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## **First Joint Retreat of RMC's Indonesian Adventists Held in Colorado »**

Nearly 200 members from RMC's Indonesian community held their first joint retreat August 12-14 at the Ramada Inn in Glenwood Springs.

Made up of three churches--Colorado Indonesian-American, First Denver Indonesian, and Rocky Mountain Indonesian-American--they chose as their theme *Unity in Christ*, based on the text, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" from Psalm 133:1, which mirrored the atmosphere of the retreat.



Ronald Rantung, president of Manado and North Maluku Conference in Eastern Indonesia Union emphasized the importance of being united in Christ's suffering while Nestor Soriano, Campion Academy associate

pastor and speaker for the youth program, suggested that to be united *in Christ*, we must first be united *to Christ*.

Dr. VicLouis Arreola III, director of the North American Division Asian/Pacific Ministries, challenged listeners to not only serve their immediate community, but to expand and plant more Indonesian churches in North America.

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## Upcoming Events

**Pathfinder Leadership Weekend**

A non-Adventist pastor, attending from abroad, said she would love to be baptized and accept the Adventist faith, especially after attending the retreat.

Presented by a group from Colorado Indonesian-American Church, retreat music featured a Kolintang, or a traditional Indonesian pitched percussion musical instrument.

Newly-elected Indonesian convocation board members for the Mid-America Union were officially recognized by Dr. Arreola on Sabbath. Comprised of an advisory board and an executive advisory board, members will serve two years as the voice of the Adventist Indonesian community in the Rocky Mountain Conference and the Mid-America Union.

"I am happy to be here," Dr. Arreola remarked at the end of the conference, "and see that church members have worked [together] to create this event. We will continue to support the Indonesian convocation in any way we can."

[RMCNews with Barry Manembu; photo of VicLouis Arreola III by Barry Manembu]

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### **Senior Survival at Campion Promotes Self-Discovery**

» Campion seniors spent four nights in shelters they built themselves using tarps and rolls of duct tape August 24-28. In spite of pouring rain and hail, students stayed (mostly) warm through the 40-degree nights.



More about teamwork, self-discovery and spiritual growth than survival (building shelters, cooking by campfire and learning about wild edibles), the seniors worked in teams meeting physical challenges (crossing a "canyon" on a swinging rope), mental challenges (orienteering), and spiritual encouragement as they met each night at the campfire.

Comments from several weekend participants show some

*September 9-11*

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### **Daughters of Grace Retreat**

*September 16 - 18*

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### **Western Colorado Men's Advance**

*September 16 - 18*

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### **Hispanic Women's Retreat**

*September 30 - October 2*

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### **Give Them Hope Health Summit**

*October 13 - 16*

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### **Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »**

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing 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



of the learning that took place:

"Our group did everything really fast, but one challenge--the Nitro Crossing--was very difficult. I learned that it's not about speed or winning or getting it right the first time. What's important is having a good attitude." Jacey Johnson, a senior from Colorado.

"It was a huge lesson to me that even though our class seems very disorganized, we still accomplished our goals throughout the weekend. It goes to show that diversity is important; it's good to have a group of people who are unique." Randy Maldonado, senior

Chaplain Rob Carlson led the group with several Campion teachers experienced in outdoor education.

Friday and Sabbath brought warmer, sunny weather and some students were reluctant to leave on Sunday despite needing showers and wanting to sleep in their own beds.  
[Jenny Sigler]

with us relevant information

-- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto: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.



**Southwest Churches Host Booth at County Fair »** Joining hands to host a booth at the San Juan County Fair in Farmington, New Mexico, the Pinon Hills, Aztec and Bloomfield churches got creative in their approach to

reaching people.

Besides handing out many pieces of literature to the people who wandered by their booth, they also attracted a crowd who wanted to make crowns out of the paper plates, coloring utensils and jewels the booth offered. Many fair-goers took selfie pictures with Jesus and signed up for the cooking classes offered.

[RMCNews with Pinon Hills Communication Team]

**Aspen Park Church Shares Story of Match Made in Heaven »** Matches made in heaven are not always of the romantic kind. Take, for instance the connection formed between members of the Aspen Park Church and their neighbors--Dick and Marti Wooton. Their relationship began in 2007 when the Wootons moved into the house across the street from the Seventh-day Adventist church in Conifer.

Church members stopped by to greet them with a basket of goodies and an invitation to their Thanksgiving meal. Since Marti had recently had hip replacement surgery, two church members found a wheelchair to transport her to the church. "We so enjoyed singing praises to God before dinner was served," exclaims Marti.



Many other invitations ensued and Marti and Dick found themselves attending summer games, sitting around a campfire listening to banjo music and enjoying times of prayer. "I remember a very special bond beginning to grow with these people," Marti explains.

When Marti and Dick moved to the Limon area for several years, they lost touch with the Aspen Park Church members, but thought of them often. Immediately upon their return to Conifer, Dick was diagnosed with Parkinson's. It was a difficult time for both of them.

A member of the women's Bible study group, Charlene Kinney knocked on Marti's door one day to invite her to the Tuesday morning Bible study. An immediate connection formed between Marti and Charlene. During those Bible studies, "I connected," explains Marti, "with some of the sweetest souls that I have ever known."

Returning home from church one Sabbath, Marti discovered that Dick had fallen. Unable to help him up, she called paramedics who arrived just a few minutes before Pastor Ron and Dani Spurling who must have recognized that something was wrong.

Since Dick was unable to do yard work that summer, two church members took over the care of their yard, trimming their hedges "all the way down Noah Avenue." The yard was "one of the best in the area that summer," says Marti.

Marti faithfully attends the women's Bible study each Tuesday morning and the church service each week, helped by church members during winter months when the street gets muddy and icy.

She takes part in the worship service by playing the piano and sharing special music. "What a joy it's been," says Charlene, "to know Marti and see her love for Jesus." [RMCNews with Marti Wooten and Charlene Kinney; photo of Aspen Park Church baptism on church lawn by Thirza Powell]

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**Mile High Academy Hosts National Association for the Prevention of Starvation (NAPS) »** A group of current and graduate students from Oakwood College working for NAPS presented the chapel program at Mile High Academy using beautiful music, moving video, powerful skits and God's Word. They touched the hearts and minds of students and faculty alike.



Made up of students and new-graduate volunteers who dedicate their lives to mission work wherever they are most needed, the NAPS mission is humanitarian aid, the elimination of hunger, emergency relief and educational support.

Meeting with different sectors of the school, the NAPS group received differing responses. Students in the lower elementary grades laughed and clapped as they watched stories unfold in skit format that touched them at their level.

Middle schoolers were a more reserved crowd, but the NAPS students had them laughing by the end.

Tears flowed freely in the high school as they recognized the crises many people face at home and around the world. This was followed by a skit on peer pressure and its effect on our faith.

"I was impressed," said Avery, one member of the NAPS group in his baritone voice, "by how supportive the staff has been at Mile High Academy and how attentive the students were."

High school students aren't usually willing to express their

emotions, but "I saw so much emotion during the chapels here at MHA," stated Naomi, a quiet, petite leader in the NAPS group.

It was obvious from the way the Mile High students responded, with laughter and tears, spontaneous clapping and edge-of-their-seat attention, that NAPS is doing a powerful work for Christ by sharing God's love wherever they go.

[Text and photo by Agape Hammond]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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>.

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**Vista Fellowship »** Prophecy seminars in both English and Spanish begin at Vista Fellowship at 7 p.m. September 9 and continue each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday through October 7. Tim Jones will present in English while Carlos Munoz presents in Spanish. Vista Fellowship is located at 701 Kimbark Street in Longmont. For more information, contact Allan Christensen at 303-548-8601.

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**Fort Lupton Prophetic Code Seminar and *The King's Heralds* Concert »** At 6:30 p.m. on September 9, 6 p.m. on September 10, and 6:30 p.m. on September 11, Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church will host Amazing Facts' "Cracking the Prophetic Code." Admission and the children's program are free. To pre-register, call [720.466.5634](tel:720.466.5634) or go to [ftlupton22.adventistchurch.org](http://ftlupton22.adventistchurch.org). And don't miss *The King's Heralds* in concert, Saturday, September 10 at 7:15 p.m.

The seminar and concert will be held in the Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church auditorium, located at 900 Northrup Ave., Fort Lupton, Colorado 80621.

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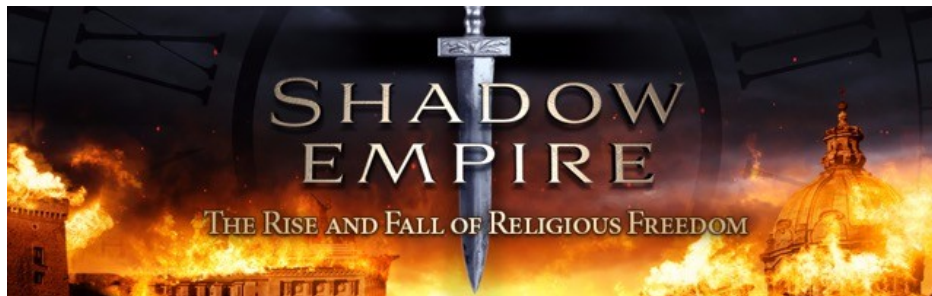
**Calvin Taylor Concert »** Pianist and recording artist Calvin Taylor will appear in a live concert of sacred music at 4 p.m. September 11 at the Campion Seventh-day Adventist Church at 300 SW 42nd Street, Loveland. No admission charge. A freewill offering will be received.

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**Host *Shadow Empire* at Your Church »** The Voice of



Prophecy's *Shadow Empire* series returns September 15-17 to local churches, and pastors will again have the opportunity to be the event co-speaker with Pastor Shawn Boonstra.



This series, which addresses modern-day religious freedom by exploring the life of Constantine the Great, was filmed on location in Europe and the Middle East, and offers a fresh, Bible-based perspective on historical and current events.

Pastors can find all the details they need at

[www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event](http://www.ShadowEmpire.com/Event).

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### **Adventist Choice College Fair and Financial Workshop »**

You are invited to attend this valuable workshop from 7-8:30 p.m., Sunday, September 18 at LifeSource Adventist Fellowship. Many of the regionally accredited Adventist colleges and universities will be there. Learn how a Christian education can be affordable for you. Apply free to attending colleges (at the event only) and meet with admissions counselors. For details, go to [www.AdventistCollege.org/college-fairs](http://www.AdventistCollege.org/college-fairs).

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### **Daughters of Grace Women's Ministries Retreat »**



The conference-wide women's retreat at Glacier View Ranch, September 16-18, will feature Elizabeth Talbot, director of *Jesus 101 Biblical Institute*, and the author of several books. The retreat will include praise and worship music, inspiring skits, book giveaways, friendship circles,

Saturday night activities, and a service project opportunity.

The Adventist Book Center will feature a display of several publications by Elizabeth Talbot for sale. Registration and information brochures were sent to Women's Ministries leaders in participating churches. Call or email Ginger Bell for more information, and to receive a brochure via email, at [720-](tel:720-)

[980-9006](tel:980-9006) or [rexngingerbell@msn.com](mailto:rexngingerbell@msn.com).

Registration deadline is September 1.

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**2016 Western Colorado Men's Advance »** Join us in Pitkin for our Jeep trip as we pray, study, fish, hike, and enjoy the colors in the mountains, September 16-18 (tentative, based on snow melt). Learn how to restore relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Study and prayer time held on Friday evening and Saturday. Bring your Jeep, motorcycle, mountain bike, fishing pole, hiking shoes, and Bible. Meals and rooms included in the flat fee of \$170.00. To register or for more information, contact Wayne Oldham at [970-209-7911](tel:970-209-7911) or [woldham170@gmail.com](mailto:woldham170@gmail.com).

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**La Vida Camp Meeting »** Celebrate 100 years of Adventist Mission in Navajo Land, September 16-18, at the 2016 La Vida Camp Meeting. Our guest speaker is NPUC Native Ministries Director Pastor Monte Church. Attendees will stay in our guest house, dorms, and staff houses, or you can bring tents or RVs. Please call or email to reserve your spot with us at [dorie@lavidamission.org](mailto:dorie@lavidamission.org) or [505-215-6642](tel:505-215-6642).

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**Longmont Church »** Elizabeth Montgomery will share her testimony in song at 11 a.m. September 17 at the Longmont Church. Invite friends and family to hear and be blessed. The Longmont Church is located at 1712 Mountain View Avenue in Longmont. For more information, email [stanhagen@juno.com](mailto:stanhagen@juno.com)

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**Seeing Jesus through Muslim Eyes »** The Seeing Jesus through Muslim Eyes seminar, 2 p.m. on September 17 at the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, will equip attendees for reaching out to Muslims, helping to fulfill the Gospel Commission. Gerald Babanezhad, Coordinator of Muslim Outreach at Pacific Union Conference, will share the historical setting and perspective of Islam, the role of the Adventist Church in sharing the Three Angels' Messages with Muslims, Muslim's understanding of Seventh-day Adventists, testimonies and much more, followed with question and answer session. Location: 2675 S. Downing St., Denver, Colorado 80210. For more information, call [303-744-1271](tel:303-744-1271).

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**Grandparent's Day »** You are invited to spend the day at Mile High Academy with your grandchild, eat breakfast, enjoy



a special chapel, visit classrooms, meet teachers, and more. This 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. September 27 event is your opportunity to become better acquainted with your grandchild's school world through a peek at their day-to-day experience. For details or to save your spot, call us at 303-744-1069 or save your spot online at [milehighacademy.org/campus-life/grandparents-day-registration](http://milehighacademy.org/campus-life/grandparents-day-registration).

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**Prison Evangelism Certification and Training »** All lay persons and pastors interested in learning best practices and cutting-edge, Christ-centered methods for evangelism behind bars are invited to attend the certification and training program September 30 through October 2 at the Rocky Mountain Conference office. To register, call AdventSource at 800-732-7587 or register online at [www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org).

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**Hispanic Women's Retreat »** September 30 - October 2, Sara Bullon will be speaking at the Hispanic Women's Retreat. Location: Glacier View Ranch - 8748 Overland Rd, Ward, CO 80481. For additional information, contact Patty Rivera at [303-910-3548](tel:303-910-3548).

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### **Give Them Hope Health**

**Summit »** Learn how to reflect God's character in health ministries through ongoing support at the Give Them Hope Health Summit, held October 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Through the acquired skills of ongoing

support, you can bring hope to your church and community through the prevention and reversal of diseases such as heart disease, cancer, Type II diabetes, and Alzheimer's. For more information about this health summit, visit our website at <http://www.rmcsda.org/hope> or call the RMC health ministry department at [303-282-3604](tel:303-282-3604).

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Mile High Academy** Positions are open at Mile High Academy as a part-time receptionist. The receptionist's weekly schedule will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Receptionist applicants should have a high school diploma and a

minimum of three years of relevant experience. Interested individuals for any listed positions must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing, and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. Please send your resume to Jocelyn at [jaalborg@milehighacademy.org](mailto:jaalborg@milehighacademy.org), and visit our website at <http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/> for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions.

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**Daystar School** in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at [michellelevelbis@gmail.com](mailto:michellelevelbis@gmail.com) or call [719-561-9120](tel:719-561-9120).

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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](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

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

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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