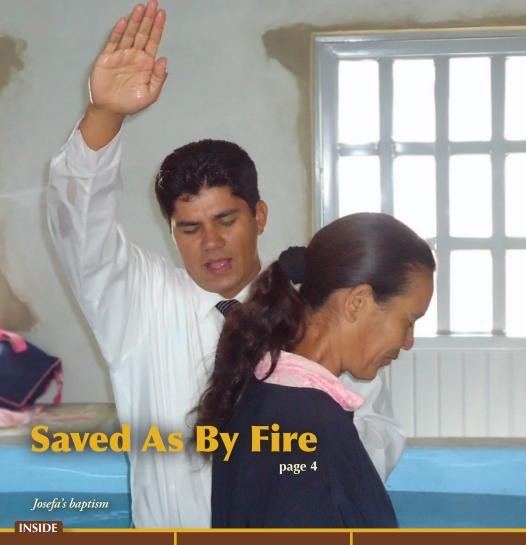
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In acceptance of Eden Valley's Master Plan the county requested that we assign Street Names to our internal roads for emergency access. This action has resulted in a change to our mailing address. Our new address is:

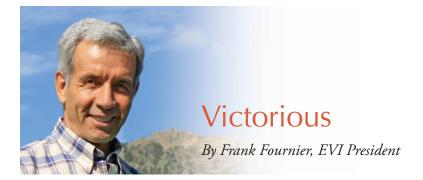
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Eden Valley School of Evangelism will hold a mission training school from Jan 9- Feb 5. With a diverse curriculum you will learn how to do health expo's, give bible studies, learn how to administer natural remedies, and much more. It is not too late to register!

Call (970) 667 1770 and speak to Gail or Laural



"In the world you will have trouble; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33.

Cynics count on two constants in life—death and taxes. The Bible speaks with certainty of only one--trouble. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Job 14:1. Whether righteous or wicked, trouble is our lot. Yet there is a difference between the wicked and the righteous—the righteous is delivered out of them all. (Psalms 34:19.)

As a matter of fact, the Bible describes the righteous as "more than conquerors." So, by that definition, do you consider yourself to be among the righteous—more than a conqueror?

W. W. Prescott, in "Victory in Christ", page 25, wrote: "For a long time I tried to gain the victory over sin, but I failed. I have since learned the reason. Instead of doing the part which God expects me to do, and which I can do, I was trying to do God's part, which He does not expect me to do, and which I cannot do." Notice here, two parts: God's part and ours. We can't perform God's part, it's impossible. And He, from His side, won't do for us what He has left for us to do for ourselves. But what is that?

Jeremiah, in chapter 13:23 asks: "Can an Ethiopian change his skin, or a leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are

accustomed to do evil." What is it that is as impossible for us to do as to change the color of our skin? <u>Do good!</u> Obviously then, even though doing good is the goal, that goal is beyond our ability to accomplish.

Again, Prescott: "Primarily, my part is not to win the victory, but to receive the victory which has already been won for me by Jesus Christ." Do you see it? No man is called upon to defeat the devil. The job is done. We need only believe in the victory and choose to act accordingly. Our decision to act victoriously, based on God's gift of power, is faith.

It isn't a matter of agonizing, struggling, and fighting against sin. It's a matter of agonizing with God until we believe He will do in us what He's already done for us. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:3

"It is not our efforts that bring victory," says Ellen White, "it is seeing God behind the promises and believing and trusting Him. Grasp by faith the hand of infinite power. The Lord is faithful who promised." RH 12, 29, 1910. Is He friends? Say yes. So now, consider this.

"When we know God as it is our privilege to know Him, our life will be a life of continual obedience." DA 668:3 On what then should we exert all our efforts, on continual obedience or on getting to know Him?

That's why Jesus said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."



# Saved as by Fire

By David Cruz

I held an evangelistic meeting in the San Juanito Church. As is my custom, I like to visit the homes of the people that come to the meetings. Going to the home of Hober and Maria Dolores Bustillos, I extended to them the invitation to follow Jesus. Quickly, Maria Dolores accepted; but her husband declined. For every argument he had an excuse. Impressed to fill in a baptismal certificate for him, I began asking him for his personal information. As he told me, I filled

in the blanks. Showing him where to sign his name, I explained that he would be baptized along with his wife for the Glory of God. That Sabbath, Hober and his wife were baptized together.

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Soon Hober and Maria began sharing their faith with their friends and neighbors. Sparking an interest, many requested Bible studies and small groups started. This happened two years ago. Today several people have been baptized for the honor and glory of God. This little group is now known as the Bocoyna Church. The church building is not finished as the funds are now depleted. Your help would be a tremendous blessing to these new family members.



From Left to RIght: Hober and Maria Dolores, David Cruz

Mrs. Josefa Wichar did not want to have anything to do with Protestants and even less with the gospel. Even though we knew she wanted nothing to do with God, we would still visit her home and try to give her some literature. She would always refuse and retreat to her room.

One day, Josefa was cooking on her wood stove when a fire started. Soon the fire reached the roof of her house made of cardboard and zinc. The neighbors would not do anything but look on at the blazing fire. When Bro. Ezekiel, a Bible worker from the San Rafael church, saw what was happening, he grabbed a bucket of water and climbed the roof to put the fire out. With that, the neighbors started passing him more water until the fire was put out. Without a doubt God found another way to win Josefa to the truth. She realized that no one came to her help until Ezekiel took the initiative to save her house from being consumed.

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Ezekiel took the opportunity to share the gospel with her. She accepted Bible studies and hope was born in her heart. On September 10, 2011 Josefa, with her son, Jose Guadalupe, gave her life to Christ in baptism. She is now a member of the San Rafael Seventh-day Adventist Church.

God has given us fifty two new members at Sierra Tarahumara this year. Praise be the name of our God!

Josefa (far right) and family in front of house that was burned



Josefa being baptized





### DayStar Student Missionaries to Africa

By Natalie, Shauna Hall, & Kelsy Claridge



hen at the Denver Mid America ASI Conference I was asked to serve in Tanzania, I was thrilled. It was exciting to meet and live with a real missionary who has that special spirit of sacrifice for the Gospel's sake. That spirit is characterized by the burden that these missionaries feel to spread the Gospel to

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the unreachable, to teach those classified as un-teachable, and to go wherever God may lead you. During our stay, we (three student missionaries from DayStar Academy in Utah) accomplished odd jobs, usually involving a shovel, a paintbrush, or wood. We've also had the opportunity to be involved in caring for dental patients, helping to bandage wounds, teach health classes, and to help out as girls' deans. I've learned that the simple gift of a jacket to

a Bibi (grandmother) can cause tears of joy, that an iPod camera will receive awed stares and nervous giggles from children; and how to use a machete. Nothing out-of-this-world-exciting has happened to me. I'm still a sixteen year-old Natalie, and I still worry about how I look in every picture someone takes; but God is doing something special in my heart. Hopefully someday, people will know me as having that missionary spirit. - *Natalie* 



At Eden Valley Foster Care Mission, I am learning a lot about myself. When I came to Tanzania, I didn't think I would have a problem helping with medical procedures. I was wrong. Janet Fournier, director of this mission helps with many medical needs and has given us a lot of ex-

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posure. There are some I like and some I don't like. I couldn't put bandages on people the rest of my life, but I really enjoyed pulling teeth. It isn't about the work. It is about getting to know who I am. God is giving me a vision—He has a bigger and better plan for me. –Shauna Hall



√y time in Tanzania can be boiled a spoiled American girl. I came here with dreams of accomplishing great things and of seeing great results. By normal standards, I'm smart (almost a 4.0 GPA), but it means absolutely nothing here in the mission field. Here practical experience, hard work, and loving God are all that counts. Mrs. Fournier and her right-hand lady, Deniece, have taught me more than I have learned in years of ordinary life. These women are incredible. They can fix almost anything, run a school, communicate through the language barrier, cook almost any meal, put up with each other, and show Christ through their everyday lives. It's like living with a super-hero and her side-kick. They are who they are, and they are God's. I admire that. My story is simple. It's merely the realization of simple truths. I was trying to accept a missionary's call without accepting the One

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who calls. It's accepting my total worth-lessness and need of a Savior. It's realizing that I've spent my whole life hearing the truth without it becoming my own. No, I'm not drastically changed; but I promise you, I will never be the same again. – *Kelsy Claridge* 

Editor's note: Eden Valley Foster Care Mission, located in the Makete Region of Tanzania, was founded by Janet Fournier. Initially, EVFCM cared for hundreds of AIDS orphans who were being cared for by grandparents or other relatives. The mission grew to include schools for young people including training in sewing, carpentry, small engines repairs, and agriculture. Classrooms, dormitories, cafeteria, staff homes, and a church were all built in the last four years.)

# God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

By Grazyna Kuczek

NEWSTART in Poland is celebrating its tenth year anniversary.

Every month, we pay rent and continue to pray that the Lord will provide enough funds to build a new Lifestyle Center in Poland, but He hasn't. God has blessed the NEWSTART Program. The guests who come are happy and satisfied, and many lives are changed.

The closest we came to building a new building is when a former non-SDA guest promised to provide all the bricks and blocks to build the structure of the building.

This new building is outstanding—as the whole interior is beautifully furnished and each bedroom has a private bathroom. It is like a dream. Is God answering our prayers in a different way?

This year another of our non-SDA guest offered to rent us his brand new building for the NEWSTART program. This building is located seventeen miles from our location in central Poland. Currently, the building we are renting is two hundred miles away. This new building is outstanding—as the whole interior is beautifully furnished and each bedroom has a private bathroom. It is like a dream. Is God answering our prayers in a different way?

There is one problem; the building is



not completely finished. To finish it, this man needs \$175,000. He is willing to sign a contract for several years, but we would need to pay him the \$175,000 up front. It would enable him finish this building, and the rent would be paid for almost fifty months.

This man's wife and three daughters are members of the SDA church. We know them very well. He is a devout Catholic. His family believes that God performed a double miracle. First, that he decided to go through the NEWSTART program; and secondly, his heart is softened toward the Seventh-day Adventists!

God leads in mysterious ways, doesn't He?

# Teaching, Preaching, and Reaching—India

By Roger Stone

Wherever you go health problems are always an issue, and India is no exception. Sabrina and Shrinu were married a short time when they had a baby boy. After, his dying in infancy, Sabrina gave birth to four little girls before she had a son. When the boy was three months old, he contracted a high fever and suffered brain damage.

This story is too common. Barbara, a nurse, realized that if they could be taught how to take temperatures, what to do in the case of a high fever, and about the basic symptoms of disease, it would help prevent so much heartache and suffering. After much prayer and planning, she started a class. Fifteen students came; and when the class was completed, each student was given a thermometer.

There are still many orphan children in India. A short time back, Thomas, the main Orphan Manager, called and asked if he could admit ten more children. "Brother, you do what you think the Lord would want you to do", was my only reply.

Priscilla has lived at the orphanage for eight years. When she was only four, her uncle got married. He was her only living relative. Urging him to take Priscilla home, her uncle refused. They did not want her. Seven years later, her aunt had a baby. Now they wanted Priscilla to come and be a household servant. Thomas, hearing of their intentions, knew we needed to act quickly. After talking to Priscilla and asking her what she wanted to do, her desire was to continue in school and



New church in the village, Metachinta

to stay in

her new faith. After enrolling her into Flaiz SDA academy, her uncle came, but his plans were thwarted. God has a special plan for her.

Recently ,we were able to build and dedicate a beautiful little church in the village, Metachinta. Many people come down to Metachinta for church services every week.

Part of the area where we work is controlled by Communist Terrorists. They set a limit of only one church per village. Today, there are nineteen villages that have only one church, a Seventh-day Adventist church.

The Lord is blessing His work in India. In the last twelve years, He establised 92 churches. Seventy-eight of these churches are built in the area where we are stationed. Many congregations still do not have a church to worship in. Currently, there are three new churches nearing completion; but many more are needed. Each church cost about \$3,000. Thank you for helping us to meet these needs.

## Faith, Sacrifice and Hard Work

By Maudlyn Castillo

(With Board approval, Idis and Maudlyn Castillo, leaders of Country Life, Dominican Republic, decided to move their city project back to the country. When the lease in the city became unavailable they saw God's Providence leading them back to the property they once occupied.)

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Ps. 30:5. These past months have been filled with challenges and activity. We are amazed and filled with joy as our Heavenly Father opens and shuts doors.

The question is, "What's next?"

By faith, we believe that God has big plans for this institution. Certain that there are people who would love to join us, our vision is to continue the evangelism program, open the sanitarium, and

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to start an agricultural program. Eventually, we would like to open a school where courses are offered to the young people in our community.

The buildings are deteriorated from being vacant and there are no funds to repair them. One family is interested in helping us, but currently there is no place to house them.

Stepping out in faith we bought a tractor for \$23,000. We are making monthly payments. The balance due is \$17,000.



Ydis driving the tractor getting ready to clean up

The tractor will keep the land clear.

The enemy is trying to dishearten us. He has caused many situations to deter us. The pick-up truck broke down and needs repair, the generator quit functioning, the well and pump need parts, and the industrial building also needs to be restored. Will we continue? Yes. Because God is on our side. His promises are sure. He has provided a way to meet all our immediate needs. We invested all of our own finances. We are filled with gratitude to a loving and Wonderful God who has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us.

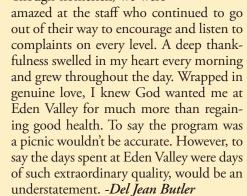
A group from Ouchita Hills Academy and College will be coming in November to help us and to hold evangelistic meetings. Mid America ASI with the Eden Valley Board also are planning to come in the spring of 2012 to help with building and evangelism.

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# Eden Valley Lifestyle Guest Experiences

By Del Jean Butler, Wendy Harris, and Dee Hilderbrand

The first evening at Eden Valley was sobering. We met precious people with serious health challenges. The sicknesses that ravaged our bodies were intruders. Everyone had come for one purpose—to get well. The day took on a serious tone as we walked the next morning. The guests were experiencing the throes of sickness and the effect of the natural treatments. Though homesick, we were



Ifeel fortunate. I attended a the lifestyle program at Eden Valley as a support. Believing there was always room for improvement, I determined to learn

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Wendy Harris, Del Jean Butler, Latisha Coleman, & Dee Hilderbrand

how to become healthier. What a perfect setting. There was so much to learn and experience. The treatments were invaluable—they taught me about myself and gave me renewed energy. The biggest challenge for me was being away from my family and my familiar routine. At first I was nervous, but soon the staff and guests drew me in. In ten short days, my life was changed. I had time to think about the information I was learning. Don't get me wrong, the schedule is packed; but it is packed full of activities that are good for the mind and the body. We hiked, attended cooking classes, had morning devotions, fellowshipped, and ate a lot of great food. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything and the one thing that happened—I got healthier. -Wendy Harris

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# The Prosperity of God

By Laural Bates



Baptism from evangelistic series in Bocoyna, Mexico

Eden Valley is a buzz of activity. God is calling, "Get ready! Get ready! Get ready!". Coming together, staff pray for the revelation of God's glory and for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The growing desire is to share more, teach more, and work more.

Then came the grasshoppers. They were everywhere, in Biblical proportions...The staff gardens were completely decimated. But protected by the hand of God, the farm flourished.

#### Farm

Our farm manager, Igancio Perez, is focused on giving his best to God. When in mid-June, after a late start, hail destroyed the first crop, Ignacio turned to God and prayed, "Lord, this is Your farm. If You want to destroy it by hail, that is up to You. If this will bring You glory, then so be it. The prosperity of the farm is de-

pendent upon You." Ignacio replanted and God produced the harvest.

Then came the grasshoppers. They were everywhere, in Biblical proportions. Walking through the grass was like walking through a popcorn popper. The staff gardens were completely decimated. But protected by the hand of God, the farm flourished.

We sold at two Farmers' Markets every week. On Sundays, the staff met in the field and greenhouses at 5:00 a.m. to harvest the crops and pre-

pare them for market. Between Farmers' Markets and U-Pick all the produce was either sold or given away to families needing assistance.

### **Cooking Classes**

We started a cooking school in August, to be held every six weeks. The students learned to cook vegan dishes, they learned the introductory principles of health, and how to develop a positive attitude. During the devotional time, Frank shares the promises in God's Word. God has put in their hearts an interest for spiritual truth. In anticipation they look forward to the next class. In preparation for the upcoming evangelistic meetings in the fall of 2012, the cooking school is only the first of many seminars.

### Las Vegas

In January 2012, the "Revelation Today" series will be presented by "It Is Written" at the Cashman Center, in Las Vegas. In preparation for these meetings, a team of five representatives from Eden Valley and the ASI representatives, Denzil and Donna McNeilus, were invited to

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present seminars on church growth, developing a community outreach program, and planning a "health-expo". One hundred and twenty church members from all over the valley came. Eden Valley is privileged to be a supporting ministry to these churches.

#### Master Plan

In the past issue of Faith Ventures, the approval of the Master Plan for Eden Valley was reported. Then a Capital Campaign was initiated. Our hearts are full of gratitude for many of our readers who have given their financial support to this fund. Today, as partners with you, there is 100% staff participation. Very soon, the Board of Directors will also have 100% participation. Being united together, we are praying that God will prosper Eden Valley far more than we can ask or even think.

# Your Partnership With Eden Valley

By Laural Bates

You are receiving this edition of Faith Ventures today because you have a personal interest in Eden Valley. Perhaps you have been a guest in our lifestyle center or visited our country store or organic farm. Or perhaps you were once a part of the dedicated staff. There are many ties associated with Eden Valley but the tie that interests us is the tie that interests you.

It is because of your partnership with Eden Valley that thousands of lives have been touched with the love of Jesus Christ. Whether they faced an urgent need, a devastating disease, sought to improve their quality of life, or merely drove onto the campus, they have felt the peace that only comes from knowing and trusting in God. Your contributions have helped make this important ministry of

Eden Valley successful.

In these uncertain economic times, we are very grateful for your support – now more than ever. Your gift is extremely important to Eden Valley because it provides resources that make an immediate impact. Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or \$5,000 will make all the difference. You can specify your gift to a particular need or interest — new Lifestyle Center, missions, worthy patient fund, new sewer plant, pavement of main access road, or wherever most needed.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for being our partner in advancing the end-time work at Eden Valley! May our Lord bless you with His peace and grace.

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My stay at Eden Valley was a time of joy for me. I came to Eden Valley reasonably healthy because I wanted to learn how to stay that way. I learned there is no guarantee; however, you gave me the education, training and tools to make the best choices for health. My cholesterol dropped twenty-two points in just fifteen days and I lost eight pounds-all by eating differently. I did not "diet" or go hungry, and probably would have lost more if I hadn't gone back for those seconds. When I left Eden Valley, it was with a plan for success to continue with my changed lifestyle-and I am succeeding. I did not make promises to break such as, "I will never eat this or that again", instead I simply say, "I am not eating that today", or "I am not buying this today" and week by week my weight is still dropping even as I'm eating plenty of good food and exercising. I feel really great! It is wonderful not to try and live my life on a diet plan, but on a balanced "lifestyle" that I can joyfully live with. I can hardly wait the three weeks to test my cholesterol again. Thanks again for all your help. -Dee Hilderbrand

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# **Eden Valley Mission Projects**

### Eden Valley Foster Care Mission, Tanzania

In 2003, God gave Janet Fournier a unique vision. As a result she began caring for 187 AIDS related orphans without the encumbrances of a large infrastructure and high operational expenses. Today she is supporting 550 orphans in seven African villages, besides the many elderly and vulnerable who come for help.

### Tarahumara Indians in Creel, Mexico

Since 1993, David and Virginia Cruz have been ministering to the Tarahumara Indians. They operate a small lifestyle center, and their health work combined with evangelism has resulted in more than 100 souls being baptized. As a result of this, Eden Valley has embarked on a church building program for them.

### Stone Valley Foundation, India

Since 2000, the Lord has used Roger and Barbara Stone to raise scores of churches in India. They have trained hundreds of pastors, and minister to a great number of orphans with medical care, a home, and educational advantages.

### Country Life Mission, Dominican Republic

The needs are great! With a Pioneer Spirit our missionaries are pressing forward. With no money to go forward they are depending on God to provide their needs from day to day. Here are a few financial needs they currently have. \$800 to fix our generator; \$3,000 to make payments on the tractor; \$14,000 to pay off the tractor; \$300 per month to support another family; and a motorcycle for commuting.

### Springs of Life Foundation, Poland

This past summer an opportunity opened for the small group in Poland to rent a new building. The building is only a few miles from the property they own. Instead of building a new building to use for their NEWSART program they would take advantage of this opportunity. This would free them to run their ministry. They will need \$175,000 in lease monies to be paid in advance so the building can be completed and made ready for occupancy.

### Mount Akagi Institute, Japan

Many years ago, Eden Valley had a hand in helping an institution in Japan. The institution, Mount Akagi, enjoyed years of prosperity, and as time would have it, years of adversity. Today, several individuals have joined hands to revitalize Mount Akagi's ministry. The bakery is again operational and soon a simple lifestyle center will be serving the public.