Fairy Slipper Orchids that thrive along the creek, and hone your photography skills on world-class scenery.

Jeep trails and mountain biking trails abound. Within two miles of camp, you’ll find the Coney Flats and Middle St. Vrain trail leading to a T-33 military jet crash site.

Off-road enthusiasts, as well as mountain bikers, will enjoy the Miller Rock/Lower St. Vrain Trail. “It’s pretty technical riding,” says

Kiefer Dooley, one of RMC's associate youth directors who has recently gotten into mountain biking. "It's steep and rocky. It's very fun, but not for beginners," he cautions.

Hikers can summit Sawtooth, a 12,304 foot peak with trails for varying abilities.

Rock climbing is available onsite or in the Ironclads, a popular climbing place a few miles from camp.

In winter, snow caps the rugged peaks beyond the camp, and footpaths offer opportunity for snowshoeing the backcountry. After a day spent out-of-doors, your group can gather around a cozy fire in the lodge with steaming cups of chai.

Twenty miles outside of Boulder, Colorado at an almost 9,000-foot elevation, the camp boasts a lodge with 48 rooms and private baths. The 20 cabins provide a rustic experience. If you desire a more outdoorsy ambience, you can pitch a tent. The camp also has RV sites. There are meeting rooms in the main lodge and a dining room that seats 200, along with a spacious auditorium that seats 500.

Dan and Julia Hansen are camp ministries director and guest services coordinator, respectively. They do their best to make sure your stay is enjoyable, and are instrumental in not only keeping the entire camp tidy, but in upgrading the facilities.

"We've upgraded our facilities for church group events, conferences, and retreats," proudly explains Dan.

Most recently, the camp received an upgrade of all the mattresses and pillows in the lodge and swapped out the old bedspreads for new. The carpet in the common areas of the lodge is new and will be replaced in all lodge rooms by end of year.

Plans for a new kitchen, to be added onto the old, are at the drawing-board stage. New chef, Cherissa Thomas, has been cooking at GVR since May and has completed the Safe-Serve program with plans to obtain a full-fledged certificate in August.

Glacier View Ranch is your access to adventure.

The GVR personnel invites visitors to get ready to unwind, and hold your next family gathering at Glacier View Ranch.

[Carol Bolden; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

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

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:

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Wildfire II » Join us on July 29-31 as teens speak out with Bible predictions. Together we will explore the seedbed of terrorism, the placement of Islam in Bible predictions, and God's honeymoon in search for good answers to today's problems. There is no registration fee. Wildfire II will be held at the big tent at 4100 W 20th Street in Greeley, Colorado 80634.

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/>.

Global Health Initiatives

Caring Beyond Borders

Global Health Initiatives, a Colorado-based organization, focuses on changing lives through medical care and health-based education in underserved populations within Nepal, Peru and Rwanda.

Since its inception in 2006, Global Health Initiatives has completed 105 mission trips comprised of nearly 2,000 total volunteers and has impacted over 48,000 lives.

This exhibit tells our story.



About *Healing Arts*

Artwork displayed in the Healing Arts gallery seeks to provide a healing environment to help treat illness and provide an inspiration for living. Whether you're a patient, visiting a loved one, or passing through the hospital, we invite you to experience the original artwork and stories by our local artists.



About photographer Cohan Zarnoch: I have had a camera in my hand since I was 12, which has allowed me to view the world through a different perspective. My nursing career guided me toward the need to serve those less privileged, so traveling as both a nurse and a photographer gave me the opportunity to help those in need and share their story through the lens of my camera.

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>.

Mark Anthony's Dinner and a Message » Come for a free, live vegetarian performing arts cooking show hosted by chef Mark Anthony, at 4 p.m. on August 7 at Colorado Springs Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 6 p.m. on August 8 at the Woodland Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, and again at 6 p.m. on August 9th at the Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church. Learn about plant-based nutrition and other great topics, such as weight loss, lowering cholesterol, and increasing energy. Located at 801 Castillo Ave. Fairplay, Colorado. Limited seating. For more information, call [719-836-3589](tel:719-836-3589). Visit www.ChefMarkAnthony.com, and his Facebook and YouTube channel at [VeganChefMarkAnthony](https://www.facebook.com/VeganChefMarkAnthony).

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. Johnsson 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>. Visit our website at [visitwww.bouldser.church](http://www.bouldser.church).

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 rexngingerbell@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.

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](tel: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](tel: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>

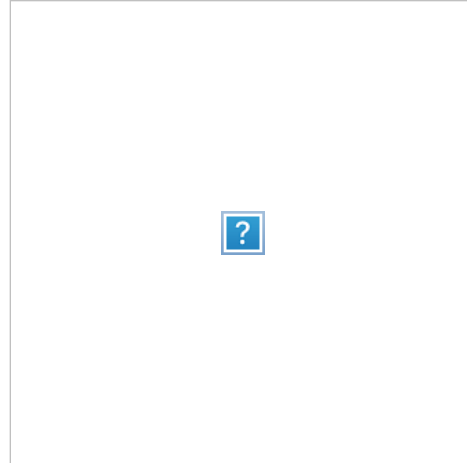
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at rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo. For more information, go

to rmcyouth.org/camp or visit the new website

at <http://www.glacierviewranch.com/>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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 two part-time kindergarten aides, and 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

<http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/> for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions.

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

michellelevelbis@gmail.com or call [719-561-9120](tel:719-561-9120).



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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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