

A photograph of a snowy winter landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark tree trunk stands on the left, with its branches extending across the frame. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow. In the background, a line of bare trees stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall scene is quiet and serene.

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The Hole in the Bucket

During a working lunch, one of the senior leaders of our denomination asked me, “Isn’t evangelism the most important role of our church?” My response was “Of course! That is how we fulfill our mission.”

During my long trip home following that meeting, I began to ponder his profound question and challenge for our chaplains and their role in the evangelistic mission of our church. There are different ways to fulfill the gospel commission (Matthew 28: 18-20) of evangelizing the world. The most successful form of evangelism has taken place in our churches across the planet.

Usually under the leadership of a pastor, church members go into the highways and byways, into the homes of their neighbors, their coworkers and friends, to carry on the mandate of the Lord to teach all nations. Reaping campaigns with an evangelist follow these efforts, and thousands commit their lives to become disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It has worked for many years and continues to be the greatest and most successful way to fulfill our God-given destiny.

Thousands have come to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior in our countless evangelistic campaigns and outreach. At the same time, thousands have gone out the back door. Too many of them are our children, dear friends from childhood, brothers, sisters, uncles, and aunts.

The chaplain’s evangelistic role is all-encompassing. Every day health-care chaplains meet patients in our hospitals, their families, and visitors. College chaplains work with our children in our educational institutions. Correctional chaplains minister to countless women and men who are incarcer-

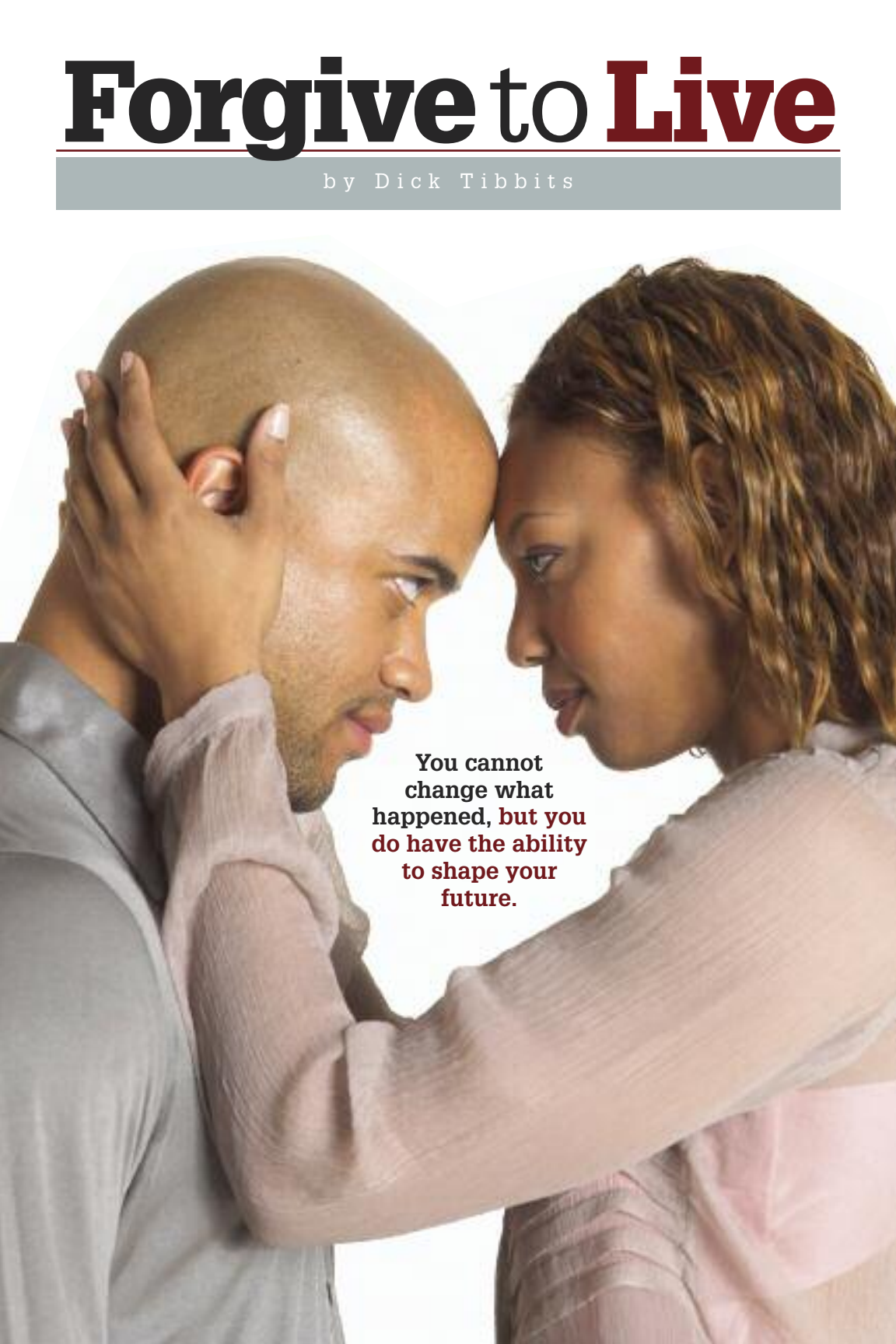
ated and paying their debt to society. There are chaplains who minister to our men and woman in uniform, serving in the police, fire, and rescue departments of our communities. Military chaplains share Jesus with those in uniform who are serving their country. Chaplains even minister on sport teams. In many cases this is the first and only contact with the church for many of these individuals. The concept and image that they take with them of the church is given to them by chaplains. Many times the chaplain’s “passive evangelistic approach” and presence “evangelizes” individuals with their loving care, support, and compassion for their souls.

Chaplains are the “evangelists” who have been commissioned to form, mold, affirm, and build our vibrant, ever-growing remnant church by reaching some who might not hear the good news in other ways. Chaplains are the “evangelists” who reenforce and instill a loyalty, love, and care for God’s precious church in the impressionable minds of youth. This form of evangelism plugs the hole in the bucket, so that we can keep our precious ones in our journey to heaven. Our chaplains hold the present and future of God’s church in their hands! What an awesome responsibility that rests on the shoulders of our pastors serving as chaplains! May God always walk with our chaplains in their evangelistic in- and outreach, in these last historical days of our lives!



Forgive to **Live**

by Dick Tibbits

A photograph of a man and a woman in a close embrace, looking at each other. The man is on the left, bald, wearing a grey shirt. The woman is on the right, with long brown hair, wearing a light pink top. Her hands are resting on the man's head and neck. The background is white.

**You cannot
change what
happened, but you
do have the ability
to shape your
future.**

Life is not fair. You not only observe this truth every day in the world around you but you experience this truth in your own life. You can work hard to get ahead, to have a happy marriage, or to be a best friend, only to have it all wiped out by another person's vindictive action.

The suffering this can cause eats away at your insides like a malignant cancer. The wound you feel from within changes you, but not for the better. Whenever you desire to make the other pay for what they did to you, you are not hurting them; you are only hurting yourself. The other has gone on with their life. You simply cannot take a poison pill and hope the other person dies.

Whenever someone else has harmed you, you have a simple yet profound choice to make:

will you forgive or will you not forgive. The choice you make will determine the quality of your life as your life will become either bitter with each recalling of the painful event or better because you have chosen to forgive.

Initially most people resist forgiveness. After all, why should I forgive; I did not do anything wrong. If you find yourself constantly repeating your story of how someone else has ruined your life, it may be time for you to forgive. But how do you forgive? While

forgiveness can be complex and take time, there are a few simple things you can do to get started.

First, you must choose to

forgive. All action begins with a choice. Rather than reacting to the other person—thus giving them emotional control over your life—you can choose how to respond to their behavior. As Jean Nidetch reminds us: “It is choice—not chance—that determines your destiny.”

Next, you can work on reframing your grievance story. Your grievance story is your memory of what happened. Unfortunately, your memory is distorted by your current frame of reference. When someone has hurt you, you tend to recall only the negative aspects of that person and discount all the good things that person has done. You have heard the expression that “love is blind” (meaning that the person focuses only on the good aspects of the person they love while ignoring their negative characteristics). Well, hurt is equally as blind (by focusing only on the negative aspects of the person who hurt you while ignoring their good qualities).

Finally, you need to live your life forward by looking for the opportunities and blessings that can be yours instead of living your life backwards by focusing only on what others have done in the past. You cannot change what happened, but you do have the ability to shape your future. Forgiveness allows you to be shaped by God's possibilities rather than be molded by what others have done to you in the past.

To learn more about forgiveness, read the author's book *Forgive to Live: How Forgiveness Can Save Your Life*.



Dick Tibbits is a vice president at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

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Living Life by the Word of God

Daniel Korie's journey to baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 11, 2008, began in his home country of Nigeria. "I was raised a Roman Catholic by my parents, although my grandparents followed a traditionalist faith," says Daniel.

During these years Daniel attended school and eventually went on to study at both minor and major levels of the Roman Catholic seminary system. His love for truth and desire to learn helped him explore many areas of faith.

"My aunt is a Seventh-day Adventist," says Daniel. "As I spent time with her I recognized that she had a life full of contentment even though she wasn't rich in goods of this world."

In 1985 Daniel's aunt gave him a copy of *The Desire of Ages*. He read

the story of Jesus and was moved by the account in the pages of the book. Eventually Daniel began to recognize a troubling fact in his life. "I was becoming convicted that I was converted to a church but not to the love of Christ," says Daniel. This realization spurred him to continue his search for truth and what God's leading was for his life.

"While I was attending seminary, I had the opportunity to study the book *The Great Controversy*," recalls Daniel. As he delved into the historical portions, Daniel began to compare what he was reading with the presentations being made in his seminary classes, particularly about the Reformation and its leader, Martin Luther. "I began to look seriously at my church and its beliefs," says Daniel.

In 1994 Daniel was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest and entered parish work. His ministry also included teaching chemistry and biology and continuing his studies with post-graduate work with an emphasis in canon law.

Daniel discovered other books that added to his faith search. "I read *Patriarchs and Prophets* as well as *Health and Happiness*," says Daniel.

"The truths that I found recorded in these books as well as *The Desire of Ages* began to make their way into my weekly homilies."

As God worked in Daniel's life, a new conviction for military chaplaincy began to grow in his heart. Eventually, Daniel found his place as a chaplain in the United States Army. Daniel sees military chaplaincy as a win-win situation. "A chaplain works in a pluralistic society. This provides opportunities to share the love of Jesus in many different ways," says Daniel. "Many people are ready to defend doctrine, but they are not ready to defend Christ."

As Daniel continued his search for truth, he became burdened with the use of relics and statues that were a part of his faith tradition in the Roman Catholic church. He began to study Mariology to understand what the church was teaching. At one point he was even challenged to deal with a situation involving these religious symbols. "At one of my duty stations, there were a number of soldiers who were seeking to bring the relics and statues into the main post chapel," recalls Daniel. "I wanted them to un-

derstand that the chapel was for all faiths and it wouldn't have been appropriate for these particular symbols to be a part of the chapel furnishings."

Eventually another witness of faith crossed Daniel's path on his search for truth. "I met Dr. Felix I-Ikuomola and we began studying the Bible together," says Daniel. As their friendship developed, Dr. Felix answered Daniel's questions. It wasn't long before they were watching Doug Batchelor and *Amazing Facts* on Friday nights. They "attended" church on Sabbath mornings by watching a Web-based church service on the Internet.

After months of study and friendship,

Daniel was perplexed.


"I noticed as we studied, Dr. Felix would point me to Bible truth, but he never insisted that I join his church," says Daniel. "I asked him, 'Why don't you want to be persuasive about your own religion?'"

"I didn't want it to look like our friendship was only to convert you" was Dr. Felix's response.

Without hesitation, Daniel responded, "I want to join your beliefs." His baptism was held on October 11 and he received ecclesiastical endorsement by Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries on November 11, 2008.

Currently, Daniel serves as the chaplain for the 89th Signal Battalion, NETCOM, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. As he continues to minister to others, Daniel's greatest desire is to live his life solely by the Word of God.





by Dan Pabon

ONE HEART— ONE PARTNER— EXTRA EYES

Ministry as a police chaplain

Vignettes of my ministry as a police chaplain flash through my memory as I contemplate how local clergy can fulfill a vital role in their community.

The dispatcher at headquarters called for Unit 153, Officer Pérez. The chaplain was riding that night with Unit 153. An accident had just occurred in the area of Ivanhoe Boulevard and Interstate 4. The sergeant in charge of the Third District was trying to locate the chaplain.

“This is car 10, calling Unit 155,” I answered. “Sergeant Smith, are you trying to reach me?” Car 10 is the unit number (or call sign) for the Orlando police chaplain on duty at any moment. I learned that parents of a 17-year-old victim needed to be notified of their



with this particular officer. He believed that a conversation between the officer and the chaplain would prevent further disciplinary action, as well as preventing the rest of the squad becoming aware of the officer's home situation. Police officers and their families become close friends and allies of other police families. Therefore, when a situation arises because of an officer's lack of judgment regarding his own family, a major case of peer pressure, or in this case, "colleague pressure" may develop and be helpful in resolving problems.

And there is what is perhaps one of the hardest moments in the life of a police chaplain. It happened to me twice in a single year. The pager or cell phone goes off at an odd hour, usually between 2:00 and 5:00 a.m.

For me, the first time involved a routine traffic stop that included a shooting, which resulted in one of our officers being shot and killed. Officer Roig* was killed at a routine traffic stop during his first year in the force. Practically the entire city turned out for the funeral: the major fire department trucks and hundreds of police cars from nearby agencies who came to bury "one of their own."

The second time that year was when Officer Sue Pelter* was responding "ten-eighteen" (the call sign in the city of Orlando for siren, buzzer, and blue lights), trying to assist another officer in distress. Officer Pelter's cruiser skidded on wet pavement and into a concrete pole, killing her on impact.

It was hard for me to step into the trauma room of the Orlando Regional Medical Center and see Officer Pelter lying on the gurney, still wearing her blood-stained police uniform. I pleaded with the head physician to allow the rest of the squad to come into the room and spend time next to their fallen comrade. There's a saying around police officers that goes this way: "You are not

son's death. The sergeant had a paramount need of the chaplain to carry that particular task.

On another occasion a particular request came directly from the chief of police's desk. An officer's wife had complained to the chief that her husband was not providing for his own household. Her husband had become involved in a romantic relationship with another female officer, which was against the agency's policy.

The police chief asked if I would ride

a real officer until you taste them.” Taste your own tears, that is. On that fateful morning, we all tasted our own tears.

There are also the happy moments—the times when an officer asks the chaplain to perform his/her wedding. Others include officers receiving promotions at an awards ceremony; or when officers are recognized for bravery when administering CPR to a homeless person and saving a life; or for preventing a major tragedy when rescuing a child from a domestic argument or from a burning car.

What do law enforcement chaplains do?

Law enforcement or police chaplains counsel cops and their families in times of stress. They will teach officers in matters of ethics and family life, and also become members of the Crisis Management Team. They assist in suicide incidents, sometimes serving as liaison between the suicidal person and the rest of the world. The police chaplain makes hospital visits to sick officers and their families. The chaplain at times performs wedding ceremonies. At the request of an officer, he will pray with them inside the car before going on patrol during a busy day or evening.

Why do we do it?

Any pastor who serves as a police chaplain, or plans to become one, must remember that before anything else he

is a chaplain—a minister to the officers, not another cop. We get to wear a uniform bearing the colors of the department. We are issued a badge, a police radio, body armor, and a pager. Some departments provide the chaplain with a firearm, handcuffs, and pepper spray.

Police chaplains want to serve a segment of society that not everyone can reach—not even other pastors. Po-

lice officers possess a certain character, a certain code of silence, a spirit of privacy that only someone who knows what kind of training they go through, or what kind of language they speak, can enter their space. Pastors who become police chap-



Dan Pabon served for five years as chaplain with the Orlando Police Department in Florida, and for the past five years has served as senior chaplain for the Takoma Park Police Department. He has also been invited to ride along on many occasions with the Montgomery County Police Department in Maryland.

lains become one of the most important members of the local community. They have the support and admiration of the local city mayor or administrator. They also develop the respect and admiration of every police officer in the city. Their church becomes automatically protected by the local police department. Many times the officers will ask: “Chaplain, when do you preach at your church? . . . Can we attend? . . . Can we bring our families?” That is music to the ears of any pastor with a local congregation! In fact, you can rest assured that your church building will be the best-guarded building in your local city. Anytime your church alarm goes off, or a call

comes from the church office into the local police department, the first thing that comes to an officer's mind is: "That's the chaplain's church! . . . Let's go!"

Who qualifies?

Police departments in major cities throughout North America will not allow a minister to become a chaplain unless the chaplain-candidate is ordained and

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endorsed by his/her denomination and is a graduate of the local Citizens Police Academy. The training usually takes from six to eight weeks of study, which includes one or two nights per week.

After a complete criminal background check is performed, including a polygraph test and a physical examination, the candidate is allowed to patrol once to see how the officers get along with the "prospective" chaplain.

Once the above requirements are met, the chief of police formally invites the candidate to be part of the team. The chaplain serves at the pleasure of the chief of police. Often the chaplain is the only person in the command staff who has unlimited access to his office, even more than sergeants, lieutenants, and captains. Therefore, any police chaplain who wants to be heard at the right moment will try not to abuse that privilege.

Only a few police departments in the nation employ chaplains on a full- or part-time basis. The majority of U.S. cities enjoy the services of the chaplain on a strictly volunteer basis. As a benefit to the chaplain, volunteer hours can be reported with their annual income tax filing.

If the chaplain goes outside his role as spiritual advisor, the effects can be long-term and dramatic. I recall a story

told to me when I was serving as a police chaplain in another city. A captain from another department observed an officer in plain clothes making a traffic stop on his own. He had a blue strobe light on his private vehicle and at the moment was wearing his badge around his neck and carrying a police radio on his waist. The captain asked the police chief about this plainclothes officer, who had made a traffic stop without asking for backup.

The make and model of the car as well as the license plate number were provided

to the police chief.

During an investigation, it was learned that one of the police chaplains had decided to play cop. He was giving a speeding teenager a scare by pretending to be a real traffic cop. The chaplain was called to the police chief's office. His badge and other police-issued equipment were taken from him. That particular chaplain will never be able to serve as a police chaplain again or be endorsed by the International Association of Police Chaplains. As the captain told me after he finished the story: "Hey, if that chaplain wanted to be a cop, he should have attended police academy, not divinity school."

Police chaplains are first of all ministers of the gospel tending to a special flock. They are partners in laughter, tears, and convictions, and sometimes partners in a game of golf, too. The police chaplain also becomes a close friend and trusted listener to a special segment of society. They are ambassadors of their church, providing not only their time and hearts to police officers, but the extra pair of eyes every officer needs in a particular moment of urgency. And as most officers greet one another when going on patrol . . . Be safe!

** The names of the officers have been changed in order to protect the privacy of their families.*

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Impacting Lives

What could a campus ministries program led by student leaders achieve among a college-age population? To answer that question, take a virtual visit to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. You'll find close to 30 young adults who are mentored in ministry leadership by Chaplain Rich Carlson.

These young adults are reaching out to their peers and involving them in ministry and service projects on campus and throughout the Lincoln community.

When Carlson arrived at Union 27 years ago, he saw his role as planning religious programming for the college students. Since those days, Carlson has noticed an evolution in the student population. "I've seen students move from a 'go ahead and try to entertain me in a spiritual sense' attitude to students taking ownership and leadership of leading their peers in spiritual and service endeavors," says Carlson.

Carlson's role has



Rich Carlson believes that student missions is one of the ways colleges can create environments and opportunities to help students grow in Jesus.

evolved as well. "I've gone from the role of being a programmer to being a mentor of young leaders," says Carlson. "I no longer hire students to work for me in Campus Ministries. I hire young leaders who are a part of the leadership team."

As campus chaplain, Carlson has created an environment that challenges Union College students to find the area of ministry where God is leading them to participate. Vision casting and

helping students dream are part of the process that Carlson and his student leaders provide. As students seek how God will use them, they are able to see His fulfillment in their lives.

Service and Union College have long been synonymous. Known as the College of the Golden Cords, Union has emphasized service through regular missions service as well as its student missionary program for decades.

Rich Carlson shares encouragement with students just before they leave for their assignments during the annual Project Impact service day at Union College.



Project Impact



Union has also developed a high profile in the Lincoln community with the annual Project Impact service day. Project Impact is the largest

and longest-running community service project on any college or university campus and is completely planned and executed by students. It has been a part of the fabric of Union College life for the past 27 years and today participation, which is not required, has reached around 85 percent of the student and faculty population.

In the past Project Impact has been a one-day event where students have collabo-

rated with 55 service agencies in the Lincoln community to provide some type of help to those in need. Carlson says that the leadership team has decided to take this to the next level.

“Our students don’t want service to be just a one-day event,” reports Carlson. “Instead they are looking at ways to have Project Impact continue throughout the school year. This year 24 of the sites had campus clubs or organizations whose members will continue to provide some type of service throughout the year.” For instance, the nursing club had been providing a foot clinic for the homeless on Project Impact Day. Now they will continue the clinic throughout the year.

They’ve also applied for grants in order to purchase shoes and socks, which they plan to distribute to the homeless who come to the foot clinic.

Members of the college basketball team are mentoring young kids who live with their mothers in the battered women’s shelter. They provide a positive male role model to children who may not have seen that in their short lives.

Another area that Carlson and his leadership team have addressed is providing a Sabbath experience that will be positive and resonate with students long after they leave Union College. Three special components help set the Sabbath apart from the busy routine of

college life—the Sabbath candle, Sabbath afternoon ministry opportunities, and V2.

“Every Friday night, as a college family, we open the Sabbath with the lighting of the Sabbath candle,” says Carlson. “We want to take a moment to say Sabbath is important and we are setting the next 24 hours aside to recognize the importance of the Sabbath.”

Carlson also believes it is essential to help students recognize the importance of doing good on the Sabbath and by providing ministry opportunities in addition to Sabbath School and church. To close the Sabbath, a vespers program called V2 is a time when students share their testimony of how God is working in their lives. This has become such a popular time of sharing that students’ names are now placed on a waiting list for their opportunity to speak at V2.

As Carlson oversees Union College students developing ideas, planning activities, and generating support and excitement among their peers, he also checks in with students who have been a part of the experience and have graduated. Carlson believes that providing a supportive environment

PASSIONATE ABOUT MINISTRY AND SERVICE



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that is safe for students to discover their talents and ministries will lead them to continue in service after they graduate. For the first five years after a student graduates from Union College, Carlson sends them an e-mail survey. He wants to know how the spiritual life at Union impacted their life post-graduation.

The results of the

survey back Carlson’s belief about laying a foundation for continued service after college. The survey indicates that students are continuing to attend church (3.8 out of every 4 respondents) and are involved in ministry and service even though they are busy launching their new careers.

“I personally know of 12 students who, after graduation, launched Project Impact programs in their own communities,” says Carlson, “and many students who have told me that they open the Sabbath by lighting a Sabbath candle in their own homes now.”

Carlson holds the record for the longest years of service as a chaplain among all colleges and universities worldwide. The Rich Carlson Award was recently created to recognize his contribution as a campus chaplain and the lives he has touched.

Carlson will continue to create an environment and opportunities for student and staff to grow with Jesus and the church. He’ll continue to hire young leaders whom he will mentor as they become passionate about ministry and service.

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

WORLDWIDE



CHAPLAINS' RETREAT

A chaplains' retreat was recently held in the beautiful state of Santa Catarina at the South American Division Retreat Center. More than 60 chaplains from across the division, serving in Adventist colleges, universities, and hospitals, and church administrators attended. Countries from within the division that were represented included Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. The chaplains met to receive instruction, training, and inspiration. Dr. Mario Ceballos, associate director for ACM, took part in the events. The retreat began with an inspiring message and welcome by Elder Erton Carlos Kohler, South American Division president. The event was organized by Elder Carlos A. Mesa, South American Division ACM director.

South-American Division

Inter-American Division



More than 150 chaplains and church administrators from throughout Inter-America gathered for the first ever Chaplaincy Ministries symposium in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Photo courtesy of Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, the youngest ministries to be established in the Inter-American Division territory, is taking a larger step toward unifying efforts in the fulfillment of the mission of the church across the region. This effort was visible among the dozens of chaplains who gathered during Inter-America's first Chaplaincy Ministries Symposium held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The four-day event gathered dozens of chaplains from the four areas it covers: educational institutions, hospitals, prisons, and armed forces from across the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Inter-America. "Our main focus for this event was to set chaplaincy at the level where it should be in the scope of the Adventist ministry here in Inter-America," says Pastor Bernardo Rodriguez, Chaplaincy Ministries director for the Church in Inter-America. ● Among other recommendations discussed was to develop a comprehensive plan for formal training to benefit chaplains who serve in all three known levels: professional, volunteer, and assistant. The foundation was also laid out for an online database of chaplains in the territory, as well as a divisionwide study to identify opportunities for chaplain ministries and services in correctional facilities, campuses, and public and private hospitals. The list of recommendations that came about from the symposium will be taken to Inter-America's Executive Committee for approval.—Libna Stevens/IAD



Venezuelan-Antilles Union Mission

The Venezuelan-Antilles Union Mission conducted a chaplain summit at the Venezuelan Adventist University in Nirgua, Venezuela. One hundred two chaplains, seminarians, and lay assistant caregivers/chaplains attended the summit. Attendees were from colleges, hospitals and clinics, and correctional institutions. The presenters included Dr. Mario Ceballos, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries associate director, and Dr. Hiskia Missah, General Conference Youth Department associate director. "We have seen a great awakening worldwide in the number of pastors that are being hired by different institutions," says Dr. Ceballos, "as well as church members who are volunteering to serve as lay chaplains in the community hospitals and jails and in support of the work of the pastors who are serving as chaplains."



From left to right: Pastor Javier Villegas (organizer of the event) Education/ACM director for the Venezuelan-Antilles Union Mission; Dr. Hiskia Missah, General Conference Youth Department associate director; Pastor Bernardo Rodriguez, Youth/ACM director of the Inter-American Division and cosponsor of the event; and Dr. Mario Ceballos, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries associate director.



The Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Advisory and Training session was also conducted in Kokata, India. The 32 participants were excited to hear about future plans for ACM, give their input, and have a time of fellowship and spiritual renewal.



During the recent Southern Asia Division ACM Advisory and Training session, more than 46 participants met in Bangalore, India, to sharpen their chaplaincy skills and discuss their ministry outreach.

Southern Asia Division



The presenters for the Southern Asia Advisory and Training session included (from left to right) Paul Raj Isaiah, ACM director for Southern Asia Division; Basharat Masih, senior division chaplain for Kettering Health Network; Chaplain Gary Council, ACM director; and Dr. Mario Ceballos, ACM associate director.



European Divisions

Leaders of the Joint European Divisions Retreat were, from left to right, Dr. Daniel Duda, Trans-European Division ACM director; Dr. Marty Feldbush, former GC ACM director; Chaplain Gary Councill, GC ACM director; Dr. Mario Ceballos, GC ACM associate director; and Pastor Roberto Badenas, Euro-Africa Division ACM director.

The ACM Joint European Divisions Advisory took place at the Saleve Adventist University in Collonges-sous-Salève, Cedex, France.



Representing more than 40 countries, attendees came from educational, health-care, prison, and sport chaplaincies. They met to receive training and to formally organize the chaplaincy ministries of the Trans-European Division and the Euro-Africa Division. During the advisory, chaplains had an opportunity to make recommendation to the leadership of both divisions on chaplaincy issues and to visit the Adventist hospital, Clinique La Ligniere, in Lake Geneva.

NAD Appointment

CDR Larry Roth,
CHC, U.S. Navy
retired



Larry Roth to Serve as ACM Field Representative

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries is pleased to announce the appointment of Chaplain Larry Roth as the newest ACM field representative," says Gary Cuncell, ACM director. "Roth will be serving the Pacific Northwest region and joined the ACM staff on November 9, 2008."

Larry Roth didn't always have chaplaincy as a career choice. "When I was in academy I got in a bit of trouble," recalls Larry. "I decided that I really needed to get into a different crowd, but I also knew that I wouldn't do it if I stayed at that academy." With that decision, Larry transferred to Monterey Bay Academy, and it was there he began feeling a call to the ministry.

"What I truly enjoyed studying were the sciences and math," says Larry. "My scores in these areas were high, but I felt God was calling me to ministry. I struggled with what God was leading me to do with my life."

The turning point for Larry came when Graham Maxwell was a guest speaker at the academy. Larry met with Maxwell and asked for his opinion about what he should do. Larry explained that his scores were high in science and math but he couldn't shake the feeling of God's calling to ministry.

"I've never forgotten what Elder Maxwell said to me," recalls Larry. "His words were 'Look who Jesus called to be disciples—He called a wide variety of people. God can help you to reach people with a science background for Him.'"

With that advice, Larry committed his life to full-time ministry, but chaplaincy still wasn't in the picture. He followed the usual path of academy and college, marriage, and beginning a family. During seminary he was a member of the candidate chaplain program but chose not to enter the Air Force chaplaincy program because of a technicality in their program requirements.

His pastoral career took Larry and his family to Oregon and Wisconsin. He also served as the district administrator of the Marshall Islands, Guam-Micronesia Mission.

During his Majuro tenure, Larry would travel between the islands, particularly Majuro and Ebeye. He would stop and visit the military chaplain based on Kwajalein Island. "It was during those visits I began to realize the great opportunities to share Jesus through a military chaplaincy," says Larry.

In 1980 he accepted his first duty as a military chaplain and was stationed in Hawaii. "I thought I'd go in for three years and then return to pastoral ministry," Larry chuckles. "Instead, I spent 23 years working with sailors and Marines."

Shortly after arriving in Hawaii, Larry was faced with a challenge that would test his chaplaincy skills. A group of young Adventists were facing the possibility of court martial because of their Sabbath beliefs.

"I wanted help with working through this situation," recalls Larry. "I asked the Catholic chaplain to work with me. God blessed and we were able to make an arrangement for the men to choose to work every Sunday rather than face court martial. One of these young men eventually led 12 Marines to Christ and they were later baptized."

Larry sees chaplaincy as another form of evangelism. "It's a way for us to make friends with people and help break down the barriers that people may have erected," says Larry.

The opportunity for evangelism and sharing biblical truth will present itself in ways that are often unexpected. Dur-

ing a deployment at sea, Larry was meeting with a group of enlisted men who wanted to study the Bible. They began discussing the question of what the gospel is. "I'll never forget the question of one of the hospital corpsman," says Larry. "He said, 'Chaplain, I've been reading in my Bible, and what is the Sabbath that it talks about?'"

"I told him it would take more time than what the group had then to discuss it," says Larry. "I invited him to come to my stateroom later and we would look at his question together."

The corpsman did come, and Larry asked him to share what he had learned in his own personal study.

"The corpsman gave a great and complete Bible

study about the Sabbath," says Larry. "We began to meet every Sabbath to worship together, and eventually this young man was baptized. This is evangelism, and I often wonder what would have happened if I hadn't been there serving as a chaplain."

During his chaplaincy Larry even found opportunity to use those great science and math skills that he had developed during academy. "During my time with the Coast Guard, I was able to minister to the scientists and engineers because I was interested in many of the scientific things that they talked about."

Larry knows his life could have turned out differently if he had made other choices in academy. "One of the messages I try to tell young people is that God doesn't give up on them when they make mistakes," says Larry.

Larry and his wife, Joanne, currently reside in Kent, Washington. They have a son who lives in Australia and a daughter who lives in Washington.

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Getting Hot With Anger? Chill With Some Forgiveness

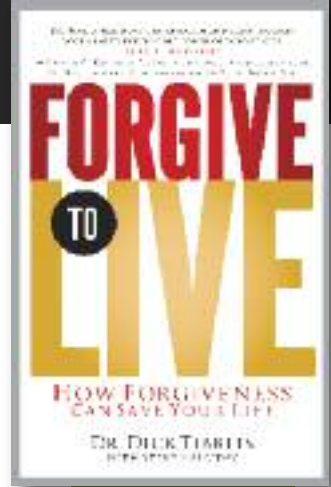
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Congratulations to the following individuals who have been approved as chaplain candidates by Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries.

**Edgardo Rivas
Jeremiah Williams**

Chaplain Jorge Torres was ordained Memorial Day weekend at the Florida Conference camp meeting.



Festus Gumbo and Joan Guevara, health-care chaplains, have advanced from associate to full chaplain status.



Chaplain James Hall was ordained on November 22, 2008, in Stevensville, Michigan.

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