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A gift of love

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JOHN 3:16 indicates that "God so loved the world that He gave" This is a simple statement, yet it is profound. It is so simple, in fact, that even a child can understand it. We usually give to those we love. I think I am safe in saying that the more we love the more we give.

No one should be surprised by the fact that our Heavenly Father was willing to give to those He loves. What amazes us is what He gave! His gift was not food or clothing. Nor was it riches or pleasure. Instead, He gave us His Son. Such an act boggles the mind. A loving God gave His Son to die for unloving humanity. Truly, this qualifies as a gift of love.

The Apostle John's statement is profound because it clearly identifies God's underlying purpose for His gift of love. His concern for our eternal well-being prompted Him to give His only-begotten. Jehovah knew that unless He made this gesture men would be without hope. The crowning jewel of His creation would be eternally lost.

God could not bear the thought of being forever separated from those He loved; so He gave whatever it took to prevent such an awful result. In Romans 6:23, the Apostle Paul sums it all up by saying, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We have once again reached the season of the year when huge crowds are flocking to stores in search of gifts for those they love. Many gifts that will be exchanged will be of a frivolous nature—gifts that merely amuse or entertain. Other gifts will gratify appetites and tastes. Some, such as scarves or mittens ward off the cold; new shoes, a dress or a suit replacing worn-out garments may even meet a real need.

Can it be that we humans are more concerned about the temporal needs of our loved ones than we are about their spiritual needs. The gifts we give usually are of little eternal benefit. Our giving habits clearly delineate the difference between humanity and divinity. The prophet Isaiah was correct when he declared, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

This Christmas season brings us closer to the second advent of the Saviour than ever before. I want so much to be ready for that great day. My heart swells with gratitude to a tender Heavenly Father who made my salvation possible through His generous gift of love.

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COVER

Two-year-olds Natasha Thompson (seated) and Aleisha Shell were enjoying their friendship this past holiday season when Cyndie Pierce, a health psychology major at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, photographed them.

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Jackie and Dennis Bell stand near the sign that advertises their Pink Poodle dry cleaners. The business began to prosper as soon as they honored God by closing their doors on Sabbaths.

THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION

God's business is their business

by Glenn H. Hill

IN 1 Samuel 2:30, the Lord reminds His people that He will honor them if they honor Him. Sometimes, it takes a leap of faith to believe that, but God still has ways of making this truth clear.

Jackie and Dennis Bell of Battle Creek, Michigan, experienced that God does keep His word.

The Bells sold their house to Paul Simmons and moved next door. The Simmons, members of the Battle Creek Tabernacle, invited the Bells' daughter, Terry, to attend Sabbath services with them. She became interested in the Adventist Church and wanted to attend a Revelation Seminar on Tuesday nights, too. Her parents decided to attend with her.

About that time, Elmer Malcolm, pastor for the Tabernacle, began private Bible studies with the Bell family. The studies continued for a year, and the trio agreed to attend Jack Bohannon's evangelistic series held at the Tabernacle. The bells of Heaven rang with joy when the Bells were baptized at the end of the series. That was five years ago.

There were tests along the way. The very morning that Dennis was making a sign to announce that his Pink Poodle dry-cleaning business would be closed Sabbaths, a customer asked if he had heard about a competitor opening a dry-cleaning business nearby. Dennis thought about that a bit but went right ahead making the sign. The business would be closed despite the advice of family and friends.

"From the very first Sabbath that we closed the store, our business began to prosper," Dennis says. In fact, we had to hire more people. By the end of the first year, we had six people working."

Within two years, the Bells bought a second outlet

and had 11 people on the payroll. By November of the second year, Pink Poodle income was 350 percent higher than when the Bells made the decision to honor God by observing the Sabbath.

The Pink Poodle became a lighthouse. The Bells distributed literature to customers who showed any interest in their store hours and their faith.

The heart of the Lake Union is its witnessing people—those like the Dennis Bell family who honor the Lord in their business as well as in their private lives. These people soon discover that the Lord has ways of honoring them. When they make God's business their business, God makes their business His business.

Editor's Note: Jackie and Dennis Bell will soon be moving to Arizona to witness to their adult children who were not raised as Adventists. The Pink Poodle is up for sale.



By the second year of Sabbath observance, the Bells' business income had increased 350 percent, and they had opened a second dry-cleaning business.

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

Christmas is for giving . . . yourself

by Candace Wilson Jorgensen

Joyce Yoo spent her first 20 Christmases at home. But Christmas took on new meaning when Joyce left her familiar surroundings to help someone else.

HOME was exactly where Joyce Yoo intended to be during the holidays.

She had spent every one of her 20 Christmases with her family and, as a junior at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Joyce saw no reason to change a great tradition.

But then, at a friend's urging, Joyce attended an informational meeting about a Maranatha building project in Puerto Rico at Christmastime.

After that meeting and a subsequent slide presentation about Maranatha's 1984 Christmas trip to Honduras, Joyce became convinced. She would go to Puerto Rico at Christmastime with the Maranatha crew.

"Of course, I wanted to spend Christmas with my family," she confesses, "but I thought going to a new country would be exciting. Plus, the trip would be a nice present from my family!"

Actually, funding the trip wasn't quite that simple. Each person on a Maranatha "build" pays for transportation. In Joyce's case, this amounted to almost \$1,000. In addition, Joyce's sister, Sandy, wanted to go.

"I explained the situation to Wendell Phipps, youth pastor at the Chicago Korean Church," Joyce says. "He suggested that we present our plans to the congregation; so we did."

A \$600 offering was collected. With her family's contribution, Joyce and Sandy soon had tickets in hand.

On December 12, 1985, Joyce stood on foreign soil for the first time in her life. Her duties for Maranatha consisted of painting and mixing cement. "I learned how to finish a sidewalk," she exults.

What was Christmas actually like far from home?

"We woke up Christmas morning to find stockings strung in front of our tents," Joyce says and giggles at the



Joyce Yoo enjoys a game with a friend at the Christmas party given for Maranatha workers in Puerto Rico during the 1985 Maranatha project.

thought. Group leaders had brought them from America along with goodies to fill them. Local church members contributed stocking stuffers.

In addition, workers exchanged "care cards" on which each person wrote something caring.

But, after worship and a special breakfast, it was work as usual. "Even though we continued working, we made the day special by singing Christmas carols," Joyce says. "That attracted the neighbors who came to watch us work and listen to our music."

The climax of the day came that

evening when local church members threw a big party for the visitors.

"I'll never forget the food!" Joyce exclaims, eyes closed to better savor memories of a tropical feast.

During the festivities, everyone had to say "Merry Christmas" in the many different languages represented in the group. There was a skit and a visit from Santa Claus.

Church members gave each Maranatha worker a T-shirt with the inscription, "Maranatha Flights International, Narajaras Church," and a ceramic frog as a souvenir of the hard-to-catch creature that is native to Puerto Rico.

"Those people were so generous to us," Joyce says. "They made it a wonderful Christmas."

The experience was so wonderful that Joyce signed up for the Maranatha/Andrews chapter Christmas project for 1986: building a furniture factory at the Colegio Linda Vista, a Seventh-day Adventist school in Chiapas, Mexico.

Glen Johnson, associate professor of engineering technology at Andrews, is directing the Chiapas build. He has participated in four Maranatha projects at Christmastime.

"On these projects, you learn what Christmas truly means," he says. "It is the celebration of a gift that Christ has given for us. You've left your familiar surroundings to help someone else, which is what Christmas was originally all about."



Maranatha workers met with members of the nearly completed Narajaras Church.

Candace Wilson Jorgensen is public information officer for Andrews University.



The earthquake in El Salvador caused extensive damage in the downtown area of the capital. More than 300 people died in this building. ADRA volunteers who were on this site two hours after the quake rescued many survivors.



Sixteen ADRA tent cities housed some 9,000 earthquake victims in San Salvador. Food for 3,000 to 5,000 people was provided daily by ADRA volunteers such as the one shown here.

ADRA helps El Salvador quake victims

by Aileen Andres Sox

ADVENTIST Development and Relief Agency volunteers began rescue operations two hours after the earthquake shook parts of El Salvador, October 10.

To date, the quake has claimed more than 1,000 lives; wounded 4,000-8,000; and left 30,000 families homeless.

As soon as word of the quake reached ADRA headquarters, a shipment of emergency supplies was prepared. The shipment included medicines; tents; clothing for 22,500 people; 2,000 blankets; an electric generator; water purification tablets; and other emergency supplies.

ADRA's contribution of goods and cash for the emergency effort is valued at more than \$150,000.

W. Lee Grady, ADRA's director of material resources, flew to San Salvador, the capital, October 14, to coordinate relief efforts with local government and ADRA officials. He reports that 16 tent cities that housed some 9,000 homeless were pitched in San Salvador, the epicenter of the quake.

Fifteen clinics provided health care for approximately 900 people each day.

The city, which was completely destroyed by an earthquake in 1854, is located in a geological zone that is subject to frequent earthquakes.

The recent quake left six of the city's nine hospitals inoperable. Several hospitals cared for patients in open-air sites. Five hundred government buildings, including schools, will have to be rebuilt.

So serious is the damage that there has been some discussion of moving the entire city to a safer area.

The poor suffered the most. Their homes are made of adobe plastered over light wooden frames which crumble in strong earth tremors. Built on steep hills, these homes slid down the hills and smashed other houses in their path.

Dan Fahrback, an ADRA reporter, says that a hillside buried 40 houses. The dead were recovered from under eight feet of solid mud.

The homeless not cared for in tent cities such as those ADRA has established have made shelters from plastic,

cardboard, blankets and the remnants of destroyed houses. Many of these shelters were placed in the streets or on boulevard meridians. Some streets were completely blocked.

Water sources were polluted. People with plastic jugs on their heads walked great distances to get water from broken water mains. Government trucks delivered water into neighborhoods without water, but they could not haul enough.

Most of the 30,000 families left homeless in the quake have no resources with which to rebuild. ADRA executive director, Ralph S. Watts Jr., said that ADRA hopes to build earthquake-resistant houses in El Salvador.

"Our response to El Salvador's needs will, again, depend on our donors," Mr. Watts said. "I know we can count on their generosity."



Poor sanitation and impure water threatened to cause an epidemic of disease. ADRA established 15 medical clinics to provide health care for an average of 900 people daily.

Aileen Andres Sox was news and information coordinator for ADRA's coverage of the earthquake.

Haitian Adventists reflect spirit of Bethlehem

by Arthur Alexis

THE Bethlehem French Church, located in Chicago, was honored by Mayor Harold Washington as well as WMAQ-TV Channel 5, and Travelers and Immigrants Aid for an outstanding contribution to the Haitian community and an active role in sponsoring detained Haitian refugees.

Deloris McBain, manager of community affairs for WMAQ-TV, commended the church:

"Our viewers have been enlightened on the contributions you have made to this city . . . contributions many have taken for granted. Viewers have learned that you love this city as much as those residents preceding you. Our viewers have been introduced to your concerns, needs, and interests.

"We are proud to have this opportunity to make note of your accomplishments and your works."

The Bethlehem French Church was born about 15 years ago. From a small group of six individuals, it has grown to a membership of 135. Through the years, the church has served as a social and cultural home for a number of Haitian immigrants and refugees.

In 1980, Christian Airey, a Lutheran minister of Haitian origin, sponsored 80-100 Haitian refugees. Several volunteers from Bethlehem French Church offered the refugees their services and their compassion.

After attending a pastors' convention in the fall of 1981 at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, Naason B. Prosper, pastor at that time, reported that Haitian refugees detained in Florida were going to be transferred to New York State—close to the Canadian border.

Many people expressed the opinion that several of those unfortunate



Members of the Bethlehem French Church in Chicago were commended by Mayor Harold Washington as well as representatives from station WMAQ-TV and the Travelers & Immigrants Aid for compassionate service to Haitian refugees.

detainees would not survive the ordeal. Hence, Pastor Prosper made a call to the Haitian community in Chicago and to the general public about the Haitians' needs.

The Bethlehem Church authorized Elder Prosper to contact other Haitian communities in New York, Miami, Philadelphia and elsewhere for a common effort.

With the help of the United Church of Christ, an office was opened for coordination of actions at a medical center in Chicago. The Bethlehem Haitian-American Community Center supervised the volunteer workers.

In early 1982, Elder Prosper sponsored 10 of the 3,000 Haitians released from the detention camp.

The church provided nine volunteers for a fact-finding mission in the federal prison in Lexington, West Virginia. A dozen female refugees were comforted with assurances of the church's sympathy and concern for them.

Bethlehem Church members bring spiritual and material help to ease the

acculturation process for Haitians who have been allowed to live in this country.

The church food program has been carried on for the past two years, with the gracious cooperation of the Lutheran Child and Family Services Organization. The Bethlehem Community Services Center has an application pending with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase their food-distribution program.

Church members did not expect a reward of any kind for their efforts for the needy. But it is comforting to know that their efforts have caught the attention of those who have honored them. This public acknowledgment is shared with the Lake Region Conference, the church's parent organization.

Bethlehem French Church members are very happy that their contribution has been useful in improving the quality of life for some of the residents of the great city of Chicago. They accept the honor as a challenge to do even more.

Arthur Alexis is communication secretary for the Bethlehem French Church.

WILLIAM Carey, the famous missionary, was asked about his job. He said: "I am a full-time missionary. I just cobble shoes to pay the expenses."

That same dedication is evident among the people who work in the Michigan Conference office in Lansing.

If you visit the office, you'll find busy people scurrying about their typewriters, word processors and xerox copy machines. But the 37 and one-half hours per week these workers spend at work are just part of the story. "After hours" they share their faith in one way or another.

Loretta Moog, a secretary in the office of education, is a sounding board for her neighbors. They share problems and joys with her and are happy to find someone willing to listen. Their sharing of food helps, too.

All our "evangelism" begins with caring. It has been said that, "I don't really care how much you know, until I know how much you care."

Five of the office personnel are involved in giving Bible studies. In fact, one or another of these women is giving a study each weeknight somewhere in the Lansing area.

Linda Webber, secretary to the community services and Sabbath School departments, was baptized just a few years ago. In the spring of 1985 she received the name of Marge Morden from Art Miller in the publishing department. He had sold Marge a set of *Bible Story* books.

Soon Marge's children were showing interest, too. Linda developed work sheets for them and told Bible stories with felts. The children began inviting neighborhood friends to join the studies.

On May 31, Marge was baptized in the Lansing Church, and Linda was there beaming her approval. Marge is the firstfruits of Linda's ministry.

Soon after that, Marge invited a friend, Tammy Beckner, and her three children to attend the continuing studies. Then, Helena Marek was added to the group. Now, four women and six to eight children comprise the study group. Two members seem close to deciding to be baptized.

More than office workers

by Glenn H. Hill



Michigan Conference office secretaries know that only the Holy Spirit can bring conviction to those whom they are giving Bible studies. The secretaries seek strong prayer support for their ministry.

On another night, Linda studies with her friend Cindy Snyder. Cindy's first contact with Adventism was at the Lansing Community Service Center. Material aid in a time of felt need opens doors to hearts for the Gospel.

Florence Carlson, assistant treasurer for the Michigan Conference, met Mary Gifford while helping in the Lansing community services building one Monday evening three years ago. Mary showed interest in the Bible and agreed to studies.

Flo is a bit shy and arranged for Patrick Stevenson, the assistant pastor, to give the studies. He was transferred to another church and the studies with Mary were passed on to a fellow church member, Cecilia Ruskjer. Now, Florence is giving the



Marge Morden was baptized, May 31, into the Lansing Church family by Pastor Alger Keough after completing a Bible study series with Linda Webber that was started in the spring of 1985.

studies herself and thoroughly enjoys the sharing time.

Jean Dickerson is secretary to Don Gray in the church ministries department. She believes in doing her "homework," too. She has a Bible study with Pat McDonald and Willow Torka.

Willow returned an interest card that she picked up in the emergency room of a local hospital. Nobody knows how the card got there. It was crumpled and on the floor. Willow believes the Lord reserved the card just for her.

For a while, Jean had studied with Willow during her Wednesday lunch hour. "We've got to make the minutes count," she says.

About four months ago, Willow and Pat completed the "Good News" lessons and are attending a Revelation Seminar in East Lansing. Willow has invited a neighbor to attend with them.

Wilma Boling, secretary to Art Carlson in the ministerial department, and Margaret Hayhoe, mailroom coordinator, have teamed up to study the Bible with Cheryl Premo. The study began in November 1985.

Cheryl filled out a Bible study card she found in a doctor's office. She is deaf but reads lips and does signing.

The Premo family had just come through a difficult experience in another denomination in Florida and were "turned off on attending church." Cheryl's husband, Richard, wasn't going to take the studies, but later began sitting in on Cheryl's study. He and their daughter, Shawn Marie, are both involved.

There have been many answers to prayer along the way for money matters, employment and medical problems. The Premos continue to study and have involved three other friends. Now, there are three adults and three young people learning how God fits into their lives.

Wilma is also studying with three people who were contacted by means of the literature rack in the Lansing Airport. It is serviced by trust department associate, Theron Collins.

These workers all have something in common. They live "double lives": one at the desk each weekday in the conference office and the second one at night when they are studying the Word of God with others. They are much more than office workers.

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



Randy Day, choral director at Hinsdale Junior Academy, directed the festival choir at the sixth annual Illinois Conference Praise and Thanksgiving Day celebration.

Illinois members celebrate God's bountiful blessings

by Jean Gray

IT'S the Harvest Celebration, We're meeting in the air! It's the Harvest Celebration, There's love everywhere! We're goin' to meet the Father... Gettin' to see the Son! It's the Harvest Celebration, The Spirit has made us one.

The theme song of the sixth annual Illinois Conference Praise and Thanksgiving Day rang with joyful assurance on November 23 as Adventists from all over the state gathered at Broadview Academy in La Fox.

In addition to congregational sing-

Jean Gray is secretary for the Illinois Conference church ministries and communication departments.

ing, music was provided by a trio comprised of Orlando Magana's children: Orlando Jr., Dennis and Kenneth. Pastor Magana serves the Hispanic Little Village Church in Chicago.

The Northern Illinois Music Festival was held in the afternoon. Students from 16 church schools who comprised the festival choir and band rendered songs of Thanksgiving praise and Christmas joy.

George Lloyd, director of church ministries for the Illinois Conference, introduced the concept of Discovery 150. This plan calls for 150 Revelation Seminars to be held in Illinois during the first week of March 1987.

An audiovisual presentation prepared by David Henderson, principal

of the Aurora Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, demonstrated the effectiveness of Revelation Seminars.

Featured in the presentation were Debbie Chapko and Ken Shelton. Debbie, a teacher at Hinsdale Junior Academy, joined the church as a result of a Revelation Seminar and now holds seminars in her home. Ken Shelton is a lay preacher who raised up the Herrin Church by holding Revelation Seminars.

At the close of the audiovisual presentation, Elder Lloyd called for commitment to working in the Discovery 150 program. Forty-eight persons responded that they will share the message of a risen Saviour through a Revelation Seminar in March.

Commitment cards will be sent through the mail to those who were not able to attend the Praise and Thanksgiving Day celebration.

Illinois Conference president, Everett Cumbo, spoke about "Why I Am Thankful Today." Elder Cumbo's list of blessings included life and good health. Elder Cumbo suffered a heart attack three years ago but said that he feels better today than before the attack.

The president also expressed thankfulness for peace of mind, the forgiveness of sins, his family and the family of God. He introduced his 7-month-old granddaughter Sarah Jane Preston, daughter of Aubrey and



Students from 16 Illinois church schools which comprised the festival band and choir, rendered songs of Thanksgiving praise and Christmas joy. David Haynes, instrumental instructor at Hinsdale Junior Academy, conducted the festival band.

Penney Cumbo Preston of Denver. Sarah Jane is the newest member of his family.

Elder Cumbo expressed joy for the new members of the family of God in Illinois—800 new members, so far this year. He reported that the Hispanic Central Church of Chicago has spawned a new church that was officially organized on December 6.

This new group comprises the 14th Hispanic church in the conference. One objective of Harvest 90 for Illinois is to increase the number of Hispanic churches to 20.

Guest speaker for the morning program was N. R. Dower. Prior to his retirement, Elder Dower was ministerial director of the General Conference.

Referring to Psalm 116, Elder Dower



At the annual Praise and Thanksgiving Day program, Elder N. R. Dower encouraged Illinois members to compile a list of God's blessings and their thanksgiving responses to Him.

asked, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" He pointed out that there is no way members can repay the Lord for His bountiful blessings, but there are some ways to show their appreciation.

He said that the first action is to "take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:13). In this way, members recognize their relationship to God and know that wherever they are, night or day, they are in His reach.

Second, he noted that they can pay their vows unto the Lord by committing their lives to His care. Third, he said they can recognize that God has broken their chains—no situation or temptation is beyond His power if they allow Him to control their lives.

Elder Dower closed his presentation by challenging the congregation to do as the Psalmist and compile a personal list of blessings for which they are thankful and include ways in which they can show their appreciation.

Adventist outreach— a continuous harvest

ACCESIONS to the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the past 12 months occurred at the rate of 1,034 per day. Yet, 1,432 missionaries from North America and elsewhere have left their homes to continue sowing Gospel seeds.

G. Ralph Thompson, secretary for the church's global ministry, says the accessions represent "nearly 19 percent of our 2 million goal for the last half of this decade."

Highest daily accession rates continue to come from Inter-America where an average 220 joined the Adventist Church daily. South American accessions were second with 186 daily, and they are also averaging one new congregation per week.

"Africa and the Far East record more than 100 new members daily," says Mr. Thompson. North America's additions reached 92 on the per-day average.

"Record baptisms in Papua New Guinea have overwhelmed the South Pacific Division for follow-up," says Walter Scragg, division president.

Following an effort in Goroka by Laverne Tucker and his team from the "Quiet Hour" ministry in Redlands, California, nearly 16,000 people attended the baptism of 284 people.

At the conclusion of the service, another 2,874 people answered Elder Tucker's call for continuing study of God's Word and indicated a desire for future baptisms.

"Looking at the church's mission of going into all the world, we are heartened to see that missionaries to other lands from nations outside North



America are on the increase," says Mr. Thompson. "In fact, we now have [more than] half as many going from other countries to yet other people as we do from North America."

While 942 missionaries left North America, 490 left their overseas homelands for one of the 186 countries in which Adventists have a medical, educational or evangelistic presence.

Most missionaries went as educators or medical workers. Physicians and paramedical staff from North America totaled 160. There were 94 from overseas divisions of the church. Education staff from North America totaled 174, compared to 65 from other countries.

During the same period, 374 people, 100 from Australia alone, left their homelands to serve for the first time. Another 140 were students who interrupted their education for a year of service. More than 300 were volunteers for short-term assignments.

Current openings for posts in Adventist offices, schools and hospitals around the world provide opportunities for continued seed-sowing.



NO one remembers exactly when Helen Roth began bringing flowers to beautify the Clear Lake Church sanctuary, but all agree it was more than 20 years ago.

The Roths moved to the Clear Lake, Wisconsin, area in 1959 so that their children could attend the junior academy. They are the parents of 10 children.

Beth Nelson is communication secretary for the Clear Lake, Wisconsin, Church.

A faithful friend and willing worker

by Beth Nelson



Helen Roth was presented a beautiful "50 States" quilt by Clear Lake Church members who appreciate her faithful service.

Always smiling and composed, Helen is a quiet, modest lady who enjoys working with flowers from her large garden. "When I arrange flowers, it gives me a good feeling to see God's handiwork in creating so many lovely varieties," she says.

Besides contributing flowers to the church each week during the summer, Helen delivers many bouquets to invalids and hospital patients.

Through the years, Helen has held many church offices, including adult Sabbath School superintendent, kindergarten leader, cradle roll leader,

church clerk, church organist and Sabbath School pianist.

Now, Helen is the community services leader. Since the new community services building was completed in 1982, she has spent many hours at the center, sorting donations and distributing clothing and quilts to needy families.

Helen has played a big part in a Clear Lake Church tradition—making "friendship quilts." When a church family moves from the area, they are presented with a large, handmade quilt as a farewell gift. Each family in the church creates a block for the quilt, but it is usually Helen who sews the blocks together and adds the finishing touches.

This summer, Adelaide Nelson, special events leader, decided that Helen should receive recognition for her contributions. Adelaide organized the ladies of the church to embroider 50 quilt blocks, each bearing the name of a state and that state's flower. When the handwork was completed in September, Mrs. Nelson sewed the quilt together.

At a special program held at the church the evening of October 4, members rendered musical selections and paid tribute to Helen Roth, a faithful friend and willing worker.

Helen was called to the platform and given a large package. While opening it, she commented, "This is truly a surprise." Silence prevailed in the sanctuary for the next few moments as the quilt was held up for all to admire. After expressing her appreciation, Mrs. Roth said: "This is a wonderful church family. I love you all."



For more than 20 years, Helen Roth has used flowers from her garden to beautify the Clear Lake Church sanctuary.



Mildred Klin's childhood dream was to become an overseas missionary. Instead, she has made a mission field in her own home in Vincennes, Indiana. Mildred, 78, and her son, Ronnie, 44, both celebrated birthdays in November.

A mission field at home

by Jerry Lastine

BORN in Michigan in a literature evangelist's home, Mildred Klin learned to appreciate people.

She earned scholarship money selling Watchman magazines on State and Madison streets in Chicago. The biography of David Livingstone greatly influenced her life, and her childhood dream was to become an overseas missionary.

But problems change plans. Mildred dropped out of school and out of church. She later married and moved to Chicago.

"I always believed the Adventists were right, and I knew sooner or later I would have to get back into the church," Mildred says. She was out of the church for 35 years.

Mr. Klin operated a golf shop in Chicago while Mildred mothered their three boys, one of whom suffered a birth injury which resulted in cerebral palsy.

When Mr. Klin died in 1965, Mildred moved to Vincennes, Indiana, to be near her aging mother. Mildred was rebaptized that same year.

Vincennes University, a state-supported junior college that special-

izes in business, engineering, health professions and the humanities, attracts students from Africa.

One student, Tobias Warrento, visited the Adventist Church and met Mildred. Later, when his nephew, Elia Kim Ochola, arrived minus all his earthly possessions which were lost during air travel, Tobias knew Mildred would help.

Mildred invited Elia to live in her home, and he was soon joined by Zeke Adair. Free room and board was provided to them for helping with Mrs. Klin's mother and handicapped son. Mildred had moved the mission field

into her home.

Mildred says that helping young people understand the needs of the handicapped and how to respond to them is providing a practical education.

"I just love young people," Mildred says with a smile that practically talks. Three young men, Mildred, her 44-year-old handicapped son and three cats live in Mildred's home.

During the day, Mildred babysits for working parents. If the children are in her home on Sabbath, Mildred takes them to Sabbath School and church.

Mildred's home consists of a living room, a kitchen-dining room, two bedrooms, a bathroom and an enclosed porch. "I just trust the Lord that He will hold my very, very old house together while I enjoy giving my funds to programs such as Amazing Facts, Jesus Behind Bars, "Faith For Today" and "It Is Written."

Mildred's rewards come in the form of phone calls and letters from her "sons" around the world.

Her prayer is: "Take my dreams, Lord, mold them, shape them, and then grace them with Your Spirit. Show me a need that I can fill today."

Is it any wonder that Mildred's love for people shows.



Mildred's reading and writing is done at the kitchen table after the family has gone out for the day.

Jerry Lastine is communication director for the Indiana Conference.

Wisconsin Conference

Vegetarian Tasting Party kicks off cooking series

Wisconsin—More than 230 people, including 200 non-Adventists, attended the first Milwaukee area Vegetarian Tasting Party, October 5, at the Seventh-day Adventist elementary school.

The tasting party, coordinated by Kris Haynal, provided meat analogs, lacto-ovo and total vegetarian dishes for sampling. Four natural foods

stores in Milwaukee and Madison, Sam's Vegetarian Catering Service and members of the Central, Northwest, Spanish and Waukesha Adventist churches provided food.

Prior to the party, Rebecca Cheng, an internist and Waukesha Church member, lectured on the physiological benefits of vegetarianism.

Sponsored by the school, students were involved in publicity, setup, serving and cleanup.

The tasting served as a kickoff for

two series of vegetarian cooking classes. One four-session series, taught by Rebecca Cheng and Carlene Will, emphasized fast-and-easy foods for a typical vegetarian diet. Twenty-six people participated.

Fifty people are attending a six-session series taught by Janelle Cray and Kathy McFadden that introduces a total vegetarian diet. The last class will focus on holiday cooking.

*Cherry B. Habenicht
Wisconsin Correspondent*



Kris Haynal (facing the camera) coordinates the Vegetarian Tasting Party that attracted more than 230 people.



Esther Earls, a Northwest Church member, removes a pan of Crispy Chik from the oven.

Wisconsin Conference news notes

• Carol Grant, **Oxford Church** communication secretary, reports that Elder Willis Graves conducted a Breathe-Free Plan to Stop Smoking workshop, November 2-6, in the Oxford Village Hall. Of the five successful participants, one had been smoking for 55 years. Everett Edminster, head elder, assisted with the clinic.

• Harvey Hansen, **Clearwater Lake Church** communication secretary, reports that Randy and Scott Ingram were rebaptized, September 6, following their attendance at a Revelation Seminar taught by Pastor Clinton Meharry and Len Kramer.

• Members of the **Clearwater Lake Church** hosted a Fall Festival instead of a Halloween party, Saturday night, November 1. The social included games, refreshments and a costume contest. Julie Burzynski won first prize for her Statue of Liberty costume.

• Arthur Nelson, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference, and

Esther Nelson, director of the Wisconsin Adventist Book Center, presented Sabbath vespers at the **Clearwater Lake Church**, November 1. The thought-provoking program, "Restless Angels," included music, readings from the writings of Ellen G. White and personal comments.

• The **Clearwater Lake Church** hosted a vocal concert, November 8. Calling themselves Country Praise, Darrell and Candee Kuhn of the Tomahawk Church and Brett Shotwell of the Merrill Church presented some original songs.

Adventist literature displayed at Milwaukee Teachers' Convention

Wisconsin—After seven years of trying, Ruth Cinquemani, a literature evangelist, obtained permission to set up a booth at the Milwaukee Teachers' Convention, November 6 and 7.

Her display featured three books by Nancy Van Pelt and Arthur Maxwell's *Bedtime Stories*. She provided the

Winner, a children's magazine, and Listen magazines about smoking, drug abuse and obesity.

A cigarette-smoking egghead named Humpty Dummy and bright temperance posters at her booth were well received.

A drawing for a medical book was held.



Ruth Cinquemani, literature evangelist, holds the first display of Adventist literature at the Milwaukee Teachers' Convention in November.

Training seminar conducted for lay Bible ministers at Green Lake Conference Center

Wisconsin—Fifty-five individuals participated in Wisconsin's eighth Lay Bible Ministers Training Seminar that began Friday night, October 31, in the Green Lake Conference Center.

Special guest, Bob Clarke, from Beltsville, Maryland, presented a four-part series on the book of Philipians, which he termed "The Book of Joy." He urged the laity to shine like stars in the night and to be all that they can be as admonished in Philipians.

"Joy is a Christian attitude," Elder Clarke said. "Keep your joy by right praying and right thinking!"

Seven Wisconsin pastors arranged their schedules to join their members at this LBM seminar. The largest group of laymen (six) was from Sheboygan. Their pastor, Fred Ellis, accompanied them.

The presence of the pastors was especially valuable during planning sessions because they and the laity developed ideas for future church activities.

Elder Clarke and his wife, Joan, participated in the LBM planning groups. They drew on their experience with long-range projections and their current involvement in an eight-year master plan for the Beltsville Church.

Bob and Mary Merickel of Chippewa Falls introduced their Revelation Seminar class member, Donna McNamara. She, her husband, their daughter and son-in-law are studying the Bible with the Merickels.

Debbie Reynolds, a new Seventh-day Adventist when the March seminar was held, went home and began Bible studies with five friends. Now, two friends are almost ready for baptism.

Chuck and Lani Fitzsimons left an LBM weekend a couple of years ago and felt impressed to visit Bernie and Robin Harris to whom Chuck had sold a set of *Bible Story* books three years earlier. The Fitzsimons invited Bernie and Robin to a Memorial Day picnic at their home. At the picnic, Chuck and Lani invited the Harrises to the Wisconsin Camp Meeting.

Bernie and Robin attended Friday night and Sabbath morning services the first weekend of camp meeting and, on the way home, agreed to join the Fitzsimons in a study of the book



Creative ideas flowed at the Lay Bible Ministers Training Seminar. From left, Betty Wittwer, Elder Ken Knutsen and Gloria Davis discuss activities for the Oshkosh District.

of Revelation.

The Harrises are now baptized members and are actively involved in Adams-Friendship Company programs.

At one of the closing sessions, participants suggested numerous ideas for increasing the visibility of the Adventist Church.

Suggestions include erecting highway billboards along the interstate system, establishing a radio station, distributing the book *What I Like*

About . . . to every home in Wisconsin, developing a church center and widely using radio spot/public service announcements.

Leo Mathewson of the Milwaukee Northwest Church and Mike Brusky of Marshfield have attended each of the eight LBM seminars.

The next Lay Bible Ministers seminar will be held March 20-22, 1987.

*Frances Wilson
Secretary*

Communication Department



During Sabbath School, each group discussed one section of a day's lesson.



Lena Church Pathfinders march in Dairyfest Parade

Wisconsin—Patti Whiting reports that Lena Church Pathfinders, the Wildcats, marched in the second annual Dairyfest Parade in Lena, September 14. Wayne Whiting is director of the Lena Pathfinder club.

Illinois Conference

South Suburban Church welcomes seven family members

Illinois—The South Suburban Church in Flossmoor formally welcomed seven new members during the September 13 church service.

Robert and Phyllis Haas were reunited with the Seventh-day Adventist Church family by profession of faith.

Willie, Sherion and Adriane Weston are former Pentecostal Church members who had returned a Bible-study request card to the Illinois Conference office. The card was forwarded to the South Suburban Church. Staff and students of the North American Division Evangelism Institute in La Grange were conducting a series of meetings at the church.

Two seminarians from NADEI,



Pastor Terry Campbell introduces new church members and their spiritual friends to the church family. From left are Pastor Campbell, Glenn Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Willie Weston, Adriane Weston, Sherion Weston, Jim Herr, Carol Herr, Robert Haas, Phyllis Haas, Maureen Gabbadon, Janice Gabbadon and Veechous Gabbadon.

David Hartman and Judd Lake, studied with the Westons and led them to a decision to become baptized members of the Adventist Church.

Janice Gabbadon's faithfulness resulted in her children, Maureen and

Veechous, deciding to unite with the church. Joe Allison, their school principal, studied with the youths this summer.

*Eleanor Knoll
Communication Secretary*

Students raise money for elderly in bike/walk-a-thon

Illinois—Twenty-one students from the Lance Lockwood South Suburban Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Homewood raised more than \$650 for the Applewood Living Center van fund.

Applewood, an Adventist nursing home in Matteson, needs a van for transporting residents. The students raised the money by finding sponsors among family, friends and South Suburban Church members for a bike/walk-a-thon held in Matteson, October 13.

Working with the school staff, students and parents to make the event a success were Steve Bakken, administrator for the center; Daria Florez, the center's activity director; and Lois Butler, city clerk.

*Joe Allison
Principal*



Some students rode bicycles, some walked, all raised money for a van for senior citizens in the Applewood Living Center.

Indiana Conference

Indiana Conference news notes

Illinois Conference news note

- Cynthia and James Carter presented their son, Jason, to the Lord, August 30, in the **South Suburban Church** in Flossmoor. Pastor Terry Campbell conducted the baby dedication service. Patricia and Glenn Rogers pledged themselves to be spiritual friends to Jason and his parents.

- Joann Norman, communication secretary for the **Scottsburg Church**, reported that members held a Fall Festival social in the church basement, October 26. Young people played games and had a pizza supper.
- Joan Guess, communication secretary, reported that the **Terre Haute Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School** held its annual auction at the school, October 11.
- Laura Burris, communication secretary, reported that members of the **Spencer Church** conducted a five-week Story Time program, Sundays,

during September and October at Timber Ridge Youth Camp in Spencer for area children and Vacation Bible School contacts. "Dare to Be a Daniel" was the theme of the program. Sandy Culp, director, was assisted by church members. Children met at the camp for singing, nature walks, Bible stories and prayer. Many community children participated in the program.

- The **Spencer Church** hosted a free vegetarian dinner for the community, November 16, in the dining room of the Timber Ridge Youth Camp in Spencer. Invitations were sent to more than 300 people and more than 10 percent responded.



John Steindraus directed the work of 20 people who replaced classroom windows in the Lafayette Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School.

Lafayette, Indiana, Church renovates school building and expands school program

Indiana—Major improvements have been made at the Lafayette Church and the school complex.

Improvements costing more than \$7,000 included new windows for the



Volunteers worked together to put new church school windows in place.

school classrooms, a new furnace for the gymnasium and an enlarged parking lot.

Students are publishing a school newspaper named Pleasantview Herald. The editorial staff, reporters and photographers are from various groups within the school.

The first edition shared Home and

School Association news, a memory verse contest and reports about various class activities. The hand-colored cover featured a pumpkin with colored leaves falling around it.

Ron and Rita Andrus are the teachers. Donald Short is church pastor.

David Novak

Communication Secretary



Pastor Fred Rogers precariously holds his pancake, daring anyone to eat it.

Cicero Church holds breakfast

Indiana—The Cicero Church Board of Elders, led by Charles Trubey, held an outdoor pancake breakfast, September 7, near the "pits" at Indiana Academy.

Following a breakfast of pancakes and fruit in the out-of-doors, the 12 elders discussed ways to increase their effectiveness in the church. James Cox, ministerial secretary for the Indiana Conference, shared spiritual insights.

Ramona Trubey
Church Member



Following a pancake breakfast, Pastor Fred Rogers addresses Cicero Church leaders gathered at the "pits" for a devotional service.



Terre Haute elementary students keep busy schedule

Indiana—Alicia Sutton keeps her nine students in the Terre Haute Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School involved in practical and religious activities. On Thursdays alone, students go to the library, take cooking classes taught by Nicole Archer and participate in missionary activities in addition to traditional classwork. The small student body hosted an open house, October 2, and planned a banquet for November.

Lake Union Conference

Lake Union Conference Executive Committee report

Lake Union—The Lake Union Executive Committee met, November 19, for the last meeting of 1986. The following actions were taken:

Accepted the resignation of Fred Harder, due to his move to California.

Accepted reports on Harvest 90 and the status of the lawsuit *Derrick Proctor vs. General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists* and the treasurer's report.

Voted to accept the many financial policies as voted by the Annual Council in Washington.

Voted to approve \$230,200 in loan requests from the Lake Union Revolving Fund: Northview Junior Academy in Cadillac, Michigan; Logansport, Indiana, Church; East Chicago Spanish Church; Wilson, Michigan, Church; Wisconsin Academy; and the

Berean Church in South Bend, Indiana.

Voted honorary credentials for retirees Hal Rutherford, Wilbur E. Hainey and David E. Hodge.

Voted retirement requests for George Huffaker—Illinois; Leah Dunlap Davis—Michigan; and Everett Edminister—Wisconsin.

Voted to declare in the Lake Union that 1987 is the Year of the Seventh-day Adventist Teacher.

Voted to pass on the call of the Trans-European Division to Robert Fekete, Illinois pastor, to be a pastor in Northern Ireland.

Voted Harold Peggau as ministerial intern for the Indiana Conference.

Voted to appoint Rae Harvey to the Home Health Education Service Board.

Voted to appoint Harry Straub treasurer for Home Health Education Service.

Voted to receive the North American Division Survey Commission report on the Lake Region Conference financial condition.

Voted to recommend that the North American Division Survey Commission report be presented to the Lake Region Conference Executive Committee.

Voted to recommend to the Lake Region Conference Executive Committee that a special open meeting of Lake Region Conference members be called to hear the North American Division Survey Commission report on the Lake Region Conference financial condition.

Voted to accept the Lake Union K-12 Board of Education recommendations for salaries and other related items.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held February 18, 1987.

Andrews University

Academy faculty honored

Andrews University—Three faculty members at Andrews Academy in Berrien Springs, Michigan, were honored, October 16, with faculty service awards for 10 years of employment.

Richard Orrison, principal, reports that recipients were Lydia Chong, health and physical education instructor; Sharon Constantine, office secretary; and Sharon Russell, home

economics instructor.

"When a person makes a commitment of 10 years, it really is a significant investment. These kinds of commitments are the essence of a strong school program," Dr. Orrison said.

"It's been enjoyable. The faculty have been supportive, and the kids make it worthwhile," said Miss Chong.

It's hard to believe it's been 10 years," said Mrs. Constantine.

Mrs. Russell added, "It's a good place to work."



Steven and Charlene Vitranos

Vitranos donate Bibles to A.U. Seminary chapel

Andrews University—Steven and Charlene Vitranos donated 196 Bibles to the seminary chapel this fall.

Steven is professor of preaching, liturgics and evangelism for the seminary. Charlene teaches business education at Andrews Academy. Both have worked for the university since 1958.

"It will now be possible for the worshipers in chapel services to read from the Scriptures in unison or responsively," Dr. Vitranos said.

The Vitranos said they chose the New American Standard Bible because it is one of the most accurate modern translations.



Andrews Academy principal, Richard T. Orrison, cites faculty for 10 years of service. From left are Sharon Russell, Lydia Chong and Sharon Constantine.

New WAUS mission statement adopted by broadcasting board

Andrews University—The Andrews Broadcasting Corporation Board adopted a new mission statement for radio station WAUS on September 30.

The station is located on the Andrews campus in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

In the spring of 1986, the radio station board appointed a subcommittee to develop a new mission statement.

"Some real questions in the minds of management at WAUS and at Andrews are: 'What exactly do we want WAUS to be? What do we expect from it? What should it be?'" said W. Richard Leshner, president of the board. "We've been examining these questions over the past year."

The previous mission statement, written in 1983, was "so long and wordy that after reading it you still

didn't have any idea what the station's mission was," said station manager, W. Michael Wiist.

He noted that the old mission statement also made several difficult demands on WAUS. "It required WAUS to 'provide the listener with an aural, aesthetic experience that enriches and gives meaning to the human spirit.'"

WAUS was also called upon to improve the intelligence of its listeners. "That's a pretty tall task for a radio station," Mr. Wiist added.

"The reasons for the station's continual financial difficulties over many years were not all related to organization, staffing or management," said Mr. Wiist. "To have an audience that identifies with the station and contributes financially and helps support the station, we need to have a clear purpose, reflected in our programming approach."

The new WAUS mission statement is as follows:

"WAUS has as its mission to provide a unique cultural service to the communities within its broadcast coverage area. Recognizing concentration of appeal as a principle of effective broadcasting, WAUS defines its target audience as those listeners with an interest in classical music and the arts.

"The station will serve them seven days a week, with a consistent format of classical music, news and information (including entertainment, public affairs and religious programs).

"WAUS seeks to represent Andrews University to its listeners as a premiere institution of higher learning.

"Within the context and constraints of its primary mission, WAUS will also provide an opportunity for Andrews University student involvement in operation of the station, and make available the expertise of its staff for the academic program of the university."

Andrews Academy alumni serve through love to one another

Andrews University—Approximately 300 alumni registered for the Andrews Academy alumni weekend program, October 16-18.

The classes of 1986, 1977, 1967, 1962, 1957, 1947, 1937 and 1927 were honored. The theme for the weekend was "Through Love Serving One Another."

The Alumni Association selected Barbara Stanhiser Fisher as Alumna of the Year. She is a 1962 graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College Academy (forerunner of Andrews Academy).

Mrs. Fisher is from Richmond, Indiana, and has been a member of the Executive Board of the Lake Union Conference for the past four years. She is a registered nurse and an



Barbara Stanhiser Fisher, a 1962 graduate of Andrews Academy, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, was chosen Alumna of the Year.

active member of the Richmond Church.

Mary Ann Kimmel McNeilus, a member of the class of 1962, delivered the Sabbath morning sermon titled "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need."

Other events included an alumni convocation on Thursday, a Friday evening vespers and a Sabbath afternoon concert that featured Andrews Academy choral groups.

Alumni men and academy women won the Saturday night "Shydepoke," the traditional school-versus-alumni flagball games.

Contractor donates labor to Ruth Murdoch School

Andrews University—Jerry Kantor of Kantor Construction and two of his employees donated \$1,000 worth of labor to the Ruth Murdoch Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Minerva Straman, principal, reports that the men installed an extension to a concrete slab in the playground area. Money for materials had been raised by the Ruth Murdoch Home and School Committee.

"They asked me how much I'd charge for my services, and I said I'd donate them," said Mr. Kantor. "I've known Dr. Straman a long time, and I figured it was the least I could do for the kids."

Both of Mr. Kantor's children had attended Ruth Murdoch. He is a member of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, and his business is based in Niles, Michigan.



The Andrews Academy class of 1962 celebrated its 25th anniversary in October.

World Church News

'Your Story Hour' broadcast hosts public open house

Berrien Springs, Mich.—"Your Story Hour" employees sponsored an open house, November 2, to acquaint the community with production facilities.

A total of 520 people visited the

"Your Story Hour" offices.

Attractions included a simulated radio production, music and sound-effects demonstrations, a showing of video tapes of recent TV news coverage and a session recorded in Spanish.

Stanley Hill, the Uncle Dan of "Your

Story Hour," along with the Spanish Aunt Sue, Ileana Freeman, and Spanish Uncle Dan, Antonio Escoto, were on hand to greet guests.

Cookies were provided by two local grocery stores.

Although the announced hours for the open house were 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., public enthusiasm delayed closing until after 6 p.m.

"Your Story Hour" is planning future events for the public.



"Your Story Hour" producer, Fred Meseraull, demonstrates to a group of young people how a radio program is recorded.



Stanley Hill, "Your Story Hour's" Uncle Dan, shows how sound effects are made.

Major miniseries planned by 'It Is Written'

Thousand Oaks, Calif.—The success of the "It Is Written" recent miniseries, "The Rise and Fall of Antichrist," has led to planning for a series entitled "Rescuers of Neglected Truth."

David B. Smith, director of public



George E. Vandeman, director/speaker for the "It Is Written" television program stops at Wartburg Castle in East Germany during taping for the "Rescuers of Neglected Truth" series.

relations for the telecast, reports the new miniseries is scheduled to be aired nationwide early in 1987.

The eight-part series will focus on the rediscovery of lost Bible truth by various religious groups or individuals. The weekly episodes hosted by speaker/director, George Vandeman, will include "What I Like About the Baptists," "What I Like About the Lutherans" and "What I Like About the Methodists."

Each program will include an interview with a key, religious leader representing the featured denomination. Scheduled guests include Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker for "The Lutheran Hour"; James Ault, president of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church; and John Draper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The series will conclude with two special programs describing how the Seventh-day Adventist Church has gathered various gems of light, the neglected truths championed through the centuries, to complete the reformation.

Interview guest, Neal C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, will share his convictions on the final program about the unique world view that Adventism offers.

Mr. Smith says "It Is Written" has always enjoyed a dramatic increase in audience response to their miniseries. Pastor Vandeman says that interest is already building for the 1987 miniseries. And support expressed by the various denominational leaders being interviewed for the project has been extremely positive.

Telecast scripts will be available in book form as the 1987 Adventist Missionary Book of the Year.

The series will be highlighted by new film shot on location in Eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain and in England.

"We know God can effectively use this new miniseries format to portray the miraculous recovery of Bible truth and our church's key role in the continuing reformation," says Pastor Vandeman. "We urgently need the prayers of our church family as this vital project goes forward."

Harris Pine Mills, Inc. announces closure

Pendleton, Ore.—Harris Pine Mills, Inc., a Pendleton firm since 1939, filed for bankruptcy, Friday, December 5, under provisions of Federal Bankruptcy Code Chapter 7.

The United States Bankruptcy Court in Portland, Oregon, late Thursday, December 11, issued an order approving the trustee's application to convert from Chapter 7 to Chapter 11.

Court papers show 55 million dollars in liabilities and 40 million dollars in assets.

"Conversion to Chapter 11 will allow greater flexibility in liquidating assets of the bankruptcy estate," Trustee John Mitchell explained. "It should also result in a higher return upon the claims of all creditors," he said.

Increasing competition and a fragile economic environment were cited as contributing reasons for the closure and move for dissolution with the

Federal District Court in Portland.

After the resignation of the board of directors, the corporation of stockholders named an interim board of three members—all in Maryland.

"Continuing negative net worth has made it impossible for us to compete effectively in the marketplace," explained Harold F. Otis Jr., chairman of the new board.

Harris experienced financial difficulties, even to the average daily loss of \$30,000. Simply put, this loss appears to be due to an unrealistic belief in product demand, tardiness in delivery of product and lack of sufficient quality control.

Harris has been a leader in production of unfinished pine furniture as well as redwood patio products. In more recent times, while trying to compete in the marketplace, the corporation had turned to finished furniture.

It had also continued with sales in timber and lumber—under the tradename Harris of Pendleton. Cash

flow has been generated primarily from the sale of timber during the past few months.

Closure and layoffs affect employees in 26 branch plants in 15 states as well as in the home office.

Mr. Mitchell said the possibilities for reopening branch locations are being studied. "Such reopenings, while probably temporary, would complete work in process and provide finished products which would be marketable at a substantially greater value than unassembled pieces," he said.

Trustee Mitchell cautioned that it is not yet known which, if any, of the 26 branch facilities or main plant, might be reactivated.

Editor's Note: When this issue of the Herald went to press, the Michigan Conference had already taken steps to face this crisis. See story below. The Herald will report additional information on the situation as it becomes available.

Michigan Conference

Consensus meeting delegates discuss Harris closure

Michigan—At the December 7 consensus meeting, in Grand Ledge, Glenn Aufderhar, Michigan Conference president, disclosed the difficulties of Harris of Pendleton that culminated in their filing for bankruptcy, December 5. (See story above.)

The federal court now has the keys to the mills, and a Trustee will lead in liquidation proceedings. The total impact upon the Michigan Conference is not yet known.

The greater loss is in jobs for nearly 100 students on the Adelphian and Cedar Lake campuses and the 45 community families that were working in the two mills.

The pain of the closure was felt in the December 7 meeting. Available members of the Lay Advisory Committee met and voted to use \$20,000 from the Michigan Advance Program Special Projects fund to assist students who depended on jobs at the Harris Pine Mills to stay in school.

The committee nominated 10 laity to serve on a committee with five members appointed by the Conference Executive Committee. They will

give immediate study to replacing those jobs through attracting other industries to the campuses.

Committed funds will guarantee wages through the first semester for students affected by the closure. Conference members are assured that every effort will be made to help the students to remain in school.

John Glass, pastor at Cedar Lake, is trying to put together a program to help affected families through the grieving process and career adjustment.

Some of those whose jobs terminated at Harris may work as literature evangelists, for the blind in Michigan through Christian Record Braille Foundation or for College Wood Products at Andrews University in Berrien Springs.

One pastor at the Grand Ledge meeting offered his \$35 Christmas bonus to start a fund to help stricken families. Other Michigan Conference employees may do likewise by requesting that Hubert Moog, treasurer, divert their bonus to the fund.

Anyone may give to that emergency fund by sending the donation directly to the conference. Please specify "Emergency Fund."

Michigan is not alone in this loss. The Harris bankruptcy will affect Adventist academies on 16 campuses with the loss of more than 750 student jobs. Nor is the Michigan Conference alone in seeking to resolve the losses. Our God is "a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear..." (Psalm 46:1, 2, King James Version).



Port Huron hosts V.O.P. rally

Michigan—James Hayward, director of the "Voice of Prophecy," preached at a V.O.P. rally in the Port Huron Bluewater Church, October 2-4. The theme was the nearness of the second advent of Christ. Del Delker and Janice Lehnhoff presented music.



Hospital shares booth with church at Danish Festival

Michigan—Belgreen and Ionia laity distributed stop-smoking literature at the annual Danish Festival, August 15 and 16. The United Memorial Hospital in Greenville shared their booth space with the church so the stop-smoking booth could be located on main street. Marjie Shade, personal ministries director, reports that more than 1,000 pieces of literature were distributed.



Gobles-Pinedales Church holds baptism at Eagle Lake

Michigan—At the Eagle Lake baptismal service are, from left: Elder Oliver Johnston with his grandchildren, Steffani and Jeremy Johnston, Pastor Delmar Austin, Jennifer Larsen and Herbert Beardsley. These Gobles Junior Academy students were baptized during the Gobles-Pinedale annual retreat at Camp Kidwell in Bloomingdale. Photo by Alvena Evans.

Deeper Life Conference held

Michigan—A Deeper Life Conference convened in the Muskegon Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, September 19-21.

Pastor Norman A. Yeager, a candidate for a D.Min. degree at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and pastor of the Muskegon Church, directed the conference. Pastor Yeager has presented this seminar twice before, using material from his doctoral thesis.

Regarding the program, one mem-

ber wrote: "Spending time in meditation and reading the Bible has enriched my spiritual life. I have enjoyed the Deeper Life Conference twice now. It has been a great blessing to me."

Another member said, "The conference has given richness and direction to my anemic and meandering devotional life as well as a clearer understanding of its channels of prayer, meditation, fasting and health."

A member who took the course twice and enjoyed it more the second

time said: "It was one of the most enjoyable and profitable weekends I've spent in a long time—an oasis at the end of a busy week."

"The fellowship of quiet meditation followed by sharing our thoughts in a small group gave me an insight into Scripture from many different angles. If we take time to listen, God can speak through Scriptures to each of us individually, according to our needs. I was sorry to see the weekend come to a close."

*Doris E. Emmons
Communication Secretary*



Literature evangelists sponsor booth at Michigan State Fair in Detroit

Michigan—Literature evangelist district leaders, Gene Hall of the Troy District and Olan Thomas of the Rochester District, sponsored a booth at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. Chris Moore (above), a literature evangelist who lives in Holly, Michigan, serviced the booth that featured a drawing for a set of the *Bible Stories* written by A. S. Maxwell. More than 750 people registered for Bible studies and other books.



South Haven Church members and visitors erect sign

Michigan—From left, Pastor Jason N. Prest, David L. Reed and David E. Reed pose with the new sign they helped build and erect for the South Haven Church which is located on a major highway. During the summer months, community activities such as the Blueberry Festival, draw thousands of visitors to the area and past the church. Members and summer guests recognized the need for better church identification and donated funds for building supplies. N. P. Kennedy, communication secretary, notes that the lettering was done by Dwayne Dickerson of Grand Ledge. Brothers Reed and Pastor Prest donated the labor, the design, construction and landscaping. Members have received numerous thanks for beautifying the area.

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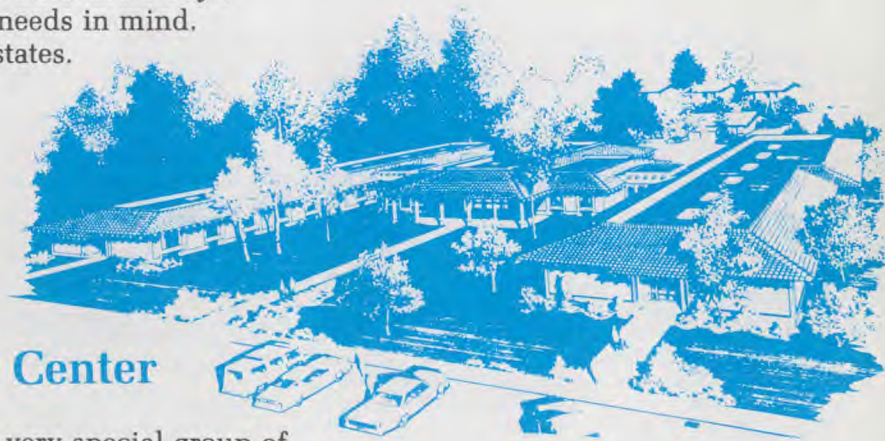
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Signs wins souls.

Guide magazine changes format

Hagerstown, Md.—Beginning with the January 3, 1987, issue, Guide will have a new format, a new logo and new design throughout.

Junior-aged young people will be able to enjoy 12 full-color issues. "We're competing with color TV and home videos," said editor Jeannette

Johnson. "We've got to make Guide exciting and colorful for our young people."

Three other new features are "Kids' Cafe" (recipes for children) and a column entitled "You Did It!" which features special achievements of Guide readers, including writing, drawing, awards and good deeds.

The third feature entitled "The Key in the Lock," written in story form, will reveal the plan of salvation, highlighting the doctrines of the church during the course of a year.

Book Reviews

Missions: a Two-Way Street

In this modern-day mission story with a twist, Jon Dybdahl demonstrates that missionaries often get as much or more than they give to cultures with which they work.

This refreshing approach to missions is based upon the author's own experiences in Singapore and Thailand. Thus, it is a perfect book for anyone considering mission service or interested in mission stories.

A California native, Jon Dybdahl has a Ph.D. degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michi-

gan. He has spent a number of years in the ministry and now teaches at Walla Walla College in College Place, Washington.

Positive Daily Inspiration

This album for adults on the go is produced and narrated by Jim McDonald. Music is performed by Tom Keene.

Four cassettes contain 365 daily-devotional thoughts taken from the New King James version of the Bible.

All four cassettes are packaged in a handy binder.

People in Transition

CHERRY B. HABENICHT is now editorial assistant in the **Wisconsin Conference**. Mrs. Habenicht was formerly communication secretary in the Hinsdale, Illinois, Church. She has a master of arts degree in education from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She is probably best known in the denomination for the column Prayers From the Parsonage which ran for almost 10 years in Ministry magazine. She and her husband, Richard, have three children: Lisa, 12; Hans, 8; and Raymond, 23 months.

DONALD (JIM) RISK is now pastor of the **Manistee, Frankfort and Irons, Michigan**, churches, replacing **PATRICK ANLAUF**, who is now pastor of the St. Charles and Chesaning, Michigan, churches. Pastor Risk was formerly

pastor in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. He has been a literature evangelist and has 14 years experience as a pastor. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have three adult children: Stephen, David, and Ruth Ann Roys.

MICHAEL WEAKLEY is now pastor of the **Janesville and Milton, Wisconsin**, churches. Pastor Weakley was formerly pastor of the Beulah, Hebron and New Leipzig, North Dakota, churches. He has a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He and his wife, Alice, have two children: Esther, 7; and Jonathan, 2.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE CHANGES: **DAYTON CHONG**, former counselor for the New Day Centers in Battle Creek, is now personal evangelism instructor for the **Battle Creek Adventist Hospital**.

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.

MICHIGAN

ADVENTIST SINGLES MINISTRIES is sponsoring a Singles Sabbath at the Kalamazoo Church, 1601 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 31, 1987. Plan to come and join your A.S.M. brothers and sisters for a day of worship, fellowship, food and fun. Bring a dish to pass for

Lake Union Conference Ingathering Update

GOAL:

\$835,884.20

\$800,000

\$700,000

\$600,000

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the noon potluck. Afternoon and evening activities will partially depend on the weather, but you can expect lots of warm fuzzies from your family. For further information or directions, contact Mary Kay Beever, 616-329-1730.

OUTSIDE LAKE UNION

SABBATH SCHOOL LEADERS AND TEACHERS: The North American Division office of church ministries is providing a Sabbath School Video Workshop each quarter. Most conferences receive this video tape which introduces materials and suggested ideas for all divisions, including some ideas for self-made devices to help create an interesting Sabbath School program. Consult your conference Sabbath School director to schedule viewing for your Sabbath School leaders and teachers.

MONNETT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (OHIO) HOMECOMING, April 25, 1987. Former students, teachers and friends are invited to the first homecoming. All former students of Monnett or the sister schools, Galion and Blooming Grove, are asked to supply their names and addresses and tell about themselves. A newsletter will be sent to those who supply this information and to any friends from school days whose names and addresses are supplied. The newsletter will detail the weekend. Contact Arenia Lee, 265 Libby Lane, Apt. #18, Galion, OH 44833.



Donald (Jim) and Mary Ann Risk

A Fresh Start for 1987

Attend the three-week, live-in session of Fresh Start, a health-conditioning program that will take place January 27 to February 16, 1987, on the campus of Andrews University. Sponsored by the Nursing Department, Fresh Start includes nutritional aspects, an exercise program using the pool, jacuzzi and gymnasium, and health screening—at a cost of \$700 per person in residence, \$600 for commuters. For more information, call 616-471-3311 or 616-471-3329.

Classified Ads

All advertisements must be approved by your local conference office. Ads should be sent to the local conference office at least five weeks before the desired issue date. No phoned ads will be accepted. Final 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.

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

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

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

SPECIAL HEALTH-CONDITIONING PROGRAM for denominational workers for 10 beautiful days at Wildwood, Jan. 20-30. Hike the mountain trails, relax in sauna or jacuzzi. Health lectures and nutrition instruction. Thorough medical evaluation and personalized health program. Tender, loving care. Call, collect, Wildwood Conditioning Center, Wildwood, GA 30757; 404-820-1474. —1765-25

CLINICAL EDUCATOR: Surgical services, R.N. with master's degree preferred. 3 years operating room nursing and teaching experience required. Must be able to create effective learning climate. Leadership experience a plus. Good salary and benefits. Please contact Nita Campbell, Nurse Recruiter, Hinsdale Hospital, 120 N. Oak, Hinsdale, IL 60521; 312-887-2475. —1772-25

HANDICAPPED? Enjoy a Christian newsletter, written by handicappers for handicappers. Inspirational, informational. Great gift idea for shut-ins. 12 monthly issues, \$10. Sample copy, \$1. S.D.A. Share a Care, Box 68, Hamburg, PA 19526. —1773-25

LIABILITY CLAIMS MANAGER for Adventist Health System/US Large general/malpractice liability claims. Heavy claims management experience needed. Locate in Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Numerous Adventist churches, 2 12-grade academies, senior college, hospital locally. Contact Wayne Taylor, Adventist Health System/US, 2221 E. Lamar, Arlington, TX 76060; 817-649-8700. —1774-25

REGISTERED NURSES: ICU/CCU, medical/surgical, needed for 50-bed hospital located in east Tennessee. Excellent opportunity to gain experience. Excellent benefits. Near church and school. Contact Jack King, Jellico Community Hospital, Rt. 1, Box 197, Jellico, TN 37762; 615-784-7252, Ext. 304. —1775-26

FLORIDA FARM FOR SALE: Modern 3-bedroom, 2-bath mobile home, air conditioning, heat, washer, dryer, huge shade trees, pecan and fruit trees, Adventist neighbors, 5 mi. to Chiefland, 40 minutes to Gainesville. Will consider trade for aircraft. Art Berard, 813-536-1932 or 813-785-3623. —1776-25

RESPIRATORY CARE: A full-time evening supervisory position is available in our respiratory care department. Registry and 3 years progressive experience required. For more information or to apply, contact Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, 9901 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850; 301-279-6525. —1779-25

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY ALUMNI classes 1946-47, where are you? Share your address with Herb Pritchard, 732 Bluff View Drive, Berrien Springs, MI 49103 for '87 reunion news and address swapping. —1781-25

REGISTERED NURSES NEEDED in medical/surgical and specialty areas. Takoma Hospital is located in the beautiful Smoky Mountain region of east Tennessee, close to varied recreational opportunities. Creative scheduling options are available. Call, collect, or send resume to Carlene Jamerson, Takoma Hospital, P.O. Box 1300, Greeneville, TN 37743; 615-639-8601. —1782-26

HOUSE FOR IMMEDIATE SALE: Modern tri-level, 4-bedroom ranch on quiet street in Berrien Springs, Mich. Walk to Andrews University. Family kitchen, 2 baths, living, dining and family rooms. Central air and fireplace plus attached 2-bedroom, above-ground apartment. Call 616-471-6610, 509-525-9050 or 509-527-2569 for an appointment. —1783-1

DIRECTOR: Elderly day-care responsibility for total program including development and daily operation. Must have strong I.P.R. skills. R.N. or social-work background preferred. Send resume to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, 9901 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. —1784-25

DOES SOMEONE YOU LOVE have a substance-abuse problem? For more information about specialized counseling and treatment services available to Adventist youths, contact Elder Paul Cannon at The Bridge, 1650 Pleasant Grove Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101; 502-777-1811. —1786-1

Director of Communication Disorders

A director is needed for this 90-bed rehabilitation hospital. This person will direct the department and supervise a staff of 13. Applicants must have an M.S. degree in speech and/or audiology and three years administrative experience. Apply to Bill McGregor, Vice President, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, R.D. #1, Box 250, Reading, PA 19607; 215-775-8203.



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