





TEXICO LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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Weekly News from the Texico Conference!

 *El Paso Central Amazing Facts graduation: As one sows, so shall one reap. In El Paso we have sown many packets of Amazing Facts Bible guides. August 15th was time to reap the fruits. Melissa Wood joined the El Paso Central Church by baptism and Evangelina Zounis by profession of faith. Another ten people graduated, many of whom are preparing for baptism in the near future. We want to thank all the ones involved in sharing these packets with the people of El Paso, and a great praise to the Lord for guiding us as we build His Church for His glory. Submitted by Pastor Sven Frantzen*




 *The Gallup (New Mexico) Church recently held a Vacation Bible School program with between 20 and 30 children in attendance. They enjoyed singing songs, making crafts and each day they prepared a healthy meal as one of the activities to teach them about good nutrition. Submitted by Pastor Gladstone Simmons*



 *On Sabbath, August 1, 2009, the Reserve (New Mexico) SDA Church celebrated its 70th year as a church in the Texico Conference. The members put a lot of effort into the preparation for the big day. The roof was replaced. The outside of the church was repaired and painted and the second restroom for the men was finished. Invitations were sent to former pastors, members, and family of the members. There were about 100 people that attended the celebration. They came from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, and as far away as California. Also in attendance was former president of Texico, Ralph Orduno and his wife; former pastors Rick Lytle and his wife, Sven Frantzen and family, and Gladstone Simmons, the current pastor. Former pastor, Ramiro Cano, sent a greeting to the group via DVD. The special guests were the older members who were family and close friends with the founders of the church in Reserve. One of those was Onesimo Gutierrez, who now lives in Springerville, Arizona. He was able to share some of the history of the Reserve church. Special thanks go to Frank and Clara Valdez, Dora Jiron, and Vicki Sollers for their many hours spent in organizing the 70th celebration (1939-2009). That Sabbath afternoon there was a dedication service of the church cemetery located next to the church. Submitted by Pastor Gladstone Simmons*



 *The Taos evangelistic meeting continues to go well. Last night we had ten visitors and five children. Evangelist, Emanuel Baek preached about the Remnant Church Sunday night. At least two people decided to be baptized. Please keep praying for us. Submitted by Pastor Jorge Poveda*

From Adventist News Network. . .



- *Thousands of Seventh-day Adventist young people traveled to Germany for the Pan-European Youth Congress during August 5-9, a five-day event that included a forum for young adults to discuss church issues with regional leadership. The second Pan-Europe Adventist Youth Conference brought together more than 4,000 attendees from 40 countries. "This forum is a unique opportunity to find out about how the Adventist Church works, and how we as young people can help change and re-shape it," said Victor Marley, youth director for the Adventist church in Norway. More than 300 congress attendees raced in the "Help for Kids" fun run, raising a total of \$14,200. The "Help for Kids" initiative provides free lunches, homework assistance, education and health assistance and holiday trips for underprivileged youth living in Munich.*
- Despite the flagging global economy, the Seventh-day Adventist World Church is reporting a 13 percent upswing in Global Mission donations for the first six months of 2009, compared to the same fiscal period last year.
- *In Honduras, Seventh-day Adventist Church services and activities have continued uninterrupted in the wake of an interim government coming to power after the ousting of the nation's president several weeks ago.*
- Current Andrews University provost, Heather J. Knight, accepted the presidency of Pacific Union College last week, becoming the first woman to hold the position.
- *The soup kitchen at the First Adventist Church in Washington, D.C., recently received a \$5,000 grant from ABC's "Extreme Makeover" broadcast. The grant, which was bestowed on nonprofit community service organizations, was a boon to the kitchen that serves between 75 and 100 people each week.*
- 35,000 youth and staff attended the Pathfinder camporee last week, which is largest five-day Adventist event! The 2009 International Pathfinder Camporee, held every five years, met at Wittman Regional Airport, some 90 miles north of Milwaukee. "I don't think there's a larger Seventh-day Adventist five-day gathering than this one," Ron Whitehead, executive director of the event told the Adventist Review.
- *Several Seventh-day Adventists are likely included in the death toll from Typhoon Morakot, a storm that hit northeastern Taiwan earlier this month, Adventist church leaders in Taiwan said. Four church members are thought to be dead and two pastors have been missing for five days, initial church reports stated. The typhoon reportedly killed hundreds of Taiwanese and destroyed over 10,000 homes after making landfall, with torrential rains and flooding causing more destruction early in the following week.*