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“**T**he greenest grass is where God plants us. We should act like it,” says Christian Bunch. After two years at Southern Adventist University and four of summer camp ministry at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Christian has responded to an appeal to live and work among the Hindu people of India. After arriving halfway around the world from his North Carolina home, the comforts of hot showers, fast food, transportation and entertainment were greener grass that he was missing. However, after two months of exposure to love, friendship and ministry to people who think very differently than he did, Christian looked at his faith differently, too.

Instead of a faith where he simply read his Bible and listened to sermons, Christian began to act on his beliefs. Working, living and sharing life day after day with people who speak a different language, who belong to a caste system that offers no hope for the poor, and who have no background in Christian faith has ignited a holy purpose in Christian’s faith. He says I began to experience an “unfamiliar contentment with my circumstances. I feel God closer than ever before. I know that He has made me the way I am and placed me where I’m at for a purpose, and I shouldn’t try to change that. I’ve finally found the greenest grass this world has to offer – the grass on God’s side.”



Follow Christian’s experience online at currywithchristian.tumblr.com as he experiences the “greenest grass” while serving God this year among our Hindu friends of India.

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IMAGINE A TIME when young people no longer attend church, are bored with religion and begin leaving behind the beliefs of their parents.

IMAGINE A TIME when entertainment comes in a box or electronic gadget, instead of from the awe-inspiring nature God created.

IMAGINE A TIME when Adventist education is suffering for lack of enrollment, leaving our children with no option but a public education, devoid of God.

Could that time be near? Sadly, in some cases, it is already here.

This is why the Carolina Youth offering exists:

- To generate a renewed interest in God's love through church programs like Pathfinders and Adventurers.
- To create an appreciation for nature and God's majesty through summer camp at Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- To teach Godly principles through Christ-centered, high-quality Adventist Christian education.

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