



NEWS NUGGETS

Friday, July 6, 2018

Students Impact Health Mission Trip to Peru »

Union College students Katie Buxton and Logan Kennedy joined a group of 53 volunteers for a week-long medical mission trip organized by Global Health Initiatives of Denver. According to Kim Kennedy, Development Officer at Centura Global Health Initiatives, both students were excited about going on this trip, but they had concerns about raising the \$4,400 dollars. Within less than two months, they were fully funded. "I was amazed at how quickly all the money was raised. It was clear that God was calling me to be a part of something much bigger than myself," said Katie.



The group joined teams and participated in four areas of service--the donor administration team, the surgical team, the community health team, and the community service team, where Logan and Katie were placed. The community service team worked on a school project in the village of Sinchicuy where they helped with an art program and a soccer camp for nearly 90 students from grades 1 -12. "The children attending the school had very little, so being able to provide them with supplies is a memory that I will not forget," says Logan.

Working together in a 5th and 6th grade classroom gave Katie and Logan the opportunity to build relationships with the young children. They admitted the first few days were difficult because of the language barrier, but it didn't take long for the

"Have a big enough heart to love unconditionally, and a broad enough mind to embrace the differences that make each of us unique."

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students to warm up to them. "This mission trip was different than all the others I have been on, because I was placed in a setting where I was allowed to take time and spend a few days with the kids to connect with them on a personal level and that was an amazing experience," said Logan. "Being with the children and seeing them so excited to show us their community garden, introduce us to their village monkey, help them with various art projects, and sing songs with them strengthened our connection," added Katie. "It was amazing how I went into the mission trip to help make a difference in other people's lives, but just being with those kids for a short amount of time left an impact on me."



The team also visited a nearby school for special needs children. The village people believed that a medical clinic was to be set up on site. "This was a misunderstanding," Kim commented. When the team arrived, about 50-60 kids were lined up with their parents to receive help, but there was no medicine and only one doctor available. To help distract the children, Katie and Logan took time to color with them in coloring books they brought. For Katie, this simple gesture meant so much more, as she sat next to a little girl with Down syndrome who had a huge smile on her face, she noticed that the young girl had puss oozing out of her ears. "That's when everything clicked for me and I realized why I was there. These kids barely have anything. They're struggling to get through life and dealing with medical issues, yet they find so much joy in little things like coloring. This taught me a lesson that I will stick with me forever," says Katie. After their return, Katie and Logan listed three important areas that could be considered by future volunteers--Keep an open mind, embrace your experiences with people from all different walks of life, and don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. God takes those opportunities to help you grow.

Global Health Initiatives works to make a difference in remote areas around the world. Each year they take ten mission trips to, Nepal, Peru, and Rwanda and are currently



Upcoming Events

Cowboy Camp Meeting
July 11 - 15, 7 a.m.

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 17 - 21, 7 a.m.

Hispanic Marriage Retreat
July 21, 22

**Mid-America Union
Hispanic Youth Camp**
July 27-30

**Western Slope Camp
Meeting**
August 1-4, 7 a.m.

Pathfinder Camporee
GVR
August 2-5

Hispanic Pastor's Meeting
Glenwood Springs
August 7-9

Hispanic INTEL Class
August 10-11

Pastors Meeting
August 12-15

**RMC Property and Trust
Committee**
August 15, 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting
August 21

GVR Board
August 21, 9:30 am

Hispanic Camp Meeting
August 31- September 2

working to expand their health care mission to other countries. If you would like to get involved or want to find out more, you can contact, Kim Kennedy at KimberlyKennedy@centura.org.

--Alaysha Harris; photos by

Campion to Establish Ministry of Compassion »

The news from Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church is that compassion is still in style, says Michael Goetz, senior pastor.

Over the last year, an ad-hoc group of individuals has been meeting and praying about how Campion can be more intentional about serving our community with compassion. Thoughts and ideas were brought to the church board and it was recently voted to establish a Compassion Ministry Team that would work to guide the church and individual members on continually advancing compassionate service.

The small group that has volunteered to begin this ministry has come to several conclusions, including the creation of Compassion Team to absorb the current areas of Community Service, and merge them together.

Along with the two areas of preparing food baskets and feeding the homeless, as per current areas of focus for Community Service, the initial focus areas will be establishing both ministry groups or sunshine bands to reach out to shut-ins, and our work with Angel House, housing homeless families in the church periodically through the year.

While the ministry team members are yet to be officially voted by the church, they have recommended Arlen Mekelburg as team leader.

"Jesus as our example cared about other people to the maximum from young children, to ill and sick people, to those burdened from sin, to his own mother, and even the self righteous rulers of His day. We can continue His example today, where people want to see sharing and caring with skin on," Mekelburg commented on the importance for a church to be engaged in such a ministry.

-- Micheal Goetz

One-Day Camp Meeting in RMC Northeast »

Members of RMC's NE district came together at the Sterling Church for a joint camp meeting on Sabbath, June 30. The group of at least 60 people in attendance came from Akron, Sterling, Fort Morgan, Yuma, and Holyoke churches. Only members of the seven-member Burlington Church, nearly three hours away by car, were not represented. The district has 235 church members.



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name of the photographer.

Please consider time

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fresh new stories instead of

outdated ones. Submission

deadlines are Wednesdays

by noon.



Present to help celebrate this high day was RMC president Ed Barnett who presented the sermon, “Christ’s Robe of Righteousness for You.” A translator was provided for each of the ethnic groups represented, including speakers of Spanish and Kinyarwanda (from Rwanda).

“It was a high day,” expressed Pastor Don Lopes who, along with Rex Bell, helped organize the gathering.

Following the noon meal, a musical concert was presented by church members from each church represented, interspersed with reports on their mission endeavors, which included mailing Bible study cards, holding friendship activities, socials, and cooking classes. Eager to be involved, Sterling members are asking for more things to do and are taking Bible studies to the 50 people who have requested them as a result of the mailings.

“We plan to do this twice a year,” explained Lopes, “once in early summer and again in the fall.”


-- RMCNews

Matt Moreland Joins RMC Planned Giving and Trust Services »

Matt Moreland, current RMC assistant youth director, will transition to the RMC Planned Giving and Trust Services after the summer camp season. He will fill the position of field representative left by the unexpected passing of Julio Arias.



“Our department still mourns the loss of Julio Arias. His sunny disposition and tireless efforts were inspiring, and we

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miss him deeply. We are very grateful that the Lord is leading us through this difficult time, and that His hand has been evident in providing a field representative in whom we have confidence," said director Doug English.

Matt's leadership and dedication in his current position have made a significant positive impact for Rocky Mountain youth, especially in connection with his work at Mill Springs Ranch in Wyoming," English commented. "He possesses the skill set that we believe is necessary for assisting families in making their estate plans, and he is looking forward to bringing his passion for ministry to our team," he added.

"We are delighted about this next step in Matt's journey. I believe that the trust department will be a good fit for Matt's personality, experience and his passion for ministry," commented Steve Hamilton, RMC youth director. "The RMC youth department puts high value on being a training ground and launch pad for young leaders in the church. We are looking forward to working with the trust department during this transition time," he added.

The transition will not be immediate as Matt still has responsibilities with the youth department and will be wrapping things up through the summer. We feel a kinship to the youth department and want to make sure he has the flexibility to make this a smooth transition for them. At summer's end, Matt will experience some rigorous training through the certification process for this very specialized ministry. Please join us in prayer for Matt through his transition and in thanking God for blessing us with such a gifted young leader.

-- RMCNews with Doug English; photo supplied by RMC youth

WELCOME RMC EMPLOYEES

John Clark will begin pastoring the Cortez, Nucla, and Dove Creek churches July 16. Coming from the Texas Conference, John is married to Pamela, a nurse practitioner. They have two children, Seth and David.

Hector Bonilla began working as maintenance coordinator for the RMC office June 25. A member of Denver Central Hispanic, he brings significant maintenance experience and a passion for the church and its ministries.

RMC PRAYS

Interceding for Our Children » is the focus of the July 6 Day of Prayer and Fasting. You can find GREAT resources here:

<https://www.revivalandreformation.org/resources/all/prayer->

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.

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and-fasting-days. Let's PRAY for our own children and for ALL the Children of RMC.

The first Sabbath of every quarter is set aside as a day of prayer and fasting with a specific focus planned for each of the four Sabbaths.

CAMP MEETING VENUE CONFIRMATION

Western Slope Camp Meeting will meet at **Mountaintop Retreat** in Montrose, not the Montrose Pavilion.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 2018

Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
	Speaker: Mic Thurber	
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
	Speaker: Mike Ryan	
Hispanic	Aug 31-Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Rocky Mountain Pastors will be at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voice of Prophecy » *Discovery Mountain*, the award-winning children's audio adventure series produced by Jean Boonstra and the Voice of Prophecy, just launched its sixth season on **June 20**. Program episodes are available free at discoverymountain.com/listen, on popular podcast platforms like iTunes, iHeartRadio and AudioVerse, and on select radio stations—including 3ABN Radio—throughout North America. New to *Discovery Mountain*? You can catch up on the first five seasons for free!

Montrose Church » A musical program by Don and Donna Mohl will be held Sabbath, **July 7** at 7:30 p.m. This husband and wife team plays a mix of mountain and folk gospel with traditional hymns and new gospel on old-time biblical instruments like bowed psaltery, zither mandolin and

dulcimer. CDs and DVDs will be available after the program . For those who wish to contribute, a free-will offering will be taken. All Western Slope churches are urged to attend the program.

New Freedom to Love: Truth About Love and Porn »

Note the following facts: There are 68 million internet search queries for pornography each day.

- The top five porn sites in the world have a combined 17.73 *billion* visits per month (that's 738,750,000 per hour, 12,312,500 per minute, or 205,208 per second).
- 77% of Christian men ages 18-30 view porn at least monthly.
- 30% of pastors report they have visited a pornography site within the last 30 days.
- The average age of exposure to porn in the U.S. is 11 years old and dropping

Pornography use has become rampant across nearly all demographics. It doesn't stop at the church doors, and it doesn't stop at the doors of the family home. Silence and shame on this topic are no longer an option.

New Freedom to Love is a live, 5-part, church-sponsored seminar that opens the subject of pornography up for frank discussion. It provides an educational, holistic look at how pornography affects us bio-chemically, emotionally, and spiritually.

July 21 at 2:00 p.m., Erik Stenbakken, Local NFTL producer and speaker

July 21 at 4:00 p.m., Mike Tucker, Faith for Today and Mad About Marriage speaker

July 22 at 1:00 p.m., Bernie Anderson, pastor, speaker, and coach

July 22 at 3:00 p.m., Dr. Celeste Holbrook, Christian sexologist and speaker

July 22 at 6:00 p.m., Troy Beans, Speaker and Coach

Everyone ages 10 and up is encouraged to reserve a free seat at <http://newfreedomtolove.eventbrite.com>

Prayer Summit » Registration opens for our September Prayer Summit. We are excited to have James L. Black, Sr., North American Division Prayer Ministries Director, as our guest for "OPEN IT!" Prayer Summit, September 7-9. "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock Heaven's storehouse," and we want to OPEN IT together! In addition to deepening our own personal prayer life, we'll learn how to best use prayer ministries as an evangelistic tool for our communities!

Plan to attend and help SPREAD THE WORD! Registration is online and you can access the link here:

www.rmcsda.org/prayer. Can you help with the Summit?

Please email deeannb@rmcsda.org or call 303-243-1172

Women's Retreat » “Branded in Christ,” RMC women's retreat will be held at Glacier View Ranch **September 28-30**. Heather-Dawn Small, Women's Ministries Director for our SDA world church, is our featured speaker. View the brochure at: www.rmcsda.org/women. Registration is online and begins July 15. For questions email deeannb@rmcsda.org, or text/call 303-243-1172.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

La Vida Mission » Have you always wanted to be a missionary? The Navajo Nation is a mission field in your back yard. We are needing a husband/wife team for the boys' dorm for this coming year. This position will include other jobs, of course, such as teaching, maintenance, cook's helper, janitorial, or grounds keeper, etc. If you can come over to the Navajo Nation and help us, please send me an email asap: steve@lavidamission.org.

Intermountain Adventist Academy »

Accountant/Administrative Assistant. This is a full time job, and the candidate must have excellent communication skills and prior experience, managing accounting systems. Candidate must also be able to perform basic office managing duties. Salary will be determined by candidate's education and experience. Contact Joel Reyes at jojenbe@gmail.com for more details and job description.

Mile High Academy » Mile High Academy has immediate openings for the 2018-2019 school year for two part-time drivers for our transportation routes. Qualified candidates will be at least 21 years old, possess, or be able to obtain, a current Colorado driver's license (Commercial Driver's License not necessary) have no more than two traffic citations and no at fault accidents during the last three years. Candidates must also possess current U.S. work authorization. While maintaining the dignity and respect for all students, the driver's primary responsibility is the safety of students while transporting them to and from school. To apply, please send an email to Vivien Vasquez to request an application (vivienv@rmcsda.org) or contact her by phone at [303-282-3653](tel:303-282-3653).

Voice of Prophecy Openings » The Voice of Prophecy is hiring! This evangelism-focused ministry is looking for two

people to join the Bible School team. Although both full-time positions are similar, the first requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in religion or theology, while the second requires the minimum of an associate's degree. Both the **Bible School & Evangelism Assistant Director** and the **Bible School & Evangelism Bible Worker** will provide training, consultation, support and promotion for the Voice of Prophecy *Discover* Bible Schools and Discovery Centers. Learn more and apply at vop.com/jobs.

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).

Vista Ridge Academy » Vista Ridge Academy is seeking a **part-time aide** for our Early Childhood Education program. Candidates must meet state requirements for an Early Childhood preschool teacher. For more information or to find qualifications, contact our Early Childhood Education Director, Sandy Hepp, at shepp@vistaridge.org (303.828.4944).

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 for questions or to submit your resume.

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FROM THE EDITOR

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.**

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.

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

--Editor

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