

HAYWARD HERALD

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SOQUEL CAMP MEETINGS 2009

BY JUDITH VALDEZ

Victory in Jesus!

This year's theme of "Victory in Jesus" is the powerful gift of the Lord's grace for each of us to thrive in our Christian experience. Paul said it well in 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

Some of the victorious highlights I gleaned from the Spirit-filled speakers are: "Keep Focused on Christ", "Keep Lamp Trimmed & Lit", "Keep in His Word", "Die

Daily to Self", and "Jesus Is Doing His Office Work Now: Interceding, Cleansing, Restoring".

And what a blessing it was to meet Elder Mark Finley in person on Sabbath, July 25! The highlight of his message of Jesus' miraculous power is found in Mark 4:35 through Mark 5:43: "Jesus is Victorious Over Disasters, over Demons, over Disease, and over Death!" And we, His children, can indeed have **Victory in Jesus!**



GOSPEL WORK FOR THE DEAF

DEAF MINISTRY

PASTOR ALFRED GRIFFITH

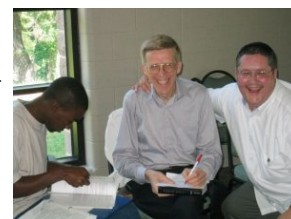
Our Deaf Group and I want to take this opportunity to thank God and the Hayward Adventist Church for their ongoing support to a challenging work.

The first formal connection of the Deaf with the SDA church began when the General Conference suggested that we connect with Christian Record Braille Foundation. But it was discovered that the blind and deaf have much different needs for ministry; it was decided to separate.

Then the Deaf people made an appeal to North America Division to be officially recognized. But since we are small in numbers NAD

Deaf Ministries (ADM). Check out our website at www.deafadventist.org

We share the gospel of Christ by producing materials suited for Deaf people such as videos, easy English translations of Ellen White's writings, and a Bible study course. We also put on seminars



that help the Deaf people to be gospel workers. ADM's president put on a "Deaf Outreach" seminar at English Oaks Church Oct 2-4, 2009.

Thank you again for your support for the Deaf Worker workshop that will be conducted in India in January 2010 by Pastors Alfred Griffith and Jeff Jordan! We are coming closer to reaching our goal of \$4000.00 (\$1,000 for the Deaf worker's expenses to attend the workshop and \$3000.00 for bicycles for each of the 40 Deaf workers in India.)

Adventist Deaf Ministries
Making a Difference in the Lives of Deaf People

NEWS FLASH!
New DVD Finished!
Signs of God's Love #2

Has anyone heard of the new DVD project? Signs of God's Love #2 is now ready for sharing!

Elder M. Doss is the speaker on this program. He brings up the message of what happens when we die. The apostle Paul writes to answer several questions on death and shares the hope of the resurrection when Christ comes again.

Elder shares this presentation by taking a walk in the Ozark Hills of Arkansas in the early spring. The scenery of the fresh green and snow-capped hills is beautiful. However, as we enter a cave, an old graveyard and even a flashlight will help to show people Bible truths. [Click the link below to watch.](#)

Deaf Bible School | Deaf Messages Magazine | Conventions & Field Studies | Family Study

JESUS' PERSONAL REGARD FOR YOU

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

BY PAUL PENNO, JR.

*"To him who
overcomes I will grant
to sit with Me on My
throne..."*

How do you think Jesus regards you as an individual? Of course, you believe that he "loves" you for you have read John 3:16 and you believe it. But how does He love you? Do you feel that maybe He loves you like you love your faithful dog—or is His love different? Does He respect you? Does He honor you? Does He actually value your opinion? Does He like to hear what you say? In other words, is He interested in your prayers aside from being merely the Source for your requests—your spiritual "Santa Claus"?

He says something very thought provoking in Revelation 3:21: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." You can't imagine that the Father treats His Son as anything less than in full confidence, can you?



And you can't imagine that Jesus would invite you merely to "sit" on His throne by His side as only an observer who cannot participate, can

you? Just to have your picture taken there for the fun of it? No, of course it's more than that! Jesus is totally sincere; it must mean that when He invites you "to sit with [Him] on His throne," He must honestly share with you executive authority; He must respect you as a friend who has His full confidence. Otherwise, why would He say that?



In fact, if we turn to John 15:15 we find He told "us" through His disciples that He "no longer" calls us "a servant, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you." And Ephesians 1 tells us over and over that the Father has "adopted" us as His children "in Christ." Adopted kids have full rights as children in the know! That's what you are.

Hold your head up high! Unworthy as you feel yourself to be, you are "somebody" in Christ!

CATCH THE EXCITEMENT IN PRIMARY SABBATH

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY LISA VALDEZ

While most adults who attend our church are taking part in adult Sabbath School classes, a whole other world can be found just down the hall – the children's Sabbath school classes. They are filled with children who are discovering that it's exciting to get to know God, and teachers who invest their time to nurture our young people.

One of those teachers is Allyson Nakayama, who has been teaching the primary Sabbath School class at our church for more than six years. Each week, she team teaches the class of 7 to 9-year-olds along with three other teachers. Allyson plays her guitar and leads the song service for the class, and takes turns with the other teachers, who share Bible lessons and mission stories, and lead out in Bible verse memorization, games, and other activities.

According to Allyson, one of the greatest joys of spending her time in the primary class is watching the kids grow and gain confidence. While they may be timid about participating

when they are 7, as time goes on, they typically are willing to lead the class in prayer, participate in acting out Bible stories, or help their friends memorize Bible verses. Allyson believes that the confidence the children gain as they get involved in her Sabbath school class will make them want to continue to be involved in church as they get older.

Allyson really enjoys teaching. She finds the children are very receptive to Bible lessons and interested in learning more about God. She hopes that the things they learn in class will carry over into the rest of their lives.

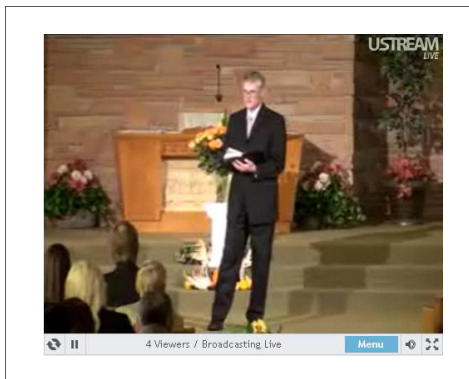
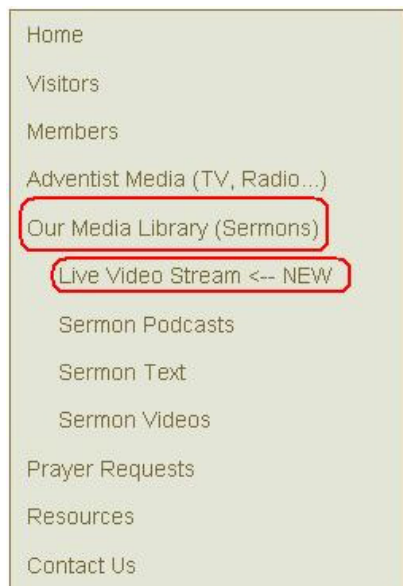
The team approach to teaching also enriches the learning environment for the children, according to Allyson. The kids get to know four different teachers, each with their own strengths, interests, and passion for sharing God. Allyson is quick to point out that the other children's Sabbath school classes also have wonderful, loving teachers – a real blessing for the children who attend our church.



HAYWARD SERVICES ONLINE "LIVE"

WEB MINISTRY

BY GWEN YEE CONDAP



Live streaming video of our services

See link from our website Hayward.AdventistFaith.org

Now there is no need to miss a Wednesday night or Sabbath service or a special concert!

Our Hayward Seventh-day Adventist Church services are now available online via live, streaming video from www.UStream.tv.

[Click here to watch our services "live"](#)

The broadcast usually begins 5 minutes before the scheduled service. If this link does not work or you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, go to our website:

1. Hayward.AdventistFaith.org
2. Click on "Our Media Library" (Main Menu)
3. Then click on "Live Video Stream".

(This is best viewed with high-speed Internet.)

For more information, contact Steve Grappone or Gwen Yee Condap.

"You can now watch our services "live" via streaming video!"

- Are you **not feeling well** and can't make it to church?
- Are you **out-of-town** and don't want to miss a service?
- Is it **difficult to get to** our weekday services or evening concerts?
- Do you want to hear Pastor Penno speak but **live too far away?**

INDUCTION TO EXPERIENCING CHRIST WITH FRIENDS

A TESTIMONY BY EUGENE VALDEZ

My family has experienced many fascinating things since we started attending the Hayward SDA church in February. We were warmly welcomed, and our calendar has filled up with many church activities, including potlucks, concerts, special music, Sabbath School, and a monthly Bible study. We are enjoying getting to know so many people, and we are continually uplifted spiritually. Our children, ages 11 and 8, are enjoying the fellowship even more than we are.

A recent Sabbath highlight: How wonderful it is to get involved with the Hayward church. On a warm fall evening on September 26, Melanie wore her "dress uniform" for the first time and was inducted as a new member of the Hayward Pathfinders club. The ceremony included music, Bible verses, prayer, and candle lighting. The candles



brought to light the beauty of the Pathfinder experience and the fellowship of sharing your faith with other believers, especially from a young age.

The day was also joyful as Grace sang up in front of church, along with three of her friends, to close out Sabbath School. We were so proud of all four of the young girls, who wanted to join together and share their love of music with their church family. We are grateful for a church family that has so many young people and encourages them to get involved.

While Melanie was the member of our family who was formally inducted into Pathfinders that day, I guess you could say my family has been inducted too, and for that all the praise goes to God who gave us such a wonderful new church home.

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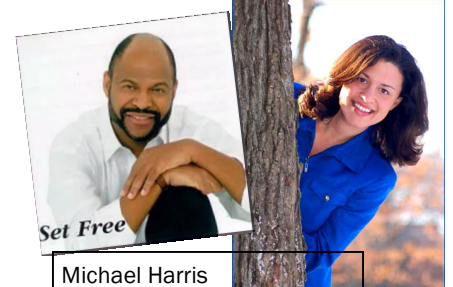
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MORE PHOTOS FOR MEMBERS ON OUR WEBSITE

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Annual Church Family Picnic at
Marina Park in San Leandro



Michael Harris
and Rachel Hyman Concerts



Vacation
Bible
School



Pathfinder
Camporee
at Osh-
kosh, WI

MEMBERSHIP:

NEW MEMBERS, NEW POSITIONS, AT REST

Welcome to Our New Members:

- **David Huey**, who will be splitting his time between Hayward and San Francisco
- **Lori Field**, mother of our own Suzan
- **Abraham Moran**, welcome!
- **Sylvester Muldrow, Jr., Kelly "Mitch" Muldrow, and daughter Sara Marie Muldrow**, what a blessing to have the whole family baptized at the same time!
- **Erik Jun Bai and Rose Zhi Rong Shen**, welcome to the Chinese church!
- **Transfers Jennette Caroro, Ana O. Grande, Jisela Montoyo**, welcome!

New Church Responsibilities:

- **Steve Grappone**, School Board Member
- **Yesenia Mendez**, Junior/Earliteen Leader
- **Eugene Valdez**, Junior/Earliteen Teacher

Baby Dedication:

- **Samantha Jones**, daughter of Kasondra

Rest in Peace:

- **Joseph Batle**, husband of Warnita, father of Karen
- **Diane Crosby**, member of Pastor' class

COMING SOON:

Sharpen your Mind, Sat. Nov. 7, 2009, 2:30-6:30pm. Contact RaeJean Riesenberger for more information at (408) 745-6645

Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Thu. Nov. 26, 2009, 11:00am-2:00pm. Contact Tammy or Gabriel Jimenez (Social Committee) for more information.

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