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43 students return from Santo Domingo after two weeks of mixing cement, painting churches, and preaching about Jesus »

They painted an entire church inside and out, tied rebar for a church foundation, mixed and poured concrete, and erected the steel frame. This and more was included in a mission trip for 43 students from the **Rocky Mountain Conference** to the **Dominican Republic**, March 4-17.

The students, age 14-17, also preached more than 120 sermons. "The amount of energy expended for Jesus was enormous," commented Carol Bolden, who was one of the several sponsors accompanying the group. "They truly were student missionaries as they spent 13 days being a light to the Dominican Republic, preaching and working on the building of two churches," Carol added. [more]



Thriving in Skiing and Worship at Annual Winterfest » More than twenty years of tradition were re-lived at the Rocky Mountain's

Silverthorne Pavilion, near Copper Mountain, when two hundred people gathered, March 6-8, in what seemed "just like old times" as the group savored the words from this year's Winterfest keynote speaker, **Pastor Ron Whitehead**, Director of the Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University.

Over 20 years ago, Whitehead, the RMC Youth Director at the time, kicked off what became an annual event called

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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee Cancelled

Mar. 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

GVR Board

April 21, 2015 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Town Hall - GrandJunctionSaturday, May 2, 6 p.m.

Winterfest. He and his wife Betty joined Rocky Mountain Conference families, teens and young adults as well as travelers from Hawaii to Arizona to Nebraska, who came to celebrate God's creation and reflect on how we can still thrive today. [more]

Morre Dean named CEO, Porter

Adventist Hospital, and president,

South Denver Group » Morre L. Dean,

FACHE, has been named chief executive

officer. Porter Adventist Hospital, and

officer, **Porter Adventist Hospital**, and president, **South Denver Group** (SDG), effective March 30. Morre has served as the chief executive officer for **Parker**



Adventist Hospital since 2011 and has demonstrated strong leadership for the hospital system.

"I have had the good fortune of working with Morre in various capacities over the last 25 years. Given my high respect for him and my deep personal attachment to **Porter Adventist Hospital, SDG** and **Centura Health**, it gives me great joy and comfort to know that Morre will carry forward our Mission and the stewardship entrusted to us to meet the health care needs of our community," said **Randy Haffner**, president of South Denver Group, Centura Health.

In partnership with the hospital's Board of Directors, Morre will begin an active search for a new chief executive officer at Parker Adventist Hospital, with a goal to name an interim leader prior to starting his new position.

Pastors are Definition of Ministerial Core Values »

On March 3, 2015, a group of pastors assembled to begin the definition and creation of **ministerial core values**. The impetus to develop these core values for pastors is in response to the recent adoption of a new mission statement for the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC),

"Our mission is to lovingly support and empower every member in our conference to know Christ and to make Him fully known through education, outreach, and service, and by communicating hope and encouraging an intimate connection with Christ and with each other.

"The next step," says **Craig Carr**, **RMC Ministerial Director**," is to develop core values that answer the questions, "What does that look like? What will guide pastors and congregations in achieving this? And what leadership qualities best assist in meeting this mission?"

Carr explains, that simply defined, core values are a reflection of one's values, beliefs, and convictions that play an important role in carrying out mission and ministry. Core values are both personal and corporate in nature and offer a source of clarity of what's most important for pastors and their congregations, Carr commented.

Much of this committee's time and energies is being spent in prayer and consideration of God's Word as it relates to life and ministry. Carr added, "Please join me in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as this group of pastors from all over the **Rocky Mountain's Front Range** will meet several more times."

Medical Mission Team Returns from Nepal » A

medical mission team from **Centura Health** returned at the beginning of March after a two-week sojourn to **Nepal**. "Their mission was to provide free-of-charge surgery for women who suffer from pelvic organ prolapse," said **Greg Hodgson**,

Town Hall - Durango Sunday, May 3, 6 p.m.

Town Hall - Denver/LifeSourceMonday, May 4, 6 p.m.

Town Hall - Colorado Springs/Central Tuesday, May 5, 6 p.m.

Town Hall -Hispanic/Denver South Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m.

Town Hall - Casper, WY Thursday, May 7, 6 p.m.

Town Hall - Campion Saturday, May 9, 6 p.m.

Teen Girls Retreat (GVR) April 10-12

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Centura's Global Health Initiative director.

Working in partnership with **Adventist Scheer Memorial Hospital**, located east of the

Kathmandu valley,



immediately after arrival the team provided medical services to forty-six Nepali women. "These women came to the hospital with the hope that they would receive surgical treatment for their prolapse condition. After they were screened, twenty nine were selected for surgical intervention," Hodgson reports. He added that the patients came from 34 villages, most within the Kavre district and arrived with a family member or friend to be a caretaker and companion. [more]

Journey to Jerusalem Without Leaving Colorado »

Imagine what it would be like to be in Jerusalem on that fateful Passover week end when the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus to

ok place. The sights, sounds, smells, people, crowds would all be impressively memorable. That is the reason **Campion Academy**, the local churches and many volunteers have plans to recreate those events at the **Journey to the Cross and Beyond** on April 4 & 5 from 3 - 7 pm on the Campion campus.

Tours begin every half hour. You will encounter priests, beggars, lepers, Roman soldiers, shopkeepers and more. Following the tour, or before, you can see ancient first century coins, signet rings, lamps, Roman armor pieces and other artifacts from one of the largest collections in Colorado.

"Our plan is to give visitors a sense of what those days would

be like. The goal is to bring reality to the Biblical story of the crucifixion and resurrection. If it were not for the resurrection, nothing else really matters," says Dr. Dick



Stenbakken, one of the event organizers.

Guests are invited to register on-line
at: rmcyouth.org/journey or call 970-667-5592 M-F 8:30 am to noon.

Fire Rekindled: Fall in Love With Jesus »

The Denver West, Golden, and Lakewood Fellowship churches continue with the "Fire Rekindled" meetings. The program, which started on March 13, features seven speakers over seven weekends for one sole purpose: To fall in love with Jesus! This is pure revival for church members and equally pure evangelism for members of the public. All area churches are invited to benefit from this local effort. On March 13, the series of meetings featured **Dr. Baraka Muganda** from Takoma Park, Maryland. The other speakers include, **Pastor James Reiking** (March 20); **Pastor Eddy Perez** (March 27); **Pastor Harold Alomia** (April 3); **Pastor Ty Gibson** (April 10), **Dr. Joe Kidder** (April 17), and **Pastor Dennis Pumford** (April 25).

Location Changes for May Town Hall Meetings »

Locations for Town Hall meetings have changed in two venues. The schedule currently is as follows: May 2 Grand Junction May 3 Durango

May 4 Denver Life Source

May 5 Colorado Springs Central

May 6 Hispanic - Denver South Hispanic

May 7 Casper WY

May 9 Campion Church

All meetings held at 6 p.m. Adjustments in church bulletins are requested.

Children's Ministries Training Event Coming to Denver South »

Everyone involved with Children Ministries is invited to join a team from the **North American Division** for a training event on May 8-9. Held at Denver South Church, it will feature **Sherri Uhrig, Melanie Cruz** and **Norma Rocio Rojas** from NAD Church Ministries. The program will include seminars and workshops based on Track 1 of the Children Ministries' Basic Certification. More on the CM program can be accessed at the NAD Website — <<u>www.nadadventist.org</u>>.

Employment Opportunity at Mile High Adventist Academy »

Mile High Adventist Academy in Denver currently has a position open for **Office Assistant/Receptionist**. For questions and complete details on the position the are available on Website www.milehighacademy.org under Employment Opportunities Please contact the academy with questions or if interested in this employment opportunity at HR@milehighacademy.org.

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