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## EDITORIAL



## Speak Positively

by Don Schneider, president  
Lake Union Conference

**H**ush! Don't say a word if you can't say something good!" Do you remember that admonition from Mom? I want to second her rule. Please don't say anything discouraging to

others in the church. If you are tempted to speak negatively, beg God to protect you from doing so.

God cares about your attitudes and expressions toward His work. A law of battle in Old Testament times was that one who was afraid was to return home rather than join in the fray. In fact, anyone who had recently built a house, planted a vineyard, or become engaged to be married was also sent home. God wanted soldiers whose hearts would be in the work at hand. Those who were afraid might be tempted to tell their companions that the project was too big, or that too many were fighting for the enemy, thus discouraging those who had the faith to believe the goal *could* be accomplished (Deuteronomy 20:5-8). God did not want these naysayers in His army.

The challenges we as a church face today are great too. There are millions who don't know Jesus. When someone has a bold idea of a way to spread the gospel, it is easy for someone to say "it won't work." Even though some voiced their doubt when we were preparing for "Net '95," still more than 600 churches participated, and more than 5,000 people were baptized.

"Net '96" is now on the drawing board. "Net '96" is a series of evangelistic meetings that will be conducted in Orlando, Florida, beginning October 5, 1996. The meetings will be beamed to a satellite, making them available to anyone with equipment to receive them anywhere in the United States. About 2,000 churches will make it possible for their members to share the good news found in God's Word with their neighbors, co-workers, and families through "Net '96."

It is easy to think of reasons why church initiatives will not work—perhaps the greatest being that we ourselves won't work. It is harder, but definitely more rewarding, to help God make them work.

God told Gideon and others about to go to war to send the fainthearted home. I don't want to be kicked out of God's army. I don't want to discourage other loyal soldiers. Today I'm praying, "Dear Father, please don't let me say anything that would discourage *anyone* from working for you. Help me to be an encourager today. I don't want to be fainthearted . . . I want to dream, plan, and do big things in Your Name."



## A "Hands Across the World" Project Kokomo East Mulberry Church Reopens

BY C. K. SIM

Kokomo is known as the "City of Firsts."<sup>1</sup> To Seventh-day Adventists, it takes its place in the history of the Church in Indiana as having been a site of one of the largest campmeetings. In August 1877, 8,000 campers gathered to listen to such subjects as sanctification and temperance.<sup>2</sup>

One hundred eighteen years later the revitalization of the East Mulberry Church has commenced in Kokomo, Indiana. This church is now known as the House of Hope Church. Being designated by the Lake Union Conference as one of the "Hands Across the World" projects, it

provides a valid reason for the churches in the Lake Union to support this worthy project.

On August 12 about 40 church members and visitors met to worship and study the Bible, and to mark the opening of an evangelistic series. The theme for the day was "Back to the Bible." Elder C. K. Sim led the congregation in a study of such Bible verses as 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

The majority of the participants came from the Ephesus Church, Marion, Indiana. Other visitors were people from the church community, the pastor, members from the Kokomo Church, and Theological Seminary

students and their families from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

The church members and visitors were greeted by a red welcome banner when they arrived. As people entered they saw the words "Jesus Cares—We Care" over the platform. With a rousing song service, led by Brother Richard Jackson, and an opening chorus by Sister Gladys Fort, accompanied by Sister Debra Young, suddenly the church, closed five years ago, came alive.

Church members from Marion and Kokomo carried fans, along with their Bibles, to provide some ventilation in the 95 degree heat.

Your support and prayers for this "Hands Across the World" project are coveted. God empowered these dear people through their church personal ministry directors, Brother Robert Casey from Marion and Brother John Moore from Kokomo, to give of their time for this evangelistic work.

<sup>1</sup>Kokomo is known as the "City of Firsts" due to Elwood Haynes' invention of alloys like stainless steel. Haynes, a native of Kokomo, was also known as one of the inventors of the locomotive.

<sup>2</sup>Editor, *Review and Herald*, August 23, 1877.



*Olive and George Whyte (Kokomo), Richard Jackson (musician, Marion), Robert Casey (personal ministries director, Marion), Sister Jackson, Carlos Blake Jr. (pastor, Ephesus Church, Marion), and other visitors are among those who attended the Bible class.*

*C. K. Sim is the pastor of the East Mulberry (IN) Church.*



## NEW MEMBERS

### ILLINOIS

**Ross O. Mitchell**, decorated with two bronze stars for bravery in World War II, was baptized by Elder Harvey Kibble in Bolingbrook, Sabbath afternoon, August 29.



Ross Mitchell with Harvey Kibble.

Mitchell attended all the "Net '95" meetings and studied with former Pastor Brad Newton, according to Richard Cook, Bolingbrook communication secretary. Mitchell is from a religious background, having had a Baptist minister on his father's side of the family. His mother became an Adventist in 1931 and his brother and sister were also baptized, but not Mitchell.

In a recent Sabbath school class, Mitchell told how his guardian angel protected him from sure death during the World War II Allied campaign in Italy, north of Rome. Only divine agencies could have helped him avoid the mine fields and the tracer bullets racing past his head as he treated and carried the wounded.

The baptism was a joyous family occasion, with his brother and sister coming from the South to witness his adoption into fellowship with the family of God. Mitchell is continuing his Christian growth by attending Revelation meetings conducted by the local church ministries leader, John Jelen.

**Dave and Cheryl Perry**, as a result of their attendance at "Net '95," were baptized by Pastor Jerrett Brown on September 2 at the Knoxville Avenue Church in Peoria, reports Gloria Stewart, communication secretary.

### LAKE REGION

When **James Jackson** read in the *Testimonies to the Church*, volume 6, page 97, where Ellen G. White wrote "whenever possible, let baptism be administered in a clear lake or running stream," he decided to be baptized outdoors.

On Sabbath, August 19, a small entourage of Ypsilanti (MI) Church members accompanied baptismal candidates Jackson and **Marilyn Forde** to the Kensington Metro Park in Detroit (45 minutes from the church), to celebrate their spiritual renewal through baptism. Upon arrival it was evident that this would not be as easy as planned. A hot summer day had attracted lots of people to bask and bathe at the beachside. When onlookers learned of the baptism, a remark was overheard, "[they're going to do a baptism] in the water?" A small section was closed off from the public, where the lifeguard directed the group (conspicuous in their Sabbath attire) to

conduct the baptism. But then, unexpected things happened.

A couple and their three small children approached, commenting that they had heard what was going to happen. As Christians they wanted to welcome the baptismal candidates into the family of God. They joined in the singing and prayer, even suggesting a song.

Others stopped their social activities to watch as Pastor Ralph Shelton and Elder Winston Patterson proceeded with the baptism, and Roberta Perry sang "Can You Reach My Friend?"



Pastor Shelton with Marilyn Forde and James Jackson.

Baptism complete, prayer offered, hugs given, the group walked away from the beachside. As they did, a swimmer approached one of the members and said, "I've never seen anything like this before... it was very interesting."

There was an entirely different atmosphere after the baptism. Enthusiasm, appreciation and excitement filled the air with this public witness of dedication to Jesus Christ.

### MICHIGAN

The Mount Pleasant Church celebrated the rebaptism of **Shelly Bialo**, April 29. Shelly has been a student at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, since May 1994, where she's been actively involved in campus outreach ministry. Prior to her rebaptism, Shelly also became an active supporter of the Mount Pleasant young people.

Only formally recognized as a company at the Michigan Constituency meeting in September, the Three Angels Fellowship is experiencing explosive growth. Communication secretary Angie Joseph here shares stories of three recently baptized members.

Religiously **Larry and Iris Zarzecki** were almost extreme opposites in beliefs. He worshiped with the Roman Catholic Church and she with the Baptist Church. However, when the Revelation study handbill was delivered to their home mailbox, its message about Daniel and Revelation, reinforced by radio and television ads, impressed them to attend the evangelistic series. At first, Larry thought the Bible was offensive, as the speaker explained the meaning of the symbolic 666 and the fall of



Larry and Iris Zarzecki



Babylon. Although he was a foreman for the Amway Corporation, when the Sabbath was explained he accepted it and began keeping it.

**Adam Brown** was attending a non-denominational church when a friend, who attended the Wyoming Church, told him about Robert Wagley's "Revelation Now" seminar at the Presidential Inn in Grand Rapids. He began attending from the first meeting. He discovered that the teachings were the same Bible truths he had heard over the Three Angels Broadcasting Network. As he listened, the Holy Spirit filled his life. He immediately responded.



*Adam Brown*

Adam became a member of the Three Angels Fellowship through "profession of faith." Now he wants to attend Andrews University and major in religion and radio/television broadcasting, so he can devote his life to soul-winning work. He plans to specialize in youth and teenage programs.

Adam's soul-winning work is already underway. Since he began attending the Three Angels Fellowship, his mother and sister are taking Bible studies. He is praying they will soon be baptized.

**Maureen VanGessel** taught catechism classes to first-grade public school students who needed to receive instruction as Roman Catholics. One day she received a flyer in her mail inviting her to attend Robert Wagley's "Revelation Now" seminar series. Maureen attended with her older children as often as possible, and when it conflicted with teaching her evening classes she listened to a tape of the message. Later she felt it was time for her to be baptized as a leap of faith. Outwardly, Maureen felt there might not be a real change, but inwardly she knew she had found Jesus and He had given her a conviction to fully serve Him.



*Maureen VanGessel*

Maureen's husband works as a lumber salesman, but comes to church with her when he can.

It was a high day for the Metropolitan Collegiate Sabbath school class as **Samantha Sutton** publicly confirmed she had given her life to the Lord by baptism. According to Nancy Allen, Metropolitan communication secretary, the class wanted their friend's baptism to be a very special time. They celebrated the baptism in the worship service by a duet sung by youth leaders, Jim and Becky Beardsley, and a tribute to

Samantha. The youth class also performed skits about "Prayer" and "Reliance on the Lord."

We can always praise the Lord when young people make decisions to follow Him, and reveal the joys of His salvation.

**Eddy Perez** was raised in an Adventist home, but left his faith as a teenager, reports Pastor Bob Joseph of Three Angels Fellowship. Even though he was not living a Christian life, he knew that God was still working on his heart and trying to woo him back to Christ. When he received a brochure to attend Evangelist Robert Wagley's "Revelation Now" seminar series, he went with his fiancé Liz.

Although Eddy relearned the Scriptures, to Liz it was all new. Conviction and zeal began to grow in him, whereas Liz was overwhelmed with learning so much so fast. By the end of the series, Eddy had recommitted his life to Jesus, while Liz, on the other hand, was still learning, growing, and developing her own trust in Jesus.

At this point in their personal relationship, marriage was being discussed, but they did not want to proceed unless their faith and belief matched. It became very clear they were both committed to following Jesus in all the Bible truths they had learned. They were baptized Sabbath, September 9, at the Presidential Inn, the site of the "Revelation Now" seminar series.



*Eddy and Liz Perez with Pastor Bob Joseph.*

## WISCONSIN

An outdoor swimming pool was the site for the baptism of five individuals in Platteville (WI) in August. They are (pictured from left), **Samuel Thomas Adams, Maegen Phyllis Adams, Cheryl Skaife, Pastor Rafael Fernandez, Rocio Rodriguez Gomez, and Johanna Rodriguez Gomez.** "The personal touch with other Adventists, along with individual Bible study," were the major influences in their decisions for baptism, says Pastor Fernandez.





## ASI Focuses on Evangelism

# ASI: Support, Service, and Success

BY RICHARD DOWER



Ray Hamblin, ASI president for six years, feels that ASI can assist the Church by providing seed money for cutting-edge programs of evangelism, like "Net '95."



More than 2,700 people filled the Spokane, Washington, Opera House for the Sabbath morning services at the ASI convention. Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, gave the sermon.



Ray Hamblin stepped down after six years as ASI president. Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, presented Ray and his wife, Madlyn, a token of appreciation.

Registration figures broke all previous records for Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) as more than 1,100 members convened in Spokane, Washington, for their 48th annual convention to reconfirm their commitment to the gospel mission.

Attendance swelled to at least 2,700 when members from Spokane's six area churches joined with ASIs in the Opera House for Sabbath worship services.

ASI conventions have something for everyone and come complete with programs for children and youth as well as seminars for the adults. The major focus is on praise

and testimonies about how God has led the members to live up to the motto of ASI "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace."

"It's the shared testimonies of how we've let God use us in His witness which encourage us to try new methods for ourselves," said Harold Lance, newly elected ASI president.

This year's convention was notable not only because it was the largest convention ever, or that it had more exhibitors than ever (150), or that members gave \$1,285,000 for special projects, but that after six years, Ray Hamblin stepped down as president.

Ray is the president of The Hamblin Company, a printing business in Tecumseh, Michigan.

Ray remembers his first ASI convention held in Hawaii in 1978. "Elder Al Bauer called and invited me to attend," he said, "and I have been going ever since." He has served as president of the Lake Union chapter, was an ASI board member, became a general vice-president in 1987, and was elected president in 1989.

Ray's leadership has been characterized by two major ideas. The first was to expand the role of and increase the participation of lay people in the leadership of ASI. The second was to draw ASI closer to the church through strong financial support and active participation in the activities of the local, national



and world church.

Under Ray's leadership, ASI has grown and been a part of many exciting events and church programs.

- The Adventist Communication Network (ACN) was conceived and established in cooperation with Church leadership. The immediate result was the successful satellite evangelistic program "Net '95." ACN will continue to provide training and communication to the church congregations of the North American Division. Another satellite evangelistic series,

- The special offering given by ASI members at the convention to fund numerous church and church-related projects has quintupled in the last six years. Ray feels that this tremendous increase in giving is a testimony to the unity and trust which has developed within ASI.
- The Adventist Resource Management Service (ARMS) was established as a direct result of ASI involvement.
- The magabook program was begun by ASI with the cooperation of the publishing departments of the various unions.

This program gives students the opportunity to earn a portion of their tuition by selling these beautiful books. In the process, they learn to trust in the Lord and make friends for Jesus.

Dwight Hilderbrandt, ASI executive secretary-treasurer says that "Ray has inspired ASI members to become more personally involved in evangelism."

Chuck Randall, owner of White Oaks Retirement Residence in Lawton, Michigan, adds "Ray created a vision for ASI which has resulted in the spectacular growth of the organization."

Bill Jones, executive secretary-treasurer of the Lake Union chapter comments, "Ray has made ASI more professional."

But perhaps Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, and a regular attendee at the ASI convention said it best, "ASI prospered during Ray Hamblin's tenure as president in part as a result of his unswerving commitment to the message and mission that our Lord entrusted to this remnant church.

Ever a staunch advocate of all that is supportive and affirming of the church he loves, Ray led ASI members to raise their sights, to expand their horizons, to think bigger and better, and championed the cause of lay ownership of evangelism."

The 1996 convention will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, July 31-August 3. Adventist historic tours are scheduled both preceding and following the convention.



*Chuck Randall, ASI member from Lawton, Michigan, interviewed Sue Johnson and Jim Phillippe about their experiences as members of the recent ASI mission trip to the Dominican Republic.*

"Net'96," is planned for October 1996.

- Cooperating with Maranatha Volunteers International, ASI participated in the Santo Domingo '92 project where 25 churches were built by 1,200 volunteers. Several churches were built by ASI fathers and sons, during Santo Domingo '92, and Ray remembers that trip with his son, Mike, as being a special experience. Various other mission trips have been sponsored by ASI including the building of a school in Azua, Dominican Republic, last February and March. Currently, ASI and Maranatha are working in Cuba to build and remodel churches.



### Sandy Miller Honored as Lake Union Woman of the Year

Sandy Miller of Madison, Wisconsin, was honored as the Lake Union Woman of the Year "for her notable contribution to church life" at the recent ASI convention in Spokane, Washington. A happy, caring and helpful person, Miller is active in her family, church and community.

A long-time member of the Madison East Church, Miller has been a school board chairperson, superintendent of the Sabbath school, and has taught in the children's departments. Currently she is head deaconess of her church, a member of the Wisconsin K-12 board of education, and the finance committee of Wisconsin Academy. She sponsors a women's Bible study group, and is vice-president of the Lake Union ASI executive committee.

Miller manages the office in the family construction business. She and her husband, Fred, have four children and six grandchildren.



## Return to Battle Creek

# A Time of Adventist Beginnings

BY RICHARD DOWER

**B**attle Creek, Michigan, was the site of many firsts in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One of the first Adventist churches was erected here; the first Adventist-owned publishing house was established; the name Seventh-day Adventist was chosen here in 1860; the General Conference was organized here in 1863; the Michigan conference was the first state conference to be organized in 1861; the first health facility was established here in 1866; and the first educational institution was estab-

lished here in 1874.

Other events took place here in Battle Creek as did many important decisions. It was here in 1855 that the decision was made to keep the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Also, in 1855 the ministry of Ellen White was reaffirmed.

During the weekend of October 11-14, as many as 5,000 people attended a Heritage campmeeting in Battle Creek that focused on the two topics of the "Sabbath" and the "Spirit of Prophecy."



*A busload of children from the Rocky Knoll School in Martinsburg, West Virginia, posed in front of the James and Ellen White home. This group traveled to Battle Creek to participate in the weekend Heritage campmeeting.*



*A banquet, featuring a menu that John Harvey Kellogg would have been proud of, was held in the dining room of the historic Battle Creek Sanitarium, now the Federal Center. Invited to the banquet were the attendees of the North American Division Year-end meetings and prominent civic leaders of Battle Creek.*



*On Thursday night, in the Battle Creek Tabernacle, Mervyn Maxwell and Jim Nix told fascinating stories of Adventist pioneers and led the congregation in singing early Adventist hymns.*





*A gigantic tent was pitched on the campus of Battle Creek Academy. The 5,000 people who attended the Sabbath worship service could watch the participants live on the platform or on the many television monitors scattered throughout the tent.*



*Des Cummings Jr.'s sermon "Original Love," for the Friday evening meeting featured the topic of the Sabbath.*



*Andrews University Singers, directed by Stephen Zork, sang hymns of special significance to the topics of the weekend.*



*Dan Matthews, host of Lifestyle Magazine, introduced and narrated the satellite programs broadcast from Battle Creek, and sponsored by the Adventist Communication Network.*



*Dan Matthews interviewed Nevins Harlan and Mina Kirstein, great-grandchildren of J. N. Andrews, for the satellite broadcast.*





Ramona Perez Greek

# Women's

## Why Women's Ministries?

An interview with Ramona Perez Greek, assistant director for the NAD Women's Ministries, and guest speaker at Wisconsin Conference Campmeeting last June.

BY LAURIE HERR

**W**hat exactly is women's ministries?  
I get asked that a lot. Women's ministries is not about promoting women. It's about women, but it's also about men. It's about working together. It's about soul-winning. It's about bringing others to Jesus.

*Why is a separate ministry for women needed in the church?*

It evolved out of needs women had in the church, needs that weren't being addressed. Women's retreats have grown like wildfire because in them women are finding fellowship with other women and friendship.

The literature shows that friendship is a critical factor in church growth. Seventy-five percent of people attracted to a church say they're attracted because someone invited them. So it goes back to relationships. They find Jesus and they find each other.

*Do women need friends more than men do?*

Not necessarily. But men have networked, in general, much longer than women—in sports, in work outside the home, and in the Church. For years we've held workers' meetings, training sessions for deacons and elders, and committees—all primarily made up of men. And in

our Church's administration, which is predominately male, men meet once, twice, three times a year. So while there may not be men's retreats, they do cross paths. Somehow women have been left out. There haven't been a lot of leadership roles for women in the church.

*Do you see that changing?*

Yes. Definitely. It's just a matter of time.

*What do you see women leaders having to offer the church?*

The female perspective. There's something lacking when it's only male. For example, the other day [at campmeeting] I spoke on the story of Ruth. I talked about her loveliness, her character, and I gave the story from my perspective as a woman. Later that same day, [a male speaker] also spoke on Ruth—this time from a completely different point of view. Together, both talks gave a balanced picture.

*You said women's ministries is about soul-winning. Is that happening?*

Yes. In 1994, 62 baptisms were reported as direct results of women's ministries. Here's another example: A woman from the North American Division (NAD) was asked to do a week of public evangelism in Indonesia. Prior to her arrival, Indonesian women began holding small Bible studies. When the series opened, 500 people attended. At the end of the week, the woman was impressed to make a call for baptism—and 462 responded! Incredible!

Adventist women are also inviting their non-Adventist friends to retreats. In 1994, about 18,000 women at-

tended retreats held in the NAD. Over 1,000 of these women were non-Adventist.

Adventist women are reclaiming former members, too. At one retreat, a woman attended who had left the church 25 years ago, bitter over her church's handling of her divorce. At first she was skeptical about the retreat, but after it was over she said, "I have found Jesus. I want to come back."

*Many of our local churches are small. What kind of ministry for women can they have?*

Here's one more story. The pastor's wife at a small church was chosen to be that congregation's coordinator for women's ministries. There were only four members! But the Lord impressed her and the other women to begin a weekly prayer breakfast. They would feature women speakers and invite women in the community to attend.

When the men in the church heard about it, they volunteered to cook. That freed up the women to work on the program. And that first morning, 64 women came! It was a very powerful witness for the Lord. So even if you're small, you can do both inreach and outreach.

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Laurie Herr is the communication director for the Wisconsin Conference.



# Ministries

## Empowerment Conference in Indianapolis

BY MARJORIE SNYDER

The door opened recently and allowed men to step into the world of women's ministries to see what goes on, and to enjoy seminars geared to their needs.

The Empowerment Conference, held in Indianapolis September 8-10, was open to men and women, including teenaged girls. The teenagers had their own session; there were sessions for men and women together; and men and women had some sessions separated from one another.

and share it."

Keynote speaker for the conference, Lyn Behrens, president of Loma Linda University, stressed the importance of servant leadership. She reminded the audience that Christ took that role when He washed the feet of his disciples.

Another highlight of the conference was a long-awaited report from the Lake Union Women's Ministries Taskforce on Abuse. The taskforce was established one year ago, and this was the first presentation of its

A survey of church members in the Lake Union Conference indicates that the church has problems in about the same ratio as the population in general, Dunbar said, and that most of the abused are women.

"Abuse goes in cycles, and it can occur in two hours or 30 years," Dunbar said. "Perpetrators are also victims. By empowering women, we help control the abuse. There is need for support groups among both men and women to help turn this problem around."



Teenagers had their own special program coordinated by Judy Jordan, assisted by other presenters.



Lyn Behrens, president of Loma Linda University and keynote speaker, paid special tribute to her mother, who attended the conference from Berrien Springs.



A special presentation on Saturday night featured a cast of 22 members presenting "Windows." The presentation, including the music, was written and directed by Cynthia Prime.

"We wanted to 'Share the Vision' with men this time and let them know the purpose for women's ministries," said Cynthia Prime. "Many years ago, God revealed His vision for us—one of strength, power, dynamic witness, and effective service. On that weekend we met to recapture that vision

findings.

Under the direction of Mable Dunbar, executive director of the Family Crisis and Community Center in St. Joseph, Michigan, the taskforce has been studying the problem as it exists in the Adventist Church and what can be done about it. Dunbar told conference participants, "If we do nothing about the abuse within the church we will continue to have a generation of abused victims."

Men at the conference had special breakout sessions for them, and the women attended seminars of interest to them. There were also sessions of interest to the whole group.

Attending the conference besides 32 presenters were Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president; Herb Larsen, Lake Union secretary; and Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president.

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Marjorie Snyder is the communication secretary for the Lake Union women's ministries board.





Michigan Conference constituents re-elected all of their officers.



When Jay Gallimore admitted he coveted the prayers of his past, they quickly responded.

## Michigan Conference Constituents hear reports of Three Years of Progress

BY RICHARD DOWER

Constituency meetings are about progress. Progress is usually reported in numbers and the numbers hopefully tell a story of growth. The constituents who gathered in the Cedar Lake Church for the 28th regular session of the Michigan Conference were not disappointed.

- Conference membership stood at 22,827 at the end of 1994, and by the end of June 1995, the membership has grown to 22,929.
- The Michigan Conference has 153 churches. The Michiana Fil-Am (Filipino-American) Church in Berrien Springs was voted into the sisterhood of churches.
- There are 48 schools in the Michigan Conference employing 216 teachers for 2,669 students.
- Michigan members returned \$51,836,725 in tithe during the recent three-year period for an increase of 13.8 percent over the previous triennium. President Jay Gallimore reported that the Michigan members gave more tithe per capita than any other large conference in the world.

While numbers are used to tell a story of growth, the numbers really represent the work of many people as they serve the Church and the Lord.

- Evangelistic meetings are being held in various churches throughout the conference. Thirteen churches participated in the live satellite broadcast of the "Net '95" series of meetings, and other churches held successful follow-up meetings using the video tapes. In the past three years, Michigan Conference evangelists have held 37 evangelistic crusades. Pastors, conference office staff, and guest evangelists have held an additional 18 series of meetings. Church pastors have held 63 series, and the students of Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, and Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, have held four Revelation seminars.
- The Youth Challenge program has completed four successful years. There have been 60-90 students each summer selling books door-to-door, sharing their faith, and earning scholarships to help them

attend an Adventist school.

- A new company of believers has been established in east Grand Rapids as a result of the Vision Michigan program. Vision Michigan is a program to plant churches in areas that do not currently have an Adventist presence.
- Over 850 women have attended one or more of the women's ministries retreats held in Michigan during the last three years.
- Students are giving Bible studies, handing out literature, singing gospel songs in public places, and lending a hand to those who need it through the Bible Labs program of the schools.
- Camp Au Sable, in Grayling, continues to be a place where the youth of the Church can go to not only have fun, but to find out more about Jesus.

After hearing reports of the work of the Church in Michigan, delegates re-elected Jay Gallimore, president; Fred Earles, secretary; and Hubert Moog, treasurer; as well as the departmental directors and associates.



After 14 Years

# No One But You Moves to New Format

BY RICHARD DOWER

**F**ourteen years ago, *No One But You* was born and 51 quarterly programs have been produced in the familiar slide-tape format. Beginning with the first quarter of 1996, *No One But You* will be distributed as a video.

From the first program, the stated purpose of *No One But You* was to tell good news stories of the outreach and nurturing activities of our Lake Union Conference members.

Through the years the programs have been produced by a team of creative people who worked hard to make them meaningful.

**Elaine Trumbo-Phillips** wrote the first program, and has written most of the programs in the series. Elaine is a wordsmith of uncommon talent. She is responsible for the warm and friendly tone of *No One But You*.

**Daniel Baltazar** is the soundtrack engineer. A graduate of the media technology program at Andrews



Daniel Baltazar

A key element of each program, of course, is the people who are willing to share their stories, as well as the people who report the stories. You can become a part of these programs by reporting special stories to us. If you have knowledge of people or



Kent Slocum

events of unusual significance, please let us know by sending the names and phone numbers of the people involved and a short summary of their story to *No One But You*, Lake Union Herald, Box C, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103.

The new video *No One But You*

programs will follow the same formula that has been successful in the past, including the heart-warming stories of outreach and nurture of our Lake Union members, with the *No One But You* theme song at the end of each program.

The new video *No One But You* programs will be mailed to the



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churches the first of each quarter to be shown at a convenient time. The cost is still only \$10 per video, and it's yours to keep. [Owning the tapes will allow viewing on several occasions and in many different venues—wherever a television and video cassette recorder are available.] They make good discussion starters for small groups. These *No One But You* videos will make a useful addition to your church library.

Individuals may now order their own annual subscriptions to *No One But You* as well. (See page 24 for ordering information.)



Elaine Trumbo-Phillips

University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, Daniel has worked at *Your Story Hour* for 10 years and does the recording, editing and mixing of the soundtracks. The soundtracks are created in the studios of *Your Story Hour*.

**Kent Slocum** is the voice of *No One But You*. A longtime radio personality in southwestern Michigan, Kent has narrated all but a handful of the *No One But You* programs.

**Richard Dower**, editor of *The Lake Union Herald*, has done the photography and produced about two-thirds of the programs.





Jeff and Julie Wines

# Student Missionaries: Into the World

BY JACK STENGER

**F**ounded as a training school for missionaries, Andrews University students are still going into all the world. More than 50 Andrews students left behind their homes, families and a year of studies to be student missionaries during the 1995-1996 school year.

Students are currently serving overseas in Australia, Brazil, Borneo, Costa Rica, England, Japan, Korea, the Marshall Islands, and Spain. Students also serve as Taskforce volunteers in the United States and Canada. Their jobs are as varied as their posts: English teachers, nurses, pastors, Bible workers, deans, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and Adventist World Radio (AWR) volunteers.

Student missionaries will spend anywhere from nine to 12 months at their posts, said Millie Das, student missionary coordinator.

"A year away with all of its struggles and challenges usually changes them," she said. "And not only physically, they are also more mature spiritually."

Brother and sister Jeff and Julie Wines are two of the 52 students who are serving as student missionaries during the school year. Both seniors, they are working for the Central Amazon Mission in Manaus, Brazil. Julie is using her nursing skills on medical boats that ply the Amazon River; Jeff is using skills learned as a photography major to photograph the needs of the impoverished people

groups the Adventist mission serves.

Before they left Berrien Springs, they said they looked forward to even the difficult experiences a year of mission service would involve. "An experience like this is what a Christian education is all about," Jeff said.

Like all other student missionaries, the two raised the funds they needed to pay for their transport to and from a remote corner of the hemisphere. Some students had to raise as much as \$2,000 for airfare.

Andrews students have gained a reputation for their dedicated service overseas, Das said. "I got a call from Australia the other day and the person said: 'This year we want another student from Andrews.' That says a lot about our young people."

## Letters to Home

Posted on the campus ministries bulletin board are letters sent from student missionaries. They contain the hopes and prayers of dedicated young Christians serving around the world.



Cheryl Quillin

*Cheryl Quillin is a 1994 Andrews nursing graduate. She is serving as a nurse and health worker with ADRA Cambodia in that country's capital, Phnom Penh.*

"Greetings from Cambodia. Wow, so much is happening here. God is good and He has really been teaching me a lot. I feel like I'm learning a whole master's degree

in public health with all the research I've done . . . I pray that all is going well with missions at Andrews. There is really such a great need. Every day I sing "People Need the Lord" or "How Will They Know Unless We Tell Them" on my motorbike as I drive around and see the words to the songs come to life before my eyes. God bless." Cheryl

*Sharon Woolf is a 1995 English as a second language graduate. She is serving at the Adventist English Language Institute in Pusan, South Korea.*

"All of us teachers are busy with the responsibilities and challenges of being student missionaries. We have been teaching and helping with Sabbath school duties. There are friendly and helpful people here working with us. We all need your prayers for the challenges we meet every day. Thank you. In Jesus Love." Sharon.



# ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

## School Year Starts, Enrollment Up

**Andrews University**—A “Welcome Back Party” complete with fireworks and 350 pizzas for new and returning students was held on Sept. 28 to kick off the school year.

“We are so happy to have our students back and we’re particularly happy to see our freshmen,” said Raelene Brower, assistant director of enrollment management.

The campus has welcomed 365 first-year freshmen, which is a slight increase over the size of the 1994-1995 first-year class. “We are so thankful that the Lord has really blessed us

with a steady enrollment,” Brower said.

Enrollment has exceeded 3,000 students for the first time since 1991. Fall quarter enrollment is 3,014 students, an increase of 62 students over fall quarter 1994 when enrollment was 2,952.

Enrollment gains were mostly seen among graduate-level students. Andrews fall quarter graduate enrollment increased by 13 percent over fall quarter 1994, from 1,043 students to 1,179.

First-year students have been adjusting to the wide variety of more experiences that make life unique on a college campus—including lots of studying.

“College is fun but it’s also a lot of hard work,” said Kim Frazee, a freshman nursing major from Brunswick, Maine. “But I really feel like I’m going to have a great year.”

## Theologian Wins National Award

**Andrews University**—John Baldwin, a professor of theology in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was named a winner in a national academic forum.

An article by Baldwin published in the *Harvard Theological Review* was one of 35 articles picked by the John Templeton Foundation in its annual call for papers. Out of



John Baldwin

more than 100 papers submitted, the foundation board selected the published academic papers that best demonstrated the complimentary nature between science and religion. Baldwin’s article was about William Paley, a 19th century British theologian who supported the biblical account of the origin of life.

Baldwin is the first Templeton winner from the seminary, and the first Andrews professor to be published in the influential *Harvard Theological Review*.

“I am humbled to win,” said Baldwin, “but mostly I’m thankful that the ideas the article support have been given so much exposure.”



Andrews has been listed as one of the best colleges in the United States, according to U.S. News and World Report. It is the only Adventist school listed all six years. (Photo by AU Public Relations.)

## U.S. News: Andrews One of Nation's Best Schools

Andrews University has been listed as one of the best colleges in the United States, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. For the sixth consecutive year, the university is ranked among the top 229 “national universities.”

Andrews is the only Seventh-day Adventist college that has been ranked each year since 1989, when the annual “Best Colleges” issue of *U.S. News* was first published.

“National” universities are schools that offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs, place a high priority on faculty research, and award a significant number of doctoral degrees. For ranking purposes, the nation’s 1,360 accredited four-year colleges were placed into five categories: national universities, national liberal arts colleges, regional colleges and universities, regional liberal arts colleges, and specialized schools.

“To be ranked among the nation’s best colleges is an honor,” said Mailen Kootsey, vice president for academic administration. “But the honor we take most seriously is the continuing privilege of offering a quality education to a broad range of students.”

Jack Stenger, Andrews University, public information officer



## Broadview Academy News Notes

**Broadview Academy, LaFox, IL—**

- Broadview Academy has an opening enrollment of 144 students, the highest registration in five years. Under the leadership of Principal Dave Rasmussen and the commitment of the faculty, the school year holds promise of academic excellence and spiritual development.
- New faculty on campus are: Marisol Araujo, English as a second language and Spanish; Matt Berglund, history and English; Shadd Grisby, maintenance; John Henline, physical education; Bonnie Lake, school nurse; Jud Lake, religion, campus chaplain; Ron Novy, food service director.
- Other changes include: Tom Fowler, religion and speech; David Hamberger, library and history; Michael Kahler, assistant dean of boys, mathematics; Brian Kittleson, dean of boys.
- BVA Annual Fund-1995 now stands at \$20,000
- Remember this fall date: Nov. 16-20, Week of Prayer, Alger Keough, Speaker

*David L. Rasmussen, principal, Broadview Academy*

## Anderson Elementary Holds First Alumni Homecoming

**Indiana** — The Anderson Elementary School held its first alumni homecoming April 15. The students performed a musical about Namaan's healing in the Jordan River entitled "Everyone Calls Him Sir."

Jack Crabtree (attended 1927-1931) and Freda Hines (attended 1928-1937) were honored as man and woman present who had attended in the earliest year. Karen and Larry Lawson were honored as the parents who sent the most children to the school. Teachers and aides who taught in the past were also honored: Rosemary Larkey Griffey, Mike Hackleman, Ida Hiday, Dorothy Noble Perkins, and Denise Crawford.

After a provided lunch and time of fellowship, a short program of musical numbers and history of the school was presented. The audience learned that the school was first established in 1902 with 15 students in a single classroom with a pot-bellied stove in the middle and no running water.

Through the years the church constituency has been very supportive of Christian education and today they continue that support. Without it there would not be a Christian school for the young people of our church.

We are already looking forward to having another homecoming next year.

*Sheri DeWitt, Indiana conference correspondent*

## Spirit Day

**South Bend Junior Academy, South Bend, IN**—On Sept. 1 South Bend Junior Academy and its invited guests from Elkhart, Kokomo, Lafayette, and Marion united for Spirit Day 1995. The day was designated to assist the students in becoming better acquainted with each other and to promote a cooperative learning environment.

The students were divided into teams. Each team participated in the Spirit Day events and received points in each event, as well as receiving additional points when a positive attitude and spirit was demonstrated by members of that team.

Students and faculty have agreed that Spirit Day 1995 was a positive and upbeat experience to begin our school year.

*Michael England, principal, South Bend Junior Academy*



*Students from Elkhart, Kokomo, Lafayette and Marion schools enjoying fun and fellowship at South Bend Junior Academy Spirit Day 1995*

## Church Honors Their Graduates

**Lake Region** — On June 24 the Benton Harbor (MI) Highland Avenue Church family celebrated the accomplishments of 18 church members throughout May and June. Participants in a Spirit-filled recognition ceremony included all the 1995 graduates from elementary through graduate school.

The recognition program was coordinated by Cynthia Small, Home and School leader. Motivational, challenging, and spiritual charges were presented by Celecia Smith, Edward Woods Jr., and Pastor Samuel Thomas Jr.

Eighth-grade graduates were Justin Brown, Andrea Davis, and Morgan Minisee. Academy and high school graduates included Jonathan Bilima, Stephen Gray, Marcus Johnson, David London, Wilbur Minisee, Jابه Peabody, Heather Small, Russell Tynes Jr., Gregory Woods, and Taraneffa Young.

Earning a degree in nursing from Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, was Michelle Rumph. Terri Greene graduated from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Graduating magna cum laude from Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL with a major in accounting was Brian Woods. Sandra Johnson and Delia Talley earned their master's in education from Andrews University.

Benton Harbor Church members recognize God's goodness as we celebrate these accomplishments.

*Elizabeth Watson, Highland Avenue communication department*



## Northwest District Unites for Common Causes

**Indiana** — A spirit of unity is felt among the members of the Northwest district as Pastor and Mrs. Dave Devnich urge members to work together in reaching out to the community. Members from the two district churches, Northwest and Hammond, join efforts in many projects such as: Community Services Center, regular Sabbath vespers services, ladies' prayer and Bible study groups, joint outreach programs in nutrition, evangelism, and Vacation Bible School.

*James Pavelka, Northwest communication secretary*



*Members of two churches fellowshiping together.*

## Chicago Area Holds Fil-Am Retreat

**Illinois** — "The Sufficiency of Jesus to Me" was the theme of a spiritual retreat held by the Hinsdale and Chicago Fil-Am Churches at Broadview Academy on Sept. 22-23.

Dr. Archie Tupas, former dean of the school of theology of Philippine Union College, was the guest speaker. Topics of the retreat were: "Jesus Plus Nothing" at Friday vespers; "Jesus Plus Everything" on Sabbath at 9 a.m.; "Jesus Reduced to Nothing" on Sabbath at the eleven o'clock service; and "Jesus Multiplied to Something" on Sabbath afternoon.

To enable everyone to participate, group dynamics were held between sessions. A communion service and agape feast culminated the retreat.

It was an enriching spiritual experience for members of both churches to spend the weekend on the beautiful and quiet Broadview Academy campus and contemplate the love and sacrifice of Jesus and how we, as His children, can share this love with others.

The Chicago Fil-Am Church is the daughter church of Hinsdale Fil-Am which was organized as a full-fledged church on May 20.

*Nitz Ombao, Hinsdale Fil-Am communication secretary*

## Deacon Returns \$1,995 in Wallet

**Michigan**—Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Smith became Adventists in 1983 after attending a Revelation seminar at the Ann Arbor Church. Since they joined they have never looked back, but have become both faithful and active members. Today Hollis, who is employed as a city fireman, is also a witnessing deacon.

One April afternoon he discovered a wallet lying on the third green of the Hickory Woods golf course where he was playing his game. His first thought was to just look for a driver's license and notify the owner. However, when he opened the wallet at his home and counted \$1,995 in American money plus a thick wad of foreign currency, he discovered everything was written in a foreign language. For this reason, he took the wallet to the police department and they notified the golf course. The next day it was claimed by a visiting Catholic priest, Soowon Yang, of South Korea.

That evening the local ABC-TV news told the story of a Christian who found a wallet with over \$2,000 cash, and returned it to its owner. The concluding comment was, "maybe we need more Christians in our society." However, it took a letter to the editor to clarify the story printed in the *Ann Arbor News*. They had made it appear Hollis wrestled with whether or not to give up the wallet he had found. His letter to the editor said in part, "It was the principle of doing what Jesus would have me do. No amount of money can change the principle of doing what is right. Our society may believe that money can "buy" principles, but God's ways are non-negotiable."

*Alvaro Sauza, former Ann Arbor pastor; with Bruce Babienco, Michigan Conference correspondent*

## Hispanic Brotherhood Day

**Lake Union** — The Hispanic Brotherhood Day, celebrated in the Wisconsin Conference on May 19-20, turned out to be an evangelistic week-end that resulted in great blessings. The guest speaker was Elder Alejandro Bullón, South American Division ministerial director and speaker for the Portuguese version of the *It Is Written* program. His inspiring messages touched the hearts of all who attended the meetings. Twelve people responded to Elder Bullón's appeal to be baptized.

Also present at the meetings were Saul Agosto from the Pacific Press; Luis Leonor, Lake Union vice president; and from the Wisconsin Conference, Arnold Swanson, president; Kenneth Wright, secretary/treasurer; Steve Gallimore, ministerial director; and Herbert Wrate, education superintendent.

*Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president*



*Alejandro Bullón*





## Six Members Build Church

**Illinois** — The Donnellson Church had its first service in its new sanctuary Aug. 5. For 20 years the members had been meeting in a Methodist Church without inside plumbing. Recently they decided to go forward in faith to build a memorial to God and His cause.

The Lord rewarded their faith. Workmen came from many places to help out. The Illinois Conference subsidized the construction and others helped to provide adequate funding.

Today, the Donnellson members can invite friends and community to join them in worship in a representative church.

*Earl Simmons, pastor of the Centralia district*

## “Oh, It Is Jesus!”

**Lake Region**—“Oh, It Is Jesus!” was the theme for the Youth Week of Prayer at the Ecorse (MI) Church held April 9-16. Youth participation and attendance was excellent. Dynamic speaker, Horatius Gittens, pastor of the Hope and Mount Olive (CT) Churches conducted these meetings. Pastor Gittens’ Spirit-filled messages urged us to accept God’s gifts of love, forgiveness, grace, and salvation. Many recommitted their lives to Jesus.



*Horatius Gittens greets attendees.*

Pastor Gittens has been an ordained minister since 1980 and has worked very closely with the youth of his churches and youth federations. He said that he enjoys promoting activities calculated to benefit the younger members of his congregations.

To commemorate this event, Pastor Gittens was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the Adventist Youth Society and fellow members.

*Norma Clinton, Ecorse communication secretary*

## Cadillac Adventist’s Idea Helps Needy Families

**Michigan** — Ewal Lassel of Cadillac got an idea more than two years ago. His idea puts bread on the table for 6,000 needy people each month.

Lassel rises early each morning, seven days a week, drives his pickup to Carter’s Glen’s and Prevo’s food markets to get day-old bread and baked goods. He delivers the bounty to food pantries managed by various churches and service groups in and beyond Cadillac, including the Adventist Community Services Centers of Cadillac, Lake City, and Manton.

Dubbed “The Bread Man” by the grocers, Lassel is excited about his volunteer ministry. “God has blessed,” he says. “Just think, all this used to be thrown away, but now needy people are eating it.”

“I can’t find the words to express how I feel about the generosity of the grocers. And their employees cheer my mornings. They are so friendly,” Lassel shared.

As a German lad growing up during World War II, Lassel knew what hunger was when he and his family fled their native Romania, hiding in wine barrels for weeks at a friend’s vineyard, fleeing again to Austria and then taken from his parents to work unloading wounded soldiers.

During his preteens, Lassel remembers, “I was given a mini-size loaf of bread to last a week. I had to hunt my own greens, like dandelions, from the field to eat with the bread.”

After the war, his parents found him through the Red Cross. They lived on a farm bartering work in exchange for a small room and food.

Lassel remembers, “A month’s supply of bread was baked at a time. We workers got our share at the end of the month. The bread was so hard it had to be soaked in skim milk. That’s all we got—the soaked crust. I still eat ‘real’ bread that way.”

A bricklayer and stone mason since age 14, the now 63-year-old disabled, retired Lassel says this about his idea, “I’m thrilled at how large this benefit for the area’s needy has grown. I’m glad I got the idea and asked the grocers. The more the grocers give, the more I like it because I know a need is being filled.”

*Betty Kossick, Cadillac communication secretary*



*Ewal Lassel collects bread from grocers each morning.*





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# CREATIVE PARENTING

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*The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life*

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## Three Truths for Parents

by Susan E. Murray

A few weeks ago I attended the preschool Sabbath service for the Andrews University residence halls staff. Randy Wisbey of the Seminary gave a thought-provoking presentation. The words he spoke were truth. The challenge he gave the students struck home. I found myself thinking, "This is true for parents too."

And what was the truth I believe he was speaking of? He made three important points in challenging the students to be most effective as worship leaders in the residence halls.

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*"If we as parents are too busy to listen to our children how then can they understand a God who hears?"*

—V. Beers

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"1) Your dorm ministry begins when you find a comfortable method of entering a student's world; 2) Your ministry happens as long as you are able to use your contacts with students to draw them into a maturing relationship with God through Jesus Christ; and 3) Your ministry ceases when either your relationship with the student is broken or the outcome of that relationship ceases to move the student toward spiritual maturity."

I believe we can relate these ideas specifically to our children, no matter their ages. 1) Your ministry to your child begins when you find a comfortable way to enter your child's world; 2) Your ministry happens as long as you draw your child into a maturing relationship with God through Jesus Christ; and 3)

Your ministry ceases (at least temporarily) when either your relationship with your child is broken or the outcome of your relationship with your child no longer moves that child toward spiritual maturity.

As I contemplated these thoughts about ministry to our children, I was reminded of hearing Gary Smalley, author of *The Key to Your Child's Heart*, speak once of an incident in which he was responsible for causing his son to "close his spirit." He likened his son's spirit to a sea urchin. The tentacles of a sea urchin are similar to the spirit of a person. The sea urchin is completely open and vulnerable. But when a stick, for instance, pokes him, he closes up. In a similar way, when a child (or any person for that matter) is offended, he closes up. When his spirit closes, it in turn closes his soul and body.

He told of an important telephone conversation with a friend one evening and being interrupted by Greg's scream from the bathroom. Frustrated at being interrupted, he quickly disciplined his son without giving him any chance to explain the reason for the screaming. Gary later realized that he was responsible for creating a situation where his son "closed his spirit" in order to protect himself from being hurt by his father.

When Greg closed his spirit, he closed everything else. Gary says, "He didn't like me. He didn't want to be near me. He didn't want to talk to me. And he resisted my attempts to touch him. These were the keys that told me that his spirit was closing."

There are many clues when a child's spirit is closing. Your child may argue and resist when you ask him to do something. He may be contrary, withdrawn, seek friends who are opposite from the kinds of friends you

want him to be with. He may use disrespectful language. "At the very worst, a child whose spirit has been completely closed may run away from home or commit suicide."

But just as a sea urchin will open its tentacles again, so will a child. Gary shares five steps to reopen a child's spirit:

*Become tender hearted.* Gentleness has a way of melting anger. If we reflect tenderness and softness, by our words, facial expressions, tone of voice and our body language, we are saying to our child that he is valuable and important, that we acknowledge there is something wrong and that we are open to listen so it is safe for that child to share what has happened, and we are not going to get angry or hurt him again.

*Increase understanding.* We must increase our understanding of the pain our child feels and how he has interpreted our offensive behavior. It is important to give a child time to understand his own emotional pain. We can give "emotional word pictures" by saying something like, "Remember the time your friend . . . Am I making you feel like that?"

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*"A happy childhood is one of the best gifts that parents have it in their power to bestow."*

—M. Cholmondeley

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*Recognize the offense.* We must admit we were wrong because what we did was offensive to him. Maybe what we did wasn't wrong, but it was our attitude that offended our child. It is important for parents to recognize their child's stages of maturity and take that into account as well.

*Attempt to touch.* If a child reaches out and responds to our touching, then we know his spirit is opening, or has opened. Touching allows us to find out if a child's spirit is not opening—perhaps the offense was deeper than we realized. If our child isn't ready to accept our touch, that may also be a clue that the child needs more time.

*Seek forgiveness.* Saying, "I'm sorry" is not enough. The final step to open someone's spirit is to *seek forgiveness from the one offended*. When we have offended someone, we must give him a chance to respond. We might say something like, "Can you find it in your heart to forgive me?"



## Ways We Offend Our Children

- Criticizing unjustly.
- Breaking promises.
- Not spending time alone with me.
- Never telling me "Thank you."
- Speaking harsh words.
- Being told how to do something that I was doing on my own.
- Teasing.
- Saying "no" without giving a reason.
- Ignoring me and not introducing me to people who come to the house or we see in public.
- Laughing at me.
- Punishing me for something I didn't do.
- Yelling at me when I already know I'm wrong.
- Making me feel like I hadn't tried to improve at something when I really had.

A partial list taken from children's responses and noted in "84 Ways We Can Offend Our Children" from the book *The Key to Your Child's Heart*.

## Learning Manners

Vicky Lansky, author of *Practical Parenting Tips*, suggests that one of the greatest challenges of parenting is to help children become social human beings. In helping your child develop appropriate manners, she suggests that you:

- Refuse to respond to "huh?" once you've explained that it's more polite to say, "Pardon me?"
- Don't let go of an item you're offering your child until you hear "please" or "thank you." Ignore a child who interrupts until he or she says, "excuse me." *Of course you would explain beforehand that the child can expect this response if they choose not to use the manners you are teaching.*
- Take time to introduce your children to others, as you do with adults.
- Apologize for your own lapses of manners, and ask your children to do the same.

## What Is It?

Children are busy people! They like to touch, pat, dig, poke, shake, listen, smell, pour and play around whatever is new and interesting in their world. Here are some ways you can enrich your child's understanding of the wonderful world of nature:

- Go outdoors with your child as often as possible. By the year 2000, it's estimated that more than 90 percent of all Americans will live in urban areas. Since children tend to attach to what is most familiar and comfortable to them, they need to develop a sense of connectedness with the natural world if they are going to truly enjoy things of nature as they grow older.

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**Editor's Note:** This feature page is designed as a resource. You are welcome to clip it out. We at *Creative Parenting*, are committed to providing you with specific and helpful information that will be appropriate for various ages and developmental stages of family members. Your input is important — let us hear what you need!

This page of *Creative Parenting* was instituted in the Lake Union Herald because of the concerns for our young people that became apparent from the ValueGenesis Study some years ago. One of the important findings of that study was that when there is family worship in the home, children are more likely to be active members in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As parents we can plan worships, hold to a schedule, be inventive and determined. But if our children's spirits are "closed" because of our offenses towards them, worship will not be the blessing the Lord so intended. Committing to not "closing our children's spirits" is an important aspect of carrying out these three important principles for effective ministry in our homes.

- When you are observing nature with your child, try asking questions like, "Is it alive?" "Does it move?" "Does it leave a trail?" "What is it doing?" or "What do you think it eats?" rather than focusing on identifying a specific plant or animal.
- Bring things of nature into your home. You can bring in pine cones, leaves, seashells and fresh flowers. Growing plants from seeds and sprouting such things as sweet potatoes and avocado seeds is another fun and educational activity. You can have books and display pictures about natural wonders in your home, take trips to "natural areas" such as meadows, streams, ponds, or the the ocean. You can also teach your children to pick up trash and care for the natural environment.
- Show them some things to avoid such as stepping on plants, breaking tree branches. Step over or around ants, caterpillars and other insects. All of these activities help build a sense of respect for God's world.

Rachel Carson, author of *A Sense of Wonder*, wrote, "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder . . . he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in."

## Thanksgiving Coupons

Sometimes in the rush of holiday preparations, family members are neglected during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. One way you can be sure that time is spent with each family member is to start the tradition of *Thanksgiving Coupons*.

Here's how to make a Thanksgiving coupon book: You'll need to start by gathering the materials, which include index cards, holiday or other stickers, hole puncher, yarn, and felt markers.

Punch two holes in each card, and decorate the cards with stickers. Write out coupons for each child (adults can be included too), using one card for each coupon. These "I'm thankful for you" coupons can include such things as making Christmas cookies alone with Mom, a trip with a parent to a Christmas market, going out for hot chocolate or breakfast, a walk together with just that child, reading a story—and the list can go on and on. Coupon books can be tied together with the yarn.

Choose a time on Thanksgiving Day to present these special coupons. Then you can carry out the activities during that month before Christmas. Older children may enjoy making their own coupon books for friends or other family members.

This idea was adapted from the book by Bill and Claudia Arp, *60 One-minute Memory-Builders*.



## North American Division Year-end Meetings Held in Battle Creek

The annual year-end meetings of the North American Division leaders from the United States, Canada, and Bermuda met in the Battle Creek Tabernacle, Battle Creek, MI, Oct. 11-13. The following is a report of the decisions made at that meeting.



*Robert Smith, North American Division publishing director, spoke to an issue during the year-end meetings held in Battle Creek.*

## Major Evangelism Goals

The goal to involve one million people from outside church membership in Bible study programs over the next 12 months was adopted. This goal is part of a strategy for evangelism titled "Net '96" which will conclude in a public crusade, linked by satellite to locations across North America. The event will begin Oct. 5, 1996, in Orlando, FL, with Evangelist Mark Finley. Over 2,000 local churches are expected to participate.

Reports were also heard and approved from the Ebony Evangelism strategy and Multi-Lingual Ministries. More than 1,500 baptisms have resulted from the Ebony Evangelism project this year in the Southwest Region Conference. Church growth in America is greatest in immigrant communities which have strong church-planting initiatives coordinated by the Office of Multi-Lingual Ministries.

## Mission and Organization

Major changes in the organizational structure and processes of the Church in North America were approved by the delegates. These recommendations open the door to experiments by union and local conferences to find less bureaucratic, more user-friendly, as well as lower cost, organizational structures. Specific principles voted for denominational structure include:

1. Enough flexibility should exist for each unit to do its work.
2. Services and departments should not be duplicated on multiple levels of the denomination.
3. Many material and service resources that are currently located at the union level should be provided at a central location and therefore should be moved to the division level.
4. The flow of funds within the denomination must be simplified.
5. Every aspect of the denomination should be evaluated on a regular basis—employees, programs and organizational units.

The document defines the unique roles of the division, the union and local conferences.

Other recommendations include increased utilization of new technology to provide less costly, consolidated services such as payrolls and record-keeping, the delivery of training and other services through live satellite linkages, the Plus Line 800 number "help desk" for local church officers, and several specialized resource centers.

The document gives local conferences the three options. They can maintain the traditional configuration of local conference staffing. They can convert most of their departmental staff to district leaders who would live near and work closely with a cluster of about 20 churches. Or, they can design and experiment with other configurations if they collaborate in the process with the union conference and the division.

## NAD Executive Committee Enlarged

A significant increase in the number of lay representatives and pastors serving on the executive committee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America was voted.

Amendments to the NAD Working Policy increased the number of lay representatives (church members not employed by the denomination) from nine to 58, and the number of pastors from nine to 27. In addition, it added the nine union conference education directors and nine classroom teachers, as well as made the college and university presidents full members instead of invitees.

The 58 conference presidents were elevated to full committee membership, as were the other officers of the union conferences—secretaries, treasurers, vice presidents and ethnic ministries coordinators. The editors of denominational periodicals and chief officers of several denominational institutions who had previously been named as full members were redefined as "invitees."

The changes will increase overall attendance at the annual meeting from about 180 to more than 250. It was felt that it was important to increase the involvement of church members in denominational planning and decision making.



# MILEPOSTS

## ANNIVERSARIES



**Ray and June Campbell**, longtime members of the Bolingbrook Church and employees of Hinsdale Hospital, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 6 at a reception hosted by their children: Linda Patrick, Larry and Jerry Campbell. The Campbells were married Aug. 11, 1945, in Jeffersonville, IN.

## WEDDINGS

**Melissa Bayley and David Becker** were married Aug. 27, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Patrick B. Morrison.

Melissa is the daughter of Richard and Lynn Bayley of Berrien Springs, and David is the son of Carl and Linda Becker of Walnutport, PA.

The Beckers are making their home in Walnutport.

**Lisa Bledsaw and Tony Nelson** were married Sept. 24, 1995, in Hinsdale, IL. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Hurford Thomas.

Lisa is the daughter of Jack and Lois Bledsaw of Decatur, IL, and Tony is the son of Forrest and Mamie Nelson of Joliet, IL.

The Nelsons are making their home in Westmont, IL.

**Penny Harrison and Daryl Miron** were married June 30, 1995, in Escanaba, MI. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate William Shine.

Penny is the daughter of Eleanore Quick of Gladstone,

MI and David Harrison of Escanaba, and Daryl is the son of Rose Miron of Escanaba and Tony Miron of Gladstone.

The Mirones are making their home in Escanaba.

**Rebecca Anne Kosinski and Troy Robin Wightman** were married Oct. 1, 1995, in Hinsdale, IL. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Russ Laughlin.

Rebecca is the daughter of James and Brenda Kosinski of Berwyn, IL, and Troy is the son of Allen Wightman of Hinsdale, and Pauletta Johnson of Lawrence, MI.

The Wightmans are making their home in Willowbrook, IL.

**Tami K. Minear and Jose Martinez** were married Sept. 3, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Keith Mattingly.

Tami is the daughter of William Minear and Eva and Bruce Cloud of Battle Creek, MI, and Jose is the son of Elvy and Froilan Espinosa of Garden City, NY and Jose and Barbara Martinez of Staten Island, NY.

The Martinezes are making their home in Berrien Springs.

**Nora Martha Lynn Nestell and Larry Thomas Valley** were married Aug. 20, 1995, in Cheboygan, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Kenneth E. Micheff.

Nora is the daughter of Clarence and Grace Nestle (both deceased), and Larry is the son of Elmer and Gloria Valley of Cheboygan.

The Valleys are making their home in Cheboygan.

**Sherri Louanne Temple and Geoffrey Stephen Isaak** were married July 23, 1995, in Gaylord, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Ralph Williams.

Sherri is the daughter of Robert and Karen Temple of Gaylord, and Geoffrey is the son of DeLane and Joanne Isaak of Dickinson, ND.

The Isaaks are making their home in Gretna, NE.

**Dana Denise Wilson and Brian Everett Worley** were married Sept. 3, 1995, in Waterford, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Lyle Davis and Michael Nickless.

Dana is the daughter of Phyllis Wilson (father is deceased) of Berrien Springs, MI, and Brian is the son of Loren and Beverly Worley of Troutman, NC.

The Worleys are making their home in College Place, WA.

## OBITUARIES

**ANDREWS, Amy Margaret**, age 82; born Oct. 18, 1912, in Dowagiac, MI; died Aug. 24, 1995, in Quincy, IL. She was a member of the Quincy (IL) Church.

Survivors include: stepdaughters Sharon Akright, Karen Eagleton, and Patricia Jochem, half brother Harold Heistand, half sisters Helen Hall and Ora Johnson, and niece Jean Cook.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale J. Barnhurst, and interment was in Greenmount Cemetery, Quincy.

**BAILEY, Gertrude M.**, age 96; born Aug. 15, 1899, in Chicago; died Sept. 16, 1995, in Rochester, MI. She was a member of the Warren (MI) Church.

Survivors include: sons Fred and Bob Halbach and Wallace Bailey, daughter Jane Whims, 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Norm Middag and David Glenn, and interment was in Mt. Avon Cemetery, Rochester.

**BRUSH, Gerald G.**, age 79; born Oct. 7, 1915, in La Crescent, MN; died Aug. 26, 1995, in La Crosse, WI. He was a member of the La Crosse Church.

Survivors include: daughters Renee Copeland and Sophia Meyers, brothers Kenneth and Claire Brush, sisters Helen Nordstrom and Betty La Seure, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John I. Johansen, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery in La Crosse.

**CEDZO, Alice I.**, age 80; born Apr. 30, 1915, in Crandon, WI; died Aug. 28, 1995, in Madison, WI. She was a member of the Crandon (WI) Church for many years, but recently joined the Madison Church.

Survivors include: daughter Alice Priser, stepson Eugene Cedzo, brothers Kenneth Berdan and Gerald Granton, sister Joyce Pustelnik, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William J. Ochs, and interment was in Forest Home Cemetery, Jennings, WI.

**FRISCH, Evelyn J.**, age 61; born Oct. 13, 1933, in Detroit; died Feb. 28, 1995, in Flint, MI. She was a member of the Williamston (MI) Church.

Survivors are: son Eric Isaacsen, daughter Lori Mendelsohn, stepdaughter Barbara Slikkers, father Frank Frisch, brothers Frank and John Frisch, sister Patricia Decker, and 3 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman, and interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI.

**FULTZ, Lola W.**, age 84; born Apr. 26, 1911, in Wauwatosa, WI; died Aug. 29, 1995, in Jackson, MI. She was a member of the Jackson (MI) Church.

Survivors include: son Lee Fultz, daughters Charlotte Dill, Sandra Kettleon, and Sara Lynn Winters, brother George Bucknam, sister Genevieve Russo, 10 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Harold DeWitt and Sheldon Seltzer, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena, MI.

**GEDDES-SUTHERLAND, Bessie M.**, age 93; born May 19, 1902, near Viola WI; died Sept. 3, 1995, in La Crosse, WI. She was a member of the La Crosse Church.

Survivors include: son Noel Sutherland, daughter Phyllis Greeno, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

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**GILL, Sham**, age 93; born April 4, 1902, in Punjab, India; died May 18, 1995, in Newaygo, MI. He was a member of the Fremont (MI) Church.

He is survived by his wife Nancy (Schutter) Gill, daughter Sheryl Gibbs, and 2 grandchildren.

The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Byron Hudson with private inurement.

**GROOVER, Geneva L.**, age 83; born July 11, 1912, in Madison County, IN; died Sept. 3, 1995, in Elwood, IN. She was a member of the Cicero (IN) Church.

Survivors include: sons Riley, Murvell, Cloice, and Merrill Groover, and daughters Charlene McPhearson and Carolyn Knoblock, 22 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Kelly, and interment was in Elwood City (IN) Cemetery.

**HALL, Cora D.**, age 65; born Feb. 8, 1930, in West Point, MS; died Aug. 6, 1995, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Eastside Church in Indianapolis.

Survivors include: sons Tony and Harold Hall, daughters Margaret and Kim Dean, and Sandra Hall, stepdaughters Joyce Hall and Linda Burton, her parents Roberta and Flinn Dean, brothers Jimmie, Robert, and Mack Dean, sisters Bessie Quinn, Mary Johnson, and Hattie Dean, 20 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Lawrence L. Logan, and interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

**HAYWARD, John L.**, age 71; born Mar. 7, 1924, in Naugatuck, CT; died Sept. 2,

1995, in Keene, TX. He was a retired pastor having served in Michigan, Massachusetts, Georgia, and Texas, also as president of the Illinois Conference, and secretary of the Lake Union.

He is survived by his wife Edna, son William, daughters Susan Hamstra and Merrilee Sjolander, brothers Edward and James L., sisters Dorothy Coffen, Valmar Judd, and Frances Smith, a grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**JACOBS, Betty D.**, age 71; born Dec. 9, 1923, in Millington, MI; died Sept. 14, 1995, in Saginaw, MI. She was a member of the Vassar (MI) Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Carlson, and interment was in the Millington Township Cemetery, Millington.

**KURTZ, Sheila M.**, age 57; born Nov. 23, 1938; died Sept. 17, 1995. She served with her husband in the Idaho and Colorado conferences, the North American Division Evangelism Institute in Chicago, and for the last five years at the Willowdale Church in Ontario, Canada. She worked at the Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL from 1980-1990.

Survivors include: her husband Alvin L., son Dale, and daughter Colleen Reim.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Mark Finley at the Kane Funeral Home in Willowdale. Graveside services and interment was in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in College Place, WA.

**ROSENBERG, Donna J.**, age 72; born May 24, 1923, in Cedar Lake, MI; died June 28, 1995, in Augusta, MI. She was a member of the Urbandale Church in Battle Creek, MI.

Survivors include: sons Charles and Nathan Roosenberg, her parents Hilda and Arthur Nelson, and 2 grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Charles Hanlon and Lynn Gatz, and interment was in the Augusta Cemetery, Augusta.

**THORNE, Darlene M.**, age 54; born Apr. 21, 1941, in East Jordan, MI; died July 16, 1995, in

Petoskey, MI. She was a member of the Boyne City (MI) Church.

Survivors include: stepson Jeffrey Thorne, stepdaughters Diane Lowe, Joyce Brady, and Linda Barber, her father Percy Bennett, brother David Bennett, and sister-in-law Jean (Bennett) Lent.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ralph Williams and Peter Elliot, and interment was in Morehouse Cemetery, Echo Township, Antrim County, MI.

**WARREN, Joseph L.**, age 79; born Mar. 25, 1916, in Owenton, KY; died Sept. 3, 1995, in Battle Creek, MI. She was a member of the Urbandale Church in Battle Creek.

Survivors include: daughter Pamela Jean Brown, stepdaughter Frances Dane, stepsons Stanley and Michael Hack, 2

grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Neal L. Sherwin, and interment was in the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek.

**YOTHER, Daniel J.**, age 89; born July 2, 1906, in Soddy, TN; died Sept. 7, 1995, in Battle Creek, MI. He was a member of the Tabernacle Church in Battle Creek.

He is survived by his wife, Mae M., daughters, Lela Bacho, Myrtle Cantrell, Virginia Hill, Annette Barrett, and Ruth Livingston, sister Mattie Morgan Dayton, 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry Yeagley, and interment was in the Memorial Park Mausoleum, Battle Creek.



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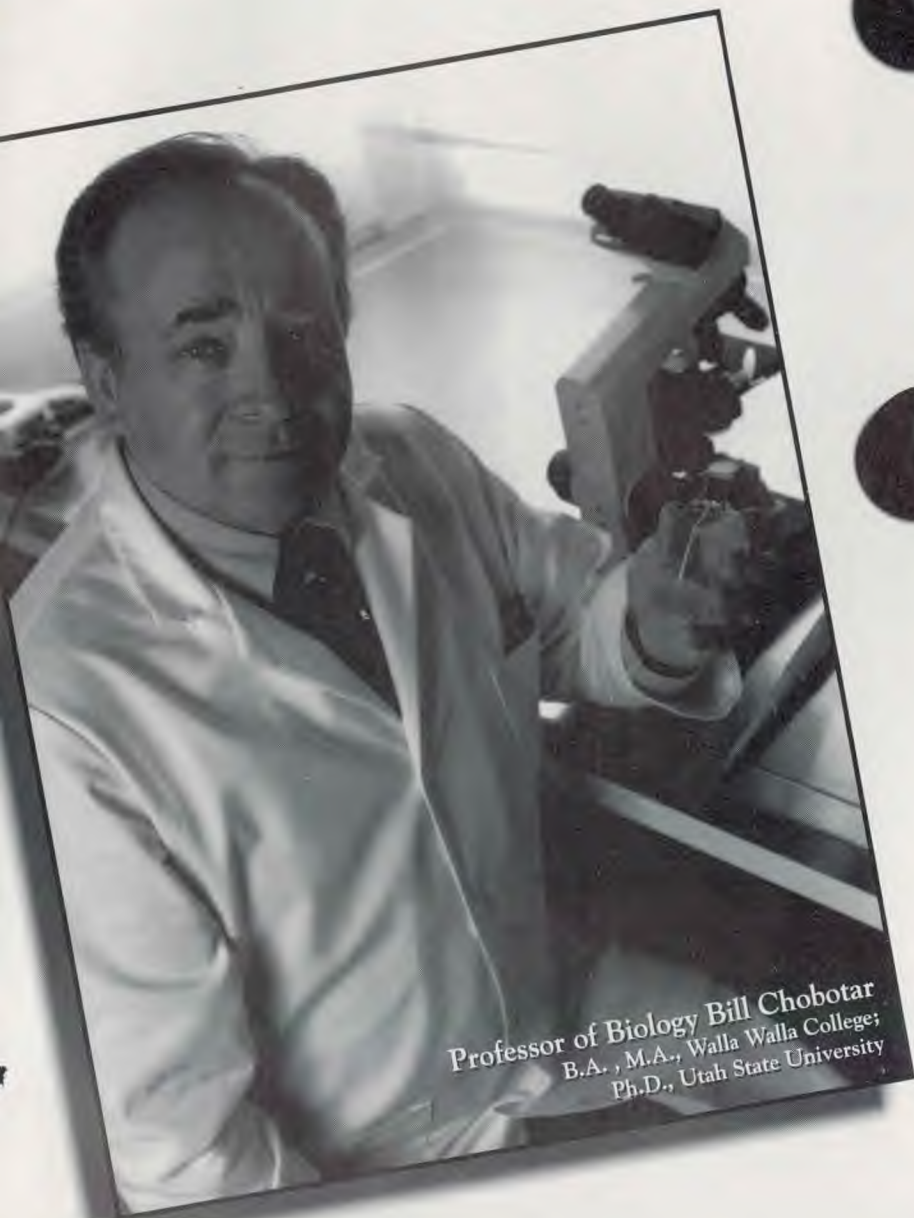
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## All Teen Prayer Conference



Peter Neri

Prayer and small group conferences have been going on for the last 10 years. They originated with the Oregon Conference, but are now sponsored by the North American Division. Initially they targeted adults but soon evolved to include teens. However, something fantastic just took place.

I just returned from the first All Teen Prayer Conference held at Ozark Academy. It started on Tuesday evening and ran

through the Sabbath. Nearly 400 youth from various schools, academies, and colleges around the division took part. Young people even came from England and Mexico. There are three reasons why this fantastic event needs to be shared.

First, the youth themselves played a major role in the execution and leadership of the prayer conference. This was accomplished by the training of 63 volunteer youth who attended a training retreat the weekend prior to the conference. These "63" then helped finalize plans, execute programs, and lead out in the small groups during the larger event at Ozark. It was truly a "youth event."

Secondly, the emphasis shifted from just prayer to prayer, Bible study and outreach. In fact, the 63 were trained at the leaders' retreat in four areas: 1) How to lead small groups; 2) How to pray and study your Bible; 3) How to give your testimony and lead someone to Christ; and 4) How to go out and share. These trained leaders then disciplined those assigned to their small group during the prayer conference, taking them out to practice, and charging them with discipling others, especially their own peers.

Finally, both the training retreat and the conference itself included one whole day for actual outreach activities. The small groups were either sent out alone or in clusters to various ministries in local communities. Ministries were provided that would allow the optimum number of kids a chance to practice what they had learned. In other words, we did not just talk about outreach, we actually went out and did it! For many it was the highlight of the conference.

Now you can see why I am so excited about this conference. Something is indeed beginning to happen in the North American Division that includes our young people at the forefront. Knowing this will perhaps encourage you to attend one of the prayer conferences and discover for yourself the joy and fulfillment received when trained and active in service for others.

*Pastor Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI*



## Michigan Teens Attend Prayer and Small Groups Conference

Four Andrews Academy and four Battle Creek Academy delegates teamed up for the trip to Arkansas, where the North American Division Teen Prayer and Small Groups Conference was held on Sept. 26-28. For both parties, "it was a powerful experience!" "I never knew how awesome praying for more than an hour and a half can be!" says Wilson Pandjaitan, sophomore at Andrews Academy. "It's so great to be surrounded by peers who want God, and who want to finish the work and go home." Others marveled at how they had been "good" and "loved God," but how impacted and changed they were through encountering the Holy Spirit at the conference. It was incredible to listen to young people from all over the United States, Mexico, and Canada (even some from Australia and England) testify to what God was doing in their lives and in the lives of their friends.

The students spent the 15-hour trip home brainstorming ways they could ignite the passion for Christ and His love on their campuses. Daily prayer together has already become part of their schedule, and small groups are in the making. And each youth, seeing himself or herself as a minister, is taking up every opportunity given to share Christ with their classmates.

*Darchelle Worley, Andrews Academy public relations*





## 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

"Annual Sacrifice" offering, Nov. 18.

#### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

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**Pound (WI) Church** will celebrate its centennial on Sabbath, Nov. 11. Morning and afternoon services planned. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited.

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**"Voice of Prophecy": Nov. 12**, "The Prodigal Son, Southern Style" is the classic story retold in the setting of a wealthy southern farm family. **Nov. 13-17**, "A Pastoral Christ" is a study of Psalm 23. **Nov. 19**, "Welcome Home" is an explicit, tender appeal to people with Adventist backgrounds to return to church on Thanksgiving Sabbath. **Nov. 20-24**, "Give Me the Bible" explores reasons why we should have a renewed appreciation for the gift of the Scriptures. **Nov. 26**, "Jesus Is Coming Again" presents the biblical foundation for our confidence in Jesus' return. **Nov. 27-Dec. 1**, "Fatherless in America" deals with the impact of so many children growing up without fathers in America. **Dec. 3**, "Fearless in the End" focuses on the three Hebrews. **Dec. 4-8**, "You Are Here" explores what the Bible's road-markers tell us about our place in history.

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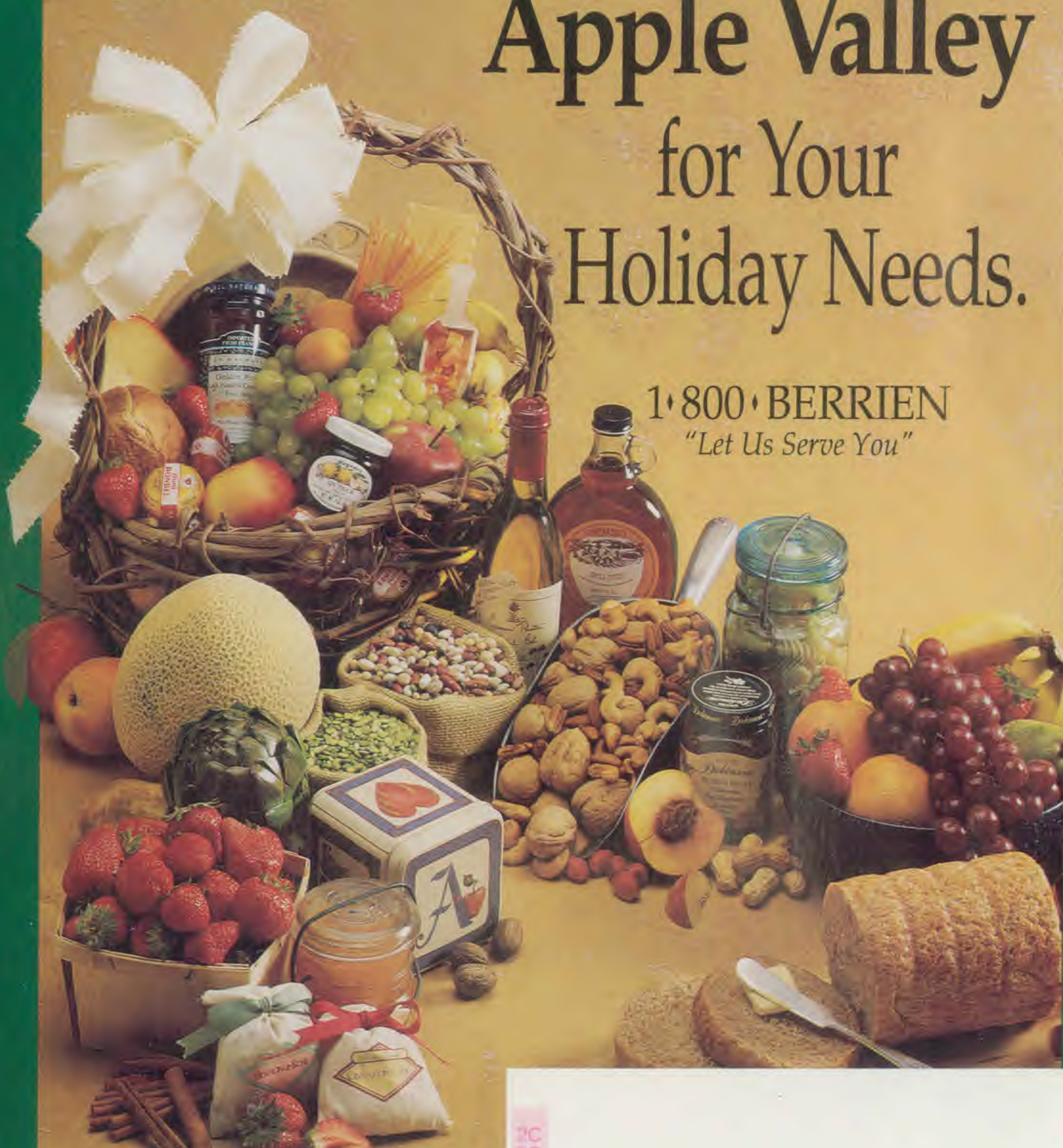
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