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**Senior Survival Leads to 14 Baptisms and Re-baptisms »** Campion seniors returned from Senior Survival at Glacier View Ranch on Sunday, August 30, having slept in shelters they built with their own hands and eaten meals cooked over an open fire. Ultimately, they encountered God and gained a greater understanding of their class identity. Kyle Rushold, a four-year senior, said, "We learned who is willing to work together when the going gets tough."



What does he mean by "tough going"? The class tackled many challenges presented by chaplain Nick Clark and other Campion faculty -- some of them mentally challenging, others just grueling, like the death march. Some students may simply be referring to camping for five days without a shower. But, the greater purpose is not to just *survive*.

As Nick Clark explained, the purpose of Senior Survival is for the seniors to grow closer as a class and to encounter God. The weekend was filled with team-building initiatives helping them learn more about themselves and others.

"Every morning they have time to read Scripture, journal, and pray (see Kyle Rushold in photo above). Each night we have

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worship together around the campfire and learn what it means to follow Jesus as a community of believers. In other words, we talk a lot about the communal aspects of faith rather than just individual aspects," Nick said.

Senior Stephanie Tolalu explained that the trip was all about bonding with classmates and learning to trust them. “There were some people in my class that I didn’t expect to check on me, but once when I was crying, one of my classmates asked if I was okay and spent a couple hours listening to me. I realized that people in my class care about me. I learned I could count on these guys,” she said. [\[more\]](#)



**RMC's Cathy Kissner Joins NAD Adventist Community Services in Saipan After Typhoon Soudelor Carnage »** Cathy Kissner, RMC ACS Disaster Relief Coordinator, joined a team from North American Division Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response this past week to assist in disaster recovery services in Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CMNI) in the wake of tragic effects left by typhoon Soudelor when it hit the island on August 2, 2015. Originally a small category 1 typhoon, Soudelor gathered strength and slammed into the island with unexpected force.

Dan Weber, Communication Director, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, filed a report for [NAD NewsPoints](#) about relief efforts on Saipan:

Most experts agree that the damage on the island was made worse by several tornados that were inside of the typhoon and ripped paths through several neighborhoods destroying most of the homes in their path. More than 1,000 homes were destroyed by the storm and over 8,000 families have filed damage claims with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to completely rebuild or repair major or minor damage. [\[more\]](#)



**Vista Ridge Academy Faces Rapid Area Growth »** Founded in 1898 as Boulder Junior Academy, the school moved to Erie, Colorado, in 2004 and became Vista Ridge Academy (VRA), continuing to offer the best in Adventist education. Its location in Erie has been one of its most notable features as

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it overlooks an open field on the south side.

Being in an area of rapid growth, however, means the area’s development is inexorable.

On July 15, 2015, Monica Wernick, VRA’s school board vice-chairman, attended the City of Erie’s Planning Commission and learned of new plans for the open field. Beginning in late fall, King Soopers Marketplace will break ground in anticipation of a Christmas 2016 store opening, both for the grocery store and other retail businesses, including Starbucks, a walk-in medical clinic, pharmacy, and a Fred Meyer jeweler. In addition, the land between VRA and the Primrose School (to the west) is being developed with small, single-story craftsman-style patio homes that will be marketed to retired individuals as “The Fairways at Vista Ridge.”

In a recent letter to Vista Ridge families and friends, Monika Wernick, wrote: “We have enjoyed having open space around Vista Ridge Academy for the last ten years. However, we were aware that, with the rapid growth in our area, development of the land around our school was inevitable. We feel quite fortunate that the plans we have been shown are well designed, attractive, and considerate of their impact on our students and their families.

“We feel that both the developments represent the best case scenarios for growth on those properties considering the zoning and the possibilities for what could have been built there,” Wernick stated.

Commenting on the planned development, Shawn Nowlan, VRA's school board chairman said that, “Providence brought VRA to a vital growing part of the Denver Metro area. We are thankful both for the past ten years of open space and for the positive new neighbors. Given Erie’s zoning, these neighbors appear to be a best-case scenario for the inevitable growth around the school,” he stated.

For more information about VRA, please check the VRA web site: <http://www.vistaridge.org/>. Contact VRA Board Chairman Shawn Nowlan via e-mail at [snowlan01@gmail.com](mailto:snowlan01@gmail.com).

### RMC BAPTISMS

At the end of second quarter, baptisms were up 21 percent from last year. Listed below are recent baptisms reported to Rocky Mountain Conference:

**Boulder English:** Angela Davis and Erich Velandia

**Elm Haven Fellowship:** Alyssa Pichardo, Lorraine Pichardo

**Fort Morgan:** Maria Del Carmen Alvarez Lourdes, Jose Gutierrez, Jr.

**Greeley Hispanic:** Luis Angel Arias, Nallely Villa

**Rocky Mountain Indonesian:** Harry Susanto, Novembrin Simbolon

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**"Garden Getaway" Women's Retreat a First in**

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**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](http://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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Aurora First Church »** Join Aurora First Church as it celebrates its annual *Taste of the Nations* Sabbath. They will celebrate their multi-cultural world with a parade of flags, singing, food and praise from many nations. If your group would like to participate, contact Mel Cabandon at [cabandon@yahoo.com](mailto:cabandon@yahoo.com).

**Denver ABC »** LABOR DAY hours are as follows:  
Friday, September -- 4 - 9 am - 12 pm  
Sabbath, September 5 -- CLOSED  
Sunday, September 6 -- CLOSED  
Monday, September 7 -- CLOSED  
Tuesday, September 8 -- OPEN regular hours  
We will be open on Sunday, September 13, 10 am - 2 pm

**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.

**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. Details will follow.

**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](http://plusline.org) or call 800-732-7587.

**Vista Fellowship: Prophecy seminars planned at Vista Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists »** Two 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.

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\$40/person  
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**WY District Tour**  
*October 11 - 17*

**CHIP Training Workshop**  
*October 17, 18*  
Campion Church  
Contact Kathy at 970-308-2716 or [chip@skybeam.com](mailto:chip@skybeam.com)

**GVR Board**  
*October 20, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm*

**RMC Property & Trust Committee**  
*October 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**NAD Year-End Meetings**  
*November 1*

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