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Wawona Education Endowment Sequel



“It Takes A Village”

When Wanda Thalheimer got the announcement for a seminar on Revelation she was so excited. In her experience, most churches don't teach on Revelation and
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“The momentary thrill of getting rarely equals
the lasting joy of giving.” *William Arthur Ward*

Thank You for Helping



As many of you know, we have been in a capital campaign to rebuild Camp Wawona. Camp Wawona has been such a blessing over the years and we are looking forward to the many blessings that will come from this next phase of construction. We have already completed the eight yurt cabin village, restroom and the new recreational field, as well as the new campfire bowl. All these additions have been wonderful assets to Camp Wawona and we thank you for helping and supporting us as we have

accomplished these projects. Wawona is starting to take on an updated look.

Now we are ready to move forward with the first major building in the capital campaign, the Dining Hall. Ted and Dorothy Seybold pledged a piece of property to be sold for the new dining hall. Sadly, Ted passed away last July. Before he passed he saw some of the design ideas that we had. He was so excited about it and couldn't wait to see the project completed. We can't wait to get the dining hall built in honor of Ted and Dorothy. They both attended Camp Wawona and Ted said that the reason they gave so generously to Camp Wawona is that when he attended, he gave his heart to Jesus and he wants every child to have the same opportunity. The Dining Hall will be built up at the top of the hill where the horse arena is now. The eating area of the dining hall will have a breath-taking view of Wawona Dome.

We have a building committee set up and we are working right now get the design process done for the new dining hall. The first step will be to build the new road which will be wider with a much easier turn to get up the hill by the lodge. While the road is being built, we will be moving forward with the fundraising for the rest of the money for the dining hall and we hope to break ground in 2017. We should have some drawings in the next few months and we will have them in the next newsletter. We solicit your prayers and gifts as we move forward with this next phase.

“If there be a truer measure of a man than by what he does,
it must be by what he gives.” *Robert Smith*

Blessings from Soquel Camp Meeting

Each year there are many stirring stories about how God impacts people at camp meeting. Here is just one of these stories from Daniel Castillo of Visalia.

“Attending this last year’s camp meeting at Soquel for the first time was a great spiritual experience that I was able to enjoy, from the keynote speakers to meeting a guy named Taj who changed my whole thought process with regards to how I was living my life without knowing who God is. I got to speak with Taj and told him how God had used him to speak to me. During his lectures, I felt that Taj was speaking just to me. At the time, I didn’t know what was happening. Now I know that it was the Holy Spirit working in me. Taj was talking about the book *Steps to Christ* which I went right out and bought for myself and my family. From that day forward, my life has changed dramatically.



Speaking with Taj at camp meeting I expressed to him how I wanted to get baptized and he shared a lot of great information and how I should go about it. So, as soon as I got back from camp meeting, I was able to get connected with Darryl for Bible studies. I know God puts people in our lives without us even knowing and he did that with Darryl. I have learned so much in a short time. I try to be a disciple of God and I allow Him to choose the way He wants me to reach out to others so that I can show



them how our God is amazing. I love to share my testimony. I really look forward to Tuesday night Bible studies with my fellow brother, Darryl. I now know how amazing God is and how much prayer does work. I have seen it and experienced it first-hand. I know it’s been almost two years now coming to the Visalia Adventist Church and it’s been amazing and I know my journey with God will only continue to get better and stronger.”

Daniel was baptized on March 5 in Visalia. Soquel Camp Meeting is such an important part of the Central California Conference’s yearly spiritual growth and with your help we plan to continue to improve our grounds there to God’s honor and glory.

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she'd always been so interested in it. Little did she know that that seminar would lead to her joining the Adventist church and finding out about an excellent private school called Sierra View Junior Academy. Wanda was raising her granddaughter, Chalie Elston, and hoped Sierra View might be a good fit for her. Three wonderful years later, Chalie is in sixth grade and "loves Sierra View to pieces." She is a good student and can't say enough good things about her school. The family of another granddaughter that doesn't live with Wanda noticed the difference in Chalie and how Chalie was always talking about how great Sierra View is. They decided to send their daughter to Sierra View, too. She's in second grade and doing well. Wanda really appreciates Sierra View and the help she receives from the Education Endowment. She says how much she appreciates "the children, the teachers – it's just like a big family. And it takes a village, you know." Many students throughout our conference are thankful for "the village" that contributes to the Endowment funds and makes it possible for these dear little ones to be surrounded by Godly teachers and students. Thank you for your continued support of the Education Endowment.

**Please remember Camp Wawona, Soquel and the Education Endowment
in your wills and trusts.**