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Students Taking Good News to Colorado Homes »

We are off to another great start this summer, said Joe Martin. He directs the Rocky Mountain Conference’s Student Literature Evangelism [LE] program, now in its 26th year.



“Joe’s mission is sharing books; his goal is not about money. He wants to spread truth,” shares Emily “Emy” Wood, a Communications major in her second year of LE with the Rocky Mountain Conference. “For us, it’s not about getting enough money for paying off school bills, but giving away as many books as we can to help others.” Another blessing is that she and the others grow to know these books inside and out, and the experience of sharing these works with others thirsting for God strengthens her own spirituality, as well as her relationship with her fiancé Eliezer Roque Cisneros.

Eliezer, a theology major at Union College, shared that his goal in his fourth year of colportering is leaving seeds. “I’m not here to indoctrinate anyone,” the Olathe, Colorado native shared. “I just want to leave books for Jesus. That’s my only job this summer.”

And the success of this job showed when he was able to witness to a young couple. He shared with us his testimony:

Before the door even opened, I was initially greeted with yelling and hostility. The door opened to show a young woman,

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Upcoming Events

**Independence Day --
Office Closed**

July 4

Staff Meeting

July 5, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

patiently waiting for her partner to stop yelling. She let me show her the books I had, despite her husband still interjecting objections from the other room. When I canvassed *The Prince of Peace* and *The Life of Christ* for children, the man stopped. The house grew quiet as I worked from *The Prince of Peace* to *Peace Above the Storm* (a large-print *Steps to Christ*) and then to the *Desire of Ages*. Finally, I handed the young woman *The Great Controversy*, our final book.

I was never able to canvas it.

The man rushed to the door and took *The Great Controversy* from her hands.

"This is *The Great Controversy*," he said with a shaking voice. "It's written by Ellen White. This book is about the end world events." The woman was more shocked than I was. "This book is the truth about what will happen before Jesus comes back!" He pointed at me. "You... You're a Seventh-day Adventist Christian."

"What's going on? How do you know all of this?" the wife asked, witnessing a new side of her husband.

"Because," he said with tears swelling in his eyes, "I was an Adventist when I was boy. I left the church when my leaders didn't believe in their own prophet."

He bought all of my books that day.

Going door-to-door and getting yelled at or waiting around just hoping someone will answer the door—is it worth it? “Yes,” Aksana Buster says simply. “When you meet these people and you come to know why you’re there, you’re reminded of the purpose, of sharing the gospel.” Some people are rude and some are searching for something more, but in the end it comes down to helping and encouraging them in growing closer to God.

Perhaps the best part is leaving happiness in people’s lives. At least, that’s the best part about it for Mira Ball, who will soon be leaving for the Island of Chuuk, Micronesia as a student missionary. No matter where she is or what she’s doing, she is being called to help others, to develop a ministry for God. And this theme resonates with the other canvassers as well.

“My mission is to get spirituality in the home, and for God to work through me to reach these people; to give them an opportunity to be exposed to a God who loves them,” concluded Aksana, who is in her second year of canvassing, the first with the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Whether through sharing God’s love, the news of Jesus’ second coming, the three angels’ message, or just simply happiness, one thing is certain: People are growing closer to God.

The 2016 group consists of 23 students canvassing and evangelizing homes in Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Grand Junction.

[Stefani Leeper, photo provided by Emily Wood]

Disaster and Relief Coordinator Cathy Kissner and ADRA Canada Fight Fort McMurray Wildfire »

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 6 - 10

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 12 - 16

Wyoming Taskforce

July 16

Finance Committee

July 19, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

July 19, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Constitution & By-laws Committee

July 19, 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Staff Meeting

August 2, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Western Slope Camp Meeting

August 3 - 6

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.

Find out more...

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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



Cathy Kissner, invited to serve as consultant to ADRA Canada by the North American Division, helped develop the donation operation system for the multi-agency warehouse, which will be used for an anticipated 6-8 months as cleanup, reconstruction, and relocation continue for residents of Alberta, Canada.

The warehouse opened June 1.

Cathy says the combined efforts of her team and ADRA Canada managed “to get the warehouse up and running within 12 days.” Together, they established 175,000 square feet for this warehouse, which coordinated well with donations for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, where part of the fire occurred. Five full-time staff were hired to tend to the warehouse.

Cathy’s team was invited by ADRA Canada to provide expertise in developing and improving shipping. During this process, the not-yet-ready warehouse received goods from other warehouses too small to hold the items. Contributing to this dynamic was poorly organized inventory, which did not allow for proper shipping, Cathy informs. The two teams worked together to develop creative solutions.

“It was an extreme pleasure to work with great Christian people in ADRA Canada,” Cathy shared.

The structure is receiving items from all across Canada, including diapers, personal hygiene tools such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, clothing, food, blankets, pet food, and other essential items.

The Fort McMurray church and The Alberta Conference established a crisis care team to aid spiritual and emotional ailments suffered by the victims.

[Stefani Leeper; photo provided by Cathy Kissner]

ADU Denver Students Learn Healthcare as Ministry »



Stephania Pierre, a pre-nursing student at Adventist University of Health Sciences’ (ADU) Denver site, has always had a passion for helping people in crisis get the care they need. In high school, Stephania [pictured with her anatomy and physiology professor, Dr. Karen Austin] volunteered with local paramedics and was impressed by how their calm demeanor and attention to patient needs helped soothe even the most agitated patients.

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 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.

After her volunteer experience, Stephania knew her life's work would be in healthcare. "A career in healthcare is more than just a paycheck to me," she reflects. "As a Christian, you learn to care for your patient's whole-person needs, and not just what brought them to the hospital." This sense of healing the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—is part of ADU's mission of *healthcare as a ministry*, to care for patients on all levels, as one would a loved one.

Stephania had the unique opportunity to learn that mission from her professors at ADU and has seen firsthand how spirituality plays an integral part in the healing process both in and outside the classroom.

ADU Denver students attend classes via real-time, two-way video conferencing in classrooms located on the campus of Porter Adventist Hospital.

In 2009, responding to the need of Centura Health's CEO for mission-focused healthcare professionals, Adventist University of Health Sciences opened its Denver site. The University's main campus is located in Orlando, Florida.

Students from both campuses live out ADU's mission and daily see it in action. Though most instruction takes place on the main campus, ADU Denver students still feel connected to and part of the mission of the university, their faculty members, and fellow students.

ADU students, including Stephania, are also the beneficiaries of this culture of caring. They feel personally connected to their professors who not only know their names, but truly care about their success and happiness. This culture of care gives students the opportunity to discover who they are and helps them become the healthcare provider they strive to be, and they understand that in order to fully heal a patient, one must provide more than just clinical care.

"Excellence in the classroom begins with a focus on spirituality and seeing patients not as a diagnosis, but as a child of God," states David Greenlaw, D.Min, ADU President. "Healthcare is a ministry and each student who graduates from ADU has the awesome responsibility to care for his or her future patients as Christ would."

To learn more about ADU Denver and the academic programs offered, please visit www.adu.edu/denver or call 303-765-6276.

[Katie Shaw; photo by Andrew Shaw]

Kiefer Dooley Named Assistant Youth Director »



The Rocky Mountain Conference is pleased to announce Kiefer Dooley as the new assistant youth director.

Kiefer graduated from Ozark Academy in 2011, and in 2015 from the University of Arkansas. With the aid of scholarships, he was encouraged to enter the field of business, but after countless hours of typing in numbers on a computer screen, he knew it was time for a change.

Having spent six years working at summer camps, it seemed only fitting that his decision to apply for the RMC position originated at a campfire with Steve Hamilton seated next to him. Prayer over their conversations led to an application. Kiefer will begin his duties come July 1.

“I’m super excited to be joining the Rocky Mountain Conference, and to keep working with the programs while developing young adult ministries,” he shared with a wide smile.

The northwestern Arkansas native brings with him organization, hard work, energy, and, he added with a hint of a chuckle, “an even temperament that can keep Steven under control—a real benefit for the team.”

Putting back on his serious face, he added, “Over the past three years, Heidi Littell has laid a solid foundation for this department and I’m excited to see what can be built on the work she’s already done.”

“God gave me this opportunity to grow in this position, in terms of ministry and in working with a variety of people,” shared Heidi. “Having a snapshot of working in youth ministry was cool, and I’m excited for the new adventure in Indiana as a speech language pathologist—continuing to work with kids in a different kind of ministry.”

Heidi graduated from Loma Linda University in 2013 with a master’s degree in speech language pathology.

[Stefani Leeper; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Prayer and Planning Supports Bloomfield Outreach and Baptisms »



Homer Salazar, evangelist from Tampa, Florida, visited the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bloomfield, New Mexico, and presented an evangelistic program, June 5-11. “He preached and delighted us,” said Ruben Balaguer, pastor of the Durango District.

According to Balaguer, 18 visitors attended the first night of the event.

The campaign ended with Salazar’s musical concert and the baptism of three individuals. Members of the Bloomfield church had been making preparations for this outreach program since February.

Two weeks before the campaign, there was a special week of prayer for possible visitors, ending with a day of fasting and prayer for the church seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. “Last year we did something similar for another campaign which attracted many visitors and brought in seven new church members through baptism.”

Balaguer commented, “The result is surprising when we take plenty of time in advance to pray for the people and notice that the Holy Spirit works mightily in them and brings them to the campaigns.”

Bible instructors will continue to work with the visitors.

Meet Elijah »



Chapel Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northglenn, Colorado wishes to introduce a young man worth meeting: Elijah Alvarez! This young man is nine-years-old, and is a student at Westview Elementary school.

He is a most positive representative of service at Chapel Haven, actively looking for ways to assist and anticipating opportunities to serve.

One of our junior deacons, he often asks to help anyone he can, even at fellowship meals, which involves serving and assisting our senior citizens. He also serves with his grandfather, John Trujillo, in tithe and offering collections, and assists his grandmother Evelyn with any of her needs. His gift of service is an inborn quality—natural and genuine, which even shows in his sense of responsibility. He never stops seeking opportunities to show God's love.

While watching the Hope TV channel, he got excited about the mission of The \$10 Church. In a matter-of-fact manner he told his mother he wanted to raise money for the cause. On Sabbath, Elijah stationed himself at the information table of the church with pamphlets regarding The \$10 Church, along with a container for donations. Within a matter of just a few weeks, over \$500 was raised through individual contributions and matching donations.

When visiting our Northglenn church, be sure to meet Elijah. Deep inside is an enthusiastic young man anxiously wanting and willing to be of use in God’s vineyard.

Elijah is the son of Michael and Carmela Alvarez, and is the older brother to Levi Alvarez.

[Information and photo provided by Beverly King]

RMC EVENTS



Glacier View Ranch Summer Camp: Ages 7-17.
Cost \$265-315 (varies week to week). Discounts available.
Visit our website and watch our NEW Glacier View Ranch summer camp promo video at rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo
For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp



Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp » Ages 9-17. Cost

\$200 (each Wyoming church is giving \$100 for campers from their church to attend MSR summer camp (up to 10 campers). Contact your church for this discount.
For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

Cowboy Camp Meeting -- July 6 - 10

Silver Jack Reservoir near Cimarron, CO

Speaker: Mic Thurber

Contact: Fritz Krieger -- 970-497-6175

Wyoming Camp Meeting -- July 12 - 16

Mills Spring Ranch, Casper WY

Speaker: David Asscherick

Contact: Don Barnt -- 307-757-7618

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>

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

Black Hills Health & Education Center » An intensive residential lifestyle CHIP treatment program will take place July 17 through July 28 at Black Hills Lifestyle Center. For more information, call 605.55-4101.

Mile High Academy » Introduces its all-new Summer Sports and Arts Camps, a great way to keep your child active and learning during the summer months. Choose from gymnastics, basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and art. Check the Summer Camps page on our website, milehighacademy.org for details or call 303-744-1069 and see how you can register your child today.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Mid-America Union Conference has an opening in their Communication Department for a digital media assistant. Degree and experience in web programming/design preferred, along with social media and videography skills. Send resume to Raylene Jones, Human Resources director, at Raylene.Jones@maucsda.org by Thursday, June 30. Applicants should be active Seventh-day Adventists in good and regular standing.

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.



Mile High Academy is looking for two part-time Kindergarten aides, as well as for a full-time preschool teacher and a full-time middle school teacher (6th – 8th grade).

These are exciting opportunities for the 2016-2017 school year. Please visit our website at <http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/> for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions. Applicants must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. If interested, please send your resume to Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org.



Associate Director -- Media, Production & Programming: Do you think

and dream in the visually creative space? The Voice of Prophecy is seeking a creative professional who desires to use their talents for soul winning and evangelism. Prospective candidates should be proficient and experienced in many creative areas such as: print design, brand creation, web design, UX design, motion graphics, 3D graphics and presentation graphics. Proficiency in the areas of video production and photography a plus.



Vista Ridge Academy Strings Instructor: Vista Ridge Academy is looking for a part-time strings instructor with a knowledge of the Suzuki method.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Sandy Hodgson at shodgson@vistaridge.org or 303.828.4944.

Mailroom Assistant Supervisor: Are you someone who loves logistics and has an eye for detail and a knack for supervision? If so, you might be the perfect candidate for the Voice of Prophecy's Mailroom Assistant Supervisor position! In this position, you would assist with the development, implementation, coordination and monitoring of all phases of mailing services in addition to supervision of mailroom staff. As a direct result of your work, people worldwide would receive resources like Bible lessons and make decisions for Christ thanks, in part, to your efforts in getting resources to them in a timely manner.

Junior Accountant: The junior accountant assists with the accounting records for VOP's Gift Planning & Trust Services. This includes all aspects of accounting (receivables, payables, general ledger) and federal and state fiduciary tax reporting.

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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.**

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--Editor

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