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EDITORIAL

Another year has come and gone. We have had so many different experiences and I am sure we have all learned something new. Each year we here at the General Conference Youth Ministries department, prepare resources for all the big events that take place across all our different ministries. We enjoy seeing you all celebrate days like World Pathfinder Day as well as Public Campus Ministry Day and in this issue we have just a few highlights of the hundreds of things that took place around the world. You will find inspiring articles on what Pathfinder day was like in 2021 as well as some wonderful testimonies on the importance of Public Campus Ministries.

We hope that with each word you will feel motivated to

prepare for some of our upcoming events like Global Youth Day, Week of Prayer and Homecoming Sabbath. Each event we plan for our ministries and each plan we make for our life should always have one centerpiece, and that pivotal piece is God. As you plan, as you imagine, as you brainstorm, remember to always begin with God and let His will be done.



Andrés J. Peralta
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PCM INFLUENCES BAPTISM

Nord-Kivu Field, PCM-BUTEMBO,
Democratic Republic of Congo

It was only two months since Kambale Corneille was assigned to Vungi Seventh-day Adventist Church at Butembo as a security guard. Every Saturday evening, Public Campus Ministry organized the closure of the Sabbath. Usually, the students conduct praise and worship, testimonies, and someone stands to share the word. In our city, most students are known to be revelers, smokers, alcoholics, and mischief. It was strange for Kambale to find young people in church exchanging the word of God.

Kambale recollects how the consistency and dedication of the students. One day, the students gave him an opportunity to participate. One day a student the students invited him to join the worship session. He opened up about

his alcohol addiction. We embraced him and worked with him to conquer the addiction and live an abundant life. It was not long that the PCM conducted a week of prayer in which Pastor Feais was the guest speaker. At the end of the series, the pastor called all those who wanted to follow Christ. Kambale walked up to the front and gave his life to Jesus. He testified about the dedication, consistency, and deportment of the students. Through their commitment, he was motivated to seek a better life. The Gospel has changed his life. He is a brand-new man. Praise God, Kambale is free from alcohol and has improved the way he manages finances. Now he shared the message of Christ with his colleagues. His supervisor recently came to thank the church for changing Kambale's life because since he got baptized, he has observed a significant change in him. Kambale's baptism has encouraged and motivated a lot of family members and friends who have also seen notable and positive changes in his life.

People are watching and listening. Every move, every step, every word, best believe!! You may be the only Bible that people will read. I pray that every act, word and thought of the PCM family may be aligned with the righteousness of Jesus so that many may be won to the kingdom just as it happened at Vungi. The world today needs to see sermons more than they hear them. Doing both makes a big difference. Please continue to pray for Kambale Corneille as he continues to grow in grace.

By **Plaisir Maghulu**



PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY TESTIMONIES

KAYC – INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

In Panama, PCM is a very important ministry because it brings together young people from different spaces and cultures together with the same mission. PCM Day was once again the opportunity to share the love of God with others through missionary work activities and fellowship. Even though we are still facing the consequences of the pandemic our mission to go is still stronger and following all the health requirements we were able to help others and impact in every country of our division. Today and always, in PCM the Inter-American Division says: I will go.



local church. During the Sabbath service, a prayer session was conducted for Public Campus Ministry. Both Students and Staff committed



to spread the love of Jesus through a consistent lifestyle sponsored by the Holy Spirit so that many may be won to the kingdom of God. Students connected with various professionals at the local church. I believe these new connections will open up opportunities for authentic relationships and mentoring.

YUSUPH – EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION

In Tanzania, the fellowship on PCM Day was awesome; a day to reminisce of how the local church is a safe space for mentorship and



PRINCE – WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION

In Ghana, students were given the opportunity to lead the services of the

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discipleship. A bridge for to foster the Gods mission on our campuses and a go-to place for counsel and help. I was inspired to Go; to go will all my talents and Gifts, to serve by faith that God will provide all that is required for the mission's success.

STEFANI – SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

In Brazil, the SAD prepared a PCM congress, and it was amazing! In addition, local churches across the country prepared activities for PCM DAY. My local church, for example, had a celebration and invited church member to share some experiences: how God helped them overcome the challenges of being a Christian in a public campus and how we can use our professions and area of expertise in God's mission. We hope that, after PCM DAY, the local church has realized that students and staff go through challenging times on campus. We need support from the local church because many students find themselves living far away from their homes and families. #PCM21 inspired me to GO to my campus, be the light of Jesus in there! And GO to my local church, help them in any way I can. I hope that next year's PCM Day will be bigger Involve more students, members, and churches! I hope that this ministry, this movement, only grows from now



on. Together, and with God as our leader, we can do amazing things for Him!

JABULILE – SOUTHERN AFRICA INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION

In South Africa, PCM day is an important reflection for the local church to recognize students attending school in Public Campuses or staff serving in Public Campuses. It is a day to make an intentional link between the PCM chapters/ association/fellowships with the local church. The local church is like a mother to PCM. It has a big responsibility of grooming and mentoring young people thus fostering intergenerational dialogue. In the afternoon, I spent time with students I mentor. It was a time for prayer and encouragement because the past two years have been very difficult for young people. I am inspired to continue to mentor students. I urge those whose academic journey have led them through Public Campuses to become PCM mentors to the current PCM family. It will go a long way in encouraging them and giving them hope. I look forward to #PCM22



AKEHIL – NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Students on public campuses across the North American Division spent this Global PCM Weekend



galvanized to ministry under the weekend theme “I Will Go”. Go they did! They went to their churches and led out worship services that had a special emphasis about the public campus being a mission field. Students went to their communities and demonstrated the love of Christ through compassionate acts like clean-ups & beautification projects, free concerts, and care packages for the most vulnerable. Students, lastly, went to campuses across Canada, America, Guam & Bermuda and lived out the vision of ACF -Reach the Campus, Change the World- through sharing their love of Jesus in open-invitation Bible Study groups, on-campus worship experiences, through friendship evangelism and by meeting the needs of students by way of free intelligent conversations coupled with free and delicious meals! Jesus truly reigned supreme and was glorified on thousands of public secular campuses by Adventist students who said “I will go”; Here am I Lord, send me so that I might reach my campus and change the world!

JASON – SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

In India, the students and staff organized and conducted a worship service on Friday and Sabbath highlighting the philosophy of PCM. Young people from diverse backgrounds were able to share experiences of how God led them through challenging phases on



public campuses. This encouraged and motivated participants and online to replicate strategies that work. PCM Day establishes the right tone and trend from which the PCM agenda for the year could be built upon. It gives an insight into work being done and the tremendous role that each member could play in shaping the destinies of young people on campuses. For me personally PCM day is more than an event and reciprocates what Jesus would do if here on earth. I have been inspired to do the will of our Lord in reaching out to young people through an online community. I plan to create mental health support group for young people on campuses and help address their psycho-emotional needs.

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PATHFINDERS AROUND THE WORLD GET CREATIVE WITH “I WILL GO”

Gary Blanchard, youth director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, considers Pathfinders to be “the most effective evangelistic initiative” of the church today.

“Like ‘arrows in the hands of a warrior,’ God is sending Pathfinders young and old into churches, campuses, cities, and unreached countries of the world with the Three Angels’ Message,” he adds.

In 2020, Pathfinders celebrated their 70th anniversary--all two million Pathfinders in 60,000 clubs in over 180 countries around the world. And on September 18, 2021, they’ll celebrate again for the annual World Pathfinder Day, a tradition that’s been in place since 1957.

According to the Pathfinder ministry website, World Pathfinder Day is a special Sabbath--the third of each September--to celebrate what it means to be a Pathfinder. Each year the ministry’s directors choose a different theme around which to sing, preach, and honor the Pathfinder spirit. They provide resources such as social media posts, flyers, logos, slides, promotional videos, animations, and more, in English, Spanish, and French, all on the 2021 theme of “I Will Go.”

“We want our Pathfinders to know that they are a key component in evangelism,” says Kenia Reyes-de Leon, senior editorial assistant for the Youth Ministries Department. “We want them each to answer the call from God and choose to go wherever he may lead them, and we believe Pathfinders equips them with the tools they need to complete his work.”

In the past, Pathfinder clubs have celebrated with camporees, all-day

Sabbath events, and even marches through cities, attended by thousands. When the pandemic hit, Pathfinders around the world still wanted to celebrate, so they organized drive-in events, with presenters and musicians on a stage surrounded by household cars full of Pathfinders. In Brazil, the government has even approved a National Pathfinder Day, and similar support is likely in other places such as Zambia, where the new president is a Master Guide.

“With the explosion of social media platforms such as TikTok, many clubs are conducting challenges in the week leading up to World Pathfinder Day,” Reyes-de Leon states. “These challenges are anything from acts of service to reading scripture to visiting the sick or elderly to singing in the streets.”

In Ghana, the Golden Eagles Club has an initiative called “Scarf On and Serve,” a spin-off of a common global lead-in to World Pathfinder Day, which sees Pathfinders wearing their scarves everywhere they go in the week before World Pathfinder Day, in hopes someone will ask them about it. The Chiapas Union in Mexico does “Stories of Bravery” on social media, giving Pathfinders and Adventurers the opportunity to share their experiences in documentary-style clips shared on Facebook.

“In South America, studies have shown that seven out of ten people claim Pathfinders is what kept them in the church, making this ministry crucial for youth retention in the church,” points out Andrés Peralta, world Pathfinder director at the GC.

And with such high rates of success, many within the church may wonder about the ministry’s secret weapon. How have they remained relevant and engaging to so many young people for so long? How are they managing to retain members despite church membership overall continuing to diminish? The answer is unexpectedly simple: They had a great thing from the very beginning.

“We haven’t shifted our framework at all since 1950,” Peralta admits. “Our founders focused on providing an environment in which young people can engage with peers and mentors, share their thoughts and ask questions, learn by doing, and explore their relationship with God.”

And this, as Peralta points out, is exactly the model Jesus used: creating a community to foster relationships.

“Whether we’re in a post-modern era or not, this is something that should never change,” he says. “Young people are looking for deep, meaningful relationships, and Pathfinders supplies that.”

For information about World Pathfinder Day, visit youth.adventist.org

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By **Becky St. Clair**

CHURCHES ACROSS SOUTH PACIFIC CELEBRATE WORLD PATHFINDER DAY

To celebrate the global ministry of Pathfinders, the General Conference-run World Pathfinder Day was held on Sabbath, September 18, with churches across the South Pacific Division (SPD) gathering together to commemorate and reflect on this year's theme, "I Will Go".

While many Pathfinder clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand were forced to meet virtually due to lockdowns, others organized special events to commemorate the occasion. In Luganville, Vanuatu, clubs gathered to compete in fun activities at the Samna Pathfinder Fair Day, which culminated in the baptism of three Pathfinders.

Pathfinders from the Mununjali district in South Queensland were

also able to meet together for a "mini camporee", held at Ivory's Rock. According to a Facebook post by district director, Alan Aldridge, the district is made up of Gold Coast, Coastlife, Reedy Creek, Edens Landing, Beaudesert, Park Ridge, Logan Reserve, Browns Plains Samoan, Logan City Samoan, Kingston Samoan, Cornubia Samoan, and Springwood Samoan Pathfinder clubs.

"We weren't scheduled for a Mununjali Camp this year, but since Camporee was canceled at Easter due to COVID, our team of DDs has pulled together a special camp for this weekend," Aldridge said in the post.

In Fiji, the Nakaulevu Pathfinder Club practically demonstrated the theme "I Will Go" by putting together care packages and delivering them to families in need. Meanwhile, Pathfinders from Tamavua English Seventh-day Adventist

Church participated in a two-hour [broadcast](#), while Wainadoi Hilltop and Wainadoi English Pathfinders also met together [online](#).

Online meet-ups were also popular in Australia, with Australian Union Conference youth director, Pastor Jeff Parker, saying it was “exciting to see so many Pathfinder clubs being active on Pathfinder Day. Unfortunately, the big church population bases are in lockdown [NSW and Vic], so Zoom it was.”

Despite this, Cabramatta and Cabramatta West Pathfinders (NSW) created an [online program](#) for their church, filled with music, messages, and special features and interviews with the Pathfinders. [Canberra National Pathfinders](#) (ACT) did the same, which featured highlights from throughout the year and a drama performance. Other Pathfinder clubs across Australia also created programs and celebrated World Pathfinder Day in their own way, including Mile End (NSW), Newcastle (NSW), Bunbury (WA), Burnie-Waratah (Tas), Lilydale (Vic), and Narromine (NSW).

“Pathfinders have had a couple of hard years in the southern states but are still very active, which says a lot about the resilience of both our Pathfinder leaders and Pathfinders,” exclaimed Pastor Parker.

In Tonga, where Pathfinders were able to meet together in person, clubs gathered for a special World Pathfinder Day service organized by the Tonga Mission to [recite the Pathfinder pledge and law](#).

In Papua New Guinea, Pathfinders from across the country, including Rei Village Province, Vual Province, and Kavieng New

Ireland Province, held special church services. Meanwhile, youth from Sonoma Adventist College and Pathfinders and Adventurers from more than 20 churches across the East New Britain Province attended a Pathfinder fair at Kalabon, Kokopo.

An encouraging [video](#) from South Pacific Division associate youth director, Pastor Nick Kross, summed up the theme of World Pathfinder Day well: “When Jesus calls you, he calls your life. And when he says ‘Go’, he means ‘Go out every day, continue to go out, and make a difference every day’. Although, in some parts of the world, we are in lockdown... in other parts, we can go out and make a difference today! God is going to stand beside you.”

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By **Maryellen Hacko**





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