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It's in Our Blood

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV).

When I was 14 years old, I visited my brother at his academy boarding school. Ryan, mom, and I attended the Wednesday night prayer meeting, where time was given for students to share their prayer requests and testimonies.

Of the students who shared, most testimonies were given by those who had worked as colporteurs. At one point during the sharing time, my mom looked at me and said, "When you go to school here, you are going to make a great colporteur. Your dad was a colporteur, your grandpa was a colporteur, and one side of our family came into the church because of a colporteur. It's in your blood!" I looked at her as if to say, *You must be crazy! I will never do that!*

Little did I know what God had in store for me and how He would use the simple method of colportering to prepare me for a life of service.

During my freshman year, I signed up to knock on doors and sell books. As I once again heard the weekly testimonies being shared every week during prayer meeting, I began to notice something. The

only people who had a testimony to share were those who were actively involved in outreach. I had never really thought about sharing my faith before, and it seemed like those who did had a much closer walk with God. I wanted to experience this for myself, so I decided to give it a try.

That decision took me on an 11-year journey I will never regret. Not only did I canvass during the school year, I spent my summers colportering in California all through high school and college. I learned valuable life skills such as sales, communication, financial stewardship, and independence. I was given the opportunity to share my faith with complete strangers over and over again. It helped ground me in my own beliefs as a Seventh-day Adventist. I went on to run summer student literature evangelism programs, train colporteur leaders, and became a conference literature ministries director. Colportering is what ultimately led me into church work.

Ellen White wrote, "Those...who take up the canvassing work, will see that it is the best preparation for other lines of missionary labor" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 330). I truly believe this to be true. In fact, my life story is living proof!

As president for the Hawaii Conference, I want *Continued on page 2*

May Day in Hawaii

We are so proud of our keiki and everyone involved who helped make our May Day performances a blessing all across the islands.



Continued from page 1 to make sure our youth have the same opportunities I once had as a young man. I want to help prepare them for the calling that God has for their lives.

I'm excited to see our student literature ministries program resume in Hawaii.

God knows our financial resources are limited. He provided financial assistance from the Pacific Union Conference and a large donation from a former colporteur student of mine who believes strongly in this ministry. It's amazing to see God's plans for us revealed.

Currently, 18 youth and

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young adults are knocking on doors for 10 weeks this summer. Thousands of books are being shared in our communities—and lives are being changed.

Our young people need opportunities to actively exercise their faith. In fact, we all do! It is a joy and privilege to be involved in literature ministries. We are presenting literature that will change lives and win souls for the kingdom! As Christians, it's in our blood to share the good news of salvation in Christ!



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