



Mission Bolivia

Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

North Dakota freelancing missionaries, Perry and Laura Karges of Hazen, ND, have been working in various high-need localities in South America for the past seven years, often in conjunction with Gospel Ministries International.



The Kargeses, along with Kala, a missionary working in Bolivia, brought news of the work in Bolivia, to the Fargo Church. They spoke especially

of the Adventist orphanage in Bolivia.

Kala, who studied at an Adventist college, heard God calling her to mission work. Recently, she presented in the Turtle Lake and Fargo Adventist Churches about the fact that all Christians are missionaries, because the blessings of God's grace received are to be shared with others. This is just a natural response, no matter where we live, to express our gratitude to God.



Photos by Pastor Lindensmith

Pastor Appreciation

Renee McKey & Jacquie Biloff



Renee McKey Photo

November 12 Sabbath was a very special occasion for the Rapid City Church. First, Sayward Rittenhouse was brought into membership by profession of faith. Then the students from the church school sang about "The Perfect Ten" commandments for the ministry of music.

The church also surprised the McKeys with pastor appreciation cards and a large basket of surprises, including a coupon good for a weekend getaway.



Tami Rice Photo

Sunday morning, another packet of envelopes neatly wrapped with a bow and garnished with a rose, was sitting just outside their front door. "How they got there is somewhat of a mystery since I was busy just inside the front window all morning," says Renee. The envelopes contained clues.



Tami Rice Photo

The first clue sent them to the Olive Garden for dinner. Clue #2 sent them up into the hills to Vixie's Victorian Villa, Bed and Breakfast. McKey declares, "What a special and caring gift this was for Clarence and me. [We] feel so privileged to be in the Black Hills...We feel so very blessed."

The **Black Hills Regional** will be Sabbath, December 3, in the Rapid City Adventist Church starting at 9:30 a.m. An afternoon program will commence, shortly after a fellowship meal, featuring the Dakota Adventist Academy. The **ABC** will be available after sundown from 6:00 - 7:30. Frozen food orders must be pre-ordered. Other food orders are encouraged to assure preferences are available. 1.800.765.6955

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DAA Juniors Attend Ethics Day in Bismarck

Jill Donald, Junior at DAA

November 16 the Dakota Adventist Academy Juniors traveled to Bismarck Career Academy for an ethics fair. Students in grades 9 through 12 from schools in the Bismarck area attended the event "Ethical Decision Making in the Workplace and Society".

When the DAA students entered the room assigned to the ethics day activities, they saw thirty tables set up with from five to eight students at each table. All were given name tags with a table number on it and were sent to make friends while discussing ethical topics with the other students. The first assignment was an ice breaker, a questionnaire concerning eye color, favorites of ice cream, color, season, food, and

sport. After filling it out, students passed their papers around the table for other students to sign if they had the same answer.



A discussion on the "Dilemma of Social Media" was the next assignment on the agenda. This topic concerned whether or not it was acceptable for colleges and businesses to look at an applicant's

online social media, such as Facebook or My Space. After discussing it at their individual tables, a spokesperson was chosen to share their responses with the entire room. The majority of the students thought it was acceptable for all online social media to be seen and used by colleges and work places.

Other dilemmas like "cutting" and "heart transplant applicants" were also discussed. By the end of the afternoon, all the attendees had made new friends and felt more in-the-know about the topics and situations presented to them. They also understood the ethical process in making decisions and living ethically within a community.

Watertown Baptisms

Pastor Abel Rios & Jacquie Biloff



Connie Bousa was re-baptized at the Watertown Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath, September 3, by Pastor Abel Rios. Bousa began attending prayer meeting on Tuesday nights and after weeks of attending, Pastor Abel and Connie discussed what she was learning and she decided to be re-baptized.

Mark and Megan Matteson were re-baptized Sabbath, November 12 by Pastor Abel Rios. When the Mattesons began attending the Watertown Church, Pastor Rios asked if they would be interested in studying the Bible together on Thursday nights. Megan had studied some topics before, but Mark decided to accompany Megan to the Bible studies (although he was satisfied with his own church). As the weeks went by, Mark and Megan became more excited as they discovered the beautiful truths found in the Bible and decided to make their decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Photos by Jessica Rios



Dakota Adventist Academy Celebration of Praise Weekend December 16 & 17, 2011

Friday Evening – December 16

7:00 PM – Christmas Candlelight Vespers with students and musicians from around the conference

Christmas Carol Afterglow will follow Vespers

Sabbath – December 17

10:00 AM – Sabbath School

11:20 AM – Worship Service with Elder Neil Biloff

4:30 PM – Christmas Cantata featuring our Academy Students

A buffet supper will be available following the Cantata. Students will be able to leave for Christmas break following the Cantata.

