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An Exchange of Blessings: Nurses from Iquitos, Peru Vista Avista Hospital » Libia Ruiz and Karen Sousa, two nurses from Iquitos, Peru, were all smiles as they spoke about their “happy opportunity” to spend a week visiting and training in late August at the Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, Colorado. Their visit was coordinated under the auspices of Centura Health’s Global Health Initiative, and was part of an ongoing and regular exchange of professionals between Avista and Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl, located on the shores of the Amazon River in Iquitos, Peru. A 40-bed medical institution is one of three hospitals operated by the Secenth-day Adventist Church in Peru.



Libia is manager of the Clinica surgery nursing team and explained that her Avista visit “is about gaining a better vision, getting a better idea, and observing a difference in techniques and processes we use with surgeries. I came to observe, watch and try to better my own service over what we currently do [during this] exchange training program.”

A similar comment, expressed with a sparkle in her eyes, came

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Upcoming Events
Men's Advance
September 11 - 13
Contact: Wayne Oldham, 970-209-7911
woldham170@gmail.com
Speaker: Tom Lemon

from Karen, a head nurse at Clinica. “For me, this is a happy opportunity to learn,” she said.

Avista medical team, together with the hospital’s administrators started their relationship with the Peruvian hospital in Iquitos nine years ago. Referred to as a “cultural ambassador for Peru,” David Meza, a financial counselor at Avista, recalls his first impressions from his 2006 visit. “Today, the clinic is totally different. I remember seeing ants and flies in the operating room. Hygiene was their challenge. Today, everything is different. The hospital’s cafeteria serves gourmet meals nowadays!”

Mezza, who also serves as translator for Avista’s CEO Dennis Barts, says that Avista’s involvement with the Clinica wasn’t a one-time affair. Today, each trip includes additional direct interaction of the staff both in Peru, and in Colorado. “What you notice now is a change in quality of medical care. Hospital leaders have come to observe, then they go back and now we see a change at their clinic,” he added.

Once a month, Dennis Barts holds a consultation with the Clinica administrators and managers via Skype. Barts says that his first visit to Iquitos “made me realize that sustainability of their hospital is really important. It’s not something that we want to just drop in and be the ‘experts’ but that we can help on a regular basis and be available on monthly Skype calls and quarterly trips, something we can do on a regular basis so we can gain from them and they can gain from us.” [\[more\]](#)



Living A Healthy Life is Main Feature at Hispanic Camp Meeting » More than 600 participants of the Colorado Hispanic camp meeting 2015 were treated to the theme of “A Healthy Life” with presenters Dr. Joaquin Cazares of Arizona and Chef Julio Barillas of Florida focusing on health principles. This weekend event was held at Glacier View Ranch, August 28-30, Ruben Rivera, Hispanic ministries director and event coordinator, reported.

Participants expressed their appreciation to this year’s theme. “In recent years, I feel that nutrition became a crucial matter in my life,” commented Yadira Pernia, from Vestavia, Alabama. “Chef Julio Barillas is gifted by our Lord to teach us how to eat healthier.”

Eden Chavez from Lakewood said, that he “learned the most important information in order to develop a healthy life [and] the nutrition class was an excellent complement [toward developing] a better life.”

The camp offered a perfect setting for a baptism during the gathering. Charles Kutsinger had spent several months studying the Bible deeply for himself and discovered new Bible truths and is now a new disciple working to bring other people to Jesus, Ruben reported.

The camp meeting offered crafts, games and puppets for 150 children. Keeping them occupied and focused can be a challenge, but pastors Ruben Balaguer and David Rodriguez ably engaged them through their devotional presentations and a variety of

Women's Retreat: Garden Getaway

September 18, 19
Contact: Ginger Bell, 720-980-9006
Denver Metro/Northeast Colorado

ARME Bible Camp

September 23 - 27
Glacier View Ranch

Campion Academy Alumni

September 25 - 26

Native Camp Meeting

September 25 - 27
Begins Friday evening; ends Sunday noon
Contact: Dorie Panganiban
505-786-5539 x2

Finance Committee

September 29, 8:30 am - 10 am

Executive Committee

September 29, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Women's Retreat: "Garden Getaway

October 2 - 3
Colorado Western Slope (Grand Junction)

RMC Staff Meeting

October 6, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

NAD/MAUC Children's Leadership Conference

October 9 - 11
Mid-America Union Conference Office

WY District Tour

October 11
October 17 -- Casper

CHIP Training Workshop

October 17, 18
Campion Church
Contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or chip@skybeam.com

GVR Board

October 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

October 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NAD Year-End Meetings

October 29 - November 4

activities.

Similarly, a series of presentations were prepared for the participating young people. Pastors Luis Cabrera from the Texas Conference and Homero Salazar from the Potomac Conference, presented Christ-centered messages and challenged them to become salt and light to the world. A gifted musician, Salazar also presented a musical concert for the gathering.

“The whole weekend was full of spiritual moments. One could witness individuals as well as small groups praying together, singing, and engaging in Bible study throughout the three days we spent at Glacier View Ranch,” Ruben commented.

“I feel very happy supporting such an important event,” commented Mario Bercian, a retired pastor who led in various activities during the weekend. “Each year I look forward to celebrate together our Hispanic camp meeting,” he said.

[Ruben Rivera; photos by Jorge Alemán, David Rodríguez and Rubén Balaguer]

Church in Woodland Park Joins in Building House With Habitat For Humanity »

The Woodland Park Seventh-day Adventist Church family teamed up with Habitat for Humanity, August 29, helping to build



the interior walls of two houses that will be home to members of our community. A professional builder oversaw the project as eight teams nailed studs, headers, and braces into place. Other volunteers cut wood to size and saw to it that there was almost no waste.

“Just to know it will add something to these people’s comfort, safety and peace gives one a great joy,” said Dean States, one of the volunteers. Involvement in the project expresses an attitude that “you have done it not for self but for the One who gave His life for me,” he added.

Habitat for Humanity helps lower-income people afford houses by building modestly-sized homes, using volunteer labor and providing no-profit loans. [Text and Photo by Dianne Bieri]

RMC BAPTISMS

Denver Korean: Randy Kyung, Grace Kyung, Jhon Il Kim

RMC MINISTERIAL COMINGS & GOINGS

Rocky Mountain Conference reports two recent ministerial changes in Colorado and Wyoming.

Gary Force who served for nearly three years in the Sheridan, Buffalo, Gillette, Upton and Newcastle churches of Wyoming has recently accepted a call to serve the Durango, CO and Aztec, NM congregations. Formerly he served as a teacher and administrator and his wife, Marirose, has also served as a teacher. Pastor Gary’s new assignment begins on October 1. **Regan Scherencel**, who ministered in the Northern Wyoming region for the past 9 years and served the Worland, Ten Sleep, Cody and Powell Churches,

RMC Staff Meeting

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

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accepted a pastoral call to the Kansas/Nebraska Conference, where he will serve the Great Bend district in Kansas. Formerly he served for over 20 years as chief of police in Keene, TX, and as a layman, he was involved in leading evangelism teams to India. He will assume his new position in Kansas on October 1.

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RMC EVENTS

"Garden Getaway" Women's Retreat a First in Colorado » Women's Ministry Department is full steam ahead in organizing their "Garden Getaway" retreat in Colorado. Registration for a one-day retreat on Sabbath, September 19, at the Broomfield Aloft Hotel (8300 Arista Place, Broomfield, 303-635-2000) is currently open.

The program includes a special event on Sunday, September 19. According to DeeAnn Bragaw, "participants will go to a women's shelter where we'll bless them with a free spa day! You will love the Scripture, music, laughter, and fun at this retreat for women of all ages, reminding us that God is with us and for us in every season of life!" Sign up at www.rmcsda.org/women. If you plan to stay at the hotel, make your own reservation separate from the retreat registration. For questions, contact Ginger Bell at 720-980-9006.



A similar event is planned for women from the Western Slope on October 3 in Grand Junction.



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 scheduled as the presenter for the day at what is anticipated as great fellowship and worship!

Coronary Health Improvement Project Training is Coming to Campion »

The next facilitator training for CHIP in the Denver-Loveland area will take place October 17, 18 at the Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more information, contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or chip@skybeam.com.



Training to run a CHIP program is required through an approved CHIP facilitator workshop. For more information about the CHIP program or how to run one in your church or community, contact Rick Mautz at rickm@rmcsda.org or call 530-521-7429. Watch CHIP video at: <https://vimeo.com/78279692> or at www.chiphealth.com.

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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](#).

Aurora First Church » Join Aurora First Church as it celebrates its annual *Taste of the Nations* Sabbath September 19. Enjoy their multi-cultural world through a parade of flags, singing, food and praise from many nations. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. and includes a multi-cultural lunch, vespers at 7 p.m. and fashion show at 8 p.m. If you would like to participate, contact Mel Cabandon at cabandon@yahoo.com.

Chapel Haven Church in Northglenn » Pastor Roy Weeden believes in what he terms a "culture of evangelism," and the congregation is launching their third evangelistic series in under one year. **Evangelist Jim Reinking** will be presenting a series of weekend presentations beginning at 7 p.m., September 11.

Colorado Springs Central Church » A Week of Prayer is planned for October 17 - 22 and 24 with **R.T. Smith**, senior pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Teaneck, New Jersey. He will speak for the Sabbath Service on October 17 for "Five Nights with the King" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday. For more information call: (719) 460-0551.

Fort Lupton Church » *Christ-centered Living in a Broken World* is the theme of the Fort Lupton series beginning September 28 and continuing through October 10. The pastoral team made up of Ed Barnett, Lonnie Hetterle, Martin Pope, Don Schraeder, Chuck DeShazer and Ted Williams will present such subjects as "Who Am I?", "Who Am I to Jesus?", "Dinner at Papa's", and "The BIG Move".

Pre-register by calling 720-466-5634 or go to ftlupton22.adventistchurchconnect.org. Admission is free.

Franktown Church » *A Vegan Cooking Class* with **Karen Houghton** is being planned for 12:30 p.m. after the church service on September 20. The class will be followed by a vegan barbecue at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 303-688-8687.

Golden Church » *Shake like you're changed!* is the theme of 2015 Golden Youth Rally September 11-13. **Jordan Thompson** is the guest speaker. As time goes on, younger members of our congregations change the way they worship. But are they worshiping in a way that pleases God? Should newer styles of music be considered? Can current worship standards be updated and still be in accord with the Bible? These and other questions will be considered in the context of God's Word. For more information visit www.facebook.com/adventistyoungadultsgroup

Greeley -- The Adventure » *Worshiping Jesus. Growing in Jesus. Sharing Jesus.* is the theme of **Steve Green's**

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concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 20. A renowned Christian singer, Green is celebrating 31 years of ministry. His music has been honored with four Grammy nominations, 13 Number 1 songs, and seven Dove Awards. With 35 recordings to his credit, including children's projects and Spanish language albums, he has sold more than three million albums worldwide. The Adventure Church is located at 4100 West 20th Street, Greeley, CO 80634

Loveland - Voice of Prophecy » The ministry is inviting all attendees to an exclusive Open House event during the Champion Academy’s Alumni Weekend from 2 - 5 p.m. Sabbath afternoon, September 26. Tours will begin every 20-30 minutes, with the final one starting at 4:40 p.m. Shuttles will depart from Champion Academy throughout the afternoon, or if you’d prefer to drive yourself, the address is 255 E. 6th St., Loveland, CO 80537. Parking is available in the open lot across the street. Enter near Lincoln Ave. and 7th St. For more information, go to pr@vop.com.

MAUC Office » Children's Leadership Conference will take place at the Mid-America Union Office in Nebraska, October 9-11. For registration and other information, go to plusline.org or call 800-732-7587.

True Life Community Church/Littleton » Christmas comes early this year for the TLC Church in Littleton with a special women's ministry program lead by **Dr. Angie Cordova**. Save the date of October 3. For more information, call Tammy Romero, 720-621-2243.

Vista Fellowship » Prophecy seminars planned at Vista Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists: Prophecy seminars in both English and Spanish are being planned at the Vista Fellowship Church at 701 Kimbark Street, Longmont. *A Ray of Hope* and *Descubriendo el Apocalipsis* will begin at 7 p.m. September 11. **Tim Jones** will present the English series on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings through October 16. In Spanish, meetings will feature **Carlos Muñoz** on Monday through Saturday evenings, ending on October 3. For more information, call 303-548-8601.

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.

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