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## A Star Out of Jacob

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**A**PPROXIMATELY 3,500 years ago the children of Israel caused a great deal of anxiety among the nations of the Middle East. These kingdoms watched with growing alarm the ease with which Israel vanquished her enemies. Israel appeared to possess some mystical power which rendered her impregnable to her opponents. Unless she could be stopped, her neighbors concluded, Israel would swallow them up.

Moab was one of those kingdoms. Scripture states that "Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel" (Numbers 22:3). In desperation, Balak, king of the Moabites, sent for Balaam, the prophet, to pronounce a curse upon Israel. Balak was under the impression that Balaam had the power to condemn Israel to certain defeat. He attributed to mortal man power that belongs only to God.

Balak offered to the prophet rewards of riches and honor if the prophet would agree to curse Israel. Balaam, however, recognized his limitations. He was convinced that Jehovah rules and reigns in the affairs of men and nations.

Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, Balaam prophesied in Numbers 24:17 that: "... there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."

The fate of Moab and the other nations of the Middle East was not decided by mortals but by Him who is immortal. God's will concerning the outcome of those ancient skirmishes was revealed through the prophecy of Balaam.

Most biblical scholars agree that the primary application of this prophecy was fulfilled by David. He, like a star, arose among the Jewish people and swayed the sceptre. Under David's rule Israel destroyed the kingdoms of Edom and Moab.

Thirty-five hundred years have not altered very much the situation in the Middle East. Anxiety and fear still prevail in that part of the world. Israel is still the center of controversy. Arab nations are suspicious of her intentions.

The greater fear is, however, that the long-standing rivalries and conflicts that have raged among the countries in that troubled area will spill over into wider conflicts among the superpowers. All civilization is potentially threatened by nuclear warfare.

For the true Christian there is a ray of hope, however. The ultimate fate of mankind does not reside in the hands of men but in the hands of the Almighty.

I believe that God's will for the future is also revealed through Balaam's prophecy. The "Star out of Jacob" refers as well to Jesus Christ. The following quotation from the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, vol. 1, p. 912 confirms this. It reads: "The conquest of the enemies of Israel is a token of the final destruction of the wicked and the establishing of Christ's eternal kingdom."

My prayer is that men and women of every nation will pause this Christmas season to pay homage to the "Star out of Jacob." Nearly 2,000 years ago He appeared as a babe in Bethlehem's manger. Soon He shall return as "Lord of lords and King of kings." Destruction and wars shall cease, suffering and death will be no more. Peace among the nations will not be some temporary truce worked out by unreliable men, but everlasting peace ordained by the Prince of peace.

It is this firm belief that can make this year's Christmas observance happier than ever before.



THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION

## Caring Is Life

by Dale Ziegele

**T**HE bouncing tube flying down the ice-hard, snow-packed slope carries one giggling winter-wrapped bundle. Hidden inside the bundle is one of the remarkable ladies who exemplifies the heart of the Lake Union and Wisconsin.

Ruth Nelson of Frederic may be a bit shy of publicity and the limelight, but she is not fearful about going all out for young people. Community involvement through community service center outreach and church leadership are a heritage she keeps alive. Her early career choice, and subsequent experiences in teaching school, reveal the priority she places on young people.

Just seven years ago as Ruth visited with a friend, Ruth Rosen, they decided that young single Adventists needed a chance to get together. With the encouragement of the pastor, they sent out invitations to youths across Wisconsin for a fellowship together at a winter retreat.

Ruth and friends worked together to provide a memorable weekend. Invitations, planning and the preparation of mountains of food were undertaken in anticipation of a delightful youth gathering.

Fourteen retreats have shown her that "little is much," when God is in it. Youth from six states have come to share in the excitement of Christian fellowship and the warmth of Ruth's hospitality.

Have the retreats accomplished all that Ruth dreamed and prayed they would? Quite frankly, yes. Far more results have taken root and bloomed than she ever dreamed would be possible. Times of fellowship, lifelong friendships, Christian employment, weddings, baptisms all have grown out of Ruth's persistent love for youth.

Caring is not work to Ruth, it is life. Retreats perhaps should not be called retreats but rather "advances." God uses many means to advance His cause in the earth, even shy ladies on flying winter inner tubes.



Ruth Nelson followed by Ruth Rosen serve themselves some of the food they have prepared for a winter retreat for single Adventist youth.

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# Gracious Receivers

by Karen Spruill

**I** don't want any of you to waste money buying me gifts!" Mr. Wyatt told his children years ago. He laid down the law for their holiday giving and they have reluctantly respected his wishes. But some of the glitter has been stripped from that family's Christmases because of his strange command.

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Some Christians have developed guilt syndromes about receiving anything beautiful or valuable. For as far back as most of us were allowed to help select gifts, we've been admonished, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35, KJV).

And occasionally all of us have uttered one of these ungracious remarks, "Oh, you shouldn't have," "I don't want your money," "I don't need anything," or "What did you do that for?"

We can speculate that much like the receiving of compliments, the receiving of gifts reflects a

person's self-image. Those who refuse love's gifts seem to be saying, "You are wrong. I'm not worth loving," or they are so self-centered that their refusal of your gift is the supreme criticism of your efforts to please them.

"The best of all possible worlds is full of family members who are as able to receive as to give, who do not keep track of who owes whom what favors . . . Someone who gives but is unable to receive is often attempting to repay old debts, to allay guilt, or to compensate for feelings of worthlessness. Those who receive and never give may be insensitive or simply selfish." (Evelyn Bence, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," Today's Christian Woman, Fall 1983, pp. 76-79.)

Recently a friend gave my son a "present" of clothes, and Zach replied with disinterest, "Oh, it's not toys." We've all been disappointed by gifts or the carelessness with which one was chosen.

Sometimes I have eyed gifts suspiciously, if I think there's an unseen catch or obligation attached. Relatives and mates may even refuse gifts or react unemotionally when they resent not having first received respect, honor, and time.

At any rate, it is a denial of pleasure to the giver to refuse his gift. How would the givers of this world ever learn their joy if there were no happy receivers? Perhaps this is a clue to why so many adults dread Christmas and the "waste of money."

Our world needs gracious receivers and there's no better example than Jesus Christ. A perusal of the New Testament covers many facets of receiving. Jesus' earthly parents received costly gifts from







total strangers soon after His birth (Matthew 2).

I personally cherish the story of Jesus receiving Mary's anointing of spikenard. His disciples were indignant at the waste of money, but Jesus said, "She has done a beautiful thing to me" (Matthew 26:10, NIV).

The parable of the householder (Matthew 20:1-16) portrays a grumbling receiver met with the Master's fateful question, "Do you begrudge my generosity?"

God wrapped up all His love, and honor in the form of a baby boy who grew to bring gifts of words, actions, and understanding to earthlings. Because of Jesus, we can decide how we'll receive God's love. But we must be able to admit so great a need before accepting.

Will human pride interfere by saying, "Yes, I can accept, but there must be something I can do," or the fear of obligation? Will Satan succeed in belittling us by

encouraging us to say, "I can't accept that, I'm so unworthy"?

The very act of receiving salvation seems to be the key to a balanced existence. In the past, we may have hoarded or squandered gifts. But our receiving salvation is not to be for our own sake, but for the good of others; "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8, KJV).

"He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver." (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 102.) And in the full circle of love, "The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting." (Christ's Object Lessons, p. 143.)

As we respond to God's gift with openness and trust, surely our acknowledgment of earthly gifts will be seasoned with divine graciousness. A simple "thank you," and a smile replaces false flattery or confrontations. And certainly there is at least one positive

comment that can be found about even purple earmuffs, nouveau art, fattening candy, or the wrong size dress.

Then we can relax in the faith that God's wisdom will later help us decide whether to sell such a gift at a garage sale, slip it in the Dorcas bag, or stash it in the basement.

Now God is offering all of us the recaptured joy of childhood Christmas mornings. He holds before us a ribboned box of fresh beginnings; second chances; healed emotions, relations, and bodies; and fulfilling challenges.

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." (Mark 10:15, NAS).

Will you refuse because you are undeserving, or tear open the package in thankfulness?

Eagerly He waits to hear, "Father, it's just what I've always wanted—an eternity with You."





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## A Formula for Success

*by Robert G. Brothers*

**T**HERE is no such thing as a typical single person. Any article dealing with the ministry of singles to the church must begin with that fact.

Other than their not being married, singles do not have that much in common with one another. The problems of singleness—loneliness, lack of self-esteem—are *human* problems, common to all ages and classes regardless of marital status.

There are singles that wish to be married; there are those that do not. There are singles with children; there are those without. There are happy singles; there are suicidal ones.

There are generous singles and selfish ones; single racists and single NAACP members; single professionals and singles on

welfare. There are single mountain climbers, stamp collectors and hot-rodgers. There are even single tuba players!

There being no such thing as a typical single person, there is no typical or "recommended" ministry of singles. Singles are just too diverse for that.

Not every single—not even a majority of singles—has the desire or ability to go on camp-outs, raise money for Ministry magazine or even form a singles group. That is as it should be. The diversity of single people should be reflected by a diversity of single ministries of the church.

How does a single person decide how they are to minister? Much the same way that a married person, or a red-haired person, or someone that's left-handed, or any other member of a labeled group decides.

You begin with prayer. You take stock of your needs, your wants

and your abilities. You take stock of the needs, wants and abilities of your local church. You talk with the pastor. You roll up your sleeves and go to work.

Most singles ministry groups succeed the same way any other ministry group succeeds. They have the support of their local pastor. They are well organized. They actively recruit new members. They have a lot of input and feedback from their members. They build as many roads as possible to the local church.

Most importantly, they actively care for their members. They share a Christian love that permits members to grow and make mistakes and that prevents the group from turning into a "meet market."

How can a single person minister to the church? That depends on the single person. That depends on the church. That depends on you.

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# Ministering to Singles

by Don and Sue Murray

**T**HROUGHOUT the Lake Union there are those who seem to find special pleasure in ministering to those who are single. Their ministry is diversified and encompasses a range of ages from birth to old age.

Some minister to young people in the military, providing them a home away from home. Some minister to students, making them feel a part of an Adventist family

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Some couples sense special opportunities for service among Pathfinders or various Sabbath School groups. Others open their hearts and homes in friendship to those formerly married or those who have never been married.

One thing is certain, God has special blessings for those who use their marriage and home in ministry to singles.

Even though many needs of the adult singles are being met through current ministries conducted by individuals who are also single, there is still much that married couples can do for them, too.

Rather than attempt to match-make or set up situations where people feel awkward in their singleness, the true spirit of acceptance and hospitality is what single individuals need.

Help them see that everyone is single for at least a part of their life. Help them view their gift of singleness in a positive way.

A good marriage takes work; so does a fulfilled single life. Why not emphasize that fact?

Seldom are singles affirmed for having created a good single lifestyle, yet spiritual and relational fulfillment are not dependent upon marital status.

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Married couples can bring perspective by being open in discussing with singles their feelings, and by affirming them in their search for true fulfillment in life.

Some beneficial questions that might be asked of a single person by a married couple are: Are you willing to live with being single if this is what God wants for you? Do you see God calling you to a form of ministry that would be difficult if you were married? What are the advantages and disadvantages of be-

ing single? What do you perceive to be the advantages and disadvantages of being married?

The choice to be an adult single should be a choice made from strength rather than weakness. Perhaps it is the mission of your home to provide a listening ear and accepting friendship to ease that decision for someone.

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If singleness has come because of divorce, separation, or the death of a spouse (a situation where choice is not involved), married couples can minister in a loving way by listening, sharing and caring.

Another singles ministry involves working with those who are preparing for marriage. One of the major reasons why marriages fail today is because dating and engaged couples have not had the privilege of seeing the inside of a "working marriage."

Viewing a model marriage is the best way to learn about marriage and how it works. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, in every church, one or more married couples cooperated with the pastor in preparing couples for marriage?

Let's remember, too, that ministry to our own children can be singles ministry in the highest sense. Even though the mission of the home extends beyond its own members, we fall short of the mark if our homes and our coupleness fail to be a blessing to our own children.



Don and Sue Murray

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# Spanish Youth for Christ

by Eduardo A. Ocampo



From left, Roger Beltran, David Flores, Humberto Hernandez, Dr. Eduardo Ocampo, Harold Freeman, Raquel Velez, Dinah Hernandez and Wesley Taylor met after the Spanish Youth Congress for an impromptu discussion.

**T**HE Spanish Youth Congress of the Lake Union met at the O'Hare Ramada Inn in Chicago on November 18 and 19, 1983. The large auditorium of this hotel was the setting for this event attended by approximately 1,000 people during the Sabbath hours.

A placard, placed on the upper part of the stage, read in big letters: The Spanish Youth for Christ. The youth congress was planned in order to give young people orientation, to confirm their high Christian ideals, to stimulate missionary work and to help them overcome the tide of dangers which society places in their pathways each day.

Charles Case, the youth director of the Lake Union Conference, and the union's Spanish coordinators were in charge of the organization. Each one of them became a supervisor of the congress' activities, which increased the interest and presence of young people from the different churches of the union.

Leo Ranzolin, youth director of the General Conference, urged the youth to live pure lives, filled with love and dedication to the mission work. He announced several future events, including a Pan-American Youth Congress in Mexico during 1984.

On Sabbath morning the church service began with a musical pro-

gram in which everyone participated. The Spanish youth sang melodies of praise including "Onward Christian Soldiers." Roger Beltran, an Andrews University master of divinity student, led the singing using textual transparencies with an overhead projector.

Students of Andrews University directed Sabbath School, which included dialogue on missions and concluded with a vivid discussion of the lesson study. Music was performed by singing groups, directed by Harold Freeman and accompanied by Warren Ashworth, assistant professor of religion at Andrews University, on the Mexican marimba.

The afternoon activities started with a question and answer session. Nine experts in various areas discussed several topics of interest.

The panel included: Warren Ashworth, who is a former missionary to South America; Charles Case; Jaime Castrejon, former principal of Montemorelos University; Orlando Mastrapa, professor of education and modern languages at Andrews University; Sam Mercado, church representative in Chicago and a seminary student; Nancy Vyhmeister, seminary librarian; Werner Vyhmeister, assistant dean of the Andrews University Theological Seminary, and Leo Ranzolin. The panel moderator was Eduardo Ocampo.

The areas of discussion were

traditional themes of fashion, recreation, social relations, engagement and marriage, which was discussed on the same level as modern sexology and other congruent topics. Panelists were given additional time to more deeply discuss the most common problems.

A concern was expressed with regard to the missionary work and the urgency to present programs that could, through the youth, help the church to be more effective. Audience response to the ideas and conclusions reached by the panelists was positive.

A musical program featured several groups and soloists, both instrumental and vocal. Pianists Wesley Taylor and Mayda Jorge, were significant performers.

James Jorge, 13 years old, from Cuba, provided inspiration with his violin playing. To conclude the Sabbath hours, Sam Ocampo, a South American pianist and Chapel Records recording artist, together with an instrumental ensemble composed of Warren Ashworth; Patricia Young, a secretary; Crystal Devnich, Nino Ocampo, Shelly Unger, and Beth Johnston, Andrews University students, offered an inspiring concert.

At the end of the congress, Elder Case received enthusiastic and unanimous support from the audience when he announced the Lake Union's plan to make this an annual celebration.

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# Andrews Faculty Friends Meeting Student Needs

by Ronald Knott

THERE hasn't been a lot of fanfare. No big announcement on campus to publicize some important new service to students. But in a quiet and unassuming way there is a new activity going on in the men's residence halls at Andrews University that is filling an important need.

It's called Faculty Friends, and according to Allen Steele, the coordinator, it aspires to be nothing more than its name suggests—university faculty members making friends with students outside the classroom.

Mr. Steele, who is manager of WAUS, the university radio station, says that faculty members circulate in the men's residence halls five nights a week to pay friendly, informal visits to students—especially to freshmen.

"We want to make them feel at home and to let them know they have a friend here," he says. "Often in a university setting it's easy to be part of a crowd but to feel very lonely inside. We don't want Andrews students to feel lonely while they're on our campus."

Steele organized the team of faculty at the beginning of fall quarter, after discussing the potential of such a program with Richard Scott, dean of men. Mr. Scott notes that he and his staff have always

encouraged faculty visitation in the dorm, but this is the first time that university personnel outside the dormitory have formally organized to do that.

"They're reaching people we can't reach," Mr. Scott says. "The more people we have in the dorm doing this kind of thing, the more needs we can meet. And meeting students' personal needs is what we're here for."

Joining Mr. Steele are five other faculty/staff members, each responsible for coordinating visitation in one section of the dormitory each week. They are: Leonard Gashugi and David Albrecht from the School of Business; Don May from the College of Technology; Wes Flory, university trust officer; and Dwight Nelson, pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church.

Mr. Steele says that each of these coordinators is encouraged to obtain assistance from other faculty and staff to help reach as many students as possible on a regular basis.

"I think we're able to relate to students in a different way than the deans," says Mark Driskill, assistant director of public relations, and Mr. Steele's assistant in visitation of third floor in Meier Hall. "While the residence hall staff serve as friends and counselors, they also have to be authority figures and disciplinarians. That's their job. Outside faculty and staff can relate to students merely as friends, and there is a need for that in a dormitory setting."

Several of the faculty members participating admit that there is a

selfish motive to their involvement. "I like to have as many friends as possible," says Mr. Steele, in a comment typical of most.

For nonteachers, it is a reminder that students make a university what it is. For teachers, it gives a welcome opportunity to associate with young people outside the teacher/student relationship.

"This activity takes me to where the students are—to their territory—rather than the student coming to my territory," says Don May, an instructor of photography. "I like to meet them in a setting where we can be casual and informal, and where I don't have to be evaluating them as students."

All faculty and staff participants stress that there is no formal agenda to be accomplished during visitation. The contacts are not necessarily meant to fill a counseling or pastoral role.

Typically, conversations last 10 to 15 minutes on whatever the student wants to talk about, and sometimes include prayer, if the circumstances suggest that. Then the visitor moves down the hall to knock on another door and make a new friend or meet an old one from a previous visit.

"I think the Faculty Friends program is fantastic," says John Gavin, a senior physical education major and a resident advisor in Meier Hall. "There are 70 guys on my floor. The deans and the resident advisors can't provide that kind of close contact. It's refreshing to have someone from outside the dormitory take an active interest in how people live here."

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# Sister Gremptch's Window

by Jonathan L. Hamrick

**W**HEN I first met Sister Gremptch, she was in an upstairs back bedroom of a home for the aged in a very rough section of a large city. She was lying in an old-fashioned bed near the only window of her room.

It was a very large window, the kind so popular in Victorian architecture, and it looked out on the backyard and alley of the decaying neighborhood. Just outside the window, a large maple tree dominated the restricted landscape, and, because it was in the fall of the year on this occasion, Sister Gremptch called my attention to



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the lovely colors of the already thinning foliage.

"Isn't the tree lovely?" she exclaimed with such admiration that one might think she had discovered a priceless jewel. Her smile reflected joy and nearly 100 years of life. A quarter of that time had been spent in this very home, but it had not dimmed the sparkle of enthusiasm which beamed from her eyes.

When there was a brief lull in our conversation, she moved her forefinger in a gesture for me to come close, and again, to have me come closer still. Then she whispered very softly, "Go over to the far corner of the room, lift the edge of the carpet and bring what you find there to me."

I did as she had directed and found a small cloth bag. When I had given it to her, she quickly opened it and handed me the entire contents; a small amount of money.

"This belongs to God," she whispered with the same enthusiasm she had shown when speaking of the tree. "Will you

please give it to Him for me? And don't bring me any receipt."

I looked at her. For a moment, I felt like saying, "No, that's all right. You keep it," but I realized that what she had said was true, and I had to do it. It was like the widow's mite.

Over the next few years, I visited this child of God a number of times. I brought her gifts of flowers and fruit, and always found a blessing.

Always, my attention was directed to the tree, and each season brought a special wonder. In winter, it was the tracery of the bare limbs and twigs against the cold grey sky. In springtime, it was the glorious translucent green of tiny leaves emerging from myriads of bursting buds, and summer brought the special happiness of birds among the full-leaved branches.

One day, when my telephone rang, I was told that Sister Gremptch had passed quietly to her rest; and, although I felt a sense of sadness because I realized I could not be inspired by another visit, yet



*About 90 people attended a recent stewardship seminar at Camp Au Sable.*



somehow I felt a blessed assurance because I knew she had been faithful unto death.

Surely the good Lord had fulfilled His promise to pour out to her such a blessing that she did not have room to receive it. That was the secret of her joy. Her cup ran over and spilled blessings to those who knew her.

Consistently presenting the tithe and our offerings to God is an important part of the Christian experience. And the General Conference, in its recent fall council session, voted to approve the Personal Giving Plan for North America.

This action was the result of an extensive study comparing churches which have been using the Personal Giving Plan with others which are not. The overall results were convincing; the personal Giving Plan churches showed a substantially superior financial picture.

The reasons for the Personal Giving Plan success story become obvious upon inspection of its methods:

First of all, it is systematic. This is in harmony with biblical admonitions regarding the care of the church and its business.

Church members are invited to consider what they can do for the various offerings by figuring a percentage of their incomes. This helps eliminate the haphazard, sporadic giving due to impulse, absence and other reasons. The givers, knowing the various categories of church needs and in private contemplation, decide how much they want to devote to each offering.

It is, in a way, applying the same idea to offerings as to the payment of God's tithe. Both are figured on percentage of income; the difference, of course, is that the tithe belongs to God. It is one-tenth of income. The offerings are expressions of our love to God, and the decision about how much we want to give is a personal matter.

Church finance is much more easily understood under the Personal Giving Plan. Practically all of it is divided into only five categories: Tithe, Local Church Budget, Conference Budget, World Budget and Miscellaneous, which makes the system even more flexible.



*At a recent seminar at Camp Au Sable, Elder Paul Smith of the General Conference stewardship department presented the principles of proper stewardship.*

The Personal Giving Plan always carefully guards the individuals' right to decide the extent and nature of their gifts to God and His cause. There are even extra places on the envelope provided in case a giver wants to follow another approach or wants to give to a church cause which might not be included in the main categories.

There is another important advantage of the Personal Giving Plan. In the previous system, when people were urged to give to so many different good programs of the church, some appeals were given more forcefully than others. Consequently, those appeals received a better response, when, in fact, another area really needed more support.

The Personal Giving Plan gives church leaders, the ones who are in a much better position to know and understand where the real needs are, the opportunity to send the money where it will do the most good. However, each individual still has the privilege to insist that a gift be used for a specific purpose by so marking the envelope if that purpose is within the normal purview of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Soon, a new format will appear

on the tithe and offering envelopes in many of our churches. The various categories of church finance will be clearly listed with suggested percentages of income for each.

These have been carefully formulated by committees closely connected to the needs in each category and which have considered what percent of the general church income, based on the tithe, is needed. We believe you will agree with those who have already been trying the Personal Giving Plan that it is a real blessing and improvement to better care for the needs of the local church, the conference and the great world work.

Sometimes, when I put a tithe and offering envelope into a collection plate, I think of Sister Gremptch, and I can almost hear her say, "This belongs to God." Indeed, it does, and one of the great secrets of a happy heart is to know that one is right with God.

God has provided His system of tithes and offerings, so that we might acknowledge His ownership and express our love for Him. There is no sense of security like that which comes with knowing we belong to God, and He always takes care of His family.





*Volunteer starvation, a characteristic of anorexia nervosa, one of the eating disorders being treated in the M.E.N.D. program at Glendale Heights Community Hospital. (Photo by Michael Roberts)*

## Patients on M.E.N.D. Program

*by Louise Ferrebee*

**F**OR most people, eating is synonymous with three meals a day plus an occasional snack to quiet a noisy stomach.

Yet, for some people, the process of eating dominates their thoughts to the point that an eating disorder develops with the potential of becoming life threatening if not treated. It is for this group of people that the Mending Eating and Nutritional Disorders (M.E.N.D.) program was designed at Glendale Heights Community Hospital.

Through M.E.N.D. eating disorder

victims in the Chicago area can regain their health, self-worth and capacity to lead a normal life through the first inpatient treatment program of its kind in Chicago. Patients can be admitted on their own initiative or through referral by their physician.

"We're not dealing with just a bad habit," explains Roy Wightman, M.E.N.D. program director. "We're dealing with a complex illness process which has a strong physical and psychological component,"

"The illness is a symptom of underlying conflicts where the control over food and the resultant

body weight becomes the person's focus rather than relationships and the feelings they evoke," says Thomas Andrews, M.D., medical director.

Dr. Andrews further explains, "This is an illness that typifies society's emphasis on externals. For example, the patient's family may appear fine 'outside' while severe problems exist within, such as alcoholism, marital discord or incest."

Eating disorders are characterized by obsessive thoughts about food or ritualistic behavior, both of which are preceded by some type of compulsive behavior. The illness can be further divided into three categories:

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**Anorexia nervosa**, or voluntary starvation, involves an extremely low caloric intake (300 to 600 calories per day) in addition to a low fluid intake. A full stomach is equated with obesity, even when the individual may be at normal weight or below. Stomach sensations may be perceived in an exaggerated manner, and a fear of overeating dominates the mind.

**Bulimia** involves consuming up to 15,000 calories or more daily, followed by vomiting to avoid weight gain. Excessive use of laxatives to rid the body of an abundance of calories is also characteristic. The bulimic can appear to be at normal weight but, in some cases, can be extremely thin or overweight.

**Compulsive overeating** ranks as the most common disorder and usually includes eating binges which lead to a lowered self-worth, emotional disorders and physical problems.

"What all eating disorder victims share in common is the thought process and obsessions with weight and eating," says Mr. Wightman. "Inevitably, this behavior interferes significantly with the person's life: physically, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually."

According to Dr. Andrews, multiple medical problems evolve that can range from digestive system disorders to irregular heart rhythms. In extreme cases, bulimia or anorexia may lead to sudden death.

Prior to the opening of M.E.N.D., eating disorder victims had few options when seeking a treatment program tailored to their needs. Previously, eating disorders were mainly treated on an outpatient basis, and lacked some key ingredients that allow M.E.N.D. a greater chance of success.

"The patient can deal with issues in an intensive way while a psychiatrist and a psychologist provide treatment and supervision as needed," said Dr. Andrews. "This type of environment provides safety and control which is necessary while dealing with the illness."

Also, the person receives constant support from the program's staff and other patients dealing with similar conflicts and struggles.

The treatment phase of M.E.N.D. begins with an evaluation, then takes each person through the first five steps of the Overeaters Anonymous (O.A.) program. The steps involve a process where patients must first recognize that they are powerless over the disorder.

This realization leads to the need and a desire for a power greater than themselves. The final steps include a personal inventory of the positive and negative aspects of the individual and is followed by a response to that inventory.

In essence, the defects become assets in the recovery process.

The program uses group and individual counseling sessions, lectures, films and written assignments throughout treatment. Following primary treatment, an aftercare program assists the patient to continue the abstinence

program and personal growth.

"'Abstinence' means letting go of the compulsive eating behavior and beginning to eat according to a reasonable plan," says Mr. Wightman. "Freedom from the addictive/compulsive relationship with food permits freedom for the body to be healthy."

"The treatment approach is comparable to a school," notes Mr. Wightman. But he stresses, "The learning goes beyond the intellectual level to include spiritual, social, emotional and physical aspects."

A multidisciplinary team provides a learning experience which encompasses all these aspects. For example, Janet Kurzynske, Ph.D., staff nutritionist, works closely with each patient to develop an individualized meal plan.

The term "meal plan" is used as opposed to "diet" due to its more positive connotation. Under Dr. Kurzynske's direction, patients learn what good nutrition involves and how to manage their meal plan upon returning home.

As part of the treatment, patients serve themselves and are responsible for some food preparation, such as weighing correct portions of food. In addition, an Overeater's Anonymous counselor assists each patient along the road to recovery.

"At M.E.N.D., patients also relearn social skills that were neglected when food became the answer for all their needs," says Jean Karris, clinical coordinator. "The group setting allows patients the opportunity to test their new skills and work through a spectrum of emotions."

"The spiritual component, via the O.A. tradition, is essential to the program for a simple reason," points out Mrs. Karris. "It works."

"Other self-help programs which lack this have not been nearly as effective or successful."

For further information on M.E.N.D., call 312-790-MEND.





Rosetta Walker receives a plaque from Jemima Herron, Home and School leader, for her service to the church school.



Gentral G. Pope receives an award from Jemima Herron for soliciting the largest amount of donations.

## Education is Commitment at Mizpah

by Jemima J. Herron

**T**HE Mizpah Home and School Association of Gary, Indiana, and the school board recently held its thirteenth annual Candlelight and Silver Dinner, at Teibels Restaurant in Schererville, Indiana.

This annual fund-raising dinner is supported by an advertisement journal committee composed of 15 school boosters who sell tickets and solicit ads and patrons.

Each year an award is presented to the Mizpah school supporter who solicits the largest amount of money. Gentral G. Pope has maintained the title of "champion ad taker" for the 13 years that the Candlelight and Silver Dinner has been held.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Charles D. Joseph, president of Lake Region Conference. He revealed findings from a recent study which concluded that the real strength of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is found in its system of education. He emphasized how important it is that every child in the Mizpah Church be trained in the church school.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Werner Lightner, school board chairman for Shiloh Academy. Other guests included Reginald D. Barnes, Lake Region superintendent of education, and Richard C. Brown Sr., Lake Region Conference secretary.

Charles W. Drake, pastor of the Mizpah Church, stated that "at Mizpah Church School education is more than the three R's: Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic. It is a commitment by a dedicated staff that believes education has for its object the formation of character." He further stated that "true educa-



Charles W. Drake, Mizpah Church pastor, says, "true education has not been accomplished if you educate a person's mind without influencing his soul."



Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, encourages everyone present at the Candlelight and Silver Dinner to continue to support the Mizpah Church School.

tion has not been accomplished if you educate a person's mind without influencing his soul."

An award was presented to Rosetta Walker, a member of Mizpah Church, for her dedicated service to the Mizpah Church School.

The Candlelight and Silver Dinner was originally organized by a group of church members dedicated to Christian education. The main purpose for the program has always been to support the Mizpah Church School.

Money which is raised through this project is used to purchase school equipment and school supplies. Part of the funds are used to establish scholarships.

Stephanie Galloway Baker, Mizpah's school principal, gave the closing remarks. She quoted portions of a poem written by Adlai A. Esteb to emphasize the importance of teamwork in the school.

*It takes a heap of loving in a church to make a school.  
The church decides if ev'ry child should learn the golden rule.  
The church will be a church school if we meet the Master's mind,  
And when we do, it's marvelous what treasures we will find.*

*The church school does not happen—it's the product of a dream;  
When faith and love and sacrifice fulfill your fondest dream!*

Jemima J. Herron is the Mizpah Church Home and School leader.



# Who's Pulling Your Strings

by Johnnie Vappi

**Y**OUTH, Who's Pulling Your Strings" was the theme of the Chicagoland Fall Youth Federation which was held at the Maywood, Illinois, Church.

The federation meeting started on Friday evening in the Maywood Church. A movie was shown entitled "Sexual Puzzle." After the movie Conrad Gill, youth director for the Lake Region Conference, led the youths in a discussion about the exploitation of sex in our society and the effects of the media on the mind.

The youths participated in the discussion. They decided that there is only one safe method to use in order to avoid premarital pregnancy—stay with the biblical principles which God designed from the beginning: no premarital sexual involvement.

Sabbath was a special day as the Chicagoland youths gathered at Olivet Baptist Church in Chicago for Sabbath services. The Maywood Church led out in the Sabbath School program.

J. Michael Beale, local elder for the Maywood Church and a youth federation officer, challenged the Sabbath School members as they studied the lesson together. The lesson was titled "One Illustration of the Covenant Relationship." That illustration was the relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep.

Brother Beale encouraged the youths to take Christ for their guide. He stressed that the Shepherd knows our needs, He knows how they can best be filled, and He leads accordingly.

The youth outreach section was directed by Ronnie Sanders and Anthony Tyson, youths from Maywood. They shared the experiences they have had in the

nursing home ministry in the Maywood area.

Guest speaker for the divine worship service was Norman Miles, professor of urban studies at Andrews University. In his sermon entitled "Let Pharaoh Go," Dr. Miles expressed the importance of youths not only believing in Christ but the importance of youths being willing to follow Christ.

The youths were admonished to let go of the influences of the world and Satan. At the end of the divine worship service, three young people rededicated their lives to Christ.

The highlight for Sabbath afternoon was the Adventist youth program. This program was opened with the posting of colors by the Shiloh Church Pathfinders.

Music was presented by youth groups and choirs from the Chicagoland and Milwaukee areas. Youths sat in a circle around Dr. Miles and asked him questions about how to deal with peer pressures, problems with parents and many others.

Sabbath's youth federation program closed with a vesper thought by Conrad Gill.

The evening's recreation was held at the University of Illinois



*Dr. Norman Miles, associate professor of urban studies at Andrews University, was guest speaker at the divine worship service for the Chicagoland Fall Youth Federation.*

Circle Campus. The youths enjoyed bowling, table tennis, and other table games.

The goal that the federation officers were trying to reach was to make every youth present aware of the problems in our society. The officers also wanted to give some insight on how to deal with these problems.

The youths departed from the federation meeting singing the theme song, "I Will Serve Thee." Many of those young people had determined to let Christ pull their strings, because they love Him.



*A number of young people asked Dr. Norman Miles questions dealing with peer pressures, problems with parents and many other questions.*

*Johnnie Vappi is the secretary of the Chicagoland Youth Federation.*



# Memories of Mt. Zion

by Kandi Zollman

**E**VERY pleasant Sabbath the rounded shape of the old turquoise and white Chevrolet Bellaire is seen climbing the hill to the now abandoned Mt. Zion Church. A figure barely visible above the wheel is the car's careful navigator, and he winds easily along the narrow roads he has traveled for many years.

Alone in the quiet solitude of Mt. Zion, he sits and looks out over the countryside, meditating and reliving days long past.

At age 89, Emery Nash has a great expanse of events to remember. Though born in Howard County near Kokomo, Indiana, Mr. Nash and his family moved to Perry County near Tell City, Indiana, when he was nine years old. The year was 1894, and his uncle, Ed Collins, was the preacher at a thriving Adventist Church built atop a place called Mt. Zion.

Times were rough for the family of nine, and hard work was the rule of living. Educating seven children in church school is not an inexpen-

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*Kandi Zollman is a pastor's wife living in Holland, Indiana, and is currently pursuing studies for a master's degree in counseling.*



*The abandoned Mt. Zion Church*

sive task, and some years the Nash children had to forsake the small Mt. Zion school to finish the academic year in the local public school.

Through the years, as Mr. Nash puts it, "I worked at about everything that is hard work." His wages were earned among steel mills, railroad yards and coal mines.

While he was still a young man, he and his new bride were living in a tent when she became seriously ill. After working long dirty days, he would return home to care for

her, but after eight months of marriage, his young bride died.

"I'm a pretty tough mule," he says today. "I stood it. But the grieving was harder than the work." Eventually Mr. Nash remarried, and his new home was blessed by four bright-eyed little girls.

Mr. Nash has much to remember, but it has only been recently that he has discovered a new way to record those memories. He had always liked to draw, and had gained some attention with a pad and pencil when he was a soldier during World War I.

But it wasn't until he was in his 70's that Mr. Nash began to paint. He says that painting for him is just a pastime, but his collection of mostly landscape paintings are hard for him to part with because they are like old friends.

The majority of his paintings are scenes from the past: an old-fashioned steam tractor; the old Nash farm with the children playing ball out front; a young man, identified as young Emery himself, in his carriage ready to "go out courting," or the old Mt. Zion Church as it looked when Mr. Nash was a lad.

The memories mean so much to Mr. Nash, perhaps because most of the people who lived his history have long passed away; many of them sleeping in the tiny cemetery high on Mt. Zion.

Due to a hearing impairment, Mr. Nash can no longer participate in the Tell City Church worship services.

But on the heights of Mt. Zion, he can remember the faces and the music, the communion and the shared suffering, that binds a community together.

As he wanders beneath the pines, reading names on tombstones that are names he knew before he could read, the memories grow dearer. And the hope of a speedy reunion sends him down from the hill with renewed strength once again.



*Emery Nash records his memories in paint on a canvass.*





Jackie Ernspiger, a visitor at prayer meeting, enters attendance as Pastor Rick Blythe looks on.



Pastor Rick Blythe, right, takes the time to answer more detailed questions after prayer meeting.

## It Was Good to Be Here

by Jerry Lastine

I heard good things were happening at the Evansville Church prayer meeting, and thought I'd attend and see for myself.

November 16 was wet and cold in Evansville, Indiana, but not inside the Adventist Church. At 7

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*Jerry Lastine is the communication director of the Indiana Conference.*

P.M. congregational singing, accompanied by an organ and piano, began the evening meeting. Selections by young and old were sung as Pastor Rick Blythe welcomed each person with a smile and handshake.

In a Pentecostal atmosphere, praise and thanksgiving, prayer requests and special needs were shared. There was much to be thankful for, because the church

had just reached its Ingathering goal—in four nights.

One member asked for prayer about a Sabbath problem and her job. Immediately came her answer. "I heard you were experiencing a problem," an older member spoke up. "I know your supervisor. I spoke to her, and you won't have a problem with your Friday nights any longer."

Prayer meeting attendance is encouraged by the leaders in the children's Sabbath School divisions. Special recognition is given children when their parents attend the Wednesday night service.

One preschooler, with a temperature of 103 degrees cried when she was told she couldn't attend the midweek service. "If I can't go, then my sister should have to stay home, too," she told her father.

"How to Witness for Christ" was the theme of the evening presentation by Pastor Blythe. The church is preparing for a Revelation Exposition to be conducted by Jack Bohannon, associate ministerial director of the Lake Union Conference, beginning in late January.

It was 9 P.M. when I left the church. As I walked to my car, I couldn't help thinking, It was good to be here.



Pews at the Evansville prayer meetings are filled with interested church members.





*"I really like Broadview Academy. Broadview has given me the opportunity to learn more about myself and other kids who are learning and struggling, too, trying to find what they want to do with their lives. Broadview offers me the challenge to become the best 'me' possible. And through B.V.A. now, and other Adventist institutions later, maybe someday the complete restoration of God's image in me will be realized. I like that!"*

Melba Lara  
B.V.A. Senior



*"Broadview Academy is a Christ-oriented school. That may not seem like much to some people, but it means something to me. I feel that the student body is very loving and caring. It's like one big family. I like Broadview Academy because it gives me a chance to grow mentally, physically and spiritually. The school's motto is, 'Character Above Intellect,' and I believe that it is this emphasis that makes B.V.A. so special."*

Allan Priser  
B.V.A. Senior

## Broadview Academy Is . . .

by Richard Jordan

**B**ROADVIEW Academy is warm—not only in a friendly sort of way, but now, because of a 1.5 million dollar remodeling program, it is a physically warm place to be on a cold wintry day.

The Broadview Master Plan has now finished Phase II of a remodeling program that will be completed in six different parts. The north and west walls of the boys and girls dorms have been stripped of the outer layer and replaced with new insulation and windows. With the addition of heavy fiberglass, thick wallboard, Styrofoam, plaster and

thermopane vinyl-clad windows, the R factor (resistance to heat loss) in each room has been increased from 3 to 23.

Included in Phase I and II, the boys dorm roof has been repaired and the deans apartments in the girls dorm have been remodeled for a total expenditure to date of \$320,000.

Phases III, IV, V, and VI will involve finishing the other two walls of each dorm and remodeling and insulating the cafeteria and administration building.

"There has been a dramatic increase in the warmth of the dormitories," states Principal Harold Oetman. "We are now anxious to get the other walls finished so we can enjoy the benefits of the completed project. We are very grateful

for the strong support of our conference in undertaking such a large task."

Broadview Academy is academically strong, having recently been awarded a special certificate signifying 50 years of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. John S. Kemp, Illinois State director of the N.C.A., congratulated Mr. Oetman, and R. R. Rouse, Illinois Conference treasurer, stating "50 years of North Central Association accreditation is an honor for which everyone at Broadview Academy can be proud. The school has made a long-term commitment to offering a quality educational program to the young people of this community."

Quality education, an ideal in the

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*Richard Jordan is the English department chairman at Broadview Academy.*





*Harold A. Oetman, principal of Broadview Academy, receives a 50-year certificate from Dr. John S. Kemp, Illinois State director of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, as R. R. Rouse, Illinois Conference treasurer, left, looks on.*

past, is imperative today. Accreditation by the North Central Association ensures that B.V.A. is meeting the minimal conditions for effectiveness. By setting standards for basic operations of the school and by requiring a comprehensive self-study once every seven years, the N.C.A. stimulates the school toward continuous improvement. This is accountability in action.

Perhaps an even more important milestone was reached last year when B.V.A. was given a complete seven-year accreditation by the General Conference Board of Regents. This accreditation indicates that Broadway Academy is not only moving in the right direction academically, but also in the areas that are of greater concern, the spiritual and character building aspects of Christian education.

Broadview Academy is financially committed to ensuring a Christian education for all Illinois young

people. Every year the task of financing a Christian education becomes increasingly more difficult. As the number of single-parent homes continues to rise and the economy remains unstable, the need for alternate ways to pay for church schools becomes more acute. The fact that even one young person is deprived of a Christian education, because of a lack of money, concerns the staff at Broadview Academy and the Illinois Conference administration.

Because, in Illinois alone, many young people are forced to attend public high school, the Adopt-A-Student program was initiated. This plan provides the opportunity for church members who do not now have children in Adventist church schools to join in spreading the cost of a Christian education to the entire church family.

With a donation by just 400 families of \$10 per month, in a

year's time \$48,000 could be added to the Worthy Student Fund. This would give 15 to 20 more students a Christian education who would have otherwise had to attend public school.

The fact that our schools need to be church supported has long been one of the tenets of our faith. Mrs. White said it best in her book, *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 165, "While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth."

As you consider the commitment of Broadview Academy, and the academy in your conference, you are invited to prayerfully consider how God can use you to further the ministry of education for the church's finest resource, our children.



*Broadview Academy Administration Building and Music/Chapel Building*



# I Know You Are With Me

by Clarence R. Baker



"... Lord, surely You know and feel my grief. Thank You for Your encouragement. I'm not alone, 'for thou art with me.'"

**O**CTOBER days are usually most pleasant. Skys are blue and bedecked with white billowy clouds, and evenings are enchanting with soft cool zephyrs.

But this October evening was different. At the hospital the doctor had told me that my beloved companion would be "going home" in a few days.

"Going home, Doctor? In her condition? . . . Or do you mean . . . ?"

"Yes, that is what we mean, Mr. Baker."

Then I must expect to be alone, I thought. Alone! How cold the word sounded. Bedside devotions—alone. Three meals a day—alone. Sleepless nights—alone.

"Lord," I prayed silently, "I remember Your invitation to come unto You and You would give us rest. I claim that promise, Lord."

Sleep and rest were brief that night. At 2 A.M. I sat at my study table with Bible and devotional books at hand. I reached out for God and pled for comfort and encouragement.

The eleventh chapter of the Gospel of John was the next chapter scheduled for my Bible reading; the death of Lazarus. An experience of sickness and death, I thought as I read, when I so much need comfort and encouragement.

But then came the impression, Read on my sorrowing one.

"Jesus wept" (verse 35). True, Jesus was weeping with Mary and Martha, but now Jesus was weeping with *me*.

"Behold how he loved him!" (verse 36). Yes, Jesus loves *me* also.

With my head on my arms and the Bible open before me, Jesus and I wept together. Through my mind flashed the text, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Psalm 23:4). "Lord," I prayed, "I remember You went through that valley *alone*, for me.

"One of Your own disciples betrayed You with a mock embrace. The others forsook You and fled. And Peter, who declared he would even die for You, denied with curses that he even knew You. Then on the cross You felt that even Your Father had forsaken You.

"Thank You, Lord, surely You know and feel my grief. Thank You for Your encouragement. I'm not alone, 'for thou art with me.'

"Yet, Lord, there is another promise so precious to me. I reach out for it and want to claim it just now. 'Fear thou not; for I am with thee . . . For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand . . .'" [Isaiah 41: 10, 13].

"Lord, I accept this promise and claim it just now. Please, Lord, could You give me some positive indication of Your presence with me now, in this moment of my sorrow?"

With my head buried in my arms and my eyes wet with tears, I felt the presence of a Being snug up close to my right side. I didn't dare open my eyes.

"Thank You, Lord," I prayed. "Now please, Lord, could I feel Your arm of righteousness just now, to give me assurance."

Again the answer came. From the Presence at my right side, a hand and arm was felt slowly, but positively, moving across my shoulders—all the way across, grasping my left shoulder.

"Thank You, Lord; thank You. Now I know You are with me all the way through this dark valley. I'm not alone, 'for thou art with me.'"

A light and another Presence seemed to fill the room. As the light faded away my burden seemed to float away with it.

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee . . . For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand. . . ."

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Clarence R. Baker was formerly underforeman at Loma Linda Foods in California. He is now retired and living in Oconto, Wisconsin.



## COMMITTEE SUBMITS TEN CANDIDATES FOR ANDREWS PRESIDENCY

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY—The names of 10 candidates for president of Andrews University were announced to the Andrews faculty November 30, according to Board Chairman Charles B. Hirsch. The names were submitted by the Search/Screening Committee which was set up by the trustees on November 9, 1983.

"These 10 names will be given to the Board of Trustees for its consideration and the final selection of a president," Dr. Hirsch said.

Final selection of a candidate for president will be made by the trustees in a meeting later this month or in early January.

The names in alphabetical order are James J. C. Cox, president of Avondale College in Australia and theology professor at Andrews (currently on leave); Fritz Guy, professor of theology at Andrews; Dean L. Hubbard, president of Union College.

William G. Johnsson, editor of the *Adventist Review*; Sakae Kubo, president of Newbold College in England; Merlene A. Ogden, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Andrews; Humberto M. Rasi, vice president for international publications at Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Robert L. Reynolds, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church; N. Clifford Sorensen, president of Walla Walla College, and Richard W. Schwarz, currently vice president for academic administration at Andrews.

The Search/Screening Committee was made up of nine members. They were Dr. Hirsch; Robert Carter, vice chairman of the trustees; Elsie Buck, Elmer Carreno and Charles Keymer, trustee members; Roy Graham and Merlene Ogden, faculty members; Julie Johnsson, student, and Dale Twomley, alumnus.

In the course of its work, the committee met with seven groups associated with the university, including teachers, staff, alumni, administrators and students, according to Dr. Hirsch.



Jeffrey K. Wilson



Linda Lewis



Donovan A. Davis



The Kim Family

## People in Transition

**DONOVAN A. DAVIS** assumed the position of assistant pastor in the **Grand Rapids, Michigan, Central Church** on August 22. Pastor Davis is a native of Rockford, Illinois. He graduated from Wisconsin Academy in 1976 and attended Andrews University where he received a master of divinity degree in 1983. He served as coordinator of the Andrews University Sacred Arts Series for about three years, attended the Lake Union Soul-Winning Institute, and spent the past summer in youth ministry at Camp Au Sable.

**INKON KIM** has transferred from the Hawaiian Mission to serve as pastor of the **Chicago Korean Church**. A Korean Union College graduate, he has served as a pastor and literature evangelist in Korea and Hawaii. He and his wife, Dorothy, who is a registered nurse, have two children; Esther, 17, and Daniel, 13. He replaces Elder Charles Moon who moved to the Hawaiian Mission.

**LINDA LEWIS** is the new secretary in the publishing and health services departments at the **Michigan Conference** office. Linda is a native of Jackson, Michigan, but has been working in Ludington until her arrival here. Linda became a Seventh-day Adventist about 18 months ago, after attending a Revelation Seminar.

**JEFFREY K. WILSON** former Illinois Conference youth, communication, and health/temperance director, has been appointed to serve as director of development and public relations at **Faith For Today**. In his new assignment Elder Wilson will seek to improve the understanding and commitment of the church and nonchurch audiences to the mission and ministry of the nation's oldest continuously running religious broadcast. He will serve as editor of *Telenotes* magazine, and will be responsible for display advertising and general news articles. His duties will also include increasing the number of active direct mail donors.

## ADVENTIST RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SPECIALIST ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICANS UNITED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Robert W. Nixon, a specialist in religious liberty legal affairs, has been elected president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.



Robert Nixon

Mr. Nixon, 43, is a lawyer at the Seventh-day Adventist General

Conference. A member of the Religious Liberty Committee of the National Council of Churches, he has written widely on the subject of religious freedom.

He also serves as an advisor to the Christian Legal Society's Religious Freedom Reporter and to the National Conference of Christians and Jews' Project on Church, State and Taxation.

He and his wife, Ellen, have a son and a daughter.



## AD BRINGS 3,000 BIBLE STUDY REQUESTS

NEWBURY PARK, Calif.—More than 3,000 persons have requested Bible lessons from the Voice of Prophecy because of a full-page, color ad in the September issue of Parents magazine.

The ad was created by Nan Cox, a free-lance advertising consultant from Santa Barbara, California.

"We are delighted with the response to the ad," says Leilani Proctor, supervisor of the Bible School. "Bible course ads are often quite general in nature, so as to appeal to a wide range of persons. The success of the ad in Parents, however, indicates the value of designing some ads to appeal to specific groups of readers. We are working on other ads for special audiences."

THE V.O.P. Committee of 500 raised the funds necessary for creating the ad, purchasing the magazine space, and paying for a toll-free WATS phone number for readers to call. The WATS lines are installed at Andrews University, where students trained in this work answer the calls.

A little less than 40 percent of the persons who requested the guides did so by calling the toll-free number. The others mailed in the coupon from the ad.

One Bible student wrote: "I am a teenage Christian mother. I'm also single. I spotted your advertisement in Parents magazine, and I saw a good way to answer some of my little boy's questions before he starts asking them. However, I discovered that your Bible guides have given me a deeper understanding for myself, as well. Thank you."

## Announcements

Announcements for publication in the Herald should be received by YOUR LOCAL CONFERENCE office at least FIVE weeks before the scheduled event.

### LAKE UNION

**CORRECTION:** On page nine of the Lake Union Herald, issue 24, dated November 22, 1983, Beth Hubrich's name should read Beth Haubrich.

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT of Andrews University is offering a class entitled Hospitality Made Easy. Learn the gracious art of hospitality and how to entertain with flair. It will be taught by Patricia Mutch on Monday

evenings 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. from January 9 to February 27. Credit and noncredit available. Contact Lifelong Learning for further information; 616-471-3286. Please make reservations by December 27, 1983.

**ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S LIFELONG LEARNING** is offering a workshop entitled How to Develop a Sermon, a course designed for lay persons. Elder Carl Coffman will teach the workshop on Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7 to 9 P.M. Lifelong Learning will also offer a class called Adult Sabbath School Teaching Methods, to aid senior Sabbath School teachers. This class will be held on Sunday, February 26, 8 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1 to 5 P.M. Additional time from 6 to 9 P.M. is needed for credit. Call Lifelong Learning for financial information and registration; 616-471-3286.

### MICHIGAN

**LYNWOOD ACADEMY GRADUATES:** Class of 1951, we are looking for you. If you graduated in '51, or know the location of someone who did, kindly contact Karen Shea, R. 2, Box 473, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; 616-473-3021. We are planning a reunion in Loma Linda, California on March 10, 1984.

### WISCONSIN

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS** or those turning 18 years old will want to plan to attend the Concurrence Project, January 6 to 8, 1984, at Camp Go Seek. Applications and information available from: Wisconsin Youth Ministries, Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707.

**WINTER YOUTH RETREAT**—February 17 to 19, 1984, at Whispering Pines, Frederic, Wisconsin. Enjoy a weekend of Christian association and winter sports. Guest speaker, Pastor Lester Merklin. For reservations and cost write to Mrs. Ken Nelson, Box 67, Lewis, WI 54851, or phone 715 653-2286.

### OUTSIDE LAKE UNION

**ADVENTIST SYMPHONY:** The Music Committee for the 1985 General Conference Session in New Orleans has invited Professor Orlo Gilbert of Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists to organize and direct the session symphony orchestra for the second weekend of July 7, 1985. Accommodations will have to be at the personal expense of each musician. To qualify, musicians must be currently in practice on an instrument and have been a member of an academy, college or community orchestra. The greatest need will be for string players: violin, viola, cello and string bass. For more information please write to Professor Orlo Gilbert, Southern College, Division of Music, Collegedale, TN 37315.

**THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT** in Loma Linda University's College of Arts and Sciences is searching for candidates to fill a full-time position to begin in the fall of 1984. The most important attribute of a candidate is teaching ability, other concerns include research ability and knowledge of analytical instruments. Send a resume no later than January 9 to Dr. Raymond Shelden, chairman, Department of Chemistry, Loma Linda University, Riverside, CA 92515-8247.

**FAITH FOR TODAY'S** weekly series, can now be viewed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin's largest city, WISN Channel 12 carries the program at 7:30 A.M. Sundays free of charge.

**FOREST LAKE ACADEMY ALUMNI:** Remember Homecoming—February 24 and 25, 1984. Registration will begin at 6:30 P.M., Friday, February 24, at the Music Building. At 7:30 P.M. we will begin our reunion. Honored classes are '34, '44, '54, '59, '64, and '74. Write for additional information, and send your current address and last year you attended or graduated from Forest Lake Academy.

## Classified Ads

All advertisements must be approved by your local conference office. Ads should be sent to the local conference office at least five weeks before the desired issue date. No phoned ads will be accepted. Final ad deadline at the Lake Union Herald office is Monday, 9 A.M., 16 days before the date of issue; 50 words maximum. Limit of four insertions.

Rates: \$11 per insertion for ads from Lake Union Conference church members; \$17 per insertion for all other advertisers. All ads must be paid in advance of printing. Money orders and checks should be made payable to the Lake Union Conference. There will be no refunds for cancellations.

The Herald cannot be responsible for advertisements appearing in its columns and reserves the right to edit classified ads in conformance with editorial policies. The Herald does not accept responsibility for categorical or typographical errors.

Notice: Classified ad rates will increase with the first issue in 1984; \$12 for all Lake Union Conference church members, and \$18.50 for all other advertisers.

EVERGREEN FORESTRY SERVICES is in need of Christian tree planters December to April for work in the southwest United States. Must be able to travel and camp. Hard physical work, but financially rewarding. Write to 4850 Woodland Dr., Sandpoint, ID 83864. —618-26

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SKI CONDO FOR RENT: 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo in Winter Park, Colorado; close to slopes, sleeps 6. Access to new club facilities with racquet ball, sauna, swimming pool, jacuzzi, one hour from Denver. Rates begin at \$60; by week or day. Call 312-325-0935 or 312-655-1715. —636-1

AUTO BODY MAN with experience in painting and making estimates. Also looking for experienced mechanic with his own tools and ability to meet the public. Send resume to: Automotive Parts & Service, P.O. Box 3, Walkerton, IN 46574, or phone 219-586-3166. —637-1

ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME—Beautiful country setting on 5 acres, 6 miles from Adventist Church. Have opening for male and female residents. 1900 W. Ludington Dr., Farwell, MI 48622; 517-588-6297. —643-2

LADY OR COUPLE for 12 to 16-bed foster care home in Three Rivers, Mich. Little cooking required, apartment furnished. Husband may have outside job. Steady position, good income, opportunities to share faith. Please call Fred or Eloise Boothby days, 616-382-2392; evenings, 616-628-2579. —644-2

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE needed for full-time, permanent position. B.S. degree in nursing and one year clinical experience required. Competitive salary. Contact Health Care at Home (a division of Adventist Health System/North), 5764 James Dr., Stevensville, MI 49127; 616-429-3290. —645-26

PHYSICAL THERAPIST: Home health agency in southwestern Michigan is seeking a registered physical therapist. Michigan license required. Staff position or contract. Contact Health Care at Home (a division of Adventist Health System/North), 5764 James Dr., Stevensville, MI 49127; 616-429-3290. —646-26



ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK: Health Care at Home, a division of Adventist Health System/North, is seeking an accounts receivable clerk. Excellent typing skills required; data entry and bookkeeping experience desirable. Full-time, permanent position. Contact Health Care at Home, 5764 James Dr., Stevensville, MI 49127; 616-429-3290. —647-26

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND ACADEMY, located at Calhoun, Georgia, has a 3,000-square-foot building available for use by an industry. This secondary boarding school is located centrally between Atlanta and Chattanooga, close to rail transportation. For details call 404-629-4591 or write: Principal, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Rt. 1 Box 222, Calhoun, GA 30701. —648-26

FOR SALE: Older home at 7773 Academy Rd., Cedar Lake, Mich. Gas, F.A., septic, well, fenced garden plot, one-car garage, walk to schools. New mortgage needed. \$21,000. Call: 517-662-6588 mornings or evenings. —649-26

FOR SALE HAMMOND ORGAN: Church Type. Full pedal. No Friday or Saturday calls. Phone 616-429-3566. —650-26

CHIEF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST: Responsible for the professional performance of the Occupational Therapy staff and planning of treatment policies for patient care. Require registered O.T. with 3-5 years clinical and 2 years management experience. Prefer someone able to oversee administrative function and serve as liaison between administration and personnel. Send resume to: Personnel Department, Kettering Medical Center, 3535 Southern Blvd., Kettering, OH 45429; 513-296-7843. —651-26

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY often has full- and part-time positions available in the following areas: clerical, dental assisting, research, construction and maintenance. If these or other areas may be of interest to you, please send a resume or contact: Loma Linda University, Personnel Department, 201 University Arts Building, Loma Linda, CA 92350; 714-824-4340. —652-26

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PLANNING A VACATION IN HAWAII, or passing through for a stop-over? We are away from the commotion of Waikiki, yet close to most attractions. Send for our information letter. Still some openings for winter. Write Gail Walker, 46-162 Humu Place, Kaneohe, HI 96744, or call 808-247-3813. —654-26

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NURSING DIRECTOR, BRIGHTON, COLORADO: New 58-bed AHS/EMA facility needs nursing director, nursing management background. Rural community of 15,000; shopping and events in Denver, 30 minutes away. Adventist Church; 10-grade school. Send your resume or call Mrs. Jackie Dunkin, Personnel, Brighton Community Hospital, 1850 Egbert, Brighton, CO 80601; 303-659-1531. —656-1

NEEDED: PRIVATE DUTY NURSING CARE in southeastern Michigan (home health aides, L.P.N.'s or receive training for a home health aide). Please contact Adventist Nursing Service, P. O. Box 478, Pontiac, MI 48056, or call 313-335-1290. —657-1

THE ADVENTIST CHRISTMAS GIFT for those special people in your life is a gift certificate and the new 1984 catalog from Adventist Cassette Resources, full of good Christian messages for listening all year long. Last-minute shoppers can call toll free and use their VISA or MasterCard; 800-533-5353. In Michigan call 616-471-3402. —659-26

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## Letters

Letters on nontheological topics are welcomed by the editors. We appreciate your thoughtful reaction to articles printed and your suggestions and questions. Right is reserved to edit for continuity and space limitations. Your name, address and the name of home church are required, but will not be published if you request anonymity.

I enjoy reading the Lake Union Herald and was so interested in your church revolving plan. It was through the Lake Union paper I saw a story of three brothers from Mexico who received help from an uncle, came here, and wanted to go to our schools; they attended one in Illinois. Their mother was sending them \$150 out of \$400 a month earnings, and the brothers needed help. I wrote to you and, through you, I started, a year ago last May, sending the sum of \$100 through our church welfare of Otter Lake to help. God directed me to notice these three brothers in need. This I can do as God's and Lord Jesus' helper. The thanks all go to our loving heavenly Father and Lord Jesus. Though I am 81 years old, my health is a gift of blessing from the holy Father and Lord Jesus, who constantly help me in strength, wisdom and love. God bless all of you at the Lake Union Herald. God does work so wonderfully.

A Little Helper for Jesus,  
Dorothy D. Ostrander  
Grand Blanc, Michigan

Last night as I was browsing through the September 27 issue of the Lake Union Herald, I again read the letter in the "Letters" column from Frances Christensen. She proposed printing poems on the Herald cover rather than photos. I realize that as a photographer who has had photos appear on the Herald cover, my remarks will perhaps be a bit biased. Yet I do enjoy and appreciate good poetry as well as good photography. Ms. Christensen posed the question, "What does a picture do for one?" What it does for a person will undoubtedly depend upon just who is looking at it and that individual's attitude. We humans are a varied lot, and we respond individually to various stimuli. A cover news photo can say a lot about the story it is a part of. It has been said many times that "a picture is worth a thousand words." A nature cover photo can say a lot about our Creator and heavenly Father. "'God is love' is written upon every opening bud, upon every spire of springing grass." (*Steps to Christ*, p. 10.) And wasn't it American poet Joyce Kilmer who once penned "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree"? A lot of poetry rides in nature's saddle. If a cover picture doesn't do anything for us, perhaps our eyes aren't listening to what it has to say. Personally, I hope the Herald doesn't replace the cover photo with a poem. I wouldn't mind seeing poems inside, however, or even on the cover complementing a picture.

Your brother in Christ,  
Charlie Swanson  
College Place, Washington

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

Luke 16:10

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