



news nuggets

From Zimbabwe to Denver » Members of the Denver South Church congregation are currently in an intensive engagement to improve their Bible study skills. It was at the invitation of Christian Martin, their senior pastor, a church planter from Zimbabwe, Pastor Reginald Sibanda, is visiting Denver. His training skills and dedication to church mission contributed to an unprecedented church growth in the Adventist church in Mwenezi, Zimbabwe. Now, he is a sought after church growth trainer and his current trip to the United States takes him also to Indiana and Alabama.



His story, reported in 2007 by ANN, saw church congregations totaling 273, stagnant for decades, increase to over 21,000 within two years, he recalled. Today, the church in that region not only has more church members and congregations, but was also divided into districts, creating a new network for church growth.


NewsNuggets talked with Sibanda, 40, who shared a few highlights of what is the secret for local church growth. A soft-spoken evangelist and trainer, he offered a tip how to approach church planting. It's about "house to house Bible studies. Train the lay people how to do study the Scriptures," he said. His experience includes motivating "lay people [who] go house to house giving Bible studies."

Traveling as a trainer of church planter he explains that he "teaches the lay people how to pray. One of the first things is prayer. Also, how to have a good relationship with God. And, then teach them how to study the Bible and how to share it,"

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"Silence and tacit consensus always, without fail, protect privilege. That is why the privileged are characteristically silencers."


-- Walter Brueggemann

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he explained. Another area of his training sessions deals with “... how to get people interested in studying the Bible,” he adds.

Sibanda’s story takes him now throughout the world. We asked him, how he combines being a good father, and husband, when he is always away from home? He offered a short comment: “I try to make up for all the time I am gone.”

Today, Sibanda lives in Bulawayo, where the Zimbabwe union is. Now a graduate of Zimbabwe’s Solusi University, initially it was his eagerness to “preach the gospel” that made him a successful evangelist. “The Holy Spirit is key,” he says. “He leads us in everything we are doing.”

Sibanda, who trains others to bring people to Jesus Christ, also baptizes many of the new converts. Over the years, “I don’t know, how many I baptized myself, but probably more than 2,000 people,” he shared.

A man of prayer, he emphasizes the importance of connecting with God through prayer. “Prayer is the key. We need to continue to pray because it is the key to soul-winning,” he adds

Responding to a question what mission needs he has observed as he has traveled in North America, Sibanda said, that as a church “we need to continue to talk about mission. We want everyone to be involved in mission.”

Reflecting on his assignment at Denver South, Sibanda believes that a “greater member involvement needs to be encouraged, and lay people need to be taught how to conduct Bible studies.”

Referred to as a “warrior of faith and prayer”, Pastor Sibanda will be speaking on Friday, March 8 at 6:30 PM; and Sabbath, March 9 at 11 AM and 5:30 PM. Read his story [here](#).

--Rajmund Dabrowski with Carol Bolden; Photo of Christian Martin and Reginald Sibanda by Rajmund Dabrowski

Sheltering Churches/Schools to Become New Way to Serve Our Communities »

In an effort to further serve our communities, Adventist Community Service Director Cathy Kissner recently procured an agreement with the Red Cross that would allow qualifying churches and schools to be designated as shelters for anyone in the community impacted by a natural disaster—tornado, hurricane, tsunami, fire—or by other incidents—intruder, shooting, etc. These shelters would be used when localized shelter operations are unfeasible or when sheltering activities are consuming resources that might otherwise be dedicated to recovery operations.

Hispanic INTEL Class

March 9, 10

Hispanic Children's Ministries Certification

March 16, 17

Hispanic Pastors Meeting - Conference Office

March 5

SE Town Hall Meeting -- Colorado Springs

March 17

Pastors Meeting at GVR

March 18 - 21

Metro Town Hall Meeting

March 24

Campion Music Festival with Jaime Jorge

March 24

Executive Committee

April 3, 9:30 a.m.

Hispanic INTEL Class

April 6, 7

Hispanic Women's Ministries Certification

April 13, 14

GVR Board

April 17, 9:30 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust

April 18, 9:30 a.m.

Pathfinder Bible Experience

April 21, 21

Hispanic Children's Ministries Certification

April 28, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Rally

March 28, Arvada

SW Town Hall Meeting

April 28, Pinon Hills Church

Hispanic INTEL Class

May 4, 5

"One of the primary concerns for us is whether the Red Cross would allow someone from our 'agency' to be present when the shelter is open so that they don't violate our standards," commented Cathy. "[For instance], we don't want people sleeping in the sanctuary, smoking, drinking alcohol or serving pork. We would, however, welcome people using our sanctuary as a prayer chapel. Those are the kind of things our people must be trained in."

Conference-owned facilities that would like to be considered as a sheltering facility and whose facility meets the necessary standards will be invited to become part of this agreement when plans are solidified.

Still at the early stages of planning, a sheltering facility would have to meet ADA requirements—they must have showers, be able to serve food and have cots in separate rooms for family units, single women, and single men.

Those in need of sheltering would be routed to a shelter through the local jurisdictional authority.

After the Las Vegas shooting during the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert last October, some Adventist pastors who wanted to aid the victims were turned away because they didn't have the credentials needed. Cathy wants to remedy that by providing Spiritual Care training so that pastors can be certified. Besides the training, pastors or others wanting to be trained would have to present a letter of recommendation and be vetted through a high-level background check.

For the first time, an ACSDR Crisis Care team in Florida was allowed to meet with students affected by the school shooting.

Pastors, doctors, teachers, counselors or any layman who have been trained and understand the requirements could be considered for the Crisis Care Counselor Response Team.

After experiencing an event such as the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida or the shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, many are traumatized and need spiritual care in a safe place. They may act in ways that would not be characteristic under normal circumstances. Caregivers must respond carefully, aware of the power of words to dishearten or to support. Training would raise their awareness of appropriate and inappropriate statements.

The training materials are nearing completion according to the committee developing resources, they are close to completion. However, "the plan can't be implemented until its various parts are activated and people prepared," said Cathy.



Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

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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.

Colorado Bible Institute to Begin Certification for Leaders to Promote God's Kingdom »

Colorado Bible Institute or INTEL--Institute de Teologico de Entrenamiento de Lideres or Theological Institute of Leaders Training--has certified more than 250 leaders around Colorado who are prepared to promote the Kingdom of God. They've been trained in evangelism.



INTEL is currently gearing up for its 2018 class. With 35 students already registered, they have room for 15 more students from around the Denver area.

Classes begin March 9 and include 7 classes, each 7 hours in length. Held each Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., the training will explore "Church Mission and Evangelism". Their main goal is prepare more leaders to promote the Kingdom of God through evangelism,

To register, call 720-939-5472. Classes are held at 7979 Meade Street, Westminster, Colorado.

"Maranatha, Jesus is Coming Soon!"

-- Frank Wilson; photo by

HEALTH NUGGET

Seven Steps to Protecting Your Eyesight

» According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, about 2.1 million people over the age of 50 encounter age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the most common cause of vision loss and blindness in America.

The Academy offers these steps to take control of eye health:

1. Get regular, comprehensive eye exams. Start at age 40 and have an eye exam every one to two years. AMD rarely has early warning signs.
2. If you smoke, quit. Smoking increases the risk of developing AMD according to numerous studies.
3. Eat a well-balanced diet. Studies show that eating a diet

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rich in fruits, vegetables, and nutrient-packed foods may reduce the risk of AMD.

4. Take the right vitamins. Some vitamins may delay the progression of advanced AMD, but one study found that some "top-selling products do not contain identical ingredient dosages for eye vitamin formulas proven effective in clinical trials," the Academy warned.

5. Exercise regularly. Physical activity may lower the risk of developing AMD some studies show.

6. Monitor your sight with an Amsler Grid. If diagnosed with AMD, make this a part of your daily routine as it can identify vision changes that are not even obvious yet.

7. Know your family's eye health history. Having a close family member with AMD increases your risk of developing the condition by 50 percent. If this describes you, you may need more frequent eye exams.

SOURCE: American Academy of Ophthalmology

PRAYER CORNER

We'd love to have you join in our weekly Wednesday morning call, 6:30-7:30am! *You're invited!* To join, call: [605-468-8026](tel:605-468-8026), and use the access code 1010801#

2nd Quarter Day of Prayer and Fasting Sabbath, April 7

The first Sabbath of each quarter is designated as a day of prayer and fasting. This coming quarter the focus is "Interceding for our Marriages" and resources can be found [here](#):

Please choose a different Sabbath if the first Sabbath doesn't work for you.

Opportunities for Prayer:

Aurora First Church just finished 10 days of prayer. YOUR church is cordially invited to do 10 days of prayer as well! Why not plan for sometime this year? Resources can be found at tendaysofprayer.org.

The Gillette Church is hosting a prayer weekend March 9-10. Topics include:

Transforming Your Friends and Family Through Intercessory Prayer, Friday 7 pm

Transforming Your Personal Life Through Prayer, Church Service, 11 am

Transforming Your Community Through Prayer, Sabbath, afternoon 2:30 pm

Friday night and Sabbath afternoon sessions will be held in the community room at South Fork Apartments, [4500 Running W Drive, Gillette](#). Sabbath morning will be held at the church.

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" Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power." PR 12

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 2018

La Vida Mission	May 11-13--new	La Vida Mission
NE Colorado	June 1-2	Campion Academy
Speaker: Clifford Goldstein		
Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
Speaker: Michael Ryan		
Hispanic	Aug 31- Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

TOWN HALLS 2018

SE Town Hall	March 17	Colorado Springs Central
Metro Town Hall	March 24	Denver South Church
WY Town Hall	April 14	Casper Church
SW Town Hall	April 28	Pinon Hills Church
NE Town Hall	May 19	Campion Church
NW Town Hall	June 9	Grand Junction Church
Hispanic Town Hall	June 16	Denver South Hispanic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yellowstone National Park Sabbath Services » Join us for worship at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Led by Rocky Mountain Conference pastors, the services begin at 10 a.m. in Old Faithful Lodge.

True Life Community Church » TLC ladies are hosting "Fit To A Tea" at 1 p.m., Sabbath, **March 10** right after



the praise service. Women's Ministry leader, Tammy Romero, asks women who attend to bring purses, either loaded or unloaded with toiletries.

Optionally, bring just a purse or just a gallon zip-lock bag loaded with toiletries.

These purses and toiletries will be taken to a women's shelter in the area. She is looking for junior volunteers (young ladies 18 or younger). Contact Tammy at 720-364-8339. TLC Church is located at 6054 S Kipling Parkway, Littleton, Colorado 80127.



Fire Rekindled 2018 » The Golden, Lakewood, and Denver West churches join together to present Fire Rekindled 2018. These meetings begin **March 16 and continue through April 27**. For more information about speakers and dates, call or text 970-485-3613 or visit www.goldencosda.org
Denver West Church: 290 S Quitman Street, Denver 80219.
Lakewood Church: 8001 W 23rd Ave, Lakewood 80214.
Golden Church: 3101 S Golden Rd, Golden 80401.

Campion Church » *Scott Michael Bennett* will be presenting a concert at the Campion Church at 6:30 p.m. on **March 17**. Scott and his wife Heather have been involved in Christian music ministry since 2008. He has made appearances on 3ABN and the Hope Channel. You can also hear his beautiful music on Youtube. This is an evening you won't want to miss. A free will offering will be taken.

Jaime Jorge, a world-class violinist, will be performing at the Campion Church at 2:30 p.m. on **March 24**. Born in Cuba and raised in a communist country, Jaime has a passion for proclaiming the gospel through his music. His gift of musical interpretation brings new life and excitement to every song. You will be inspired by his music and blessed as he shares his testimony.

diabetes UNDONE

Save these dates for a diabetes prevention and reversal program presented at the Twin Peaks Adventist Church 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027.

Sunday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Monday, March 26 through April 23, 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

*The \$149 registration fee includes:

- Media presentations by *Dr. Wes Youngberg*, author of ***Goodbye Diabetes***, and dietician *Brenda Davis*, author of ***Defeating Diabetes***
- ***Plant to Plate*** cookbook
- Workbook and handouts
- Online extended education
- Glucometer and Hemoglobin A1C test
- Plant-based food recipes and sampling
- 8 Laws to a Better, Longer Life DVD

*Early bird registration fee is \$139 if completed by March 11. Registration closes March 18. Program size is limited to 10 persons and their spouses. Contact Rosemary Cook 303-465-4010 for more information and to reserve your spot for a new lease on life.



**Children's Ministries
Certification and VBX
Training in Brighton . . .
in Grand Junction »** Join
us for Child Evangelism
Track 3 held at 6:45 - 8:45
p.m. Friday, **March 16** and 9
a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday,
March 17.

This will be a weekend filled with learning and so much Jesus. Tracks will be taught in both Spanish and English at Brighton Church, 567 E Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601-3249. Register at rmcyouth.org/children or email Patty Rivera at patty@rmcsda.org, 303-910-1614. Registration deadline is March 7.

Join us for Children's Ministry Certification Track 2 held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, **April 28** at the Grand Junction Church, Taught in both English and Spanish, this training will cover Track 2 of the Children's Ministries certification. Grand Junction Church is located at 550 25 1/2 Road, Grand Junction CO 81505-6122. Register at rmcyouth.org/children or email Patty Rivera at patty@rmcsda.org, 303-910-1614. Registration deadline, April 19.

Faithful Stewards of God's Gifts

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Schedule for Northeastern WY Spring 2018

March 22 - Gillette, WY Area*
March 23 - Sheridan, WY Area*
March 24 - Sermon at Sheridan SDA Church
March 24 after sunset - Northeastern WY*
March 25 - Northeastern WY*

A unique mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Planned Giving and Trust Services provides useful financial, estate, and gift planning information—with special sensitivity to our faith. Our services are at **"NO COST"** so every church member can effectively manage the resources God entrusts to them.

*All Visits by Appointment, RSVP today by calling 303-282-3642



Meet your Trust Officer



Elder Julio Arias
Associate Director
Planned Giving & Trust Services

*"Planned giving is what we do
out of compassion...
not out of compulsion."*

The Journey to the Cross and Beyond » Coming **March 31** from 1 to 6 p.m., The Journey to the Cross and Beyond is an important outreach which will lead into evangelistic meetings. Our community is waiting to be invited to know more about Jesus. You can do three things to help make this major event a success:

Pray for its success and that people will be drawn closer to Jesus.

Bring your neighbors, family, and friends. It will not be an effective outreach without guests.

Get involved yourself. There are still plenty of positions that need to be filled. Some are behind the scenes and some up-front where the fun is. To get involved, contact Dick Stenbakken at 970-667-0866 or any of the Campion Church pastoral staff.

Academy Days at Campion » Academy Days at Campion is designed to give prospective students in grades 7-11 the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make new friends and "get a feel" for academy life.

Academy Days 2018 is scheduled for **April 13 and 14**. Under the theme "**The Ultimate Treasure**" visiting students will enjoy a Ninja Warrior Course, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food.

To register for Academy Days, go to www.campion.net.

Denver South Church Spring Concert » Denver South Church will present a spring concert on **April 21**. This dynamic and biblical choir/orchestra/drama program is an outreach to the community. Singers, instrumentalists, dramatists, ushers, greeters, prayer-givers and others are welcome to participate, Contact Missy Wherley at 720-985-

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Fort Collins Christian School » The Fort Collins Christian School will start a state-licensed Preschool (ages 3-5) and is seeking a part-time preschool teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Family and Child Development, Child Psychology, or an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education will be considered. If you are interested in this position, please contact Keiko Breese at keikonagasawa821@gmail.com or call her at 970-222-6347 for more information.

Mile High Academy ESL Teacher Needed at China Campus » Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - ESL Teacher Needed

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the

school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

Student Literature Evangelist Coordinator » Joe Martin has announced that he will be retiring this June. "We're sorry Joe is retiring," said RMC President Ed Barnett. "He has big shoes to fill and we are looking for someone to fill them. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our office at 303-282-3635 and ask for Human Resources.

Glacier View Ranch » has the following employment opportunity available:

Support Personnel position. This is a part-time (28 hours/week) position with housing provided on site. The employee will perform a variety of tasks, assisting in multiple operational functions around the Ranch. For a full description of duties, including physical demands and working conditions, please review the job description on our website at <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-gvrsupportpersonnel> where you will also find information on how to apply.

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NewsNuggets Archive Now Online »

The *NewsNuggets* archive is now online, and can be found at <https://www-rmc-sda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive>.

FROM THE EDITOR

We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

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.**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines, see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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