

Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
*Dakota Dispatch*  
Sharing the unchanging love of Jesus in a changing world.



## HELP! Maranatha Scheduled for Northern Lights Camp



Tuesday, May 29, I received an email from a Dustin Comm. He is the Communication Specialist for Maranatha Volunteers International. It read in part, "I was wondering if I could ask you a favor? We are trying to recruit as many volunteers as possible for our project at Northern Lights Camp July 1-15, but haven't received a ton of response yet. I was hoping you have a conference email newsletter we could promote the project in? It would be great to get local help if anyone is able."

"Here is the project website: <https://maranatha.org/projects/tgid2752/>. Volunteers will construct a new cafeteria building for the camp. They will help with the wood framing, siding as well as roofing and window installation."

I assured him there would be no shortage of help from Dakotans. Comm said there were only eight volunteers registered now but none of them

were from the Daktoas. To ease the concerns of Maranatha's project leaders, you may want to sign up so there is an accurate count for housing and food needs. Delilah Trefth will be the camp cook during the project. There is also a cap of 30 volunteers needed at any one time. You may choose to call Dustin Comm to register. His number is 916.774.7743.

Neil Biloff contacted the State Park yesterday for permission to move heavy equipment through the park into the camp and they gave their okay. The road restrictions have held up progress until yesterday.

Electrician Larry Nordman, of the Minot Adventist Church, has worked tirelessly to reroute the electrical. Biloff spent hours digging trenches so plumber Dennis Tefts, of the Williston Adventist Church, could make water and septic accessible to the new building site.



Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Neil Biloff

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## Live is Like the Backside of a Tapestry



*"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?" Job 12:7-9.*

God intends for us to learn from the natural world. After all, nature has been called God's second book, and it has much to teach us. The Bible assures us that creation reveals the work of God. *"Since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made."* Romans 1:20. This means when we look at nature we glimpse His majestic power and intricate artistry. God has put them on display for all people to witness every day.

But when earthquakes, tsunamis, tornados, floods, and hurricanes hit, how do we relate to God then? Is God behind those natural horrors as well?

When disaster strikes, many find it difficult to reconcile the pictures of destruction with the idea of a loving, caring God. Some even view these events as God's judgment upon the evil of the world. Religious leaders from across the spectrum use these tragedies as opportunities to speculate wildly. The phrases "divine judgment" and "retribution" are tossed about, sparking controversy and outrage.

We tend to think that life here should be fair because God is fair. But God is not life here. God is behind life. He is the Author of life, the Hope of life, and the End of life. A painter, while "seen" in her painting, is not the painting itself. She will especially not be seen in the work when her enemies have the ability to spoil it.

Life here is like the backside of a tapestry, its threads all jumbled with indistinct, muted colors and clashing patterns. We can sort of make out the picture. But it's not until we get on the front side of the tapestry, the other side of life here, that we experience the full design, the reason for every knotted red and gray and black and white thread. Only then can we truly see what the Master Artist has created.

No matter what we may face in this life we can *"know that all things work together for good to those who love God"* (Romans 8:28). In all circumstances, we can know that nothing - neither disease, drought, devil or death - will be able to separate us from the love of God.



## Dakota Adventist Academy Graduates Nine

A milestone was reached in each of the lives of Dakota Adventist Academy's nine seniors, as they became the newest alumni. Graduation weekend was filled with laughter, smiles, tears and good-byes.

Throughout the weekend, the speakers wove the class aim, motto, and text into their talks.

### **AIM**

Humble enough to accept grace. Willing enough to give it.

### **MOTTO**

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

### **TEXT**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,  
to those that are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Sunday morning, the seniors entered the auditorium for the last time as students of DAA. Following the Class President's Address by Nyegai Koun, and the Commencement Address by Gary Way, English and Art teacher, the seniors were recognized and awarded scholarships from five Adventist Universities (Union College – Lincoln, NE, Andrews University – Berrien Springs, MI, La Sierra University – Riverside, CA, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN, and Walla Walla University - College Place, WA). The total of scholarships awarded was over \$782,000. The North American Division's *Caring Heart* award was given to Abigail Brooke recognizing her commitment to making the world a better place and sharing the love of God.

Class of 2018, we will never forget you. May God be with you as you leave the halls of DAA and begin your new adventures. Claim the promise found in Jeremiah 29:11 – *God has plans for you and will be with you every step of your journey.*



From left to right: Andy Waldner, Vichayut Suppermstien, Paul Schumacher, Tendai Mpezeni, Erica Chapman, Abigail Brooke, Najeeb Dubreuze, Leticia Venegas, and Nyegai Koun.

Article by Sharon Heinrich; Photo by Peter Hutaaruk

## May is Filled with Elementary School Graduations

**May 16 - Hillcrest Adventist Elementary, Jamestown, ND**



Noah Weber

Natasha Haas



**May 19 - Sioux Falls Adventist Elementary, Sioux Falls, SD**

Mirella Profir



May 21 - Invitation Hill Adventist School, Dickinson, ND



Tandish Kuzuinzwa  
Fortune Majada  
Zack Sarge

May 22 - Rapid City Adventist Elementary, Rapid City, SD



Tehya Beck

Kindergarten graduation  
Jacob Hartshorn  
Serena Beck

May 23 - Prairie Voyager Adventist, Grand Forks, ND



Alison Hoffman

## Just Jesus. Adventist Youth Ministry - Africa

This December 19, 2018, five college students and three members of the Fargo Adventist Church are conducting a mission trip to United Nation refugee camps in Northern Uganda.

The UN tent cities in north western Uganda are filled with individuals and families, mostly children, who have escaped intra-governmental killing in their home of origin - Sudan.

Just Jesus. Adventist Campus Ministries and the Fargo Adventist Church plan to travel to Uganda to accomplish the following goals for God:

1. Conduct evangelistic, revival meetings in northern Uganda,
2. Assist with the construction of a well for fresh, clean water for the Adventist school and school garden,
3. Make mental health counselors available for individuals suffering with trauma disorders and depression.
4. Provide a Relationship Communication Seminar to help families, couples and all individuals to learn how to deal with conflict and communicate in a healthy way to de-escalate stress and tensions,
5. Conduct health seminars instructing on good hygiene and disease prevention.

Seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) needs to be raised for the Adventist school dorm buildings, a PA system for public speaking and the cost of drilling a well for the school. Donations should be marked "Uganda Mission" and made payable to the:

Fargo Seventh-day Adventist Church  
4112 47th St NW  
Fargo, ND 58102

There is also a go-fund-me page at [www.gofundme.com/justjesusuganda](http://www.gofundme.com/justjesusuganda). One hundred percent of these donations will be used for the above intended ministries. Further details are available from Pamela Joyce at [pamelajoyce88@outlook.com](mailto:pamelajoyce88@outlook.com) or Darrel Lindensmith at [darrellindensmith@outlook.com](mailto:darrellindensmith@outlook.com).





# Fund Raising Projects and Progress

## Bore Hole Drilling and Pump Project

\$7000.00



Needed for  
Abundant Clean water for the School Children  
and their garden

\$3000.

Where we are now

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## Public Address System and Generator

\$6000.00



Needed for  
Speaking to the crowds of people coming to hear the Gospel and  
Public health messages

\$100.00

Where we are now

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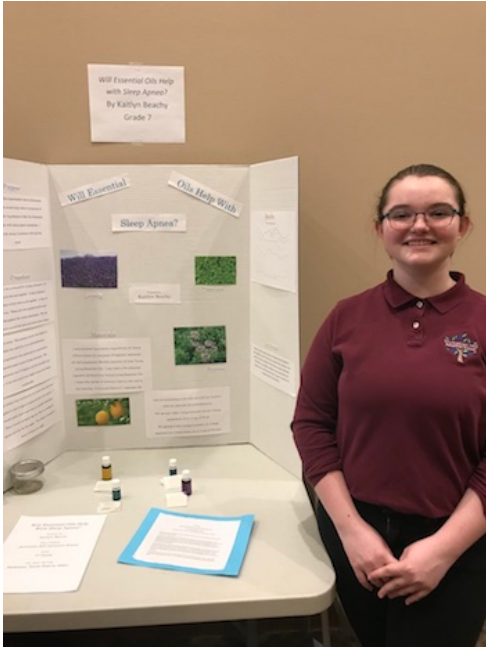
## Science Fair Presented at Invitation Hill

The students from Brentwood Adventist Christian School (Bismarck, ND), Invitation Hill Adventist School (Dickinson, ND), and two homeschoolers prepared their science projects over months of studying and put much effort into their experiments. The fair was held at Invitation Hill Adventist School & Church on April 26th. There were six judges and 20 children who presented 14 projects. All students from grade three and up had individual projects. Students from grade two and lower had group projects. On the day of the fair we set up the projects in the hallway of the school. Since we did not have time to have all six judges visit the students, we only had four judges visit each student. Every 15 minutes we would switch judges and some students would have breaks in between judging. After the judging had been completed, dinner was served for the students, judges and parents.

Some of the most memorable projects for us were H<sub>2</sub>O to HHO, Acid vs Alkaline, and Phases of the Moon. These were our personal favorites. We could tell that they worked hard and had a good attitude about them.

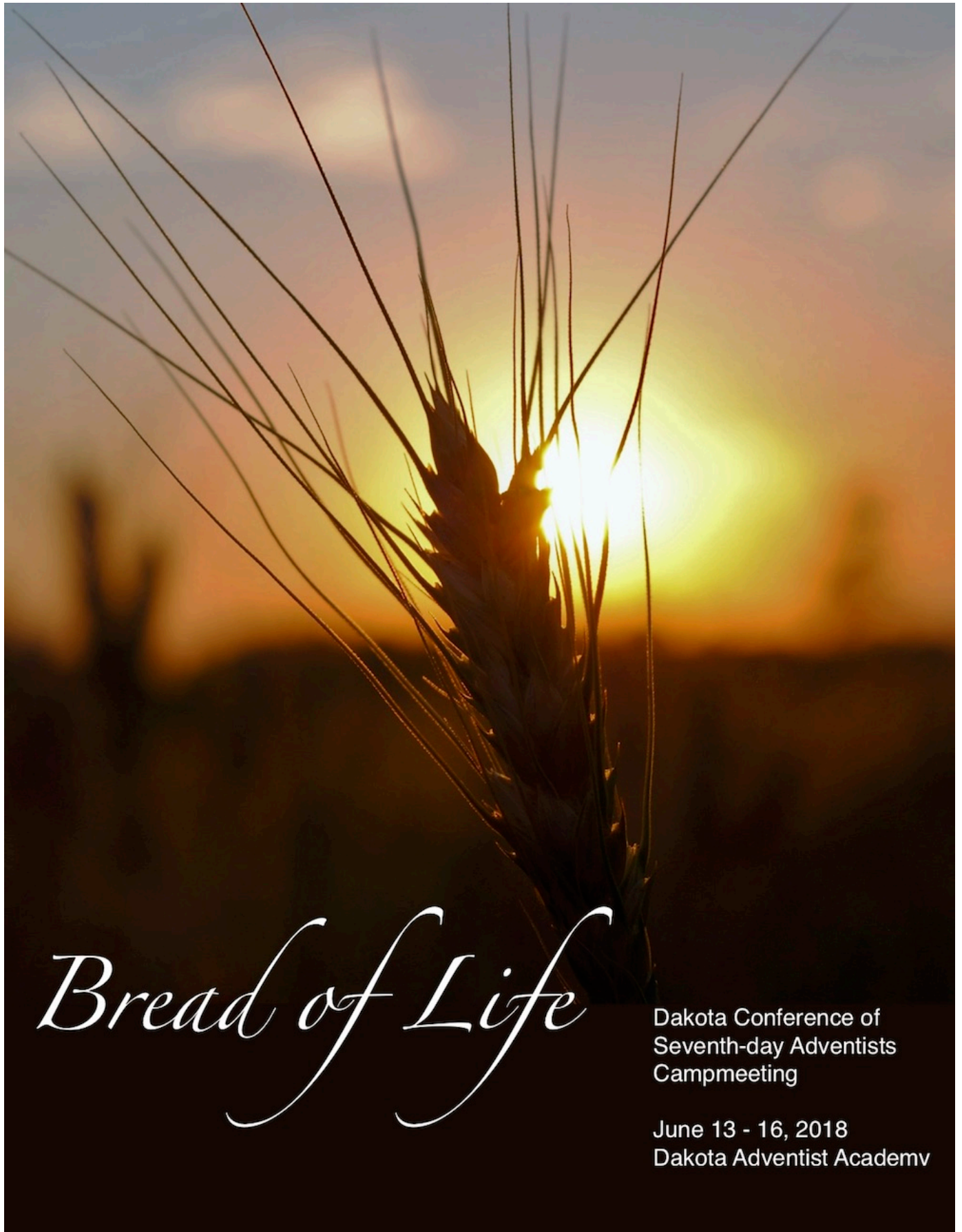
The whole fair was a huge success and I think the students and judges had a wonderful time. We have asked a couple of our fellow classmates and they said that the science fair was awesome.

Pictured below are Autumn Hale (left) and Kaitlyn Beachy (right)



Article by Kaitlyn Beachy and Autumn Hale, students at Invitation Hill Adventist School; Photos by Sue Nelson

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# *Bread of Life*

Dakota Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists  
Campmeeting

June 13 - 16, 2018  
Dakota Adventist Academy

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**Simple Tuna Salad**

2 C Vege-tuna  
1 C Just Mayo (or other mayonnaise)  
2/3 C celery, chopped

Dill relish to taste  
Garlic powder to taste  
Cayenne pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together. Great for sandwiches. May add tomatoes, lettuce, avocado, or any of your favorite sandwich extras.

Recipe by Charlotte Messer in [Breaking Bread Together](#), page 132. For sale at CO and DAA for \$20.

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#### **ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:**

- Tuesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 6:00 pm
- Closed on Sundays

ABC will be on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy during Campmeeting, June 13 - 16, 2018.

You should have received an ABC flyer in the mail with June specials. Campmeeting is a great time to stock up on all your favorite products!

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## **QUOTE of the MONTH**

I've learned that people will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

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## **May 31 Dispatch Photo**

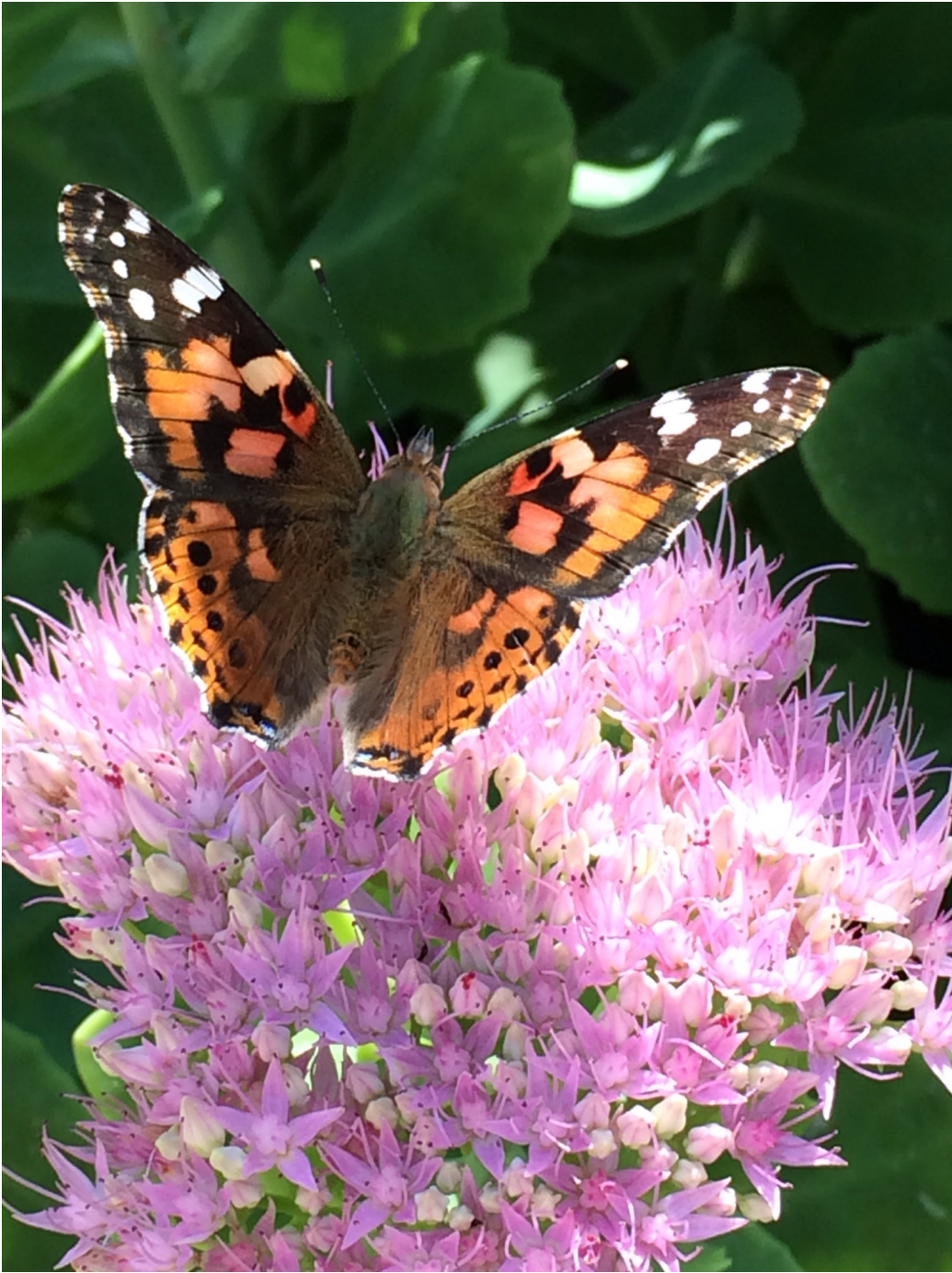


Photo by Ron Wright of Dickinson, ND.

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