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EVENTS CALENDER

April 8, 9 - Student Missions exit retreat

April 15 - Dedication vespers

April - Outreach activity at Avalon SDA church school

Quick Country Facts Answers:

1 Honduras, **2** Venezuela, the waterfall is called the Salto del Angel, **3** Madagascar

Where in the world: Ireland

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Student Missions

NEWSLETTER OF STUDENT MISSIONS AT SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

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In Loving Memory of Sherrie Norton

By Brennon Kirstein

To know Sherrie is to love her. Not only would close family and friends agree, but hundreds of Southern Adventist University students. For fifteen years from 1988 to 2003, Sherrie Norton was the unquestioned champion of student missions.

For fifteen years, Sherrie's smiling face was the first you'd see as you would come to Campus Ministries' offices, always eager to answer questions, available to listen, gifted with the ability to remember "her kids" by name. For fifteen years, Sherrie was eager to invite students into an incredible journey with God to some of the most remote places on earth.

It could be argued that from the time Southern sent out its first student missionary in 1967 to the present no one has impacted the student missions program at Southern more than our "SM Mother." More than 850 students were sent out as student missionaries under her direction.

On February 5, after Sherrie's battle with lung cancer had ended, hundreds of family members and friends assembled at the Collegedale Church to celebrate her life. Ken Rogers, current vice president for Student Services at Walla Walla University and former chaplain at Southern, who worked



Sherrie Norton, former SM Coordinator

closely with Sherrie for many years, led out in the memorial service.

In response to the immeasurable impact Sherrie had on the hundreds of students sent out and the exponential spiritual impact those student missionaries had on communities the world over, Southern has named a room in Sherrie's honor. In the campus ministries wing of the student center,

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Realizing the Full Picture

By Emily Lynes

One crisp night this week, I was laying outside on my porch gazing up into the sky. There wasn't much that I could see: a few of the brighter stars here and there but that was all. I annoyingly glanced at my porch light that was on and shining into my eyes. I didn't want to get up to turn the light off, so I cupped my hands around my eyes to see if I could see any better. All of a sudden, hundreds of stars appeared in the night sky! By blocking out the distracting

porch light shining in my eyes, my vision was opened to a whole new world above.

God encourages us everyday to block out the distractions from our lives that

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prevent us from seeing Him clearly. Too often we're tempted to look away and focus on whatever is bothering us, but by doing so we don't get the full picture of who God really is. God is big, and God is beautiful. So today, lift your eyes up to Him, so that you can see His love and His grace. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth" Psalm 121:1-2 (KJV)

Greetings from Student Missions!

By Rebeca Clay-Flores

I would like to thank everyone for your support of our student missionaries who are serving throughout the world. My name is Rebeca Clay-Flores, and I have been serving as the student missions coordinator here at Southern for a little more than a year.

The whole point of sending out student missionaries is for them to spread the Gospel and to reflect Christ's love and grace to those they have the privilege of serving. Student Missionaries accept calls to serve as teachers, nurses, youth pastors, Bible workers, orphanage workers, and construction workers. Which leads me to the reason for writing.

We don't want you to only hear from us once a year when we call during the spring phonathon. So we have started this newsletter to share with you about our service that reach around the world. Our hope is that you enjoy reading about God's work, and please remember to pray for our student missionaries. Thank you.

Standing in His awesome presence,

Rebeca Clay-Flores
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the former seminar room is now being named the Sherrie Norton Room. This location is where hundreds of SM care packages had been assembled and where she had led out in many student missionary orientation classes through the years.

For now, Sherrie rests. Our hope, too, now rests in the One who is to come, the One whose focus united Sherrie's two greatest loves: students and missions.

Sherrie Norton entered retirement in 2004 and spent her time traveling, volunteering, and spending time with family. In February 2009, Sherrie was diagnosed with lung cancer. She had surgery to remove the cancer and was reassured that there were no remaining signs of it. But a year later in 2010, it came back. Sherrie and her husband moved to Florida to live with her son and receive treatment. On January 23, 2011 Sherrie lost her battle with cancer and fell asleep with the Lord. She is survived by her husband, daughter, son, brother, sister, and four grandchildren.

How to Help

If you would like to support the student missions program financially, here are several ways you can donate:

Via mail:

Send a check payable to Southern Adventist University and address to:
Student Missions
PO Box 370
Collegedale, TN 37315

Via phone:

Contact us at 423.236.2787

Via website:

southern.edu/studentmissions
On the left hand side click on "Donate,"
Fill out the form, and click on "Submit Donation."

All gifts are tax deductible.

If you know a student who is planning on serving, you are welcome to donate under that student's name toward their fundraising efforts. If it is for Student Missions in general, please mark accordingly.

Thank you for your support!

Mission in Cambodia

By Kristie Lee

While serving as a student missionary in Cambodia, a friend and I decided to travel to Singapore on one of our weeklong breaks. It was a necessity to leave right after school on Friday to reach the border of Cambodia and Thailand by sundown.

For the first leg of our adventure, we took a five-hour taxi drive from the school to the border. After about the third hour, my friend jokingly said, "It would be funny if you forgot your passport."

My heart sank; I had a sick feeling of stupidity and disbelief. I put a sweater on my face and started to scream. My friend looked uneasily toward me, smiled, and then said I was a pretty convincing actress.

It took my friend a few minutes to realize that my acting was not pretend; it was real. The taxi ride to the border cost \$50, and our monthly paycheck was \$180. To go back and get my passport would not only waste time but also our budget.

Thankfully, we had a Cambodian friend who was able to send my passport with a random taxi driver. I prayed that my passport was disguised to keep from being stolen. For the next five hours, I was praying constantly, reading the Bible, and trying to keep my mind off of what could happen to my passport.

Around the time my passport was to arrive, I waited nervously in the lobby. Forty-five minutes had passed, and I received a phone call. From all the words she spoke in a language called Khmer, there was only one word that I could understand, "passport." I knew she was THE ONE! If only I knew how to respond!

My phone rang a second time maybe 15 minutes later; I didn't know what



Kristie Lee, second from left, gathers her students for a group photo in Cambodia.

to do. I couldn't understand, and there was no way to figure out where this taxi driver was.

In the lobby, there were two workers watching a wrestling match on television. The worker asked if I wanted to join them.

He spoke English! It was definitely not the best, but it was still English! I quickly got my cell phone and asked him to interpret the phone call of my mysterious caller.

The worker told me to follow him. We hopped on a "moto" (which is equivalent to a scooter), and the moto driver took us up and down the streets near the border. We drove around for half an hour, when suddenly the hotel employee stopped by a snack shack. An old lady was sitting on a small wooden stool with candies and little snacks surrounding her. I thought, "Really, do we have to take a stop for snacks right now?"

She took one look at me and opened her drawer. Low and behold, she handed me my passport. I was amazed! I couldn't believe my passport had traveled so far without any protection. I can only conclude that God had kept it safe the whole way through. We returned to the guesthouse around midnight. That was only the first day of our week-long adventure.

Looking back, there are so many things that could've happened, but God is good. He is with you when you call.

Quick Country Facts

- 1 What country's nickname is the Banana Republic?
- 2 What country has the highest waterfall in the world?
- 3 What country is known as the Red Island, due to the red color of its soil?

Language Corner

How to say: Happy Sabbath

Marshallese- Jabot emon
Russian- счастливы субботу
Spanish- Feliz Sabado

[Answers on p. 4 below the calendar]



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?