

Cultivating a mindset of mission

Carey Carscallen retires after 22.5 years of service to Andrews

AS A YOUNG MAN, CAREY CARSCALLLEN envisioned himself becoming a shop teacher, so he completed his undergraduate degree in industrial education at Walla Walla University. While in school, he went to Zambia as a student missionary, doing maintenance and construction at Yuka Hospital. He was later asked to go back to Yuka Hospital for another year, which he gladly did.

Because of his service in Zambia, Carey was called to set up a technical high school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly the Republic of Zaire).

After four years there, Carey transitioned to Rwanda to help build and teach technical classes at the Adventist University of Central Africa. “That’s where my interest in architecture grew—between planning, building the University and teaching construction as well,” Carey explains.

In 1990, after six years in Rwanda, during which time Carey earned his master’s degree in industrial education, he and his wife Dorothy returned to the U.S. with their three children, and Carey began studying architecture at the University of Idaho. When Carey neared completion of his studies, Lew Siebold, then director of the Division of Architecture at Andrews, contacted him to teach once he finished his Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture.

“They wanted someone with a mission background to carry forward and expand the mission focus of the Division,” Carey says.

Two years later, Carey began work as assistant professor of architecture at Andrews. Twenty-two years later, he has held several positions within the School of Architecture & Interior Design, serving 18 years as director and dean and, most recently, associate professor.

Carey has been grateful for his colleagues. “I couldn’t have asked for a better group of faculty to work with,” he says. He has enjoyed the service-oriented atmosphere, as well. “We are very overt with our students that the design talent they have been given is not only for self-expression but to serve God by designing spaces that promote the wellbeing of others. And, the buildings can be healthy, pleasing and affordable at the same time,” he says.

With work, Carey has gone on yearly mission trips. This time with students was one of the highlights of his Andrews experience. “They want to fulfill a mission of their own. They like what they see in our program and they support it strongly,” he says. “It touches you—that we’re able to do something out of the ordinary.”

Another highlight at Andrews has been reading Romans 12 with the students at the start of each school year. This chapter



serves as a guide and reminder to remain humble and true to God.

Under Carey’s leadership, the Division of Architecture became the School of Architecture, then the School of Architecture & Interior Design. He oversaw the main architecture building expansion and wrote grants for multiple mission projects and the new shop for the school, where students can design and build tiny houses and renovate shipping containers into medical clinics.

In retirement, Carey will miss working with the students and faculty. He and his wife plan to stay in the area for now. “We want to travel to visit family and go on mission trips. That’s one thing I want to continue whether it’s with Andrews or otherwise.” He remains thankful to God for the opportunities he has been given to serve others.

Andrea Luxton receives recognition

From the GC Women's Ministries Department

ON OCT. 14, 2019, PRESIDENT Andrea Luxton was awarded one of five “Women of the Year” awards given by Women’s Ministries during a special dinner program at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland. She was recognized especially for her commitment to furthering Adventist education.

Heather-Dawn Small, director of General Conference Women’s Ministries, and Raquel Arrais, associate director, honored the award recipients, and Ella Simmons, vice president of the General Conference, presented the award to President Luxton (*pictured right*).

“It was an honor to be recognized,” says President Luxton.

