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Twelve Years of Partnership With World Vision:
Newday Church Sees Better Quality-of-Life Results in Rwanda

The sky is blue over Nyamagabe, Rwanda. The land of 1,000 hills is quietly waking up as we make our way to the small community that Newday Adventist Church in Parker has sponsored through combined efforts with World Vision. God is here.

A group of eight members of the Newday congregation returned from Rwanda on March 17. Reporting on this visit to Rwanda, Tish Jeffers said that in just over 12 years of partnership, progress has been made whereby we see very little evidence of chronic malnutrition or death from preventable causes.
She reports that the hospitals are operational and the rates of diseases like HIV/AIDS, malaria and waterborne illness have plummeted. "Small micro-businesses are popping up and through the micro-loan program, these business owners can get their businesses going and support their families. They co-op and learn money management," Tish comments.

Electricity is coming to more and more homes, though it may only be one light bulb hung from the middle of the main room.

With the funds that were raised from running marathons with Team World Vision, clean water is becoming available to more and more people. The result of all this progress is a better quality of life: more time for children to do their homework, more time for family activities, more time for children to play.

For David Kennedy, Newday lead pastor, the recent visit was his seventh. He recalls his first trip in 2004 when he met their first sponsored child, Eugenie, one of three personally-sponsored children by David and his wife, Kim. "She was eight then. Through sponsorship, she is a thriving 21-year-old woman who has a new home, land to farm, and cows," he shared.

Eugenie was the first in her family to graduate from secondary school and she will be attending university to become a teacher. The Kennedys have committed Eugenie sponsorship to complete her studies over the next three years.

Anyone would recognize this as a success story that is being multiplied by hundreds of children sponsored through partnership with World Vision by members of the Newday congregation. "Over those 12 years, church members sponsored more than 250 children. That's more than the number of members in our congregation," Dave said.

"As we made our way through the villages visiting our sponsored children, we were blessed with their ability to greet us in English. Some of them spoke [to us] for the first time. They were excited to show us their schools, their grades and their hope of moving on to higher education and university," Tish added.

Pastor Kennedy explains the relationship Newday has with World Vision and Nyamagabe. "The past 12 years has been
transformation for us and for them. We have been so blessed to come to know the people of their community and to receive their warm hospitality. We have even welcomed many of them into our homes and to preach in our church. And to see the transformation that has taken place in their community through the holistic efforts of World Vision has been nothing short of astounding."

"Twelve years ago, Nyamagabe was a community fighting to survive. Today, they are thriving. It is a testament to the power of long-term commitment and relationship," Pastor Dave added.

Reflecting on the involvement in Rwanda mission, we often ask, "What can I do to change the world? I am just one person."

There is still so much to do, and it is evident that it can be done! We have seen so much joy and faith in the evidence of God's blessing on our giving in this area of the world. One plus one plus one-hundred and one equals many. Many can do this! Together, with God's blessing, we can change the outcome of many lives," Tish concludes.

[Vish Jeffers with Rajmund Dabrowski; photos (top and middle) Courtesy of Dave Kennedy; bottom by Robert Jeffers; top: Logan Kennedy, senior at Mile High Academy and son of Dave and Kim Kennedy of Newday Fellowship, surrounded by Nyamagabe children; middle: Eugenie and her mother, Beatta, pictured with Logan and Pastor Dave Kennedy; bottom: Newday Church group pictured in the offices of World Vision in Nyamagabe, Rwanda]

Vista Ridge Academy 7th and 8th Graders Embrace Project-Based Learning »

With each class at Vista Ridge Academy participating in their own class-wide project, the 7th and 8th graders chose to build a raised-bed garden.

These projects for each of the classes are intended to challenge students to think outside the traditional textbook curriculum and work together to complete a large task with tangible outcomes throughout the semester.

Mrs. Mac's 7th and 8th grade middle school students
decided early on to create a raised-bed garden that will serve as an ongoing community garden for Vista Ridge Academy. The project has invited them to brainstorm collaboratively to answer questions such as how the class will afford the necessary materials (lumber, landscaping underlayment, seeds, etc.), where elements of the project, such as fertilizer, will be obtained, what dimensions will be used for the raised beds, and more.

Next week, they will be taking a trip to a local horse ranch to pick up manure.

This week, the initial supplies for the raised beds were purchased from Home Depot and the beds have begun to take shape with help from Mr. Charles Pope, facilities manager at VRA. The first of the seeds have been planted in indoor greenhouses.

Each student planted four different varieties of vegetables and flowers, including peas, tomatoes, brussels sprouts, onions, sunflowers and more.

As the Colorado weather continues to warm, the seedlings will be transplanted to the outdoor garden.

"This is so much fun," said 8th grader Madi Jordan. "We get to go on a lot of field trips and work towards helping our school and our community around us."

The middle school students have discussed long-term options for their garden, including how this initiative will be sustained in future years as well as how to potentially use some of the food grown to better support those with needs in their communities.

[Mark McLachlan; photos by Courtney McLachlan]
this book as a guide on how to do it. As the summary says on the back cover, "Life in a quiet suburban town changes drastically for Lisa and her younger brother Todd when they survive a terrible plague that has swept across the earth. Every person older than 12 has died, and now Lisa and Todd must find a way to remain alive in a very dangerous world."

With two 8th graders, one being myself, and four other students, all below the age of 12, this project was an extreme challenge. We had to create lesson plans for subjects that we had completed more than three years ago in hopes that we would never have to go back. Unfortunately, we had a difficult time remembering most of the education these levels had to offer, especially since the entire curriculum has changed since we’ve been in 5th grade. In the experience, I almost want to say we learned more than our Authentic Audience.

The month kicked off with lots of research and many questions. We were told that the only rules for this project were that each student we were to teach was to meet certain benchmarks in their assignments. Each of us was asked to write on a piece of paper what our favorite activities in school are.

My fellow classmate and I wrote down our favorite way to learn and what we love to do throughout the day. On the paper were examples of anything hands-on and anything that we were able to actually experience. My teacher then pointed out that the words, worksheet, essay, homework, flash cards, test, quiz, etc. were not anywhere to be found on our lines. The whole idea of PBL was then explained. This was not the first time I had heard of this method due to the opportunity I had taken of attending the Rocky Mountain Conference meeting introducing PBL, hosted by Angie Guerrero from High Tech High.

Our planning involved creating rubrics for each student, subject and grade level. Most rubrics contained 9-12 possible points all together. In the columns, for example, Focus, Participation, Respect, Teamwork, Accuracy, etc., the Authentic Audience would receive a point, either 1, 2 or 3. The "1" was Unsatisfactory, "2", Average, and "3" Outstanding. These numbers would then be totalled once the columns were full to give us the total score per student. In the end, we had made seven rubrics per student.

Yet, that seemed to be the least challenging part of this project. Our PBL involved coming up with PBL lessons for our learners. An example of one of our very creative lessons was when neon eggs, filled with math and science questions based on the students' grade level were hidden throughout the classroom. They then scrambled across each other in hopes of finding an egg, just like Easter! I had never seen children who were so eager to learn.

Overall, our day went very well. I was surprised by how many techniques we learned on March 2 while being teachers for the day. We added a home economics class, a workshop class, and physical education into our schedule. It was the first time we had built something for a compost pile.
saying what is safe to feed the worms and what isn't.

We, the upper graders, then made a wooden frame in which we placed the clear tub full of soil and worms. The flyers were attached to the frame as instructions for any visitors to our school that would like to take part in providing the worms a meal. We plan to use our nutritious soil this spring in hopes of transforming our space outside into a garden. The students are very proud of our new little friends that are making the world a better place one bite at a time, as project-based learning is opening the way of learning to a whole new world, one child at a time. [Delanie Kamarad; photo by Kate Kamarad]

Celebrations Planned for Zambia Church Dedication During June Mission Trip » Construction of the roof is completed for the Mansa Christian Education Center Church (MCEC) in Zambia, reports Pardon Mwansa, Vice-Chancellor of Rusangu University whose initiative brought the Mansa center to life. Mwansa's comment with the picture he sent (below) was, "To God be the glory!"

At the outset of the project, the Mansa church received financial support from the Rocky Mountain Conference and a promise to build the new school's church is being kept. On-site builder, Dennis Evens, from the Campion Church, reports that some of the windows are in, the front door porch is poured and its roof will soon be up. Painting on the church has also begun. They are rushing to meet the Luapula Conference’s requirements for church dedications.

Choirs are busy practicing and an elaborate celebration is in the planning to dedicate the church with the incoming mission team on June 25 and 26, according to Lynne Eagan, coordinator of the mission venture.

Lynne reports about an additional development. A new bus (below) was purchased in the United Kingdom and will serve the Mansa center. The miracle bus is already in Zambia, prepared to carry students and mission teams, including Tim Harley’s 48 missionaries from Shenandoah Valley Academy who are at Mansa this week to build a portion of the campus security wall.
"The best news of all is that there are now 80 students enrolled and thriving in their permanent campus home," Lynne says. There were only 13 when the RMC mission team went to Zambia in 2014.

Ireen Nachilima, one of the students who had been at Fordina Pandeli Secondary School on the Mansa center campus, testifies about the importance of Fordina Pandeli school in her life. School principal, Mwiinga, shares Ireen's story and writes that she came from a Pentecostal family and joined the school in Grade 8. Her religion is very important to her parents and they used to request Ireen to come home for a night every weekend for overnight prayers. At school, Ireen attended all the Sabbath services and, after eight months, she decided to be baptized and join the Adventist church. The parents soon became angry and came to take Ireen to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic school. Ireen attended the school for just two months there.

During the 2015 Christmas holiday, Ireen told her parents that she was not going back to Our Lady of Mercy, no matter the cost. She said she was an Adventist and if the parents continued forcing her to go to a Catholic school, she would quit and stay home, a situation that left the parents tongue-tied. Ireen called Mr. Mwiinga on December 31 and asked him to forgive her parents' anger and give her a place back in Fordina Pandelli school.

After putting her mother on the phone, the principal, had Ireen's mother affirm that her daughter was an Adventist and that she had refused to go back to Catholic school.

Ireen had convinced her parents beyond any doubt that the new faith in Jesus she had found at Fordina could not be found anywhere else, writes Principal Mwiinga.

Lynne Eagan comments that Ireen's new church home needs funding for the electrical hookups for the ceiling that will muffle the pounding rainy season downpours as well as pews for the students before the local conference will approve the dedication day.

Individuals interested in getting involved, says Lynne, or wanting to join the team preparing for the dedication weekend, can send donations or write to us through the Rocky Mountain Conference, 2520 South Downing Street, Denver CO 80210 or Eden Valley Institute, 9325 World Mission Drive, Loveland CO 80538. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued and the funds will be promptly wired to the MCEC building account in Lusaka, Zambia.

NOTE: The June teen and adult mission trips to Mwansa have been combined into one trip, June 13 to July 1. If you are interested in joining the team's next mission trip, call Jim Lynch promptly at 970-670-0655. (Lynne Eagan; photos by Dennis Evens)

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)

**Wyoming Camp Meeting 2016**  »  Attached is a registration form for Wyoming Camp Meeting which can be emailed to WyCampmeeting@yahoo.com or mailed to 11395 W Zero Road, Casper WY 82604. For more information, contact Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Wyoming Camp Meeting will take place July 12-16 at Mills Spring Ranch, Casper, WY. David Asscherick will speak.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Fire Rekindled 2016**  »  Five weekends are left with five powerful speakers at Golden and Denver West churches.

- **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 2-6 p.m. **March 26 and 27**. This makeshift first-century Jerusalem marketplace makes the Easter story more
Franktown Church  » Jaime Jorge, well-known violinist, will appear in concert at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 2, at the Franktown Church.

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 March 26 and continuing to 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=dC40PvKHvb8

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

**Eden Valley**  
"The Last Day of Prophecy -- Discover the Rest of the Story" seminar will begin at the Eden Valley Church at 7 p.m., Sunday, April 3. Meetings will continue nightly at 7 p.m. through Friday, April 8, with the final seminar beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, **April 9**. This will be followed by a fellowship/refreshment time. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for this timely seminar. Registration not required. Eden Valley Church is located at 9325 World Mission Drive, Loveland CO 80538. For more information, call 970-232-9783.

**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 to 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 devotions 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.

**Woodland Park**  » 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.

**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](http://www.twinpeakssda.org) or [www.RelevantSeminars.org/Louisville](http://www.RelevantSeminars.org/Louisville). The church is located at 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027.

**Voice of Prophecy**  » There's still time for churches to sign up for Shadow Empire! This guest-friendly three-day (April 28-30) Voice of Prophecy event was taped on location in countries like Serbia, Turkey and Italy. Co-presented by Shawn Boonstra and your local pastor, the series (and accompanying book and lessons) will explore the Emperor Constantine's impact on religious freedom today. This direct-to-church series has been designed to bring people from YOUR community through the doors of YOUR church. Request a FREE event kit now at [www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event](http://www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event), or call 1-888-744-1958. Want to attend? Find the location near you at [www.ShadowEmpire.com](http://www.ShadowEmpire.com) New locations are added daily.

**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/](https://www.facebook.com/blackhillsmassage/) -- or our website at [www.bhhec.org/school-of-massage](http://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 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.

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