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## A Time To Be Joyous

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Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
Photo by the late Dr. James  
Twing, father of Allen Twing of La  
Grange, Illinois, who provided the  
photo.*

A few days ago I received a copy of the Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Newsletter. The back page of the letter featured "Student Quotes and Creations."

Seventh and eighth grade students were asked to comment on the statement, What Christmas means to me! I was impressed with the responses of each of the young people. Their parents and teachers are to be commended for the excellent job they have done in helping their children understand the meaning of Christmas.

One seventh grader said, "Christmas is a time for loving, sharing and giving presents to loved ones and friends." An eighth grader replied, "Christmas is an opportunity to realize your gifts, not gifts from other people, but gifts from God." Another response was, "Christmas is . . . a time for caring and sharing."

I was especially touched by the seventh grader who commented: "Christmas is a time to help the poor and a time to make a sad person happy. Most important is that Christmas is a time to be joyous, friendly and helpful."

In Christian lands, joy seems to permeate the air during the Christmas season. Rightfully observed, this season should be spent in reflecting on the love of God in giving His only begotten Son for the sins of the world. Are you not grateful for the willingness of Jesus Christ to leave heaven and come to this world as a Babe in Bethlehem? Had He been unwilling to make such a gesture on our behalf we would be without hope. Then let us rejoice.

Sad to say, the mere mention of the word "Christmas" does not make some Christians joyful. Instead, they get upset. I have known people to get angry because some of their fellow believers observe the day. Such individuals are quick to point out the pagan roots of December 25. They contend that because we do not know the true day on which Christ was born we should not observe Christmas.

I am sure that most students of Scripture realize that the day celebrated as Christmas is not the actual birthday of our Lord. However, He was born. For this we ought to be grateful. Instead of getting into a heated debate with our fellowmen over the unchristian background of December 25, let us take the opportunity to tell them what the Saviour means to us. Such a sharing cannot help but bring joy to the hearts of the teller and the hearer.

No one has been able to accurately identify the day of the year on which Jesus was born. It really doesn't matter. What does matter is that He loved all of us enough to be born. After living a life of example, He laid down His sinless life as a ransom for our sins.

Just as surely as the Son of God made His first advent, He shall make His second advent. The fact that men do not know the day or hour of His return, should not lessen the joy of the second coming.

What does Christmas mean to me? To me it means a heart made glad by heaven's gift to mankind in Bethlehem's manger. Therefore, it is a time to be joyous. Christmas also reminds me that Bethlehem's Babe shall soon return to this earth to claim His own. He shall make His appearance not as an infant, but as King.

During this season when hearts happily sing carols commemorating the first advent, let us not forget to sing with equal enthusiasm the hymn that looks forward to His second advent. It says:

*Joy to the world, the Lord will come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.*

# God Has a Plan

by Ken Crawford Jr.

AS Karen Petersen went about the task of cleaning and rearranging some of the articles in her home, she came across a box of books. Without any further thought, the books were put on a shelf and no further attention given to them.

In a brief moment of leisure some time later, she selected one of these books, *Bible Readings for the Home*, and casually began leafing through it, reading small portions here and there. Karen's interest in the book increased.

She found a postpaid card in the book which offered free Bible studies. The book was old, but she sent the card in anyway, not really expecting to ever get a response to her inquiry.

Karen said, "The card had a Washington, D.C., address on it. I had no idea whom I was contacting, but I had become interested in *Bible Readings* and wanted to learn more of it if at all possible."

Karen continued to read *Bible Readings* and was convinced she must follow Christ's leading.

She began daily devotions and joined a popular Protestant church. It was the first time she had been inside a church in more than 12 years.

One day Karen answered a knock on her door. At the door was a young man who showed her the card she had sent in some time before.

Karen had nearly forgotten about the request, and when the young man introduced himself as Frank Bacchus, pastor of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, she was very surprised.

Karen, her husband and Pastor Bacchus began studying *The Bible Says* lessons together in March of 1982. In June, Karen began attending the Oconto, Wisconsin, Church on occasion while still attending her other church faithfully. In September of that year she discontinued attending her church and came to the Oconto Church on a regular basis.

Karen was still not totally convinced of what she was learning in her studies, but was impressed that a decision must be made soon.

In December of 1982 Karen's former pastor paid her a visit. He had been concerned about her lack of attendance on Sunday mornings.

As Karen and her former pastor talked together, he could not understand her feelings about the Sabbath. He told her that employment would be difficult if she kept the Sabbath.

Karen said, "I couldn't believe my pastor was telling me not to keep the commandments because my job might be in jeopardy."



Karen Petersen

Karen attended a Revelation Seminar in Marinette, Wisconsin, beginning in February 1983, and was baptized at Wisconsin Camp Meeting in June of that year.

Life as an Adventist has not been easy for Karen. God has tested her in many ways, but her faith and trust in Him have carried her through.

Because of her husband's seasonal work Karen recently had to seek employment. Since she would be working the night shift, her manager told her it would not be possible for her to get Friday evenings off.

Because she needed the income from the job, she accepted it not knowing what to do about the Sabbath.

Thursday morning Karen spoke to her manager and told him she would not be able to come in Friday night. She said "I suppose this will cost me my job." Her manager's answer was only a curt "yes."

Karen accepted the fact that she was without a job and asked God for guidance, for she needed a job desperately. The following Monday afternoon her telephone rang, her former employer was on the line to tell her that a day-shift position had opened up and he needed her.

The day-shift position is a better job with better working conditions and more enjoyable surroundings.

A few weeks after she began working, the manager of the company told another Adventist who works in the same plant as Karen, "I have to know more about this Sabbath that is so important to you Adventists."

What the final results of Karen's witness and loyalty to principle will be only God knows, but of one thing Karen is sure, "It is very easy to see that God has had a plan for me all my life."

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AS Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life" (John 9:1-3, New International Version).

Spending a Sabbath afternoon with Leslie Lempke in concert is a thrill to say the least.

However, since Leslie is blind, has been diagnosed as being severely retarded, and is crippled with cerebral palsy, listening to his rich baritone voice and watching his fingers glide effortlessly over the piano keys is more like witnessing a miracle.

The nationally famous 32-year-old Leslie, who has recently begun living with a Seventh-day Adventist family, was a visitor at the Marshfield, Wisconsin, Church on November 17.

After a fellowship dinner, several members gathered in the living room of Mike and Barb Brusky to hear this gifted man.

From there Leslie performed in the oncology unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield where he transformed a patient lounge into a concert hall. Patients, personnel and visitors alike seemed transfixed by Leslie's rendition of "The Lord's Prayer," "I Believe," and "How Great Thou Art."

A teary-eyed patient leaned forward and whispered to her friend, "If God can do this for Leslie, I know He hears my prayers too."

"Did you see that movie about him?" one visitor asked another.

When the concert was ended, there were hugs and handshakes and expressions of appreciation. Leslie also seemed pleased with his music, which in itself is remarkable since for the first several years of his life he was almost unresponsive.

Abandoned at the Milwaukee



Leslie Lempke plays the piano and sings as Jeannie Weyenberg, a visitor to the Marshfield Church, enjoys his performance. Jeannie is also blind.

## The Gift of Love

by Rose Jensen

County Hospital as an infant, a premature Leslie was not given much hope for life.

Before he was 6 months old, both of his badly diseased eyes had been surgically removed. He was diagnosed as retarded and palsied, and the only prescribed treatment was good foster care until his imminent death.

May Lempke, a four-and-a-half-foot, 90-pound nurse-governess, had earned a reputation in the Milwaukee area as being excellent with children. A call was made to her and Leslie's condition described. She was asked if she would think about taking him.

"I don't have to think about it," was May's reply, "I have some vacation time, bring him out."

The next day a tiny specimen of humanity wrapped in a blanket was placed in her arms. But he was far from the normal 6-month-old baby. Leslie's long, thin body had the appearance of a newborn infant.

Instead of a healthy pink, however, his skin was pale. One of his arms was bent up as in a fetal position, and the sockets where his eyes had been were red and draining. He made no sound, and, incapable of moving, he lay like a limp rag doll.

"Oh, he looks terrible! So forlorn and helpless," May gasped. "But God loves little children, even this

little creature. We'll just see what we can do."

May's first task was teaching Leslie how to suck a bottle. She would place her lips on his cheek and make sucking sounds, then she would put the bottle in his mouth.

After several hours and numerous attempts, Leslie began to suck on the bottle; only slightly at first, but soon after with all the gusto of any baby. It was May's first clue that her instincts about Leslie were right.

"Baby," she cried, "you are going to live!" No child had ever died while in her care. But with Leslie, it was more than a matter of professional pride, it was a matter of love.

Daily she massaged his lifeless limbs with oil, working especially with his crooked little arm until it finally straightened out. She cuddled him often and talked to Leslie continually. It was important that he knew that someone loved him.

One day while he was sunning on the pier behind their home on Pewaukee Lake, Leslie had a visitor. May's daughter Pat Smith from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, came by to see him. What she saw startled her.

"What can you possibly do for a baby as horrible as this one?" asked Pat.

Rose Jensen is the communication secretary of the Marshfield, Wisconsin, Church.

Stricken by the plight of the unfortunate baby and her mother's attachment to him, Pat was impressed to dedicate Leslie to Jesus. Standing on the pier, with head bowed, she asked that God's will be done.

Every night May sent her own prayers heavenward. "You did miracles in the olden days," she prayed. "Do one for me now. Do something special for Leslie. The poor boy has lost his eyes and his body is crippled. Give the boy a gift."

May's other daughter, Mary Larson, a member of the Bethel Church in Arpin, Wisconsin, was also concerned about the situation.

"Mother, you are 52 years old now," she said. "You've raised your family. Do you understand the commitment you're making here? What are you going to do; just give up your career as a nurse-governess?"

"Yes," was May's reply. "I've earned enough money now. Besides, my husband can take care of me. I have a job to do for Jesus, and I'm going to do it."

Months grew into years. In spite of the fact that Leslie showed no signs of improvement, May never gave up her loving care and commitment.

She carried him everywhere until he became too heavy for her to lift. It was then that May devised a leather harness in which she would strap Leslie to her back. "Trailing," she called it.

Her hope was that the rhythm of her walking would encourage him to take a step.

May and Joe, her husband, would stand Leslie up to a woven wire fence in their backyard in hopes that he would stand alone by hanging on to the fence.

"Come on, Love, you can do it," May would coax. But Leslie would crumple into a heap.

The day that Leslie actually hung on for a second was a day of rejoicing. After years of repeating this process, Leslie finally was standing.

At last he took his first step, and soon he was walking the entire length of the fence.

It seemed that May's prayers were being answered. God was surely working in Leslie's life.



*May Lempke's faith in God and love for Leslie have willed a miracle.*

May next noticed Leslie doing something out of the ordinary. Whenever he touched a piece of taut string or wire, he would strum on it with his fingers.

The day that May found him strumming rhythmically on the bedsprings, she suspected that Leslie might be musical.

She and Joe put together enough money to buy a used upright piano and had it moved into Leslie's bedroom.

May, who could play the piano herself, would place Leslie's fingers on the keys and explain the sounds he heard. Was it her imagination, or did Leslie seem to be enjoying it?

They spent hours together at the piano until Leslie could pick out a bar or two of simple melodies May would play.

Early one morning, May was awakened by music. Thinking she had left the television on, she got up to turn it off. To her surprise, it was off. The music was coming from Leslie's bedroom.

He was playing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 flawlessly! The music was Liberace's theme song. Leslie had heard it numerous times on television.

May fell on her knees and cried, then laughed. She ran to get Joe and thanked God for giving her boy the gift of music. Leslie was 16 years old at the time.

May discovered that whatever piece of music Leslie heard, he was able to perfectly reproduce it. But he still had not spoken a word.

May began to place her mouth

on Leslie's cheek and sound out different words to him. His first words came in the form of a song three years after he began playing the piano.

Then, just before his 26th birthday, Leslie began to haltingly use words in conversation.

In scientific terms, Leslie exemplifies an oddity called savant syndrome. According to Dr. Donald Treffert, a psychiatrist who has examined Leslie, savants possess an unusual brain circuitry which gives them access to portions of the brain, particularly memory, that the rest of us do not have.

Leslie differs from most savants in the scope of his talent. He is still broadening.

Leslie now composes some music and he wants to play the violin in addition to the piano.

This unusual man and his unusual foster mother have made several appearances on television. They have appeared on "60 Minutes" twice. "That's Incredible" has aired their story, and they have been guests on the "Phil Donahue Show."

A book has been written about their saga from which the movie "The Woman Who Willed a Miracle" was made.

Leslie, accompanied by May, has given concerts throughout the United States.

May, now 84 years of age, is suffering from the effects of a brain disorder and is unable to care for Leslie by herself. She and Leslie now live with her daughter Mary in Arpin.

The royal family of Norway requested Leslie's appearance in Norway. Mary and Pat accompanied him to Oslo where they stayed in the home of Elder and Mrs. Rols Krvinge.

Leslie was the featured performer at the "We Will Festival of '84," for the physically handicapped. On Monday, November 26, Leslie gave a performance before the crown prince, parliament, and the heads of state.

At the end of the concert a gift of the Conflict of the Ages series was presented to the prince.

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27).

*1,000 Days of Reaping*

# The Harvest Festival

*by H. W. Pritchard  
Photo by Richard Dower*



**W**HY One Thousand Days of Reaping? A cliché only? Is it just another conference program? (ho-hum) What possible benefits might accrue from urging Seventh-day Adventist soul saving?

- New member blood revitalizes the church. Stimulates friendships. Lifts hum drum of life to vibrant concern about others.
- Focusing on people outreach means less in-reach to people squabbles. People searching to tell the "good news" to others are too busy to throne self.
- Reaping time is a happy time, providing a tremendous sense of satisfaction in blessings received. It also promotes health, happiness and peace.
- Reaping follows sowing. Soul sowing is a time to team for a common good (yours and the one you bring to Christ). What can surpass the joy of co-laboring with Christ and His good news?
- It's impossible to deny the financial benefits of reaping. It feeds both soul and body. More members mean more arms carry the overhead of church finances with less strain. In short, reaping provides financial "grain" for the gathering of sheaves.

**A Look Back:** My first General Conference Session in 1966 was an unforgettable experience. It was held at Detroit's Cobo Hall—the temporary residence of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists. Stepping into that huge arena and seeing a sea of like-believing people singing together was like a taste of heaven's exquisite harmony.

**A Look Ahead:** Eagerly I look forward to next summer's General Conference Session at New Orleans. Thousands of fellow believers will gather again to sing, but this time the melody will be even sweeter. All heaven will join the harvest festival as we rejoice together for the 1,000,000 new Adventists that have resulted from the 1,000 Days of Reaping. Oh that will be glory!



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*Gifts of the Spirit:  
Intercession*

## Warriors Of Prayer

by Roy C. Naden



*Intercessory prayer is heard in heaven. . . . Warriors of prayer are vital soldiers in the great controversy with Satan. Is this your spiritual gift?*

**T**HE dismal years of captivity were fast closing. Once again Israel could see hope on her horizon. The great countdown had begun.

In the minds of the devout, plans were already being made to return to the Promised Land, rebuild the shattered city and their demolished homes and reinstitute the morning and evening sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering.

No one looked forward to this reality more than the special prophet of the period—Daniel. For years this confidant of kings had dreamed of returning to the land of his youth.

Times without number he had recalled teenage memories of the holy city from which he had been so traumatically wrenched and brought to the court of Nebuchadnezzar.

For nearly 70 years he had been resisting the insistent influences of the heathen. How he longed to be going home.

Seventy years! He had never stopped counting. And his counting was nearly over. Dreaming and praying, as was his habit throughout the decades, with windows open on the proud and profigate below, he began the intercession recorded in Daniel chapter 9:

*Lord, by all your acts of justice turn away your anger and your fury from Jerusalem, your own city, your holy mountain, for as a result of our sins and the crimes of our ancestors, Jerusalem and your own people have become a byword*



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*among all around us.*

*And now, our God, listen to the prayer and pleading of your servant. For your own sake, Lord, let your face smile again on your desolate sanctuary.*

*Listen my God, listen to us; open your eyes and look on our plight and on the city that bears your name. We are not relying on our own good works but on your great mercy, to commend our humble plea to you.*

*Listen, Lord! Lord, forgive! Hear, Lord, and act! For your own sake, my God, do not delay, because they bear your name, this is your city, this is your people (Daniel 9:16-19, Jerusalem Bible).*

And the result of this impassioned intercession?

*I was still speaking, still at prayer, confessing my own sins and the sins of my people Israel and placing my plea before Yahweh my God for the holy mountain of my God, still speaking, still at prayer, when Gabriel, the being I had seen originally in a vision, flew suddenly down to me at the hour of the evening sacrifice (Daniel 9:20, 21 Jerusalem Bible).*

Intercessory prayer is heard in heaven. Intercessory prayer prays the blessings down.

Warriors of prayer are vital soldiers in the great controversy with Satan. And this unique spiritual gift is mentioned in this series on spiritual gifts to highlight the fact that there are many gifts among God's people which are not named as such in the New Testament.

Four main texts mention a variety of gifts—at least 22 gifts—but intercession is not one of them. However, as we have noted in the life of Daniel—and we could add Moses, Paul and others—intercession is an important spiritual work which God gives to some in the ongoing battle with Satan, especially as we near the end of the great war.

If this is *your* gift, you can exercise it in the privacy of your living room or bedroom. And be assured, you have a vital part to play in the work of the Lord Jesus.

# Help for Young People At New Day Centers

by Theodore J. Chamberlain

**H**AS your 9-year-old son used his allowance to buy narcotics? Is your 8-year-old daughter on speaking terms with the local drug pusher?

As ridiculous as these questions may sound, they cannot be dismissed lightly. Carlton Turner, director of the White House Drug Abuse Policy Office, said recently that by the age of 9 one child in four has felt pressures to use drugs.

Drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents has been with us for some time, but the pressure on young people is growing each year and reaching down into the younger age brackets.

Past efforts to create a drug-free generation of youth have been largely educational and informational. Education is not enough. Today's reality demands specific programs for treatment and rehabilitation.

As part of this new thrust, New Day Centers, Inc., recently announced that it has selected adolescents as a primary target for its services.

Teenagers seem to be more physically prone to addiction and are more influenced by peer pressure. As they go through a stressful period of life, seeking to establish their sense of identity and assert their independence, drugs often seem to offer a crutch.

The response of parents and other adults can complicate the situation. For a teenager, any use of alcohol or drugs is illegal. Their use brings an almost instant response of shock, anger or dismay from adult authority figures.

This response can create family tensions and perhaps lead to further dependence on the drug.

Marti Heuer, adolescent clinical coordinator for the New Day Center

at Battle Creek Adventist Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, says that addiction can come suddenly for many adolescents.

"In the past, people looked at addiction as a process that took several years to show up. But that's just not true at all; it can show up within months."

By no means, all or even a majority of the teenagers nationwide who need intervention are alcoholics or addicted to a drug. However, many cases do involve life-threatening situations.



For example, Rich, a 17-year-old basketball letter winner, started drinking only seven months ago. Within that time, he has had two citations for drunk driving and one major accident.

John, 14, became increasingly disoriented when he started using alcohol and LSD frequently. He was referred to New Day when he was found drunk and unconscious in his front yard.

Jackie, a 14-year-old female, was referred to the center by court order for truancy from school, incorrigible behavior at home, and serious depression resulting in a suicide attempt.

Adolescents like Rich, John, and Jackie, who are referred to adolescent treatment facilities, are often bright and talented; many are resistant to treatment at first, but nearly all have problems too serious to ignore.

The problems and needs of

these teenagers are unique. They would likely not respond, or even respond negatively, to treatment in an adult inpatient program.

The New Day approach is to recruit a treatment staff that is specifically trained and experienced in adolescent development and chemical dependency. The treatment is aimed at helping the "whole" person.

"Our staff is real special," says Ms. Heuer. "They have to understand teenagers and they have to be firm but caring. Kids with negative behavior who deny the disease must be confronted directly."

Unlike many adolescent facilities that have sprung up recently, New Day does not believe in physical restraints.

Even though patients usually enter the 45-day inpatient program through some kind of referral or intervention, they participate voluntarily and may leave any time they wish. Most choose to stay, even while denying their disease.

Treatment teams, including physicians, psychologists, nurses, counselors and activities therapists, work within an environment that provides structure, clear expectations and limitations on the behavior of the adolescent. Yet they respect the person's right as an individual.

The program includes physical fitness, assertiveness training and discussion of sexuality issues.

Adolescents also participate in academic programs and recreational therapy throughout the 45-day inpatient stay.

Most research shows that a healthy family unit is critical to the recovery of the dependent adolescent. New Day's program includes family counseling, a weekly family night, and a parent support group.

Crucial to the success of any chemical dependence treatment is aftercare. "Our goal is to give patients a supportive atmosphere to take with them when they leave here," says Ms. Heuer.

"We do aftercare planning for them, . . . and let them know that we just took care of a small part of the problem while they were here. We give them the tools, but it's up to them to use those tools."

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# 'What If . . . ?'

by Jonathan L. Hamrick

**W**HEN you were a child, did you ever play "What If?"

It is a way children stimulate a lively conversation, asking each other questions—some funny, some ridiculous, some even thought-provoking.

What if your nose were upside down? What if cows could fly?

What if we all had little meters right in the middle of our foreheads to show just how much we love the people we know and how much we love God?

Such an arrangement could prove embarrassing, so it is probably better that we don't have meters that others can see . . . or do we?

Well, not a meter exactly, but God has given each of us indicators of another kind. Really, we show how much we love those around us by how we treat them.

How much we love God, we show by what we do with all He has entrusted to our management. Our time, our talents, our possessions, ourselves . . . all belong to Him.

One of the loveliest scenes from the story of Jesus is found in Mark 14. The cast of characters includes Jesus, a man called Simon the leper (apparently a rather prominent man), the disciples of Jesus, and a woman of somewhat less than spotless reputation, according to the account in the book of Luke.

Jesus and His disciples are seated at a banquet in Simon's house when suddenly this woman comes to Jesus, breaks a container of precious perfume, and pours it lovingly over His head.

Obviously, Jesus and the woman become the focal point of the whole scene. Sharp criticisms ensue—even innuendos, but Jesus is quick to rebuke the critics and gives a most remarkable prophecy of commendation.

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He assures his listeners that what they have just witnessed will be told wherever the Gospel is proclaimed. He tells His shocked fellow guests and their host that this distinct honor was bestowed upon the woman because, in His words, "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8).

What had she done? The record indicates she had spent the equivalent of a year's wages for a laboring man of that time in a unique attempt to express her love for Jesus and her appreciation for what He had done for her. She had done all she could do.

What do you suppose would happen if every member of the church would do all he or she could do for Jesus?

What if every man, woman and child who profess to be a part of this great movement would lose themselves . . . or rather find themselves in giving their all to that which matters most?

The answer is: Jesus would come again to earth!

James 5:7 tells us: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

Many thrilling stories in the Bible tell about people who were willing to do all they could for God. But the greatest story is the story of Jesus who gave Himself.

God so loved the world that He gave His all for you and me. Thank God His doors of service are still open to us. His great mercy allows us to know His love and respond with all of our hearts.

What if I don't do all I can? What if you don't do all you can?

A number of years ago, I was driving alone through some desolate country out West. I realized it was going to take me longer to reach my destination than I had planned, so I looked for a place to use a telephone. Suddenly, I saw a sign which said, "Last Chance."

Soon I walked into a dilapidated building, and there on a shelf in front of me was a real human skull! Under it were these solemn words: "Pause, friend! Consider this. As you are now, I once was. As I am now, you soon shall be!"

I have thought of that skull and its sermon many times. How true.

Have you looked at your indicator lately? What if?

May the Lord be able to look at us as He did the woman mentioned in Mark 14. For "She hath done what she could."



Duane and Edith Wesler give \$5 to Investment for every calf that reaches five weeks of age.



Duane and Edith Wesler regulate their cattle feeding by use of a computer which also records the health of the animals.

## Partners With God

by Erlabell Petry

**N**EARLY 2,000 years ago a stable in the city of Bethlehem became vibrant with heavenly activity and changed the world.

A stable has also played a large role in the lives of Duane and Edith Wesler.

Duane, an active Christian, believed and read his Bible throughout his life. However, two questions were never answered:

"Why do we worship on Sunday when the Bible says Sabbath?" and "What really happens at death?"

He had never heard about Seventh-day Adventists until he received an invitation to attend a Lester Carney evangelistic meeting held in the Richmond, Indiana, Church.

The invitation was actually sent

to Duane's son by William Fisher, the Richmond Church Sabbath School superintendent, but it was passed on to Duane.

Studies by Pastor Don Dronin and meetings with Elder Larry Cansler were other ways by which the Holy Spirit worked. Duane was baptized on February 9, 1979. Edith joined her husband in baptism in 1980, after studying with Pastor Carl Johnson.

The Weslers' seven-silo farm consists of 450 acres of land. They have 245 cattle, 90 of which are milking cows.

The Weslers operate their farm in partnership with God, and for each calf that reaches five weeks of age they give \$5 for Investment.

"Sixty-seven calves this year," said Edith, who bottle feeds the calves. Feeding the calves is just one of her daily chores which begin at 6 A.M.

Duane, a public school board

member in his community for more than 21 years, enjoys giving Bible studies. He uses spare time in the winter to do part-time literature evangelism.

Duane and Edith have been married 10½ years and speak of miracles taking place in the lives of their grown children. They also witness to family and friends.

"The Weslers are a real blessing to the Richmond Church," says Pastor William Kennedy. "They are always helping someone."

Duane is the personal ministries leader of the church and a teacher in the Sabbath School. In addition, he occasionally preaches and sings.

Edith is a deaconess and ministers to the needs of many with her warm personality.

"Knowing Jesus gives us such peace of mind and joy," says Duane, "we just want to share what we've found."

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# What Does Christmas Mean?

text and pictures by students of the Lake Union Conference

## What Christmas Means to Me

On a cold wintry day, many years ago,  
Our Lord Christ was born in a manger low,  
Without even a pillow to lay beneath His head,  
No comfortable mattress, not even a bed.  
All spectators knelt to worship the birth,  
They realized Divinity was now come to earth.  
The wise men arrived and watched breathlessly,  
Expecting some great miracle as He lay peacefully.  
Mary was there, admiring her son.  
The Savior's life had just begun.  
The angels in chorus sang songs of cheer,  
We sinners realized God's only son was here.  
Imagine the joy, the comfort and surprise,  
As little Lord Jesus opened His eyes!  
After all of these happenings, some still fail to  
<sup>see,</sup>  
It's a miracle itself! Christ's birth for you  
and me.  
The birth of God's only son who's love  
has set us free.  
Is the true meaning of Christmas, at  
least it is for me!

Brian McGhee, grade 8, Waukegan, Ill.



Eddie Doran, grade 5, Collinsville, Ill.

Christmas is a gift  
The story so true,  
The snow so white,  
Christmas is a gift.

The stars come out,  
So bright at night,  
Christmas is a gift.

When Jesus died,  
He died for me,  
Christmas is a gift.

God made the trees,  
So green and tall,  
Christmas is a gift,  
God bless you all!

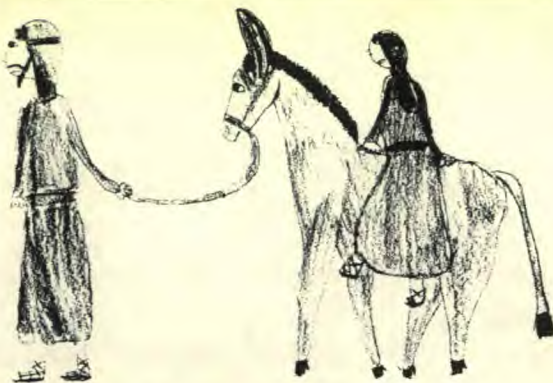
Shae Love, grade 3, Indianapolis, Ind.



Kajsa Hellgren, grade 2, Columbus, Wis.

Christmas is fun and Christmas  
 is nice. I like the snow I like the  
 lights I like my presents. I Love  
 dear Jesus and I am glad  
 Jesus came to our world.

Rachel Racine, grade 2, Ottawa, Ill.



A Child is born  
 Two people were traveling.  
 In the darkest of night.  
 The stars shone bright.  
 As they made their way.  
 Into the hay out in a stable.  
 Then glory of glories!  
 A child is born!  
 The glorious  
 Son of God.

Andrea Hanson, grade 6, Tomah, Wis.



Kirk Perry, grade 6, Columbus, Wis.



Stacey Hughes, grade 4, Berrien Springs, Mich.

#### THE SOUNDS and SIGHTS of CHRISTMAS

Bells ringing,  
 Children singing.  
 Icicles dripping,  
 Scissors clipping.  
 Cash registers ringing,  
 Doorbells ringing.

Snowflakes falling,  
 Postmen calling.  
 Toys down the lanes,  
 Candy canes.  
 Decoration and Christmas  
 trees.  
 Pretty Smiles from  
 You and me.

Michael Dixon, grade 7, Chicago, Ill.

Christmas means that  
 the snow is on the  
 ground, the lights are  
 on the trees, and it is a  
 happy time.

Norman Susens, grade 1, Cedar Lake, Mich.



Christmas is a time of happiness,  
 When you're with your family,  
 Remember that Jesus died for us.  
 I hope when he returns for me -  
 I'll be there to see.

Keith Turner, grade 5, Indianapolis, Ind.



Erin Evans, grade 1, Columbus, Wis.

Because many people thought of God  
 With fear, He sent His son as a baby so dear.  
 To live as a man, and die on a tree x  
 To rise again and come back for me



Anita Rockwell, grade 6, Indianapolis, Ind.

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,  
 Born to save the world  
 Jesus, Jesus, holy Jesus,  
 All up in a manger curled,  
 While the snowflakes  
 pour down from the sky,  
 The angels sang from on high,  
 Jesus, Jesus, loving Jesus,  
 Born on that special night,  
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,  
 I'll always love you alright!

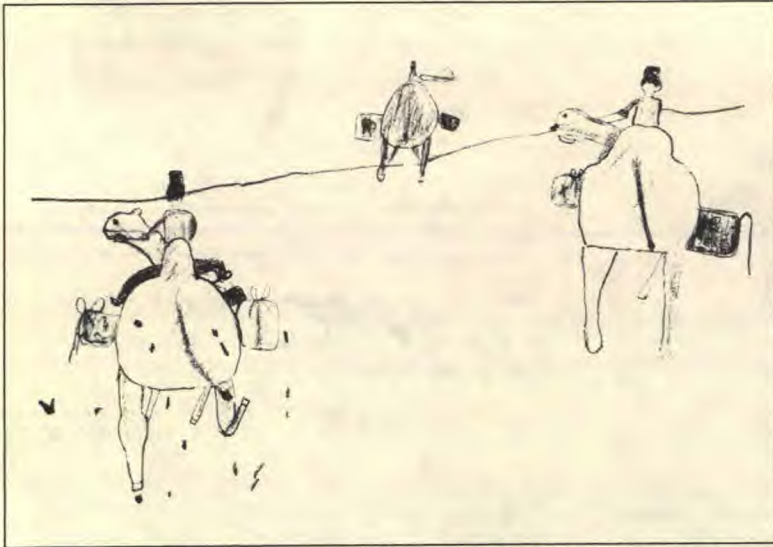
Helga Roth, grade 5, Tomah, Wis.

Wake up people!  
 Today is Jesus day.  
 Wake up people!  
 The angels are on their way!  
 He was born as a babe,  
 In a manger of hay.  
 So wake up people!  
 And tell about Jesus' way.

Melissa Lindo, grade 6, Cassopolis, Mich.

What Christmas Means to Me  
 Christmas means that Jesus came down at Christmas time to give his life for our sins. It's a time to give your happiness to someone else. It's a time to share. You should thank Jesus for dying for your sins. It's a time to share your faith. Christmas time is a time most people gain weight. Christmas time is a time to visit, laugh, and go places and play in the snow. It's a time to get together with your family and talk about a lot of things.

Brandi Burton, grade 4, Ottawa, Ill.



Anton Reed, grade 5, Indianapolis, Ind.

Christmas, Christmas such  
 a delight;  
 Everybody is happy, jolly and  
 bright.  
 Christmas, Christmas is so  
 much fun;  
 You can buy for your mother,  
 father, daughter or son.  
 Christmas, Christmas is the time  
 for snow;  
 Time for presents with nice big  
 bows.  
 Christmas, Christmas such  
 delight;  
 Everybody happy, jolly and  
 bright.

Cheryl Poore, grade 7, Indianapolis, Ind.

Christmas is a time of giving & receiving. Some just like the receiving, but I think you get the same joy in giving. Christmas is a time of praise, and give to the children whom you have raised. Christmas is a time to remember when all your family and friends got together. Christmas is a happy time of love, joy, and peace sublime.

I love Christmas - it's special to me, especially when I think of who died on that tree. And soon I know he will come again, and take us all home with him.

Joanna Melashenko  
 7th grade, age 12  
 West Suburban S. D. A.  
 School



Merry  
 Christmas!

# 'Be Your Best And Pass It On'

by T. Lynn Caldwell

**S**ENIOR citizens do not need to have soft bones, hard arteries or clogged minds," says Charlotte Hamlin. And she means what she says.

To prove her point, the white-haired assistant professor of nurs-

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ing at Andrews University has only to point to the stack of medals she collected earlier this fall at the Illinois Senior Olympics.

One day after her 66th birthday Mrs. Hamlin was in Springfield, Illinois, racking up an impressive record by winning a medal in every event she entered.

All in all, she walked away with three gold, five silver and two bronze medals for her skill in such contests as the quarter-mile sprint bicycle race, high jump, 50-meter

run, five-mile bicycle race, running broad jump and several others.

"I am not so much interested in competition as I am in being an example to other senior citizens of their health potential," says Mrs. Hamlin. She believes her performance in the Senior Olympics is only a continuation of her example to others.

In the 1980 Senior Olympics, also in Springfield, she won seven medals and ranked second in the total number of points for her age group.

Mrs. Hamlin exercises two to three hours a day when preparing for competition. When not in training, her exercise schedule is not as rigorous but very consistent. She says, "I swim laps every morning and I ride my bicycle or walk to work and when doing errands."

Mrs. Hamlin says her motto is "Be your best and pass it on!" She puts that motto into practice by sharing health principles with others.

One of the ways she shares is through the 3C's Risk Evaluation Program, sponsored by the Andrews nursing department. Since 1973 she has been director of 3C's.

The program offers education and evaluation on the prevention of coronary disease, cancer and stroke. Twenty-five laboratory tests are performed on participants to determine cholesterol, triglyceride, blood sugar levels and other potential problem areas commonly found in Americans.

"If we work on taking care of ourselves by eating right, exercising and getting proper rest, we can experience good health," says Mrs. Hamlin.

After two successful trips to the Illinois Senior Olympics with a total of 17 medals to her credit, what could be next? Says Mrs. Hamlin, "I will begin training for the International Senior Olympics to be held in Toronto next year."



*One day after her 66th birthday Charlotte Hamlin won a medal in every event she entered at the Illinois Senior Olympics.*



# The Moment of Truth

by David E. Johnston

**T**HE year was 1963. I was employed as a claims adjuster for a large casualty insurance company on the East Coast.

For me it was a year of decision, including a decision to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That decision led to other decisions. Let me share just one with you.

The company which employed me allowed each claims adjuster to use a company car. Each of us was to report our business mileage and our personal mileage, which together equaled the mileage registered on the car.

We were expected to reimburse the company for each personal mile we drove. I had been reporting a lot of business mileage and only a small amount of personal mileage. After all, everyone reported that way.

But now the moment of decision was upon me—my personal moment of truth. Did the message I

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**The moment of decision had come. I owed the company over \$2,000. Did I have the courage to make it right?**

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was about to embrace mean anything to me? Was I really a new person? Did I have the courage to make it right with the company?

I sat down to figure out how much I would owe. After all, if it were a small amount, it wouldn't be much of a problem. To my dismay, I found that the final debt which should be returned to the company was more than \$2,000.

For a young man with three small children and a homemaker wife this was a large amount of money.

In addition, I also had to face an executive in the home office of my company and explain to him that I

had not treated the company fairly. That meant I was risking the loss of my job.

But I knew what I must do. I made an appointment with the appropriate executive and presented my story to him.

I can still remember his response. It turned out he was well aware of how we claims adjusters figured out our mileage. In fact, since that practice was accepted procedure, he wondered why I was even making an issue of it.

I explained to him my coming baptism and subsequent membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I said that I believed a Christian should always make things right. And wrongs of the past, even if innocently made, must be corrected if at all possible.

He told me that in 20 years he had never had anyone come to him and offer to repay the company.

He then told me that he could not take more than \$500 because he said that *his* conscience would bother him if he did. I left his office praising the Lord.

When we choose to do the right

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*David E. Johnston is stewardship director for the Lake Union Conference.*



thing, God is there by our side. His courage never fails even though ours might.

December is a good time to review the past year and to make things right, to balance the books and to settle up. It is a good feeling to start the new year with a clean slate.

In an effort to encourage such a review, there are a number of important and timely questions which we should ask ourselves.

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1. *Have I made Jesus my example in my stewardship this year?*

Jesus came not to do as He desired but as He was directed by God (John 6:38). Have I let God direct my stewardship this year?

2. *Do I acknowledge that all I am, all I have, belongs to God?* We have no legitimate claim on anything we own, including ourselves, for we have been created and redeemed by God through Jesus Christ (Psalm 24:1; Psalm 50:10, 11 and Colossians 1:12-17).

3. *Have I placed God first in my life this year?* (Exodus 20:3).

Making God first counts only if there is complete love on our part (Luke 10:27).

4. *Since I recognize God as the total owner of all I have, have I acknowledged Him as such by making Him first through my tithe?* God asks that recognition of our relationship with Him be expressed through our faithful tithe (Leviticus 27:30).

5. *Have I been regular and systematic in returning God's tithe?* God knows that even a sweet relationship can diminish over a period of time if not intentionally renewed on a regular basis (Nehemiah 12:44).

6. *Have I returned God's tithe to the proper place rather than*

*deciding myself what to do with it?* God says to bring the tithe to the storehouse (Malachi 3:10). Tithe should be given to the local church where it is to be passed on to the local conference, where a portion is to be passed on to help in the worldwide work of the church.

7. *Have I returned a full tithe to God* (Leviticus 27:30). This means tithing the *increase* (Deuteronomy 14:22). We would not want to short-change God after all He has done for us.

8. *Have I also been faithful in my offerings?* The tithe portion is set by God, whereas the offerings are determined by myself. Both are a part of our continuing stewardship. We cannot outgive the Lord (Malachi 3:8).

9. *How can I fully understand what God seeks in my stewardship?* God seeks for us to be partakers with Him, as junior partners (Isaiah 48:17). This calls for submission and for a seeking of God's will in our stewardship decisions (Matthew 7:7).

10. *Has my attitude been right in my stewardship?* Acting from duty or reluctance does not build a Christian experience. Only a loving, willing, and cheerful offering is acceptable, because only this kind of stewardship builds Christlike character (II Corinthians 9:7). Is my Christian experience improving because of my faithful stewardship? Stewardship should make my life fuller and more blessed than ever before (John 10:10).



David E. Johnston

"God planned the system of beneficence in order that man might become like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with Christ of the eternal, glorious reward" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 255).

How we relate to our stewardship of tithes and offerings is important, for it is through our stewardship of time, talents, tithes and offerings and the body temple that we express our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Some years ago I was asked to serve the church in the state of Maryland. I accepted and moved into temporary quarters, as my Michigan home had not been sold. Plans were made to construct a new home in Maryland.

At the last minute, after financ-

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ing had all been arranged, the builder raised the cost of the new home. I declined to meet the new asking price.

The home in Michigan was never sold. The dilemma was solved when the Lord opened the way for me to return to Michigan in the same capacity as previously. Had the new home been purchased, as planned, the two homes would have presented a burden.

But to those who follow the principles of stewardship, this promise is made, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

Now is the time to review the past, to balance the books for the present, and to look with courage to the future. Accept God's challenge, "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing."

God is ready and waiting. How about you?

# Unconditional Love— 110 Years and Counting

by Vivian Joseph

**F**OR the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land" (Deuteronomy 15:11).

Since poverty shall never cease, opportunities shall always exist for members of the Chicagoland Community Services Federation to show attributes of mercy and love.

By administering to the poor, sick, and to the unfortunate, members of this organization are cultivating a tenderness and compassion that is similar to that of Christ.

They have learned that joy comes through sharing their time and means. They have also learned that they are not fulfilling the plan of God if they simply care for the needs of members within their own family circle, to the exclusion of those with needs in their communities.

Members of the Chicagoland Federation seek those who are in need. They have found that when they relieve the suffering of people in the community the work of drawing souls to Christ becomes a joy, and many of their own personal problems are forgotten.

The above information was included in a report that was made by the Lake Region Conference Chicagoland Community Services Federation during its 110th anniversary. This organization was established to lead men and women to Christ through love.

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*Vivian Joseph is the communication director for the Lake Region Conference.*



*From left, James Payne, James Bond, Billy Newby and Bernard Hamlet are members of Chicago area churches. They formed a quartet and sang during the mini-concert held at the Independence Boulevard Church in Chicago.*

The anniversary celebration was held at the Independence Boulevard Church in Chicago. The weekend celebration started with a mini-concert featuring a quartet, duet selections by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards and solo selections by Linda Mitchell.

Marcus Harris, pastor of the Berean Church in South Bend, Indiana, was guest speaker for the Friday evening service. His sermon was taken from Luke 10:25-37. The title was "The Neighbor of Love—Who is My Neighbor?"

Pastor Harris emphasized verse

27 which says: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

Pastor Harris stated that the story of the Good Samaritan was one of the first acts of community services recorded in the Bible.

Sabbath morning members from the Chicagoland area were welcomed to a Sabbath School program coordinated by Virginia Brown, a member of the Independence Boulevard Church and wife of R. C. Brown Sr., the Lake Region Conference secretary.

Jerry Lee Jr., pastor of the Straford Memorial Church in Chicago, was guest speaker for the



Francis and Earl Edwards, members of the Shiloh Church in Chicago, sang a duet during the mini-concert held at the Independence Boulevard Church in Chicago.

divine worship service. Elder Lee's message, taken from Revelation 12:17, was titled "Warfare With the Remnant."

June Jacobson, federation president of the Illinois Conference, conducted a Sabbath afternoon workshop. Jacobson emphasized that every member of the church is a member of community services. She stated that each member should work with the community services department in all of its programs.

"Helping People to Help Themselves" was the topic of James Simmon's message to the Chicagoland Federation. Mr. Simmons is the director of the Garfield Department of Human Services located in Chicago.

Mr. Simmons stressed helping to instill within the poor the desire and techniques to develop an independence so they, too, can lend a helping hand to members of their own community.

He said: "These rescued ones know by experience the needs of those for whom they labor, and they will know how to help them.

"They are filled with love and gratitude to God and to the

members who showed them compassion when they were in need. Therefore, their energies are strengthened to give help to others."

The "Importance of the Prison Ministry" was the theme for a workshop presented by Ernestine Sampson, a member of the Gary Mizpah Church, and Phillip Jenkins, pastor of the Gary West Church.

Dollie Williams, the president of the Chicagoland Federation, presented gifts and certificates to members for their dedicated service to community services and the Dorcas Society. Some members had been active for more than 25 years.

Members of the federation conducted a parade on Sunday morning from the Collins High School at Sacramento Boulevard in Chicago to the Independence Church on Independence Boulevard.

Participants in the parade included the Pathfinder clubs from the Chicago Heights and the



Robert L. Douglas is pastor of the Independence Boulevard Church in Chicago.

Morgan Park churches and Chicagoland community services members in uniform.

Decorated automobiles were used as was the Lake Region Conference medical van.

Dorothy White and Wanda McCoullough drove in a car provided with a public address system so they could inform the spectators along the parade route about the services available through the Chicagoland Community Services Federation.

Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, presented the final sermonette. Elder Joseph said that the community services department is the root of the church, and that this group is following the example of Jesus Christ and His ministry to those in need.



Jerry Lee Jr., pastor of the Straford Memorial Church in Chicago, was guest speaker for the divine worship service.

# News

## LAY BIBLE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM FLOURISHES IN CHICAGO

LA GRANGE, ILL.—“I’ve gained skills that have changed my life and prepared me for of soul-winning,” said a student recently as he finished the Lay Bible Instructor Program at the North American Division Evangelism Institute in Chicago.

Actively training lay people to be Bible instructors and effective church leaders is one of the primary objectives of the institute.

Every year this program, operated by the North American Division, equips lay people to be Bible instructors with an intensive program of class work and field work.

The institute was started six years ago by Pastor Mark Finley and was named the Lake Union Soul-Winning Institute.

In October of 1983, the General Conference, in its Autumn Council, voted the Lake Union Soul-Winning Institute to become the North American Division Evangelism Institute. This was done in order to allow its program to be offered to a wider group of students throughout North America and around the world.

The institute exists for two purposes: 1) to provide practical field training for seminary students of Andrews University, and 2) to train laity to become Bible instructors.

The curriculum and training program are designed to provide a thorough background in Adventist beliefs and successful techniques of soul-winning.

Personal Evangelism focuses on how to give Bible studies and train other lay people to give Bible studies. Day to Care teaches listening skills and how to determine the needs of individuals.

Church Growth focuses on the principles of how a local congregation can be an effective witnessing agency in its community. Health Ministry Practicum studies the history of gospel medical evangelism and practically equips an individual to conduct Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, Stress Management Seminars, nutrition classes, and fitness and weight control programs.

The Daniel class prepares an individual to conduct Daniel Seminars and other small community Bible classes. Field School of Public Evangelism teaches the principles of public evangelistic meetings and focuses on how to conduct evangelistic visitation and get decisions.

Contemporary Denominations discusses the many biblical questions Bible instructors are asked. Foundations of Christian Belief provides background into basic Bible teachings to equip a lay person with a broader understanding of Bible themes.

The Bible Instructor class teaches the essential qualifications of successful Bible instructors. This class deals with ethics and interpersonal relationships for the instructor.

During the past four and a half years, 338 students have attended the institute. Of that number, 121 have been seminary students, 61 have been pastors and 156 have been lay people.

Students have attended the institute from Korea, Finland, Germany, England, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and North America.

In the past 5 years, more than 600

people have been baptized and two new churches have been established in the Chicago area as a result of the institute's outreach.

Students who attend the institute are involved in classes in the morning and practical field work in the afternoon and evening. They are involved in the evangelistic activities and complete the program equipped to lead their churches in strong evangelistic emphases.

The institute is open to students throughout the year. However, special lay-training emphasis is featured during the months of January through May.

The North American Division Evangelism Institute is located in three large apartment buildings. Students who attend the institute normally live in one of the apartments provided by the institute.

Interested individuals who would like to attend the institute are invited to write to: The Registrar, North American Division Evangelism Institute, 1120-64th Street, La Grange, IL 60525. A free bulletin will be provided.

*Brad Thorp  
Associate Director*



*Brad Thorp, associate director, organizes the many field activities for the institute.*

## PROJECT STEPS TO CHRIST

ILLINOIS—Project: Steps to Christ is a layworkers' organization. It was designed for the purpose of offering to every American home free truth-filled books.

Many areas in Illinois have already received the initial packet containing *Steps to Christ*, schedules of Adventist radio and television programs, and an invitation to become involved in Bible studies.

Recently 19 more towns in Illinois were reached with this material. But

Illinois is not the only state to realize the value of this soul-winning program.

Many packets have been delivered to homes throughout North America, and recently materials were sent to additional towns in 13 states.

Baptisms are resulting from this program. If you or your church would like information as to how you may become involved in this missionary endeavor, write to Project: Steps to Christ, Inc., P.O. Box 40, Western Springs, IL 60558.



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## PROBLEMS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS

ILLINOIS—Three people were recently baptized as a result of the witness of Frances Swafford, a member of the West Frankfort, Illinois, Church.

Frances is a grandmother living alone. She has had back problems all her life and has constant problems getting Sabbaths free from work at a Hungry Jacks Restaurant.

Her problems, however, have enabled her to witness to fellow employees—like Terry Stocks. She has also witnessed to Tina Boswell, Terry's sister, and to their mother, Karen McDaniel.

After Frances invited all three of these people to attend a Revelation Seminar, they came regularly and were baptized.

Mrs. McDaniel has now moved to Wyoming and is continuing to spread the good news. Terry and Tina have joined forces with Frances to form a Revelation Seminar team.



Terry Stocks, left, and Tina Boswell

## SPRINGFIELD HOMECOMING

LAKE REGION—On November 3, the Springfield, Illinois, churches celebrated the fifth annual homecoming.

About 250 members of the Illinois and Lake Region conferences met together on Sabbath.

During the 11 A.M. service, Norman Miles, associate professor of theology at Andrews University, preached on the need for unity in the church.

In a memorable sermon, Dr. Miles compared the human body to the body of the church. Thus, just as the human body comprises different parts, so, too, the body of the church is made up of several integral parts.

In his opening remarks, Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, commended the Springfield churches for their pioneering role. He hoped that such homecomings would become more frequent events.

After the morning service, the congregants enjoyed Sabbath dinner before returning to the sanctuary for a musical program.

Music was provided by local church and community talent.

Association of Adventist Women, P.O. Box 3884, Langley Park, MD 20787, U.S.A., Attention: Peggy Harris. Deadline for entries is April 15, 1985.

**FOREST LAKE ACADEMY ALUMNI HOMECOMING** will be February 22 to 24, 1985. Registration will begin at 6:30 P.M. Friday, February 22, at the academy gymnasium. Honor classes are 1935, 1945, 1955, 1960, 1965 and 1975. For additional information write Forest Lake Academy, 3909 Semoran Boulevard, Apopka, FL 32703. Send your current address and the year you graduated, or the last year you attended.

**AUBURN ADVENTIST ACADEMY REUNION** for alumni and former students will be held at the academy on March 15 and 16, 1985. Classes of 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965 and 1975 will be honored. For more information, contact Auburn Adventist Academy Alumni Association, Auburn, WA 98002.

**FRIENDS OF CANADA REUNION** will be held Sabbath, March 9, 1985, from 4 to 9 P.M. at La Sierra campus cafeteria, Riverside, California. Please contact friends.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED** to help in hundreds of areas for the North American Pathfinder Camporee July 29 to August 7, 1985, in Colorado. If interested in helping, contact your local conference youth director; 1,500 volunteers are needed. Don't wait; sign up now and enjoy the week with the Pathfinders.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST NURSES** will hold its annual meetings in Cohutta Springs, Georgia, April 18 to 24. For more information, write ASDAN, General Conference, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20012.

## SIGNS—Winning souls for God.

## Announcements

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

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY:** Marley H. Soper, director of the James White Library, Andrews University, has announced the availability of the D. Glenn Hilts Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage individuals with leadership potential to enter the field of Adventist librarianship. Hilts was the first Seventh-day Adventist to become a fully qualified professional academic librarian. Adventist graduate students in library and information science are eligible to apply for this scholarship, which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL). The scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. Please direct inquiries and requests for applications to: Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians, c/o Union College Library, Lincoln, NE 68506. All documents in the application process must be received by May 1, 1985.

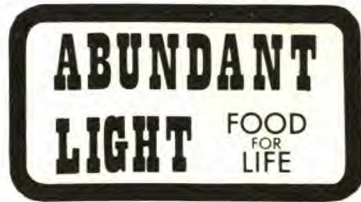
### OUTSIDE LAKE UNION

**THE ANNUAL WEST COAST REUNION** for those who have ever attended the Hutchinson Theological Seminary or Maplewood Academy will be held Sunday, February 10, 1985, at the Commons on the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. Silver and golden anniversary classes will be recognized. Registration and

visiting begin at 10 A.M. A buffet lunch will be provided. For reservations and information contact Ruth Purdy, Secretary-Treasurer, 1522 Wall Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92404; 714-888-5323.

**VOICE OF PROPHECY** listeners in Detroit and surrounding areas of southeastern Michigan will hear the daily radio broadcast at a new time beginning January 1, 1985. The program will be aired at 9:15 P.M., Monday through Friday, on station WMUZ at 103.5 on the FM dial.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF ADVENTIST WOMEN** is seeking nominations internationally of women who deserve recognition for their contributions to the Adventist Church and community. The association is looking for exceptional women who are utilizing their talents and spiritual gifts and for women who have achieved in spite of difficulty or obstacles. A Woman of the Year Award will be presented to three Adventist women for outstanding performance in the categories of home/community life, work/professional life, and church life. The three women will be honored in New Orleans at the time of the 1985 General Conference Session. Submit the following information for each nominee: 1) Nominee's name, address, area code, and phone number. (Include a 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" black and white glossy print of nominee.) 2) A one-page statement as to why the individual is being nominated. (Be specific and provide supporting material where available.) 3) Nominator's name, address, area code, and phone number. 4) Three letters of reference, including name, address, area code and phone number. (One letter must be from nominee's pastor or local elder.) Please send copies of original documents and photos, as items cannot be returned. Send to: The



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