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Back From Costa Rica: A Personal Reflection » My name is Sarah Watson. I am a senior at Mile High Academy and I just got back from the RMC Youth mission trip to Costa Rica. This was my second mission trip, but the first one where I was preaching.



I was nervous, but I was blessed by the experience. I preached at the El Tigre Church, which was about a 45-minute drive from Limon out in the jungle.

The church is not very big, but the people are welcoming and encouraging. My interpreter was also very enthusiastic and on fire for God. Everyone I met wanted me to do well and it made it a lot easier to actually do well.

Despite the language barrier and the limited time with them, I grew very close to everyone in my church. They were just as much, if not more, of a witness to me as I was to them. Their ability to see God everywhere was inspiring.

I also gained confidence in my own knowledge of my beliefs. I now feel like if someone were to ask me what I believe or why I believe it, I would be able to give them a clear answer.

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Music Fest at Campion Academy
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I was so incredibly blessed by this opportunity and I would recommend going on a mission to anyone considering it. It is an experience of a lifetime and, no matter the cost, it is something you will never regret. [Sarah Watson; photos by Clint Watson: Top, Sarah in blue with church members; Bottom: El Tigre Church where Sarah preached] Editor's Note: The 2016 Costa Rica mission trip is a part of the RMC Kaleo Project. Coordinated by Shannon Werner, Student Evangelism and Program Coordinator, this Youth Ministries trip included (number) and from what schools.

Strings of the Rockies to Perform at Music Fest at Campion Academy »



The 199 students involved in Strings of the Rockies will be on hand to perform for the congregation during the church service at Music Fest on Sabbath, March 19.

Many of these students have been with the program since its inception and are now middle school performers.

Having begun in 2011 as a way to teach children about music and to instill in every student the pursuit of excellence, Strings of the Rockies has grown to encompass five schools - Vista Ridge Academy, Greeley Adventist Christian School, HMS Richards, Beebe Christian School in Fort Collins and Mile High Academy. Each of these schools has an instructor who uses the Suzuki method to teach violin.

Many of the groups have grown to have orchestras with cellos and violas. The program has allowed our small schools to give students the opportunity to pick up an instrument and develop their musical talents in multiple classes. Some of the middle school students are now joining academy orchestra groups. [Text and photo by Brittany McLachlan]

Campion and Wichita Adventist Christian Academies Serve in Belize over Spring Break »

Over Spring break, 37 volunteers from Campion Academy and WAKA flew to Belize to serve the campus of Belize Adventist Junior College (BAJC) in Calcutta, where student groups been visiting annually for more than ten years.

NE Colorado Town Hall

Campion Church

March 29, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Western CO Town Hall

Grand Junction Church

April 2 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Hispanic Town Hall

Denver South Hispanic Church

April 3 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Metro Town Hall

LifeSource Fellowship

April 4 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

SE Colorado Town Hall

Colorado Springs Central Church

April 6, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

SW Colorado Town Hall

Pinon Hills Church,
Farmington

April 7, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wyoming Town Hall

Casper Church

April 9 -- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

MHA Alumni

April 16

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Mission groups to BAJC usually focus on a construction project and Vacation Bible School meetings. This year, led by Jim Lynch, the group made immense progress on the library, a project begun several years ago. On week nights, they hosted games, crafts, story time and singing for kids of all ages.

On the last weekend, they passed out shoes and clothes to a local village.

"When we give of ourselves, we end up receiving more than we could have ever imagined. We experience pure joy and peace. Helping others is one of the greatest callings that Jesus gives us," said Campion senior Gabrielle Williams, who went to Belize for the second time.



"It is more blessed to give than to receive; however, what you do receive when you give is an unexplainable joy that only Jesus can give," she added.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). [Gabrielle Williams and Jennifer Sigler; photos by Jennifer Sigler]

Campion Library Encourages Inquiry and Exploration

» Robots and strategy games may not be the first thing to come to mind when you think library, but that's what students find at Campion Academy. Managed by Lindsey Santana who holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science, the Campion library is a place where students can get help with research, find a book to read, and study quietly, but it's also a place where students can get creative, color, play games like Suspend or Gravity Maze, or play with Sphere robots. In sum, our new librarian is helping Campion facilitate inquiry and exploration.

experiences of church members.

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In the past, students could visit the library, read a magazine, or find plenty of books and online databases. However, the library management was tacked on to a teacher's class load, so students often searched on their own. Now, Lindsey has the time to be a reading advocate, research assistant, curriculum collaborator, and instructor of information literacy.

Teachers at Champion are finding their librarian indispensable, and they recognize what a rare resource they have. According to North American Division policy, academies must allot \$40 per student towards library resources. But, while the materials may be a standard investment, having an expert to manage those materials and guide students in their use, is just as important.

English teacher, Erin Johnson said, "Lindsey has great ideas and suggestions for my curriculum. She makes my job easier and the students' work is higher quality because she finds resources that I've never even seen before." Kathy Binder, who teaches independent living and English, agreed, "She's wonderful about ordering materials and making a display of the topic I'm covering in class. She also made the whole assignment, had a key prepared and was there to teach students and encourage them. I had a team teacher for the period."



Students benefit, too. Sophomore Juliessa Fernandez said, "I actually get stuff done when I come in [the library]. It's a really big help with research and getting resources. I come to get help from Mrs. Santana a lot." School Library Journal reports that student achievement levels are higher in schools that employ a librarian. Besides supporting Champion's mission to expand minds, the library's holdings on religion and spirituality -- more than 10 percent of the collection -- provides students with resources to grow in their walk with God.

Champion recognizes that the role of the teacher librarian is growing even more important as students and faculty are met with new challenges as they use digital information. Lindsey explains her role the best: "Certainly there is a transition going on in the library world from the physical concept of books to ones that are digital. There's also the mentality (especially among teenagers) that all you need is Google.

But what people forget is that we are living in a world where knowledge is growing at an exponential rate. Virtually anyone can publish now, so finding reliable, quality information is like trying to find that one drop of water coming out of a running fire hydrant. It's overwhelming. Especially for students. So that's where librarians come in -- we help you find just the information you need."

She's also an advocate of creativity, which students especially enjoy. At the end of March, the library will host "Make & Create Week" where students can try soldering, programming and other activities. The creative process enhances the learning process. Whether students are programming Sphero robots, making their own Lego designs or creating duct tape masterpieces, the Campion library is a place where students can engage in creativity and learn to be producers instead of just consumers. [Text and photo by Jennifer Sigler]

Daystar Students Honored in "Home of the Heroes" Contest » "Meeting such a valiant man as 'Doc' Ballard was quite a privilege and I was honored that my work was chosen," said Collin Velbis, 6th grader.



"Doc" Donald Ballard, a hospital corpsman in the Vietnam War and Medal of Honor recipient, presented the awards at the "Home of the Heroes Essay Contest." The awards ceremony, held at the Rawlings Library in Pueblo, Colorado on March 16, was hosted by the Pueblo Home of the Heroes Association Judging Committee.

The 364 entries were split into three categories. Grant and Collin Velbis, students at Daystar Christian School, won honorable mention and second-place, respectively, in the middle-school category. Pueblo is going to host the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Annual Convention in September of 2017 with as many as 40 Medal of Honor recipients attending. As part of the recognition for winning this essay contest, all winners in 2016 and 2017 will be invited to attend a special breakfast during the convention with all the recipients attending.

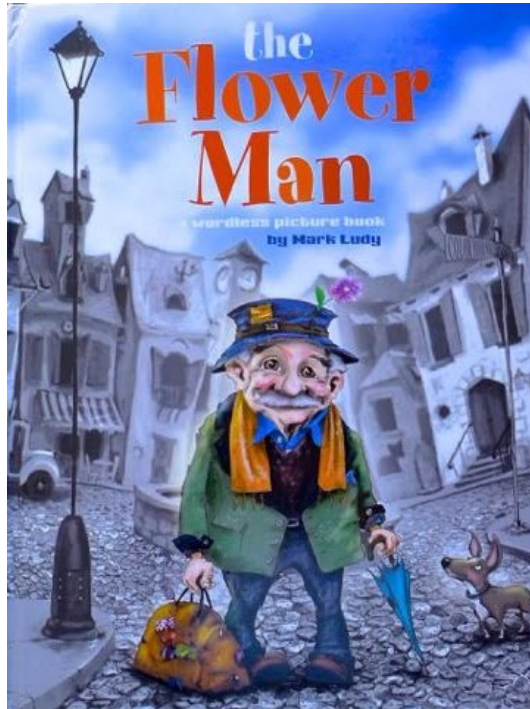
"It was inspiring that despite the dire circumstances of being a medic under enemy fire, 'Doc' was able to meet the challenges of saving his fellow men," stated Grant Velbis, 8th grader.

BOOK REVIEW

The Flower Man in Mark Ludy's wordless picture book, *the Flower Man*, appears to be an allegory of the Christian life. In a world that tells us that "to have" is better than "to be", the Flower Man says, "No, it's relationships, community and being responsive to the plight of a neighbor" that are important.

A Fort Collins resident, Mark Ludy has this book to be enjoyed by both children and adults. Children will enjoy looking at his wonderfully creative artwork. Adults will see meaning behind each page with more to be discovered with each "reading".

In the "story", a man, the only one in color, crosses a bridge leading to a depressed and dark city street. He finds an old shack for sale in the middle of the town, which he purchases and begins to fix up. Everything he touches turns to color. Even his house begins to shine with color and light.



He plants a garden and, when it blooms, gives away a single flower to a passing little girl. She, too, turns to color. Now, everything the man and the little girl touch turns to color until the entire depressed neighborhood shows signs of revitalization.

One scene depicts a neighborhood family, who hasn't yet been touched, in the midst of packing and moving. When they are gone, the Flower Man puts up a For Sale sign in front of his house and walks off to a new, dark neighborhood.

Written on a small scrap of paper is the address of his former neighbors. Finding the family, the Flower Man knocks on the door and gives each family member a flower. The family, formerly depressed, turns to color. By the life of one Flower Man, many lives have been transformed.

The detail in this book is astounding. There are more than 60 windows for the reader to discover. Follow the stories that you see in each one. And wonder at the depth of meaning that can be found on each page.

The Flower Man is, perhaps, a Christian that you and I would like to be. He counts his words as less important than his presence and his being. Do we? [Carol Bolden; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

RMC EVENTS

Youth Department » Copper Mountain Lift Tickets for the 2015-2016 Season are available through the RMC Youth Department at an amazing rate. There are NO BLACKOUT DATES!

Adults: \$62/ticket

Children: \$55/ticket (6-12 years)

Discounts:

For 5 or more tickets, get \$2 off per \$60 ticket.

For 20 or more tickets, get \$4 off \$58 ticket.

Discounts are for adult tickets ONLY.

Order online at rmcyouth.org/tickets or call 303-282-3664 or email youth@rmcsda.org. Payment options are by check, cash or credit card. Add \$3 to mail tickets.

Transform Your Ministry Workshop » You can improve your support skills and transform any ministry by attending this free workshop from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, **April 10**, at Porter Place. With a phone and 15 minutes a week, you can change a life from anywhere. Porter Place is located at 1001 E. Yale Avenue, Denver CO 80210. Parking is available

on either side of Porter Place. RSVP to Rick Mautz at rickm@rmcsda.org (more details at rmcsda.org/support)

Camp Meeting 2016 »

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

Connect Colorado -- a weekend focus on mission and worship in NE Colorado, June 3-4, Campion Academy, Loveland, CO, Speaker: Mic Thurber, Contact: Michael Goetz, 970-667-7403

Hispanic Camp Meeting: Theme: "Recibelo, Vívelo y Compartelo", September 2-4, Glacier View Ranch, Ward, CO, Speaker: Pastor Omar Grieve, Youth Speaker: Dr. Oscar Carreon, Contact: Ruben Rivera, 303-910-1614

Native Camp Meeting: Theme: The Centennial, September 16-18, La Vida Mission, Crown Point, NM, Speaker: Monte Church, Contact: Dorie Panganiban, 213-321-0002

Western Slope Camp Meeting: Will not take place as anticipated

David Asscherick is the pastor of the Kingscliff Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chinderah, New South Wales, Australia, and the co-founder of the ARISE ministry.

Omar Grieve is a pastor and speaker for La Voz de la Esperanza which is sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide.

Dr. Oscar Carreon is a doctor of ophthalmology and participates in the First Christian Entrepreneurs Forum in IASD Cumbres, Monterrey.

Monte Church is the director of Native Ministries for the North Pacific Union Conference. [RMCNews; photo from 2015 Wyoming Camp Meeting, pictured is Sage Creek Gospel Bank from Casper]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denver South Church » presents "Amazing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible," a full-fledged, six-part seminar the weekends of March 11 and 12. This presentation will be led by Michael Hasel, PhD, director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology at Southern Adventist University. All presentations will be held in the church. Admission is free. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear compelling evidence for your faith in God and the Bible.

March 11-12:

Friday evening -- 7 p.m.,. -- "The Greatest Discoveries in the Land of Israel"

Sabbath sermon -- 11 a.m. -- "The Spade and the Historical Jesus"

Sabbath evening -- 5 p.m. -- "The Battle Over David: Excavating in the Elah Valley"

Littleton Church » Walla Walla University president John McVay and members of the alumni team will present "Passion for Christ" during a spiritual emphasis weekend beginning at 7 p.m. **March 11** and continuing Sabbath March 12. All are invited. A potluck will follow with WWU providing a dessert buffet and community and church members providing the

potluck lunch.

Eden Valley Institute of Wellness » "Cancer: What, Why, How?" A healing approach from nature's perspective presented by Keith Schleifer, M.D., Eden Valley's medical director.



This FREE seminar will take place at 2 p.m., **March 19**, at Denver South Church chapel, 2675 S Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.



Fire Rekindled 2016 »

Seven weekends, seven powerful speakers are coming to Golden and Denver West churches.

Phil Sizemore, pastor Cape Girardeau Church, will speak March 11 and 12 at Denver West Church.

Dr. Michael Goetz, senior pastor, Champion Church, will speak at Denver West Church March 18 and 19.

Dr. Hyveth Williams, professor of homiletics, Andrews University, will speak at Denver West Church March 25 and 26.

Dr. Karl Haffner, senior pastor, Kettering Church, at Golden Church April 1 and 2.

Jerry Page, ministerial secretary for General Conference, will speak at Golden Church April 8 and 9.

John Lomacang, pastor and recording artist, will speak at Golden Church April 15 and 16.

Maurice Valentine, executive secretary Lake Union Conference, will speak at Golden Church April 22 and 23.

All presentations will be at 7 p.m. Friday; 9:30 and 11 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The Golden Church is at 3101 S Golden Road, Golden, CO 80401. Denver West Church is at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver CO 80219.



Campion Church » Journey to the Cross and Beyond, an interactive event depicting the streets of Jerusalem in Loveland at Campion Adventist Academy will take place from 2-4 p.m. **March 26 and 27**. This makeshift first-century Jerusalem marketplace makes the Easter story more visible. No registration is required and the event is free.

Prophecy Seminars » Aspen Park Church, under the direction of Elder Ron Spurling, is holding an eight-week prophecy seminar from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Sabbath afternoons beginning **March 5** and continuing until **April 23** at Mountain

Resource Center, located at 11030 Kitty Drive, Conifer 80433. You are invited to pray for Aspen Park's outreach to the rural communities in the area. Please RSVP to Elder Spurling by calling 303-596-0016.

Mile High Academy » is hosting its annual "Bring a Friend to School Day" for K-12th grade. Invite a friend, be a friend, make a friend. Join us on Wednesday, **March 30** from 8 - 3:30 p.m. As our friend, you will attend classes, participate in fun activities and enjoy lunch on us. Register online or call 303-744-1069 to save your place.

NAD Children's Ministries Certification » Attending the Children's Ministries Certification, Track 2, will enhance your understanding of faith development and the life stage, children with special needs, multiple intelligences, positive class discipline and more. Register online at RMYouth.org/children or call Patty Rivera at 303-910-3548. The seminar will be held **March 25-26** at Denver South Church. Your \$20 registration fee will provide two meals, supplies and excellent speakers. Register before March 17.

Daystar Christian School » Offers a Christ-centered, Grades 1-8, education in Pueblo, Colorado. With a low student-teacher ratio, it provides broadcasting opportunities on 105.9 FM, project-based learning, Spanish, music, art and state-of-the-art technology. An open house will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, **March 29**. Pre-registration discounts for the 2016-17 school year will be available. Come see for yourself how Adventist education can set your child up for success. For more information, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC4oPvKHvb8>

Cheyenne Church » Cheyenne members will hold CREATION Health seminars at Laramie County Community College on Sabbath afternoons beginning **April 2** and continuing through May 14. For more information, contact Lana Anderson at 307-632-9908.

ASI Rally » Jeffrey Rosario of Light Bearer's Ministry will speak on the ASI member's motto, "Share Christ in the Marketplace" at 10 a.m., **April 2** at Denver South Church. A fellowship luncheon and afternoon rally will follow. ASI is a lay organization whose mission is to finish the work through personal and public evangelism in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A special envelope will be available to designate your tithes and offerings for your own church.

9 Health Fair » LifeSource Adventist Fellowship needs YOU to minister to our community health needs and be an ambassador for Christ. Volunteer by contacting Jennifer biddulph at jenniferbiddulph@hotmail.com or sign up at 9HealthFair.org. The 9Health Fair will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, **April 14**.

Daystar PIE Night» The next PIE (Parents Involved in Education) Night at Daystar School will feature CSU Pueblo staff and other volunteers facilitating hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities and, of course, pie for the whole family. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., this educational and fun night will take place

Tuesday, **April 19** at Daystar Christian School, 3912 O'Neal Avenue, Pueblo, 81005. For more information, call 719-561-9120 or go to www.daystarchristianpueblo.com.

ASI Mid-America Convention » Doug Bachelor will speak Friday evening, Sabbath morning and Saturday night at the ASI Mid-America Convention **April 21-24**. Held at Denver Ramada Plaza Hotel at 120th and I-25, the convention will kick off with Thursday evening keynote speaker, Steve Dickman, president of National ASI.

Other speakers include Gary Thurber, president of Mid-America Union Conference, who will present the morning devotionals and Vicki Griffen, who will offer seminars.

A special feature, "Members in Action" will highlight the many projects funded by ASI. Exhibit booths can be perused and children's programming will be available.

Meal tickets for Sabbath meals will be available for purchase before sundown Friday which will include Friday supper and Sabbath lunch and dinner. Special rates are available at the hotel for those attending the ASI convention.

An envelope for tithes and offering to go to individual churches will be available on Sabbath.

For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, president of Mid-America ASI, at 303-898-3133.

Twin Peaks Church » Presented by Tim Jones, a five-week prophecy seminar is planned for 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, Sunday, Mondays and Wednesdays beginning **March 18** and continuing through **April 23** at Twin Peaks Church. You can RSVP to Annette Tapp by calling 720-890-3767. For more information, go to www.twinpeakssda.org or www.RelevantSeminars.org/Louisville. The church is located at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027.

Voice of Prophecy » The rise and fall of the Christian church will be explained in a four-event seminar at 11 a.m., and 3 p.m. **April 28 and 29** at the Woodland Park Church. "Shadow Empire" is produced by Shawn Boonstra who will also speak for each session along with Pastor Mike Kissner.

Black Hills School of Massage » Want to have a career that might also be a ministry? Black Hills School of Massage Therapy will be starting their next state-recognized, 600-hour massage school session **May 16**. If you feel that God is calling you to a career in massage therapy, call us at 605-255-4101. Check out our facebook page -- <https://www.facebook.com/blackhillsmassage/> -- or our website at www.bhhec.org/school-of-massage. It's not too late to start a career-ministry where you can touch lives for Jesus!

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Mile High Academy is looking for a full-time accountant. The accountant is a key member of the Business office, reporting to the VP of Finance. The accountant's tasks include general ledger, adjusting entries, restricted and non-restricted fund management, A/P, A/R, collections, payroll, banking and more. For a full job description and application, visit <http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/>. To apply, send your resume to jaalborg@milehighacademy.org.

Associate Producer -- Media, Production & Programming: The



Voice of Prophecy is looking for a passionate person who loves using media and technology to

share the Good News. The ideal candidate should be proficient with audio, video and digital media production. This person should also be a strong manager who can design engaging radio shows, produce compelling TV, manage teams, run multiple large projects, and think about the future of media technology.

Associate Director -- VOP Creative Department: 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.

Assistant Supervisor -- Mailroom: 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.

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