“Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve,” said British prize-winning writer Roger Lewin in 1974. Unfortunately, that quote still holds true today, but the Rocky Mountain Conference is changing that through project-based learning.

When Michelle Velbis, principal/teacher at Pueblo’s Daystar School, asked her students in grades 1-8 how they wanted to help their community, they came up with two ideas. They wanted to create an event where they could raise health awareness as well as raise money for the Pueblo Rescue Mission.

Dubbed “Healthy Helping Hands,” their event, which was held at the Historical Firefighters Museum in downtown Pueblo on May 22, raised almost $400 in donations for Pueblo Rescue Mission along with a truckload of clothing, food and hygiene items.

The event featured health presentations with in-depth research and visual aids created by students, healthy food demonstrations, a healthy food “bake” sale, a Kid's Corner with face painting and Creation Health coloring books, other local vendors supporting a healthy lifestyle, and lots of
"I will remember something we did during this project for the rest of my life," commented 8th-grader Grant Velbis, "the day we visited the Pueblo Rescue Mission. Seeing that the facility was run down helped me realize the importance of our event and how it would change the lives of those who stayed and worked there," explained Grant.

In preparation for the fundraising event, people from the community, including nurses and health coaches bolstered the knowledge of the students who did intense research on the harmful effects of fat, sodium and sugar on the human body.

"The most challenging part of the project was the research," states 6th grader Pedro Crisosto. "I will always remember that fat, salt and sugar are harmful [in large amounts] and . . . can cause diseases."

Local chefs David and Rose Delacruz offered to do live cooking demonstrations at the event after seeing a newspaper article on what the students were doing. "The kids were awesome! The work they did was so well done and very nicely presented. They should be very proud of themselves," commented Rose.

"I'm so very proud of our students for putting together such a wonderful project for the community," said Daystar parent, Janet Kilfoy.

"The things I learned during this project I will use for the rest of my life," said 5th grader Audra Bennett, "like never giving up, always try your best, have lots of patience, be yourself and be helpful." [Michelle Velbis; photos by Erwin Velbis]

Summer Student Literature Evangelists Minister to Community » As Joe Martin directs the student literature evangelism program in the Rocky Mountain Conference, not only is he able to assist students in working off portions of their tuition, but he also has the privilege of encouraging them in a real relationship with Jesus.

His team of young evangelists becomes a family during their time together, many even finding their life mate while participating in summer ministries, Martin says. The wedding he will perform in Minnesota this summer for former student literature evangelists is one of many he has performed over the years for "his kids," as he refers to the group of canvassers.

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The RMC student LE program is 26 years old, a year-round event which has impacted many student lives. During the summer, they come from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska and Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado. During the school year, they come from Campion Academy. In fact, 25 percent of every graduating class at Campion since Joe began working with the students, has been a part of the LE program either during the school year or during the summer program.

For eight weeks, beginning on June 5 this year, the current summer team of 23 high school and college students aims to evangelize every home in Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Grand Junction. Their plan is to give away 40,000 Steps to Christ, half of the 80,000 given away every year for the past 26 years. "Nearly two million Steps to Christ," Joe Martin figures, "have been placed in the hands of people within this conference by students," he comments with pride.

The money earned working as a literature evangelist helps students with their educational costs. According to Martin, during the school year, students earn about $2,000, but during the summer, they earn double and triple that amount.

The best part, Joe believes, is that students are having a real relationship with Jesus as ministers to the community. "Their prayer life is enhanced and their ability to share their faith has become real," Joe remarks.

After a moment's reflection, Joe states emphatically, "God is using our young people to finish the work." [Carol Bolden]

REFLECTIONS

Sightless Vision » Throughout the course of our day, we see people, places and things, and in the course of our business, we make value judgments about what we see. It's natural to do so. Even when we know that we don't have enough information to make a full assessment, it's hard not to do so.

Evangelism can be that way, too. We know the gospel commission of Matthew 28 and we believe that we see our path before us. But is the path that we see, with many people won for Christ, a path of our own making or the path that the Holy Spirit has prepared for us?

Evangelism, by its very name, means broadcasting the good news of salvation. If we push that definition to the extreme, we should all stand in our yards and daily shout to the rooftops that Jesus is coming again and we ought to be ready to meet Him. We intuitively know that such a plan is not
the best course of action to win our friends and neighbors for Jesus. Yet, we will often continue to repeat the same general things in our churches thinking that such activities are what we are supposed to do. After all, what else is there?

There's a difference between seeing and vision. From our limited perspective, seeing is often quite superficial. However, vision starts with sight and works with discernment to grasp a bigger picture or paradigm. Jesus' three-and-a-half-year ministry was a constant struggle to get even His own disciples to see a bigger picture. Today, Jesus still desires for us to observe a bigger picture. It is described in the message to the Laodicean church and recorded in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 3. He refers to their need for eye salve.

If we are truly Jesus' modern-day disciples, we should take a strong look at the gospels from a higher perspective. Jesus healed, spoke, ministered, prayed and behaved differently than expected throughout His time on earth. It's as if Jesus is saying to us, "ministry to your fellow man is not found in a single plan or program, but in taking the time to measure what should be done one person or one circumstance at a time. If you are a spiritual person, these spiritual things will be spiritually discerned."

When it comes to evangelism, it behooves us to use our many programs to fit our specific needs and recognize different audiences, rather than having our programs fit us for evangelism's use. Evangelism is about reaching out to people. At least that's what we read in the Book of Revelation. Each of us has been chosen by God to come alongside people and to find a way to make a difference in their lives. Yes, such activity is not as compact as a five-week evangelistic series, but the results of using vision rather than sight alone just might make our outreach far more effective.

Are we too busy to make such an investment in time for others? Considering what Christ did, aren't we glad that He wasn't too busy to go to the Cross for you and me? [Roy Weeden is senior pastor at Chapel Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northglenn, Colorado; photo by iStock]

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**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: 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
Contact your church for this discount. For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connect NE Colorado » A weekend focus on mission and worship on the Campion Academy campus

**June 3-5** boasts the theme, *Journey with Jonah* -- *How to become a witness in your world.* Speaker Mic Thurber comes from the Mid-America Union Conference where he is the Ministerial Director.

* ABC open during weekend
* 9:30 a.m. Sabbath School for all ages
* Meeting times: 7 p.m. Friday; 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath
* Potluck lunch of sandwiches, salads, desserts in cafeteria
* Music and evangelistic stories 3 p.m. Sabbath
* Flag football or Pathfinder-sponsored breakfast at HMS 9 a.m. Sunday
* For more information, call Campion Church: 970-667-7403

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

**Connect Colorado Camp Meeting** -- June 3, 4
Campion Academy, Loveland CO
Speaker: Mic Thurber
Contact: Michael Goetz, 717-385-5151

**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: Fritz Krieger -- 970-497-6175

**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
Dynalectric Charity Golf Tournament » Join us on Friday, June 17 for the Dynalectric Golf Tournament benefiting Rebuilding Together Metro Denver (RTMD) and ACS Community LIFT. Fossil Trace Golf Club, 6:30 a.m. Registration/Check-in Opens; 7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. For sponsorship and registration, go to http://birdeasepro.com/DynalectricGolf.

Campion Church » VBX (not VBS) is just around the corner at Campion Church. Kidsville, where Kids Xperience Jesus! Come from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 6-10. Be sure to register at www.campionchurch.org. It is quick and easy. Please do not delay. You won't want to miss out!

Cheyenne Church » Dr. Phillip Samaan will be presenting a seminar, "Christ's Method Alone", at the Cheyenne Church at 10:15 a.m. on June 4 and continuing throughout the day. A well-known author and lecturer, Dr. Samaan is also a college professor. A very spiritual individual, he loves teaching people how to have a closer relationship with Jesus and to share God's love. A concert will be presented Sabbath afternoon following the fellowship lunch by his wife who plays the harp. Born in Syria, Dr. Samaan will share pertinent insights on Islam and ISIS. If you are looking for a seminar that will draw you closer to Jesus, this is the one for you. For questions, call Pastor Don Barnt at 307-757-7618.

Colorado Springs South Church » The Colorado Springs South congregation is moving from its Arlington Blvd location to Springs Adventist Academy located at 5410 East Palmer Park. The first Sabbath in the new premises will be June 4. Join them for worship.

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.

New Technology Aims to Reach the Curious for Jesus » ASI-member company IntelliPaper is partnering with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in producing and distributing The Great Hope paper USB cards.
The 3 x 4 cards fold to turn into USB drives. When they are plugged into a computer, they direct the users to *The Great Hope* website which has multiple formats to read or hear *The Great Controversy*. It can be read or heard online, downloaded, saved to a .pdf, printed, or put on a Kindle, iPad, or iPhone. For more information and to place an order, email aldora@intellipaper or call 509-343-9116 M-Th, 9-5 PT.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Rocky Mountain Conference** is looking to fill an opening for a Youth Ministries Assistant Director. This is a key, contributing role in the youth ministries program, overseeing primary aspects of summer camp as well as additional youth and young adult events and activities. There is a great deal of administrative responsibility that goes along with this role. Candidates must be highly organized, possess the ability to pay attention to detail, be self-motivated, able to keep on task and follow through. Most importantly, candidates must have a passion for connecting with youth, making it easy for them to know God. For more information regarding this position and to learn how to apply, please visit [http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-assistantyouthdirector](http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-assistantyouthdirector). To learn more about RMC’s youth ministries, please visit [http://rmcyouth.org/](http://rmcyouth.org/).

**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 michellevelbis@gmail.com or call 719-561-9120.

**Mile High Academy** is looking for two part-time Kindergarten aides. This is an exciting opportunity for the 2016-2017 school year. Please visit our website at [www.milehighacademy.org](http://www.milehighacademy.org) for more information on the requirements and qualifications for this position. 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.

**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.

Ministry Relations Representative: The Ministry Relations Representative (Regional) serves the Voice of Prophecy by cultivating and growing relationships with new and current supporters.

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