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Over 40 Years of Mission



Norbert Restrepo | President

Two years ago, 2023, was the 40th anniversary of Hartland College. Hartland was established by a group of dedicated educators, health workers, and ministers who had the burden to provide comprehensive Christian education to youth with a passion for mission. Today, this is still our burden and calling. We equip 21st-century professional missionaries to reach people in different settings and cultures, meet their needs, and transform their lives through Christ's selfless love.

Early in His ministry Christ declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18–19. This was His mission, and it is ours as well.

The first step in mission is to experience the transforming power of God's love in our own lives. When you experience God's deliverance, when you grasp His promises by faith, when you have His hope and peace, then you have a testimony to share. You are now an ambassador for Christ, reconciling people with God! 2 Cor. 5:17–20. This is the essence of mission.

But this requires an encounter with God's glory, with God's self-sacrificing love. Peter experienced this in a deep and personal way when Jesus performed the miracle of filling his net with fish.

The pen of inspiration says, "This miracle, above any other he had ever witnessed, was to him a manifestation of divine power. In Jesus he saw One who held all nature under His control. The presence of divinity revealed his own unholiness. Love for his Master, shame for his own unbelief, gratitude for the condescension of Christ, above all, the sense of his uncleanness in the presence of infinite purity, overwhelmed him. While his companions were securing the contents of the net, Peter fell at the Saviour's feet, exclaiming, 'Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'"¹

As Christian parents and as teachers, our first work is to impart this vitalizing energy. As the apostle John said, "The life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us." "Of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." 1 John 1:2; John 1:16.

This encounter will lead to the next step: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it." Matt. 16:24–25. Self-denial,


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self-sacrifice, is the core characteristic of God's love, and "unselfishness underlies all true development. Through unselfish service we receive the highest culture of every faculty. More and more fully do we become partakers of the divine nature."² This is the foundation of true education and redemption. Upon this foundation we build because "he who has gained a knowledge of God and His word through personal experience is prepared to engage in the study of natural science."³

We need to keep in mind that the youth we are seeking to educate have experienced brokenness, they struggle, and they need healing. They need tools and a supportive environment to heal emotionally, spiritually, and socially. Together with an environment that is conducive to spiritual growth, we provide a program designed to develop all their faculties and to equip them with tools to serve humanity.

Why do we do this? It is because "the more thoroughly the intellect is cultivated, the more effectively it can be used in the service of God. The uneducated man who is consecrated to God and who longs to bless others can be, and is, used by the Lord in His service. But those who, with the same spirit of consecration, have had the benefit of a thorough education, can do a much more extensive work for Christ. They stand on vantage ground."⁴

This thorough education includes providing manual training with agriculture as the ABC, teaching them to be self-supporting, teaching them the sciences and the common branches of knowledge, and providing them with a professional career that aligns with their talents.

Why are we seeking to provide such a comprehensive college education? It is because we do not know in what specific line of service our youth will serve. "They may spend their lives within the circle of the home; they may engage in life's common vocations, or go as teachers of the gospel to heathen lands; but all are alike called to be missionaries for God, ministers of mercy to the world."⁵ 

¹ White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 246.

² White, *Education*, p. 16.

³ White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 461.

⁴ White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 333.

⁵ White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 395.



Missionary Student in Action

by Mwaba Chibwe



I was born and raised in Zambia, the 11th of 12 children. I was blessed to grow up in an Adventist family with godly parents who loved the Lord. From a young age, I felt a desire to serve Him and dreamed of becoming a pastor. In 2013, I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. Since then, I've been involved in ministry, teaching the Bible and sharing God's love with others, especially among my peers.

My father and I loved reading literature from Hartland Publications. In 2020, I emailed Hartland Publications to request more books for my ministry. They graciously sent them, which made me curious to know more about Hartland. Eventually, I discovered that Hartland also had a college. I looked into the programs they offered.

When I decided to study at Hartland College, the expenses involved were significant. However, God was faithful and provided every expense I needed, because if it's the Lord's will, it's His bill. I couldn't manage Hartland's tuition fees alone, so I applied for the Missionary Training Fund (MTF) scholarship.

Since coming to Hartland, I've grown immensely in my knowledge of God. Through classes, work assignments, and fellowship,

Hartland's education equipped me to co-conduct two highly successful evangelistic series resulting in 120 baptisms, even while still a student!

I've really drawn closer to God. My major is pastoral evangelism, as I want to become a pastor, Bible teacher, and scholar.

I appreciate the classes and practical training. The practical experiences students are required to go through have especially helped prepare me for the calling God has placed upon my life. The wholistic nature of Hartland's education truly makes it a unique experience.

In my freshman year, my father passed away. Due to COVID restrictions, I couldn't go back home. My fellow students supported me immensely during that time, which had a deep impact on me. Also, I've had opportunities to minister in various churches, in-state and out-of-state. These experiences have truly confirmed my calling.

I plan to use the knowledge I've gained to serve as a pastor preaching the three angels' messages, Heaven's last appeal to this perishing world. I'm not just waiting until I graduate to share what I've learned. I've already returned to Zambia twice for mission work. My friends and I conducted evangelistic campaigns in Lusaka, resulting in 38 people being baptized. This past August, I preached at my local conference's camp meeting, where 82 people were baptized.

To our MTF donors, your donations are not wasted but are an investment for eternity. Without your support, students like me would not have the opportunity to receive this education. Thank you for making my dreams come true. 🙏

Mwaba Chibwe founded the Bible Memorization Project, which aims to inspire people to memorize Scripture and share effective techniques for memorizing God's Word. Through this project, he's memorized 12 New Testament books. His goal is to memorize the entire New Testament by 2030.



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by Mwaba Chibwe

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Why I Chose Hartland



“At the end of my second year of missionary work, I started having this impression that God was calling me to serve Him in full-time ministry. After a month of prayer and reflection, I finally decided to accept the call.”

Dorcas Moraa Onchwari, Kenya

Health Ministry and
Biblical Studies Minor



“My best friend died in my arms. Later I lost two uncles and my grandmother. My dad has cancer. Coming to Hartland was exactly what I needed. I’ve met people here who truly understand my struggles, and for the first time in a while, I feel supported.”

Neeke Rancharan, Belize

Christian Media Ministry



“I had to find a place where I could be immersed in the culture of biblical Adventism. I researched and found that Hartland College could provide that environment. I also chose Hartland based on my goals for my future in ministry. One of my goals is to open a school near my home in Canada to minister to the community’s spiritual, educational, socioeconomic, and health needs.”

Eli Goree, Canada

Pastoral Evangelism and
Health Science Ministry



“I’ve been looking for a place where I can be trained to be a humble servant of God, and Hartland’s goal for education is to train young people who will stand for God.”

Minghao Zhang, China

Pastoral Evangelism



In Loving Memory

After the first anniversary of her passing, we dedicate this new issue to former Hartland Ministry Report editor Mrs. Joan Reichard.

Joan Midori Hirabayashi Reichard was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on February 7, 1951, and she passed to her rest in her home at Hartland Institute on March 2, 2024, at the age of 73. She was the daughter of Toshiyuki Hirabayashi and Midori “Dora” Tanaka. Joan is survived by her husband, Richard, mother, Dora (108 years old), brothers Glen, Dean, and Mark, daughters Midori (Jason) Sliger and Aiko (Adam) Ramdin, and grandchildren Evangeline, Christian, Verity, Enoch, and Eden.

Joan and her husband, Richard, accepted God’s call to Hartland in 2002. Joan’s first duty station was in the Stewardship Ministries Department—caring for donor relations and being the editor of many issues of *Hartland Ministry Report*. She continued working there for most of her time here at Hartland. Later, she served as the dean of women and worked in our business office. In addition to these roles, she was also a key leader of our annual Piedmont Bible Camp and a copyeditor for *Last Generation* magazine.

Joan officially retired at the end of June 2020, after more than 17 years of service to Hartland. But she continued to copyedit and help in our business office and our college cafeteria. She also coordinated the 2023 Piedmont Bible Camp. More recently, she was helping at Hartland Wellness Center.

Of course, this work history does not detail all of Joan’s personal ministry, such as the many meals she fed students and all the times she drove students to appointments or airports or to town just to shop. She was always happy to serve wherever she was needed. Hartland staff, local church members, and campus visitors were also blessed by her kind and cheerful ministry.

Joan is greatly missed. We thank the Lord for her selfless service, and we’re grateful to have the wonderful hope of seeing her again when Jesus returns. 💧



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A JOURNEY OF GRACE, A JOURNEY OF FAITH

The story of how God brought a prodigal from Africa to Hartland College.

by Godfrey Miyanda



I was born in Zambia to a Catholic father and Adventist mother. They both passed away when I was very young, so my siblings and I went to live with our Christian grandparents.

Despite my Christian background, in high school I got involved in the dangerous business of selling precious stones, lying

and duping people to make money. Like a prodigal son, I was wasteful with the money I made. My single-minded goal in life was to become rich, yet a deep longing remained for something more satisfying.

In December of 2013, I was invited to join a mission trip. I tried to excuse myself because I knew I was not in right relationship with God, but later I was convinced I should go. God used that mission trip to change my dreams and bring me back to Himself. Through the lessons my friends were sharing about God's love, my selfishness was touched, and I longed to have Christ in my heart and be transformed into His likeness, blessing others as He did. I came back reconverted!

After that, I struggled with the conviction to become a missionary. I felt I was not qualified to be God's messenger because of my past life, but God reminded me that His grace is sufficient. It was not about my past; it was about letting Him work in my life, about falling at His feet to drink from Him. Finally, I surrendered to His will and guidance.

I chose to study health evangelism and became a full-time missionary. In October 2017, I was invited to Zimbabwe to conduct a medical missionary seminar, and while there, I heard about Hartland through the seminar organizer, Judge Hove. She had met Hartland students who were on a mission trip in South Africa.

She said if I'd consider attending Hartland, she'd help me with the application fee and air ticket. I looked the school up online and felt God saying, "This is the school I want you to attend."

A giant among the challenges I faced was finances. In 2019, I was accepted to Hartland, but I was not offered a Missionary Training Fund (MTF) scholarship. Having no sponsor, I was not able to go. God was teaching me patience!

In 2020, I applied again for the MTF

scholarship, and this time God worked a miracle. I was picked! But I was still not able to go due to COVID-19 lockdowns and travel bans.

Delay is not denial, though. Finally, in June 2021, God opened the way. Coming to Hartland has been a journey of grace, a journey of faith. Looking back, I can only say, I am here because God brought me!

My major is pastoral evangelism. Every Hartland experience is special and life-changing; however, there is nothing more life-changing than sitting in classes like Pauline Epistles and History of the Christian Church.

Studying the life of Paul and Christ's works in him—his missionary zeal, pastoral care, administrative abilities, and articulation of the gospel—is indeed life-transforming. Tracing the development of the Christian church and the role of missionary training centers during the long period of persecution was a great motivation for me to keep alive plans to start a Bible school.

I also like the practical side of Hartland's education. Working in the woodshop, on the farm, and for plant services gives me an appreciation of the dignity of labor. Really, labor is like a chisel in the hands of God to remove the rough edges of my character!

The ministry tools I am obtaining now will make me well-resourced to open a training school where young people can be better equipped to serve the Lord. In Zambia, there is nowhere that offers a comprehensive missionary training. I would like to fill that gap and open a center that will focus on trade skills, Bible, and health.

To the MTF donors—thank you, and may the Lord richly bless you for giving your hard-earned resources for students like

me. I believe that when we get to heaven, there will be people who will walk up to you, shake your hand, and say, “Thank you for giving towards Godfrey's training at Hartland. Through that I am here because I received the gospel.”

Looking back at my journey to Hartland, I can say, “Ebenezer”—this far the Lord has brought me! 💧

God used that mission trip to change my dreams and bring me back to Himself.



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Eric Walsh, MD, DrPH, has served two United States presidents (George W. Bush and Barack Obama) as an advisor on HIV/AIDS. He has also served at several churches as an associate pastor. Dr. Walsh is now a practicing physician and health care administrator. He travels the globe speaking

on many subjects. His wife, Jacqueline, is his partner in ministry and best friend.

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