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Judy Lechleitner of Hastings, MI, photographed this exploded milkweed pod with a Nikon 8008 camera Nikkor AF 70-210 zoom lens using Iktar 25 negative film which was turned into a slide.

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## EDITORIAL



# Don't Ask God for Anything

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT  
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Could I borrow 50 bucks?" It was my friend again. On other occasions he had asked me for a ride, for the use of my car, and for help getting a job. He had asked for a lot of things, but I really don't remember anytime when he just called to say hello or to tell me thanks for the things I'd already done for him.

I wonder, does Jesus ever have similar thoughts? Do you suppose that He ever says, "Gabriel, I don't ever remember that person praying for any reason other than to ask Me for favors. He has asked for help with the marriage, for help with the kids, and for help with buying or selling something. But he never just says, 'Thanks for the good day, or thanks for what You did yesterday.'"

Some years ago the Heritage Singers sang a song that said, "I have not come to ask for anything. I've just come to talk with You, Lord." What if we tried praying like that sometime? Just say, "Dear God, I didn't come to ask for things this time; this time, I've just come to thank you." And then list things, large and small, for which we want to thank God—things He has done, things He has provided for us.

He does say in the Bible that we should come to Him asking things in His name; but there are also many texts that say, "Praise the Lord" or "Give thanks to God." We've probably all lodged more requests than praises. What would it do for God if we doubled the number of praises and halved the requests? What would it do for our own attitude?

Today during one of my prayer times with God, I'm not going to ask for anything. I'm just going to think about all the things He's done for me already, and I'm going to thank Him. Then I'm going to spend some time thinking about who our God really is and praising Him. There has been a precedent established for this.

David did it. Some of his psalms are made up of only praise. What if we would set aside the first day of each month to only send praises and thanks to God. Let's try it. Right now tell Him thank you for several things.

*Come, Let's Celebrate*

# Children's Sabbath

BY THE EDITOR

## WHAT IS CHILDREN'S SABBATH?

Children's Sabbath is a day to affirm children in your congregation, in your family, and in the wider world. Your hugs, smiles, and listening ears make every Sabbath a celebration of childhood. But on October 5 you can plan a whole day that shows children how much you care.

We all know by experience that it takes a church (as well as a village) to raise a child. The church can provide kids with a sense of belonging to a caring community. The experts tell us that, as kids reach adolescence, they need to belong to something bigger than their immediate family. Older generations experienced community in their neighborhoods; today's kids do not. So church is more important than ever in their lives.

Caring churches can help kids grow up committed Christians. The experts tell us that congregations that offer warmth and acceptance and that welcome hard questions are most likely to keep their youth. And a church that also admits how much it needs kids is even more likely to attract them and their families.

If your church is lagging in its encouragement of kids, use Children's Sabbath as a day to make a new start. If your church is already child-friendly, Children's Sabbath offers another great excuse to celebrate God, community, and children.

"We hope every church will do something to celebrate Children's Sabbath," North American Division president A. C. McClure says. "If not on October 5, then on another Sabbath during the fall."

Children's Sabbath is being



*The Cicero/Noblesville Adventurers conducted the entire church service in Cicero. Following the color guard, the Adventurers, 13 strong, filed in and up to the platform. They gave the scripture reading and prayer, told the children's story, put on a skit about Esther, and they sang and signed "Praise Him" for special music. Megan Johnson, Amy Jacobs, and Cassie Stokes each gave a short sermonette. The Cicero Church members were blessed to see the youth in action.*

celebrated in North America for the first time as a designated day in the official church calendar. "We hope that celebrating Children's Sabbath will tell kids that their church cares about them," says Herb Larson, church ministries director for the Lake Union. "Children cannot hear that message too often."

Elva Battle, secretary to the

president in the Allegheny West Conference, suggested the 1996 theme, "It takes a church to raise a child."

"Many writers and activists are quoting the African proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' But it also takes a church—the whole church," she says. "Parents will have a tough time convincing their teens to stay in the church if they did not enjoy

coming to church as a child. Children's Sabbath can help change that." Working together we can make the church service on Children's Sabbath a memorable one.

## HELPS FOR PASTORS

The North American Division, with the help of the Columbia Union, has prepared a 32-page Children's Sabbath booklet with dozens of great ideas, including two optional church services and several great songs. The booklet was mailed in August to every church in the division. Additional copies are available; just call *AdventSource* at (800) 328-0525.

"Children are an heritage of the Lord." You can celebrate both children and Sabbath at church on October 5, Children's Sabbath.

# NEW MEMBERS

## WISCONSIN



*Vincent VanderVenter being baptized in a physical therapy tank.*

**Vincent VanderVenter** was baptized July 2 in the physical therapy treatment tank at the Ashland Memorial Medical Center by Dan Adels, pastor of the Ashland Church (pictured left). Vince's son, Douglas VanderVenter (right), a deacon at Ashland, participated in the baptism. Vince died three weeks later on July 23. Before his death, Vince said he found comfort in the books of John and Psalms and was studying the "Amazing Facts" series of Bible studies. His baptism was a result of the prayers of many family and friends, including those of his late wife, Shirley.

## MICHIGAN

The Bible symbolizes "perfect" by the number "seven," and so it was a "perfect worship service" when seven students from the Petoskey one-room church school joined their pastor,



*Front from left: Mindy Grosse, Alex Grobaugh, Amber Gillespie, Carl Norris, and Jeremy Micheff. Back from left: Crystal Micheff, Pastor Ken Micheff, Mark Verbrigghe.*

Kenneth Micheff, in conducting the church worship service on a recent Sabbath. All of them had been biblically challenged at school by their pastor's week of prayer. They had asked to be part of his baptismal class and had individually embraced Jesus as their personal Savior. On this Sabbath, each of them had participated in the church worship by singing a song, playing an instrument, or giving their personal testimony. Then they all celebrated their new walk with Jesus by being baptized together. It was a super-charged Sabbath with everyone agreeing that Christian education gives BIG rewards to teachers, members, friends, family, and especially parents. "Nothing in all the world could equal the joys of that Sabbath," the parents testified, "when our seven students sealed their commitment to the Holy Spirit's saving power through baptism."

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Church growth takes place in several ways, and Lisa Fellows is an example of a toddler who grew up with Adventist parents and came to the place in her life where Jesus became her personal savior. Later she studied to understand how Christians should live and, following the Bible's counsel, was baptized.

**Gary Kelly's** story illustrates the working of the Holy Spirit through Christian contacts over many years as another method to help the church grow. The people the Spirit used were Margaret Sawyer and her sons, Dennis and Jerry, who were Gary's age. Although Gary was reared in the Catholic faith, as a friend of Dennis and Jerry he would often attend Adventist church functions with them. When the Sawyer boys became young adults, the contacts continued, but now it was through their mother Margaret that Gary found a link to Christ.

This year Gary called to ask

Margaret if the Metro Church was having any service on "Good Friday." When he learned they were having a candlelight communion service, he asked to attend. This opened the way for



*Lisa Fellows and Gary Kelly answer "yes" to the baptismal review questions administered by Elder Frank Haynes.*

Margaret to arrange to drive him to the weekly Sabbath services and give him small books and literature to read.

When Steve Vail began his evangelistic series in Novi, Gary went every night with Margaret. After those meetings, a follow-up series was completed by Frank Haynes, pastor of the Metropolitan Church, and Gary was prepared for baptism and membership in the Metropolitan Church. We praise God that His church continues to grow through different methods.

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As a dedicated Pathfinder, **Morgan Maul** wanted Bill Cowin, his pastor, to give him Bible studies. Earlier he had determined he also wanted Cowin to baptize him. When Morgan learned his pastor would be moving from West Branch to Grand Ledge, Morgan scheduled his baptism for Cowin's last Sabbath at West Branch. Although his mother was very pleased, both of them will miss Bill and Nancy Cowin.



*From left: Morgan Maul, Pastor Bill Cowin, and Nancy Cowin on the day of Morgan's baptism.*

**Lisa Jewell** began attending Vacation Bible School (VBS) in 1982, fourteen years ago, when her Adventist neighbors took her to VBS and helped introduce her to Bible concepts. She continued to attend VBS over the years, and last year (1995) went to a Daniel seminar. There she made a decision to respond to the Bible truths she had been learning and asked to be baptized.

When she learned the Frost Church was having a church camp-out at the



*Pastor Paul Yeoman of the Frost Church stands with Lisa Jewell after her baptism. Kathryn Knight, the VBS leader who helped lead Lisa into the church, is also present.*

home of Dennis and Jessie Kieff on Sabbath afternoon, she asked if she could be baptized in their swimming pool. After Paul Yeoman, the church pastor, performed the ceremony, Kathryn Knight, VBS leader, and those members present welcomed her into the church family. Lisa said in response, "I have always felt the presence of Jesus working in my life, and I am thankful that I learned about Him when I was young."

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Born in Ethiopia, **Hirut Mersha's** first contact with the Adventist Church occurred when her 13-year-old brother attended an Adventist church school in Ethiopia. He had received an excellent education and developed into a fine person. Many years later, she met Kermit Scarlett, an Adventist in East Lansing, and he invited her to attend church with him. The worship service filled a need in her life, which led to Bible studies Sabbath afternoons with a small group in his home.

When Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, and Dan Towar,

pastor of the Lansing Church, presented a Revelation seminar in South Lansing at Days Inn, Hirut received an invitation and attended faithfully, even discussing the topics at work. Still attending her Orthodox Church, she became upset when she discovered they were teaching church concepts and not Bible to her daughter.

After the series ended, Hirut continued to attend what has now become the Holt company. On a Sabbath morning Mark Hughes, associate pastor of the Lansing Church, preached a stirring message ending with an altar call. She responded to the Spirit's call and accepted Jesus. At a Friday night Vesers, she was baptized by Roy Castelbuono, East Lansing pastor, whose members had originally given her Bible studies. Hirut is now a



*Hirut Mersha is welcomed by Kermit Scarlett at the time of her baptism. His invitation to attend church resulted in her eventual baptism.*

member of the East Lansing Church. The teamwork of three congregation's prayers and labors ultimately resulted in her baptism.

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For fifteen years I lived in Texas with my wife and three children whom I loved very much. They were my whole world. Then suddenly my world fell apart as I went through a very painful divorce. I gave up on God and started drinking and doing drugs. I lost my joy and self-esteem, my house, my truck, and my job. When I didn't have anything left, I telephoned my sister in Michigan for help. She was so concerned that she arranged for me to fly to see her. I arrived with no money, very few clothes, and a briefcase.

I tried to check into a drug rehabili-

tation center, but no bed would be available for three weeks. I was desperate. I phoned my sister again, and she told me she would try to find someone in her Adventist church to help me. That Sabbath I met Pat Milligan, pastor of the Orion-Oxford Church, and his wife Tami who first led me to God in prayer and then cared for me in their home. I began attending the NET '95 evangelistic series in their Lapeer Church and learned about Jesus and Bible truths. As the Holy Spirit dealt with me in a strong way, I wanted to respond. The love of Christ, who would die for my sins and suffer the pain of the cross, was beyond my mortal thinking. I totally surrendered my life to Jesus. I fully responded by being baptized and giving my talents to be used for Christ and His church. Today Jesus is my best friend. I am teaching in the youth division and am a church deacon. I have found that giving of myself for others brings true happiness. Now I see how God has blessed me, for in three months, He has taken me from "rags" to "riches." I have acquired my own business and found a church family who loves Jesus



*Mike Dotson stands in front his new home church.*

and wants to use my skills.

I have found that nothing satisfies like knowing Jesus as your Savior. His arms are open wide. Won't you reach out and take His hand? His peace and joy are for you. Let Him help you bring someone else into a knowledge of His love and His church. Let Him help you bless others through NET '96 evangelism as He did for me through NET '95.

*Mike Dotson*

# Unique Ministries of the Lake Union's Caring Women

BY CYNTHIA J. PRIME

Throughout the Lake Union, you'll find them. In churches and communities large and small, in many occupations, and from all walks of life, committed, caring women are making a difference. Their ministries are unique and, like freshly baked bread, definitely worth sharing.

Kim Purvis is a North Carolina native whose ready laughter and homespun humor lets you know that



*Kim Purvis, half of the pastoral team at the Centerville and Three Rivers churches, has helped the women there develop several "caring ministries."*

she's easy to be around. A pastor's wife, school teacher, and mother of an active three-year-old daughter, Kim prides herself in being a stay-at-home mom during her daughter's critical formative years. "This is the perfect opportunity for God to develop and use my gifts in exciting new ways," she says. Which brings us to the "baby dresser" project.

When her husband became pastor of the Centerville and Three Rivers churches in Michigan, Kim accepted the challenge to lead out in women's ministries for her district. "We started out with prayer breakfasts and regular monthly meetings," she said, "but as our group developed, we tried to find

practical ways in which we could use our unique talents to reach out to others."

First came the baby dresser project. A 14-year-old pregnant rape victim began visiting her church. The women scouted until they found a donor to contribute a dresser, then they threw a baby dresser party. Their goal was to fill the dresser with almost everything a newborn could need. "We not only filled the dresser," she said, "but there were several boxes of goodies to go along with it."

Currently, the girl's father is preparing for baptism, and both the girl and her mother are involved in Bible studies. The women have enjoyed working together, and our activities have created a bond between both churches that did not exist



*The women of Three Rivers and Centerville found a dresser and filled it with baby things for a young rape victim to show their caring in a tangible way.*

before," Kim added.

With the "quiet bags" project, Kim and her team were concerned about restless children disrupting church services on Sabbath. The answer? Quiet bags. "Two or three ladies sewed drawstring bags large enough to hold a clip board," she explained. "Each week we attach to the clipboard a picture for coloring and a word search or puzzle." On the back of the clipboards, the ladies glued felt.

Each quiet bag comes with a plastic bag filled with colorful felt pieces for use on the "felt board," a book, a small stuffed animal, and a bag of tiny finger puppets. "We change the picture every week, and the kids find lots of fun things to do that are not disruptive," Kim continued.

After church the quiet bags are returned to a box for the next week. Kim states that the children now look forward to the Sabbath worship service. Most of the materials in the bag have a spiritual application, and the children are certain to receive a blessing from their activities.

Another popular activity for the women of Three Rivers and Centerville is the "correspondence club." They purchase blank greeting cards and fill them with encouraging Bible verses. These are mailed to missing members on a regular basis.

"I keep track of who is sick and who is having problems," Kim explained. One woman who had

struggled with a smoking habit reported that her greeting card arrived at a time when she desperately needed encouragement.

Another unique ministry from this group is the "homemade bread ministry." The women visit shut ins, sing songs for their enjoyment, and leave behind a loaf of freshly baked bread.

Monin Colon has honed the art of garage sale shopping to a fine art. In her city she knows where to find the best bargains at the best prices. She buys anything useful—clothing, furniture, toys—and transports it to her garage where it remains until God leads her to a potential recipient. She calls it her "garage sales ministry."

Monin is the women's ministries coordinator for the Lake Region Spanish churches. She says she can't preach a sermon or do counseling, but she can shop. According to Illeana Gutierrez, Spanish women's ministries coordinator for the Lake Union, Monin has enormous energy and a very outgoing disposition. Monin uses her talent of friendliness, to not only make good deals, but to identify needs within her church.

Recently Monin and her friends were able to help a pregnant immigrant from her garage storehouse. They purchased a crib for the expected baby and furnished the entire nursery as well.

Another favorite activity is "pajama jams." Sometimes they are mother-daughter get-togethers, but often they are focused upon spiritual growth. Whether the initial activity is crafts, cake making, or parlor games, the emphasis always shifts to prayer.

Monin's shopping sprees have blessed scores of hurting women within her community and established her in the hearts of those who know her as a genuine caring sister.

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*Cynthia J. Prime is the Lake Union Conference women's ministries coordinator.*

## How My Ministry Changed My Life

BY JUDITH PRIME

COMPASSION LINE began out of a need in my life to feel needed and to be productive. Unsure of my purpose in life, I was struggling with depression. In spite of my depression, I still wanted to serve God. Then an idea developed to begin a personal outreach ministry. I remembered how friends had reached out to encour-



*Compassion Line parties offer warm fellowship and love to those who need it.*

age and support me when I was down, so I wanted to be there for someone else as my thank you gift to God.

I contacted my pastor and requested a list of people who needed encouragement—former church members, new members, shut ins, and those who were known to be discouraged.

Since it was February, I sent these people homemade valentines with the words, "I have loved you with an everlasting love . . . and with loving kindness have I drawn you." Later, follow-up calls were made, and I was amazed at the response.

A former church member sent

me numerous thank you cards and later became a beautiful friend. Thanks to the ministry of Compassion Line, she was rebaptized.

A new member who suffered from severe depression was encouraged. She became a member of my team, volunteering her services to make cards and assist with mailing. Her grateful husband, a non-Adventist, decided that he would donate a tenth of his income to help with Compassion Line mailing expenses.

During our first Compassion Line party, more than thirty people attended. One church member invited his daughters who were no longer Adventists.

Today this ministry consists of four team members who help plan activities to reach out to those who need a compassionate touch.



*Each Compassion Line party offers a variety of activities for participants.*

In reaching out and touching others, I have been blessed.

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*Judith Prime is a graduate of Andrews University with a masters in developmental psychology. She plans to pursue a career in social research.*

# A Warm and Welcome Place

BY MARJORIE SNYDER

**T**he Adventist Church family in the Lake Union Conference is experiencing domestic abuse problems equivalent to that of other denominations and unchurched people in the United States.

"It would be wonderful if child abuse, domestic violence, rape, and other forms of violence never existed within Adventist Christian circles. The reality, however, is that it does," declares Mable Dunbar, director of the Lake Union Conference Task Force on Abuse.

"As in many facets of our society today, Christian homes are susceptible to the strains and stresses which sometimes escalate into violent acts, primarily against women and children," Mable continues.

## DOES ABUSE EXIST IN ADVENTIST HOMES?

In 1995 a survey was mailed to men and women in all of the conferences of the Lake Union to determine the extent of domestic violence and/or abuse within the church. Of the 191 responses that were returned, 76 percent of the respondents were women, and 20 percent were men.

Analysis of the survey indicates that Adventists do, indeed, need help in this area.

A "Task Force on Abuse" became a reality two years ago when the Lake Union Conference women's ministries organization decided to take responsibility for doing something about the problem.

"The purpose of the task force is three-fold," says Cynthia Prime, Lake Union women's ministries coordinator,

"1) To educate members about the problem of abuse, how to recognize it, and how to prevent it, 2) To develop resources and support programs for victims of abuse, including healing retreats and crisis intervention assistance, and 3) To prepare guidelines for development of a hotline to serve Lake Union women."

"Since we have received the results of the survey, we have conducted numerous workshops in the Lake Union and have written a manual to help with training," Mable states.

## TRAINING FOR CHURCH LEADERS

A training session for church leaders, pastors, seminary students, and those involved with women's ministries will be held September 28-29 at the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for the purpose of educating, training, and providing resources for those who may have a problem in their church.

The theme of the weekend training session is "Making Our Church a Warm and Welcome Place" (for those who suffer from abusive situations). There will be practical illustrations of what people can do to make life more bearable for victims. "Ideas from this area of training will be helpful in any church, whether or not they currently know of anyone who suffers from abuse," Cynthia contends.

Training sessions will include a variety of subjects on domestic violence and will include help for all attendees. Included will be information on the dynamics of domestic violence, how the criminal justice system becomes involved, and the



Anne Pacamalan (center) shares program information with two women who have come to the Chapel West Church in Indianapolis.

religious aspects of abuse.

Trainers in the various sessions will include attorneys who deal with domestic violence cases, two experienced pastors, and other people who are qualified to deal with domestic violence. (For more information on the seminar, please refer to the announcement on page 27.)

"We especially urge any church personnel who are working with victims to attend. When we deal with this subject, we need to be sure we are doing it right," Mable declares.

Mable asks anyone who is presently dealing with domestic violence problems in Lake Union churches to write and let her know what they are doing to make the church a "warm and welcome place" for victims. Please send this information to her immediately at: 4756 Greenfield Drive, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, or call (616) 471-3957.

Other training sessions will be held in the future at other locations, but it is important that churches get started right away dealing with the problem.

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Women helping women to reach their academic goals: the Andrews Women's Scholarship Committee.

## Andrews Women's Scholarships

# Helping Women Meet Their Goals

BY MADELINE JOHNSTON

Scholarships to support women have been developed. Currently these include: the Women's General Scholarship (undergraduate); the Women's General Scholarship (graduate); the Veda Leshar Endowed Scholarship (graduate); and the Archie A. and Kathryn Thomason Steele Endowed Scholarship (graduate, for women who have served in overseas mission service).

Scholarship recipients come from across North America and the world. Lake Union recipients include: Alina McBride Baltazar, a medical social worker in Nilus, MI; Rosemary Gryte, a doctoral student in education; Clarissa Worley, a master's of divinity student in the seminary going into youth ministry; and Ann Cooper, a doctoral candidate currently completing an internship as a clinical psychologist.

The most recent scholarship that the committee has established is the Leona Glidden Running Endowed Scholarship for female students in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews. Dr. Running celebrated her 80th birthday in August. In 1955, when she became the first woman to teach in the seminary, she broke new ground for women in Adventist academia. For more than 40 years she has taught biblical and other Semitic languages in the seminary. Friends and former students from around the country are contributing toward the endowed scholarship that will bear her name.

The chair of the committee is Demetra Andreasen, Andrews commu-

nity relations director and wife of Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreasen. Other members are Luanne Bauer, professor of communication; Elsie Buck, president, International Adventist Musicians Association; Stella Greig, professor of English; Sharon Gillespie, assistant professor of behavioral sciences; Meredith Jones Gray, professor of English; Glenda-mae Greene, assistant to the vice president for student services; Donna Habenicht, professor of educational psychology; Madeline Johnston, committee recording secretary; and Veda Leshar, wife of Richard Leshar, former president of Andrews University.

Students interested in applying for scholarships should write to: Dr. Stella Greig, English Department, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0040. Information can also be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.cc.andrews.edu/~steele/ws/>.

Committee members continue to solicit support for the scholarships that help women reach their academic goals. Support in the form of checks should be made to Andrews University and sent to the Development Office, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, 49104-0660. Donors should specify which scholarship they are supporting. For commemorative gifts that honor a specific person, please give a name and a brief description of accomplishments.

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*Madeline Johnston is the recording secretary for the Andrews University Women's Scholarship Committee.*

**L**uanne Bauer, professor of communication, says the need for more women's scholarships was impressed upon her through years of advising students. "I saw so many bright students who had so much potential," she said. "There was a need for scholarships that would tell women: 'You've got what it takes to make it, and we want to help you get there.'"

In response to this idea, the Andrews Development Office organized a brunch during the 1992 Andrews Alumni Homecoming Weekend to determine whether there was support for scholarships specifically devoted to furthering the education of women. Two things were determined at the gathering: There *was* interest, and there *were* individuals interested in spearheading the effort. Pledges of financial support were made, and a committee was set up to select scholarship recipients.

The Andrews Women's Scholarship Committee was formed. Inspired by its motto, "Helping Women from around the World Reach Their Potential for Service," the committee has now awarded 28 graduate and undergraduate scholarships. Since 1992, more than \$20,000 has been awarded to women studying at Andrews.

# Signs for Our Times

BY RANDY HALL

How easy is it for a stranger to find your church? Do signs on the highway leading into your city alert motorists and residents that a Seventh-day Adventist congregation exists in the area?

Many Adventists believe that their church should be the easiest place to find in town. Why? Ellen White provides the answer in *Testimony Treasures*, Volume 2, page 193:

"To the humble, believing soul, the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven." And if people can't find the gate to heaven, how will they ever get a chance to go there?

Another reason to post these signs along the roads in your area is that the term "Seventh-day Adventist" is a sermon in itself.

Because this name refers to two important church doctrines—the Sabbath and Christ's second coming—it should be put before the people as often as good taste will allow.

"Only eternity will reveal how many people have received their initial impression of our church from one of these signs," says Marvin Reeder, a retired denominational worker who makes the signs at his home in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

However, some stories come sooner, and they speak of a silent witness that brings inspirational results.

One young man from Virginia had been an Adventist but had drifted away

from the church. While moving to a new home, he began to notice signs about local Seventh-day Adventist congregations. "I don't think I missed a one," he said.

At his new residence, his route to work took him past yet another church highway sign. "I looked at that sign twice a day for six years. Finally, I had to either get rid of the sign or get back

moved away. The family then began attending the "old" church and soon joined that congregation.

Does your church have highway signs to help lead people to your doors so you can lead them to Christ? If not, or if you need additional signs, just follow these simple steps. Begin by selecting the areas where signs are needed. Second, determine the number

of signs that would give your church the best possible exposure. Then obtain a price list, brochure, and order blank from the Columbia Union Communication Department.

If your church already has signs in place, then they should be checked at least twice a year. Replace them if necessary. Keep the posts well set and standing straight. Trim weeds and tree branches away from the signs. And of course, don't let the signs go down. If they do fall or

are vandalized, replace them immediately.

For more information, or if you'd like to order church highway signs, write to: Communication Department, Columbia Union Conference, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, MD 21045; or call (800) 438-9600.



*With NET '96 bringing more newcomers, it is important to have your church well identified so that people can find it without having to search too much.*

into the church." He returned to his Adventist roots.

In southeastern Pennsylvania, the witness of one highway sign led to baptisms even before the church it was promoting could be built.

Members of the Slatington congregation bought land along a well-traveled highway to serve as the site of their new church. They erected new signs, which were noticed just days later by a family that was driving by. The husband had attended evangelistic meetings in Philadelphia but lost contact with the church when he

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*Randy Hall is assistant editor of the Columbia Union Visitor.*

## Student Missionaries: Into All the World

Desperately needed construction projects in Bolivia. Bible classes in Korea. Amazon River medical clinics in South American rain forests. These are the acts of mercy and mission that would not happen without student missionaries from Andrews University.

More than 50 Andrews students will serve this year as overseas student missionaries and as task force workers in the U.S. They will serve in such countries as Australia, Brazil, China, Denmark, Guam, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Poland, Russia, and Spain.

Leaving behind friends and family is never easy, particularly when sacrifice and hardship await. But several "SMS" who have returned from overseas after the 1995-96 school year say they wouldn't trade their experience for anything.

"I would tell everyone that it's a life-changing experience, and that you'll never come back the same," said Delisha Medina.

A senior psychology major from Valparaiso, IN, Medina taught physical education classes to elementary students in a church school in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Medina said there were many positives, but the best thing was the dividend reaped in her spiritual walk. "I have a whole different perspective on everything," she declares.

A series of setbacks during the initial part of her nine-month stay were challenging. But after several months, she saw that her biggest challenge would be leaving her new Puerto Rican friends.

They agreed, "If we don't see each other again in this world, we'll see each other in heaven."

Julie Wines, a senior nursing major from Berrien Springs, was a student missionary in northern Brazil. She worked on a medical mission boat that plied the mighty Amazon River in northern Brazil. The experiences—both the good and difficult—brought her closer to God.

"Because I was alone and needed help in a new language and culture, I really found myself relying on the Lord," she said.

These are the type of experiences that Millie Das has come to expect after four years of coordinating the student missionary program at Andrews. "The service opportunities not only mature young minds," she said, "but they dramatically broaden spiritual perspectives."

"They have changed lives and hearts. When they get back, our student missionaries are willing to do anything for the Lord."

*Jack Stenger, public information officer*

## AU SM and Task Force Workers

The following Lake Union Andrews students will serve as student missionaries and task force workers during the 1996-97 school year. Names are followed by their home towns and assignment sites.

**Student Missionaries:** Heidi Bauer, Berrien Springs, MI, *Kenya*; Mikal Clark, Delavan, WI, *Phonpei*; Kevin Doran, Berrien Springs, *Poland*; James Kirk Frymire, Berrien Center, MI, *Russia*; Miryana Gligoric, Morton Grove, IL, *Thailand*; Kevin Hahn, Hastings, MI, *Micronesia*; Keith Kerbs, Sodus, MI, *Korea*; Ronald Kim, Berrien Springs, *China*; Kiersten Lubbert, Eaton Rapids, MI, *Denmark*; Marc Nelson, Richland, MI, *Kenya*; Cheryl Quilin, Wilson, MI, *Cambodia*; Summer Shackleton, Caledonia, MI, *Pohnpei*; Shirley Sondakh, Berrien Springs, *Ebeye*; Todd Stout, Berrien Center, *Taiwan*; and Laura Whidden, Berrien Springs, *Spain*.



*Andrews student missionaries Julie Wines and Delisha Medina.*

**Task Force Workers:** Michael Constable, Berrien Springs, *Sedro-Woolley (WA) Church*; Helen Macey, Berrien Springs, *Broadview Academy, LaFox, IL*; Carla Nelsen, Watertown, WI, *Bethel Junior Academy, Arpin, WI*; Julio Rebollo, Grand Rapids, MI, *Castle Valley Academy, UT*; and Renee Stepp, Buchanan, MI, *Indiana Academy, Cicero, IN*

## Army Donates Plane to Andrews

A 48-seat turboprop DeHaviland "Buffalo" that the U.S. Army recently donated to Andrews University will give aviation students new training opportunities, said Gustavo Ortiz, Aviation Department chair.

The plane came roaring into the Andrews Airpark in Berrien Springs on July 24. Though it is valued at \$275,000, the craft was donated to Andrews as surplus equipment that was no longer needed by the army.

Andrews aviation students won't fly the plane. Instead they will use the grounded "Buffalo" for mechanics classes and flight systems training.

The Andrews aviation program offers both associate and bachelor's degrees in aircraft maintenance and flight.



*Gustavo Ortiz, Andrews Aviation chair, stands in front of the university's new 48-seat "Buffalo."*

## EDUCATION NEWS

### Bible Labs in Michigan

**Michigan**—*Bible Labs* is not new in Michigan. We will soon begin our tenth year of *Bible Labs* as an active, on-going part of the curriculum, reports Bill Reinke, associate education superintendent for the Michigan Conference.

Students at **Gobles Junior Academy** have taken their drug education program to the area public schools. They perform a skit with follow-up activities at seventeen different schools. Students from **Prattville** helped pass out literature at the county fair. Students at the **Blue Water school** in Port Huron raised money to help a family, who lost most of their possessions in a fire, by shoveling snow and doing odd jobs.

Several schools have helped with fundraising for community organizations. At **First Flint**, the school held a "Penny Fair" with proceeds going to the American Red Cross. The American Heart Association was the beneficiary of funds raised at the Hastings school with a "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign. Students at **Kalamazoo** served as greeters at a local hospital during the C.H.I.P. (Community Health Improvement Project), a community health outreach project.

Our students also help people outside our country. The **Benedict Memorial School** in Tecumseh raised money to help with supplies for a school in the Marshall Islands. Ninth and tenth grade students at **Kalamazoo** went a step further by actually taking a mission trip to Panama. They helped lay 7,500 cement blocks in addition to assisting with a Vacation Bible School. **Oakwood Junior Academy** in the Detroit area also took a mission trip. Their destination was Mexico, and their project also involved "hard labor" in assisting with the construction of a church.

These are just a few examples of how our students are working in all of our schools to show genuine care and concern for others. Plans for this school year include getting as many of our schools as possible involved in NET '96. A primary goal of the *Bible Labs* program is for our students to develop that connection between helping others and growing in Jesus.

*Bill Reinke, Michigan Conference  
associate superintendent*

### Band Performs at Prayer Breakfast

**Michigan**—Every year the city of Battle Creek holds a non-denominational community prayer breakfast. This breakfast, held in the Kellogg Arena, is attended by as many as 1,500 community members. According to its publicity, "Now in its 15th year, the community prayer breakfast is a reaffirmation that people of goodwill, standing together for a common purpose, can transcend racial, geographical, or cultural

differences and create new opportunities for community progress."

On May 7, Wintley Phipps, associate director of the public affairs and religious liberty department of the General Conference, was the invited speaker. Phipps was a 1988 and 1989 Grammy Award nominee and is popular with audiences around the world. The Battle Creek Academy Concert Band was invited to accompany the congregation for its theme song, *Amazing Grace*, and to present special music.

Band director, Sallie Meyer, stated, "It was a great honor to have been selected to represent the music programs of Battle Creek for such a distinguished group of Christian leaders. The students enjoyed the opportunity to hear Dr. Phipps speak and sing for those attending."

*Sallie Meyer*



*Students at North Arora school learned about frontier missions while raising money to help support some of the missionaries.*

### Students Raise Money for Missionaries

**Illinois**—The third, fourth, and fifth grade classes at the North Aurora school demonstrated their understanding of the prosocial skill of caring about the needs of others by raising \$507.50 for six missionary families this past school year. These seventeen students recognized the great needs of missionaries during a letter-writing project last fall, reports their teacher, Joan Edwards. As the students read of the primitive conditions in which these mission families were living in Cambodia, Thailand, Nepal, West Africa, and the Philippines, and their need for medical supplies, they chose to find a way to help. These missionaries are part of the Adventist Frontier Missions organization, based in Berrien Springs, MI. The organization seeks to plant churches in the most remote areas of the world where the gospel has not yet been heard. Through the inspiring letters, written in answer to the students' pages of questions, the students saw the missionaries' sacrifice and compassion as they selflessly care for needs of the people. During the first two weeks of May, the students sold 145 environmental awareness T-shirts to raise funds for their friends around the world. Edwards states "This is only the beginning as the letter-writing project is scheduled to continue into the school year this fall."

## YOUTH NEWS



Lisa Heneghan (flute), Sara Nicholson (clarinet), Todd Pienach (bass saxophone), Ben Heneghan (saxophone), Shane Flood (trumpet), and Tim Cwodzinski (trumpet). Pat Cwodzinski (clarinet) is not pictured.

### West Park Ensemble Brightens Services

**Illinois**—Despite being a small congregation of approximately 100 members, the West Park Church is not short on musical talent when it comes to the younger members of their church, reports Jennifer Cohs, communication leader. Under the direction of ministry of music members Carol Flood and Dru Cwodzinski, a group of talented young musicians has been formed into an “ensemble” that plays during several Sabbath services each quarter. Their efforts have greatly blessed the congregation.

### Cyberspace Search for Youth Workers

**YOUTHNEWS**—In trying to make full use of today’s technology, the North American Division (NAD) youth ministries department seeks the e-mail addresses of all Adventist youth workers. All youth workers are urged to submit their e-mail addresses to be included in the youth ministry network.

“Electronic mail (e-mail) is an efficient way to support, connect, and nurture youth ministry across the division,” comments Allan Martin, coordinator for the NAD youth department’s online development. “At a click of a button, we can economically exchange program ideas, address youth culture issues, and confirm dynamic speakers for youth events. We also consider these frontline ministers a great resource to us and hope to ask their advice as well. The information superhighway does go both ways.”

Youth workers are asked to submit the following information: name, description of youth ministry role/position, e-mail address, and daytime phone number (optional). This information can be sent to INTERNET:74532.3315@CompuServe.com (CompuServe subscribers use 74532.3315).



### Memory Work Still Going Strong

**Lake Region**—In a day when TV and video games rob the time and talent of youth, it is good to know that some children are still developing their mental strength by memorizing scripture. In the Sharon Church, Inkster, MI, Gary Edwards Jr., of the kindergarten class, and four primary class students, Ada Anderson, Natalie Blake, Channon Hall, and Richard Anderson, recently recited all 13 of their Sabbath school memory verses.

J. Blake

### Service Station: San Francisco

**YOUTHNEWS**—Adventist View, the North American Division’s magazine for young adults, Service Station, an organization that coordinates service trips, and YouthNet have teamed up to sponsor a young adult service trip to the San Francisco Bay area.

The trip, “Service Station ’96: San Francisco,” is especially designed for young adults, 18-35, and runs from Dec. 26 to Jan. 3. During this time volunteers will build houses with Habitat for Humanity, serve meals in soup kitchens, help with beach clean-up and restoration, run a Christmas camp for kids whose parents must work during the holidays, and assist people with AIDS.

During the nine-day service trip, participants will also get a chance to ride the cable cars, take a cruise of San Francisco Bay, visit Alcatraz, see the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman’s Wharf, and tour the famous Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory.

Cost: \$385 for airport pickup, insurance, housing, food, and transportation to and from work sites. Not covered: transportation to and from San Francisco. To register call Fred Cornforth, Service Station Director, at (208) 459-8522; e-mail: 74617.335@CompuServe.com. Registration deadline is September 27.

Jolynn Fisher

**If you are in charge of publicity for your church or group, plan now to see the special program on ACN Sabbath, Nov. 16, 4-6 p.m. (ET) “Building Bridges: Communication in the Local Church”**

## Making Friends for Jesus

**Michigan**—Eliseo attends church off and on. Picture him sitting in the last pew as if he were in a reclining chair. His hair is long, and he is usually wearing blue jeans. Eliseo is a quiet, independent person.

How could I help Eliseo understand the love of Jesus and accept Christ as his personal Savior? Would it happen if I asked him to shave, cut his hair, and dress “more appropriately” for Sabbath? Would it help to tell him he needs to attend church more often or “require” him to attend a baptismal class?

My church launched a program called “Transforming Friends into Brothers/Sisters.” The first step in this program is to create a list of five prospective brothers/sisters in Christ. Eliseo became one of the five on my list. Cultivating a strong friendship with him was now a priority for me.

Soon after I put him on my list, a week of prayer was conducted at our church. Eliseo attended most of the meetings, and when an appeal was made, he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior.

I then invited him to our yearly “Festival of Faith,” a weekend retreat specifically for non-believers. To the surprise of everyone, Eliseo arrived clean-shaven and with his hair cut. He had even bought new clothes. He was gradually becoming a new person on the outside; but more importantly, on the inside he was being transformed by the Holy Spirit. At the meetings, he was impressed by God, and when an appeal was made to reaffirm commitments to Jesus, Eliseo was among those who stood.

The next day, when the evangelist asked who wanted to give their lives to Jesus through baptism, Eliseo asked me, “Should I get baptized today, or wait until after the retreat when we get home?”

I told him, “Do what the Spirit tells you, whether it’s today or some other day.”

Eliseo could not resist the call from the Holy Spirit. That very day he was baptized for the glory and honor of God.

Eliseo recognizes his knowledge of the Bible is very limited, so we continue studying. He is

eager to learn more every day. His goal now is to bring the good news about Jesus to his family in Mexico.



Luis Fernando and Eliseo.

I have found a strange power in cultivating new friendships; it has been more effective than any other method. I encourage you to start transforming your friends into “brothers” or “sisters” for Christ. Start today!

*Luis F. Ortiz, associate pastor,  
Berrien Springs Spanish Church*

## God Provides for Net '96

**Michigan**—The 60-member church at Edmore, MI felt they could not afford to purchase a new satellite system for NET '96. Yet they wanted to experience the joys of seeing people won to Jesus through this type of evangelism. So they prayed and God stepped in to provide an answer to their prayers.

I learned about a used satellite system for sale from a friend. I was told to contact the Montcalm County Commissioner who was selling the system for \$300. When the commissioner’s husband asked who needed the satellite system and I told him the Edmore Adventist Church, the commissioner donated the system. However, the dish was too large for the small area near the church.

Three weeks later I noticed two smaller satellite dishes next to a local furniture store. When I inquired of the owner how much he was asking for the dishes, the owner questioned, “Who would these be for?” I told him. Then the owner selected the best dish, a 7 1/2 foot mesh, and donated it to the church. (The dish was just the perfect size). The owner then asked me, “What satellite bands do you need to receive in order to get the telecast.” When I responded that the “C” and “Ku” bands were the ones that the programs (ACN and 3ABN) would be aired over, the store owner went into his office and made a telephone call. He soon returned to tell me that he had spoken with his distributor, and that all the other equipment the church needed was on its way. I thanked the store owner but wondered what he was up to, since I had clearly explained that the church had little or no funds to pay for any other equipment.

Two weeks later, the store owner’s satellite technician called to ask if it would be convenient to begin installing the satellite equipment at the church (a job costing \$500). At this point, I learned that all the funds for the additional equipment and installation had been donated, including the cost of setting the pole for the satellite dish and all the wiring for the receiver. A minimum charge for all of this would have been more than \$1,000.

Now the Edmore Church is able to give the 59-mem-



Jim Osborne stands next to the satellite system donated to the Edmore Church—God’s miracles in answer to the members’ earnest prayer.

ber Lakeview Church some satellite equipment they can use, and Lakeview is in the process of having it installed. Both churches believe God performed miracles on their behalf, and that He has a special purpose for them in NET '96. Today they are working with and praying for people to come and watch NET '96 and make decisions to love and follow Jesus by becoming Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

*James Osborne, Edmore head deacon*

## A Way to Their Hearts

**Michigan**—Not only is good cooking a “way to a man’s heart,” but it is also a way to introduce people to the love of Jesus and prepare them for NET '96. This is why several members of the Petoskey Church hosted a “Natural Lifestyle” vegetarian cooking class on five consecutive Thursday nights this summer, reports Debra Matthew, communication leader. Twenty-five



*Debbie Norris and Tammy Micheff demonstrated the bread making techniques for these delicious breads.*

grateful people from the community responded, one couple driving more than 65 miles to attend. However, it was not just the excellent recipes and food samples which created interest, but also

Ken Mitcheff’s spiritual guidance through the text book discussions that gave “the bread of life” a new meaning to the visitors. The members are praying that these contacts will allow them to invite their community guests to return for the NET '96 series in October.

## Ypsilanti Wired for NET '96

**Lake Region**—The Ypsilanti Church will not be left out of the satellite evangelistic series this time. Efforts have been ongoing since early this year to “seed the community” in preparation for NET '96. Ray Young, communication leader, first got involved with satellite evangelism when he set out to carry the General Conference (GC) session, aired on the Adventist Communication Network (ACN). He caught the vision of what this could mean for his church family in their efforts to share the love of Christ in the local community. Determined to be a part of NET '96, he shared the vision with the pastor and church board, and not two weeks later a satellite dish, two monitors, and a receiver were bringing satellite programs (plus the GC session) to the Ypsilanti Church family.

Members and visitors were amazed at the technology and thrilled to be part of the GC session held in Utrecht. This sparked a fire of commitment to make NET '96 the evangelistic thrust for the Ypsilanti Church. Personal ministries leader, Phyllis Washington, quickly involved her staff and other volunteers to implement a campaign to ready the church and community for NET '96.

One of the most exciting programs is the Bible correspondence school that has been started, based at the Ypsilanti Church. The target enrollment is 150. To date there are almost 80 enrollees. Juniors, ages 9-11, have assisted with getting the school started—setting up files, stocking lessons, and performing other tasks.

Collaboration with other area churches has increased the number involved in the preparation. The first time Washington spoke with Dan Hall, pastor of the nearby Ann Arbor (MI) Church, she solicited their support and participation. Although the Ann Arbor Church is a member of the Michigan Conference and the Ypsilanti Church is a Lake Region constituent, both churches have worked together on previous occasions to respond to the gospel commission. This time was no different. Hall became so excited about NET '96 that he offered to have the Ann Arbor Church sponsor a newspaper ad offering the *Discover Bible* course. Lake Region’s Sharon Church in Inkster is also excited about the evangelistic series. Until they obtain their own satellite equipment, they will support NET '96 at the Ypsilanti Church. The Lake Region’s London and Michigan’s Belleville churches will also be participating in NET '96 at the Ypsilanti Church site. It has been exciting to see churches work cooperatively for the common purpose of spreading the gospel.

Despite meager resources, conference boundaries, and other obstacles, local churches need to pool their resources and work together to hasten the Lord’s coming. The Ypsilanti Church, together with other churches, is wired and ready for NET '96. Teamwork . . . that’s what NET '96 is all about. T.E.A.M.—Together Everyone Accomplishes More!

*Ray Young*

## Cooking Secrets for Success

**Michigan**—Two years ago the Adrian Church held several cooking schools which more than 80 people attended. Several attendees indicated an interest in more training in vegetarian cooking.

Church member Madlyn Hamblin decided to invite six interested women to her home once a month for a vegetarian meal. At these meals she provides recipes, instructions, and Christian fellowship. Over the two years she has continued these dinners, she has become close friends with these women. When the Metropolitan Church had their Vegetarian Tasting Extravaganza in November, she took them as her guests.

Because Hamblin would really like to see these women attend the NET '96 meetings in her church next month, she decided to purchase Mark Finley’s cooking class videos. She shows one after each meal she serves to her new friends. She hopes they will become familiar with Finley and will want to attend his “Beyond 2,000” series at her church.

“If I can do this, anyone can,” Hamblin exclaims. “And believe me, people really love being invited out once a month for a lovely, healthful meal.” Of course, Finley would smilingly say she is engaged in “Friendship Evangelism.”

*Bruce Babienco*

### Discovery Channel to Feature Adventist Church History

**Michigan**—From England to Michigan came the six-member overseas television crew from the "Discovery" channel to visit the Battle Creek Tabernacle and other historic Adventist sites in that city, reports Hilda Crandall, communication leader. They were producing a ten-segment television series on Seventh-day Adventists as part of a new series called "Beginnings," which deals with organizations whose historic origins are in the United States. They had chosen to televise the Battle Creek Tabernacle and its services as a representative location where the Adventist Church organization officially began in 1863, and now has a worldwide membership of nine million. From there the crew were to fly to San Francisco, Hong Kong, Singapore, and India.

According to Jim Burke, producer of the programs, the ten-part series will begin on Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997, with parts shown on both the Discovery and the History channels. The Battle Creek Tabernacle is scheduled to appear as part of that first telecast.

### Fund-raising for Healing the Hurt

**Michigan**—As an employee for more than 20 years in a multi-faceted automotive safety belt company, Oscar Ranzinger, personal ministries leader last year at the Waterford-Pontiac Church, shares the annual Ingathering appeal with nearly 100 of his work associates, reports Lyle Davis, Pontiac pastor. Because they have come to know and trust Oscar as well as the Ingathering cause he represents, their donations have increased year by year. Last year he brought in nearly \$1,500, with his largest single donation being \$300.

Praise God for the good impressions many of our workers

are making day by day in the shops and factories. Surely the Holy Spirit uses them to help the non-Adventist employees respond with monetary gifts to allow the Ingathering funds to help heal the hurting people in our world.



Oscar Ranzinger, left, receives an award from Lyle Davis, Pontiac pastor, for his Ingathering work at his workplace.

### Illinois Retreat to Include First Business/Professional Women's Expo

**Illinois**—The sixth annual Women's Ministries Retreat for Christian women in Illinois will be held Oct. 4-6 at the Wyndham Hamilton Hotel in Itasca, IL (west of Chicago).

Jo Ann Davidson will be the featured speaker with the theme: "Strength for the Journey." Along with completing doctoral studies in theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, Davidson teaches the doctrines of ethics, humanity and divinity at the Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, MI.

A remarkable variety of "Strength for the Journey" seminars are planned, including: Discovering Your spiritual Gifts; Expressions of Love—Love Languages; Perfection in Progress: The Study of Rahab; Our Lost Children (grief support); A Memorial Service for Our Lost Children; Christian Etiquette; Singles—Men and Women Speaking; The Golden Years; Keeping Kids Safe; Traits of a Healthy Marriage; Personality Types, Angels; Feminine Image; Budgeting; Interviewing; and especially for survivors of abuse: The Courage to Know, The Courage to Heal, and The Courage to Fly.

A new feature this year is the Christian Business Women's Expo where business women attending the retreat may display and/or sell their products. Plans also include development of a network directory of the women who come and the professions they represent. The Illinois Adventist Book Center will also present a large collection of appropriate books right in the hotel for the convenience of attendees.

To be a part of this Spirit-filled time, call Pastor Marsha Collins at (630) 910-7583, or Lola Grillo at (312) 631-0798.

### Wisconsin Women's Retreats "Worth Every Penny"

**Wisconsin**—"Just plain refreshing," "Worth every penny and more," and "I have never felt so special," are just some of the comments made by women after attending an annual women's retreat in Wisconsin. With no kids, no men, and no work allowed, the weekends have grown to be a popular time for physical, mental, and spiritual renewal.

The eighth annual Wisconsin Women's Retreat, to be held Oct. 18-20 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, features keynote speaker Rebekah Cheng, a Milwaukee physician and member of the Waukesha (WI) Church. In addition to her medical teaching and practice, Cheng co-hosts Faith for Today's "Lifestyle Magazine" television program, writes the "Dear Dr. Becky" column in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*,





*Rebekah Cheng will be the keynote speaker for the Wisconsin Women's Retreat.*

and cares for her three sons, Christopher, Andrew, and Ryan. A popular breakaway leader at past retreats, this is Dr. Cheng's first year as keynote speaker. Her topic is "Living a Life of Grace Amid Chaos."

Breakaway speakers include: Cynthia Prime, women's ministries coordinator for the Lake Union Conference; Marti Schneider, secretary for the North American Division Evangelistic Institute, seminary student, and

wife of Don Schneider, Lake Union president; Susan Boon, a Wisconsin psychologist; and others.

According to organizers, this retreat promises to be bigger, better, and less expensive. "We were able to keep rates the same as or less than last year," says co-planner Aileen Patton. To register, call (608) 241-5235.

*Lauri Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director*

## Training Seminar for Women's Ministries Coordinators

**Michigan**—A leadership seminar will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Greater Lansing Adventist School from 9:45 a.m.—4 p.m. The seminar is designed for church women's ministries coordinators and for churches who do not have coordinators but would like to start a women's ministries group. Women will learn how to organize a women's ministries program, effectively read Scripture publicly, prepare a news release for the media and for promotion in the church, plan and deliver a speech, and build confidence in their leadership skills through a program of personal and spiritual growth. For information, call Myrna Earles at (517) 886-1093.

## Women's Ministries Strengthens Whole Church Program in Rockford

**Illinois**—Outreach, evangelism, friendship, commitment, and spiritual growth describe women's ministries at the Rockford Church, report Vonnie Busker and Jill Leigh, the co-directors. In the three years of existence, an assortment of programs have begun to fulfill the needs of our own members and to start reaching out to the needs of nonmembers.

Programs have included an English teaparty (hats and gloves required), breakfast and dinner meetings, guest speakers from the local crisis pregnancy center, and a massage therapist giving insights into the benefits of good diet, exercise,

and massage to help stress.

Outreach programs have included MELD (Mothers Establishing Life Directions), serving a meal-a-month at a local Red Cross homeless shelter.

Friendship is a real need and concern of our ministry. As friendships are established, it encourages women to reach out to their neighbors and community.

To strengthen our spiritual growth, we have just recently completed the "Every Woman Bible Study."

With the upcoming NET '96 evangelistic event, the Rockford chapter of women's ministries turned their collective attention to this effort. Donna Grow, treasurer, is currently focusing her attention on advertising our upcoming cooking school; Vonnie Busker, co-director, is heading up the childcare program; and Jill Leigh, co-director, has taken on the task of head greeter. Linda Sandeen is working on the invitations to the programs in part by combing through old interest cards. Others are busy distributing Bible school enrollment cards door-to-door.

In the world in which we live today, rife with divorce, single parent homes, drug and alcohol addictions, crime and unhappiness, we believe in women's ministries. We try through different avenues to reach the people who are hurting and to show them there is a shelter from the world today.

## Women's Weekend

**Illinois**—The Hinsdale Fil-Am Church had one special celebration this year—the recognition of the women of the church—which was attended by more than 250 members and visitors, reports Grace Consignado, communication leader.

Beth Salva and Cenon Menes, church Family Life Ministry directors, facilitated the involvement of various departments which included the social committee, the Pathfinders, the deaconesses, and the Adventist Community Services.

Cynthia Prime, Lake Union Women's Ministries coordinator, was the speaker for this special weekend.

Her theme: "Keys to the Kingdom."

Instead of the usual women and mothers of the church busily preparing and serving the traditional potluck dinner, the men and fathers served. They washed the dishes, too!



*In a show of support, the men of the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church not only prepared and served a Sabbath dinner for the women, they did the dishes afterwards.*

## NAD Women's Commission Considers Increased Roles

The President's Commission on Women in Ministry will consider ways to recognize the gifts God has given to women and to increase their participation in the life of the church, but it will not discuss the General Conference policy regarding the ordination of women, according to the terms of reference announced by the North American Division this past week.

The commission will consider ways to expand the role of women in pastoral ministry and ways to recognize the gifts God has given to women. It also will recommend plans to increase the participation of women at the decision-making levels of the church and to increase the participation of women in the organizational and professional levels of the church. Finally it will look for methods to affirm women in pastoral and other spiritual ministries.

## ACN Premieres Two New Shows

In an effort to fulfill needs for training, outreach, and evangelism in local churches across North America, the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) will premiere two new shows this season in addition to the news, mission reports, and special division-wide events regularly offered.

*Lifestyle Live* aims to meet the outreach needs of local churches and will focus on health, family, finances, and spiritual life. Content is being developed specifically with non-members in mind, creating the need for change within the hearts and minds of program participants and directing them to follow Jesus Christ.

"Much like an educational seminar, *Lifestyle Live* will be the kind of event that promotes a better quality of life and provides participants with useful information, helpful resources, and greater hope," says Kermit Netteburg, general manager of ACN. "We want local churches to be able to open their doors and invite non-Adventist friends, neighbors, and family members to come and fellowship in a safe environment where their needs are filled and their questions are answered."

Three *Lifestyle Live* events, uplinked Sunday evenings, have been planned to fill current needs found in communities across the division. Topics included in the 1996-1997 schedule are "The Second Coming of Christ," "Fighting Heart Disease," and "Single Parenting in the '90s." Dan Matthews, host of the popular *Lifestyle Magazine* television show, will serve as host of the new series.

*Cross Training* is a workshop series that has been developed to meet the needs of specific leadership groups in local churches such as elected church officers and volunteer ministry leaders. This season, ACN will focus on training Communication, Pathfinder, Personal Ministries, and Health and Temperance leaders as well as pastors and elders.

The workshops, uplinked on Sabbath afternoons, will provide introductory and advanced information that will help local leaders identify their responsibilities and the resources available for them to use in effectively carrying out their ministry. The six programs planned for this season will educate leaders in the application of their ministry and share successful methods for local church growth.

"Cross Training will involve departmental directors at the local church, conference, union, and division levels so we can effectively equip local leaders to use their gifts and fulfill the ministries they have been chosen to lead," says Jack Calkins, executive producer of the new series.

## 2,000 and Growing

Opportunity for participation in ACN programming has nearly tripled in the past year largely because of the North American Division's evangelism initiative—NET '96. Now that there are nearly 2,000 Adventist churches using ACN, more Adventists have access to the programming.

"With nearly half of North America's churches investing in satellite equipment, we expect that very soon most Adventists will live within a one-hour drive of a downlink site," Netteburg says. "And by using the evangelism series, training workshops, educational outreach seminars, news and mission reports, and live coverage of special division-wide events, local churches can now provide their members and communities with the most popular and effective speakers and the best resources needed for ministry today."

ACN is currently focusing on providing users with quality training and outreach events, because when pastors and local church leaders were surveyed as to their ministry needs at the local church level, they called for aid in training and outreach programs. And because some district pastors were interested in supplementing Sabbath programming in their absence, the ACN board recently voted to explore the development of a Sabbath sermon series.

## ACN's 1996-1997 Schedule of Training and Outreach Events

### *Lifestyle Live*

January 19, 1997—The Second Coming: What It Means to You and Your Family

February 16, 1997—HeartBeat '97: Fighting a Leading Killer

May 18, 1997—Positive Single Parenting in the '90s

### *Cross Training*

November 16, 1996—Building Bridges: Communication in the Local Church

January 25, 1997—The Latest Ministry Resources and Support Services

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# CREATIVE PARENTING

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## Making the Most of TV

### TV Guide

Today we are observing the rapid spread of a major childhood disease. This contagious infection hinders creative activities, intellectual initiative, and social interaction. Young people at every socioeconomic level are being affected by this dread epidemic, sometimes called the Couch Potato Syndrome.

Summertime can either make or break the spread of this disease in your family. The A.C. Nielson Co. reports that the TV set is on more than seven hours a day in the average household, with children spending more than twenty-five hours a week in front of the TV. While some networks and educational channels offer healthy, worthwhile programming, much of what children view is detrimental to their emotional, intellectual, and spiritual health.

As you decide how much TV you allow your children to watch, keep in mind these facts. By age sixteen, the average child has seen 50,000 murders and 200,000 acts of violence on TV. Solving problems through the use of aggression is often modeled on TV programs (and in movies) in an ever-spiraling attempt to see who can depict the most gory scenes and stay within the "accepted limits." When inappropriate, aggressive, or high-risk behavior is modeled by so-called TV or movie stars, this makes it more difficult to deal with children's social behavior problems (especially those of the child with ADD). Remember, one of the major sources of learning for your child is through imitation.

Ninety-four-percent of the sexual acts depicted or referred to on prime-time TV are between unmarried partners. Studies have indicated that the more time a child watches television, the lower his or her achievement test scores will be.

When traumatic events take place in our society, the story is broadcast over and over, often showing the gruesome details. This is very unsettling to children, and they should not be exposed to an event over and over again.

To fight the spread of Couch Potato Disease, some friends of ours cut the plug off the end of the cord on their TV each time they found themselves spending too much time in front of the TV. Eventually the cord got so short, they couldn't plug it into the wall anymore. So they stored it upstairs, and while they were gone on a trip, someone broke into their house and stole their cordless, plugless TV!

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## Suggestions from School Principals

The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) has offered ten suggestions to parents:

1. Set an example: Don't leave the TV on all the time, even when you're eating or engaged in other activities. Select specific programs for information or entertainment, and don't watch "adult" programs when children are present.
2. Don't use TV as a baby-sitter: Keep interesting items handy as an alternative to TV, such as jigsaw puzzles, board games, crayons, pencils, paper, books, and magazines.
3. Reject all other violent "media": Make it a family rule that violence has no place in your home, whether on videotapes, video games, radio programs, music lyrics, or reading materials.
4. Schedule daily activities: Teach your child to plan a daily after-school schedule in which TV fills only a small block of time—or perhaps none!
5. Plan a weekly TV schedule: Sit down each week with your child and choose suitable children's and family programs from the weekly TV listings.

### **The only time that kids look up to their parents is when they shut off the TV set.**

6. Use TV to teach: Children interpret what they see differently than adults. They may not be able to distinguish fiction from fact, and something you think is funny may terrify a child. Therefore, it's a good idea to watch programs with your child and explain the difference between news and entertainment, reality and make-believe, education and exploitation. Discuss programs with your children and compare your family values with those shown on TV.
7. Keep an eye on the tube: Locate the family TV in a central location where you can monitor who is watching what. Children should not have TV sets in their bedrooms, although radios may be permitted and books are encouraged. Watch and evaluate new programs—even cartoons—before you let your child tune in.
8. Encourage other activities: The average American child watches TV for almost as much time as is spent in school! You can reduce TV time by requiring or promoting other at-home activities, such as exercise, hobbies, crafts, reading, playing games, tending pets, helping with household tasks, doing homework, keeping a journal, and writing letters.
9. Look for good TV: There are many fine programs on television that you can watch with your children including concerts, plays, sports events, nature and wildlife shows, animated films, and movies suitable for children.
10. Join forces to oppose TV violence: Cooperate with teachers and other parents in efforts to reduce TV violence by writing or calling local and network television officials, government regulatory agencies, and Congressional leaders. Let them know that you are concerned about TV violence and advocate the development of quality programs for children.

—by David Sweet and Ram Singh

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# Ages & Stages

## Fascinating Fiction

These are arguments made by the entertainment industry that we might be subconsciously accepting; but if you think about them, they aren't really true:

- < TV doesn't cause violence in the world, it just reflects it. Violence on TV is useful and cautionary. By suggesting that evil and harm are everywhere, television encourages us to be prepared.
- < You shouldn't exercise too much caution about what your children see on television. After all, gravitating toward the forbidden is just a natural part of growing up.
- < Viewers have always seen very clearly the distinction between real violence and cartoon or film violence, and their personal lives are not affected by what they view.

—from *Toxic Trends* by Madlyn Hamblin and Cari Haus

## Making the Most of TV, continued:

Likely your family will keep your TV, so here are some suggestions of ways to use a TV in a positive way. Watch programs with your children. Then discuss the positive and negatives and what can be learned from the program. Here are some discussion questions you may want to consider using with your family:

- 1 How would you rate this show on a scale from one to ten?
- 2 What was the program's message?
- 3 Could you identify with any of the characters?
- 4 What would you do to help any of the characters?
- 5 Was there anything in the program you did not agree with?
- 6 Did you feel this show portrayed life as it really is?
- 7 Was this program worth your time?
- 8 What in the program uplifted you or motivated you to be a better person?

## Things to Do When Kids Say, "I'm bored!"

### Younger Children

- Colorful creative salt. Add 5-6 drops food coloring to 1/2 cup household salt. Stir well. Cook in microwave for 1-2 minutes or spread on waxed paper and let air dry. Store in an airtight container. Use as you would glitter.
- Paint roller. Pry the top off a roll-on deodorant bottle. Fill it with tempera paint and snap the top back on the bottle. Now you have a giant paint pen.
- Listen to some quiet music while you rub your child's back.
- Punch holes in the bottom of an oatmeal or shoe box. Shine a flashlight in the box toward the ceiling in a darkened room. This is great for toddlers who resist nap times.
- Make a bird feeder by rolling a pine cone in peanut butter, then in bird seed. Hang from a tree with string.

### School-Aged Children

- Crazy putty: Put one tablespoon Sta-Flo liquid starch into a bowl. Add one tablespoon Elmer's white glue (not school glue). Fold the starch over the glob of glue until it's not sticky. Press the glob between your hands and stretch like taffy.
- Make flavored toothpicks with peppermint or cinnamon oil, which you can buy at your pharmacy.
- Make a volcano. Mound dirt six to ten inches high and then clear a hole down the middle of it. Put 2 teaspoons baking soda in the hole. Pour in some inexpensive vinegar and watch your "eruption."
- Divide your group (or family members) into teams and collect interesting things from your yard. Either using colored chalk on the driveway, or sand at the beach, with the items you found create a picture depicting a scene or Bible story. Then the other team tries to guess what story the picture illustrates.
- Make a miniature golf course out of odds and ends in your home and yard. Kids can name the course, advertise it, and even give out tickets to other family members or children in the neighborhood.

**There was a young mother  
from Kalamazoo, whose  
children asked constantly,  
"What can we do?"**

### Preteens and Teens

- Help your teen create an emergency bag for his or her locker. Include pencils and pens, energy bars, change for the telephone, grooming and hygiene products, etc.
- Purchase a school year calendar and encourage your teen to begin writing in dates of important events coming up.
- Work with your teen to develop a list of needs and wants for the beginning of the school year. At the top of the page, one column should read "I need", one column should read "I want," and a third column can be used for listing the price of the item if it is something that needs to be purchased. This can assist your teen in separating his or her needs from wants and help you understand what is important to your child.

Some ideas for this issue adapted from *A Mother's Manual for Summer Survival* by Kathy Peel and Joy Mahaffey.

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This feature page is designed as a resource. You are welcome to clip it out. The Lake Union Herald is 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—so let us hear what you need!

# MILEPOSTS

## ANNIVERSARIES



**Eston L. and Betty D. Allen** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family on June 11, 1996.

Eston married Betty Hintz who was attending Union College when they met. He had served four years in Europe during World War II. They were married in Davenport, IA. They served in the Illinois Conference for 25 years as pastor, evangelist, and departmental director for Bible school, religious liberty, communication, and Sabbath

school. They served their last seven years as Sabbath school director for the Upper Columbia Conference.

In 1986 they retired and moved back to Illinois to be with their daughter, Lynn Peterman; 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

## WEDDINGS

**Kimberly A. Bourgeois and Jeffrey P. Fisher** were married June 16, 1996, in Roseville, CA. The ceremony was performed by Elder James R. Fisher.

Kimberly is the daughter of Steven and Wanda Phillips of Cool, CA, and Jeffrey is the son of James and Ann Fisher of Berrien Springs, MI.

The Fishers are making their home in Loma Linda, CA.

**Jailyn Colburn and Gregory Morrow** were married June 23,

1996, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Glenn Russell.

Jailyn is the daughter of E. Jay and Carolyn Colburn of Mount Vernon, OH, and Gregory is the son of Robert and Terry Morrow of St. Joseph, MI.

The Morrows are making their home in Lancaster, OH.

**Sharna D. Keehn and Jonathan M. Fisher** were married May 12, 1996 in Collegedale, TN. The ceremony was performed by Elder James R. Fisher.

Sharna is the daughter of Robert Keehn of Tulsa, OK, and Kathy and Jimmie Basler of Claremore, OK, and Jonathan is the son of James and Ann Fisher of Berrien Springs, MI.

The Fishers are making their home in Southwestern Michigan.

**Deborah M. Smith and Samir D. Serrano** were married June 23, 1996, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Roland Meredith Smith.

Deborah is the daughter of Roland and Carole Smith of Columbia, MD, and Samir is the son of Abel and Rosa Serrano of Las Marias, PR.

The Serranos are making their home in Champaign, IL.

## OBITUARIES

**BAKER, Pearl A.**, age 76; born Mar. 14, 1920, in Keene Township, MI; died May 14, 1996, in Ionia, MI. She was a member of the Ionia Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lyle Baker; sons, Richard, Samuel, and Marvin; daughter, Susan Sutherland; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff, and interment was in Easton Cemetery, Ionia, MI.

**BANKS, Calvin**, age 88; born Mar. 8, 1908, in Selma, AL; died Jul. 10, 1995, in Palos Heights, IL. He was a member of the Beacon of Joy Church, Chicago, IL.

Survivors include his son James; daughters, Lee Rosa Mitchell, Ollie Lee Braxton, and Zelma Smith; sister, Mattie Lee Towney; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Charles Graham and James Clements Jr., and interment was in Burr Oak Cemetery, Alsip, IL.





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**BEAL, Olivia**, age 84; born Aug. 1, 1911, in Hayes Township, MI; died May 4, 1996, in Petoskey, MI. She was a member of the Petoskey Church.

Survivors include her son, Orville; daughter, Marilyn Coy; 8 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ken Micheff and Wilbur Woodhams, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey.

**BISSELL, Margaret E.**, age 92; born Mar. 25, 1904, in Marion County, WA; died May 11, 1996, in Fairview, MI. She was a member of the Mio (MI) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Alice J. Rohl, and brother, John J. Heiskell.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bill Cowin, and interment was in Kittle Cemetery, Mio.

**BRASSINGTON, Janne**, age 70; born Jul. 27, 1925, in Ashley, MI; died Jun. 7, 1996, in Big Rapids, MI. She was a member of the Big Rapids Church.

Survivors include her husband, Russell; sons, George and Tom; daughter, Jani Whiting; parents, Harmon and Mildred Gruesbeck; sisters, Beth Stephens and Margaret Howe; and 7 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ryan Counsell, and interment was in Martiny Township Cemetery, Rodney, MI.

**CAMPBELL, Ruby A.**, age 66; born Nov. 3, 1929; died May 22, 1996, in Holly, MI. She was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin; sons, Daniel and Douglas; daughter, Arlene Campbell; sisters, Alma Charles and Gladys Knight; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Alvaro Souza and Daniel Towar, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly.

**CASTELBUONO, Anthony**, age 77; born Dec. 19, 1918, in Elmhurst, IL; died May 15, 1996, in Berrien Springs, MI. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline (Cinquemani); son, Roy; daughter, Marilyn Castelbuono; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**CHAMPION, Alvin "Jim" C.**, age 67; born Dec. 31, 1927, in Marinette, WI; died Aug. 15, 1995, in Marinette, WI. He was a member of the Menominee (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; son, Steven; daughter, Susan Jan; brothers, Raymond and Leery; and sister, Sandra Peterson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, and interment was in Greenwood (WI) Memorial Gardens.

**CHRISTENSEN, Frances L.**, age 83; born Jan. 17, 1913, in Coopersville, MI; died May 10, 1996, in East Grand Rapids, MI. She was a member of the Ionia (MI) Church.

Survivors include her son, Otto; daughters, Carolyn Gladding, Kathleen Jean Ferguson, and Kathleen Jane Snow; brother, Alfred Peterson; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff, and interment was in River Ridge Cemetery, Belding, MI.

**DEMONEY, Adeline M.**, age 104; born Dec. 7, 1891, in Hospers, IA; died May 28, 1996, in Janesville, WI. She was a member of the Janesville Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Helen Marek; 2 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Mick Burrington, church elder, and interment was in Milton (WI) Lawns Memorial Park.

**DU CHATEAU, Ervin H.**, age 81; born Mar. 11, 1915, in Suamico, WI; died May 25, 1996, in Green Bay, WI. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; daughters, Shirley Davis and Nancy Chapman; brother, Raymond; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Marvin Clark, and interment was in Fort Howard Cemetery, Green Bay.

**DUNN, Bessie "Betty" S.**, age 76; born Sep. 20, 1919, in Wayne County, MI; died Oct. 29, 1995, in Cadillac, MI. She was a mem-

ber of the Marion and Cadillac Churches.

Survivors include her sons, Robert C., L. B., Eldon J., Jonathan, Scott, Richard, and Kevin; daughters, Sara "Sally" Richards and Carolyn Hearn; 30 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Robert C. Quillin and John Johnston, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Marion, MI.

**FIELDS, Alice R.**, age 78; born Feb. 28, 1917, in Bloomfield, IN; died Aug. 28, 1995, in Michell, IN. She was a member of the Bloomington Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence; daughters, Linda Baker and Sandra Behan; 2 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Murray Deming and Donald Short, and interment was in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Greene County, IN.

**GAL, Rebecca**, age 100; born Oct. 21, 1895, in Romania; died Jan. 31, 1996, in Cebree, KY. She was a member of the Northwest Church, Crown Point, IN.

Survivors include her sons, George, Alex, and Troyan; daughters, Mary Uskert, Irene Inman, and Elaine Radeff; 20 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dave Devnich, and interment was in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN.

**GARTIN, John E. Sr.**, age 78; born Jan. 27, 1918, in Indianapolis IN; died Mar. 12, 1996, in Indianapolis, IN. He was a member of the Indianapolis Eastside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah (Thomasson); son, John Jr.; daughters, Reva Minter and Glenda Willis; brother, Robert; sister, Nancy Cobb; 8 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

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

**GLASS, Robert J.**, age 80; born Feb. 4, 1916, in Watertown Twp., MI; died May 5, 1996, in Frankenmouth, MI. He was a mem-

ber of the Otter Lake (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; sons, John, James, and Robert; daughter, Elise Parker; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors John Glass and Ed Eigenberg, and interment was in Watertown Twp., Fostoria, MI.

**GOODALL, Kaleb B.**, age 12 weeks; born Feb. 6, 1996, in Geneva, IL; died May 2, 1996, in Aurora, IL.

Survivors include his mother, Sandy; father, Gilbert; and sister, Timberly.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Steve Shaw, with private inurnment.

**GRIGNON, Myrtle**, age 82; born Oct. 27, 1913, in Daggett, MI; died May 5, 1996, in Suring, WI. She was a member of the Gillett (WI) Church.

Survivors include her son, Richard; daughters, Sandra Grignon, Sally Pyles, and Ruth A. Simpson; 6 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Art Miller and John Knobloch, and interment was in

Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Suring.

**HOWARD, Willard H.**, age 88; born Sept. 16, 1908, in Fal-mouth, ME; died Apr. 22, 1996, in Hickory Corners, MI. He was a member of the Kalamazoo (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Josephyne (Shasky); son, Willard; daughters, Peggy Rogers, Judi Trumble, and Vicki Simpson; brothers, Melvin and Ralph; sister, Agnes Unger; 12 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

**IRWIN, Junella**, age 65; born Feb. 21, 1931; died Apr. 18, 1996, in Grand Rapids, MI. She was a member of the Lakeview (MI) Church.

Survivors include her son, Ronald J.; daughter, Jeanne L. M. Irwin; brother, Robert S. Anderson; and sister, Maella Ivey.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors John Fortune and Hans Killius, with private inurnment.

**KESICKI, Margaret**, age 88; born Jan. 21, 1908, in Elk Rap-

ids, MI; died June 13, 1996, in Traverse City, MI. She was a member of the Elk Rapids (MI) Church.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Pam Prouty; 3 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Joseph, and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Elk Rapids.

**MIDDLETON, Clark E.**, age 78; born Sept. 24, 1917, in Juniata Township, Tuscola County, MI; died Apr. 30, 1996, in Juniata Township. He was a member of the Vassar (MI) Church.

Survivors include his stepson, Tom Young; step-daughters, Louise Terry and Sybil Dougherty; and 6 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Phil Colburn, and interment was in Watrous-ville (MI) Cemetery.

**MISKIEWICZ, Alexander**, age 60; born Mar. 4, 1936, in Wallington, NJ; died June 13, 1996, in Berrien Center, MI. He was a member of the Berrien Springs (MI) Village Church.



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Survivors include his wife, Janet; sons, Alexander, James, William, and John; brothers, Edward, Daniel, and Joseph; sister, Stella Demerest; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry Lichtenwalter, and interment was in Rosehill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

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**MITTE, Jessie (Weaver-Bliss)**, age 89; born Aug. 25, 1906; died Jan. 12, 1996, in Scottsdale, AZ. She was a member of the Chesaning (MI) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Glen and James Bliss; daughter, Janet Putt; 10 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver and Elder Larry Kagels, and interment was in Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning.

**MUNSON, Earl O.**, age 76; born Aug. 10, 1919, in Monroe, MI; died June 2, 1996, in Battle Creek, MI. He was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include his wife, Achsah; daughters, Elaine Had-dock and Lola J. Weinstein; brothers, Dale and Kenneth; sister Marie Powers; 6 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Kenneth Wilson and Nels Thompson, and interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Battle Creek.

**NEVILLE, William L.**, age 83; born Jan. 1, 1913, near Edinburg,

IN; died June 19, 1996, in Evansville, IN. He was a member of the Washington (IN) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; sons, William Jr. and Darrell Neville, Jimmie, Marion, Harvey, and Eugene Quilter; daughter, Charlene Moenkhaus; 22 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Walter Kolmodin, and interment was in Floral Park Cemetery, Indianapolis.

**PERKINS, Floyd**, age 71; born Feb. 14, 1925, in Viola, WI; died May 7, 1996, in Westby, WI. He was a member of the La Crosse (WI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; son, Rudy; stepsons, James, Larry, and Jeffrey Dakins; brothers, Gerald, Francis, Bruce, Max, and Robert; sisters, Doris Young, Shirley Sophia, and Peggy Lawrence; 5 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor John I. Johansen, and interment was in Sabin (WI) Cemetery.

**SPARKS, Raymon W.**, age 90; born July 12, 1905, in Indiana; died Feb. 6, 1996, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Irvington (IN) Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Barbara; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Adrian Peterson, and interment was in Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis.

**TUBBS, Lillian I.**, age 86; born Jan. 18, 1910, in Harbor Springs, MI; died May 19, 1996, in Petoskey, MI. She was a member of the Petoskey Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Iris Overholt; 2 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ken Micheff, and interment was in Friendship Township, Harbor Springs.

**VAN RIPER, Ernestine S.**, age 92; born Jan. 5, 1904, in Lake City, MI; died May 17, 1996, in Shaftsbury, MI. She was a member of the Morrice (MI) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lester; sons, Jay, Gordon,

and Frank Sloan; daughters, Donna Wilson, Burdetta Sloan, and Barbara Van Scoyk; sister, Mary Ellwood; 24 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman, and interment was in Oak Plain Cemetery, Shaftsbury.

**WHITE, Richard J.**, age 61; born Oct. 7, 1934, in Wokingham Berks, England; died May 31, 1996, in Augusta, MI. He was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include his wife, Shirlee Jean; son, Richard; daughters, Shelley Barroso, and Diana White; sisters, Grace Sherry, Jennifer Rappel, and Carol Hastings; mother, Gladys White; and 4 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors David Sanner and Oliver Johnston and unurnment was in Prairieville (MI) Township Cemetery.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LAKE UNION

**A training session for church leaders, pastors, seminary students** and those involved with women's ministries will be held Sept. 28-29, at the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for the purpose of educating, training and providing resources for those who may have a problem in their church. Contact: Cynthia Prime, Lake Union Conference Women's Ministries Coordinator, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; (317) 255-9461; or Myrna Earles, Michigan Conference Women's Ministries Coordinator, Box 19009, Lansing, MI 48901; (517) 886-1093. Cost for the weekend is \$15, and reservations for accommodations can be made at either Andrews University, or area motels.

### INDIANA

**Indiana Academy Alumni Association** is aggressively seeking the addresses of former teachers, staff members, and students of Indiana Academy. If you can help, please write or fax Jennifer Stone, 906 Cordoba St., University Park, IL 60466; Fax (815) 729-2193.

### MICHIGAN

**The Michigan Academies Alumni Association** invites all graduates/attendees and former faculty of Adelpian Academy, Grand Ledge Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, and Great Lakes Adventist Academy to Alumni Homecoming Oct. 11-12, on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. Honored for the weekend are the classes of

Advertisement for "WOMEN of Spirit" magazine. The cover features a woman and the text "WOMEN of Spirit", "Lynne Waihee Hawaii's Favorite First Lady", "CREATIVE GIFT-GIVING", "Nobody Loves Me", and "HOW TO BE FILLED SPIRITUALLY—If Church Leaves You Empty". A large graphic says "Now Bimonthly". Below the cover, a list of articles is provided: "HOW TO BE FILLED SPIRITUALLY IF YOUR CHURCH LEAVES YOU EMPTY", "Junell Vance—Three Dresses for One Prayer", "HOW TO HELP A DEPRESSED FRIEND", "Teaching Kids to Handle Money", "THE ADOPTION—A TRUE STORY OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE". At the bottom, it says "Call 1-800-765-6955 to order. US\$16.95 for six issues."

## Missionaries Needed in Korea

Adventist native English speaking volunteers; singles or couples (without children) who are college graduates with bachelor's degrees or higher to teach conversational English and Bible for one year or more at the SDA Language Institutes of Korea (teaching experience not necessary—we train you). Benefits include: round-trip ticket, housing, utilities, insurance, and stipend. For more information contact Ray James, 40 Pleasant Dr., Sutter Creek, CA 95685; (209) 267-0342.

'46,'56,'71, and '86. The current names and addresses of alumni are sought in an effort to reach each with the quarterly *Alumni Newsletter*. For more information, contact Shelley Barroso, alumni president, at (517) 561-2364 or Hilda Reichert, academy secretary, at (517) 427-5181.

**The Fall Federation Workshop** for Adventist Community Services will be held the weekend of Sept. 27-29, at Camp Au Sable. Guest speaker will be Larry Ulery, assistant professor of Behavioral

Sciences at Andrews University. His topic: "Christian Management and Client Relationships." For more information, please call the Michigan Conference office 517-485-2226 ext. 275.

## WORLD CHURCH

**Attention Social Workers.** A meeting to discuss the re-formation of the Adventist Social Workers Association (ASWA) is called for Nov. 16, 3-6 p.m., in Cleveland, OH, at the close of the National Association of Social Workers convention. Contact John Gavin M.S.W., Director of Social Services for ADRA-North America; 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904; (301) 680-6438; fax (301) 680-6464; INTERNET:74617461@CompuServe.com (CompuServe subscribers use 74617,461).

**The Erie (PA) church and school,** that is celebrating their 100th anniversary May 17, 1997, is seeking the whereabouts of former members, pastors, teachers, and students. Contact the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 190 Hunter Willis Rd., Erie, PA 16509.

**Faith for Today's Lifestyle Magazine** is now being broadcast twice weekly on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) to a potential audience of more than

70 million households in the United States. The program, which is being broadcast on a barter basis, airs each Monday at 6 p.m. CDT (7 p.m. EDT—prime time!). *Lifestyle Magazine* is then rebroadcast on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. CDT (11:30 EDT). Check area television listings for a channel near you.

**The Association of SDA Optometrists (ASDAO)** seeks the names of Adventist Optometry students. Scholarships are available. Contact Beverly Ackley at 11454 Caminito Garcia, San Diego, CA 92131.

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## ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8**  
*Faith For Today:* "Dieting Mind Games." *It Is Written:* "Miracles

on Trial." *Voice of Prophecy: Sun:* "Love and Steel-belted Tires" *Mon.-Fri.:* "Are Only Dumb People Christians?"

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15**  
*Faith For Today:* "Healing Words: Prayer in Healing." Prayer—does it work? *It Is Written:* "The Emperors's Shattered Dreams." *Voice of Prophecy: Sun:* "Intimacy with God Through Prayer." *Mon.-Fri.:* "You Have to Barbeque First"

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22**  
*Faith For Today:* "Stories of Survival." *It Is Written:* "The Cloak of a Martyr." Walter Arties sings, "Give Me the Bible." *Voice of Prophecy: Sun.:* "Breaking Down Strongholds with Prayer." *Mon.-Fri.:* "Proud of Being a Christian."

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29**  
*Faith For Today:* "Agribusiness." *It Is Written:* "Near Death—of Near Life?" *Voice of Prophecy: Sun:* "Covering Your Children With Prayer." *Mon.-Fri.:* "Kicking Out the Sinners"

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 6**  
*Faith For Today:* "Living with Loss." *It Is Written:* "The Deadliest Plague." Marilyn Cotton sings "The Blood Will Never Lose its Power." *Voice of Prophecy: Sun.:* "Praying Down God's Transforming Fire." *Mon.-Fri.:* "Boycotting the People's Court."

## TITHING INCOME THROUGH JUNE 1996

(TWENTY-SIX WEEKS)

	1996	1995	Gain or Loss	% of Increase
Illinois	3,343,454	3,359,090	(15,636)	-0.47%
Indiana	1,991,038	1,892,802	98,236	5.19%
Lake Region	3,229,075	3,254,465	(25,391)	-0.78%
Michigan	8,890,489	8,331,546	558,943	6.71%
Wisconsin	<u>1,895,139</u>	<u>1,838,566</u>	<u>56,573</u>	<u>3.08%</u>
TOTAL	19,349,195	18,676,469	672,725	3.60%

## ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

**September 14, 4-6 p.m.,** eastern. **NET '96 Prayer Conference: Doing the Work of Prayer.** Galaxy 9 Channel 2.

**October 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m.,** eastern. **First Wednesday.** Galaxy 9 Channel.

**October 3, 4-6 p.m.,** eastern. **NET '96 Workers' Meeting.** Galaxy 9 Channel 2.

**October 5 - November 9 NET '96 Evangelism Series: Discoveries in Prophecy.** "Beyond 2000" is the theme of this evangelism series unlinked Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 7:30-9 p.m., eastern and Pacific times on Galaxy 9 Channels 1 or 2, and on 3ABN in central time.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18
Berrien Springs, MI	7:59	7:47	7:34	7:22	7:11	7:00
Chicago	7:04	6:52	6:40	6:28	6:16	6:05
Detroit	7:47	7:35	7:22	7:10	6:59	6:47
Indianapolis	6:57	6:46	6:34	6:23	6:12	6:02
La Crosse, WI	7:20	7:07	6:54	6:41	6:29	6:17
Lansing, MI	7:52	7:39	7:27	7:15	7:03	6:51
Madison, WI	7:12	6:59	6:46	6:34	6:22	6:10
Springfield, IL	7:11	7:00	6:48	6:37	6:26	6:15

## Additions to NET '96 Overseas

The continued growth of NET '96 overseas as well as in North America has propelled the number of churches participating to 4,800 with some observers predicting a final total of 5,000 churches on line.

In North America the total number of churches enrolled nears 2,200 with late-comers continuing to add to the total. Of this amount some 160 churches operate *Discover* Bible schools but aren't planning to use the satellite transmission

In the Trans-European Division 300 churches are planning to be on line. They include The Netherlands, 2;

Norway, 4; Baltic (Russian) 7; Great Britain, 12; Hungary, 25; Poland, 50; Croatia, 62; and Yugoslavia, 138.

**Germany.** Matthias Muller, the German language coordinator says, "We have 141 places in the German speaking areas prepared for NET '96, including home circles."

**Romania.** Adrian Bocaneanu, president of the Romanian Union Conference, reports 371 churches planning to be on line.

"Most of them are buying the complete equipment," he says. "Some are going to buy the receiver and use it with larger TV sets. In the Hun-

garian-speaking churches we are going to use a Hungarian translation of the NET '95 tapes."

He goes on to say that in one church when they totaled the offering for equipment, it was more than needed. "They didn't expect anyone to reclaim the money, but decided they would rather raise the balance needed to buy equipment for a new congregation—a daughter of their church."

All of this comes into focus when one realizes that the average monthly wage, according to Bocaneanu, is \$50-60 in U.S. dollars, and that a sizeable portion of the

church is made up of students and women who are alone in the church.

**Portugal.** An equally thrilling report comes from Joaquim Dias, the president of the Portuguese Union of Churches. "It is wonderful how our people are supporting the NET '96 program," he notes. "I am pleased to tell you that so far 64 churches in the Portuguese Union are equipped to receive NET '96."

The latest count shows that NET '96 will be transmitted in 12 languages.

# NET '96



## RE-IGNITES EVANGELISM!

**October 5, the opening night of NET '96, is almost here.**



**It's time to visit and invite.**

The Apostle Paul, great missionary of the New Testament, believed in visitation. In Acts 15:36, we read that Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."

We can follow the example of Paul and visit our Bible school students as well as relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Experience has proven that one's interest in the Bible lessons is greatly enhanced by a personal, non-threatening visit.

Make the visit brief. Offer to pray for them. Invite them to come to the NET '96 meetings.

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Peter Neri

### The "Simplicity of Jesus Christ" Principle—3

In my previous two articles I showed how the "Simplicity of Jesus Christ Principle," as found in Isaiah 53:2,3 and Philippians 2:6-8, is the single, most compelling Biblical reason why the wearing of jewelry is inappropriate for Seventh-day Adventist Christians

today. In this article I will share one last thought on the "Simplicity Principle," as I conclude my series on jewelry.

But first I need you to know that I am closing my series on jewelry not because I have exhausted the evidence, but to avoid giving the impression that this is the only problem or temptation facing young people today. In other words, this is not a singular thrust against jewelry. Besides, in my last five articles I have provided enough information to guide you in making your own decision on this timely matter. Through prayer and Bible study, the Holy Spirit will lead any sincere seeker to truth. Praise the Lord!

That being said, I need to share this last thought with you.

The most common excuse used by church members who support the wearing of jewelry goes something like this, "Pastor, what about all the church members who buy expensive houses, expensive clothes, or expensive cars, or wear fur coats, or own numerous expensive toys, etc.? Why don't you address these? Why single out jewelry?" Regardless of the fact that it is improper to defend your behavior based on other peoples behavior(s), I must admit they have a point!

But, I do have an answer for them. The answer is the "Simplicity of Jesus Christ Principle!" As you may have already noticed, this principle does not apply only to jewelry. It applies to all these other issues as well. Those who spend their money lavishly upon themselves are ignoring the simplicity principle just as are those who wear jewelry.

Young friends, with the second coming of Jesus at hand, we must let His example of simplicity be our guide. As Paul aptly declared to the Corinthian believers, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:3.

Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI



Richard Wright

**Richard Wright**, a 17-year-old junior at Battle Creek Academy (BCA), is a reserved student who achieves because he is ambitious both when employed on the job or academically in the class room. His Christian attitude is appreciated because he quietly reveals to his peers a natural thoughtfulness by caring for the needs of others.

"Rick has been an asset to Battle Creek Academy," reflects Douglas Haynes, BCA principal. "He has demonstrated a keen desire to witness for Jesus Christ and an open willingness to make BCA a better place."

Rick was born in Battle Creek, MI. The son of Loren and Linda Wright, he attends the Urbandale Church in Battle Creek. He enjoys music and collects coins and rocks. He hopes to become a mechanical engineer.

**Rebecca Trimbath**, a 17-year-old senior at Battle Creek Academy, attends the Alpena (MI) Church and is the daughter of David and Jacinta Trimbath.

Rebecca joined with a group of adults and youth from the Urbandale Adventist Church who ventured out in faith and went to the Philippines to be a part of "Target 50,000"—an evangelistic crusade by 700 evangelistic teams—with the goal to baptize 50,000 new members. Her Christian influence and dedication were greatly appreciated by the individuals she met overseas and by the members of the evangelistic team. She received the academy's "Caring Heart Award" which is given to students who do outstanding work in the community and in witnessing to the claims of Jesus Christ.

Rebecca plays flute in BCA's concert band, and it's wonderful how God has blessed her musical skills. Next year she is planning on studying psychology at an Adventist college and wants to be involved in their student missionary program. "When she graduates," stated Douglas Hayes, BCA principal, "we will miss her diligent work and dedicated life."



Rebecca Trimbath

# PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

**Mike Edge** is now director of youth and community service for the Indiana Conference in Indianapolis. Mike was formerly the youth director for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference in Shreveport, LA. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. He and his wife Juanita have two children, Greg (16) and Jennifer (14). The Edges love the outdoors and enjoy spending time in nature as a family. They hike, bike, and ski whenever possible. Pastor Mike and his family have just completed a very successful summer at Timber Ridge Camp.

**Armando Camacho** is now pastor of the Richmond/Connersville/New Castle district in Indiana, replacing Doug English who has moved to the Michigan Conference. Armando was a pastor in the Iowa-Missouri Conference for 13 years. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. He and his wife Dora have three boys, Armando Jr. (18), Daniel (17), and Tony (15).

**Curtis DeWitt** is now pastor of the Marion/Markle district in Central Indiana, replacing Stan Wilkinson who has moved to the Elkhart/Warsaw district. Curt was formerly a teacher at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Berrien

Spring, MI. He holds a B.S. degree from Andrews University. He and his wife Kim have three children, Stephanie (6), Stephen (3), and Ashley (1).

**Bradley Galambos** is now pastor of the Glendale Church in Indianapolis, replacing Bob Fetrick who will be teaching at Union College in Lincoln, NE. Bradley was formerly a pastor/evangelist in the Alaska Conference. He holds a B.S. degree in Theology from Southern College, Collegedale, TN. He and his wife Janice have a daughter, Connie (17).

**Bela Kobor** is now pastor of the Rochester/Plymouth/Community churches in Northern Indiana, replacing Dave DePinho who is moving to the Evansville district. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. He and his wife Diane have a daughter, Joanna (6).

**Brian Yensho** is now pastor of the Jeffersonville/New Albany/Scottsburg district, replacing Rodney Miller who is moving to the Kentucky/Tennessee Conference. Brian holds a B.A. degree in Theology from Southern College. He and his wife Rosie have three children, Brian II (15), Andrea (13), and Bradley (11).

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