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## MVA Christmas Wish List

### Great Year-End Giving Ideas

Mountain View Academy is very blessed to have a supportive community of alums, parents, constituent churches and friends. We thank you for helping us provide a Christ-centered environment for our students.

We are often asked what we need and below is a list compiled from the staff. We know this can be a tough time financially for families but if you have been extra blessed this year and want to give a little extra to MVA, below is our Christmas Wish List. God bless!

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**IPADS  
SCANNER  
FAX MACHINE  
SEWING MACHINES  
50" FLAT SCREEN TV  
DIGITAL SLR CAMERA  
DIGITAL MICROSCOPE  
BRIGHTER PROJECTORS  
ELLIPTICAL FITNESS MACHINES  
ELMO DOCUMENT PROJECTORS  
DESKTOP COMPUTER AND PRINTER  
PRAYER**

## Jim Marxmiller Celebrates 40 Years at Albion Field Station

By Ray Funada



Mr. Marxmiller and Dr. Muth

On November 1, MVA's Senior Marine Biology Class embarked on yet another field trip to PUC's Albion Field Station on the dramatic Northern California Coast. This is an annual trip led by MVA's science instructor, Jim Marxmiller. What set this trip apart from trips past was that this was Jim's 40<sup>th</sup> field trip to Albion!

Since his first year at MVA in 1972, Jim has organized a marine biology trip to Albion to give students a hands-on opportunity to explore the beautiful marine life which God created for our enjoyment. Forty years later, what continually impresses students is Jim's knowledge and infectious love for marine biology.

"He knows so much" is a comment often heard from his students as they explore life around the coastline.

To commemorate this milestone, a surprise presentation was organized by Dr. Gilbert Muth, Director of the Albion Field Station and retired Professor and Chairperson of PUC's Biology Department.



This was a special moment for Jim and Dr. Muth since in 1973 Jim was Dr. Muth's assistant as they traveled to Japan to research oak trees.

Mountain View Academy, the Albion Field Station and countless alumni thank Jim Marxmiller for all his years of sharing his love of marine biology to his students.

*(For more information about Albion and the ongoing improvements, go to [puc.edu/puc-life/albion/home](http://puc.edu/puc-life/albion/home) and see their latest newsletter for details on their capital campaign.)*



Students celebrate with Mr. Marxmiller

## What are your Favorite Memories?



Tell us your favorite memories of Mr. Marxmiller by going to Mountain View Academy Facebook page by scanning the QR code to the left or clicking the link on MVA's homepage at [mtnview-academy.org](http://mtnview-academy.org). *(You must have an active Facebook account.)*

## Calendar

**Dec. 22-Jan. 6**

MVA Christmas Vacation

**Jan. 23**

MVA Academy Day

**Feb. 20-23**

Royalaire Fest at PUC

**Mar. 21-Apr. 1**

Mission Trip to Argentina

**Apr. 13**

Alumni Sabbath

**May 4**

Gymnastics Home Show

**May 11**

MVA Spring Concert

**May 24-26**

MVA Graduation Weekend



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## Chapel Renovation Is In Process!

By Greg Richmond

We have reached the fundraising goal of \$75,000 for the chapel renovations and work is currently underway. Renovations include installing new seating, carpeting, wood flooring and repainting the chapel. MVA owes a big thank you to alumni, parents, staff and friends for their prayers and financial contributions.



Volunteers help remove carpet and bolts.

with this project, please contact Troy Baroro, our facilities manager, to see where your skills can best be utilized.

The next step is to run new electrical and A/V lines then patch the sheetrock where necessary. The painting will be completed and new carpet, hardwood floors and seating will be installed for a projected completion date sometime in January.

The upgraded electrical infrastructure will better accommodate future improvements in lighting and audio/visual equipment. The cost for these components was not included in the original fundraising goal. As dollars become available, the purchase and installation of the new equipment will be completed. If you would like to help with these final chapel upgrades, please designate on the enclosed envelope, that your gift is to be used for *Chapel Lighting and A/V*.



Trenches are cut in the cement for the upgraded wiring.

We are in the planning stages for an opening ceremony to unveil the many upgrades to the chapel and will post details as they become available.

Mark your calendar for Alumni Sabbath, April 13, which is another opportunity to see the significant changes made to the chapel that will benefit not only the education of MVA students as they prepare to spread the Gospel to the world but our alumni as they revisit campus.

Again, the Capital Campaign committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who have participated in making this investment in our school and students a reality.



Principal’s Report

By Dan Meidinger

Our school year started out with 154 students, up several from last year. MVA enjoyed having some of you stop by the main auditorium booth at camp-meeting this past July.

MVA welcomes three new staff members to the team this year. Jerry Corson will be teaching science and math, including Physics, Physical Science, Algebra 2 and Pre-Calculus.

Tim Mitchell will be taking over the campus chaplain responsibilities along with teaching the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade religion courses in addition to Speech and Career Education.

Shannon Andres has joined MVA part-time and will be teaching keyboarding and computer applications classes.

**CELEBRATION IN SOUND:** The MVA music department’s annual major fundraising event was on Sunday, October 21. The music department hosted a benefit supper followed by a concert in the gym, raising nearly \$4,000. Thank you to those who contributed this event.

**MVA FALL WEEK OF PRAYER:** This year, our week of prayer was conducted by Buell Fogg, an associate chaplain at Union College in Nebraska. Students participated by leading out in song service, scripture reading and special music. Pastor Fogg also visited Bible classes and discussed issues important to academy students. Thank you Pastor Fogg for your ministry!

**NEW MVA WEB SITE:** This summer MVA’s web site received a facelift. It is now easier to access MVA’s calendar, registration information and other school related business. The web address is the same: mtnviewacademy.org.

**ROYALAIRES PERFORMED** at the Mountain View City Christmas Tree Lighting program December 3, along with other schools and community groups. It was a beautiful performance, they represented our school well!

Use Smart Phone to Access MVA Online

Use your smart phone to scan the quick response codes below to directly access the new MVA website where you can find links for parents and alumni, meet this year’s teachers and more.

MVA Main Website



You may also access the MVA Alumni webpage where you can update all of your contact information, find out more about Alumni Sabbath or send a note to the Alumni Office.

Alumni Webpage



MVA Alumni Facebook Link



(You must have an active Facebook account for the code to work.)

You may also access the new MVA website on your computer at mtnviewacademy.org.

**NATIONAL ADVENTIST TEACHER CONVENTION:** Every six years Adventist teachers from across the country gather for a national convention. This year’s convention included over 6,500 teachers. Breakout sessions focused on all aspects of Christian education. The MVA staff realizes how fortunate we are to have the strong support of our community. Thanks to each of the churches and the school board for committing the financial support needed for us to attend this outstanding professional event.

**PAC PROJECTS:** PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) makes great contributions to MVA each year. Recently, projects have included: chairs and round tables for the cafeteria; and a kitchen facelift and appliance upgrade and installation of new gas lines for the kitchen/cafe/tertia/music building. PAC has also contributed \$13,000 to complete the fund drive for renovating the chapel, including new carpet and seating.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNICATION STREAMS:** MVA has several ways to communicate with students, families,

Gifts of Stock

How to Give a Gift of Stock to Mountain View Academy

1. If your shares are held in an account ask your broker to make an electronic transfer to MVA’s Charles Schwab account #2930-3763. The DTC number is 0164, which is needed if the stock is currently in an account with any company other than Charles Schwab. You can reach Schwab customer service at 800.435.4000.

Once the stock is transferred into the MVA account, we will receive notification of the transfer and a receipt will be sent to you. The effective date of the gift for this method is the date the shares are placed into the MVA account. As an alternative, if the stock is already in a Schwab account, you can visit your local office and complete a Transfer of Stock form and then have the trade made by your Schwab representative who can stamp the form with the current date and provide a copy to you.

2. If you hold the certificate for your shares, you can sign the stock over to MVA by either endorsing the back of the certificate or by using a stock power which you can mail to the MVA office. Due to the nature of the document being mailed, we recommend that you send it via certified, registered, or express mail. When the gift is received, it will be liquidated within 30 days and a receipt will be mailed to you. The effective date of the gift for this method is the date of the postmark. If it is convenient, you can also bring it by the school office.

3. To complete the gift transaction, please advise Sara Baroro, MVA Business Manager, of the number of shares, the identity of the stock and any parameters you intend for the use of the gift. We prefer that this be done in writing, although you or your broker may call Sara directly at 650.967.2324.

(continued from Principal’s Report)

churches and alums. The following are ways to keep in touch with the most current MVA information: Weekly Newsletter, Monthly Church Updates, MVA website (mtnview-academy.org), RenWeb for MVA families and several Facebook pages (see our website for links). Please contact the front office for more information at 650.967.2324.

Ana Martinez Featured Alumnus

By Ray Funada



As we all know, it’s tough to find employment these days and it’s especially difficult for college graduates who have no experience.

For Ana Martinez (’03), this was not the case. Upon obtaining her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from La Sierra in 2009 she was immediately targeted by MVA’s personnel committee. However, Ana had already applied for several full-time positions at public school districts throughout the Bay Area.

After much prodding from friends, she decided to apply for the English Language Director (ELD) position at MVA which was only part-time. Ana was immediately offered the position. She asked Dan Meidinger, MVA Principal, to give her one week to think the offer over, “secretly hoping the other school districts would call me”, says Ana.

After a week filled with prayer and no calls from the public school districts, Ana accepted the part-time position to head the new international student program at MVA. Of course, a month into teaching, she received countless offers from the other school districts but she had already been hired by MVA and had “fallen in love with my job”, she stated.

After her first year of developing the international student program, which started

with 15 foreign students, it was obvious Ana deserved to be offered a full-time position and in a leap of faith, the board decided to create a full-time position as ELD/International Student Director. Thanks to Ana, there are now currently 35 international students in the program!

Ana is constantly challenged with meeting the needs of 35 students with varying levels of proficiency. Beyond the academic development Ana offers, she has also become the student’s safe haven and confidant. Her commitment to their success and the trust she has earned with the



students is evidenced by the sense of “family” that she has fostered. Her job goes way beyond normal school hours as she gets calls for help at all times of the day and night, including weekends.

When asked about what Ana appreciates most about working at MVA, she relates that she is so impressed with the school’s spirituality. She receives blessing from praying with her international students and has the honor of introducing them to our Lord.

She also appreciates her co-workers and the chance to interact with some great teachers who constantly offer the support

of years of experience. Ana adds, that one of the challenges with returning to her alma mater included getting used to calling Mr. Marxmiller, “Jim”, now that she sits on the other side of the desk!



Ana, who has a B.A. in Liberal Studies with a minor in Fine Arts, is also teaching art this year. She enjoys art and especially loves getting her hands dirty with painting or ceramics as well as photography. While at La Sierra University, she had a piece of her artwork showcased at the Riverside Art Museum.

Beyond her art related hobbies, Ana also enjoys extreme sports which include skydiving, scuba diving, surfing and race car driving. Most recently her challenge has been learning how to drive her brother’s 1997 Corvette, “the most temperamental car” as she puts it.

MVA is fortunate to have a returning alumnus with Ana’s talents. Her international students are blessed to be taught by someone as caring and loving as Ana as she transitions them into life here in America and more importantly, introduces them to our Lord.

Please pray for Ana, as she has the awesome responsibility of watching over and instructing MVA’s international students. She is truly their respected teacher and “mother”.

For more information, contact: alumni@mtn-viewacademy.org.

(By attending Alumni Sabbath, you will get to see the many upgrades and renovations to the chapel which were made possible thanks to alum, family and friends of MVA like you!)



Make Plans to Spend Alumni Sabbath with Us Saturday, April 13, 2013

We invite alums and friends to come home for Alumni Weekend events, celebrating 90 years of Christian education at Mountain View Academy. Official events begin on Sabbath, April 13, 2013. Registration and a meet-n-greet will begin at 9:00 a.m. with The Gathering service at 10:00 a.m.

Our speaker and honored alum, will be Jim Pedersen, (’71) President of the Northern

California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. A provided lunch will be served after church with an afternoon concert (featuring alumni) and an alumni basketball game will round out the day.

Honored classes (ending in “3” along with the 25 year class of 1987) will be taking part in the day’s program as well as individual class parties.



# Annual Golf Tournament Brings in \$10,000 for Causes

By Doug Sumaraga



Doug Sumaraga, Annette Nevius, Ladies Long Drive

The annual MVA Golf Classic was held at Silver Creek Valley Country Club in San Jose on November 5. The MVA Worthy Student Fund and Families of the Fallen (police and firemen who have fallen in the line of duty) were the benefactors of the event.

It was a fun day with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by putting and driving range contests. The day concluded with an Italian themed awards dinner. First place for lowest team score went to Van Araujo, Dave Dimmick, Ryan Speyer and Joe Corcoran with a 52 (18 under par!). Participants enjoyed prize drawings at the end of the day that included Pro-V1 golf balls, Titleist golf clubs, Krank long drive golf clubs, auto-detailing and premium Giants tickets!



Rusty Fenn, Ray Funada, Taylor Adams, Dan Meidinger

Making the day memorable was the participation of twelve MVA students who had been groomed in golf etiquette to serve and assist the guests. Several golfers were so impressed with the service and smiles from students that they mentioned looking forward to returning again next year.

Many thanks to all our 18-hole sponsors and especially our tournament sponsors, David & Loretta Hickox! Also of note was 16 of the 18-hole sponsorships came from alumni or parents of current students. Because of our sponsorships, we netted over \$10,000 towards our causes. Our hope is to continue to increase our proceeds each year with the goal of reaching \$100,000 annually.



Doug and Dave Dimmick

Next year, the MVA Golf Classic will feature the Mountain View City chief of police and fire chief. Please support the Worthy Student Fund by making your pledges now for next year's event on August 26, 2013 at Silver Creek Valley Country Club.

A big thank you to all who came to support this vital cause!

## A Special Note of Thanks

A great big thank you goes to Doug Sumaraga ('78) alum and MVA Golf Tournament Director. He is always willing to do what he can to make MVA the best. He takes time from his relentless work schedule to help with any cause or project. The MVA family greatly appreciates Doug for all his time and talents! May the Lord continue to bless you!

# Thank You Alums and Friends of MVA!

by Heidi Nelson

Mountain View Academy is blessed in many ways. With a long history, come generations of alumni. Throughout the years, generous alums have contributed to the school, helping support not only the physical structure but the students – academically, spiritually and extra-curricularly. Today the same charitable spirit presides.

Gifts to the school have come in many forms – volunteerism, gifts in kind, prayers and dollars. Such generosity is allowing students to focus on their studies in competitive classroom settings; see Christ in the eyes of people a world away as they participate in mission trips; share their faith with international students right on campus and strive to become well-rounded individuals ready to begin their own lives.



Jim Marxmiller and students.

Gifts have been given to help fund mission trips, the chapel renovation, the music department, student aid, classrooms, sports, science department and other areas via the annual fund. More than \$70,000 came in to support the school from generous donors last year alone.

While the financial support from alums, families and communities has gone a long ways towards enriching MVA, there are still ongoing expenses that are yet to be fully funded. The school is committed to keeping tuition as low as possible to make it affordable for families but in turn that means that not all of MVA's expenses are covered by tuition.

The school and the board strive to keep the school competitive technologically which means additional funding needs. That is why it's vitally important to the success of the school that it continues to receive the generous financial support it has for generations.

We know that a lot of families may still be limited financially so we would like to suggest a couple of ways that can make giving to MVA easier. First, monthly gifts of even small amounts makes it possible to give a larger annual gift but still keeps it affordable. With only \$50 a month, you can give an annual gift of \$600.

Another option includes gifts of stock, perhaps you've inherited stock of your company gives you stock. MVA is happy to accept this form of financial support. (Please see directions on page two of newsletter for gifts of stock.)

With so many diverse areas to contribute towards and ways to give, alumni and friends have the unique opportunity to select the area and the method that suits them best. In the end, all the dollars, prayers and time given to MVA directly benefit the students.

Please continue to pray for God's blessing on Mountain View Academy as staff and teachers strive everyday to show Christ to our students.

# Alumni Updates

## Obituaries



Oscar Lattimore, beloved MVA teacher, passed away suddenly on July 31, 2012 at the age of 45. Oscar was born in Dallas, Texas September 5, 1966. He graduated from MVA, class of 1984. While he was in attendance at MVA, he made lifelong friends who became like family. He was involved in sports, sang in Royallaires and played in the band.

As an adult, Oscar enjoyed basketball, music, mixed martial arts, boxing, making friends and bringing happiness to every person and situation. Oscar's beautiful tenor voice was heard as part of the Men of Song, the MVA Royallaires, Celestial Sounds and in his home church choir in the San Jose Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Oscar will be missed by his parents, siblings and extended family. Oscar Lattimore

## Alum Leads Mission Trip to India

Story courtesy of Sunnyvale Church

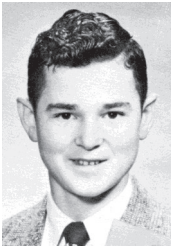
In early November, alum Rob Colon ('79), head pastor at the Sunnyvale Adventist Church, went on a mission trip to Mawpun Village in Meghalaya, India along with his wife, Pastor Sandi. They lead a team of 15 that also included medical personnel and other volunteers.

Part of the trip included offering assistance at the medical camp in the village and assisting with health seminars. Through these training sessions, the team helped educate the people on basic health principles. They worked in tandem with a



was devoted son and a true friend. He made a difference in the lives of those who knew him, he will be deeply missed.

It is with regret that we let you know of the passing of yet another of our MVA family. Don Ralston, ('56) died, July 17, 2012, as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident that also took the life of his wife, Carole. Don served his country in the Air Force and worked as an airline specialist. He is survived by his son, Tom of Las Vegas, Nevada and his sister, Debbie Hesseltine, ('69) and many friends. Don always remembered fondly, his days at MVA.



It is with great sadness that we let our MVA family know of the passing of Verna "Vernie" (Furgason) Van Meir, ('73) on June 4, 2012. Verna passed away as a result of breast cancer. She will be dearly missed by her mother and father – Shirley and



Vernon Furgason, her sisters – Janice, ('76), Laurie, ('81), and Holly, (att.). She is also survived by her husband – Van, daughters – Mona and Emma and her two grandchildren. (Notes of condolence may be sent to: Elder and Mrs. Vernon Furgason.)

Former MVA faculty/staff member, Tina Piankoff passed away December 21, 2011. Tina not only held down the MVA office, but also taught classes. Her three daughters all attended MVA, as well as her nieces and nephew.

## Marriages



Janis Horinouchi (now Janis Long-boy) married Chris Longboy on September 2, 2012. She graduated MVA class of 1998.

Congratulations Chris and Janis!

## Do You Have Any News?

We want to hear from you! We would like to post more alumni news and notes in the newsletter. You can scan the QR code on page two to directly link to the MVA webpage or send us an email at alumni@mtnview-academy.org.

## Vintage Photo

Can You Guess Which Years??



Royallaires



Santa Cruz Mountains



local medical team instructing the villagers to access the health services that are available to them. The team also conducted a Vacation Bible School for the local children.

In addition to the health work, the team helped build a small cottage that will house a pastor who will continue the outreach in this community. On the final Sabbath in the village there was a dedication ceremony for the cottage and a celebration at the church.



Pastor Rob is one of many alums who are making an impact on the world, helping lead souls to Christ.