

# Southern Factor

April 2014

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## Employees and Student Leaders Take Record Number on Spring Break Mission Trips

During spring break, many Southern students, faculty, and staff went to Guatemala, Brazil, Peru, Nicaragua, Haiti, and several Navajo locations (Utah, Arizona, New Mexico) on mission trips. Employees accompanying the students included **Barry Becker, Jon Crabtree, Michael Dant, Dora Desamour, Liane de Souza, Freddy Fuentes, Holly Gadd, Karen Glassford, Barbara James, Lucas Patterson, Richard Schwarz, John Thompson, Maria Valenca, Dale Walters, Jillian Wills, and John Youngberg.**

Short-term mission trip participation has doubled since last year, due in part to the work of Karen Glassford, who started in the new position of short-term missions coordinator in August 2013. Glassford had lots of feedback to share with Southern Factor about some of the trips.

While not all trips, and definitely not all of the 130 students, are represented in Glassford's comments below, we encourage faculty and staff to ask students if they did mission work on Spring Break and to applaud and encourage wherever possible. -Editor

"Paul Turner, sophomore theology and corp/community wellness management major, was the student leader for the Navajo mission group. Paul worked hard to recruit his friends, faculty sponsor, and make initial contacts with each of the locations where we would be staying. On the trip, he provided spiritual leadership through giving many of the worship services and just being his positive, upbeat happy self.

More than 60 people participated on this mission trip, including Gym-Masters. The Gym-Masters gave six shows in Adventist and public schools



*Taylor Mittleider, above, is a pre-veterinary major who went to Peru on Spring Break to show God's love to animals and those who love them. She traveled alongside pre-med and pre-dental students who were working with local residents. Look for a feature in the Spring 2014 issue of Columns about Taylor and Molly Theus, another pre-veterinary missionary from Southern.*

in the Navajo reservation. A positive message of working hard and staying off drugs and alcohol was given. Work was also done at LaVida Mission, Holbrook, and Monument Valley to build greenhouses, remodel, clean and organize, and tutor. They happily did worship services for the students and played with them in the evenings.

On this same trip student Wilson Fernandez, senior nursing major, connected with a small Navajo boy at LaVida Mission, who came from a sad family environment. This child was withdrawn and wouldn't allow anyone to get close to him. Wilson connected with him, and when it was time to leave, the boy didn't want to see him go. This young Navajo boy had been transformed into a happier child.

When the original student leader

for the Peru trip had to back out, Matthew Dalley, senior health science major, stepped up to the plate. He worked tirelessly to provide spiritual leadership, encouragement, and organization. Matthew plans to participate with us again on a future trip as soon as he graduates from Loma Linda University as a medical professional.

I could highlight many other students, but I want to especially mention Hannah Zackrisson, senior psychology major. Hannah was not scheduled to participate, however, she volunteered hours to help with last minute details. Beginning at 2 a.m. the morning the trips left, she helped with check-off lists, supplies, suitcases, passports, and tickets, etc. Hannah was not requested to do this, but she sacrificed of herself to help."

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

On May 1, **Gordon Bietz** will be doing a 70-mile bike ride for his 70th birthday, and all are welcome to join him for the ride to Graysville and back! It is free to join (all riders will get a T-shirt), but everyone must sign up by April 21. Southern.edu/birthday has more information about the ride and the birthday festivities on campus when he returns.

Southern will be celebrating our annual **Employee Retirement Party** on Thursday, April 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (note change in time from calendar). More information about this event will follow via e-mail and intercampus mail to give you the opportunity to RSVP. Plan to attend and share in thanking this group for their service! Honorees:

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS
<b>Karen Caldwell</b>	Talge Hall	17
<b>Steven Cash</b>	Waste Management	16
<b>Pat Coverdale</b>	Human Resources	13
<b>Jan Haluska</b>	English	33
<b>Sue Kaufman</b>	Planned Giving	9
<b>Linda Marlowe</b>	Nursing	40
<b>Margaret Seifert</b>	Library	20
<b>Faye Steen</b>	Village Market	19
<b>Mary Sundin</b>	Accounting	21
<b>Linda Wilhelm</b>	Business	23
<b>Bill Wohlers</b>	Student Services	44

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Robert Montague** was published in the Winter 2013 issue of Outpost Centers International Reports on his work with Pattern Life, which provides education, food, shelter, and clothing for children in India.

**Rod Bussey** recently received his certificate as a Certified Wellness Practitioner.

On March 21, **Adrienne Royo** presided for a workshop in St. Louis, Missouri at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. The title of the workshop was "Best of Illinois: Half a Million Years of Spanish Culture."

**Janita Herod** and her husband, Dwight, were the keynote speakers at the Pennsylvania Conference's Marriage Retreat weekend held in York, Pennsylvania, February 21-23. There were a record number of couples attending this year.

On March 14, **Loren Barnhurst** presented a talk titled "Engaging the Entire Classroom: The Socratic Student Re-

sponse System" at the Fifth Annual Dalton State College Teaching and Learning Conference held in Dalton, Georgia.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Debbie and Frank Strack** wish to announce the birth of their second granddaughter (Elizabeth Faith) to their daughter, Tara, and son-in-law, JR, on March 18 at 12:30 a.m. in Vancouver, Washington.

**Ruth Saunders'** daughter and son-in-law adopted a baby boy, Samuel Colt Lapham, born on August 2, 2013. The adoption was finalized February 27, 2014. Ruth is a first-time grandmother.

## CHANGING FACES

**Southern welcomes the following employees:**

**Courtney Herod** to Campus Shop

**Maggie Mendoza** to Enrollment Services

**David Nelsen** to Biology

**Lisa Hyder** to Online Campus

**Rebekah Spears** to Enrollment Services

**Fond farewells to the following employees:**

**Valerie Lee** from Biology

**Rosalva Jacinto** from Village Market

**Jan Haluska** from English

**Margaret Seifert** from McKee Library

**Karen Caldwell** from Talge Hall

**Mary Sundin** from Accounting Services

**Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:**

**Brenda Flores-Lopez** from administrative assistant in Academic Administration to full-time Human Resources director in Human Resources

**Keely Tary** from associate professor to chair in the English Department

**Rhonda Scott** from chair to professor in the Chemistry Department

**Brent Hamstra** from professor to chair in the Chemistry Department

**Greg Rumsey** from dean to professor in the School of Journalism and Communication

**Linda Crumley** from professor to dean in the School of Journalism and Communication

**Rene Drumm** from dean to professor in the School of Social Work

**Kristie Wilder** from assistant professor to dean in the School of Social Work

**Stanley Stevenson** from associate professor in the School of Social Work to the School of Education and Psychology

**Faye Steen** from full-time office assistant to part-time cashier/clerk in the Village Market

**Sandra Garcia** from part-time cashier/clerk to full-time office assistant in the Village Market

**Angela Teague** from junior accountant to senior accountant in Accounting Services

**Linda Lechler** adding to her part-time LRC supervisor position with part-time faculty support secretary position in the School of Nursing

**Sue Kaufman** from full-time coordinator to part-time in Planned Giving

## SAVE THE DATE

April 3	Convocation: Deaf Awareness
April 5	Gym-Masters Home Show
April 7	Undergraduate Council E.A. Anderson Lecture Series
April 8	Dean's Luncheon Piano Concert: Katherine Chi
April 10	Convocation: Asian Heritage Graduate Council
April 12	Spring Concert, School of Music Choirs
April 14	University Senate E.A. Anderson Lecture Series
April 17	Convocation: Awards
April 19	SonRise Resurrection Pageant
April 21	Undergraduate Council
April 22	Student Appreciation Day
April 24	Employee Retirement Party Symphony Orchestra Concert
April 26	Jazz Ensemble Concert

## BIRTHDAYS

April 1	<b>Karen Caldwell</b> , Talge Hall <b>Setsuko Carey</b> , Food Services <b>Jana Dietsche</b> , Enrollment Services
April 4	<b>Lorella Howard</b> , Nursing <b>Crystal Stitzer</b> , Risk Management
April 5	<b>Ed Lamb</b> , Social Work
April 8	<b>Randy Craven</b> , Visual Art and Design <b>Carlos Lopez</b> , Enrollment Services <b>Elizabeth Pontvik</b> , Visual Art and Design

April 9

**Genevieve Brown-Kibble**, Music

**Nancy Soapes**, Food Services

**Amy Steele**, Human Resources

**Erin Cook**, Talge Hall

April 10

**Lisa Hess**, Global Comm. Development

**Ryan Harrell**, Online Campus

**Luis Rodas**, McKee Library

April 13

**Michael Liedke**, Nursing

**JP Mathis**, Thatcher Hall

April 14

April 15

**Terri Fillman**, Transportation Services

April 18

**Lucinda Hill**, Biology

April 20

**Carol Raney**, Biology

**Scott Spicer**, P.E., Health and Wellness

April 21

**Mioara Diaconu**, Social Work

April 22

**Debbie Strack**, Biology

**Ruth WilliamsMorris**, Ed. and Psych.

April 23

**Dale Walters**, Technology

April 25

**Shirley Menhennett**, Food Services

April 26

**Diane Proffitt**, Nursing

April 27

**Dana Krause**, Nursing

April 28

**Gary Sewell**, Information Systems

**Osmin Yanes**, Village Market

April 30

**Scott Clukey**, Plant Services

**Marc Grundy**, Enrollment Services

**Faith Laughlin**, Ed. and Psych.

## GIVE 'EM THE PICKLE

Don't forget to utilize The Pickle Fund before this semester is over!

- \$25 reimbursement per employee, per year.
- Can be used for various things: buy popsicles for a class, take student(s) to lunch, and more.
- Only 42 reimbursements have been filed this year! Let's try harder to be deliberate in the simple things that help our students know that we are thinking about and care for them!
- Call 236-2816 for more information.

