Since arriving at the Rocky Mountain Conference office in March, my learning curve was accelerated in the first few days of May. As I am writing this on May 5, I am richer for the experience of attending a series of Town Hall meetings -- in Grand Junction, Durango, and at Denver’s LifeSource Adventist Fellowship. Not only was it an opportunity to travel together with several members of the leadership team, meeting new church members and pastors, but also to see the amazing beauty of Colorado.*

Reflecting on what one experienced meeting at those three Town Hall meeting, one had a feeling that RMC is less about programs, and more about people and their engagement with the church’s mission. For me, the following memorable details stand out:

*Accountability is high on the agenda in our conference. This can be seen in the approach to who and what we, as a church, are about. Ed Barnett, the RMC president, shared our Mission Statement – “Knowing Christ and Making Him Fully Known” – which is the call to be focused and intentional in our vision and mission.

Nepal Disaster Update  » Scheer Memorial Hospital, the only Adventist hospital in Nepal, has been overwhelmed with disaster relief efforts following the huge earthquake on April 25. As of Wednesday, May 6, the hospital beds are full and some patients are kept in hallways. There are some truly amazing stories coming...
out of this disaster. CEO Dr Dale Mole writes, “We had a 9 year
old girl come into the hospital after spending
days buried in the rubble. The house collapsed and
her relatives just assumed she was dead. She happened to hear
the voice of her uncle and started calling “uncle, uncle”. Her
relatives started shouting and calling her name...to which she
responded, “Quit calling my name, just pull me out of here.” She
has a crushed
pelvis and just underwent her 2nd of 3 surgeries.”

Relief efforts in the remote villages of the surrounding area are
being coordinated with Scheer Memorial Hospital and teams from
Loma Linda University, ADRA, World Vision, and the Harvard
Disaster Medicine Program. Centura Health has been actively
seeking donations to provide medical care to those injured in the
earthquake. The hospital structure was left largely undamaged,
however several staff members have lost their homes. Donations to
relief efforts can be made at:
www.centuraglobalhealth.org/cgh/support-us/nepal-earthquake-
relief-fund

Greg Hodgson/Photo credit: ICathy Ruiz-Dias, C-Section
performed outdoors at Scheer Memorial Hospital]

Saving Lives in the
Peruvian Farmland »
Erick Mori » Saboya is a 35
year-old farmer and father of
three who started experiencing
abdominal pains during the
night. After one difficult night,
he got out of bed and went to
his fields where he cultivates a
potato-like root crop called
yucca. The sharp pains came
again, so Erick decided he should go back to the health post. He
had heard that a group of foreigners were coming to his village of
Yana Yacu Bonbonage to conduct a medical campaign.

Yana Yacu is located on a tributary to the Amazon River. During
high water, the village can be reached in one hour by a fast boat
from Iquitos, the capital of the Amazon basin in Peru. When the
river goes down, another route must be followed which takes two
hours. And during the dry season, the rivers become so small that it
is impossible to travel by boat. Village residents have to walk
several hours to reach the Amazon River where they can flag down
a passing boat. [more]

Jumpstart to Fitness » In spite of all night rain, morning
drizzle and foggy circumstances, ten of the nineteen participants’
spirits weren’t dampened and arrived at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, April 26,
for the 5K run-walk. Another five had arrived the night before and
stayed in the Eden Valley Village. The last four participants came
in time for worship and breakfast.
All participants were a chipper and enthusiastic bunch throughout
the whole misty day.

The program was well organized and presented by Joseph
Hollifield, Eden Valley Lifestyle’s Fitness Trainer, with assistance
from John Roeske, Eden Valley’s resident marathon runner and
trail guide, and Michael Charles, former NFL player and director of
On the Road Again » The Seventh-day Adventist Riders Club is on the road again! This motorcycle club emerged out of the Fort Collins church in 2007 when a group of riders donned black T-shirts heralding, "I am the Way, Yo Soy El Camino, John 14:6" and took a weekend cycle trip to the Salida church to share their testimonies.

Over the years, several riders from the Front Range joined the group with trips to Craig, Spearfish, Leadville, Gunnison and Worland. "We basked in the joy of the ride and the worship that melded the group into a lifelong bond that sharing one's faith brings," says Lynne Eagan.

The Riders Club plans another July 17-19, leaving Friday morning for the scenic route through the famous Colorado scenery and up to Rawlins to conduct the Sabbath services there. On Sunday, the Riders will play in the hot springs in Saratoga, according to Lynne. Photo from the Leadville trip with Enderson and Iwsabel Cruz from the Fort Collins church in the lead. [Lynne Eagan]

Dick Stenbakken to Speak at Littleton Church » Dick Stenbakken, director and presenter of Bible Faces, first-person narrative biblical presentations, will speak at the Littleton church at 7 p.m. Friday, May 8 and 11 a.m. Sabbath, May 9. With more than 60 carefully researched biblical characters, Stenbakken has presented their moving messages to a host of churches, on international TV, at many prayer breakfasts at the Pentagon and at the US Senate/Staff Bible study luncheons.

The Littleton church is at 7400 S. Windermere Street, Littleton, CO 80120. For more information, call 303-798-5648.

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