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Teacher Saves Student's Life



Tara Bailey used the information she had received in the Teachers' Study Group to save Merari Gonzalez's life.

Teachers across the Conference are periodically involved in study groups – a form of in-service, continuing education to better equip them in the classroom. Just in case you were wondering whether or not those study groups are worth it, keep reading.

One afternoon after

the last bell rang at Lexington Junior Academy, several students came into Principal Tara Bailey's classroom to wait for their rides to arrive. As Bailey cleaned off her desk, she heard a distinct sound – different from the normal laughter and chatter of restless students.

She looked up and, to her surprise, a frantic little girl came tumbling her way with both hands clinched to her throat. She was choking. Her color had already begun to turn as she was completely unable to breathe. Bailey immediately thought to hit her on the back, but knew that wasn't right. So she turned her around and placed her hands in the

correct position to perform the Heimlich Maneuver (i.e., abdominal thrusts as they are now referred to). After a few thrusts, she began to gag. Bailey told her to cough and after one last thrust, the small marble candy popped out to the floor.

"I held her tight as both of our faces flooded with tears," said Bailey.

Through God's miracle working power, she was able to use the information from the CPR/First Aid Study Group, only a month before, to save a little girl's life.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Reopens School



Lloyd Schomburg (left), Lawrenceburg pastor; Larry Boughman and Pam Williams, Conference education supervisors; Dr. Norman Henderson, building committee chair; Shannon Lozano, K-2 teacher; Verne Sherman, principal and grades 3-8 teacher; Orlene Riggs, school board chair

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held December 11, at the Bill Egly Adventist School in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., to celebrate the reopening following extensive renovations. Current and former students, parents, and friends watched as teachers Shannon Lozano and Verne Sherman cut the ribbon.

New regulations from the State Fire Marshal necessitated the renovations to bring the building up to current standards. The building now has a certificate of occupancy along with other updates, including a computer lab in each classroom, fire safe hallways, and a new kitchen.

Carl Henderson, the

first teacher of the Lawrenceburg church school, celebrated his 102nd birthday four weeks before the ribbon cutting. According to Carl, the first year of school met in a house. The current school building was built 21 years ago by retired contractor Bill Egly. The school is named after him as a memorial to his dedication and hard work.

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Correction:

Unfortunately, the photos at the bottom of page 17 in the January issue, were accidentally switched prior to publication.