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JULY 4, 2015



FREEDOM FROM TYRANNY

Welcome to PMC! On this Sabbath, we celebrate Independence Day—the day when thirteen colonies signed the Declaration of Independence from British rule.

It is a moment to realize that the Fourth of July is more than eating great food and watching fireworks. This is a time to remember the brave people who stood against the tyrannical government of their day. They knew what the ramifications would be once they publicized the document but they went forward regardless. Overcoming the odds, they earned their independence from that power.

Perhaps the Christian experience is not so different than that of our Founding

Fathers. After all, is not this world under the tyrannical rule of Satan as well?

Today should also be a day where we acknowledge God's work in earning our freedom from the tyranny of sin. What is our role in this great battle? Lets us too be brave people who stand up against Satan and his forces of evil. Let us work for God because He sent His Son to pay for our eternal freedom.

"Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you" (Galatians 5:1 MSG). -PMC Media Team

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

RMES students visit the PMC Media Department to learn more about what happens behind-the-scenes for our Sabbath production.
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CARING FOR 'THE LEAST OF THESE'

BY KRYZIA ABACAN

n the fall of 2013, a small group of people gathered together, hoping to engage in a process of searching and learning about God's call for each Christian to care for the children, for the fatherless, for the orphan. They were

one of the groups that gather every semester as a GROW group, hoping to fulfill Pioneer Memorial Church's mission of CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO. They met faithfully throughout the semester, studying the Bible and heeding God's call. Soon, what began as a small GROW group back then has transformed into a full-time ministry today: God's Hands 4 Kids.

The group spent extensive time contemplating the meaning of James 1:27 to Christians who want to live "true religion":

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27 NIV).

After countless hours of contemplation, prayer, and reflection, the group began to heed the call of God on their lives. They began to spread awareness about our

calling as Christians to care for the orphan, recruiting foster families and engaging in a number of projects to help foster children.

At the end of the semester, the GROW group had completed their scheduled number of meetings, but each of them

knew that they could not just stop. "We felt that now that we knew what the Bible says about caring for the orphan, we could not turn our backs on 'the least of these' and go back to our comfortable American lives," explains Carol Jordan. God's Hands 4 Kids founder, "So. we continued to meet reaularly. We registered with the county as a business and continued what we had already begun."

God's Hands 4 Kids organizes, assists, and contributes to a variety of projects in hopes of creating more opportunities to

reach out to families and care for children in the foster system. They have supported a pillow drive initiated by some foster teens based on their personal experience. They have organized an end-of-year move-out collection where they collected items that students want to discard at the end of the year. They are currently working with a

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few churches in the county under the leadership of the First Church of God in St. Joe in a mentorship program for older teens. God's Hands 4 Kids offers its members. as well as the community, numerous ways to get involved and practice God's call to care for the orphan.

The ministry works closely with the Berrien County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in order to reach foster children and foster families with their work. Hanna Lei-Sam, the Community Resource Coordinator of DHHS, notes the amazing work of God's Hands 4 Kids: "They have come through time and time again for this agency in so many ways." She emphasizes how grateful she is for the ministry's commitment "to the neediest of the needy in our County."

Carol Jordan and her husband took notice of God's call on their lives to care for the orphan some thirty years ago. They adopted a baby girl from India, Natasha, who grew up and felt the same call from God. After feeling a tug on her heart from God. Natasha became a licensed foster parent and the Jordan household

became a licensed home. In the last nine years, the Jordan household has fostered 20 children, with Natasha adopting three and a fourth adoption in the process. Their household overflows with Christ's love as they care for the children who come their way, going above and beyond what is reguired, but they are not alone.

Carol and Natasha Jordan founded God's Hands 4 Kids to provide opportunities for others to heed God's call. In order to truly fulfill God's call to care for the children, for the fatherless, and for the orphan, God's Hands 4 Kids reaches out for your help. Whether you want to become a foster home or you want to assist in a project, your contribution will affect the lives of individuals who desperately need to feel the love of God. For more information, you may visit www.gh4k.org.

Kryzia Abacan is the interim Pioneer Connect editor.



STUDENT MISSIONS: GEARING UP FOR A GREAT YEAR!

BY KATHLEEN CAMPBELL

he Student Missions program is excited to be sending out 20 SMs/ Taskforce workers across the globe in the next couple of months to be serving during the 2015-2016 school year! We are thrilled to have such enthusiastic young adults ready to be teachers, medical workers, Bible workers, deans, farmers, and more while showing Jesus to those around them. Sharon Redondo, one of our soon-to-be SMs, says, "I had the desire for a long time to go as a student missionary. Even though I tried different times, it seemed like the process didn't

work out. This year, God opened the door for me to go and serve. I like things to work at my time, but I am learning to follow the words of Psalm 46:10 that says, 'Be still, and know that I am God." Our 20 SMs/Taskforce workers will be serving in places like Chile, Brazil, Ireland, New Zealand, Egypt, Philippines, Palau, Peru, South Korea, and the USA and are actively fundraising at the moment in order to make this possible.

While we are eagerly anticipating sending out these fresh faces to their respective destinations, we are also awaiting the return of those SMs who have been out during the 2014-2015 school year. They are starting to trickle back into the USA during these summer months, and we have already been hearing how much they enjoyed and grew during their year. Some have enjoyed themselves so much they have begun the process of extending their time to serve another year!

In the meantime, we here at Andrews are preparing for how we can best support current SMs, while continuing to encourage other students to become future SMs, as well as growing the program in general. Our goal is to create a culture of missions here at Andrews University, to make missions part of the intentional thought process of students as they make their academic plans when first arriving on campus. Wouldn't it be amazing if we ran out of places that needed SMs because we had so many students coming to our office saying that they want to give a year of their time to serve? In order to do that, we need to start having more conversations around campus and the general southwest Michigan area about missions.

We hope to visit many of the local churches and fellowships over the next few months and present the goals and needs of the Student Missions program, as well as to share some experiences of returned student missionaries. Serving as a student missionary is a life-changing experience. Nathan Verrill is one SM who can attest to this. He served on the island of Pohnpei during the 2014-2015 school year and states that, "Although I enjoyed my SM year on the tropical island of Pohnpei for all of the obvious reasons such as endless summer weather, snorkeling, and saltwater, it was really the warmth and joy that I found in the people I lived and worked with that made my student missionary experience so memorable. I would highly recommend student missions to anyone who is seeking an opportunity to put their faith into action!"

OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A CULTURE OF MISSIONS HERE AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.

We want to encourage anyone who is considering being a student missionary to come talk to us in the Campus Ministries office; we would love to help you through the SM application process! The application deadline to serve in the 2016-2017 school year is March 1, 2016. If you are not prepared to serve as an SM, or maybe you already have, but would still like to support the program, we encourage you to go online and donate at andrews.edu/go/give/2sm, as well as support us in prayer as we move this program forward in the coming year.

Kathleen Campbell is the AU Student Missions Assistant Director.

WE WORSHIP

CONNECT · GROW · SERVE · GO

Opening Voluntary

I Vow to Thee, My Country • David Cherwin

Introit

Children of the Heavenly Father • Anonymous Swedish Melody

Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

We gather as two or three, as one hundred or two hundred.

To love as God loves.

We covenant together to be the church,

The Body of Christ, alive in the world.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Ben Martin

Hymn of Praise

God of Our Fathers • 645

Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

Blest Be the Tie That Binds • st. 1 & 2 of 350

Worship in Music

Scenes From Childhood: "Pleading Child," "Happy Enough,"
"Important Event," "Frightening" • Robert Schumann

Children's Story

We Shall Overcome • Adolphus Hailstork

Scripture

Ephesians 5:21-33 NRSV • Rhonda & Pavel Tomenko

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

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In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Hymn of Preparation

When He Cometh • st. 1 & 3 of 218

Sermon

"Road Trip: When Merging, Remember to Yield" Ben Martin

Connect Cards, Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense

Hymn of Commitment

Lead Them, My God, to Thee • st. 1, 3 & 4 of 653

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

I Vow to Thee, My Country • David Cherwin

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Isaac Munquia, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

CHILDHOOD THEN AND NOW

o who are these children whom today's closing hymn asks of God that He lead to Himself? The societal context for composer Robert Schumann (1810-1856) as he viewed childhood surely must have been quite different as compared with our context today. Yet, there also are some commonalities between the lives of children in different eras. Today we hear Schumann's "take" in several of the Scenes

From Childhood, a series of thirteen piano pieces. Specifically, we hear "Pleading Child," "Happy Enough," "Important Event," and "Frightening." So, do not children still "plead"? Are not some children today sufficiently happy? Do children today experience important events? Are not children in our time frightened at times? What is God's perspective today on leading children to Himself?

WE STUDY

CONNECT · GROW · SERVE · GO

Christina Carroll Song Service

Watch, Ye Saints • 598 **Opening Hymn**

Welcome Philip Giddings III

Isaiah 55:4 NIV Prayer & Scripture

God's Gifts, Parents & Children • Tyler & Wendy Ronto Special Feature

Offertory Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • arr. Mark Hayes

"The Missionary Nature of God" • Classes **Bible Study**

Make Me a Blessing Theme Song

> Make me a blessing; make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine. Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing; to someone today.

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Benediction Christina Carroll

> **ORGANIST:** Joshua Goines OFFERTORY: Jonathan Doram, piano

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WE PRAISE

CONNECT · GROW · SERVE · GO

As We Begin

I Vow to Thee, My Country • David Cherwin

Praise

Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

Children's Story

We Shall Overcome • Adolphus Hailstork

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Lead Them, My God, to Thee • st. 1, 3 & 4 of 653

As We Depart

I Vow to Thee, My Country • David Cherwin

WORSHIP DIRECTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Isaac Munguia, piano

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY • 9:24 **SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 9:22

SUBMIT announcements by emailing <u>bulletin@pmchurch.tv</u> or by going to <u>www.pmchurch.org</u> and click on "submit a bulletin announcement." Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| SATURDAY |

FAMILY VESPERS 8:00 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

| SUNDAY |

RMES GARAGE SALE

8:00 AM • RMES GYM

PIONEER PULPIT

| 07 • 11 |

RODLIE ORTIZ

| 07 • 18 |

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Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

PMC Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us this evening as we listen to Pastor Balorda present "The Adventist Worldview, The Final Square."

RMES Garage Sale

TOMORROW • 8:00 AM TO 6:00 PM RMES GYM

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School is having their annual garage sale to help raise money to support the Worthy Student Fund. Tomorrow is the last day for the sale so don't miss out!

PMC Office Closed

The PMC office will be closed July 6 for the July 4th holiday. We will be happy to serve you on Tuesday, July 7, at 8 AM.

FLAG Camp Volunteer Drivers Needed

If you have some extra time on your hands and are looking for a ministry this summer we are in need of volunteer drivers for field trips here at camp. If you are a 21-year-old licensed driver and are willing to drive a mini-bus this summer we'd be so grateful if you would give us a call! Please contact Vanna Giddings at 269.277.9123.

PMC Job Opening

PMC is looking for a Facilities Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to Associate Pastor. This person will perform standard and confidential clerical duties requiring Christian discernment and interpersonal skills. This position is at the hub where the life and ministry of PMC converges in terms of organization, communication and management of facilities usage and services relative to the church's location within the community. A resume and cover letter should be mailed to:

Personnel Committee Pioneer Memorial Church 8655 University Blvd. Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

JULY 12 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER

We are meeting again for our monthly potluck and meeting. The Physical Therapy Department at Andrews University will present a special feature called "Comprehensive Body Maintenance for Retirees." Also, please mark your calendars for our annual Corn Roast to be held August 9 at Wolf Prairie Park at 1:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Mike or Shirley Gammon at 989.427.5669.

Celebrating the Lives and Service of Elder & Mrs. Eric B. Hare

A few of us remember reading or hearing recorded mission stories told by Eric B. Hare, a pioneer in the Adventist work among the Karen people of Burma. This year Karen Adventists in North America are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Eric B. Hare as a missionary to Burma. This celebration will take place at Andrews University, July 24-26. Three generations of Hares will be present. Several of the meetings will be of interest to the local community who may not know of the Karen. More than 500 Karen immigrants and refugees from around the US are coming. However, many of the Karen are making a great sacrifice to make the trip, and some will have difficulty being able to pay for a place to stay. If you are willing to help with lodging in one of the following ways:

- Space in your home (indicate how many refugees).
- Loaning tent(s) and sleeping bag(s).
- Space on your property where tent(s) can be pitched.
- · Loan an RV or motor home.

Contact Judy Aitken (269.240.7997), Trudi Starlin (269.449.1175), or e-mail office@asapministries.org (put "Karen Centennial Housing" in the subject line) as soon as possible. Also, **If you want to make a tax-deductible donation** toward the expenses of the reunion, **checks should be made payable to: ASAP Ministries** (write "Karen Centennial Reunion" in the memo line) and mailed to ASAP Ministries, PO Box 84, Berrien Springs MI 49103, OR you may go online at www.asapministries.org. Please DO NOT make checks payable to PMC as we will have to return your check.

2015 BCYF Health & Wellness Exhibit

AUGUST 16-22

This year's health tent is fitness-focused. We need volunteers for the following positions:

Blood-pressure Readings—Be familiar with this process.

Welcome—outside—Be welcoming.

Welcome—inside—Direct people in the tent, and be able to answer questions.

Massage—sign-in—Register and announce names for appointments.

Registration/waiver—The participant fills out a registration form and a waiver before participating at a station.

Data entry—Be able to type and decipher hand-written registration forms.

Set-up—Help transport, assemble, and position all equipment used in the tent.

Take-down—Similar process to set-up.

Host/hostesses—Guide people in the tent and answer questions.

Prayer Tree Team—Take prayer requests and pray with participants if they want.

Massage Therapists/Physical Therapists—Provide a 10-minute basic upper back/neck massage.

Personal Trainers, group fitness instructors, physical education teachers, or other related fields—Be able to provide on-the-spot fitness advice to people of all demographics.

Kids' station—Kids' fitness exercise demonstration.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Ryan and Christine Wallace: ryanandchristine@gmail.com or 269.815.0557.

Bounties from the Garden: Raw, Simple, Delicious, No-cooking Recipes

JULY 12 • 5:30 TO 7:00 PM

Join Ryan and Christine Wallace as they demonstrate some easy-to-prepare and delicious healthy recipes using fresh, organically-grown produce from the AU Gardens! A light supper and samples will be included. Reservations must be made by Friday, July 10, at 6:00 PM. Seating is limited to 75. For more information contact Ryan and Christine Wallace: ryanand-christine@gmail.com or 269.815.0557.

Outside Door Greeters

Are you willing to share a smile and a handshake? PMC is looking for greeters for the outside doors on Sabbath morning especially from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. If you have questions or need more information email belle3563@gmail.com.

The Kids Library Needs You!

Volunteers are needed at the Kids Library counter, no later than 11:30 on Sabbath morning (2nd service) to begin checking out quiet activities to families, and to remain at the counter until after the service to check bags back in. If you would like to help, or have questions, please email the Kids Library at pmckidslibrary@gmail.com or call Debbie at 503.580.8003 or Rachelle at 269.930.3972.



GOD IS FAITHFUL

BY CHUCK PECK

od's Abundant Pantry is an outreach ministry that has been supported by PMC members for 35+ years. It provides food to Andrews University Student family units who depend on supplemental food to survive while getting their advanced education. Food from local farms, businesses, and the food bank are collected and distributed by volunteers. Following are a couple of recent testimonials received from student families who have been served.

"GAP has been a much appreciated help to our family of three. The ministry is a reminder of God's providence and security that is always faithful and can be relied on. Knowing that there are some foods we do not need to purchase helps us financially and is a great blessing that we look forward to each week." -Andrews student, J. A. wife and child "There have been many occasions when we have needed some specific food item but were without the funds with which to buy it. We did not know how we would be able to obtain the item. On several such occasions we have found the very item we needed at GAP at the very time when it was needed! We thank God for GAP." -Student Family at Andrews

To watch a video about GAP and read more testimonials go to <u>GAPantry.org</u>. ■

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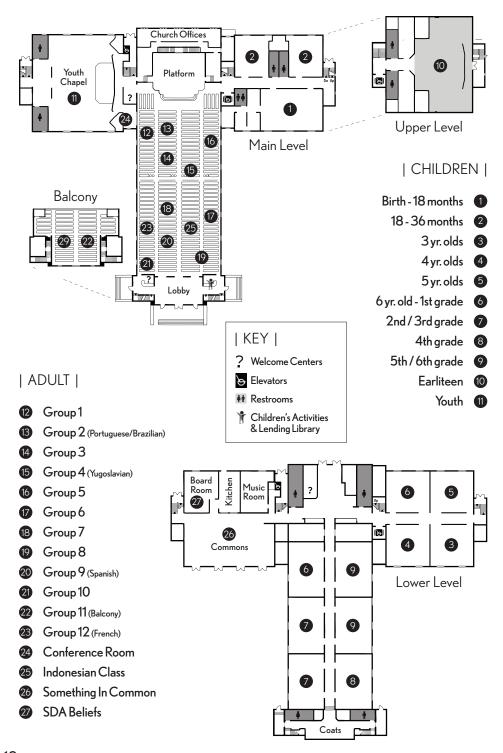
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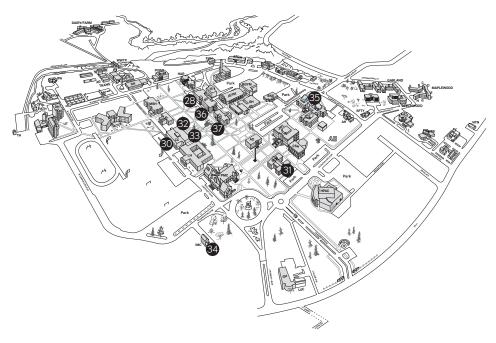
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