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Vista Ridge Academy Receives Matching Grant for Tuitions »



Imagine what it would look like if every business owner had the opportunity to contribute to a cause they care about simply by doing what they are already doing. That’s at the heart of what James Christianson and Lief Sorensen believe is possible with their company P3.

The company’s premise is to harness the power of businesses that are already spending money on credit card processing fees and re-direct a portion of these funds by giving 50 percent of profit back to Adventist education. By maintaining long-term relationships through effective customer service and integrity, Christianson and Sorensen say they will be ensuring these revenue streams for schools continue month over month and year after year.

“Why pay two, three or more percent to a bank to process simple credit card transactions?” Sorensen adds, “and, even more importantly, consider the impact giving back just a portion of these fees would have on Christian education.”

Setting up a company capable of both processing credit cards and allowing businesses to contribute just made sense. As Sorensen points out, “from dentists to mechanics, doctors to retail store managers, with P3, now every type of business owner has an opportunity to participate and support their local

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RMC Staff Meeting
November 17, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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school. We couldn't be more excited about the possibilities.”

Partner, process, purpose. These are the values that define P3—and its impact can already be seen on a local level.

Vista Ridge Academy -- www.vistaridge.org -- recently benefited from a \$30,000 tuition subsidy through a matching grant campaign. According to Academy principal Sandy Hodgson, her school “has been blessed by businesses working with P3 to advance Adventist education. Because of a one-week matching grant campaign, Vista Ridge Academy benefited last August, and the funding received went directly to subsidizing tuition for families who would not be able to afford an Adventist education.”

Shawn Nowlan, chairman of Vista Ridge Academy expressed gratitude for P3 involvement, noting that it is “helping to lower financial barriers for students, so they can experience Vista Ridge Academy’s Christian education that prepares them both for time and for eternity. What better way for us to return the funds God has entrusted to us?”

Christianson and Sorensen recognize the impact of difficult economic times on school budgets: “Our business model provides a much-needed additional revenue stream for Adventist schools,” Christianson told *NewsNuggets*.

Like Christianson, Sorensen also has a deep personal interest in helping to provide additional funding and resources for Adventist education, “I attended Adventist schools from first grade all the way through medical school. The education I received was excellent preparation for my career and the positive influence of the teachers and friends I made along the way was priceless. At P3 we want to use business partnerships and our shared passion for Adventist education to develop a funding source which will allow as many kids as possible access to these life-shaping experiences.”

Ultimately, partnering your business with P3 will continue the chain of positive impact, allowing for more children to attend schools like Vista Ridge Academy, to strive for academic excellence in a Christian environment, and eventually, give back to the same community that fostered their education. To learn more, visit www.p3online.org.

[Rajmund Dabrowski; photo of James Christianson by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Volleyball Team Wins Trophy, Gives God the Glory »



Campion’s volleyball team, the Cougars, brought home the tournament trophy for the first time this last weekend after some intense playing at the Union College Volleyball Invitational Tournament October 15-17. Participating teams came from Mid-America Union as well as Florida, Texas, and Tennessee.

Photos of elated athletes and trophies are expected at a time like this, but maybe not images of the girls on their knees with

<i>December 8, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</i>
Executive Committee
<i>December 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>
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News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information that expresses our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

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

bowed heads in the middle of the gym floor. Yet that's exactly what this volleyball team did after winning the championship game, following an undefeated streak of 8 games throughout the tourney.

They thanked God for helping them fight through each point and for giving them strength to play 3 matches in a row. During the games, they kept reminding each other "who they were playing for," which was God and themselves.

On Saturday night of the tournament, the Lady Cougars decided to carry on the tradition of writing a Bible verse on their hands as a reminder of Whom they truly play for. This year the text was taken from Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The team decided this verse was an excellent choice for a night of hard work and intense play.

"Writing Romans 8:31 on our hands simply reminded us Whom we were playing for -- not ourselves, but God," said Rachel Hammond, co-captain of the team. "The minute we received the trophy, we knew we needed to thank God for giving us victory," she finished.

Head coach Erin Hieb and assistant Kelsey Downey, both Champion alumni, have enjoyed the 2015 season with the volleyball team. Their team theme for this season focused on playing with 100% effort in practice and through every point, set, and match. As coaches, they did their best to encourage good sportsmanship and determination, and really focused on helping the girls have as much fun as possible.

Coach Kelsey felt that losing Wednesday night practice time, a new challenge this year, definitely affected the overall outcome of the season. Tuesday and Thursday games were more of a challenge because of no practice on Wednesday. However, win or lose, she argued, "the girls were able to have more time to focus on the spiritual side of life, which is what Champion is all about." The attitudes and effort of these athletes revealed a commitment to the sport, but foremost to their Savior.

With God's help and a lot of determination from every team member, the Lady Cougars fought from the heart for their first ever victory at the Union College Volleyball Tournament. [Kelsey Downey & Jennifer Sigler; top photo by Piper Barry; bottom, by Kelsey Downey]



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RMC Leaders Hold Seminars in Wyoming Districts »



Five leaders from the administrative team of the Rocky

Mountain Conference traveled across Wyoming during the week of October 11-17 visiting six Wyoming churches to conduct seminars.

“While the seminars were instructive and intended to strengthen the members of the churches, the real blessing was for the administrative team to have an opportunity to fellowship with the Adventist church family of Wyoming,” reported Eric Nelson, vice president for RMC administration.

The seminars were varied in topics and intended to be practical. Such church-oriented topics included stewardship, leadership issues, sermon preparation, grief recovery, giving Bible studies, conflict resolution, listening skills and encouraging the discouraged. The training events began on Sunday, October 11 with seminars in Green River, followed by meetings in Casper, Newcastle, Sheridan, Worland and Riverton. The trip ended with Ed Barnett, conference president speaking at the Casper Church on Sabbath, October 17.

“Our Wyoming visits gave us an opportunity to become more familiar with our congregations and districts. But even more, it was a blessing to share a time of prayer, fellowship and ministry with our believers engaged in the mission of our church in the beautiful region of Wyoming,” said Ed Barnett, RMC president.

Following their return, the team received several comments about the Wyoming visit. A church member from Sheridan sent a card saying, "We felt not only blessed, but cared for. Then, on top of that, you unloaded our order for the food store. We appreciated your spending your time and energy on us. I didn't want it to end. You guys ROCK!"

The seminar teaching personnel included Ed Barnett, president, George Crumley, vice-president for finance, Eric Nelson, vice president for administration, Craig Carr, ministerial director, and Al Williams, director of Awaken Wyoming. [RMCNews; photo by Ed Barnett -- Eric Nelson presents seminar at Worland Church]

Church Marathoners Run for Clean Water Cause »



team of 50 runners sponsored by the Newday Church ran a half marathon Sunday, October 18, generating more than \$58,000 toward providing clean water for African villagers whose children walk 6-8 hours daily to procure their water.

Wearing orange jerseys and orange shoelaces, they ran through downtown Denver on a trail that started and ended at Civic Center Park. One of 30 World Vision-sponsored runs going on globally the same weekend, six of them took place in the United States.

“I’m not a runner,” says Lisa Engelkemier, associate pastor at Newday, “so running a half-marathon is like someone saying to me, ‘Why don’t you run up Mount Everest?’” she laughs. But, according to Engelkemier, “the training is designed for sedentary people between the ages of 50-60 to get them to the finish line.”

Global concern is not a new concept to Newday members. They

have sponsored the children in a Rwandan village for a number of years through World Vision, helping to improve their lives by providing clean water, proper nutrition, basic healthcare, education, spiritual nurture and economic opportunities.

For each \$50 raised, the runners were able to supply a lifetime of water for one person in a Rwandan village. The children also benefit by being able to avoid the human traffickers that frequent the paths they walk to get water and they gain time to continue their education.

Such thoughts were on the minds of the runners as they competed for a cause last Sunday. “When we got tired, we remembered that we were running so that these kids won’t have to,” shares Engelkemier. “We chose to do something hard so that these kids won’t have to anymore.”

More than one million dollars was raised in the six races taking place in the U.S. last weekend. According to a study carried out by KPMG, an advisory service, on behalf of World Vision, “assuming only a 30 percent increase in the number of people reached [as opposed to the 94 percent increase from 2013 to 2014], the global water crisis would be solved by 2027.

Lack of clean water “is the number one preventable death on the planet and we have the answers,” says Engelkemier. “We who have something can help those who have nothing,” she states.

A celebration of their victory with a slide show of the race will be held at 11:15 a.m. this Sabbath at Newday Christian Seventh-day Adventist Church, meeting at 9030 Miller Road, Parker, CO 80138-7236. [Carol Bolden; photo by Team World Vision]

Zambia Mission: "Thank You" from the Paramount Chief »



After a month’s visit to Mansa, Zambia, Paul and Lynne Eagan from the Fort Collins Seventh-day Adventist Church returned at the end of September from reviewing the progress of Rocky Mountain Conference’s project of building the church for the newly-developing Fordina Pandeli Secondary School.

Shortly before leaving for Zambia, the Eagans received a donation of \$20,000 for purchasing roofing materials and other supplies for the church. The review team included Jim Lynch, who recently moved to Wichita from Campion Academy, and his brother, Chuck Lynch, the Eagans as well as the school founder, Dr. Pardon Mwansa.

In Mansa, the group met with the contagiously enthusiastic South African building contractor, Zuki Mxoli and family, who had come for one of his frequent checks on the church building progress, and to consult with Dennis Evens from the Campion Church who is in charge of the project. During the visit, Zuki Mxoli announced his return in the month of November to build and donate the girls’ dormitory for the school.

While in Mansa, Chuck and Jim Lynch evaluated the school’s master plan and layout of classroom uses in what will be a magnificent new construction of the classroom block. The group also ministered to the African construction workers as well as the faculty and students at the new school, with Pastor Eagan preaching a series of evangelistic sermons at the Luamfumu open-air bush

church. A headman and 16 others were baptized in the river on September 11. Also baptized was a local building contractor, Faxon Kwesu, who had dreamed in June of 2014, that he was being baptized by Pastor Eagan!

The following week, September 14-19, Pastor Eagan had morning and evening week of prayer meetings for the 58 secondary school students after which he and Dr. Mwansa baptized ten individuals.

“The seeds of this new emerging school were planted by church members from the Rocky Mountain Conference, and it is for these enthusiastic and dedicated students that we work to finish the church whose walls the RMC mission team built in June of 2014,” reports Lynne Eagan.



A highlight of the visit came on September 17, when Dr. Mwansa unexpectedly picked up Pastor Paul and Lynne from the school, with Mwata Kazembe, the Paramount Chief of Luapula Province, riding in the front seat with him! Shedding all his royal protocol Mwata jumped in the truck so he would not be recognized, and went to see the Mwansa Christian Education Center building progress. [\[more\]](#)

First Denver Indonesian Becomes Official Church »



First Denver Indonesian Church was recognized and organized as an official church on October 10. Formed as a company in 2012, they grew rapidly under God’s blessing and the leadership of Yoram Tumbarante, pastor, along with the dedicated efforts of volunteer pastors, church leaders and members.

Adventist Indonesian churches in the area joined them for this high day of celebration and praise to God for His blessings. Eric Nelson, vice president for administration, presented the sermon followed by a challenge and the members gathered on the platform to commit themselves individually and as a body to serve the Lord and be faithful as a church.

“The fellowship meal that followed the service was both beautiful and delicious,” stated Nelson. “God has richly blessed them as a church,” he continued. “It is their wish that they will continue to experience powerful demonstrations of God’s blessing and leading.”

Rifle Spanish Church Holds Week-Long Series

» Under the title, "On the Brink of Eternity," the Rifle Spanish Church held a week-long series of evangelistic meetings from October 3-10.

Pastor Ruben Balaguer led the visitors and members on a walk through the book of Revelation, discovering Christ at the center of the book.

The series ended with the baptism of Laura Morales and Evelyn Lopez. [RMCNews pictured, Laura Morales]



Enhancing Adventist Professional Communication »



A group of communicators from Mid-America Union Conference territory met at an annual conference of the Society of Adventist Communicators, October 15-17, in Chantilly, Virginia, near Washington, DC.

Advancing professionalism in how the church approaches communicating its message in today's media market dominated more than a dozen presentations and workshops throughout the weekend. Such issues as how to respond to attention the church received in the media in the context of Dr. Ben Carson's presidential bid, a need to consider more attentively the church's assets of healthy living and care for creation (environmentalism), as well as effective engagement with social media opportunities were covered by consultants and media specialists in numerous presentations. Networking, exchanging questions and answers, as well as sharing fresh approaches in making the church's communication relevant and effective were among the benefits of the gathering.

Off plenary and workshop session conversations expressed concerns that far too much attention is given to in-church communication and far less in engaging with issues and needs of society at large. "We need to stop selfie-broadcasting and start learning to speak to a secular audience and learn the language of our younger audiences. Speaking to oneself is not evangelism," Kirsten Øster-Lundqvist, communication expert from England, told fellow communicators.

"Developing cultural relevant content is far more important than the time and money we spend in perfecting availability of technology. Media is not an option, it's here and we as believers, pastors and leaders need to become media literate so that we can understand how to communicate cross-culturally to reach today's post-post modern secular audiences," she commented for *NewsNuggets*.

Among the participants from the RMC territory was Dustin

Comm, a professional media consultant from Castle Rock, and Rajmund Dabrowski, RMC communication director, along with the MAUC team led by Brenda Dickerson, communication director (middle back row). [Rajmund Dabrowski; photo by Alicia Adams]

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RMC EVENTS



RMC Young Adult Day » Under the theme, *Own It*, the Boulder Adventist Church will be hosting Rocky Mountain Conference’s Young Adult Day on October 24. **Paddy McCoy**, chaplain at

Walla Walla University, is the presenter for what is anticipated to be great fellowship and worship! For more information, go to rmcya.org

ACS Community LIFT » In honor of World Food Day and all families having equal access to food, ACS LIFT is holding a Family Fun Fall Festival from 2 - 6 p.m. Sunday, October 25. FREE cooking demo, family feast (everyone eats today!), live music, face painting, fancy cake raffle, Kid's Zone, and more. All proceeds benefit Jovial Concepts and ACS Community LIFT. Held at 5045 W. 1st Avenue, Denver 80219.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

La Vida Mission » In order to safely transport very young Navajo children, La Vida Mission needs ten booster and car seats for their vans at the cost of \$50 each. If you would like to help with this need, mark your donation "Car Seat". Or, if you have questions or a new car seat you would like to donate, call 505-786-5539.

Mile High Academy » The annual auction to support MHA's students will take place **October 25** in the Curtis Ballroom, 5345 Landmark Place, Greenwood Village, 80111:
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction and Dinner
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Live Auction
An informative Open House will be held for current and/or interested parents from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Fall Education Expo » Adventist University of Health Sciences of Denver will hold its Fall Education Expo from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, **October 28** at their Denver campus, 950 E. Harvard Avenue, Suite B80. Key programs will be featured, including Nursing (BSN), Radiography and Sonography.
This is a great opportunity for future students to speak with faculty and staff from the university. Representatives will also be visiting from the Orlando campus to answer questions regarding financial aid and admissions. See [poster](#).

Brighton Academy » Come to a Christ-centered, family-friendly "Fall on the Farm" Fall Festival at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night, **October 31** to enjoy food, games and other activities. A 5:30 p.m. vespers will take place at the Brighton Church with K-6 grades presenting the musical drama, "What's Up, Zak? -- A Musical Encounter with Jesus."

Littleton Church » Hear Jaime Jorge, violin virtuoso, in concert **October 31** at Littleton Church during the worship service. He will captivate you with his story and music.

Casper Church » "Keep Calm and Be Prepared," is the title of the seminar being held at the Casper Church, from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday, **November 1** and continuing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. This eye-opening seminar will teach why we are in this mess, what to expect next, and how to survive. Free seminar. Child care provided. The church is located at 2625 Casper Mountain Road, Casper WY 82601.

Twin Peaks Fellowship (Louisville) » A free concert with Jaime Jorge will take place at 5 p.m., **November 1**. Jaime has played in a high school setting as well as Carnegie Hall. He has played on six continents and in more than 40 countries. His music and personal story of God's leading will captivate.

Franktown Church » David Asscherick will present an evangelistic series beginning at 7 pm. Thursday, **November 5** and continuing through Sunday, November 15. Registration is recommended. To register or for questions, call 303-688-8687 or email wendy@franktownsda.org.

Vista Ridge Academy » The doors will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 pm. for the annual Fall Festival at Vista Ridge Academy on **November 7**. Enjoy festival games, activities and prizes in the gymnasium, along with festival food and other treats in the atrium. The academy is located at 3100 Ridgeview Drive, Erie 80516. For more information, call 303-828-4944.

Friday Night Live » Join this (FnL) grass-roots movement at 7 p.m. Friday night, **November 13** for food, conversation and connecting with God through worship and small-group discussion. Bring friends and join their facebook page for more details -- Northern CO SDA Young Adults.

Mile High Academy » The first **Fall Festival** at their new home will be held from 6-9 p.m. **November 14** with games, food, fun, prizes, and more. Join them at 1733 Dad Clark Drive, Highlands Ranch 80126. For more information, call 303-744-1069 or go to www.milehighacademy.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



ACS Community LIFT has an immediate opening for a part-time (28 hrs/wk) Medical Services Coordinator. This position coordinates the day-to-day operations for all Medical Services Program

activities. Bilingual (English and Spanish) is a plus. To learn more about the position and how to apply, please visit

<http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-medical-servies-coordinator>.

ACS Community LIFT has an immediate opening for a part-time (14 hrs/week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Medical Assistant at its Denver location. Applicants must be certified as a Medical Assistant and have at least two years working in a medical clinic, hospital, doctor's office or other health care setting. For a complete job description and application, visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-medical-assistant>.



The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week, M-Th) Assistant to help out in its Treasury Department. To learn more about this position and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-treasury-assistant>.

The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a full-time (38 hours per week, M-Th) Administrative Assistant to support the conference's three officers: President, Vice President for Administration and Vice President for Finance. To learn more about this position and how to apply, go to <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-administrative-assistant-opening>



The **Voice of Prophecy** in Loveland, Colorado, is looking for a full-time departmental assistant, as well as a DISCOVER Bible School trainer. View the full job descriptions and apply at vop.com/jobs.

Global Health Initiatives



Seeking **Trip Coordinator** for Global Health Initiatives health projects at Centura Health. Twenty hours per week. Experience in international travel arrangements necessary. Please contact GHI Director Greg Hodgson for more information (greghodgson@centura.org).

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--Editor

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