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Montgomery Adventist School Holds Education Fair

When the fifth through eighth grade students at Montgomery Adventist School (MAS), Montgomery, Ala., brought home a variety of awards for their outstanding geography projects at the Conference Education Fair, the MAS staff decided to organize an education fair for the school. The fair was held on Thursday evening, February 21, 2013. Eating flatbread, earning tickets for students, and sampling Mango Lasse, an Indian smoothie, were some of the activities in which everyone participated. All students displayed on presentation boards the best of what they had learned in Tara Bailey's grades 1-4 classroom. Guests viewed

the students' projects, and were given an opportunity to earn tickets for their children by answering questions. "My dad looked up a Bible verse and answered questions, and I earned 10 tickets," exclaimed Hunter. The children used the tickets they earned for prizes. Aisha, said, "My favorite part was talking to people. I told them what I learned about money and the Bible."

Next, the families

viewed the projects in Jeanie Valdenegro's grades 5-8 classroom. The students

Qristara, who won third place at the Conference Fair for her India project.

"Everybody liked my flatbread. It is what they make in Africa, instead of the raised bread we eat here in the United States," said Kayla, whose project was on Benin, Africa. Her project won a third place ribbon from the Conference Education Fair.

Raabe displayed her Italy project which was complete with a leaning tower of Pisa. At the Conference Fair she received "Most Innovative and Best Overall" ribbons for this project.

—BY JEANIE VALDENEGRO



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Guests crowded into grades 1-4 classroom.

enjoyed presenting their projects that had taken top prizes. "Wearing the sari and eating good food were my favorite things. I wore a sari because that is what they wear in India," said

Cullman Members Reach Out, Reconnect, Recharge

The Cullman, Ala., Church started 2013 with a renewed commitment to reach out to the community and members who no longer attend church. They began by joining the World Church in the "10 days of Prayer." During that time, they brainstormed ways they could reach out to the community, recon-



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nect with missing members, and in the process, recharge their own lives.

Their first major project was a Valentine's banquet. In 2012 they invited friends and neighbors to a Valentine's banquet sponsored by Cullman members, and almost half of the individuals who attended were guests. So this year they decided to do it again, and this time they concentrated on reconnecting with missing members. Their goal was to contact everyone on their membership list and invite them to the banquet. They also told them they were going to be taking pictures for the new church directory.

Seventy people signed

up to attend (the average attendance at Cullman Church is 30 to 35). In spite of heavy thunderstorms on the night of the banquet, more than 50 individuals attended, and again, almost half of those were guests and missing members. The members plan to continue their outreach by having a Homecoming Program, creating a better church website, and conducting numerous social activities.

—BY HEATHER PHILPOTT