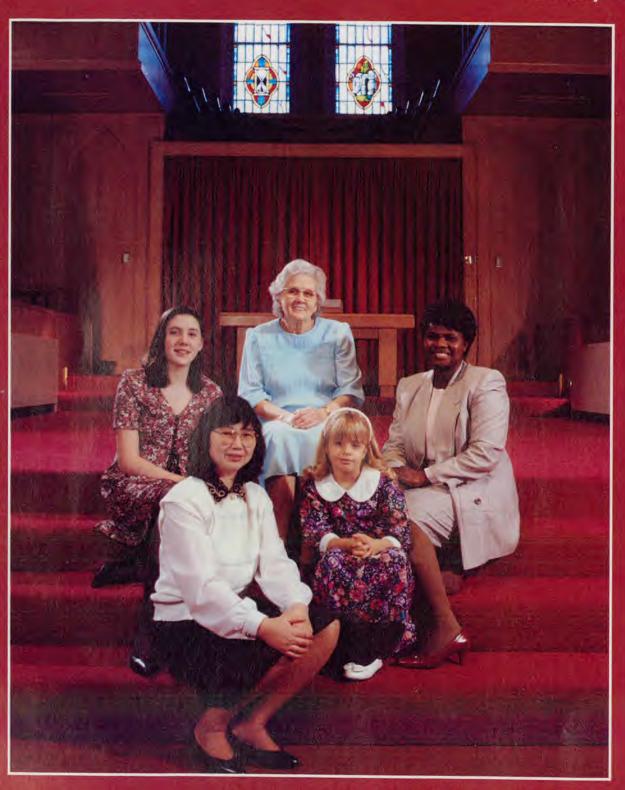
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Good-bye Antillian

by Robert H. Carter, president Lake Union Conference

On January 13, 1994, I was present when delegates to a special session of the Antillian Union Conference of SDA voted out of existence their church organization. Recently elected president of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference, Israel Leito, stated: "The Antillian Union has fulfilled its purpose. Now it is time to say good-bye, for the Antillian Union is no more."

The Antillian Union, which was comprised of the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, has been in existence since 1923. It has now been replaced by two new union organizations: Dominican Union Mission and the Puerto Rico Union Conference. While it is quite normal to feel a sense of loss and sadness over the discontinuance of an organization that has been an important part of the world church for so many years, there was a sense of joy and expectation over the formation of two new union fields.

Pastor Felix Rios Lopez, president of the Antillian Union, invited Elder R. C. Brown, Lake Region Conference president, and me to be present and participate in this historic event. Delegates from the Dominican Republic selected Pastor Aristides Gonzalez as their new president. Felix Rios Lopez was chosen as the president of the new Puerto Rico Union. I feel confident that these two new fields will make rapid strides under their able leadership.

I wish you could have been present on Sabbath, January 15, as over 20,000 believers celebrated the formation of these two new unions. It was truly a day of joy and rejoicing. I was deeply moved when the president of the Dominican Union Mission introduced me as the associate president of his field.

During 1993 well over 8,000 precious souls were baptized into God's remnant church. Twenty-six new church buildings were completed. Ten more are still under construction. There is a desperate attempt to provide adequate housing for the rapidly increasing membership. But the task seems too great.

Last year the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee voted to adopt the Dominican Union as a sister union. The members there feel a close affinity to this union. The people in the Dominican Union are grateful for the significant role the conferences, churches, institutions and individual members of the Lake Union Conference have played in helping to provide new churches and schools for them.

Elders Brown and Luis Leonor joined me in inspecting the new school in San Francisco de Marcoris that is being constructed. It is being funded by the Lake Union Conference and is part of "Operation Amigo."

Your earnest prayers are requested in behalf of our adopted brothers and sisters in Christ in that part of His vineyard.

"Good-bye Antillian! Long live Dominican! Long live Puerto Rico!"

Blessings Without Bags

by Laurie Herr, communication director Wisconsin Conference

E ven losing 19 pieces of luggage didn't spoil the success of a Lake Union youth group's school-building trip to the Dominican Republic, December 8-22, 1993.

Nineteen volunteers, ages nine through 78, came from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to work at the building site in San Francisco de Macoris. Preconstruction groundwork was provided by Maranatha Volunteers International, a short-term mission organization in Sacramento, California, as well as members from the Lake Union Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries.

According to Dale Ziegele, Wisconsin youth director and project leader, the trip was a "watershed experience" for them all. For many, much of its significance came from

learning to do without the comforts of home. Some of the group's luggage, detained in Miami and shipped later via cargo plane, did not arrive for nine days, leaving several volunteers with only the clothes they had worn on the plane.

"We shared work shoes, tools, and other necessities," explained Elder Ziegele. Extra trips to the market were also needed to replace lost food. "When our bags finally arrived Sabbath morning, we held a special celebration service. Each person told which item they were most grateful to have again!"

Some volunteers had actually been inactive Christians for many years. Elder Ziegele believes they were sent providentially. "They were such a blessing! Before our bags came, one man found out who needed things, and gave away work shirts and gloves."

Results of "Operation Amigo" December 11 Offering

On Jan. 24, 1994, it was reported that \$27,156.58 had been given by the Lake Union Conference members for the new church school in San Francisco de Macoris. So far, more than \$53,000 has been donated toward the total cost of \$65,000. Within a few weeks, the school should be ready for occupancy. Thanks to you, the new Dominican Republic church school is close to reality.

For another story on the San Francisco de Macoris school building project, see the letter by Teresa Bodi on page 31, "By Beholding We Become Changed."



These 19 Lake Union volunteers, varying in age from nine to 78, stand in front of the San Francisco de Macoris church school they are helping to build in the Dominican Republic. Dale Ziegele (pictured standing third from left) is their project leader.

Nine-year-old Shelli Johnson, the youngest volunteer, was part of a family of five from Clear Lake, Wisconsin. She made do by wearing some of the clothes she had brought for area children.

On Sabbath, these clothes and other presents were given away. Lake Union children had donated favorite toys, dolls, and stuffed animals to distribute.

Sara Mankowski, a junior at Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, said the trip was "a blast." "I loved the closeness everyone felt," she exclaimed.

By the time the trip ended, the new school was ready to be roofed, and 16 of the missing bags had been recovered. In fact, even the luggage mishap may have been for the best. "Perhaps," Elder Ziegele added, "when all our creature comforts are primary in our thinking, our mission is forgotten."



This man receives a new pair of shoes from the Alton (IL) Adventist disaster center, which opened in August 1993.

Still Serving Flood Victims

Illinois — The Greater Alton (IL) Church voted to open an Adventist Community Service Disaster Center in its fellowship hall, Aug. 1, 1993, to give relief to flood victims.

Center volunteers took truckloads of over 60,000 gallons of water to area communities because the Alton water plant was shut down due to the flood.

It was a blessing when the Lord sent additional helpers. An Iowa family of five helped for three days, and a non-Adventist neighbor helped at the center daily since its opening (both are now receiving the Signs in grati-

tude for their generous help). Over 50 local people also volunteered their help. Two groups of students from Broadview Academy in La Fox, IL, assisted victims in Nutwood and Hardin. And both students and teachers of the Aurora (IL) Elementary school helped to paint a person's porch. We appreciated these extra hands and enjoyed their enthusiasm. We commend the volunteers for their hard work and unselfishness.

Through the fall of 1993, this center helped over 15,000 people in 27 towns. More than 75,000 food items, 12,000 paper products, 16,000 cleaning supplies, 600 packages of diapers, 9,000 clothing items, 2,000 towels and washcloths, 800 sheets and pillowcases, 1,400 pieces of bedding, 1,200 personal items, 200 pieces of furniture, 3,900 miscellaneous items, and 400 toys have been distributed. This could not have been done without the Lord's blessing and the donations of caring people.

Each worker at the center has had quite an experience, listening to the devastation told by clients, reviewing pictures of their homes, crying with them, hugging them, assuring them of our love, and turning them toward Jesus with literature lovingly placed in each box or sack. We count it a privilege to do our honest best in bringing smiles back to our friends of the "Great'93 Flood." May God bless each one who works for Him.

The center now serves nearly 100 clients per week. New clients come in daily. Many are still in need even though the flood waters have gone down. Our supplies are running low but we want to keep our doors open. Donations of food (dry and canned), condiments, toilet tissue and money would be appreciated. ACS, P.O. Box 366, Alton, IL 62002; 618-462-7613.

Lily Waltz, Alton disaster center director

NEW MEMBERS

LAKE REGION



Five converts were baptized by Pastor Edward Avinger in the Bethel Church in Lansing, MI; reports Carolyn Hampton, a Bethel member. From left: Patricia Coleman, Latiecha Donaldson, Kenneth Barrett, and Joslyn and Joseph Charles.

MICHIGAN

Resulting from an October 1993 evangelistic crusade held in Grand Rapids, MI, by Pastor Eradio Alonso, North American Division associate secretary of the ministerial department, María Cruz



and her two daughters, Angelica and Lisette, were baptized by Pastor Eduardo Valdés. The Cruz family were invited to this crusade by their relatives, the Aguillón family, who themselves were baptized at the beginning of 1993. All totaled, 28 precious souls were baptized from this crusade; reports Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president. The host pastor was Elder Eduardo Valdés of the Spanish Grand Rapids and Wyoming, MI, churches.

W i 1 liam and Katheren Garberson were baptized in the Glenwood Church in Dowagiac, MI, by Pastor Trov Fritzgerald.



The Garbersons began taking Bible studies after watching the "Three Angels Broadcasting Network" on Good News Television, Channel 25, in Berrien Springs, MI. Good News Television Inc. is the ministry of Fred Herford (see story, "Retired Teacher Has Satellite Ministry," on page 18).

WISCONSIN AND LAKE REGION

Churches in the greater Milwaukee area are still reaping the results of a major evangelistic effort which ended in this city late last year; reports Laurie Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director. Sponsored by the Lake Region, Wisconsin, and Lake Union conferences, this effort involved eight crusades, support from 10 local churches, and a major student literature evangelism campaign. Local pastors give the following reports:

Alfonzo Greene Jr., Lake Region's Milwaukee Sharon Church: A new church is being formed as a result of the tent meetings held by Evangelist Bernard Williams. About 50 members now attend. Greene says the evangelist's "extraordinary follow-up efforts" contributed greatly to the crusade's success.

Duane Brown, Wisconsin's Waukesha Church in New Berlin: This active membership has nearly doubled since the "Revelation Speaks Peace" series presented by Evangelist Leo Schreven at the Waukesha Expo, Brown baptized a total of 34 new members last fall. "The Holy Spirit brings someone new each week," he says.

One baptism came about through tragedy, the pastor adds. Mina Niles, a faithful member, suffered a stroke the first night of the meetings; she died four days later. Her former daughter-in-law, **Patty Blatz**, then began attending the crusade. At the series' end, she was baptized.

Steve Cook, Wisconsin's Milwaukee Central Church: Lake Union Conference Secretary Herb Larsen held a series



of "Revelation and Vibrant Health Lectures." The series combined a traditional crusade style with health lectures by physicans and other health professionals. Topics covered included nutrition, stress and AIDS.

Following the meetings, long-

time member Muriel Bukant was thrilled to see her husband, **Joe Bukant** (pictured above), baptized by Pastor Cook.

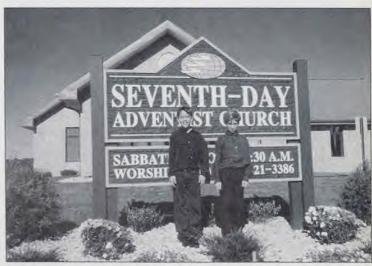
Orlando Vazquez, Wisconsin's Milwaukee Spanish churches: An indoor swimming pool was the site for a baptism following several area crusades held by Evangelists Miguel Aldonia, Francisco Castro, Elias Correa and Winston Simpson, all from Nicaragua. "So far we have baptized 23, and are expecting five to 10 more," notes the pastor.

David Scofield, Wisconsin's Racine, Kenosha and Raymond churches: Student literature evangelists (LEs) distributed 24,000 flyers in preparation for the "Pursuit of Excellence" series presented in Kenosha by Lake Union Church Ministries Director Auldwin Humphrey. Opening night drew a crowd of 550.

Since the health-oriented series and follow-up meetings, two former Adventist families have been rebaptized. Another non-SDA first contacted by a student LE has also requested baptism.

A special service at Milwaukee Junior Academy on Nov. 20, 1993, celebrated the new members' decisions for Christ. Each new SDA was presented with a Bible.

WISCONSIN



Dustin Wing (left), and **Franco Parisi** were baptized Oct. 23, 1993, in the Madison (WI) East Church; reports Connilee Wing, Madison East member. Dustin is a sixth-generation Adventist and attends the Madison East Church. Franco is from the Madison Community Church.

The Church Women

This year, the focus of women's ministries will be to develop effective programs at the local church level, and address the needs of both youth and women dealing with abuse issues.

BY CYNTHIA PRIME



Cynthia Prime, Lake Union Conference women's ministries director

Cynthia Prime is the women's ministries director for the Lake Union Conference.

omen comprise the majority of Seventh-day Adventist Church membership. And the challenges of Christian living will continue to intensify for women, during these final years preceding the second coming of Christ. Women throughout the Lake Union are invited to become a part of the exciting women's ministries so the Church can become a more caring environment, in touch with the needs of its members.

The vision of women's ministries is women ministering to each other's needs, using their gifts to strengthen the entire Church family.

Wanda Lott Sherrod says, "I've always been curious about women's ministries but never took the time to find out."

Recovering from a painful divorce, Wanda shares how she found herself inspired, counseled and nurtured at a women's ministries retreat.

"The Holy Spirit was 'thick' in the place," Wanda comments. "I don't know how else to describe the experience. Women of all nationalities coming together to seek Christ. It has changed my outlook completely. I've been richly blessed."

The stories from women's ministries are nothing short of miraculous: stories of healing, cliff-hanging conversions, recovery from abuse and restored relationships. There are also stories of endurance through tearjerking tragedies and nurture through tender friendships. These are stories of women young and old, catching a vision of their value in today's challenging times, and giving their

gifts for the upbuilding of the Church.

Another woman stated: "I've thought of this [women's ministries] as some kind of feminist movement within the Church. I didn't want to have anything to do with it. But I've seen the power of God at work, and I'm now anxious to be a part of it."

Monin Colon is a member of the Kenosha (Wisconsin) Spanish Church. Inspired to do something for the ladies of her church, she established Damas para Cristo, a ladies group that meets weekly to discuss health, spiritual and personal growth issues.

During the 1993 Lake Union retreat in Battle Creek, Michigan, the wife of a prominent executive in the American Baptist denomination attended. She told the audience of about 500, "I have never experienced such an outpouring of love from so many women."

These stories are only a reflection of the impact of women's ministries within the Church and community, and the positive changes resulting from programs ministering to the needs of women.

Women's retreats build a healing, inspiring and affirming environment in which preconceived prejudices are eliminated and women bond in a nurturing, strengthening fellowship. This year, local conferences holding women's retreats will be: Illinois, Lake Region, Michigan and Wisconsin. Look for advertisements in your church bulletin and the Lake Union Herald, and plan to attend.

But retreats are only a part of what women's ministries is all about.



Marsha Tuttle Collins, Illinois women's ministries director



Debbie Wasmer, Indiana women's ministries director



Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region women's ministries director



Myrna Earles, Michigan women's ministries director



Aileen Patton, Wisconsin women's retreat committee chairperson

Women's ministries, quite simply, is a worldwide thrust by Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership at all levels to utilize gifts of women for the upbuilding of the body of Christ and the finishing of the gospel mission.

New Programs for 1994

This year, the focus of women's ministries will be to develop effective programs at the local church level, and address the needs of both youth and women dealing with abuse issues.

A campaign is on to encourage the appointment of a women's ministries coordinator in each church through whom local conference directors will work to build programs for inreach and outreach.

A long-awaited task force on abuse will soon be in place to help plan programs and identify resources for women throughout the union who are victims of sexual or emotional abuse. The task force will be comprised of experienced professionals in the fields of counseling, psychology and social services, as well as spiritual leaders involved with women's ministries.

An advisory committee is being formed to help develop resources and programs for girls from pre-teen through college age. The mission is to help reach and minister to our youth before they lose interest and become disenchanted with the Church.

Women interested in becoming involved with these special groups may contact your local women's ministries coordinator.

GOALS FOR 1994

Nine hundred and seventy-eight souls won to Christ in 1994? The figure seems staggering, but the Lake Union women's ministries has begun a campaign to reach this goal of one won, one reclaimed. Just imagine, if the women of each church won one member and reclaimed one to Christ, almost 1,000 new members would join the journey to God's kingdom.

This goal is as easy as A, B, C.

- Collect names of women who are members of your local church. Then in groups of three or four "caring sisters," take turns to send cards, visit and reach out with love to others.
- Build a "caring sister" network and invite friends, neighbors or coworkers to participate.
- Communicate God's love consistently in word and deed. Always create a caring, nurturing atmosphere in your church where all feel truly loved.

Whether the activity you choose is a formal Bible study or a recipe sampling in a vegetarian gourmet club, God will work wonders through the Church women if they allow Him to.

Many churches are expected to exceed the goal of one won, one reclaimed.



Ileana Gutierrez, Lake Union women's ministries Hispanic coordinator

The Lake Union women's ministries will help plan a celebration at the church where "caring sisters" have brought the greatest number of daughters and sons back to Christ.

For additional information on what you can do to participate, contact the women's ministries coordinator at your local church or conference.

The Lake Union women's ministries is represented in each conference and includes a Hispanic coordinator, as well as three additional members:
Marjorie Snyder, communication;
Tyanne Smock, secretary; and Juanita Martin, fund development. A search is in progress for a volunteer to coordinate ministries to Asian women.

Seeking Stories for a Women's Book

Do you have a wonderful story of God's providential leading in your life? Have you enjoyed an exciting adventure in faith? If so, you are invited to submit your story for possible publication in the book *Shared Journeys*. Whether your obstacle was poverty, abuse, illness, cultural barriers, family or religious issues, or lack of education or opportunity, by sharing your unique journey, someone can find encouragement and help. All book profits will be used to help fund women's ministries in the Lake Union Conference. Story should be no more than 1,500 words. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 1994. Send to: Marjorie Snyder, 3317 Pleasant St., Berrien Springs, MI 49103; or call 616-471-9302 for information.

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Friendships

BY CYNTHIA PRIME

Now Accepting Nominations for Woman of the Year

The Association of Adventist Women is soliciting nominations for the "1994 Adventist Women of the Year" awards to be conferred this fall in Washington, D.C.

Those nominated should be women who serve and work, and make a difference in their church, community and home. They should inspire those who need encouragement.

Please write for an application form, or send a biographical sketch with the outstanding qualities and achievements of an Adventist woman you know. Include three letters of recommendation and/or a recommendation by an Adventist pastor. The nomination deadline is March 31.

If you have previously nominated someone and they have not been selected, you can reactivate your nomination by writing to the Adventist Women of the Year coordinator.

Send your application request or nomination to:

Coordinator
Adventist Women of the Year
Association of
Adventist Women
Box 7414
Langley Park, MD 20787



She's a walking miracle. Jana Withrow faces many challenges. among them cancer, but she has put her future in God's hands. Her courage shines through to the youth she works with in Indianapolis. Jana stands with (from left) Oliver Nelson II, Jasone Justice and Gilford Green

t's Friday night. A group of teenagers sit cross-legged in a circle pelting questions at a brown-haired woman who sits among them. The woman fields their questions with the composure of a pro.

"C'mon," she eggs the group.
"Don't give me the pat answers you think older adults want to hear. I want you to think for yourselves and tell me what's on your mind. And don't worry about embarrassing me. I'm virtually shock proof!"

The woman is Jana Withrow. Denied the joys of motherhood, this 40-year-old dynamo directs much of her energies toward meeting the needs of the young people in her Indianapolis church. This teen prayer group she sits among started with four teenagers and now has grown to eight; two non-Adventists are attending.

"We've got to get on the ball," Jana says bluntly. "We're losing our kids. It's a race against time."

These words reflect the way Jana lives her life — racing against time. The race began 16 years ago when she was diagnosed with cancer. She believes that the chemotherapy which followed surgery destroyed her immune system, making her susceptible to every possible infection.

"They told me there was a good chance I wouldn't make it," Jana comments with her trademark grin. "They're still wondering what I'm doing walking around."

During a bone marrow test two years ago, doctors discovered that Jana's bones were so brittle they had no idea how she got around without breaking them. "They say I'm a miracle," Jana exclaims. "I tell them it's not me, it's God. I put everything into His hands years ago, and He does it all. Don't give me any credit."

Jana is a member of the women's ministries executive committee for the Indiana Conference. She also serves as Pathfinder director for the Glendale Church in Indianapolis.

"We conduct quarterly summits where the young people have an entire Sabbath day's program planned. Not too many adults are allowed," she said. "This is a safe, non-judgmental environment where the kids are encouraged to share from the heart."

Many activities of the youth are rigorous. They go camping and engage in other activities that are wearing. Pain is never far away for Jana, but that doesn't seem to be a factor in her decision making.

Six years ago Jana applied for a position as the first female sales person at Blakely's, a floor-covering firm in Indiana.

"They gave me a month's probation to see if I could cut it," she grinned. Jana remains consistently the top sales person, driving more than 35,000 miles yearly to cover her territory.

"I love what I do," she said. "I meet many wonderful people, and I get to tell them about God."

Jana credits her close-knit family, comprised of her husband, Daryl, and her adoptive parents, for keeping her encouraged.

Jana wants to see women help bring the focus back to the needs of the youth. "They're all we have of tomorrow," she said. "As we reach out to help each other, let's not forget the children."

When talking about this year's caring sister campaign for the Lake Union women's ministries (where each woman is asked to win one, and reclaim one person), Jana smiles with satisfaction. "Actually," she says, "I'm workin' on six!"

Cynthia Prime is the women's ministries director for the Lake Union Conference.

Befriending People for Eternity

I'm excited about what women in Wisconsin are doing to build up the body of Christ," says Judy Ziegele of Columbus, WI. "We want to help each other be the best wife, the best mother, the best job place person we can be."

For many Wisconsin churches, this success in women's ministries depends, not on committees and programs, but on simple friendships.

Take, for example, the friendship between Gloria Wilde, Green Bay Church member, and Claire, a non-SDA with a Catholic/ Lutheran background. The two women first met through a mutual friend in September 1993. When Gloria invited Claire to the Wisconsin Conference women's retreat a



Judy Ziegele is active in women's ministries in Columbus, WI.

month later, Claire accepted, but with some hesitancy.

"Don't be offended if I get up and leave during the meetings," she warned her new friend.

Instead of leaving early, however, Claire stayed for every meeting. "She loved them!" laughs Gloria. "She ended up dragging us early to every single session. She's already talking about going next year!"

Claire and Gloria's friendship didn't end with the retreat. Since then, the two have been studying together on some of the tougher Bible issues, and right after Christmas, Claire began watching a video series on

Revelation.

Gloria expects the friendship and Bible study to continue.

"Some people wonder if women's retreats really pay off in terms of evangelism," Gloria says. "They do!"

In Watertown, WI, a friendship has grown from the workplace. Sue, a non-Adventist, met church members Jan Soto and Carol Mertins when she began working for the Mertins' group home for developmentally disabled adults. Jan invited Sue to a singles' retreat at Wisconsin's Camp Go Seek. They have since

Carol Mertins explains that winning souls isn't her first priority. God does the work. "We just befriend people," she says.

been studying seriously together, and Sue now attends church regularly.

While Jan and Carol would love for Sue to join the church, Carol quickly explains that this isn't their first priority. "We want Sue to be happy, and we'll support her in whatever she decides to do," Carol says.

Carol goes on to sum up the essence of women's ministries in Wisconsin: "We just befriend people," she says. "That's just normal."

Laurie Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director

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Witness in Estonia

BY CARI HAUS AND CAROL HAINAULT

here's nothing much worse that being hopelessly lost in a large city - except, perhaps, being hopelessly lost in a large foreign city where you don't know the language. This is what happened to Escanaba (Michigan) Church member Carol Hainault, when she went to

donated felts, books, clothes, crafts and women's ministries material to assist Elder Everett Cumbo of Golden. Colorado, during his month of meetings in Tartu, Estonia.

Devastated by years of Russian rule, Estonia is a small country that has experienced little freedom. The people

> have suffered much pain. Many thousands lost their lives or were taken prisoner to Russia.

Today life in Estonia is still hard because of economic state. The suicide rate is very high.

the country's poor

"These dear people needed the security and joy only God has to offer," says Carol. Other members of the evangelistic

team included five California women: a graduate of Wisconsin Academy Sue (Hildebrand) Knutsen, Carol Hasseltine, Tina Langford, Gene Conner and Barbi Houghton. Norm and JoAnn Jones of Arizona also assisted.

Carol and Alice helped with the children's meetings. Two translators assisted daily so one session was in Russian, one in Estonian.

Carol states: "What a joy to hear the children sing. They always arrived early for the song service. Then came Bible stories with new felts and crafts."

Additionally, this evangelistic team held a "Breathe Free" program for about 12 people; all but two were victorious. They also held a Sabbath School workshop along with women's

Women assisting in an Estonia evangelistic series are from left: Mailis Heiman, a translator; Alice Fahrback from Munising, MI; Indre Tago, a psychologist attend-ing; Carol Hainault from Escanaba, MI; and Helo Oldzarv, a translator.

Estonia in October 1993 as part of an evangelistic team.

Carol ran up one street and down the other, searching frantically for a landmark. But there was none. She searched the crowds for someone who could speak English. But to no avail. Frustrated and in tears, Carol began to feel angry with God.

"Lord, didn't you send me here to help with meetings for the children?" she prayed. "Please help me!"

The verse "give thanks in all circumstances" came to Carol's mind.

"Give thanks?" she questioned. "Could there be some lesson in this frightening experience?"

Within minutes, a young man came by. He not only spoke English, but kindly walked with Carol until she could see her destination.

Carol traveled with Alice Fahrbach of Munising, Michigan, to Estonia. They left the United States loaded with

prayer groups. They visited orphanages, hospitals and schools.

Carol presented the leaders of the Estonian Conference with material on how to start a women's ministry. This included the Michigan Conference book, Successful Women's Events. The material was greatly appreciated as the Estonian Conference wants to begin a women's ministry.

The devil is always around to try his hand at destroying any forward plans for God's cause. In Estonia he made his move just days before opening night.

The contract was to rent a large concert hall five nights a week for a month. Word came just days before opening night that the new concert hall board would not honor the contract.

But God took advantage of this problem. Soon news of the meetings was on the radio, in the newspaper, and became the conversation of government officials. The power of prayer prevailed, and the new board granted use of the hall for eight nights in a row.

Terrific cooperation and planning was done by the Tartu Church members for ushers, translators, registrars, music and children's programming. When the meetings were moved to Tartu Church after the eight nights, the concert board had a new respect and understanding for the Tartu SDA Church and the Church as a whole.

God blessed this move to the church. At each of the two sessions (4 and 6 p.m.) there were nearly 200 people. The children's programs were equally well-attended with an average of over 100 children present. Thirtyeight people were baptized as a result of this series and more are studying.

"What a wonderful God we serve." says Carol, who is grateful for this opportunity to meet and work with God's children in Estonia. "It's a great privilege to work with these precious new friends."

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Fostering Self-Esteem

BY MARSHA TUTTLE COLLINS

esus loves folks where they're hurting the most." says Cheryl Harris Wandambi, founder/president of Nurture Now Inc. "One has but to listen to the news for a brief moment to see that in our society today, families are hurting," Cheryl states.

In her work as a nurse and educator, Cheryl sees evidence of this hurt all the time. "Sometimes it is in the face of the pregnant adolescent, sometimes in the eyes of the drug addict, sometimes in the defeated look of the student who believes that they are destined for failure," she reflects.

Irrespective of how the hurt is manifested, Cheryl observes that each individual comes from some type of family. On one of her frequent walks through the newborn nursery, Cheryl found herself quietly asking: "What will you be little one? What impact will you have on society? What is it that will help you make positive or negative decisions?"

These questions really "hit home" during her own pregnancy. "Suddenly, I became aware that as a mother, I would now be in a powerful position of influence for this fresh new life. Not just for today, but for eternity," Cheryl recalls.

It was during this time Cheryl thought, "I've got to do something!"

This thought began to haunt her. She immunized her daughter in infancy so that she would be protected against bacteria later in life. Would it not be equally important to immunize her daughter emotionally as well?

Cheryl understands that a positive sense of self, otherwise known as selfesteem, is fundamental to the emotional health of a child and later in adulthood. Scripture clearly substantiates the fact that "as a man thinketh, so is he."

Thoreau stated, "What a man thinks of himself, this it is which determines or rather indicates his fate."

But how does one give self-esteem to a child?

Cheryl realized, "From the standpoint of the health care delivery system, we rigorously teach parents how important [self-esteem is], but don't teach them [parents] how to mature this in their child.

"So I founded Nurture Now Inc. We provide lectures and seminars on the how-to do's of nurturing self-esteem in the young child, and teach the prenatal parent how to create environments which nurture this essential aspect of a child's personality.

"I feel a lot like the organic farmer who I recently heard interviewed on public radio. He stated that he was committed to organic farming because the goal was not only the growth of healthy plants, but the creation of healthy soil as well. At Nurture Now Inc., I find it thrilling to know we actively help parents where it hurts, by teaching them how to nurture healthy plants — their precious children — while correspondingly nurturing the development of healthy soil — their homes.

"I chose the name, Nurture Now, because every moment with our children is priceless. A child's sense of self is established during the prenatal years until ages seven or eight." A positive sense of self is fundamental to the emotional health of a child and later in adulthood.

Though this is the ideal, Cheryl is quick to point out that it is "never too late" to create positive nurturing environments in our homes.

"What has been exciting and yet humbling for me is the realization of how great this need is. It is one which crosses religious, cultural and socioeconomic boundaries. We are excited about the opportunities which God has provided for us to reach families in the Chicagoland area through church groups, PTO [Parent-Teacher Organization] meetings, and child care centers to name a few. It is our prayer that our service will provide a practical reflection of Christ."

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35, The New KJV).

Marsha Tuttle Collins is director of women's ministries for the Illinios Conference.

How To Bring Age

BY EDWARD A. POWERS

t's difficult to plan successful and effective programs that include all age groups if, indeed, we even try. This, of course, isn't terribly surprising. We are products of an agesegregated society. We go through school grouped by age. As we age, we spend much of our time with people whose family situations are like our own. When we retire, we often live in areas where children are welcome only as short-term visitors.

Most of us prefer to spend time with our peers because we are more comfortable with individuals whose history we share.

The church is no different. Once we pass through the church doors, we go to our age-segregated groupings. We have church-school classes for the young; youth and young adult programs; and 50+ organizations. With the exception of the children's story, the worship service is generally geared to adults only. However, programming by age grouping is not always best or appropriate for Christian living and growth.

We have a long heritage of eldership in the church. Older adults in the Christian community should not only lead, but also teach and nurture the community, serving as models for the young.

As WE PROGRAM FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES WE MUST ASK

How much of the Christian experience should be age-integrated? Which activities are best experienced in an age-segregated setting?

When is Christian growth, or establishing a closer relationship between God and God's people - or even personal development - best fostered separately?

In considering these questions, we discover that all too often what we prefer is confused with what we assume to be the best way to program for both personal and corporate development.

CONSIDER WAYS TO BRING AGE GROUPS TOGETHER

When committees meet to plan for the new year, consider ways to bring age groups together. The challenge to church committees is not simply to plan for existing groups and classes, most of which are age-segregated.

Committees, instead, should consider what they wish to accomplish and then determine how best to foster Christian growth. Committees may find that age grouping does not contribute to achieving many of their goals. It may even be counterproductive.

A TIME TO SEGREGATE

There will be times when having people of different ages present would limit discussion. In educational programming, age groups sometimes should be separated because discussions on many issues of Christian faith must be geared to the level of intellectual, emotional or spiritual development of the group. Still, young and old can profit from studying the Bible, Christian beliefs and contemporary issues together.

Young people can benefit from listening as long-time church members state their beliefs or share questions about the role of the church in contemporary society. At the same time, adults will have the opportunity to put their faith and their questions into words.

DEAS THAT BRING GROUPS TOGETHER

Existing classes, most of which are age-segregated, should be encouraged to plan activities with other age groups in the church.

A class of older adults could read and interpret Bible stories for an elementary class for six weeks.

Youth groups could develop a history of the local church, in part, by gathering information and pictures from long-time members.

A class considering topics that bridge age groups, such as how different generations look at issues facing the church, could be an exciting and valuable experience for all.

The outreach committee might consider ways to involve all age groups in mission activities.

The young and old can make important contributions to walks for hunger, meal preparation at night shelters, or home maintenance and remodeling programs.

Young and old can also serve on organizing committees.

When church classes and groups of different ages plan regular outreach activities together, the church community grows and the church's mission is strengthened.

Groups Together

How to avoid age segregation in worship

Worship is a highly age-segregated experience in most churches. Children usually are not intentionally included in the worship service except when they gather for the children's story. Youth choirs occasionally participate, especially on special days or occasions, but almost never with the adult choir. It should be no surprise that the church attendance of adolescents often becomes sporadic as they move through the teen years.

The challenge to the worship committee is to consider ways to involve young people in worship.

Is In large congregations, a second service could be planned with young families in mind. This service could be shorter, use a variety of hymns, and involve young people in leading the service. Worship could occasionally be held outdoors, followed by a meal.

Perhaps an intergenerational group could meet early for communion to prepare the elements.

the choirs integrated, choirs could regularly participate together in the service. The standards of performance may decrease slightly, but there is real benefits in seeing all ages singing together.

We also need to examine carefully the content of the service. To what extent are message, prayers and even the examples in the sermon relevant to the young people? Changes in the worship experience may well have to be gradual. Adults accustomed to a traditional service may need time to adjust to the increased activity, noise and the occasional disruptions that will accompany a service for all ages.

The challenge to church members
goes beyond planning
for existing groups and classes,
most of which are age-segregated.
Instead, consider how to
best foster Christian growth.

BRING YOUTH INTO LEADERSHIP

Finally, young people have gifts that can enrich church leadership. We impress upon the youth that active membership, in part, requires participating in the governance of the church. Yet most young people will have to wait years before they have an opportunity to lead.

Youth could be appointed to Christian education, outreach, workshop and congregational nurture committee.

members of the board of deacons, they could be invited to participate without a vote, or even to constitute a youth subcommittee of deacons.

SHOULDN'T WE COME TOGETHER

We currently stress our separateness and tend to forget our interdependence.

Despite our predisposition to agesegregate, we are one Christian community in the issues we face: our relationship to God, our Christian growth, and our role as Christians in society. Shouldn't we come together more often as we face these common concerns?

This year we will be featuring a series written by authors of different denominations focusing on the positive aspects of aging and religion. This article is offered for publication courtesy of the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging, a constituent unit of The National Council on the Aging Inc., 409 Third St. S.W., Washington, DC 20024.

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Health Care at Home

A New Lease on Life

BY LAWRENCE C. BROOKS

om Harrsen is known as the Flag Man, and for good reason. He has been selling flags at his small shop in St. Joseph, Michigan, since 1954.

From his wheelchair he works seven days a week opening his store, answering the telephone, and selling flags and banners. He has had pennants and flags made for boats, scout troops, colleges and clubs. Tom does all this with the help of the in-home nursing service of Health Care at Home in Stevensville, Michigan.

Health Care at Home, with its corporate headquarters in Berrien Springs, Michigan, is a not-for-profit home health and hospice organization, and a member of the Hinsdale (Illinois) Health System. In 1979, Health Care at Home was launched to meet growing community health needs. It also has operations in Hinsdale, Wisconsin Rapids and southwestern Michigan.

Julie Shirley has been Tom's nurse for over two years. She has seen the results of home health care and has become a spokesperson for the cause. She is proud of this service, and especially proud of Tom's accomplishments. Without the help of Health Care at Home, people with disabilities like Tom's would be placed in nursing homes or hospitals, unable to function fully as members of society.

When Tom was a junior at Western Michigan University in 1953, he played football. Tom was injured in a game and it was determined that his vertebrae had been crushed. Since then Tom has been in a wheelchair.

"These kinds of accidents happen all the time and the patients end up in rehabilitation units for 10 or 15 years. A lot of these people could come home and, with the proper care, lead healthy lives. Also the recovery rate is quicker at home because this is where they want to be," comments Julie.

Tom is also a spokesperson for the cause. "Because of its [Health Care at Home] service, I can work at home and run my business. It's that important," Tom says.

Julie is the supervising nurse and is only one of a small crew of nurses who visit Tom. A home health aide comes to see him twice a day: once in the morning to help him get ready for his day, and once in the evening to help him get ready for bed. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in case patients need extra help.

"I'm a big believer in this. We can do everything right here in the home and the patients can be functioning members of their community," Julie says.

"The hours we are here [in the home] are very minimal compared to his whole day, and it saves a lot of



Tom Harrsen knows Health Care at Home works.

money. The cost of being in the hospital one week could equal a year of home health care," Julie explains.

Home health care has been around for years. However, many have only recently become aware of the benefits and advantages of home health care.



Lawrence C. Brooks is president of Health Care at Home.

Church School Bible Labs

Teaching Good Things

BY EDWARD NORTON

hrough the emphasis of the Lake
Union Conference Global Mission
Committee for Education, students
are developing a deep concern for
the welfare of others. As a result of
Bible Labs, both the students and the
people they help are being influenced.

Bible Labs experiences are being enjoyed in most Lake Union schools. The following list is a sample of projects.

- Aurora (IL) Elementary: Students made kits containing crayons, pictures to color, little books and picture albums of old magazine photos, to be checked out during church services by parents for their children.
- Holland (MI) Elementary: Ten upper grade students planted 2,000 daffodils on a hill south of the city.
- Berrien Springs (MI) Village Elementary: Second graders raised \$488 to sponsor a Dominican Republic boy for nine years.
- Gobles (MI) Junior Academy:
 Students received television and newspaper coverage from sending several thousand pounds of notebook paper, folders, paint, tape, pencils and other school supplies to the Soche SDA Elementary School in Malawi, Africa.
- Adelphian (MI) Junior Academy:
 Folders stuffed with letters, pictures,
 cards and notes were sent to students
 who attended school last year but did
 not return for the current year. Three
 students have returned to school in the
 last two years as a result of this project.
- Elkhart (IN) Elementary: Students sent cards to a hospitalized church member. The woman was so grateful that she sent them all ice cream.

- Traverse City (MI) Elementary: Students introduced their school to neighbors with a loaf of banana bread and a card placed inside a bag that was hung on the doorknobs of 150 area homes.
- Muskegon (MI)
 Elementary: Students
 played their tone chimes
 at the Muskegon Wesley
 School for the handicapped. They also delivered toothbrushes and
 toothpaste, donated by a
 local dentist; along with
 books and clothing,
 provided by the students,
 to a shelter for abused
 women and children.

Lake Union students also help out in gift shops, furniture stores, hospital cafeterias, restaurants, veterinary clinics, adult day-care centers and nursing homes. They help by serving as teacher's

aides and pastor's helpers. Managers of host businesses are very impressed; some have inquired about student help for the summer and requested Church information.

Do students enjoy their Bible Labs? These testimonies tell it all.

"What I like about Bible Labs is that we get to make things for people or do something like singing for them. But what I like most is the feeling I get afterwards; it's really great," comments eighth-grader Rosa Amador.



The Lake Union Conference Global Mission Committee for Education depicts its theme, "The gospel is good news. Bible Labs is good news in shoes!" through this photo taken in a nursing home.

"I love Bible Labs, I can't wait to make quilts for newborn babies. Bible Labs makes me feel good about what I'm doing for others. I also learn more and more about the Bible," says thirdgrader Joelle Simpson.

"It makes me feel like being nice to people. We should try to be like Jesus," wrote fourth-grader George McCague.

Edward Norton is an associate superintendent of education for the Michigan Conference, and chairman of the Lake Union Conference Global Mission Committee for Education.

YOUTH NEWS

Hispanic Youth Congress

Lake Union — Over 4,000 people watched as North American delegates with flags from more than 12 Latin American countries paraded into the Anaheim, CA, convention center, Dec. 11, 1993, for the Hispanic Youth Congress. These Hispanic youth with a mission, well-represented the convention theme "Christ Is the Difference."

Each part of the program was designed to bolster their enthusiasm for Christian living and witnessing, according to Jorge Soría, Pacific Union Hispanic coordinator.

Youth from both the Pacific and Lake unions shared the spotlight as winners of the North American Division Hispanic Bible Bowl. Lake Union teens overshadowed the Pacific Union teens in this event. Members of the Lake Union winning team



included four youth from Berrien Springs, MI. Pictured are: Lilia Dortilla, Licia Rothermel, José Rosado and Sandra Ortiz.

All attending youth received a copy of Dr. Rafael Escandón's book, Youth Problems and Their Solutions.

C. Elwyn Platner, Pacific Union communication director

Colorado Here We Come

Indiana — Cicero (IN) Pathfinders, under the direction of Jim Thompson, are actively raising money to pay for their trip to the third national Pathfinder Camporee to be held in Colorado this summer.

One fund-raiser was a yard sale held in the parking lot of the old Cicero Church. Many items from church members were donated and sold to raise \$265 for the camporee fund.

Boxes of Michigan apples are on order and will be the next project to sell and bring in more money for the fund. Each Pathfinder is eagerly helping to complete the project so he or she can enjoy another camporee.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero Church communication secretary



The Lena Wildcats nighttime "Rake and Run." Pictured from left are: Jesse Jones, Jamie Stodola, Matt Mohr and Joshua Whiting.

Wildcats on the Loose

Wisconsin — The Lena (WI) Wildcat Pathfinders have had a busy fall and winter. Under cover of darkness, an October 1993 "Rake and Run" tidied up neighbors' yards and gave the Pathfinders a good time as well. "We're having fun and the people don't even know we are here, and we're not getting paid. This is fun," remarked one non-SDA member.

A few weeks later, the club held its annual food drive. Flyers passed out earlier asked Lena residents to leave their donations in bags on their porches, with the porch light on. "After doing this year after year, the residents of Lena know we are coming!" said leader Patti Whiting.

Then on Nov. 11, the Lena Wildcats joined Cub Scout Pack 4099 to visit the Coleman Area Rescue Squad. Instructors held a question and answer session that covered the Red Alert honor questions, then gave lessons on how to help someone in an emergency. Best of all, the youngsters then toured the three rescue squad vehicles. According to one Pathfinder, the fun part was turning on the flashing lights.

Mustangs With Soul

Wisconsin - Madison (WI) Mustang Pathfinders help both their neighbors and their environment. Last Halloween they collected 743 pieces



of nonperishable food for Thanksgiving food boxes. As another community services project, the youngsters have adopted Highway B near Stoughton, WI.

Connilee Wing, Madison East Pathfinder leader

EDUCATION NEWS

Andrews Students Doing the Unusual

Andrews University — People don't usually stop as they drive along a highway to get out of the car and help someone rake leaves on a lawn, but Andrews University students don't always do the usual things.

Marissa is one of those unusual people doing unusual things, and she told the Collegiate Connections Sabbath school recently about an unusual opportunity to help someone.

She and two friends had been shopping in downtown St. Joseph, MI. Driving home along a busy highway, they saw an elderly woman raking leaves on a fairly large yard. The three girls drove by, but Marissa commented, "We should go back and help that woman."

When the others agreed, she turned the car around and drove back to the woman's driveway. The three girls jumped out of the car, walked over to the woman, and said, "Could we help you?"

The woman was shocked but agreed to let the three students finish raking the leaves. "We were done in less that 30 minutes, and it probably would have taken her hours," Marissa said.

This story is one of several being told regularly at the Collegiate Connections Sabbath school. The Sabbath school has increased its weekly attendance to 150 students by holding Sabbath school in the college cafeteria. "It creates a really 'community-oriented' atmosphere for building relationships during Sabbath school," said Rebecca May, university alumni director and one of the faculty sponsors.

Last year, the faculty initiated and directed the Sabbath school. This year the students have taken over the leadership role and faculty act as sponsors.

"It's no surprise that the attendance has gone up when students are leaders," said Bob Wilkins, university chemistry professor and another faculty sponsor. "Students respond better to student leadership, and we were very glad to see student leadership."

Charissa Craw, senior social work major, has been the leader of the Sabbath school. However, more than 35 students have taken some leadership roles in just the 1993 fall quarter.

Other stories shared at the Sabbath school tell of students who volunteer for food banks, go on Maranatha churchbuilding trips, even two who did baby-sitting for a lady who had triplets.

"These students are really special. They are an inspiration to each other and to the Sabbath school sponsors," said Don May, university photography teacher and sponsor of the Collegiate Connections Sabbath school.

Kermit Netteburg, professor of journalism and chair of the communication department, Andrews University



A New School in Wisconsin

Pine View Elementary, Wisconsin Dells — All 17 students are proud of their new Pine View Elementary School. The two-classroom school serves families from the Portage, Baraboo, Oxford and Reedsburg churches. The upper-grade teacher is Ted Teeters (pictured back row, center), and Ellen Council (pictured far right) is the lower-grade teacher.

"I like it here because I know everybody," says seventhgrader Melissa Rogge.

Benefit Concert

Fairhaven Elementary, Flint, MI — Lake Region Fairhaven Church members and guests clapped as Principal Rose Rose introduced the school as one of the most effective ministries of our Church. She quoted our belief that reinforces our ministry from Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The theme for this benefit concert was "When Praises Go Up Blessings Come Down." Students from kindergarten through eighth grade marched in, singing "My God Is an Awesome God," under the leadership of Gloria McCoy-Jacobs, teacher of kindergarten through fourth grades.

This concert featured the Ephesus Church Choir from Saginaw, MI; Focus Anointed from Flint; and Kenneth Martin and The Voices In Praise Community Choir from Flint. These choirs performed willingly for a worthy cause. Martin expressed that "in order to save our community we must have salvation in education," and found it a joy to be able to assist Fairhaven in its fund-raiser.

Students and parents played a vital part in soliciting advertisements. The following students are to be commended for their hard work: Kourtney Musson, Renee and Walton Rose, Nathaniel Washington, Detrelle and Jonelda Riley, Olivia Williams, Simone Polk, Jesse Owens, Clarence Anderson and Angel Provost.

The \$2,000 raised will be used to purchase educational resources.

WOMEN'S NEWS

Furman is a Strong Force in Chicago

Lake Region — Lois Hundley Furman has played the organ at Chicago's Morgan Park Church since she was 11 years old. Today she is still an active church member.

Furman was educated at Oakwood College, where she met her husband, Benjamin Furman. Ben helps his wife with projects for women and is the local church elder. The couple has one son, Frederick, who lives in Nashville, TN, with his wife, Emeria, and their four-year-old son, Evan.

Furman has held several church offices at Morgan Park, including: treasurer, Adventist Youth leader and Sabbath school division leader. Presently she is the women's ministries director.

Former and present ladies of Morgan Park meet every second Sabbath to pray, plan and witness. The culminating activity for 1993 was a winter carnival for the New Life Outreach Shelter for Women and Children. Thirteen parents and their 29 children enjoyed food, games and toys. The church ladies donated and solicited clothes and toys for their guests. Everyone enjoyed this event, and the ladies look forward to another year of growth and service.

There are 20 members of the Morgan Park women's ministries group, along with several others who visit from time to time.

Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region communication director

Women's Devotional Book

Lake Union — The first of its kind in the Adventist Church, *Among Friends* contains 365 devotional readings contributed by 170 SDA women from all walks of life. The list of contributors includes two wives of former General Conference presidents, and Anita Folkenberg.

This book is a historical first that crosses barriers of age, culture and ethnicity to make it a celebration of friendship among women who love the Lord and look forward to His soon return.

All of the royalties from *Among Friends* will go to the General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund to benefit Adventist women around the world.

Women's ministries is soliciting new contributions for a 1994 edition. Those willing to write should contact the General Conference, Office of Women's Ministries, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6000; phone 301-680-6608, fax 301-680-6624 for contributors' guidelines. The editors are seeking personal experiences that demonstrate victorious living in varied circumstances.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Mission Trip to Kentucky

Michigan — Members of the Otter Lake (MI) Church made a mission trip to Pippa Passes, KY, in November 1993.

This 21-member group delivered boxes of clothing, toys and books to 28 families in the Pippa Passes area. They also rebuilt a porch for a woman, as well as raked leaves and cleaned the ravine next to another woman's house.

The group then attended Sabbath services at a small church in Prestonburg, KY, doubling the usual congregation size. This is the second year Otter Lake members have participated in this mission project.

Jim Simonds, Otter Lake pastor

Retired Teacher Has Satellite Ministry

Michigan — When a winter storm in Berrien Springs blew down Fred Herford's television antenna, he resolved to put in a satellite dish to receive programs from the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). Herford's satellite dish is now his ministry.

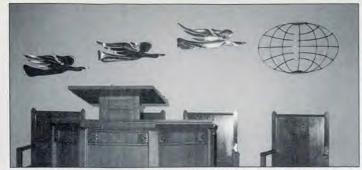
Herford is a retired high school teacher with a background in electronics repair and broadcast engineering. In 1988, he organized Good News Television Inc. In December 1989, Herford received a license from the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast in Michigan on Channel 25 in Berrien Springs and Channel 61 in Grand Rapids. Then a television antenna was mounted on a tower owned and operated by WAUS-FM, on the Andrews University campus in Berrien Springs, to downlink with 3ABN and transmit its signal. Since April 22, 1992, Good News Television Inc. has been broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, reaching a potential audience of 250,000 in Berrien County and the surrounding communities.

Herford is expecting approval of a construction permit that will place his antenna within 100 feet of the top of WAUS's 565-foot tower, for more people to receive 3ABN.

Herford is also starting to organize fund raising in order to create local programming. Having original programming would force the local cable operator to put Good News Television Inc. on the cable system under a "must carry" provision in the cable law. And finally, Herford's dream of having 3ABN programs on cable would become reality.

There are three other low power television stations rebroadcasting 3ABN programming in the Lake Union area. These stations are located in Minocqua, WI; Johnston City, IL; and Salem, IL.

Daniel J. Drazen, editor of the SDA Periodical Index, Andrews University



This copper logo was designed and crafted by Bud Dowd.

Showing Love To All

Wisconsin — One of the Janesville (WI) Church's most generous benefactors is not a member. Bud Dowd, a local craftsman, has made many contributions of labor and expertise to Janesville Church. His gifts include: painting the church's exterior sign, making cardboard figures for the children's departments, and designing and building sets for the Janesville Woodland Elementary School's annual Christmas program.

Last Thanksgiving, Dowd presented the church with a special Christmas gift: a Three Angels logo which he designed, cut and hammered from solid copper sheeting.

"It took over 100 hours of labor, plus the cost of the copper and the time invested in creating the design," said Legreid. "He also took the time to hang it for us."

Louise Legreid, Janesville communication leader

Odea Sigh and Joan Petty are the Christian Record Services regional directors in the Lake Union Conference area.



CRS Going Strong in Lake Union

Lake Union — Christian Record Services (CRS) has named Joan Petty as the new regional director for Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Petty has been a CRS representative since 1971. Odea Sigh is continuing to direct CRS work in Michigan.

The work of CRS representatives involves visiting the visually impaired, fund-raising for free services, and giving presentations to civic groups, schools and churches.

Ingathering Yields 83 Beds for ADRA

Wisconsin — Not all Ingathering donations fit in those little blue cans. In 1993, Evansville (WI) member Pearl Bowen, who raised \$2,400 herself, was also instrumental in the donation of 83 hospital beds to ADRA.

The beds came from Evansville Manor, a local nursing home. Previously Bowen had brought residents greeting cards and collected unused clothing for community services. She had also solicited Ingathering donations at some of the staff's homes.

In September, a staff member called Bowen, explaining that the facility was buying new beds and looking for an organiza-

tion that could use the old ones. Would Bowen's church be interested?

Excited, Bowen made a series of calls to the conference office, which eventually led to ADRA's headquarters in Silver Spring, MD. Over the next few weeks, arrangements were made for the beds, valued if new at about \$1,000 each, to be picked up and delivered to ADRA in December. ADRA will ship the beds to hospitals and clinics overseas.

Evansville pastor, Herb Wrate; Bowen's husband, Lester; and son, Daryl, helped unpack and



Pearl Bowen avidly ingathers in Evansville, WI, each year.

assemble the new beds while the old ones were being loaded onto trucks.

"We were more than happy to donate the equipment which we hope will be able to be utilized in some meaningful way," said administrator Clifford Woolever.

Bowen said her Ingathering picked up when she started wearing her Ingathering apron. "I never go without a book or magazine," she added. "I still believe 'His Word will not return void.' "This season Bowen passed out more than 800 pieces of literature in 38 nights.

Laurie Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Thousands Touched by Willis' Witness

Lake Region — On July 15, 1993, Elder Philip C. Willis Sr. was selected to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the board of directors of Faith College in Birmingham, AL. Over 3,000 people have been baptized as a result of the 56 evangelistic meetings Willis has conducted.

Willis is a pastor/evangelist for the Lake Region Confer-



Elder Philip C. Willis Sr.

ence. In 1992 he began a ministry with television evangelist C. D. Brooks of the Breath of Life Ministries. Willis is also the president and co-founder of Living Waters Corporation of the Lake Region Conference.

Willis earned his B.A. degree in Theology at Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL; a master's from Andrews University; and is presently working toward a D. Min. degree at Andrews University Theological Seminary.

Willis resides in Oak Park, MI, with his wife, Edith Helena (Kidd), and their children: Philip Jr., age 24, a graduate of Oakwood who now attends Andrews University Theological Seminary; Tanica, age 21, a senior at Oakwood; Heather, age 18, a freshman at Oakwood; and Rebekah, age 16, a junior at Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, MI. Their daughter LaDonna, age 25, lives in Huntsville.

Jayne E. Kidd, Chicago Shiloh Church member

Investment Fundraiser Goes Western

Lake Region — The Beacon of Joy Church in Chicago held its second annual fundraiser for investment Nov. 27, 1993.

This year's party was a western theme. Cowboys and cowgirls from all parts of town packed the ranch for an evening of fun and games. Westerners were able to munch on hot dogs, nachos, homemade fried-apple pie, popcorn and soda.

Door prizes were awarded. Darlene Ard won the prize for best western outfit.

This year, Hostess Dorothy Harris made and sold Kinte cloth scarfs, and member Dorothy White collected aluminum cans for her investment project.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication secretary

Risky Plan Pays Off

Wisconsin — If you had \$5 to invest for God, what would you do? Members in the Green Bay (WI) Church decided to find out in their 1993 Investment Project based on Christ's parable of the five talents.

To launch the project, Pastor Marvin Clark said he had to find someone "of strong faith and great vision" willing to put up \$500. "They had to be willing to take a risk for the Lord,"

Each family in the church was then sent a letter containing \$5. The letter told them to prayerfully invest their "five talents," and return the cash and whatever interest they had made by November 1993.

During the next 10 weeks, members discovered how creative they could be.

One woman, for example, paid a \$5 parking fee to get into Packer Stadium on a game Sunday. She then collected hundreds of aluminum cans scattered around the parking lot and sold them for a profit.

Another family held a free corn roast; donations taken in a bucket went for investment. A dog show, complete with prizes for various categories, was hosted by another family. Other projects included bake sales, craft sales and homegrown produce stands.

When funds were totaled, over \$4,000 had been collected. "This project was one of the most exciting, most interesting, and one of the most spiritually rewarding of any project we have done at Green Bay," says Pastor Clark.



Indiana Academy senior class president, Heidi Cooper (left), is introduced to Cicero Church members by member Janet Clear (not pictured) during a getacquainted potluck.

Cicero Sabbath School Honors Seniors

Indiana — On Oct. 16, 1993, Cicero (IN) Church members hosted a potluck for the Indiana Academy seniors who attend their church nearly every week. After the meal, each table selected one senior to sit with them, and Sabbath School superintendent, Jerry Boggess, asked the groups to get acquainted then introduce their student. Many facts about each other proved interesting and helped acquaint the seniors with church members.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero communication secretary

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

A Million-Dollar Income Loss

Newbury Park, CA — More than 300,000 letters sent out by the "Voice of Prophecy" (VOP) during October and November 1993, mysteriously disappeared without being delivered to donors and friends. This resulted in a nearly \$1,000,000 shortfall in ministry income, according to Lonnie Melashenko, VOP director-speaker.

Additional mailings were sent in late November and early December to several thousand people, and VOP staff telephoned friends to request special gifts for the ministry. Staff also gave sacrificially, several donating a week's income or more.

This situation demonstrates how vital regular, monthly gifts are to the church's radio ministry. Without such support from thousands of people who want to share the gospel with others, the "Voice of Prophecy" has no voice.

"We want to assure our friends that there is no problem in getting mail delivered to the 'Voice of Prophecy,' " adds Melashenko.

The VOP staff has been cut back. Restructuring is necessary because of the continuing recessionary economy and some problems with appeal mailings that were never delivered.

Bible course enrollment cards, radio logs, Bible-reading cards and other materials are still available from VOP, and all orders will be filled as promptly as possible. The VOP Bible School still plans to have a new adult course available by June, and both the Sunday and daily radio broadcasts are continuing, although there will be a 10 percent reduction in the total budget for the purchase of airtime.

Eldyn Karr, VOP public relations director

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North America — At a time when other religious television programs are in trouble and scandal-ridden, with viewership falling, Adventist programs are enjoying their best ratings ever. Adventist television is a great investment in souls!

The three television ministries: "Breath of Life," "Lifestyle Magazine" and "It Is Written" are prayerfully anticipating what the Church family will do to strengthen them with the annual Television Ministries offering, Feb. 12.

"Breath of Life's" audience is exploding. New coverage on VISION in Canada and VISN in the United States, can net a fresh audience of 27 million potential viewers.

"Lifestyle Magazine" is number one in its time slot in New York City. The biggest and toughest market in the entire world and an Adventist program is in the top spot, beating even NBC News! "Lifestyle Magazine" is also number one in the San Francisco Bay area, with great ratings in scores of other cities across the nation, including in the great Lake Union regions.

After their Moscow experiences, Pastor Mark Finley and "It Is Written" (IIW) are planning even now to expand into new countries, using the scripts, footage and expertise already present at the Adventist Media Center located in Newbury Park, CA. Will you be eager to generously support an IIW beaming throughout Germany? Poland? Argentina? Already in Brazil the IIW broadcast is the top-rated religious program in the country. With financial help on Feb. 12, this miracle can be repeated time and time again.

Your gifts to aid the media work may seem small as you think of the millions of dollars that are needed, but it takes all of the tributary streams to make the mighty river.

Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president

World Church News Notes

- California earthquake: The SDA Church has opened three emergency collection and distribution centers for victims of the Jan. 17 earthquake in California. These Adventist Community Services Emergency Centers are located in Northridge, Mission Hills and Pacoima; a command post has been established in Glendale. People who wish to donate goods or cash may call 24-hours a day, 800-253-3000. Mastercard/VISA donations are also accepted, and all donations are tax deductible. Relief items needed most include: bottled water, flashlights and batteries, blankets, baby diapers, groceries and personal comfort supplies.
- Genesee Park Church in Rochester, NY, conducts a ministry to the deaf population. The deaf constitute a unique people group with a language of their own. The city of Rochester is the home of a large institution of higher learning for about 70,000 hearing-impaired people. Mission investment funds will be used to operate the ministry for the next three years. It will help support a part-time pastor. The goal is a church with a membership of 40 by 1997.
- Baptisms in Bosnia-Herzegovina indicate that evangelism has not been halted in this war-torn region of the former Yugoslavia. In 1993, 30 people were baptized in Banja Luka, the capital of Bosnia. In Sarajevo more than 400 worship at two separate church services, with 50 people preparing for baptism. During the first 10 months of 1993, 22 evangelistic efforts were conducted. These efforts have led to the establishment of four new congregations.
- In Pakistan, where less than three percent of the 120 million population are Christians, four new church buildings, housing new congregations established in previously unentered areas, were dedicated during 1993. Four more new churches will be dedicated as part of a Global Mission program to organize 15 new churches by the summer of 1995.



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80 YEARS AGO

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Feb. 4, 1914: The new church at Herrin [IL] is just about completed.

Feb. 4, 1914: About fifteen persons assembled at Indianapolis to receive instruction in the work of selling our publications. For years we have been waiting to see the work move forward in Indiana and this visible token should cause all to rejoice.

Feb. 25, 1914: One matter burdens my soul: The great lack of the love of God, which has been lost through continued resistance of light and truth, and the influence of those who have been engaged in active labor, who in the face of evidence piled upon evidence, have exerted an influence to counteract the message God has sent. I point them to the Jewish nation and ask, Must we leave our brethren to pass over the same path of blind resistance, till the very end of probation? A mechanical, formal orthodoxy has taken the place of deep, fervent charity and tenderness toward one another.

Mrs. E. G. White.

60 YEARS AGO

Feb. 6, 1934: "Among the Wisconsin Schools" I spent one week at our church schools in Clearwater Lake, Minocqua and Moon where excellent work is being done. Only three days after my visit to Clearwater Lake, the church and school were destroyed by fire. This loss, including all the furniture, equipment, and textbooks, is a severe blow to our dear people who are faithfully supporting the school there. They are

providing temporary accommodations for the school, and are giving study to the problem of rebuilding. Rose E. Herr

Feb. 13, 1934: The woodworking plants of Emmanuel Missionary College and Broadview College have joined under the direction of an industrial board responsible to the Lake Union Conference. The organization is operating under the name of College Wood Products.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 2, 1954: The balance sheet of June 30, 1953, showed the assets of Emmanuel Missionary College to be \$2,695,181.23, or \$151,948.29 more than the year before. Liabilities totaled \$79,937.81, or \$3,241.21 less than the year before. Emmanuel Missionary College is now the only Seventh-day Adventist college free from indebtedness. At present there are 47 men and 24 women on the teaching staff of EMC (including the academy and the elementary school). Of this total of 71, 17 hold the doctor's degree and 39 the master's degree.

Feb. 9, 1954: The [Lake Region] Gary, Indiana Church was crowded to the doors, January 16, with chairs filled with little children in the available space in the aisles. The congregation has literally outgrown the church.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 12, 1974: The undergraduate nursing program at Andrews University has received full accreditation. As a result of this action, Andrews has the only accredited baccalaureate program with a nursing major in western Michigan.

Feb. 26, 1974: The new nature museum at Ranch Au Sable [in Grayling, MI] is beginning to take shape.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 26, 1984: W. Richard Lesher, 59, has been appointed as the fourth president of Andrews University. On Feb. 27 the board of trustees approved an academic year budget of \$37,063,660.

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Wade and Mary Harden celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sabbath evening, June 5, 1993, with over 60 friends and relatives at their home in Berrien Springs, MI. Their grandchildren and greatgrandchildren provided several musical numbers and tributes. Grandson Pastor Gary Russell conducted the sundown vespers.

The couple were married June 10, 1928, in Detroit. They were baptized in 1937. They have spent their entire lives in Michigan, retiring in 1969 while living in Mio, MI.

WEDDINGS

Lucille Adeline Branch and Donald Dene Jorgensen were married Nov. 27, 1993, in Stevens Point, WI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Donovan Davis.

Lucille is the daughter of the late Lydia Krohn of Almond, WI, Donald is the son of Marie and the late Dan Jorgensen of Plainfield, WI.

The Jorgensens are making their home in Stevens Point.

Melissa Charmaine Brunson and Jerry Brad Ross Jr. were married March 10, 1993, in Denver. The ceremony was performed by Glenn Sackett.

Melissa is the daughter of Dorothy and Billy Brunson of Denver. Jerry is the son of Marcelene Leon and Jerry Ross Sr. of Chicago.

The Rosses are making their home in Chicago.

Viola Louise Carlson and Olaf Anscar Halvorsen were married Dec. 12, 1993, in Warren, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David Glenn.

The Halvorsens are making their home in East Pointe, MI.

Sheila Marie Soler and Donald Corey Poole were married Dec. 12, 1993, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson.

Sheila is the daughter of Noemi V. Soler of Berrien Springs. Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Poole of Berrien Springs.

The Pooles are making their home in Michigan City, IN.

Stephanie VanDeWalker and Christopher Zimmerle were married Dec. 11, 1993, in Benton Harbor, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Gary Burns.

Stephanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanDeWalker of Eau Claire, MI. Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Zimmerle of Berrien Center, MI.

The Zimmerles are making their home in St. Joseph, MI.

Betty Karen White and Richard A. Moore were married Aug. 15, 1993, in Benton Harbor, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor James Hoffer.

Betty is the daughter of Robert and Tomella White of Chicago. Richard is the son of L. C. and Alma Mitchell of San Diego.

The Moores are making their home in Madison, WI, where Richard is the assistant treasurer for Wisconsin Conference.

Susan M. Younk and Sean A. Barry were married Dec. 18, 1993. in Greenland, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Harry C. Hartmann.

Susan is the daughter of Gene and Barbara Younk of Ontonagon, MI. Sean is the son of June Barry of Ontonagon.

The Barrys are making their home in Twentynine Palms, CA.

OBITUARIES

BRITAIN, Rodney A., age 81; born Feb. 13, 1912, in Postville, IA; died Nov. 9, 1993, in Amery, WI. He was a member of the Clear Lake Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Gladys; 2 sons, Norman and Jerrold; 2 daughters, Doris Hurley and Pam Nielson; a brother, Robert; 3 sisters, Bernice Renwick, Shirley Rogers and Eleanor Sires; and 8 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Norm Yoder, and interment was in Reeve Cemetery, Clayton, WI.

COOK, Richard L., age 27; born Nov. 3, 1966, in Coldwater, MI: died Nov. 13, 1993, in Union City, MI. He was a member of the Hackettstown (NJ) Church.

Survivors include: his parents. Robert L. and Shirley A. Cook. A sister, Sandra A., preceded him in death Aug. 13, 1987.

Services were conducted by Pastor Kenneth Wilson, and interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

DONAHUE, Lawrence T., age 82, born July 11, 1911, in Lapel, IN; died Nov. 19, 1993, in Bloomington, IN. He was a member of the Bloomington Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Helena; a brother, Lester Johnson; and 2 sisters, Gladys Moore and Freda Richardson.

Services were conducted by Pastor Don Short, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Bloomington.

ELLINGER, Emma, age 83; born Aug. 29, 1910, in Sheboygan, WI; died Dec. 11, 1993, in Sheboygan. She was a member of the Sheboygan Church.

Survivors include: a son, Tom; a daughter, Joan; and a sister, Frieda Latusky.

Services were conducted by Pastor Steve Cook, and interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Sheboygan.

HELLER, LaVerne B., age 80: born May 9, 1912, in Eau Claire, WI; died May 6, 1993, in Phoenix,

Survivors include: his wife, Betty; a son, Dale; a daughter, P. J. Johnson; a sister, Dorothy Wost; 3 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

JACKSON, E. Bernice, age 84; born April 4, 1909, in East Alton, IL; died Dec. 23, 1993, in Bethalto, IL. She was a member of the Alton (IL) Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Edna Teets, and 3 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Lynn Winn, and interment was in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens, Bethalto.

KNELLER, Waaneita I., age 89; born May 3, 1904, in Wright, MI; died Dec. 14, 1993, in Garden Grove, CA. She was a member of the Garden Grove Church.

In the early 1930s she worked as a medical secretary at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and later as secretary to the president of the Illinois Conference.

Survivors are her daughter, Darlene Young; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Duff Gorley, and interment was in Garden Grove Cemetery.

KRUGER, Hazel, age 91; born Oct. 30, 1902, in Phlox, WI; died Dec. 28, 1993, in Mineral Point. She was amember of the Antigo (WI) Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Irwin and Richard; and 2 daughters, Christine Shultz and Florence.

Services were conducted by Pastor Mike Weakley, and interment was in Norwood (WI) Cemetery.

JONES, Betty L. (Babcock), age 68; born July 26, 1925, in Battle Creek, MI: died Nov. 30, 1993, in Battle Creek. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Gary, John and David; a daughter, Sandra Comello; a sister, Bonnie Douglas: 16 grandchildren; and 5 stepgrandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor David Sanner, and interment was in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek.

LEONARD, Robert P. "Butch," age 47; born Sept. 14, 1946, in Galax, VA; died Oct. 23, 1993, in Richmond, IN. He was a member of the Richmond Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Deborah; 3 daughters, Angela Benkert, Robin Spencer and April Hatfield; his mother, Nora Lee Leonard; 3 sisters, Carolyn Miller, Barbara Smith and Judith Mitchell: and 3 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Douglas L. Inglish, and interment was in the Elkhorn Cemetery, Richmond.

LYNES, Amanda N., age 92; born May 25, 1901, in Winona, MN; died Dec. 21, 1993, in South Bend, IN. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, MI.

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Survivors include: a son, Jerry Hanson; a daughter, Joyce Macri; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor John Kroncke, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, Niles, MI.

MOUNTS, Ruby Irene, age 77; born Oct. 2, 1916, in Jacksonville, IL; died Oct. 30, 1993, in Springfield, IL. She was a member of the Springfield SDA Bible Chapel.

She is survived by her sister,

Services were conducted by Pastor Paul Gregoroff, and interment was in Springfield.

SCHALLER, Doris M., age 59; born Dec. 19, 1934, in Clear Lake. WI; died Jan. 2, 1994, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Gregory, John and Anthony; 2 daughters, Denise Curnutt and Ann Marie; her mother, Mabel Grundset; 3 brothers, Edgar, Harold and Arvid Grundset; 2 sisters, Florence Loomis and Esther Kerr; and 6 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Larry Lichtenwalter, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

VOSS, Ival Eugene, age 74; born Jan. 6, 1919, in Star City, MI; died Dec. 7, 1993, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the North Vernon (IN) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Edith (Byers); 4 sons, Earl, Dale, Charles and Stephen; a sister, Alveda Peterson; and 18 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastors Scott Tyman and Paul Fruth, and interment was in Cicero (IN) Cemetery.

WESTMAN, Elwood, age 79; born Feb. 12, 1914, in Duluth, MN; died Dec. 22, 1993, in Wausau, WI. He was a member of the Wausau Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Vera; 3 sons, Dennis, Ned and Terry; and a daughter, Gail Trigueros.

Services were conducted by Pastor Mike Weakley, and interment



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was in Mechanic's Ridge Cemetery, Wausau.

WILLIAMS, Alfred Wesley Jr., age 64; born Dec. 18, 1928, in Jacksonville, FL; died Sept. 26, 1993, in Chicago. He was a member of the Hyde Park Church in Chicago.

Survivors include: his wife, Maple (Harris); a son, Alfred III; a daughter, Cheryl; his parents, Alfred Sr. and Armetia Williams; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Dr. Norman K. Miles, and interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Blue Island, IL.

WRATE, Oneta, age 95; born June 7, 1898, in Portland, MI; died Dec. 22, 1993, in Battle Creek, MI. She was a member of the Urbandale Church in Battle Creek.

Survivors are: 2 sons, David and Herbert; 5 daughters, Glenna Briggs, Doris Underwood, Irma Church, Ferne Palsi and Joanne Snelling; a sister, Grace Hunn; 26 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

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ADVENTIST DREAM VACA-TIONS! Seven-day Alaska Inside Passage cruise, Aug. 29, host Pastor Charles White; 10-day Journeys of Apostle Paul tour, Sept. 21, host Pastor Morris Venden; 10-day Holy Land tour, Oct. 25, host Pastors Bob and Bev Bretsch. Mert Allen, Mt. Tabor Cruise, 800-950-9234 or 503-256-7919. --3868-2 ROOMS FOR RENT: Near Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti SDA Church and bus service; 10 miles from University of Michigan. Rent varies with size of room; \$175-\$275 per month, utilities included. Share bathrooms and kitchen. No lease. No pets. Tenants must be clean and quiet. Call 313-487-5949. -3869-2

NURSE PRACTITIONER, adult or family health emphasis, to teach in nurse practitioner program. M.S. in nursing and clinical experience required, doctorate and teaching experience preferred. Send vitae to Andrews University, Department of Nursing, Berrien Springs, MI49104. --3870-2

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY has an opening for a landscape horticulture teacher. Minimum requirement: master's degree with landscape and turfgrass fieldexperience. Begin July 1994. Adventists send résumé with references to: Chair, Department of Agriculture, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGE-MENT: Responsible for admissions, recruitment, financial aid and retention to a world-wide student body. Experience in SDA academic setting required. Minimum requirement master's; doctorate preferred. Interested Adventists send résumé with references immediately to: Dr. David Faehner, Vice President for Advancement, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0650. --3872-2

TEACHER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION: Desire doctorate with several years collegelevel teaching experience; or master's with several years experience will be considered. A research record or willingness to do research and writing highly desirable. Adventists contact: Search Committee Chair, Management and Marketing Department, School of Business, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0020. --3873-2

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IS JESUS CALLING YOU? And asking you to dedicate your time and talents in service? Multiple openings at Wildwood's Medical Missionary outreach and training center include nursing, hydrotherapy and secretarial. For more information contact: Dean Sigsworth, Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, Wildwood, GA 30757; 800-844-1099. --3876-2

JOBFOR CANDIDATE SECRETARY at Adventist Frontier Missions for person with computer skills, secretarial ability, works well with people, willing to travel and speak for AFM. Some mission experience needed, young adult preferred. Applications until Feb. 15. Send to: Adventist Frontier Missions, P.O. Box 346, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; 616-473-4250. --3877-2

CASH FOR MORTGAGES: If you have a privately held trust deed or mortgage and need cash for a major purchase, such as college tuition, vacation or any other reason, call Ed at 301-774-3620 for a free quote. We buy trust deeds and mortgages nationwide on all types of real estate. --3879-4

ADVENTIST SINGLES MINISTRIES WINTER OUTING at Camp Au Sable, Grayling, MI, Feb. 18-20. For \$65 get refreshed from a weekend with fellow Christians, two seminary speakers, and Christian musician David Pitt. Make reservations before Feb. 16 with Susan Manke, 6527 Deans Hill Road, Berrien Center, MI 49102; 616-471-1739, leave message.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for publication in the Herald should be sent to your local conference office. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.

LAKE UNION

Adventist Media Center offering, Feb. 12 (see story, "SDA Television Is Investment in Souls," on page 21).

Field school, Feb. 13-20, for Bible teachers, campus chaplains, Sabbath school leaders, principals, and all youth workers. The Oregon Conference and the North American Division are co-hosting this event in Portland, OR. Emphasis will be on Revelation seminars, Bible labs, VBS follow-up, Magabook evangelism, and youth giving Bible studies. Housing and Sabbath meals

Music Ministry?

Award-Winning Record Producer/ Vocalist, Jim Mc Donald, can help you get started. Winner, 41 "Albums of the Year" ... over 20 years experience ... call Jim, (619) 692-2411 ... mail rough demo ... 3808 Rosecrans St. #469, San Diego, CA 92110. No Contests ... No Gimmicks ... Ministry Only ... SDA Approved.

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VBS workshop provided by satellite March 6: This live 90minute, fast-paced training event to North America for the new VBS materials, "Earthmaker Mysteries," will begin at 1 p.m. Eastern time and noon Central time. For details call 805-373-7665 or 301-680-6425.

Spanish VBS materials for 1994: "Kids in the Kitchen" is this year's theme. Call 402-486-2519.

Accepting applications until March 31: The summer Adventist Colleges Abroad program allows students to qualify for either highschool or college-level credits through a summer of travel and study. For more details, write: Adventist Colleges Abroad, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600; or call 301-680-6444.

International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 2-6: To be held in Morrison, CO, 15 miles west of Denver in the foothills of the Rocky

Mountains. For more details contact: Rocky Mountain Conference Youth Department, 2520 S. Downing St., Denver, CO 80210; phone 303-733-3771, fax 303-733-1843. Save on registrations before April

Collegiate Quarterly looking for writers. Grass-roots groups from the Lake Union are joining others from around the world as new writers for Collegiate Quarterly. Thanks to a growing interest in this Sabbath school publication for young adults (ages 18-35), groups are presently involved from the University of Indiana as well as local congregations in Brookfield, IL, and Indianapolis. If a group of five or six young adults would like to get involved as writers of Collegiate Quarterly, contact the editorial offices located at: General Conference, Church Ministries Department, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904; fax 301-680-6155.

1994 is the Year of the Family: The United Nations and the SDA Church in North America have declared 1994 as the year of the family. Local church members can participate by "adopting an unwanted child," by reaching out to boarder babies in community hospitals, or caring for an abused or neglected child needing foster care. Church members can also help by providing friendship and help to a single-parent family. Also, each pastor is asked to conduct at least one Family Life seminar in 1994.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Apply for scholarship by March 5: The Andrews University Alumni Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund to assist students attending Andrews whose parents are alumni of Andrews University. Applications are available by contacting: Alumni House, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104; 616-471-

Homecoming April 21-24: Special reunions for Classes of 1934, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1964, 1969, 1974 and 1984. Social Work is having a fellowship time, in addition to the Physical Therapy continuing education and the Educational Psychology and Counseling Department of the School of Education's third annual Graduate Colloquium. One hundred twenty years after the founding of Battle Creek College, it is appropriate that we take a look at what matters to us, through the events of this weekend. Plan now to attend. For more details contact: Alumni House, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104; 616-471-3591.

Commencement Weekend is June 3-5, not June 10-12. Resulting from this change, Andrews will follow the academic calendar used in previous years and school will be ending one week earlier than originally scheduled in the 1993-1994 Bulletin.

ILLINOIS

Noble Church celebrates 100 years, Aug. 12-13: Church members would like to invite all previous members, friends and pastors to join them for reminiscing and fellowship. For details, or if you would like to add your historical memories to the Memory Book, send name, address and historical information to: Noble SDA Anniversary, Rural Route 2, Box 2A, Noble, IL 62868.

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VBS Leaders' Workshop, April 24: Learn more about the new VBS materials, "Earthmaker Mysteries," from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the conference office. A video of the NAD VBS Workshop (broadcast earlier via satellite) will be shown.

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Indiana	3,611,988.99	3,407,919.69	204,069.30 G	6.0%
Lake Region	5,167,101.20	4,961,600.19	205,501.01 G	4.1%
Michigan	14,820,131.66	14,443,103.98	377,027.68 G	2.6%
Wisconsin	3,233,445.26	3,140,854.37	92,590.89 G	2.9%
TOTAL	32,797,565.88	32,026,357.40	771,208.48 G	2.4%

SUNSET CALENDAR						
	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	March 4	March 11	March 18
Berrien Springs, MI	6:13	6:22	6:30	6:39	6:47	6:55
Chicago	5:19	5:27	5:36	5:44	5:52	6:00
Detroit	6:01	6:09	6:18	6:27	6:35	6:43
Indianapolis	6:16	6:25	6:32	6:40	6:48	6:55
La Crosse, WI	5:29	5:39	5:48	5:57	6:06	6:15
Lansing, MI	6:04	6:13	6:22	6:31	6:39	6:48
Madison, WI	5:23	5:32	5:41	5:50	5:59	6:07
Springfield, IL	5:30	5:38	5:46	5:54	6:01	6:08

Items in good repair are still needed for Wisconsin Academy's spring auction April 17. Donors can call 414-623-3300.

WORLD CHURCH

Columbia Adventist Academy homecoming, March 11-13: Friday evening program by the Class of 1944; Sabbath school by the Class of 1974; church by the Class of 1969; also afternoon music program, Gladys Robison in charge. For details call Joy Walker, 206-573-5150.

Columbia Adventist Academy Class of 1984 reunion, March 11-13: Addresses are needed for the following people: Kim Ahlquist, Steve Barnes, Rich Brewer, Jeanette Bunch, Jill Homsley-Tremain, Tim Hylands, Jeff Kauffman and Jack Waite. Anyone with information, please contact: Garret Ermshar, 3300 N. E. 164th St. #P2, Ridgefield, WA 98642-8949; 206-573-7227.

Blue Mountain Academy homecoming, March 25-26, in Hamburg, PA. Call 215-562-2291. Blue Mountain Elementary School homecoming, March 26, in Hamburg, PA. Celebrate our 40year and 25-year anniversaries. For details call Sue at 215-562-4533.

Forest Lake Academy, Class of '74: Come back to campus in Apopka, FL, March 25-27, for our 20-year reunion; 407-862-8411.

Arroyo Grande, CA, church schools are haveing a special reunion, May 6-7, for teachers and students attending area schools during the years 1918-1993. Send RSVP to: Valley View Adventist Academy, 230 Vernon Ave, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.

Adventist Day-Care Providers Network began Oct. 5, 1993, in Potomac Conference. This group hopes to connect with Adventists who provide day care through church schools, ACS centers, local churches, preschools and in a home setting. Names and addresses of any day-care providers are requested to begin a newsletter. Call Nolene Johnsson at 301-680-6424

or fax 301-680-6464.

"Lifestyle Magazine": Feb. 13, "Integrity in the Workplace." Feb. 20, "The Evangelical Movement in America." Feb. 27, "Antioxidants." March 6, "The Benefits of Volunteering." For local stations information contact: George Swanson, Lifestyle Magazine, P.O. Box 320, Newbury Park, CA 91219; 805-373-7686.

"It Is Written" Speaker Mark Finley presents: Feb. 6, "Earth's Strangest City." Feb. 13, "The Failure of Communism." Feb. 20, "A Movement of Hope." Feb. 27, "An Advent Adventurer." For more programming details call 805-373-7733.

"Voice of Prophecy": Feb. 6-11, "Behold the Lamb of God" (Sunday), followed by "Bible People." Feb. 13-18, "Advice for Lovers" (Sunday), followed by "When God Says No." Feb. 20-25, "The Resurrection of Christ" (Sunday), followed by "The Natural Way to Weight Control." Feb. 27, "A Fish or a Serpent?" (Sunday). For details and area coverage please call 805-373-7611.

ASI

members and business/professional friends

Plan now to attend the 1994 ASI International Convention to be held at the Grand Kempinski Hotel in Dallas, Texas, on August 10-13, 1994. For convention reservations or exhibit space information, contact the ASI office at: 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904; phone (301) 680-6450, fax (301) 622-5017.

SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTIAN TALENT SEARCH



TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Don't miss your chance to record your own album. North American Division Youth Ministries, Chape! / Bridge Records and Turning Point Studios proudly present the Second Annual Christian Talent Search for amateur Adventist musicians.

Three categories: 1. Solo; 2. Duo/group; 3. Instrumental. In addition to a winner in each category, one Grand Prize winner will receive a one-album recording contract with distribution by Chapel/Bridge Records. Category winners will receive \$1,000 worth of studio time at Turning Point. Winners will be announced in all the Adventist Union publications by June 30, 1994.

Each participant must be at least 16 years of age and an amateur (never before recorded an album). Entry deadline is March 31, 1994 and the fee is \$39 per entry. Applicants should submit one song on a cassette tape, per category entry. No videos will be accepted. Entry forms and further details may be obtained at your local Adventist Book Center or from: Turning Point Studios, (800) 748-5658, P.O. Box 1358, Placerville, CA 95667.

"The Christian Talent Search has been one of the most exciting experiences of my life! Being the first Grand Prize winner has opened many doors for my career. The phone continues to ring with more and more singing engagements. I still can't believe that this has happened to a young man from the small town of Frostburg, MD. I encourage you to take the chance of a lifetime!" -- Matt Bittner, 1993 CTS Grand Prize Winner

FOR YOUTH EYES ONLY



Peter Neri

Jesus is the Answer to Your Struggles

During my morning walk, I was reflecting on the enormous struggles facing you youth today. Struggles that keep you from taking Adventism if not Christianity seriously. Unfortunately, the source of my reflection was not so much from my personal experiences as a youth minister, as it was from what I have been reading

and hearing from other youth-oriented people. Most recognize that these struggles keep you from being the dynamic force within the Church that you were meant to be, especially in these last days.

Struggles like a crumbling family unit, the lack of quality role models within the Church, the failure of local churches and schools to be loving and caring to you, and the lack of utilizing your leadership potential, are taking their toll on your spirituality. What seemingly insurmountable odds these are to blocking your spiritual growth! What is the answer?

As I continued to ponder your plight, I recalled a scene which took place four years ago. I was seated before 200 or more teenagers in a public high school auditorium. This assembly was called because during the Christmas break two classmates were killed in a car accident. This was to be a memorial service, and I was asked to speak because one of the deceased was a member of my church.

I will never forget the emotion and confusion of those young people. I distinctly remember thinking "what insurmountable odds these kids faced at being or even knowing what God wanted them to be."

As the principal introduced me, I desperately asked the Lord for words to say. Just as I stood the answer came, tell them about Jesus. Tell them how He is always available and willing to help even when you are in trouble.

Jesus blessed the message. It was what they needed, we all needed, and it really made a difference.

Young friend, Jesus is your answer too! In this new year, when you are tempted to allow your spiritual growth to be stifled by seemingly insurmountable odds, think on and talk to Jesus. He is the only one, and the only way that you will be the dynamic force within the remnant church that God wants you to be.

Pastor Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI

LETTERS

■ WE WELCOME LETTERS from our readers, espeially those who comment directly on material published in the Lake Union Herald. Short letters are more likely to be published, and all letters are subject to editing for clarity or space. Please submit letters, including your name and address, to: "Letters," Lake Union Herald, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

What a Tragedy

I've been a member of in the Lake Union for 14 years and I have never received a copy of the Herald. I am writing so that I may be included on the mailing list. May God continue to bless us as a church family.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let's be sure that every church member and all new members receive the Lake Union Herald. Don't let someone else go 14 years without this gift.

Escort to Heaven

If you ever visit Peoria, IL, I'd like for you to see it -Mom and Dad still have it. I can recall the day they brought home our first new car, over a decade ago. It was a deep metallic blue 1983 Ford Escort.

If you question my Dad, he makes it sound as if 20 years wasn't such a long wait for a new car. You talk to him about sacrifice and he acts as if he isn't acquainted with the word.

He's not an Adventist; he's not a Christian. But his decision to place me, my two sisters, and brother in church school has changed our lives.

Dad inadvertently introduced me to Jesus, and someday I hope to return the favor. Soon Christ will return, and when I approach the throne of God I hope Dad will be by my side singing the same old song. Together we will throw our crowns at Jesus' feet.

I can almost hear Dad now, "Son, it's cheap enough."

> Pastor Ron Kelly, Logansport, IN

Experience in Santo Domingo

Aside from a few scrapes and a couple of overheated workers, everyone is fine.

The church roof is on, except for the cap over the peak. It was an amazingly fast job!

Lots of on-lookers are enjoving our show. Kids swarming all over causes some concern for their safety. People have set up benches by the road to watch. One guy brought chickens to sell.

Pigs are oinking next door. A wild turkey with chicks runs around. Skinny dogs hang around at mealtimes.

It's hot and humid. Roosters crow all hours of the night. There is an oil refinery nearby; when the flame shoots out, roosters must think it's dawn and crow. Mosquitoes have found us. Cockroaches about two inches, not too many. Tree frogs on walls occasionally.

Progress is good. We're having fun.

Doug Gregg, Indiana Conference assistant treasurer

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above report was sent during Indiana's October 1993 "Operation Amigo" trip to the Dominican Republic. About 200 people attended the first worship service in the new Sabaneta Church.

By Beholding We Become Changed

The memories of my Dominican trip are imprinted on my heart and mind forever. I can still hear Grisella's prayer and feel four-year-old Carolina snuggle on my lap. I see Hector working side-by-side with my father laying cement blocks for a wall of the new San Francisco de Macoris school.

In November 1993 my parents and I spent 10 days there as part of the 24-member group representing the Lake Union chapter of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI).

Our main goal was accomplished in just three days. We completed the first floor of this 12-room school. Together with several hired Dominican workmen, we shoveled dirt, mixed mortar and laid 3,200 cement blocks. As the school walls grew, the communication and cultural barriers at the worksite were dismantled by the common language of manual labor and Christian fellowship.

The rest of this trip was spent learning about the Dominican culture and getting to know the people. We ate luscious tropical fruits and traveled to the island's green mountains and clear, blue oceans. Off the balcony of our hotel, we watched the daily activities of a family below us living in a dirt-floored home that lacked indoor plumbing.

More memorable than anything else was the Dominican people's contagious enthusiasm for sharing the love of Christ.

Name (please print)

At the Friday night communion service, Grisella welcomed me with hugs and kisses. She told me, in her hesitant mix of Spanish and English, "You are my sister."

Just a few weeks earlier at the church I've attended for five years, a greeter shook my hand and asked where I was visiting from — this wasn't the first Sabbath she had asked me this question. The Dominican people's burning-hot love for Christ and for His people stood in stark contrast to my lukewarm reception at my home church.

My father experienced a similar shock when he asked a church elder about his occupation. The elder replied, "I work for the Lord."

Knowing this man was not a paid minister, my father asked, "But how do you make money to feed and clothe your family?"

"Well, I am an attorney and I teach language classes on the side," the elder replied. "But mainly I do the Lord's work," he emphasized.

Every time I think of my Dominican Republic experience, I am reminded that by beholding, we truly become changed. I thought I was sent to that country to help people who were less fortunate. But as I said good-bye to Grisella, Carolina and Hector, I realized that these people had given me something much more precious than anything I could ever offer them. They gave me a renewed hope for Christ's second coming, and a strong desire to reunite with my Dominican friends in heaven.

Theresa Bodi, Berrien Springs, MI

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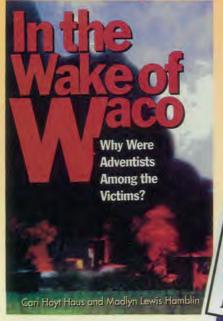
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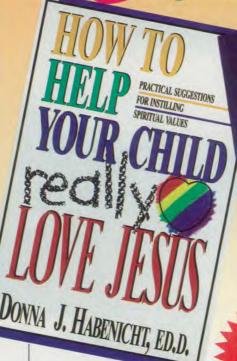
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