



BEAUTY FROM ASHES

Paradise Adventist Church
Camp Fire Report



Fire & fortitude

The Camp Fire brought devastation but also courage and resilience



An emergency evacuation

"This is an important safety alert from Pacific Gas and Electric. Extreme and high fire danger are forecasted in Butte County starting November 8, 2018."

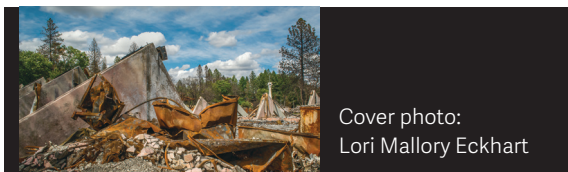
That morning, at 5:30 a.m., the horizon was orange and black with plumes of smoke from a fire in Pulga. Fire is very common in this primarily rural area, 20 miles from Paradise with the Feather River Canyon in between.

By 7:16 a.m., flames were traveling across the canyon, leaving the small town of Concow burning. In 30 minutes,

with winds at 60 mph and gusts up to 110, the Camp Fire arrived at Paradise. Five years of drought provided endless fuel.

Two hours later, the sky was black with smoke. Winds blew burning ashes and red embers sideways, making it sound like rain. Flames jumped from treetops to cross the roads.

With flames traveling at 80 football fields per minute, there wasn't time to pack. Families grabbed children, pets, and car keys and merged into gridlocked traffic out of town. It took up to six hours for many to make the 15-mile journey.



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Lori Mallory Eckhart



CAMP FIRE: FAST FACTS

The Camp Fire was caused by a decades-old electrical transmission line owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric. It was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California's history.

Photo credit: Tony Roach

52,000 PEOPLE evacuated

85 PEOPLE lost their lives

67 PATIENTS evacuated from Adventist Health Feather River

AN AREA ABOUT THE SIZE OF CHICAGO—153,335 acres—burned

18,800 STRUCTURES burned down—more than 13,500 homes destroyed

The cost of insured losses: estimated at **\$8.4 BILLION**

Total losses estimated at **\$16.5 BILLION**

A miraculous escape

By mid-morning, on Skyway, the main road, people in cars and school buses were told to prepare to leave their vehicles and run on foot. Minutes later, the message from law enforcement was, "Get out and run!"

Through fire on both sides of the road, burning trees falling and propane tanks exploding, 150 adults and children ran to a large parking lot. They crammed into two storage buildings or lay face down on the cement until the fire passed over. All of them survived. As the Camp Fire roared out of town, an eerie silence began to settle in. Paradise was gone.

Safe in his father's arms

Carson wasn't concerned when texts arrived about the fire and about school being canceled. They had evacuated before.

He went over to help his neighbor, Mrs. Lang, who was driving away from danger—her neighbor's yard was burning. He drove her other car to save it.

The smoke was darker than night. The road was impassable with traffic. Fortunately, some cellphone towers were still standing. Then Dad called.

"Where are you?"

"I'm running on Pentz toward Wagstaff. There is fire

everywhere. I can't drive out and I'm running."

"How far are you to Wagstaff?"

"Close, I think."

"Run to Wagstaff and turn down toward my office. I'll meet you on Wagstaff."

Carson's father drove his car as close as possible. Then, he too got out and ran. As Carson came out through the smoke, he ran into his dad's arms.

"When I finally saw him running through the smoke, that was one of the best moments of my life!" Dad said.

A gift of safety

More than 27,000 people fled from Paradise, down the hill. It would be nearly five weeks before many could return to see what was left.

Another 25,000 survivors from the surrounding areas arrived in Chico, too. Space for lodging quickly filled up—churches opened shelters, but some people slept in their cars or kept driving to seek refuge with family or friends.

The next day, phones started to ring. Chico Seventh-day Adventist Church (CAC) members, friends, strangers, and other organizations were calling, asking, “What do you need?”

The CAC was ground zero, a center where members could gather for support, meals, and help. Members opened their homes, taking as many people as possible for the short- and long-term.



Seeing the impossible

RV and fifth-wheel owners called to offer temporary housing. The CAC parking lot, side yards, and driveways of members filled up. And there were still 22 RVs ready to house members, just waiting for space.

Temporary RV parks were needed, but the idea seemed impossible to carry out. First, find land. Second, get approval from the county. Third, find volunteers that know how to build it.

The “how-to” list was daunting—prepare the land, obtain insurance, create a septic system, develop a water system, and tap into electricity. The needs were: experts to run the project, equipment, tools, and volunteers.



WELCOME HOME!

Students from Paradise Adventist Academy help distribute Welcome Home kits following the Camp Fire. Each home kit contained basic supplies, such as plates, cups, eating utensils, knives, measuring spoons, cooking utensils, pots and pans, and much more, designed to help people get back on their feet with a few necessities to help make life a little easier. Many of the home kits were donated by local church members. A grant from the Paradise Rotary Foundation’s Paradise Strong Fund contributed to making dozens more kits to meet this unique need.

“

How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

—Psalm 36:7

”

Falling into place

But nothing is impossible for God! The resources and people came together at the right time.

A couple from Bakersfield generously offered their time and expertise to lead the project. A neighbor with a backhoe showed up. When the well's motor struggled in the middle of the night, the tools and manpower were there to fix it. The Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists sent a shower trailer. A group of disabled veterans came with three large tents to create places for campers to eat and socialize, getting them out of their cramped trailers for joint meals.

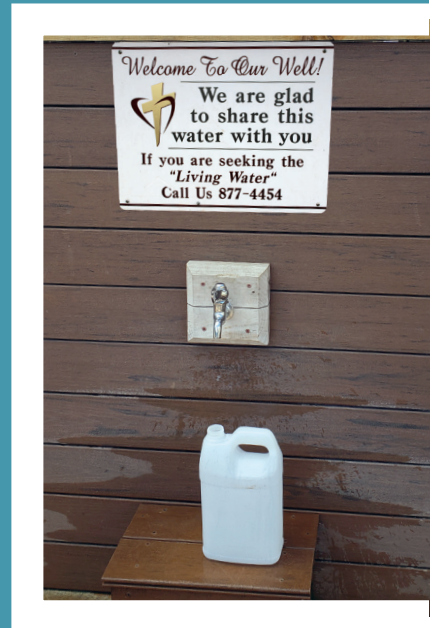
The temporary RV parks were an answer to prayer until they closed in early summer 2019. In a catastrophic event, they were God's gift of safety.

Hope springs eternal

After the Camp Fire destroyed the Paradise Adventist Church, one thing left standing on the church property was the pump house. And below it was a deep well of clean, fresh water.

As donations poured in, one of the church's first priorities was to upgrade and expand the well's infrastructure, then build a wall with five faucets to help provide Paradise residents with clean, potable water. When the mandatory evacuation was lifted at the end of December and residents could return, the well was waiting. There were times when the well was the primary source of drinkable water.

Like in Jesus' day, the well is a gathering place for connecting with others, listening to stories, and discovering needs.



“

Water is essential for life. It's humbling to know that we could meet people's needs on such a practical level.

—Devon Horning

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HELPING OTHERS

Prior to the Camp Fire, Community Services at Paradise Adventist Church served hundreds of local families with food, clothing, and furniture. A large group of men and women worked each week to sort, clean, organize, and distribute items for families in need. Following the Camp Fire, the lack of a "home" in which to do this important work did not stop this amazing group of people. Their new home? A container and a canopy for shade!





“

God has a plan
for our new
family.

—Carol McHenry

”

Plans to give *hope* and a future

Milton and Carol McHenry dedicated their lives to following Jesus wherever He sent them. They were missionaries for most of their lives. Along with joy and satisfaction, there were challenges and heartaches. Their belief that “God loves us and is doing what is best for us, not just for others” strengthened them.

When retirement time came, they moved to Paradise to be near Carol’s mother. They built their forever home and planted a garden and fruit trees. Sadly, Mom died two years later. One year after that, their new life went up in flames.

Carol’s friendly poodle was a magnet to children, and the couple’s garden was welcoming. Soon, 10-year-old Cedric and his sister, 6-year-old Cynthia, became regular visitors. At times Ryan, their older brother, joined them.

The kids were regular guests for meals and would sometimes spend the night. Carol, a special education teacher, would help them with their homework and reading skills. Often, they took baths and brought clothes to be washed. Along the way, Milton and Carol were inspired to become certified foster parents just in case the kids needed them.

Moving from loss to a new beginning

The morning of the fire, Carol and Milton went for their early morning walk and saw smoke but didn’t realize the danger. Cedric called for a ride to school. Back home, a frantic neighbor told Carol about the mandatory evacuation of the whole town. Carol rushed to pick up Cedric, Cynthia and Ryan from their schools.

By the time they all got home, it was time to leave. Milton told their dad and grandmother that the children would be with them. Unfortunately, both dad and grandmother left too late and died in the fire.

That day, Cedric and Cynthia lost their dad and grandmother, their home, and Ryan, who moved to live with friends. Milton and Carol lost their home and plans for retirement. Now the four of them are navigating a new way of living.

Rebuilding their lives

Milton and Carol are in their early 70s and building another forever home, with a little twist. They have permanent guardianship of the two children. Now Cedric is 13 and Cynthia is 9. The couple’s goal is to get them to age 18 with security and a future.

Amid exhausting days and hope for the future, Milton and Carol are rebuilding their lives. “It’s not what we expected retirement to look like, but God has a plan for our new family,” Carol says. “We’ve been through rough times before and, with God’s help, we will do it again.”

“Even though I have fears and frustrations when I think about the future, I know it will all work out,” Milton adds. “I have trusted Him before, and I have seen that what sometimes seems impossible is possible with God.”

Grace under fire

by Steve and Delinda Hamilton

Our church building burned down, but the church is still standing. Our members stand the way God intends—meeting the needs of others like Jesus did. Our experience is that when we help the hurting, get involved, and give back, our pain begins to heal.

Lessons we have learned

♥ **Don't ever give up.** Yes, it has been a dark time in the journey. Trusting God—moment, by moment, by moment—keeps us grounded with comfort and hope.

♥ **Hang in there.** For our family. With our community. Our faith is greater in a collective body of Christ's church.

♥ **Lean into gratitude.** This is the most healing experience. Be intentional. List the things we are grateful for, not necessarily because we feel it. In doing so, gratitude grows.

♥ **Hold on.** Place our hands in God's hands and let Him hold us.



BAPTIZED IN A HORSE TROUGH

Without a church or baptistry, a young man still wanted to be baptized. In June 2019, Ethan Kitto surrendered his life to Jesus and was baptized in a horse trough in the Prayer Garden, the one spot on the Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church's property that had not been destroyed by flames. Family members, friends, and church members gathered to support and celebrate Ethan's decision and his baptism by Pastor Garrison Chaffee.

Photo credit: Julie Kitto

OUR CHURCH

Members of the Paradise Adventist Church gather for a Sabbath morning photo. Church members are meeting once again in Paradise, California, at a rented church facility that survived the Camp Fire. (Note: Not all members were present.)

Photo credit: Tony Roach



“God hard wired us to serve. It brings so much joy and hope in dark situations.”

—Senior Pastor Steve Hamilton



Love



without measure

As debris from burned homes was removed, owners began to move back onto their properties in RVs and trailers. But space in a trailer is limited, and lack of storage was a big problem.

Pastor Garrison Chaffee, director of Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church's (PAC) outreach ministry Love Paradise, called assistant director Joelle Chinnock and asked her to come up with an idea to help people. She checked around and said: "Let's build a few sheds to give away."

While Chinnock was thinking about a couple sheds, God had a much larger number in mind. Just after the fire, Maranatha Volunteers International (Maranatha) had called to offer help. Chaffee remembered, and called Kyle Finess, Vice President of Projects for Maranatha, to share the shed idea. Could Maranatha help build a few sheds?

A community build

Representatives met with Chaffee and Chinnock. And in the parking lot of the burned church on Sept. 9, the Camp Fire Shed Project was born. The goal: build 200 sheds in three weeks.

With only eight weeks to get ready, Love Paradise sought funding from local businesses, corporations, and other sources. Maranatha designed the shed, provided a construction plan and recruited volunteers.

During the project, 377 volunteers from across North America, plus members of local communities, came to help. Word spread quickly that Seventh-day Adventists in Paradise were building sheds to give away.

“
 Each shed represents hope and a measure of love delivered to people that experienced so much loss.
 —David Woods, director of North America Projects for Maranatha and coordinator for the Paradise project
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Maranatha Volunteers International partnered with the Paradise Adventist Church's Love Paradise ministry to build 200 storage sheds for those in the community who lost homes in the Camp Fire.

Photos (at left and right) by Maranatha



A shelter for vital supplies

Prior to the Camp Fire, Ashley was living in a rental house with no renter's insurance. After the Camp Fire, she was very concerned. Being homeless was a real possibility, and her health condition was her prime worry. When she learned that people were moving onto their cleared land in RVs and trailers, she called her landlord, who agreed to rent the space if she could find a fifth-wheel trailer.

Protecting her lifeline

Ashley is a dialysis patient and manages her dialysis treatment at home. There wasn't space in the fifth-wheel for her medical equipment, so she was storing it under the front of the trailer.

Those boxes contained her lifeline and could not get wet. As the winter storms were headed for Paradise, she was unsure how she could protect her supplies.

An amazing gift

When she learned she could get a free storage shed from PAC and partners, she was amazed. For Ashley, a simple shed was the gift of life.

"The shed gives me a place to keep my things safe, and they won't be stolen, either," Ashley says. "It gives me a sense of normal. The night before it arrived, I spent all night thinking about what I would put in my shed."



Photo credit: Maranatha

I am so thankful for the Seventh-day Adventists.

— Ashley, a shed recipient

Sowing seeds of hope and renewal



Distributions to Seventh-day Adventist church members and the community at large, November 2018 through December 2019

Camp Fire Survivor Relief

\$1,279,842

- Stabilizing Households for Long-Term Recovery **(50%)**
 - ▶ Grants awarded for first/last month's rent, short-term monthly rent, propane, medical bills related to fire evacuation, household needs,
- car insurance, gas cards, and furniture
- Storage Sheds **(26%)**
- Immediate Relief **(19%)**
 - ▶ Temporary RV Parks
 - ▶ Financial Assistance for Adventist church families
- ▶ Grants for individuals with no insurance or significantly underinsured
- Instant Pots and Cooking Classes in six communities **(4%)**
- IRC* Grant to Food Bank **(1%)**

Community Outreach and Encouragement

\$72,312

- IRC* Grants to Community **(59%)**
 - ▶ California CareForce Health clinic event
 - ▶ Trailer and tools for community outreach
- ▶ Counseling grant
- ▶ Marriage Seminar grant
- The Well—water filling station at PAC property **(17%)**
- Welcome Home kits **(12%)**
- Facility rentals **(9%)**
- Miscellaneous projects/disbursements **(3%)**

Recovery of Paradise Adventist Academy (PAA)

\$127,650

- Two school vans for student transportation to temporary school campus in Chico **(65%)**
- General recovery donations for PAA **(14%)**
- Student tuition assistance for families who lost jobs **(20%)**
- Lockers at temporary school campus in Chico **(1%)**

Recovery of Paradise Adventist Church (PAC)

\$65,393

- Disaster relief for miscellaneous disbursements **(46%)**
- Assistance for pastors and teachers who lost homes **(35%)**
- Children's Ministries **(7%)**
- Storage containers **(5%)**
- Survivor relief—special **(4%)**
- Sabbath fellowship meals **(3%)**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (through Dec. 31, 2019):

\$1,545,197

Restricted Recovery Donation Funds for 2020

\$385,144

- Camp Fire survivors
- Community outreach
- PAC disaster relief
- Inter-Church Camp Fire Recovery Committee (IRC)*
- Pastors' discretionary fund
- Reestablishing the elementary school
- Storage shed project
- Senior citizen relief
- Teachers and pastors who lost their homes

TOTAL HELP RECEIVED FOR BUTTE COUNTY

\$1,930,341

*See page 14 for IRC explanation.

Thank you for your gifts

Donations received Nov. 8,
2018, through Dec. 31, 2019

Paradise Adventist Academy

The Adventure
Seventh-day
Adventist Church
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CLOTHES FOR A BANQUET

When the Camp Fire disrupted school and plans for their own winter banquet, Paradise Adventist Academy students were invited to attend banquets at Lodi Adventist Academy and Sacramento Adventist Academy. Donations of banquet dresses poured in from generous and thoughtful donors throughout the north state, giving these students a chance to find the right dress and enjoy a fun time with friends, old and new.

We know that many generous gifts were sent to us through the Northern California Conference. Those names are not listed here in order for NCC to protect donor privacy.

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 Michael and Connie Huitt



LOVE WINS

On Nov. 3, the Paradise Adventist Academy Cougars girls' volleyball team won the CIF Northern Section championship for the first time in the school's history. On Nov. 10, they were scheduled to play in the state quarterfinals against Forest Lake Christian School (FLCS) in Auburn. The team was determined to play, despite the displacement of their families and lack of uniforms, shoes, and knee pads. When they arrived to play, they were met with an extraordinary gift of grace and an abundance of God's love. The FLCS team created gift bags for each of the PAA girls, provided thousands of dollars in gift cards for the team and the school, and offered access to tons of donated clothing and household items to help replace some of what the girls and their families had lost. That extension of love was the highlight of the night.

Paradise Adventist Church

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LENDING A HAND

The Lyons family came for three weeks to organize and set up temporary RV parks in Chico. RVs and trailers were loaned by generous owners for short-term lodging. Tag (standing, third from right) and Robin Lyons (kneeling at far right) are surrounded by firefighters from different areas of California and their son, daughter-in-law and family.

Paradise Adventist Church In-Kind

Eddie and Nicole Abd	Grass Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church	Austin and Linda Nystrom
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Foothills Elementary School	Quade Nash	
Forest Lake Christian School	North Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church	
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Organizing for our community

An Inter-Church Recovery Committee (IRC) was created with the Northern California Conference (NCC) to develop criteria and manage funding. Members include one representative from each of the six area churches—Chico, Chico Spanish, Golden Feather, Oroville, Paradise and Upper Ridge—and the Paradise church office staff. Pastor James Lim, Adventist Community Services Director for the NCC, provides oversight leadership. **More than 5,300 people have been helped as of December 31, 2019.**

Camp Fire Shed Project

Adventist Health West
American Red Cross
Butte Strong Fund
Cal Fire
Capay Farms
Chico Building
Holiday Market
Lowe's
North American
Division of the
Seventh-day
Adventist Church
North Fork Lumber
Company

North Valley
Community
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Paradise Adventist
Church
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Bryner
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Jaws Bulivou
Robert Burris
Matt Bushnell
Alice Buske
Tomas Buske
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Ann Cash
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Randy Chace
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SHARING FOOD AND LOVE

Carmichael Seventh-day Adventist Church members and friends raised thousands of dollars to provide Sabbath meals for PAC members and school lunches for PAA students. They traveled from the Sacramento area to Chico multiple times each month for several months, on a mission to share food and love when it was needed most.

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—1 Thessalonians 1:2



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Thank you for sharing your church home with us, for opening your individual homes to our members, for understanding our need to cry on your shoulders, for accepting us into your family as brothers and sisters in Christ, and for your prayers as we continue to pick up the pieces of our lives and rebuild our homes. We will forever be grateful!