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Reaching the unreached

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COVER

Jeffrey Gatling could hardly believe his eyes as he watched this pumpkin grow to 197 pounds in his neighbor's garden. Ken Franz, a faculty member at Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan, grew the pumpkin and took Jeffrey's photograph.

ON Sabbath, October 11, 1986, several thousand believers from the East Brazil Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists joined the delegates to the 1986 Annual Council of the General Conference in a day of praise and thanksgiving. Services were held in the smaller Marcara Stadium in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Words are inadequate to describe my feelings as my wife and I found our seats and watched God's people streaming through the many entrances of that huge auditorium.

The worshipers were treated to a rare display of talent by vocal soloists, quartets, choirs and instrumentalists throughout the entire day. Neal C. Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered the morning sermon. I wish it were possible for every member of the Lake Union Conference to have been present for that inspiring day.

Of special interest to me were the Portuguese words spread across the backdrop of the huge stage: "ALCANCAR OS NAO ALCANCAOS." The English meaning is reaching the unreached.

In spite of the fact that our church is growing at a phenomenal rate in South America, the burden of the members in that division is to reach those who have not yet heard the Third Angel's Message. Apparently, success in soul-winning has not diminished the evangelistic zeal of our members in that great continent. Instead, success is serving as an impetus to win even more souls for the Kingdom of God.

There are 100 Adventist churches in the city of Rio de Janeiro. Yet, our people are determined to reach the unreached. In São Paulo, we have more than 400 congregations. The members in that city are driven by the same incentive to reach the unreached.

Brazil is not the only country where this overpowering desire to reach the unreached is evident. Lima, Peru, is the home of 100 Adventist churches which are stirred by the same challenge. Since the launching of Harvest 90, more than 18,000 precious souls have been baptized in the Inca Union. During a recent evangelistic campaign in La Paz, Bolivia, 900 people were baptized.

In the year since Harvest 90 began, the South American Division has reached 25 percent of its five-year objective of 350,000 baptisms. What will it take to implant within the hearts of our constituents a similar burning desire to reach the unreached in the cities and towns of our territory?

Joao Wolff, president of the South American Division, informed me that his division plans to organize a new congregation every day during Harvest 90.

"Do you have enough pastors to take care of all these churches?" I asked.

"Oh no," he replied, "many of our pastors have as many as 10 to 15 congregations to look after."

"Do either your pastors or your members complain because the ministers oversee so many churches?" was my further query.

"Not at all." Elder Wolff responded. "Our lay leaders are more than happy to take up the slack."

Perhaps, this is the key to reaching the unreached in the Lake Union. Wouldn't it be marvelous if we had 300 congregations in Chicago, 200 in Detroit and 100 churches in places like Indianapolis and Milwaukee? There are millions in these and other cities who have not been touched by our message.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will infect every worker and lay person in this great union with this team spirit. I believe that when our laity join hands with the Gospel ministers in carrying the Gospel commission, we in the Lake Union Conference will begin to see the fulfillment of "alcancar os nao alcancaos"—reaching the unreached.

Dedicated to a life of service

by Vivian Joseph

DOLLIE Williams was recently elected to serve a second term as president of the Chicagoland Community Services Organization for the Lake Region Conference.

Dollie has a high regard for the welfare of mankind. This desire to see mankind functioning at its highest capacity did not just begin to show itself in Dollie's adult life. At a very young age, she showed a deep concern for those around her who needed help.

Dollie was born in Belzoni, Mississippi, the oldest of nine children. Most of her time was spent helping her parents with farm chores.

Dollie Williams is a former volunteer director of the Better Living Center in Chicago. This center provides free medical services to the community, counseling services, welfare services, health instructions, adult education and youth-outreach programs. In addition to this service, she worked for the Department of Human Services as a supervisor for community services representatives.

Volunteer services were not limited to church-related activities. Dollie has served as a volunteer with the American Red Cross. Her family can recall many nights when she was aroused from her sleep to go to the aid of fire victims. She would do everything within her power to see to it that each need was met. If it were within Dollie's power to do something about a bad situation, no one needed to worry about being left hungry or without adequate clothing.

As a Red Cross disaster representative, she established a store of resources to assist needy families with food, clothing and furniture.

According to the World Book Dictionary, a humanitarian is "a person who is devoted to the welfare of all human beings." Margaret Rawls, now director of the Better Living Center on the Westside of Chicago, calls Dollie the "greatest humanitarian of our day" because she lives to serve others.

One of Dollie's greatest talents has been exhibited in her relationship with children and youths. A friend, Francell Lamar, says that "Dollie Williams is to children what water is to soil."

Because of her insatiable desire to receive a formal education, Dollie grew up believing that the "mind is a terrible thing to waste." Many years ago, she founded a club for young children called Save the Young Minds. This club stressed self-pride and education for young people. She raised money and purchased a van to transport the children on educational tours. A special highlight of this organization was when Dollie assisted the children in the planting and harvesting of a small farm.

Dollie says, "My family and friends sometimes find it



Pictured, from left, are Dorethia Martin, community service leader for Shiloh Church in Chicago; J. David Parker, Lake Region community service director; Dollie Williams, president of the Chicagoland Community Services Federation; and federation members, Lillie Bonner and Clara Warren. All participated in the federation held Sunday, November 2.

difficult to understand the extent of my involvement in trying to improve the quality of life or relieve others' pain and frustration. The only answer I can give them is that Christ loves people. He was always found seeking to be of service. I don't compare myself to Christ, but I feel that He left a very positive example for mankind to follow."

Dollie married Elvert Williams Sr. in 1957 and immediately became mother to three children from his previous marriage. And after the death of her mother, Dollie assumed the responsibility of rearing and educating six brothers and sisters. She mothered three children of her own.

Most of these children were educated at Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Chicago and have continued or completed their education at institutions of higher learning. According to Dollie, there were good times and bad times, but she never lost sight of the true value of an education.

Dollie's involvement in church-related and community-service organizations are too numerous to print. The Williamses' most recent venture involves a trailer dedicated to the service of mankind. The trailer has been used to accommodate feeding programs for the needy and community health-screening programs. This past summer, the trailer was used during the evangelistic crusade directed by Evangelist George Rainey.

Dollie's goal is to see her children involved in improving the quality of life for themselves and others. She says that the formula for accomplishing this goal is to accept God as the guiding light; acquire a high level of self-esteem, self-confidence, determination, respect, purpose, creativity and self-identity as one becomes a self-sufficient, functioning member of the community.

She dreams of establishing a residential center for troubled adolescent boys to help give them a more positive approach to life.

Life is a challenge for Dollie Williams. She meets this challenge, determined that obstacles will be overcome and tasks accomplished with joy and success.

Vivian Joseph is communication director for the Lake Region Conference.

'Forget not all his benefits'

by David G. Rand

THE Bible contrasts the responses of two rich men to life.

One man is designated as merely "a certain rich man." His story is told in the 12th chapter of Luke, beginning at verse 16:

"And He spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have nowhere to store my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

"And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years. Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But the Bible tells us he died the same night.

I want you to remember that his intentions—his attitude—had been captured in the phrase "eat, drink, and be merry."

The second man's response to life is recorded in the 103rd and 104th divisions of the Psalms. His name is David.

In Psalm 103 verses one and two, we find David in conversation with his soul: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits . . ."

We, too, must take time to dialogue with our souls. We must find the time to ask ourselves where are we going and what is the purpose of our existence. And in this season of Thanksgiving, as we talk with our souls, will we also say, "Eat, drink and be merry" or will we like David call upon our souls to bless the Lord for all his benefits?

David recalls things that God had done for him that would spontaneously bring forth joy, praise and thanksgiving. Read his list of reasons in verses three through six of Psalm 103:

"Who forgiveth all (my) iniquities; who healeth all (my) diseases; who



In this season of Thanksgiving, will we, like David, call upon our souls to bless the Lord for all His benefits?

redeemeth (my) life from destruction; who crowneth (me) with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth (my) mouth with good things; so that (my) youth is renewed like eagles. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

We might ask, "Why, David, are you blessing the Lord with all your soul?" Then, let us place ourselves in David's shoes.

I'm wondering if we've ever had the experience of an individual saying, "Yes, I will forgive you for just a part of it. I will understand, and I will let you get by for just a part of it; but don't you do it again"? Perhaps, we've had the experience of hearing someone say that—certainly, we have never said it.

But David says: "I thank the Lord, He has forgiven all my iniquities. All my secret sins—everything that I've done God has forgiven me. Not only has he forgiven but he has removed the cause of guilt."

Then, David thinks a little further about God's tender regard: "He heals. He has held back death. He has slowed down the fast-moving rampage of disease. When I was born, I began to die; but because of the loving kindness of God I yet live."

David marvels that God looks throughout his vast creation and shows interest in an individual named David. And because of God's great concern, because of His vast love, because of his willingness to ransom him from hell, David responds, "I bless him with all my soul."

As we recall God's personal regard for us, do we have the same response?

David is not an individual who is sitting on a mountaintop someplace dreaming. He is a realistic person. And life has not been abundantly good to him in every situation and in every case. He has had problems—perhaps even more than his share of problems.

But David has learned to drink from the cup of bitterness, from which each one of us must drink. He has learned to drink from it but with the sweetness that God has put into him diluting the bitterness.

And so, in spite of the difficulties he encounters and the conspiracies against him, David is still able to bless the Lord with all his soul. And he



Like David, let us say, "I lift mine voice and everything within me in thanksgiving and praise for what God has done for my nation."

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David concludes the book of Psalms with this exhortation to all creation, "Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord."

concludes that God surrounds him with loving kindness and has filled his life with good things.

David's thanksgiving encourages us to take a little time to look carefully, closely at our lives; so we will discover that God has filled our lives with good things, too.

Although his body is growing old, David's mind is still able to grasp the goodness, the love and the mercy of God. Where others grow old voicing criticisms and becoming soured by the bitterness and sarcasm of life, David says he has been "renewed" (Psalm 104:5). And out of his countenance and out of his life shine forth praises.

In this season of Thanksgiving as we talk with our souls, as we individually contemplate what God has done for us, will we say to our souls, "Eat, drink and be merry"? Or will we call upon our souls to thank the Lord for "all His benefits"?

The 103rd Psalm and the one that follows begins like a personal testimony. But as David thinks more about the mercies of God, his thanksgiving crescendos and expands. He rejoices that he is a part of Israel.

We, too, have much for which to be grateful. We live in one of the most blessed nations on the face of the earth. With David, we should raise our voices and our lives in thanksgiving and praise—in spite of inequities, injustice or whatever we may see that is contrary to what we believe. It is still a very blessed land in which we live.

Like David, let us say, "I lift mine voice and everything within me in thanksgiving and praise for what God

has done for my nation."

Again, the psalmist is talking with his soul in Psalm 104:1: "Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty." In other words, David says, "Thank you, Lord, for being the kind of God that you are."

This must have had a very significant meaning to David as he looked at the nations around him and saw the gods they worshiped—gods that required child sacrifices and who were always evil.

As we look through Psalm 104, we see David extolling the handiwork and signature of God in nature: verse 3, that He hollowed out the surface of the earth and formed the seas; verses 13-15, that He sends rain so that men might have fruits, vegeta-



This Thanksgiving season as you talk to your soul, consider inviting someone to share in God's bounties with your family around your dinner table.

bles, and grains to live; and verse 19, that he assigns the moon to mark the months and the sun to mark the days.

In this season of Thanksgiving as we talk to our souls, will we say, "Eat, drink and be merry!"? Or will we sit down with ourselves and recount the many blessings that God has given to us?

David praises God because he recalls God's dealings with him. David praises God because of the bounties of his nation. David praises God, because he sees God in all creation.

As David remembers God's benefits, every part of his being vibrates when he declares, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Bluntly, he's saying, "Lord, let my every action, my every thought, my every word, my every deed sing with thankfulness, with praise and with thanksgiving!"

David's thankfulness, his appreciation, his response to God is far greater than his body can contain; so he reaches up to the heavens and calls out: "Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will" (Psalm 103:20, 21, New International Version).

David concludes the book of Psalms with this exhortation to all creation, "Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6).

God is as wonderful to each of us. But, because of our abundance, have we become rather callous like the "certain man" described in Luke 12?

This Thanksgiving season as we talk with our souls, what will we say: "Pass more of the potatoes and gravy, and I would like another glass of juice" and "Let's just have a good time till we pass out"? Or will our souls bless the Lord when we remember how wonderful he has been to us?

And will we invite those less prosperous than ourselves to enjoy God's bounties with us and make them feel a part of our family?

Let our praise and our thanksgiving spring from hearts that are truly grateful for every blessing that has been ours to receive and to enjoy through Jesus' name. Let us thank Him for *all* His blessings.

Editor's Note: This article is adapted from a sermon delivered by Elder Rand at the Pioneer Memorial Church in November 1982.

Michigan ABC—Coming your way

by Gary Hillebert

CONSIDER the following common scenarios:

A young person studies his Sabbath School lesson and enjoys reading his Guide during Sabbath afternoons.

A church school teacher receives a rush shipment of school books for two brand new students.

The local pastor trains two laity in the art of giving Bible studies while they work towards certification as Lay Bible Ministers.

The local church family focuses on the annual Week of Prayer, using readings found in the Adventist Review. The members give special emphasis to family worship by drawing attention to the devotional book program.

What do all these cases have in common? **The Adventist Book Center.** In each case, supplies and materials were obtained through the arsenal of church and school supplies, religious goods and health foods provided by **your** Adventist Book Center.

Here's a look into what's happening at your Michigan Adventist Book Center.

The Lord blessed the ABC fiscal year 1985-86 with a record sales gain exceeding \$250,000. The Michigan Lay Bible Ministers training program began in March and at that time a special price was given for New International Version or King James Version Bibles and "Good News for



Gary Hillebert, Michigan Adventist Book Center manager, says the new bookmobile will bring specific orders to your location as well as the usual variety of foods, entertainment, inspirational and educational items.

Today" lessons when purchased by the case.

In mid-summer, the ABC completed the new 36-foot, fifth-wheel trailer/pickup bookmobile. It is stocked with books, Bibles, records, cassettes, child-evangelism supplies, games, stuffed animals plus frozen and canned health foods.

This new unit has already resulted in 16 book sales in September and October in various churches and schools throughout the conference. We encourage you to visit the bookmobile when it comes to your area. Note the bookmobile schedule in the announcement section of this Herald.

The ABC introduced Don Gray's book *Open Secrets* this summer. Hundreds of cases have been sold.

With the cancellation of our regular camp meeting, the ABC camp meeting workload tripled with full camp meet-

ing displays set up at Adelpian, Battle Creek, and Cedar Lake academies for mini camp meetings as well as the Grand Ledge display.

Mini-camp meeting sales have amounted to just a third of 1985 camp meeting sales.

Camp Meeting 1987 should be a shoppers' paradise with a remodeled, air-conditioned and enlarged book center.

Two changes are still unfolding: a new in-house ABC computer system has just been installed, and the conference committee approved incorporation of the ABC child-evangelism display into the main ABC display. Exhibition and storage space will be used more efficiently with lower overhead costs. These improvements have been funded directly from ABC operations.

Sales highlights of the year include the five-volume *Conflict of the Ages* set, a free *Ellen G. White Index* set with purchase of the nine-volume set of *Testimonies for the Church*, special prices on the 1987 devotional books, the Adventist Review at a low price, and the 1987 sharing book of the year entitled *What I Like About...* by George Vandeman.

You won't want to miss our special holiday sale, Sunday, December 7, through Sunday, December 14, at the Michigan Adventist Book Center. Check with your ABC for more information about this special sale.

It could be the highlight of the year for you.



Marjorie Snyder, Michigan Conference assistant Sabbath School director for child evangelism, browses in the new, spacious ABC bookmobile.



Student leaders, principals and selected faculty members from the nine Adventist academies in the Lake Union met at Michigan's Camp Au Sable in October for the annual Leadership Seminar. This year's emphasis was "Leading With Style and Grace." As these photographs indicate, getting acquainted was the priority on the first day's agenda. During registration procedures, each student was given a questionnaire which required them to meet several new individuals in order to provide the answers.



Student leaders meet at Camp Au Sable

by Charles C. Case

THE deep-blue sky and warm weather welcomed the 180 student leaders, principals and selected faculty from the nine Adventist academies in the Lake Union Conference to Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan.

Each year, the turning of the leaves sets a beautiful environment around Lake Shellenbarger for these youth leaders.

This annual retreat, held the first weekend in October, is planned by the educational and youth ministries of the Lake Union Conference to prepare academy youth leaders for their responsibilities.

Special seminars are conducted for each group of leaders: student association presidents, school paper and annual editors, boys' and girls' club presidents, junior and senior class presidents, student spiritual leaders and Adventist Youth for Better Living leaders.

Specific leaders are chosen to coordinate the special seminars. At times, professionals in some of the areas are invited to lead out in the seminars.

A guest speaker is invited to address the spiritual needs of the student leaders and challenge them to be spiritual examples for other students.

This year, Steve Case, from the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and his wife, Debbie, challenged the young leaders to be "servant leaders."

Elder Case used many examples which involved some of the leaders in simulating a real-life experience. The practical lessons re-emphasized the principle points of spiritual leadership being presented.

Several hours are reserved on Friday afternoons for fellowship and recreational activities. A favorite for most leaders is the canoe trip down the Au Sable River. Sabbath-preparation activities follow.

Sabbath services highlight student leadership in the Sabbath School program. Formally and informally, these young people fill the Sabbath hours with singing, sharing and witnessing. Students close the day with activities in God's creation.

This year, as usual, local conference youth leaders led out in "initiative-problem" activities that not only developed cohesiveness among the secondary leaders but also teach them

how to foster unity among students at their own academies. For this instruction, student leaders are divided into five large groups comprised of students from each school.

As the buses, vans and cars load up to return to the academy campuses on Sunday morning, the student leaders say good-bye to the many new friends they met at the leadership convention.

The Lake Union administration's regard for this weekend program is evident in the annual budget allocation for it.

Warren Minder, education director, and Charles C. Case, youth director for the Lake Union Conference, lead out in this weekend. They are assisted by Gary Randolph, associate education director, as well as local conference youth and educational directors.

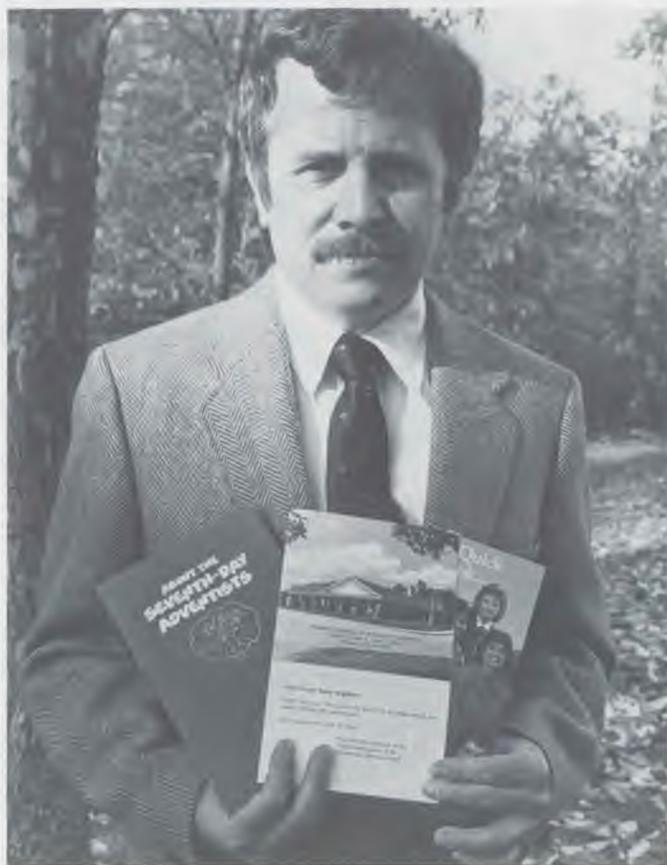
"We have found that this program helps get the school year started in the right direction," stated Dr. Minder. "It is our intention to continue to provide this type of experience for our secondary leaders. It is a real spiritual experience for those who come."

The Lake Union constituency can be proud of these secondary leaders in our academies. They are committed to God, their church and their fellow students. They need our prayers.

Charles C. Case is youth director for the Lake Union Conference.

Indiana responds to Harvest 90 challenges

by Jerry Lastine



Sam Zacharias, conference printer, displays the literature that was shared with neighbors of the conference office.

THROUGHOUT Indiana, Harvest 90 challenges are being responded to in various ways.

Churches are resurrecting their evangelistic potentials in preparation for the World Conference in Indianapolis in 1990.

"We want to lead our territory in evangelism," declared John Loor, president of Indiana's 67-church conference.

President Loor shared Harvest 90 objectives and goals with conference office personnel. And the communication, ministerial and personal ministries departments developed a plan to reach the affluent population that lives near the office, just north of Carmel.

With brochures in hand, President and Mrs. Loor led the visitation program on two Sabbaths to scores of nearby homes. Office secretaries and departmental directors joined in the visitation.

They distributed a special bulletin-type brochure bearing a "Hello to our Neighbors" greeting and an invitation to avail themselves of community services offered by the office staff.

Each envelope contained, "A Quick Look at Seventh-day Adventists," a 16-page pamphlet from the Channing L. Bete Co. entitled "About the Seventh-day Adventists" and a Bible-course card. Several people expressed appreciation for information about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Some churches in Indiana are experiencing Christian growth through small-group ministry. A Brownsburg Church group meets Thursday evenings to share insights on personal relationships and for a careful study of the Gospel of John.

When asked to write a letter to themselves as God might write it, using the seven-point outline of the letters to the seven churches, George Moran, one of Brownsburg's newest members, wrote:

"My Son, I come to you as your King. I praise you for the wonderful changes in your life and your sincere effort to improve. However, you must stay alert and away from previous habits and change entirely from old friendships.

Jerry Lastine is communication director for the Indiana Conference.



George Moran, right, shares his "letter from God" with two other members of the Brownsburg, Indiana, study group, Walter Kolmodin and Chris Wonnell. The group meets Thursday evenings and studies the Gospel of John.

"You will certainly face Satan's strong medicines if you become careless; but if you will continue to be obedient, you will live with your Christian friends in my mansions."

Small groups are intended to nurture and develop a Christian philosophy that will stand the test of life in the valley. Real spiritual growth only takes place when one's inner self is healed and damaged emotions are treated with the oil of grace and love.

The Marion Church has a six-member Action Team that has been conducting a home-style evangelistic crusade. Team members are Bob and Beth Bartlett, Tim and Mickie Harmon, Steve and Tracy Shively. Members alternate their speaking assignments

for the meetings held in Roy and Nancy Good's home in Marion. An average of 15 people attend.

"It's been a real inspiration to have people drive several miles to attend these meetings," declared Beth Bartlett, newly selected church Bible instructor. She had started giving these Bible studies just two weeks prior to the crusade.

The evening that I attended the meeting, Beth shared a study about confession. A lively discussion followed the meeting during refreshment time. One person who attended described the meeting as a "breath of fresh air."

Other churches in Indiana are experiencing growth through evange-



Vocalists Mickey Harman and Nancy Good join with pianist Beth Bartlett in a trio of praise during the sharing seminar on Bible principles. An average of 15 people attend these meetings.

listic meetings by Chico Rivera, conference evangelist. Nine were recently baptized in Richmond. A crusade is under way in Bedford.

Revelation Seminars throughout Indiana continue to reach more people with Bible answers to real-life problems. Since Harvest 90 is an appeal to action, it encourages people to distribute literature, give Bible studies, hold evangelistic meetings, preach sermons, contact missing members and, thereby, harvest men and women for Christ.

God's judgment-hour message compels all of us to unite our efforts to reap earth's final harvest. How are you using your spiritual gifts for Jesus?



Sam Zacharias and Doug Gregg, assistant treasurer, give an information packet about Seventh-day Adventists to a neighbor of the conference office.



Beth Bartlett, Marion Church Bible instructor, shares a study on "Confession" with the group gathered in Roy and Nancy Good's home in Marion, Indiana.



Jaime Jorge plays the violin at the afternoon music festival. The Jorge family came from Chicago to participate.



Racine Spanish Church members meet in their own building which was dedicated, October 11.



Elder Jere Wallack, president of the Wisconsin Conference, preaches the dedicatory sermon.

Racine Spanish Church dedicated

by Cherry B. Habenicht

MEMBERS of the Racine Spanish Church dedicated their building in an earlier-than-scheduled and impressive ceremony on October 11.

"The Spanish work in Racine began with a small group, no place to meet and many difficulties," said Ismael Rojas. "Today, we enjoy the dedication of this beautiful church."

Warren Banfield, director of human relations for the General Conference, spoke at the morning worship service. He used Matthew 18:20 to give a concise definition of the church.

The afternoon dedication service opened with a music festival by the Jorge family of Chicago. Jere Wallack,

president of the Wisconsin Conference, used Ephesians 2:10-12, 20 and 1 Peter 2:5 as key texts in his sermon.

Pastor Rojas expressed thanks to the leaders of the Wisconsin Conference and to the mother church in Milwaukee for their vision and support.

In 1980, Pastor Rojas and his wife, Esthercita, came to Milwaukee to help Pastors Pusan and Murillo in an evangelistic crusade. They were asked to extend the Spanish work to Racine.

One Sabbath morning, Pastor and Mrs. Rojas arrived for worship and found the building closed. Immigration inspectors had come to disperse many of the worshippers.

Rather than viewing the situation as impossible, Pastor Rojas told his wife: "We are going to work hard with the

Lord's blessing. We cannot leave Racine defeated."

The following Sunday, after a session of prayer, Pastor Rojas began visitations. At the first house, the family agreed to study the Bible. Today, Sergio Mercado is an elder of the Racine Spanish Church. His wife and children are faithful members.

A small group of believers met in members' homes, the YMCA or in a rented church. In 1983, they were organized as a company of 28 members.

By September 1984, members had purchased a building with funds from the Lake Union Revolving Fund. They paid that eight-year loan in less than two years by sacrificial giving and a generous contribution from Dr. Josue Rojas.

Cherry B. Habenicht is Wisconsin Conference correspondent.



Singing "Jesus Christ Is King" in Spanish are, from left: Adais Gonzalez, Jackeline Miranda, Ruthy Quiñones, Nannette Arce, Margarita Arce, Emma Santiago and Nilsa Garcia.



Esther Rojas presents an Aztec calendar to Elders Jere Wallack (left) and Art Nelson (right). Standing at left is Emma Santiago, the translator. Pastor Ismael Rojas is seated to the far left.

A special Michigan Conference constituency meeting convened November 2 at the Grand Ledge campground, with 486 delegates representing 158 churches and institutions.

There was a short but heavy agenda. Delegates had received packets in the mail detailing long-term and short-term conference objectives. These were the fruit of an intensive planning session by conference administrators and departmental leaders earlier in the year.

The objectives mainly addressed implementation of Harvest 90 objectives in Michigan. These were briefly considered and voted.

Hubert Moog, conference treasurer, reviewed the conference's Lakeland Mills indebtedness after selling assets and turning over the operation to Harris of Pendleton, who will continue to provide student-labor opportunities. Continued study is needed to determine how best to retire the approximately \$1 million debt.

Most of the day's discussion revolved around the report of Educational Taskforce II. After a careful study, the taskforce comprised of 10 laity, including the chairman, Kent Bermingham, and one pastor, recommended the merging of Adelpian Academy at Holly with Cedar Lake Academy. The new school is to be located on the Cedar Lake campus.

The discussion at Grand Ledge was conducted on a very high plane. Ministers and laity demonstrated genuine concern for all who would be affected. Four hours of lively discussion concluded with casting of a secret ballot. Nearly 82 percent of the voting delegates favored consolidation. The vote was 386 in favor, 86 opposed and 14 abstaining.

No one was in favor of retrenching. There have been times in recent history when each academy had an attendance equal to the combined attendance on both campuses.

Reduced enrollment is a trend in the public schools as well as in Seventh-day Adventist schools at the elementary and secondary levels in Michigan. In some parts of the United States, this trend is not as apparent.

Special note was made that the

One plus one equals one

by Glenn H. Hill



Glenn Aufderhar (left), president of the Michigan Conference and the educational taskforce, fields questions regarding the consolidation report.



Kent Bermingham, chairman of Education Taskforce II, explains the data that led to recommending consolidation of Adelpian and Cedar Lake academies. Hubert Moog, conference treasurer, reviews Lakeland Mills indebtedness and the financial position of the conference and the two academies. Greg Gerard, principal of Cedar Lake Academy, responds to questions regarding recruitment of students. David Moll, a delegate from Midland, Michigan, was a typical constituency delegate who questioned the ability of one campus to meet the needs of all academy students.

consolidation is not negative; it is a combining of strengths to provide the best education possible within available resources.

Delegates suggested names for several committees that will be established to facilitate the merger and retain elements of both academies, including heritage.

Faculty for both academies will have an equal opportunity of being invited to serve the new school. One reason for the early constituency meeting date was to allow prime time for rehiring of faculty and relocating any not retained in case a merger was voted.

No decision has been made regarding the Adelpian campus and buildings. Several suggestions were made by delegates, and proper study must be given to each of these. Another committee will study uses for the campus within the perception of the Lord's will.

Before the session ended, one delegate raised the issue of selling the Grand Ledge campground and relocating camp meeting.

An amendment to the motion

added that 25 percent of the profits should be put into an endowment fund. Earnings could be used to reduce tuition costs at the newly consolidated academy. It was agreed that much more study would need to take place before an enabling action could be taken.

There would need to be another round of town-hall meetings in the various sections of the conference as was done before the November 2 meeting that addressed the taskforce report.

Another "Michigan Memo" direct mailing is planned for Michigan families receiving the Lake Union Herald. It will detail more of the November 2 discussion.

The most important thing that happened in Grand Ledge on November 2 was not the merging of two academies; it was the obvious demonstration of the Holy Spirit's presence and working in the church. When God's people possess adequate information, they will make heavy decisions even in highly emotional areas and still maintain the sweet spirit of Christian unity.

Glenn H. Hill is communication director for the Michigan Conference.

GIVING thanks is too often neglected. But the following faculty at Andrews University are full of gratitude for the ways students have assisted them.

"For a long time, I have wanted to publicly thank all those who helped make the Academic Skills Center what it is today," says Janice Watson, director of the center at Andrews University.

In the spring of 1985, Miss Watson, then an instructor in the English department, was asked by university administrators to set up a center where students can be assisted in developing successful study skills.

"I was to be the only full-time faculty member. The rest of the staff would be composed of students," she relates. "I decided to run the center as a team effort."

Working with time and financial restraints, Miss Watson discussed interior concepts with Louise Wine-land, a senior art major.

"Louise chose materials, including carpet, blinds and paint, from samples provided by the university," says Miss Watson. Later, Heather Cook, a graduate student who picked out the art and flowers, looked everywhere for bargains to enhance the interior.

The site of the new center was to be in the old auditorium in Nethery Hall. "Having a place to live is the least of one's worries. The program is most important," Miss Watson says with a smile. "I was still teaching full time and had little time to develop a program."

In the summer and fall of 1985, Miss Watson hired several students with the understanding that they were going to create the Academic Skills Center.

Four graduate assistants, Rachel Salazar, Heather Cook, Ken Mulzac and Hyveth Williams, tutored students and supervised the center.

Five undergraduate students, Weiner Merchant, Keturah Harris, Dawn Valenti, Melanie Wilson and Myrna Araujo, were chosen to serve as secretaries/receptionists.

During the next year, Dawn Valenti devised and helped implement a filing system for the center, in consultation



Janice Watson, right, director of the Academic Skills Center, checks in with student receptionist Myrna Araujo. Photos by Harry Mayden.

A tribute to students

by Candace Wilson Jorgensen

with the department of business education."

Graduate assistants set up workshops, and other students prepared publicity.

"Keturah Harris, a sophomore marketing major, developed an advertising campaign for the center that included brochures, posters, bookmarks," says Miss Watson. "I was coordinating and throwing out ideas, while the students had to pick up the ideas and run with them."

Four weeks into fall quarter 1985, the center offered its first workshops. Now, it is a fully established service on the Andrews campus.

"What I appreciated most was not the work the students did, although that was well beyond the call of duty," Miss Watson says. "No, I feel the most important contributions were the spiritual and emotional support they gave me.

"If something didn't work out, they'd say, 'Okay, let's try something else.' At the end of a hard day, they would

tell me, 'Go home now, you've worked long enough.'

"Honestly, I can only do things here because of the supporting atmosphere they provide," Miss Watson reveals. "We talk a lot about faculty creating a caring atmosphere, but students create the same thing for faculty.

"I find their support very encouraging because they are the leaders of tomorrow," she says. Leaning back she adds, "I'll go even further—they are the leaders of today."

"From the very first day of teaching, students have been a help to me—in small, insignificant details (which really aren't insignificant) and in larger ways," says Robert Pierson, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Pierson teaches geography and has relied on student help in some unusual situations around the world.

Dr. Pierson cites Jack Hart, a 1985 graduate in geography, who was "a faithful, hard worker, a real plus as we traveled."

Candace Wilson Jorgensen is public information officer for Andrews University.

Birkir Traustasson from Iceland served as interpreter when Dr. Pierson took a class to Iceland. "And other students could be named who made significant contributions to other tours," he says.

"These trips are not just pleasurable, sightseeing outings," Dr. Pierson points out. "I roll the students out of bed around 5 a.m. and sometimes the day lasts until 10 p.m."

Wilma Darby, assistant professor of social work, and her husband, James, are deeply indebted to a young seminarian and his wife.

"My husband and I enjoy gardening," Mrs. Darby says. "When our three daughters still lived at home, that was no problem. Now, we're alone, and my husband still wants a big garden," she says with a chuckle.

"So, this year we planted tomatoes, cucumbers, turnips, kale, collard greens, carrots, beets, lima beans, okra, sweet potatoes (my husband's favorite), broccoli, cantaloupe, watermelon, three kinds of squash, pumpkins, eggplant, peppers and kohlrabi."

Then, the Darbys met Glendon and Claudette Cross at the Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dowagiac, Michigan. The Crosses were told about the Darbys' big garden and volunteered to help with it.

"Now, we've had others volunteer in the past. They'd come once or twice and then stop," Mrs. Darby says. "But the Crosses were regular, coming three to five times a week. They weeded, raked and looked after the place while we were on vacation. They even mowed our lawn!" she says with a smile.

Because the Darbys both work full time, they were especially grateful for the Crosses' assistance.

"I was so thankful for their help in keeping the weeds out of the garden. That was my main concern!" says Mrs. Darby.

"We were also thankful for their attitude," she continues. "We never had to tell them what to do. They just came, evaluated the situation and cared for the place as if it were their own. They were a real example of Christian love."

So there you have it. Students are doing things for which teachers are extremely thankful and even dependent. The Caring University is created by faculty and students working side by side, assisting one another.



Robert Pierson points to one of many places where he has traveled with students.



Glendon and Claudette Cross, left, helped James and Wilma Darby tend their garden, which produced this hefty pumpkin.

Rio de Janeiro hosts Annual Council

FOR only the fourth time in the 123-year history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Annual Council convened outside the United States.

Other locations have been Toronto (1968), Mexico City (1972) and Manila (1982).

Why Rio?

South America was selected for a number of reasons, foremost because of its second-largest membership.

Division membership there exceeds 700,000—nearly 300,000 of it in Brazil. While the state of São Paulo in Brazil has more than 400 churches and groups in the metropolitan area, there was no facility which could accommodate participants both by hotel and convention center at the set date.

The state of Rio de Janeiro has the second-largest Adventist population, and more than 100 churches and groups are scattered around greater Rio.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the South American Division.

How different?

For the first time in the history of the church, lay members of the General Conference Committee from all divisions were invited and/or present. (The layman from the Eastern Africa Division had to absent himself when a government meeting was called in his country.) David Thomas, an attorney from Bowmanville, Ontario, represented North America.

Other members included a university professor, Nigeria; a research biologist, Kenya; vice president of a pharmaceutical company, Switzerland; president/owner of a high pressure cylinder company, Korea; a general surgeon, Virgin Islands; and



Lay General Conference Committee members at the Annual Council in Rio de Janeiro include (front row) Dr. U. Mohanlingum, Southern Asia; Mr. and Mrs. (guest) Oh Soo Chong, Far East; Nathaniel Aina, Africa-Indian Ocean; Dr. Lloyd Henry, Inter-America; and Edmond Long, South Pacific; (second row) David Thomas, North America; Rui C. Vieira, South America; Kenneth Hammond, Trans Europe; and Paul Clerc, Euro-Africa.

developer, Australia; professor at the Madras Veterinary College, India; a school headmaster turned sales manager for Proctor and Gamble, England; electrical and mechanical engineer, Brazil.

All are active in their home congregations, and most serve on division and/or union and local conference executive committees.

Selection was made on the basis of wide international experience plus local church participation and leadership.

Elder Wilson called the session "a historic moment of participation by lay persons on the General Conference Committee."

Among other "firsts" in evidence at the Council were session books printed in three languages, headsets for every delegate during the multilingual presentations and a luncheon for General Conference and South American Division office secretaries.

Where held?

Attendees stayed in the Hotel Nacional and met in the adjoining Convention Center in the southwest

section of the city.

For two years prior to the council, the Nacional had hosted a weekly Seventh-day Adventist worship service in one of its meeting rooms, an outgrowth of the South American Division's Pioneer Project.

In this outreach, one Sabbath School class from each congregation is given \$1,000 (local currency) from the division, union and local conferences, and the "mother" church to move from the congregation and begin another group in an unentered area of town or in the countryside.

Meetings are full-blown church services in the new area, not merely branch Sabbath Schools. In this way, a new congregation is beginning daily.

Who attended?

More than 235 delegates were registered for the council, including General Conference officers, heads of G.C. functional departments, N.A.D. union presidents, union and local presidents from South America.

Technical staff from both the Washington and Brasilia offices provided translation, sound, records and transportation expertise.

There were two women delegates. Ana Maria Bergold, a pharmaceutical chemistry professor and part owner of the family's pharmaceutical company, attended as a member of the South American Division Executive Committee.

Shirley Burton, G.C. news director and member of the General Conference Committee, was assigned to a number of subcommittees while working with local news personnel.



The global symbol on the left and Harvest 90 reminder on the right frame the Portuguese theme of "Reaching the Unreached" in the Maracana sports arena in Rio de Janeiro.

General Business

A representative of the president of the Republic of Brazil paid tribute to the Adventist influence in the country during the opening session. "The Adventist Church is one of the agencies of God," he said. He noted the church's role "in defense of morals and the human family."

Nightly reports from each of the divisions made the Annual Council very much like a mini General Conference Session. About 1,200 members of the church family in Rio filled the convention center each evening. Many traveled on the 15 chartered buses which came from various parts of the city.

Major business included six elections. Karl Bahr, G.C. controller for the past 18 years, was made an associate treasurer with duties remaining largely the same. Mr. Bahr is a 1952 alumnus of Pacific Union College who served at both Glendale and Loma Linda Adventist hospitals before filling posts in Uruguay, Bolivia and Peru for 11 years.

Called from the Pacific Press to be an associate director in the Department of Education was Humberto Rasi. Dr. Rasi replaces George Babcock who is now president of Home Study International. Graduated from schools in both Argentina and the United States, Dr. Rasi has also taught in both countries.

His longest term in the United States was as chairman of the modern language department and/or dean of the School of Graduate Studies at Andrews University for 10 years.

Reassigned to the auditing office as an associate auditor is Richard Caldwell. On study leave the past three years to complete a course of law for trust accounting, Mr. Caldwell will be assigned to monitor and evaluate trusts written to the church.

Joining the church ministries department as adult Sabbath School lessons editor is Erwin Gane. An author who has taught religion on the campuses of Avondale College in Australia; Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Pacific Union College at Angwin, California, Elder Gane will fill the vacancy left by Leo Van Dolson who retires at the end of the year.

Clarence Bracebridge, civilian chaplain for service personnel in the Southern Union Conference, was named director-elect of Adventist



Representing the church family in Socialist countries were Bekele Beri, Ethiopia; Stanislaw Dabrowski, Polish Union; Mikhail Kulakov, Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic; and N. A. Zhukaluk, Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

Chaplaincy Ministries.

D. C. Meyers was elected manager of the Sanitarium Health Food Company in the South Pacific Division.

Among the reports was one preliminary to the critique of the *Desire of Ages*. "Of prime importance," said President Neal C. Wilson, "is the need to educate our members more carefully on the use of Ellen White and her writings." He added, "We need the Holy Spirit when we study what she wrote just as we do when we read Scripture."

Elder Wilson also observed that "compilations can be dangerous," because it is easy to take Mrs. White's writings out of context.

Early summaries of the three-year, \$250,000 project reveal that no wholesale, page-by-page copying from anybody is evident in the book which has come to be known as the biography of Jesus.

Although the entire report will be available only at the many worldwide Ellen White research centers and the White Estate offices in Washington, shortened versions will be available from the General Conference.

Special commemorations were voted for 1988, a centennial most noteworthy in North America which will hold its year-end meeting in Minneapolis. However, the event will be noted around the world as the church reaffirms its confidence in and commitment to the doctrine of Righteousness by Faith.

On the last evening, Elder Wilson

paid tribute to all women in some kind of church ministry through the representation of two women delegates.

He noted the work of office secretaries, especially those from the General Conference and South American Division offices who had worked long hours during the council. Elder Wilson also spoke of the supportive ministry of pastoral spouses and the many women who provide varieties of leadership in local congregations.

Most actions were refinements of policies without real reference to the completion of the church's mission. However, a half day was given just to Harvest 90 motivation and implementation of a strategy study for completing the church's global ministry.

"We are more than a church," President Wilson asserted. "We are a prophetic movement with a mission determined for us in Scripture. We must now do more than ever before to fulfill that Divine commission."

During the final moments of the council, the 1987 budget of \$143.2 million was passed. This reflects a modest increase of 4.1 percent over the current year's appropriations budget and follows the trend in tithe growth worldwide, a growth recorded despite currency fluctuations.

Separate stories will cover reports from the secretary and treasurer. The treasury story will reveal an upward trend in tithing, and the secretary's shows that an increasing number of missionaries are working from divisions other than North America.

Illinois Conference

West Central Church holds Adventist history series

Illinois—Ellen G. White has said that there is nothing to fear for the future except as we forget the way the Lord has led in the past.

This statement of faith formed the theme of a three-week series on Adventist history conducted at the West Central Church in Oak Park.

Gary L. Gray began a three-week series, Sabbath, October 11, with a sermon on the development of the sanctuary doctrine. Pastor Gray traced the history of the doctrine from its beginnings in Millerite teaching, through the disappointment of October 22, 1844, and the discovery of new light and a stronger faith.

Sabbath, October 18, Pastor and Mrs. Gray and the West Central Church Choir directed by Bonnie Laurencell shared the story of William Miller through narrative and early Advent hymns.

Pastor Gray gave the appeal: "As we listen to the story of the Millerites, as we hear the songs they sang, as we feel the hope they felt and their bitter



Jean Gray and Pastor Gary Gray relate the story of William Miller during the Advent history series at West Central Church in Oak Park. Pastor and Mrs. Gray and the West Central Church Choir participated in the three-week series. Early Advent hymns sung during the series helped impart a sense of hope.

disappointment, may we share the experience of faith that transcends despair. May we renew again our commitment to be ready today and every day . . . until He comes."

For the closing meeting, Don Lewis, a member of the Illinois Conference Trust Department, spoke on Adventist pioneers in Illinois.

Elder Lewis has made a thorough study of Adventist history in his home state, Illinois. He shared the story of pioneers such as Samuel Rhodes, the first man to take the Third Angel's

message to Illinois.

Mr. Rhodes had been so crushed by the disappointment of 1844, that he fled to the wilderness and became a recluse. But God had a special work for Mr. Rhodes to do; so he sent other believers, including Hiram Edson, to bring Mr. Rhodes back to the faith.

"The Lord has led us safely to this place in time, to this church," said Pastor Gray. "Today, we share in the blessings bestowed on our church pioneers. May we also share their conviction."

Rockford Sabbath School class sends clothing to India

Illinois—Thanks to a Rockford Church Sabbath School class project, 3,788 pieces of clothing were shared with the people of Madras, India.

In search for a special class project, Lloyd Black of Phil Busker's Sabbath School class, started corresponding with K. Stanley Paul in Madras, India. Mr. Paul is a teacher in a Seventh-day Adventist Secondary School in Madras. He expressed the need for clothing, and the Clothes for India Project began in early 1986.

Mr. Black's letters to the Lake Union Conference, the General Conference and Elmer Hauch, treasurer of the South Asian Division, resulted in a decision to transport the clothing by ship from Milwaukee.

Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Busker and Mr. Black, the class built a wooden crate and filled it with clothing supplied by the local Dorcas Society.

Through class donations and the response of the Rockford Church membership, \$825 was raised to pay



Rockford Church member Lloyd Black, left, discusses with movers the best way to fasten the crate of clothing being transported to a freighter docked in Milwaukee.

for the crate and the freight charges to India. "The Prafulla" sailed from Milwaukee, September 9, with visible evidence of the prayers and Christian

love of a Sabbath School class that cares.

*Harold T. Carter
Public Relations Secretary*

We want you to know

Illinois—The Illinois Conference Planning Committee held three Town Hall Meetings to listen to the people of the Illinois Conference.

The first meeting was held at the West Central Church in Oak Park, September 27, with several hundred in attendance from the northern area of the State.



Everett Cumbo

Saturday night, October 4, a Town Hall Meeting was held for the central area of Illinois at the Peoria Church, with excellent attendance.

Sunday morning, October 5, the third Town Hall Meeting took place in the Mount Vernon Church. The church was full.

These Town Hall Meetings were

divided into four areas of concern: education, church growth and planting, finances, and youth. Excellent input was received from each geographic area for the future planning of the conference.

The planning committee will report the progress of each concern expressed in the February Town Hall Meetings.

Our Harvest 90 offering of 25 cents a day for 100 days is going well throughout the conference. Each family will give \$25 in 100 days—a small figure but, if given by all, will amount to more than \$100,000. Praise God! Please make this more than just a push for funds. Please return to having family worship each day.

We thank the Lord for His blessings on this conference, and we pray that He will continue to bless each of you in a special way.

Everett Cumbo
President
Illinois Conference



Hale family united in Christ at Warsaw, Illinois, Church

Illinois—Kimberly Dawn Hale of West Point, Illinois, was baptized October 25, 1986, in the Warsaw Church by Pastor Wayne Pleasants. Kimberly's parents and two older brothers are members of the Warsaw Church.

Indiana Conference



Irvington Church members catch fireflies for Investment

Indiana—Theresa Davis, communication secretary, reports that a few members of the Irvington Church were busy on summer evenings catching fireflies for an Investment project. Included were, from left, Hilman Culp, Burdie Jeffries, Karlie Pinkston, Helen Ford and Alvin Ford. The fireflies are frozen, put in a box and mailed to Saint Louis, Missouri. They are used in research for a cure for all forms of cancer and leukemia. The church receives a penny per firefly. This year, 15,000 fireflies were caught and sent, giving the church a total of \$150 toward its Investment goal. Alvin Ford, Investment leader, initiated this program approximately two years ago. Photo by Theresa Davis.



Marion Church member provides school playground equipment

Indiana—The Marion Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School received a merry-go-round from Harold Shaw, August 25. Donna Boys, communication secretary, reports that Brother Shaw, a Marion Church member, salvaged the merry-go-round from a local park. After many hours of repairing and painting, the toy was added to more than a dozen pieces of playground equipment Brother Shaw has designed, made and donated to the school for use by its 14 students.



Terre Haute children perform for 13th Sabbath

Indiana—Children of the Terre Haute Church gave a 13th Sabbath program, September 24. Joan Guess, communication secretary, reports that children sang and kindergarten students recited memory verses. Phiwa Langeni and Lilly Archer, both in the kindergarten division, knew all the memory verses for the quarter. Photo by Joan Guess.



Landscape highlights shown to visitors during the Beloit Church open house included the tulip and impatiens flower bed.

Beloit Church and grounds attract public to open house

Wisconsin—Thirty public visitors toured the Beloit Church and grounds during the September 7 open house.

Points of interest in the landscape included the 100-year-old trees that grow in the parking area and a large Indian mound that remains undisturbed. The tulip and impatiens flower garden facing the upper level of the

church was another attraction.

Guests also noted the fine workmanship inside the church. They viewed a large, handcrafted wood carving that depicts an 1880 Wisconsin Adventist Camp Meeting. The Sabbath is illustrated in the 17-foot, faceted-glass window near the baptistery. Creation week is portrayed in six windows on the side walls.

Berglot Hamblin
Communication Secretary

Bethel and Marshfield churches visible at State Fair

Wisconsin—Volunteers from the Bethel and Marshfield churches manned a booth during the Central Wisconsin State Fair in Marshfield, August 27-September 1.

Gladys Baun of the Bethel Church decorated the booth in a rustic, homey style, and Margaret Sabin donated a

handmade quilt for a drawing.

Seven winners were chosen in a children's drawing for one-year subscriptions to "Our Little Friend," "Primary Treasure" or "Guide."

Through the contacts made with area residents and the literature distributed, Bethel members hope to create more interest in their programs.

Brent Balmer
Communication Secretary



Kenneth Deedon stands in front of the handmade quilt offered at the booth sponsored by the Bethel and Marshfield Adventist churches.



Bill Baun and Wanda Balmer greeted fairgoers at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

Child evangelism specialist speaks at workshops

Wisconsin—Juanita Boyce, a child evangelism specialist from Minnetonka, Minnesota, was the featured speaker at Sabbath School workshops held September 19-22 at nine Wisconsin churches.

Mrs. Boyce who has 28 years of experience in child evangelism emphasized the importance of teachers spending time with Jesus before they lead a program or teach a lesson.

"It is the teacher's responsibility to provide an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit can work," she said. "Unless the children come in contact with the Holy Spirit, the experience will not stay."

Using information about the right and left brain, Mrs. Boyce urged teachers to plan creatively and to allow for children's creative responses.

Mrs. Boyce said that Sabbath School programs should begin with a well-told story or the first sentence of a Bible lesson rather than with the typical, "Good morning, boys and girls." She said that opening exercises set the mood for worship. "The purpose of all our Sabbath School programs should be to teach the children of a loving God," she said.

Bill Wilson, conference Sabbath School director, addressed leaders in the adult division.

Cherry B. Habenicht
Wisconsin Correspondent

Wisconsin Conference news notes

- Cesar Puesan, pastor of the **Milwaukee Spanish Church**, signed a 12-month contract with Channel 55 (Milwaukee) for a weekly, 30-minute Spanish television program entitled "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," to begin Saturday, December 6, 1 p.m. The church will pay \$150 a week.
- Robert Stauffer, pastor of the **Reedsburg Church**, conducted an eight-week Stress Management Seminar which ended November 13. Fifteen people attended. One participant shared what she had learned with a friend at work. By following one of her suggestions, the friend was able to restore communication with her teenager.

N.A.D. Evangelism Council to meet December 14-18 in Daytona Beach, Florida

Lincoln, Neb.—When Adventists are surveyed on how they first became members of the church, they most often indicate that they were "invited by a friend or relative." And more often than not, the invitation was to a public evangelistic meeting or study seminar.

As North America participates in Harvest 90, it is vital that evangelists and administrators continually talk about issues that influence public methods and ministries of evangelism.

Evangelists, evangelism coordinators and soul-winning leaders will meet December 14-18, 1986, in Daytona Beach, Florida, for a North American Division Evangelism Council devoted to the role of public evangelism in reaping the harvest

produced by the Caring Church emphasis.

At the New Orleans General Conference Session, North American Division leaders Charles Bradford, Robert Dale and W. C. Scales Jr. asked to meet with all attending evangelists to discuss evangelism issues and concerns.

Participants identified the need for evangelists' fellowship and interaction with their administrators to discuss vital soul-winning concerns.

As a result, division officers have called this first division meeting to consider issues about winning and keeping new members.

Programming will include general sessions on themes of public evangelism as well as a variety of specialized seminars for evangelists and their wives, administrators and laity. The entire session will be bathed in prayer and seeking of the Holy Spirit who is

the source of success for public evangelism.

Presenters will include Michigan Conference members: Don Gray, church ministries director, and his wife, Marge; Ivan Blazen and Samuele Bacchiocchi, professors for Andrews University in Berrien Springs; and Rosalie H. Lee, a pastor's wife.

The Evangelism Council Planning Committee has arranged to publish selected cassette tapes and documents from the various sessions and seminars. A full listing will be published following the session.

Additional information concerning the council can be obtained by writing your conference ministerial secretary or the Evangelism Council, P.O. Box 6127, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this great council with an outpouring of blessing that will hasten the Saviour's return.

Renovated Jerusalem Center offers rich study program

Washington—Students with an interest in Biblical studies with a focus on archaeology, history and geography will be able to study at the newly renovated Jerusalem Center.

The Jerusalem Center is a service of the General Conference, under the sponsorship of the Biblical Research Institute. Beginning January 1987, it will provide study opportunities for pastors, graduate and undergraduate students and mature people with a bachelor's degree.

The center organizes courses of study to be taught by well-qualified visiting professors from the staffs of our strongest institutions of learning.

The Jerusalem Center occupies an attractive church-owned building in the heart of Jerusalem. The building received a major overhaul in 1986 to provide a classroom, reference library, living area and food service for as many as 25 students. Men and women are served in separate facilities.

The Biblical Research Institute, an agency of the General Conference, is responsible for the financial operation of the Jerusalem Center. A generous gift from the General Conference provided for the remodeling of the building, but the center's operation is

required to be self-sustaining. In order to serve men and women from all parts of the world, costs are kept at a minimum.

The center offers a rich study program with full credit terms for graduates and undergraduates. Five different fields are open for study: Old Testament, New Testament, the Ancient World, Early Christianity and Introduction to Archaeology.

Besides these credit programs, the center offers non-credit seminars for students who wish to broaden their knowledge but do not expect academic credit. Pastors, however, who attend such seminars may apply for continuing education credit.

In addition to the rich learning experience offered at the center, students will be able to visit world-famous museums that display precious objects from antiquity and have outstanding library facilities.

Frequent visits to prominent sites will compliment the classroom experience.

Besides a well-balanced study program, students will be inspired by Sabbath walks on the Mount of Olives and by visits to the waters of the Pool of Bethesda.

There will also be quiet moments of personal devotion in a private corner of the Jerusalem Center garden.

December Signs to feature inspirational holiday readings

Boise, Idaho—Robert Wieland points out in the December issue of Signs of the Times: "Someone who can't afford a pair of shoes or a bicycle naturally thinks anyone owning a TV or a refrigerator is wealthy. To Third World paupers, the average American on welfare seems rich."

Mr. Wieland gives a simple principle that can release you from the tyranny of covetousness. To find what it is and how it works, read "What to Do With Money" in the December Signs.

Signs also interviews Jack Sequeira, an Adventist church leader who lived in communist countries for 16 years. He describes what happens to Christians and the church when Marxists take over. He voices concern about Christians who think it could never happen in America or the West.

You are given a firsthand analysis of Communism and Christianity from someone who has seen both.

Inspirational holiday readings are "No Room at the Laundromat" by Ivy Doherty; "The Tragedy of the Fallen Eagles" by Chaplain James A. Ellison; and "The Promise" by Diane Vasi.

And remember—a subscription to Signs makes a Christmas gift that keeps on giving all year.

People in Transition

GREG GERARD is now principal of **Cedar Lake Academy** in Cedar Lake, Michigan, replacing **DON COCHRAN**, who is studying for a Ph.D. in California. Dr. Gerard was formerly principal of Midland Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. He has a doctor of education degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He and his wife, Nancy, have one child, Andrew, born July 19, 1986.



Greg, Nancy, and Andrew Gerard

JACK MENTGES is now dean of boys at **Cedar Lake Academy** in Cedar Lake, Michigan, replacing **MIKE GLASGOW**, who has accepted a call to be boys' dean at Milo Academy in the Oregon Conference. Mr. Mentges was formerly director

of Nile Union Academy in Gabal Asfar, Egypt. He has a bachelor of arts degree from Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Eunice, have two children, Allison, 8, and Susan, 7.



From left are Allison, Eunice, Susan and Jack Mentges.

HEPSIBA GURUBATHAM SINGH is now vice president for administrative services in the **Review and Herald Publishing Association**, replacing **REGINALD J. FROOD**, who is now vice president for finance at the Review and Herald. Mrs. Singh was formerly controller in the Review and Herald Publishing Association. She has a bachelor of science degree from Spicer

Memorial College in India. Mrs. Singh will continue with her responsibilities as the controller in addition to her new position. She supervises food services, library, multimedia, pastoral services, public relations and research and development operations. She and her husband, Mewa, have two children, Philip, 19, and Michael, 17.

RICK WRIGHT is now acting president for **Thorek Hospital and Medical Center**, replacing **FRED M. HARDER**, who has accepted a call to be president for Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, California. Mr. Wright was formerly vice president and chief financial officer for Thorek. He has a master of business administration degree from the University of California at Riverside.

Announcements

Announcements for publication in the Herald should be received by **YOUR LOCAL CONFERENCE** office at least **FIVE** weeks before the scheduled event. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a sacred music concert featuring some works by Franz Liszt, Sabbath, November 22, 3:30 p.m., in Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Michigan. James Hanson, professor of music, says the concert commemorates the 100th anniversary of Liszt's death. The program will include vocal solos by James Hanson and piano solos by Morris Taylor, professor of music.

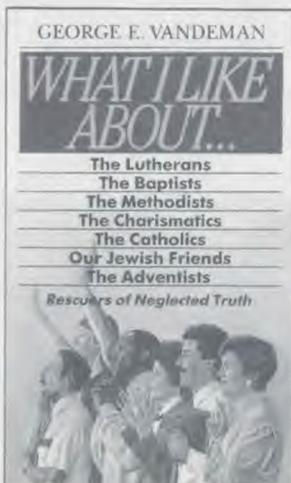
MICHIGAN

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE: Saturday, November 22, 6-9 p.m., Ann Arbor Church, 2796 Packard Road. **Sunday, November 23, 8:30-10 a.m.**, Plymouth Church, 4295 Napier Road; 11 a.m.-12 noon, Farmington Church, 29831 10 Mile Road; 1-2:30 p.m., Warren Church, 12100 E. 13th Mile; 3:30-5 p.m., Detroit Oakwood, 18595 Prospect, Melvindale. **Saturday, December 6, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**, Coldwater Church, 400 N. Fremont Road. **Sunday, December 7, 8:30-10 a.m.**, Prattville Church, 12940 Prattville Road; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Adrian School, 1105 Ives Road, Tecumseh; 2:30-4 p.m., Jackson School, 3600 County Farm Road, Jackson; 5-6:30 p.m., Urbandale Church, 20440 N. Bedford Road. **Saturday, December 13, 7-10 p.m.**, Adelphian Academy, Holly. **Sunday, December 14, 8:30-10 a.m.**, Orion Oxford Church, 1988 N. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Vassar Church, 5920 Frankennuth; 2-3:30 p.m., Saginaw Church, 2755 N. Center Road; 4:30-5:30 p.m., Midland Church, 2420 E. Ashman St.; 6-7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Church, 1730 E. Pickard. Any orders—health foods, books, Bibles, child-evangelism supplies, records—will be delivered on the bookmobile if you call us at least two days before the scheduled date on our toll-free order line, 800-552-0047.

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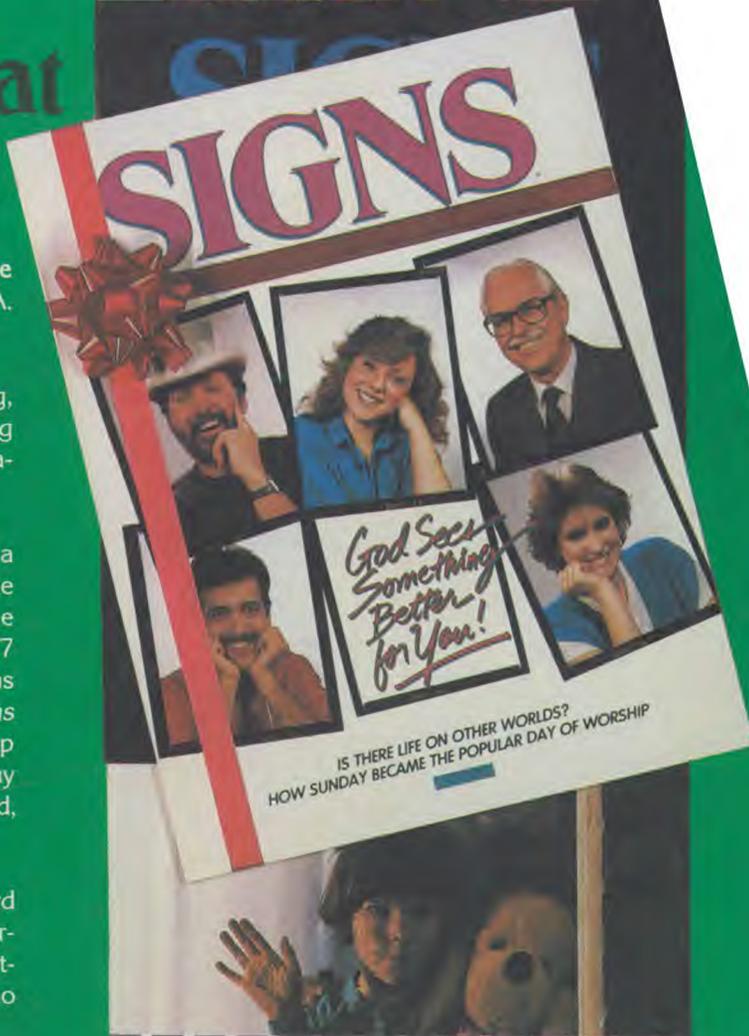
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MONNETT, OHIO, SCHOOL HOMECOMING, April 25, 1987. Former students, teachers and friends are invited to the first homecoming. If you ever attended Monnett Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School or the sister schools,

Galion and Blooming Grove, please send us your name and address. Tell us about yourself. We would like to send a newsletter to you and any friends you may know from school days. It will give details of the weekend. Even if you are not able to attend, those who will be there will enjoy knowing about you. Contact Arenia Lee, 265 Libby Lane, Apt. #18, Galion, OH 44833.

"VOICE OF PROPHECY'S" daily broadcast has been discontinued on KSAY-FM 96.1 in Clinton, Iowa.

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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 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: \$15 per insertion for ads from Lake Union Conference church members; \$21.50 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.

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NURSES NEEDED in critical care, medical, surgical, ortho and other specialties to staff 1,071-bed Florida Hospital in Orlando. Phone Judy Bond, Employment, 800-327-1914 out of Florida or 305-897-1998, collect, for Florida residents. —1664-5

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EVERGREEN FORESTRY needs Christian tree planters starting in November in southeast United States and in April in the lake states and Idaho. Travel and mobile living required. Must be in excellent shape. Hard work with good pay. 4850 Woodland Drive, Sandpoint, ID 83864. —1734-25

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Attention State of Michigan public employees

Lake Union—A decision recently made by the U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan, regarding the payment of union agency fees could affect state employees who are paying an amount equal to union dues to a charity rather than to the union because of religious beliefs.

The case, which involves a dispute over the use of non-union members' agency fee payments for political purposes, has been certified by the court as a class action. The members of the class are state employees who are not members of the United Auto Workers and who have not signed an authorization for the deduction of representation service fees from their wages.

For the department of public affairs and religious liberty to resolve this problem, it is necessary to have the names, addresses, telephone numbers and social security numbers of all public employees in Michigan who, because of religious belief are making dues-equivalent payments to charities rather than to the United Auto Workers. If you are in this situation and have not already contacted the department of public affairs and religious liberty, please do so immediately. The address is P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; 616-471-4070.

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THANKS for your used SAVE projectors. Need more in the mountains adapting to 12 volts. 10 now in Honduras, 2 in Guatemala. Oscar Soule, Box 40, Evensville, TN 37332. Phone, collect, 615-775-5648. —1747-23

NEEDED: An Adventist woman, age 55-65 who would like to live or spend the winter in Florida rent free. Share expenses and live in a large 2-story country home near churches and Florida Conference office. Need to have own car if possible. Gracie Morrison, Box 86, Monteverde, FL 32756; 305-469-2584. —1748-23

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NURSING CENTER CONTROLLER needed for newly opening Shady Grove Adventist Nursing Center. Controller reports to administrator and supervises 3 or more individuals. Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years experience required. To apply, send resume to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, 9901 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850; 301-279-6525. —1753-23

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Letters

Letters 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 your home church are required. Letters will not be published if you request anonymity.

One Sabbath at the Battle Creek, Michigan, Tabernacle, I listened with interest as a film was presented about Listen representatives and Narcotics Education, Inc. Later, I read your article, "Is Anyone Listening?" in the October 21 issue of the Lake Union Herald. I want to point out a few dates of which you are probably not aware.

Your article states that it was in 1954 that the first two Listen representatives began visiting professional and business people, requesting donations to put Listen magazine in the schools. Actually, the date was much earlier.

After my husband, Cecil Hovland, was baptized in the fall of 1950 in Des Moines, Iowa, he became an employee of the Iowa Temperance League, a non-denominational organization. Several other Seventh-day Adventists were also employees of this institution. Robert Roach (now of Loma Linda, California) was one, and the director was an Adventist, but I don't remember his name.

The Iowa Temperance League solicited funds from professional people and presented programs in schools and churches. As time went on, Cecil became more and more convinced that so much money was going for overhead and salaries and so little was actually benefiting area young people that he approached the Iowa Conference with a plan.

I was working at the conference office at the time, and my boss was L. G. Whitten, publishing secretary.

Before long, Cecil was asked to head a program initiated by the Iowa Conference. This was in the spring of 1951, a couple of months before we were married. W. A. Dessain was conference president.

This program was very successful. We received the largest donation from a lady in Mason City, Iowa, who paid for a Listen subscription for each high school student in Mason City. The price of a single subscription was only \$1.25 a year. Her donation amounted to more than \$1,100.

By the fall of 1952, Elder Dessain was president of the Missouri Conference. We were called to start the program there. We moved to Kansas City when our first-born son was only 3 weeks old.

Henry Brown, a General Conference worker, visited the office, and it was he who actually coined the name Narcotics Education, Inc. I know! I was the one who took notes at the meeting.

Please understand that this letter is not meant to be a criticism of your article or information but just an update. I thought you might be interested in these additional facts.

Ardythe Hovland
Battle Creek, Michigan

Editor's Note: We appreciate the update from Mrs. Hovland.

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