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Like thousands of churches around the world, the Paw Paw (MI) Church participated in the NET '96 evangelistic campaign. (Photo by Richard Dower.)

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EDITORIAL



Warning: New Members Can Cause Problems

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

We were overjoyed with the news. Our long-awaited, prayed-for new family member was soon to be born. Friends gave us presents. We bought furniture designed especially for babies. We even redecorated a bedroom.

But when he arrived, wow! did he ever create a lot of problems! He didn't speak our language, didn't eat the kind of food we ate, and didn't want to sleep when we wanted to sleep. He wouldn't even dress himself. Mostly, he seemed interested in eating, crying, and creating messes. But, strange as it may sound, we were thrilled to have him!

We have been praying for new members and have spent many dollars preparing for them. We are thrilled that God is answering our prayers as record numbers join the church—more than at any time in the history of the church in North America—but we can expect to have some stress.

Marti and I were in the family years before our babies arrived, but we had to make many adjustments . . . and so it is in the church. New people may sit right where the regular members have been sitting for years. They may not bring the right food to potlucks and may not even dress *correctly* or use the right language. Join me in praying that God will give us the grace to treat the new people the very way Jesus would treat them.

We didn't expect much of our new babies—and it's a good thing, too! New additions to the family or church need a lot of help and support, not criticism, even the constructive kind. If they do need correction, it is best done by the ones who have brought them into the family. When you see new members needing correction, ask yourself some questions: Have I been their main prayer support as they were coming into this church? Did I give them Bible studies? Would they consider me their closest friend in the church? If you are not the person responsible for introducing them to Jesus, probably you are not the best person to correct them. *A note of caution:* if parents react too severely when children make mistakes, we call it child abuse. Surely there will be no cases of abuse of new members in the church.

My son walks just like I walk, but I never have discussed the theory of walking with him. He learned by watching and trying for himself. New members learn that way, too. They can learn about family worship, for instance, by being in a member's home at sundown Sabbath evening.

As parents have responsibility for their children, I believe that we all have responsibility for the new people coming to the church, too. Let's pray, pray, and pray some more . . . for them and for ourselves. Pray that God will protect and strengthen our new members. And pray that we will take such good care of them that they will be glad they joined our family.

Amazing Facts at Pioneer Memorial Church

BY THE EDITOR

Lives have been changed, marriages have been saved, students who were questioning the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are now convinced of them, and church members have found a renewed love for Jesus. Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, said, "I praise God for what the Spirit has done in our midst during these meetings."

"These meetings" refers to an evangelistic series of meetings held by Doug Batchelor, speaker/director of the *Amazing Facts* evangelistic organization, held in the Pioneer Memorial Church. The meetings ran concurrently with NET '96 and began as the Autumn Week of Prayer on the Andrews University campus.

Supported by many of the surrounding Adventist churches in Berrien County, this series had two goals. The first was to target the young adults on the campus of Andrews University with a full scale, professionally-conducted evangelistic crusade. The second was to make a significant impact with the gospel on the surrounding community.

The *Amazing Facts* organization has just completed the writing and printing of a completely new set of Bible study guides. These seminar topics, presented by Doug Batchelor, were videotaped by the *Amazing Facts*

video crew with help from local volunteers and area professionals. The tapes will be used for broadcast, seminars, and home-based evangelism.

The meetings were conducted in the church, even though construction was progressing on the two new Sabbath school wings. Doug Batchelor commented that in spite of the construction inconveniences, the Pioneer Memorial Church staff provided a tremendous spirit of unity, and that it had been a pleasure to work together. He will remember this series because, "There was a tremendous sense of the working of the Spirit of God on the campus."

At the close of the series on November 10, 128 people had made decisions for baptism, including 34 students at Andrews Academy, and 30 had already been baptized.

Rick Palmisano is a young funeral director who lives and works in Niles, Michigan, about 10 miles from Pioneer Memorial Church. A child of Adventist parents, he went to church schools and was baptized. As he grew

up, he drifted away from the church. Married and then divorced, he says, "I have not been happy. Something has been missing in my life."

A brochure came in the mail for the "New Revelation Prophecy Seminar." He attended the meetings, became convicted by the gospel, and will be re-baptized on November 23, 1996.

"Doug Batchelor is very good at taking scripture and applying it to today's issues and problems. He makes it very clear," Rick said.

Dwight Nelson said that, "It has been an honor for the Pioneer Memorial Church to host the videotaping for this new series of Revelation seminars," and he adds, "I believe that when the final story has been written for the Pioneer Memorial Church, for the Andrews campus, and for the churches of Southwestern Michigan, that this Doug Batchelor series of Revelation seminars will be the most significant event in the history of evangelism for this congregation, this campus, and this community."



Doug Batchelor, speaker/director of *Amazing Facts* held an evangelistic series of 28 meetings in the Pioneer Memorial Church.

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

The seed was first planted in East Lansing in 1990 when Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, presented a Revelation Crusade, reports Nancy Allen, Metropolitan Church communication leader, but the harvest came six years later on Oct. 5 when Roy Castelbuono, the current East Lansing pastor, baptized **Duff McAlpine** to join his wife Marylou as an Adventist.

What caused the seed to come to harvest? Marylou had requested Bible studies and attended Elder Gallimore's series which led to her baptism in 1992. Duff supported her decision but was not really interested in the church. When the couple decided to sell their home and move to

After they moved, Duff attended the Metro Church with his wife and their three sons. Within the first year after their move, he attended a *Revelation Prophecy* series presented by Steve Vail in Novi, MI. Since Duff's baptism, the McAlpines have joined the new Novi Company, pastored by Steve Vail.

ministries of his new church, and because of the witness of his life, one of his relatives is taking Bible studies.

Meggan Scofield of Lake Odessa, Michigan, who attends the Grand Ledge Church, desired to be closer to Jesus and a member of her church family, reports Shirley Grant, Grand Ledge Church secretary.

This dream was begun when on her own she completed the children's workbook of Bible lessons authored by Don and Marge Gray. Although she attends public school, her Christian lifestyle has been a spiritual testimony to her fellow students and siblings at home. When Pastor Coursey began studying the Bible with Meggan, he remarked how it was such a joy to watch her blossom into her new life with Christ. On the day of her baptism, the church gave her a beautiful rose bud to symbolize this new life she has in Christ Jesus. Today she enjoys working with children in the Primary Sabbath School Department as the assistant leader.



At his baptism, Duff McAlpine (left) receives a baptismal gift Bible from Pastor Castelbuono.

Walled Lake, MI in 1994, their house took a full year to sell. During that year, Marylou held Bible studies in her home, and Duff listened, asked questions, and began to bond to the men of the church.



Pastor Don Williams, baptized 6 ft, 15-year-old John Simons, a student at Troy Adventist Academy, as a witness to his love for Jesus.

Don Williams, Troy Church pastor, baptized **John Simon**, a 15-year-old student from the Troy Adventist Academy, reports Rose King, Troy Church communication leader. Three years ago, John's non-Adventist parents decided they wanted their son to attend a school near their home, so they put him in the Troy Junior Academy. The influence of Christian teachers and a pastor who had time to give him Bible lessons resulted in his decision to give his life to Jesus. Today John is very active in the



Meggan Scofield holds her rose after Pastor Terry Coursey baptized her and she became a member of the Grand Ledge Church.



Mike Lambert and Pastor George Messer prepare for Mike's baptism in Lake Michigan

The worship hour had ended, writes George Messer, pastor of Manistee, Irons, and Franklin Churches, and I was greeting people at the door, when a stranger said, "Pastor, my name is **Mike Lambert**, and I need to talk to you." As we entered the church office, he said, "Pastor, I want you to rebaptize me," and he shared his story.

More than 22 years ago, because of a crisis in his marriage, Mike had decided that if this was how God worked, he would have nothing to do with Him or His church! He walked away from his Christian lifestyle and an active church life, asking that his name be removed from their records.

Recently when he visited his son, who is a civilian working for the military in Germany, he spent 15 days in a truly Christian environment. His son had been educated in Adventist schools and now, with his young family, was living as a dedicated Seventh-day Adventist. Morning and evening family worships were joyous experiences. Eating a truly healthy diet, enjoying nature, and worshipping in church on Sabbaths with them made him resolve, "I must have what my

son and his family have!"

Returning home, he wondered where he should begin and decided to start with his employer. Since he drives an 18-wheeler, he decided to approach his boss about getting Sabbaths off. Mike realized that he might have to resign, but he was willing to do that if need be in order to keep the Sabbath.

His employer asked, "How about part of the time, Mike?"

"You don't understand," he replied. "I must have every Sabbath off from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

His boss pondered his request and smiled, "Mike, we can't loose you. You are too good a driver! I can't promise you I can get you home every Sabbath, but wherever you are each Friday, park the rig, and worship your God!" Mike breathed a prayer of thanks, as he also thanked his boss.

Mike's next step was to find a church. That is when I met Mike. When we had spent enough time together that I knew he was ready, on Sabbath afternoon, September 21, Mike and I went down into the chilly waters of Lake Michigan for the heartwarming and life-changing

experience of baptism. For Mike, it has truly been a life-changing experience. It is obvious that Jesus orders every aspect of his life. Mike told me that there were those in the church who had continued to pray for him over the years. He confided, "I want those people to know that I am back!"

This story of prevailing and answered prayer is the result of a son's Christian education and the witness of a family who truly had Christ-centered lives and were willing to conscientiously live what they believed. All of these under the blessing of the Holy Spirit brought about the miracle of conversion. Miracles still happen today. Miracles like the story of Mike Lambert

Heard a Good Story Lately?

We'd like to print stories here about people who have joined your church, but we can't print what we don't get.

We are looking for inspiring stories about how new members found the Lord and who might have helped them along the way. What made them decide to seek out the Adventist church? What unique story do they have to tell?

Of course many stories will be linked to NET '96, but what can you tell that's unique?

Would telling your story help to inspire other members to share the love of Jesus in their workplace or neighborhood? Let us hear about it.

Send brief stories to your conference communication director.

Six Short Stories from NET '96

BY THE EDITOR

The NET '96 series of satellite evangelistic meetings with Mark Finley is over. More than 1,500 churches in North America participated, and an additional 2,000 churches in various parts of the world were also involved. The meetings were translated into 12 languages. Across North America, 135,000 people attended the opening night's meeting, including 45,000 non-Adventists. These numbers are impressive, and the technology that was used is incredible, but the real *reason* for NET '96 was the people who came to the meetings and were touched by the gospel. The following stories tell about six individuals and how they have encountered the gospel through NET '96.

CHARLENE

Charlene is crippled by arthritis and is confined to her wheelchair. Although she is an Adventist, she is unable to get out Sabbath mornings to attend the church services. During NET '96, when the weather allowed, she drove her motorized wheelchair two miles to the Kalamazoo, Michigan, Church to attend the meetings. Charlene attended faithfully and needed to be picked up only three nights.

TAMMIE

About 12 years ago, Tammie's parents, Ken and Bea Jones, attended a series of evangelistic meetings in Moline, Illinois. Tammie angrily opposed her parents' decision to become Seventh-day Adventists. She told them that all the Adventists wanted was their money, and if they paid tithe, how could they survive financially?

Ken and Bea were faithful witnesses, and through the years, Tammie's attitude softened. Occasionally she would come to church. For the last two years she has been bringing her daughter to Sabbath school then taking her the next day to Sunday school.

Tammie attended the NET '96 meetings. During this time, she asked Pastor Clarence Small to sit down with her because she had many questions that needed to be answered. One of the questions was, "My husband is not an Adventist. Since I am staying home with my children and have no income of my own, how can I pay tithe?"



Pastor Small commented, "Isn't it wonderful, now she wants to give."

SCOTT

Scott lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, near the zoo. He saw the television ads for the NET '96 meetings and called the toll free 800 telephone number to find the church closest to him. He was given the address of the Irvington Church, located on the eastern side of Indianapolis. Not having a car, Scott and a friend decided to walk the ten miles to the church. It took them three hours, and when they arrived the greeters noticed that they looked a little tired. When their story came out, members quickly organized transportation, and Scott missed only a meeting or two because of illness. He is planning to be baptized along with five others.



Far left: Members and guests in the South Bend Church in Indiana view the NET '96 satellite avangelistic series featuring Mark Finley.

Left: Sporting a satellite dish on the roof, the Northwest Church in Indiana was ready for NET '96. On opening night 150 people attended, including 50 non-member guests.

DALE

Dale is a quiet, mild mannered, reserved individual. He is a machinist in a shop with about 30 employees. When asked to work overtime or to do a special task, Dale's automatic response is "yes" even when it would be an imposition.

Dale's in-laws have become Seventh-day Adventists over the last two years, and Dan Rachor, pastor of the Edenville (Michigan) Church, has been studying with him for six months. Dale attended the NET '96 meetings, accepted the Sabbath, and is planning for baptism.

At the machine shop where Dale works, the work schedule is three days on and three days off. That means that Dale would have to work an occasional Sabbath shift. Dale thought that the owner would not be able to give him every Sabbath off. His fellow employees, however, thought that the owner might make an accommodation.

With uncharacteristic boldness, Dale went to the owner to ask for Sabbaths off. The owner replied that he had been considering changing the work week to a more conventional schedule, and because of Dale's request, he would implement that new schedule.

CHRISTINE

Christine called the telephone number listed in the brochure to register for the NET '96 meetings in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She said that she couldn't come to the meetings, that she had a satellite dish and could she watch them at home. Receiving an affirmative answer, Christine watched faithfully, accepting the truths that Mark Finley presented. She started reading her Bible and was amazed that it was so easy to read.

Pastor Art Miller called on her to see if he could answer her questions. Christine told him that she had kept her first Sabbath, by herself, and that she wanted to be baptized. Since she has no car, church members arranged transportation for her, and she kept the next Sabbath with the members of the Eau Claire Church.

LAURA LEE

Laura Lee lives about 20 miles west of Marshfield, Wisconsin. For most of her life, she has wondered why the Christian world worshiped on Sunday. She would ask questions, but the answers never satisfied her curiosity. One day she had a conversation with one of her co-workers where she works in a home for

troubled teens. Again she asked the question, Why do the Christian denominations worship on Sunday? Her co-worker said that she had been to a Revelation Seminar presented by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and that she had some materials that might answer her questions and would share them with her. This co-worker brought complete sets of lessons from *Amazing Facts* and *Revelation Seminars*.

Laura Lee has been watching NET '96 at home on her satellite equipment and has been taping the meetings. Pastor Bob Stauffer has taken five sets of lessons to her, and she takes the video tape and the lessons to share with the people at work. She is attending the church services and has requested baptism.

There are many more stories that could be told. The people in these stories represent the hundreds of new believers that will be joining our Adventist church family in congregations throughout the Lake Union territory. Take them into your fellowship and into your hearts. Nurture them, protect them, and keep them and yourself near to the heart of God.



All of the participants at the 1996 Ultimate Workout (176), including young people from the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, England, and Newfoundland.

Lake Union Youth Participate in

The Ultimate Workout

BY PAT WICK

Teenagers from 33 states and five countries took their vacation in Panama to build four Seventh-day Adventist Churches during the Ultimate Workout project held July 14-28, 1996. This group of 175 participants, sixteen from the Lake Union, was the largest Ultimate Workout since the first in 1991. Over 100 were teenagers between the ages of 14 and 18.

Another unique feature of the 1996 Ultimate Workout was the leadership, on all four building projects, who were youth themselves. The construction superintendent, lead mason, and spiritual leader for all four churches were between the ages of 19 and 26. Project coordinators on all four projects were under the age of 40.

The Ultimate Workout is a one-of-

a-kind mission service event for teenagers ages 14-18, sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International with support from Insight magazine and Piece of the Pie Ministries. Maranatha provided the building projects, materials, and financial backing for the annual Ultimate Workout. *Insight* magazine publicized this phenomenon to the Adventist youth, and Steve Case, president of Piece of the Pie Ministries, provided leadership, spiritual cohesiveness, and project coordination. Maranatha Volunteers International believes it is vital to provide short-term mission experiences for young people. "Maranatha supports the Ultimate Workout," says Don Noble, president, "because it builds people while also building urgently needed churches and schools."

The Ultimate Workout brings together young people from all over the United States, Canada, and the world. Many of these teenagers attend public school or home school, so the Ultimate Workout offers them a chance to experience short-term mission service with a larger group of Christian youth. Within hours of meeting, this group of strangers becomes friends and family. This camaraderie is what brings participants back to the Ultimate Workout experience year after year.

The participants from the Lake Union included: Bryant Reynolds, Jason Roh, and Jennifer Stone, from Illinois; Gil Green and Fred Specht, from Indiana; Meredith Bruff, Natalie Castiglione, Robert Dummett, Mary, Nichole, and Tiffany Harmon, Roy Ice, Melissa Kenney, Jennifer Nelson, Ephryn Thompson, and Bradley Trombley, from Michigan.

"There's nothing that makes me happier than to see a group of young leaders start pulling together to get the job done," says Fred Specht from Indiana. Fred is one of the key adult coaches who serves as head construction supervisor every year for the Ultimate Workout. He and several other skilled adults stood by to offer

assistance, guidance and help.

Gil Green, 17, from Indianapolis, worked on the Corozo, Panama project with six other guys and 23 girls. This was Gil's second Ultimate Workout. He adjusts his bandanna as he says he misses the food from home. "This is a pretty primitive spot, but it keeps you focused," he says. The focus paid off; Gil's group finished their church first.

When the 1996 Ultimate Workout concluded, four churches stood to the glory of God in the Panamanian villages of San Carlitos, Bongo Abajo, Corozo, and San Miguel. On the last Sabbath of the project, participants worshiped in the church they helped build with their own tenacious hard work.

"It's really special to build the house of God," said one young volunteer, "just think of all the things that will be happening in here in the future—baptisms, marriages."

The Ultimate Workout is not only a church building project, it is a people-building project too, with a goal to train leaders and inspire and transform the characters of those who participate. Maranatha has found that short-term mission projects like the Ultimate Workout are transforming, no matter what your age. Here is what a father and son said after they participated

together on the 1996 Ultimate Workout:

The father wrote on his evaluation form: "This was good for my son."

The son wrote: "This was really good for my dad."

Maranatha believes that short-term mission experiences are good for everyone—your church, your school, your family, and you! "Our purpose is to provide opportunities for Christian volunteers from all denominations, young and old, to put their God-given talents to use in furthering the gospel," says Don Noble, president.

If you are interested in the 1997 Ultimate Workout or want to introduce your church, school, or family to short-term mission service, contact Kyle Fiess at Maranatha Volunteers International, (916) 920-1900.

Written by Pat Wick, writer and photographer from Angwin, California. Pat documented the Ultimate Workout 6 project in words and photos for Maranatha Volunteers International.



Jason Roh, 17, from Freeport, Illinois, was one of the young masons on the San Carlitos, Panama project. He reported, "This has been really hard work laying block. The first day I cut up my hands, and they were so sore that I could hardly move them. That night I prayed that God would please heal my hands so that I could work the next day and help get this project done. The next morning, I have to admit, I was disappointed when my hands were so stiff and sore that I couldn't move them. I wondered about answers to prayer. For sure this was a worthy cause, and I didn't know how to handle that kind of disappointment. But I determined I was going to work anyhow, and here came Cherish (the 22-year-old construction superintendent) with some new gloves. She said, 'here, put these on.' I did, and the pain was gone. Now that was my answered prayer. I couldn't feel any of the cuts, and I was able to keep laying block."



Roy Ice preaching in the completed church.



"I just love my Lord!" Rex Pearson affirms.

By Prayer Alone

BY JERRY LASTINE

Rex, we have a problem. We need you to work on Saturdays," the new plant manager declared. Rex Pearson had been summoned to the manager's office at 3:00 on a Friday afternoon and was given this ultimatum. Two production facilities had been combined in a company merger, and Rex was a key worker. He was chief set-up person involving blue-print changes and retooling for some 30 machines in the roller chain division at Rexnord.

As Rex calmly explained to the manager that he could not work on Saturdays, he was praying to God for wisdom and help. He cheerfully stated that he was available for work anytime during the other six days. Rex had been employed for the Link Belt Company in Indianapolis since 1963, however when Rexnord of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, bought out the company, business in roller chains increased considerably. Business was booming, and overtime was plentiful.

Before Rex left the manager's office, he was told, "Think it over carefully, Rex. Absences do count up you know, and it's hard to locate a job

these days in industry without working on Saturdays."

Mary knew that something was wrong when her husband stepped across the threshold

that Friday afternoon. "It was a shock!" Mary candidly admitted and then added, "We faced a similar problem four years earlier but under different circumstances. I just knew we needed God's help this time in a special way."

Sabbath morning the Pearsons asked church members to pray about their Sabbath employment problem. The Chapel West congregation in Indianapolis formed a prayer vigil. Later, Rex learned that other Christian workers in his department had special prayer in their Sunday services as well. They told him, "Rex, we're praying for you!"

Monday morning Rex reported for work as usual and worked all week. Nothing was said about his absence on Saturday. Two weeks passed, then three weeks, and the prayer vigil continued. Thursday of the fourth week, the plant manager rode over to Rex's area on a golf cart and said "Rex, get on here!" and before the eyes of fellow employees, Rex was whisked away.

In a quiet area of the factory, the manager apologized for all the trouble

and expressed regret over the distress he had caused. "When I checked the records," he said, "I learned that machines in your department produce the quota of work in five days under your leadership. Rex, the company needs more workers like you. You've not worked on Saturdays for a long time, and there's no reason to start now."

Tears were in Rex Pearson's eyes as he thanked the manager for the decision. He also thanked God!

Soon the decision was known throughout the plant; Rex's former manager, now in a different administrative position, called Rex aside and asked, "Would you really let them fire you over Saturday work?" Rex's immediate answer was, "Yes, I'd have to!" His former boss replied, "I thought so!"

"Sabbath is my time to be with my God at home, at church, and throughout the entire 24-hour period," Rex declared as he reflected on God's leading in his life. Raised by an Adventist mother in rural Indiana, Rex wandered away from the Lord in the big city. But in 1976, as he was searching for a more meaningful life, Rex found the Lord and was rebaptized.

"I just love my Lord!" Rex affirmed. "And I love His Sabbaths, too!"

Jerry Lastine is a retired Indiana Conference worker residing in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Still the Faces Remain

BY MICHAEL S. FORTUNE

“Hi there! My name is Mike. I am a student working my way through school. Instead of selling junk food, I wanted to do something healthy. *Choices* offers you the latest information in healthful cooking. It promotes a low-fat and low-cholesterol diet that . . .”

The man did not even look up as he growled, “I don’t cook and my wife ain’t home.” I walked right into his open garage. “Do you have any kids?” Bent over his motorcycle, fiddling with a wrench, the man apparently did not hear me. “Do you like to read?” Obviously annoyed, the man unfolded himself and towered above me. In his large, grimy hand he still squeezed the wrench. He snarled, “I am sick and tired of you salespeople coming around here trying to get me to buy your vacuums, candy, or whatever you’ve got in that bag.”

“But I don’t have anything like that,” I stammered. “I have *God’s Answers to Your Questions*.”

“No, you have your answers to God’s questions. I don’t want your religion. All you guys have Sunday wrong anyway.”

I smiled.

As soon as I could, I explained that I am a Seventh-day Adventist student and that I worship on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, God’s holy day since the creation of the world.

His mouth fell open.

He dropped the wrench.

I thanked God.

Four summers have passed since I spoke to that struggling ex-Adventist, but still his face remains. Only now, like a collage, I see many more faces. I see Wanda, the recently divorced woman working 3 jobs to support her children, already with the entire *Conflict of the Ages* series. I remember

praying in her back yard.

I’ll never forget the two teenagers smoking on the front steps of the porch that grabbed *The Great Controversy* because they “had to read a book that had been banned in other countries.”

I remember the Gulf War soldier who bought some devotional books because he was so appreciative of the *Happiness Digest* he received during the war.

I talked to the wife of a Baptist

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Now I just thank
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minister who praised us for keeping the biblically correct day.

Then there was the sick, elderly lady that had an asthma attack so severe that her doctors at one point had to temporarily put her in a coma and paralyze her so that her heart would calm down. Before I asked to pray for her, she was praying for me!

Revelation 18:4 describes a group of people that may live on your street. Some like motorcycles more than hypocrites. Some need your prayers, not another job. Some crave acceptance more than cigarettes. Some may have fought for freedom of speech you take for granted. Some know more about you than you think. Some look weak, but are strong. Some could be God’s people, if you asked them.

Still God’s voice rings out loud, “Come out of her my people.”

For a long time, I used to wonder why God didn’t just cry out to His people by Himself. Now I know the reason. He doesn’t do it Himself because it is more of a challenge to use us! And in a nutshell, that is exactly what the Youth Challenge has been doing the last five summers. It has been taking timid young people and transforming them into bold ambassadors, unafraid to extend God’s invitation to an apathetic world. It has been my privilege to see those transformations occur. Some in the lives of the people we meet lasting no longer than a smile or a prayer. But most in the lives of the students themselves, for you cannot help God without helping yourself! Sure we kid ourselves thinking that we join the program to spend the summer with friends, enjoy the activities, earn money to help pay for school, and perhaps as a little bonus, talk with some people about Jesus. We take satisfaction in knowing that we are doing what some adults would never try in a million years. But the fact remains, we are the ones that are blessed!

After working with the Youth Challenge, I no longer wonder why God chooses to use us. Now I just thank Him that He does. I will forever echo the words of one of the students in the Grand Rapids Youth Challenge, “I will remember the leaders, all the students, and all the people I met at the door. I hope I get to see them in heaven.” Still the faces remain.

Michael S. Fortune has been a student leader for the Youth Challenge program and is currently a student at Andrews University.



Christian Environmental Stewardship

BY DENNIS W. WOODLAND

The 1996 elections are history. President Clinton is President for another term. The American Congress has been sent back to Washington with about the same composition. The "spin doctors" have analyzed why the American public voted as they did, and several issues stand out above the others. One of these issues is the public's concern for a healthy, clean environment in which to live and work. This is the environment we Christians believe God created and gave to us as a gift during creation week, to sustain humanity and to be cared for by humans. He then set aside a day of rest, the Sabbath, as a memorial to that great gift. By including every living creature in the covenant made with Noah after the flood (Genesis 9:8-17), by identifying the whole creation with the frustration, bondage, and decay brought into the world through the disobedience of humanity (Romans 8:19-22), and by the final judgement pronounced on those who destroy the earth (Revelation 13:18), God has demonstrated the importance of the relationship between all members of His creation.

But in spite of these admonitions, the Christian community has been very slow to speak out against today's mass destruction of God's creation and about the damage to the environment that sustains all life. This has not gone unnoticed. Lynn White, in *Science* magazine,¹ criticized vigorously the Judio-Christian religious communities for their environmental arrogance

toward the creation, their interpretation of "... having dominion over nature" in Genesis, and their lack of an environmental ethic. This he felt was one of the main reasons why the world's environment is in such poor condition.

WHY THE CHRISTIAN FAITH HAS LOST ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CREATION

Reflection on White's criticism of Christian behavior brings forth a few reasons why the Christian faith has lost its relationship with the creation. Let me share these with you. Some of these thoughts are not mine alone, but come from a book written by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, a former professor at Hope College in Holland, Michigan,² who has become a strong spokesperson encouraging Christians to become better stewards of God's creation.

First, Christianity in western culture has removed God from the creation week and subjected the creation to human arrogance and power. We cannot underestimate the influence of the "Enlightenment" and the scientific and industrial revolutions of the last two centuries. The idea that nature is raw material to be exploited or to be conquered has become most prevalent, especially in American society. Major General Thomas Sands of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has put it this way: "Man against nature. That's what life's all about."

Second, today's culture and theology have placed humanity at

the center of purpose and meaning in the universe. The modern concept of "individual rights" forms the basis for our Western political and economic philosophies. Within this framework any consideration of ethics and values that effects humanity's welfare is debated. The value of any species in nature is evaluated by its benefit to humans. If it doesn't benefit humans, it is considered worthless. Some "worthless" organisms of the past are now most valuable.

Third, our culture believes that technology can resolve any environmental problem, and that we have a right to use and redistribute the world's non-renewable resources according to OUR wishes. The poisoning of our environment by the massive use of toxic chemicals, the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, and the contamination of drinking water by deadly organisms in Milwaukee are grim reminders and warning signs. The modern world's embrace of the idol of technology must be resisted for solving all things demanded by humans.

Fourth, Western churches have largely forgotten the theology of the creation as a starting point for human existence and God's plan for humans. Many of the basic principles of the Christian faith have their roots in the theology of the creation. For example, God's presence as the sustainer of all life, the incarnation of Jesus Christ, the covenants with humanity, and salvation and redemption for all, including His creation, begin here. The basic truth of the Sabbath is

rooted in the creation.

Fifth, the Western church has been theologically arrogant and condescending toward non-Western Christian perspectives.

History books are filled with the dominating ways Western culture has treated native peoples when their countries and lands were overtaken. Much of those actions were done in the "name of God." Our Western biases have left us insensitive to the feelings and beliefs of other cultures toward nature.

Sixth, the Christian community today has misunderstood the real reason behind the environmental movement. Long before the embracing of the environmental movement by the "New Age" philosophy, there were individuals concerned about the creation. The "Green" political movement in Europe has been well established for many years. We have national parks and preserves worldwide today thanks to people like President Theodore Roosevelt, who more than 100 years ago was instrumental in setting aside Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park. Conservationists Gifford Pinchot and John Muir and scientists Paul Sears, Rachel Carson, and Paul Ehrlich made the public aware of how humanity was destroying the creation and endangering the human species.

Seventh, the Christian view of stewardship has been concentrated primarily on money and material things, less on our relationship to God and our fellow human beings, and very little on stewardship toward the creation. It is rare to find in Christian literature, and even rarer in Adventist writings, information on environmental stewardship and council on how humans should relate to, and care for, the creation that God entrusted to us. This lack of environmental stewardship within Adventism, I believe, can be explained by our historical roots, escatological philosophy, and the type of early literature published³ where the subject was not mentioned.

Even though we have a less than stellar record in promoting environmental stewardship in our churches, I feel we can each begin to do something to change this indifference.⁴

HERE ARE TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO.

Educate yourself and your family about how "Mother Nature" functions to maintain a sustainable environment. This can be done by regularly watching the nature channel on television and visiting your local library and reading such magazines as *National Wildlife*, *International Wildlife*, *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, and *Nature Conservancy*. There are many World Wide Web sites on the Internet for those with computer modems.

Encourage others—your church, school, community, and friends—to begin recycling their solid domestic waste. Remember, more than 90% of our municipal solid waste is recyclable.

Become an eco-consumer when you shop. Purchase goods that promote the use of recycled material and reduced packaging, instead of continued use of virgin resources. Let the company know you appreciate their efforts.

Become energy use conscious. Purchase energy efficient appliances, and encourage manufacturers to produce goods that save energy.

Encourage your church to "think green." By this, I mean to recycle paper from the church (e.g. bulletins), use post-consumer recycled paper for church mailings, and encourage your church officers to do the same as an example to others. Almost all church printed material is ultimately thrown away after reading, so let's recycle it so it can be used again. It may cost a little more, but it is the right thing to do.

Encourage your political leaders to support issues that promote a more healthy environment and conserve the creation. Remember, natural processes work slowly and over long periods of time.

Humans, on the other hand, want things NOW and view the creation in "short term" desires. Here is where much conflict develops.

Support local conservation groups who are working toward preserving the creation in your area with membership and volunteer time.

Join a local (nature center, botanical garden, etc.), **regional** (The Michigan Nature Conservancy, etc.), **or national** (Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund, etc.) **environmental organization** that is working to preserve the wonders of the creation.

Spend time in nature. Take your family regularly for walks, hikes, and bicycle rides. Discover with your children why organisms live and function where they do.

"Think global, act local." Many local groups working together can ultimately have a much wider impact. It is encouraging to see Adventist church and school groups involved in the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Being good stewards of the land in many cases makes good sense economically. It also tells others that we Christians do care about the environment others live in and the creation.

It is my belief that we Christians can make a difference in the world we live in. We can enter the next century as a group of people who are no longer at war with nature, but are true stewards of the creation. Let us work toward this end.

¹ *Science*, Vol. 155: 1203-07, 1967.

² *Ecology and Life. Accepting Our Environmental Responsibility*. 1988. Word Books, Waco, TX.

³ See *Councils on Stewardship* and *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual* on the subject.

⁴ See the landmark public statement that was released by the office of the president of the General Conference during the church's annual council in Costa Rica in October 1996 on page 20 in this issue.

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What Is a College Degree Worth?

BY NIELS-ERIC ANDREASEN

There were 3,133 students registered in Andrews University at the beginning of the fall quarter. It is the highest number ever, I am told, and it includes a wide variety of individuals. Undergraduates from the Lake Union territory and across North America, along with graduate and professional students from around the world, help make up this student body. Those of us who work here consider each of these students to be our special responsibility this year, and we will do our very best to help them achieve their educational goals.

And judging from the conversations I have had with students already, these goals include several important things. Learning, of course, and friendships, opportunities in the future, a Christian campus environment, communion with God, spiritual nurture and service are among these goals. Andrews University provides opportunities for growth in all these areas, and that is not a small thing. Think of a Christian home, or a work place, or a church attempting to provide such opportunities, and you realize how many people have to work together to bring it off. We could never do it without God's blessing. So please pray for Andrews University, its staff and students.

Now for a few selected news items. The new Master of Social Work program, led by Sharon Pittman of the College of Arts and Sciences, is off to a good beginning with nearly 50 students enrolled. It has moved into new quarters and just received candidacy toward accreditation, as is appropriate for a new program. Once accreditation is achieved after the candidacy period, it becomes retroactive. Last month we graduated the

first group of MPT (Physical Therapy) students on our Dayton, Ohio, campus. This program has been supported by the Greater Dayton Hospital Association, under the direction of Bill Habenicht, and it has been very successful. Last summer Andrews University and ADRA began an educational program for ADRA front line workers in four places: Kenya, Costa Rica, Peru, and Thailand. Two hundred fifty-seven participants signed up, and more than 200 hope to apply for an Andrews degree in administration. The program is led by Rudy Maier from the Department of World Mission in the Seminary with help from Business, Arts and Sciences, and Technology.

How can all these students afford an Andrews University education? That is a question I am asked often. I admit that higher education is expensive. Among Adventist colleges and universities, the costs at Andrews for tuition, room, and realistic board expenses fall somewhere near the middle. In the state of Michigan, among the 14 private colleges and universities belonging to the Michigan College Foundation, the costs of tuition, room, and board at Andrews University fall third from the bottom (the two institutions with lower costs are urban day schools with little or no residential life). Nationwide, Andrews tuition is slightly lower than average for private colleges and significantly below the costs at similar national doctoral degree granting universities. Why does education cost so much? Think of a library with a million items of information, computer labs, a campus with a science complex, large residential halls, new buildings for business and technology, and lots of green grass and trees in

between. Think of all the state and federal regulations with which a university must comply these days. Think of teachers, research, deans and counselors, light and heating bills, repairs, religious services and recreation. And over 4 million dollars for student scholarships.

Is it worth it? Think of a college education as an investment. Did you know that the average life time earnings of a college graduate is approximately \$500,000 more than for someone without a college degree. Did you know that if there were no private colleges in America, taxpayers would have to invest more than \$12 billion annually to provide public colleges for all the students who now attend private colleges. Did you know that nationally 23% more college graduates contribute to community programs, including church programs, than among people who did not attend college. But perhaps most important of all, the 3,133 students who registered at Andrews University this fall are our future. Eight hundred seventy-two of them, around 25%, come from an international background and represent 101 different countries. Nearly 1,300 of them, or 40%, are graduate students. The rest of them are our kids 18-22 years of age. They are not all angels, but they are all our future; we have no other. So we solicit your support and your prayers as we teach these students to become competent, committed Christian professionals devoted to spending their lives in generous service to God and to mankind.

President Niels-Eric Andreasen treasures this opportunity to share his joys and concerns with you each quarter.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY



JACK STENGER, AU PR

College Days brought more than 450 seniors to Andrews. Shown here from left are Great Lakes Adventist Academy students (front,) Holly Oswald, David Dickerson, Melanie Towar, (back) Kevin Sorensen, Jocelyn Seitz, Andrea Lewis, and Nadia McGill.

“College Days” at Andrews

Quality academy students in great quantity came to Andrews for this year’s “College Days.” The annual event, held Oct. 20 to 21, gave Lake Union seniors a foretaste of what life at Andrews is all about.

Now in its 30th year, this year’s event attracted more than 450 seniors from academies and high schools across the Lake Union and North America. They sat in on classes, spent a night in a residence hall, and ate in the cafeteria alongside Andrews students. “They especially appreciated a career fair in Johnson Gym and a ‘College Days’ worship service,” said Raelene Brower, program director and assistant director of enrollment services.

“Our success this year was due to the enthusiasm of the students who attended. They were really a lot of fun,” she said.

Seniors came from the following Lake Union Academies: Andrews Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Broadview Academy, Chicago Adventist Academy, Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Indiana Academy, Peterson-Warren Academy, and Wisconsin Academy. Students also came from schools in California, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and Canada.

Students Start New Street Ministry

Wanda Scott, a single mother from Benton Harbor, MI, might not know much about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. But she knows a lot about Christ’s love, thanks to students from Andrews University.

A recent visit to Scott’s home is part of a broad new ministry toward residents of Benton Harbor, one of the poorest cities in Southwestern Michigan and just 15 miles from Andrews. During Sabbath-day visits to city neighborhoods, students go door to door, offering health screening services, spiritual programs for kids, and prayer for all who need it.

“This ministry is giving students the opportunity to serve the Lord in the best ways they know how,” said William Hurtado, a senior communication major.

Hurtado also serves as outreach director for BRANCH (BRinging Andrews to CHrist), a student-led ministry group. He’s been overwhelmed by student enthusiasm toward the project—on a recent Sabbath more than 80 students participated. The outreach is stationed at the Benton Harbor Street Ministry Center, and inside the building students lead children in songs and Bible stories. Many of them have never attended a church or heard Bible stories.

Jason Logan, a sophomore pre-physical therapy major, said Andrews students are following a pattern established more than 2,000 years ago.

“Jesus went out and talked to the people and listened to their problems. If it was good enough for Him, it’s good enough for me.”



JACK STENGER, AU PR

Students Ana Simmons, Sacar Wellman, Holly Nordvick, and William Hurtado make a difference out on the streets.

Nethery Renovation Coming Soon

First built in 1943 as a campus administration building, Nethery Hall is slated to get a complete renovation and expansion.

The venerable building is still one of the campus’ central classroom sites. But the need for modernization and more classroom space makes renovation and expansion necessary for the 53-year-old building, said Dave Wilber, Andrews plant administration director.

An architect is drawing up plans for an expansion wing that will match the building’s existing Collegiate Gothic style.

Though funds for the multi-million dollar project are still being raised, a significant push came from the recently concluded “Campaign for Andrews.” Launched in 1992 and ended this year, more than \$12 million was raised for the Andrews endowment and for capital projects. Campaign contributions will fund renovations in Nethery, Seminary, and Marsh halls.



DAN BENNETT, AU PR

A renovation and expansion for Nethery Hall is slated to start soon.



Front row: Students Aaron Warner and Hannah Cleveland stand in front of the current teachers Sheri Glass, lower grades, and Deborah Petroit, principal and upper grades.

School Celebrates 50 Years

Michigan — The 50th anniversary of the Benedict Memorial School, Tecumseh, Michigan, was recently celebrated by more than 150 people with a full day of activities. Garry Sudds, associate director of education for the Lake Union Conference was guest speaker at the worship hour, and the events included a potluck dinner, recognition of alumni, tour of original and current buildings, and a vesper program to end the day. One highlight of the day was a speech by Dorothy Covell Cooper, the first graduate of the school who still lives in the area and is a member of the Adrian Church.

The school was founded in 1946 by Paul Wolf, who did not want his children to attend the public schools, and had an enrollment of 13 children. It was named after Ralph Benedict, a layman who built the school and was killed during the construction period. Since its beginning, more than 1,000 children have attend, with the highest enrollment being more than 40 students.

"Every member has a part in supporting our school where no tuition is charged, but members are asked to contribute to a combined budget for church and school," said Rodney Hyde, current pastor of the Adrian and Tecumseh churches that support the school. "Members have put God first and supported the church school in good times and in bad times, and miraculously, the school has survived and thrived." Current enrollment in the two-teacher facility is nearing 25, with Principal Deborah Petroit teaching the upper grades, and Sheri Glass overseeing the lower grades.

Madlyn Hamblin, Adrian Church communication leader

Teacher to Represent Lake Union for Five-Year Term

Michigan — Christopher Davisson, 7th grade teacher at the Berrien Springs (MI) Village Elementary School has been selected as the professional teacher representative for the Lake Union Conference to the North American Division year-end meeting. This is a five-year appointment. All those who are part of the Seventh-day Adventist teaching profession should share their insights and concerns with Chris, so that he may correctly represent teachers at these annual conventions.

*Larry Blackmer,
Michigan Conference associate
education superintendent*



*Christopher Davisson
will represent Lake
Union teachers at the
North American
Division for the next
five years.*

Northview Junior Academy Expands

Michigan — Northview Junior Academy at Cadillac has added two new classrooms that were built by the combined skills of students, parents, and church members. This continues the growth of their church school which has been in the city for 53 years, according to David Schwartz, principal. Currently, grades 1–10 are taught in a conventional classroom setting and curriculum. Students in grades 11 and 12 have two options: they may choose to attend Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, MI, or they may choose to remain at home and be a part of the APLE program (Advanced Programs for Learning Enrichment). Under the teacher-guided APLE program, students obtain their study materials and syllabus from a correspondence school. They study Bible, algebra II, technology, American history, and health; however, students enjoy the benefits of having local teacher assistance.

Northview Junior Academy averages 60 students from both Adventist and non-Adventist homes. This year the school has four state certified teachers: Joanne Jordan, Gary MacComber, Tamie Hasty, and David Schwartz.

"Christian educators can affect the spiritual as well as the mental development," states principal Schwartz. "In this age of educational reform we often forget the ethical and moral teachings of our forefathers. The purpose of a spiritual education is to make our students thinkers—and not mere reflectors of other people's thoughts. I believe there are at least four benefits in our school: a low teacher-student ratio allowing more individualized attention, the opportunity to participate in community outreach programs, and a non-competitive atmosphere." Schwartz adds, "Combine all the shopping excursions, field trips, sports programs, banquets, camping, and concerts with spiritual retreats, and you realize why Northview is a blessing to our homes and churches."

Betty Kossick, Cadillac Church communication leader

CONFERENCE NEWS

New Nature Center at Timber Ridge

Indiana — Amid the yellows and golds of a beautiful fall morning, 225 people gathered at Timber Ridge Camp in central Indiana to officially open and dedicate the new nature center on Sunday, October 13.



Ron Whitehead talks about the wonders of God's second book at the Timber Ridge Camp nature center dedication.

Ron Whitehead, North American Division associate youth director, was the keynote speaker and spoke of the wonderful opportunity a nature center like this offers young people to learn of God through His creation.

Mike Jamieson, Indiana Conference treasurer, was happy to report that the building is completely paid for, and that it was built for about 40% of the contracted cost, because so many people gave of their time and expertise to make this dream a reality.

This natural rock-sided, 3,200 square foot building houses a large museum/classroom area, a lecture/film-viewing room, and a bird observation room with four picture windows overlooking an area that is frequented by many birds. Already there are several first-class displays, including carefully preserved birds and animals, a large well-documented fossil collection, shell and rock collections, and several small live animals. Plenty of room remains for additional displays.

All nature tells of a loving God, whether it's viewed through a microscope or a telescope. This new nature center, along with dedicated camp staff, has the wonderful opportunity to share Jesus through nature, now and for many years to come.

Mike Edge,
Indiana
Conference
youth
director



Conference officials and a few of the volunteers who assisted in the building project look on as Glendale Pathfinder Heather Clifford cuts the ribbon at the Timber Ridge Camp nature center dedication.

Camp Meeting Site Proposal

Michigan — Hubert Moog, conference treasurer, presented a site plan master plan to the annual lay advisory meeting in Ithaca on Sunday, Oct. 20 as a proposal for the new Michigan Conference campmeeting site to be built on land surrounding Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA). The architects Hobbs, Black, and Associates were chosen from a field of eleven candidates to design a master plan site for campmeeting, as well as an auditorium-fitness center for GLAA. From the eight plans submitted to the options committee, four were chosen to be presented to the lay advisory at sixteen town hall meetings to be held around the conference. Then a special constituency meeting will be held at the Cedar Lake Church, Apr. 13, 1997, where the final choice among the options will be voted.

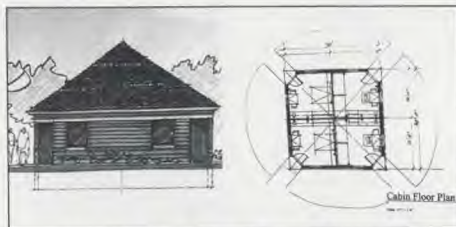


The master site plan shows a proposed location for the auditorium-fitness center and three proposed sites for cabins, recreational vehicles and tents with a bathhouse at each of the three sites.



An architect's rendering shows a proposal for an auditorium-fitness center at GLAA which would be used for campmeeting.

The camp meeting master site plan could be developed in three phases. Each site will include a bathhouse and spaces for recreational vehicles, tents, and cabins. The committee has suggested that the cabins be built in ten-cabin clusters. Each cabin would be a four-plex with cross window ventilation and would hold four families. They would have cement slab foundations and would be built of either wood or cement blocks.



Possible cabin elevation and floor plan.

Hubert Moog
Michigan
Conference
treasurer



Héctor and Rosany Torres.

Illinois Conference Ordains Hispanic Pastor

Illinois — Héctor Torres was ordained to the ministry on Sabbath, Aug. 31, in a solemn and touching ceremony at Camp Go Seek during the Illinois Conference Hispanic campmeeting, reports Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president.

Born in Santa Clara, Cuba, Héctor Badi Torres Tamayo completed his Master of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1990.

Pastor Torres worked in Middletown, NY, and Los Angeles prior to his arrival in the Illinois Conference in 1993. He is presently the pastor of the Little Village Hispanic and Pilsen Hispanic Churches in Chicago.

Héctor Torres Sr., New York Conference Hispanic coordinator presented a powerful ordination message that touched not only his son, but all the pastors and lay people listening to him. J. Wayne Coulter, Illinois Conference president, welcomed Héctor and his wife, Rosany, to the ministry. Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president, gave the charge.

Torres and his wife, Rosany (Martínez), have a two-year-old son, Héctor David, and will soon have a second child.

General Conference President Visits Illinois Conference Hispanics

Illinois —On Sabbath, July 6, the Illinois Conference celebrated Hispanic Brotherhood Day with Robert S. Folkenberg, General Conference president, as its guest speaker in the Illinois Room of Illinois University. It was the first time he had visited any of the Lake Union local conferences' Hispanic groups.

The program was organized by Jaime Chanagá, Illinois Conference Hispanic coordinator, assisted by the Hispanic pastors of Illinois, reports Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union vice president. Also participating in the event were J. Wayne Coulter and Ken Denslow, Illinois Conference president and secretary.

During the morning, the West Suburban Church presented a beautiful Sabbath school program, which included a colorful parade of all the Hispanic countries represented in the conference, and during the hour of worship, Folkenberg presented a vibrant and touching message. In the afternoon, in an informal program, the president shared news of the progress of the church in other parts of the world and gave time for questions from the attendees.

A highlight in the program was the tribute given to the oldest members of the Hispanic churches in the Illinois Conference. One of them, Luis Pérez, had been baptized when he was a young man by Folkenberg's father, then president of the Puerto Rico Conference.



From left: Robert S. Folkenberg, Jaime Chanagá, and Luis Pérez.

Support for Evangelism in the East Dominican Mission

Illinois —Under the auspices of *Operation Amigo*, the Illinois Conference has adopted the East Dominican Mission as its sister conference. The Illinois Conference recently sent a check for \$15,000 for the construction of portable temples that will be used for evangelism in the East Dominican Mission.



Elder Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union vice president, representing the Illinois Conference, gives the check for \$15,000 to Cesario Acevedo, East Dominican Mission president.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

The Christian Life in a Changing Society

Lake Region — Cynthia McCall Campbell, president of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, was the featured speaker at the annual Fall Lectureship at the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, MI, on Oct. 18 and 19, reports Lyndon G. Furst, assistant communication leader. Campbell is a minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served as a pastor, teacher, and administrator in that denomination for many years. The All Nations Church sponsors the lectureship to provide a thoughtful perspective to the Adventist intellect.

In presentations on Friday night and at the Sabbath worship service, Campbell provided deep insights into the challenge of living a Christian life in an ever changing and increasingly secular world. While some might withdraw from the modern world and try to live in the "good old days" of the past, Campbell proposed that this is a wonderful time for practicing Christians to practice their faith. In doing so, one must live with an active sense of the presence of God.

Frequently referring to her experience within the Presbyterian faith, Campbell proposed that Micah 6:8 provides a mandate for the Christian life in modern times. To truly do justice, the practicing Christian must give up the worship of things and love mercy as they deal with the less fortunate in the world. Her message, couched in modern terms, resonated well with the traditional Adventist world view.

In the Sabbath afternoon portion of the lectureship, a panel of four members of the All Nations congregation gave their response to Campbell's presentations. There followed a lively discussion between the panel and members of the audience.

God's Women, Anointed and Appointed

Lake Region — Nearly 250 weary women, representing 27 churches in the Lake Region Conference descended upon the Hyatt Lisle Hotel in Lisle, IL, Oct. 4, in need of a physical and spiritual rejuvenation. On Oct. 6, they returned to the roles and responsibilities back on the home and career front anointed and appointed, fulfilled and renewed.

Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region Conference women's ministries director says, "This year's retreat was the most well received so far. I've noticed a progression in assertiveness for both the direction and theme for this event over the past three years." She adds that the retreat was actually "infectious . . . women are going back to their respective churches telling others about it and encouraging even greater participation next year."

A wide variety of seminars addressed women's issues on topics ranging from domestic violence, to communicating effectively, to moving on with life after retirement. Young adult women were represented in greater numbers this year, and their presence was an asset to the weekend.

Susan Zork of Andrews University was the keynote speaker Friday night. Doris Gothard of Detroit ignited the audience with her fiery Sabbath sermon, "The Fan That's in God's Hand." And Cynthia Prime concluded the retreat on Sunday morning with her "Adventist Women's Challenge for the Twenty-first Century."

New Group Organized During Wisconsin's Hispanic Brotherhood Weekend

Wisconsin —

Hispanic members of Wisconsin celebrated Hispanic Brotherhood Weekend Aug. 23 to 25 under the leadership of Orlando Vázquez, Wisconsin Hispanic coordinator, and Héctor de Armas, Armando Miranda, North Mexican Union president, nurtured the congregation with his beautiful messages and delighted them with a musical concert.

Two very special events highlighted the weekend: the organization of a new Hispanic group, the Watoma company, in Wisconsin, and the baptism of seven new members. Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, presented the sermon for the organization of the Watoma group. It was a touching and inspiring moment when the seven new brothers and sisters gave public testimony of their faith through their baptism.



Charter members of the recently organized group of Watoma, accompanied by Elders Don Corkum, and Orlando Vázquez on the left, and Steve Gallimore, Donovan Davis, Dale Ziegele, and Héctor de Armas on the right.



It was a special moment when Martín Gómez, Mario Reyes, Norbert J. Sánchez, and Alejandro, María, Gilberto, and Griselda Becerra were baptized simultaneously by Elders Don Corkum, Orlando Vázquez, Héctor de Armas, Dale Ziegele, Steve Gallimore, Luis E. Leonor, and Donovan Davis at Camp Go Seek.

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Adventists Release Statements During Yearly Business Meeting

San Jose, Costa Rica [ANN]—Four statements were released by the office of the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the church's Annual Council held October 1-10 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Issued from the office of President Robert S. Folkenberg, after being adopted by the Administrative Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the statements on ethics and smoking, environmental stewardship, religious liberty, and spiritual renewal were released during a press conference, October 4, at the Hotel Herradura in San Jose. The release of the statements followed two days of spiritual renewal, as members of the church's executive committee focused on the theme, "Experience the Joy of Salvation."

In the statement on the environment, the church expresses its concern about the earth's ecological crisis and advocates that each person is a steward of the earth and needs to manage the natural environment faithfully and with care. The full statement follows:

Stewardship of the Environment

"It is the belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that humankind was created in the image of God, and is thus to represent God as His steward and to manage the natural environment in a faithful and fruitful way. Nature is a gift from God.

"Unfortunately, men and women have been increasingly involved in an irresponsible destruction of the earth's resources, resulting in widespread suffering, environmental degradation, and the threat of climate change. While scientific research needs to continue, it is clear from the accumulated evidence that the increasing emission of destructive gasses, the depletion of the protective mantle of ozone, the massive destruction of the American forests, and the so-called greenhouse effect, are all threatening the earth's eco-system. There are dire predictions of global warming, rising sea levels, increasing frequency of storms and destructive floods, and devastating desertification and droughts.

"These problems are largely due to human selfishness and greed which result in ever-increasing production, unlimited consumption, and depletion of nonrenewable resources. Solidarity with future generations is discussed, but the pressure of immediate interests is given priority. The ecological crisis is rooted in humankind's greed and refusal to practice good and faithful stewardship.

"The government and people of Costa Rica are to be commended for their support of a comprehensive policy of sustainable development in harmony with nature.

"Seventh-day Adventism advocates a simple, wholesome lifestyle, where people do not step on the treadmill of unbridled

over-consumption, accumulation of goods, and production of waste. A reformation of lifestyle is called for, based on respect for nature, restraint in the use of the world's resources, reevaluation of one's needs, and reaffirmation of the dignity of created life."

NET '96 First Night Attracts 250,000

Silver Spring, MD [ANN]—Nearly 250,000 people in North America and Europe viewed the opening night program of the "Discoveries in Prophecy: 2000 and Beyond" evangelistic meetings with speaker Mark Finley, which were uplinked via satellite, Saturday evening, Oct. 5. The program was also downlinked in Costa Rica where Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders and members of the executive committee were gathered for the church's annual world business meeting.

The North American figures at nearly 135,000, more than double that of NET '95's opening night attendance (66,000) 20 months ago, make NET '96 the largest evangelistic effort in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. While 5,000 attended the meetings uplinked by the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) at Forest Lake Academy in a suburb of Orlando, FL, the majority attended the meetings at nearly 1,500 churches, meeting halls, and homes across North America. Following the opening night meetings, Monte Sahlin, director of the church's North American Division Office of Information and Research, conducted a random survey of 100 pastors and estimates that at least 35,000 of those in attendance opening night were not members of the Adventist Church. "Many visitors came at the invitation of friends, work associates, and relatives, while others came in response to direct mail advertisements, television and radio spots, invitations from Signs of the Times magazine, and 1,300 Discover Bible Schools," says Sahlin. Even after opening night, attendance was still well over 100,000.

Brad Thorp, NET '96 coordinator for Europe, reports that 115,000 people attended opening night meetings in 21 countries in Europe, at 1,020 sites. Eleven translators, eight based at the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) facilities in Illinois and three in Florida, are translating the presentations in 11 languages for European participants each night.

To tally attendance, Thorp says that each night a head count is taken at 40 to 50 sites in each region. "The large number of churches that have gotten involved in NET '96 has amazed European church leaders. In every country we are seeing unusual miracles and are at a loss to explain why," Thorp says. "This technology opens phenomenal new doors of opportunity for every aspect of our church work," he adds.

Delayed release of the program in Spanish and Portuguese began Oct. 26 in South America where the programs were downlinked to at least 450 sites.

The NET '96 continued via satellite through Nov. 9, and presentations are available on the Internet's World Wide Web in audio and printed format at <http://www.iiw.org/>.

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ANNIVERSARIES



David and Emmie Grentz renewed their wedding vows during a 50th wedding anniversary ceremony in Gobles, MI. Delmar Austin, Gobles-Pinedale Church pastor, officiated at the Aug. 4, 1996 ceremony. Winfred Vogel, a pastor from Darmstadt, Germany, who is studying at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University, translated.

The Grentzes were married April 20, 1946, in Vienna, Austria. After emigrating to the United States, David worked as a machinist, and Emmie ran an adult foster care home. The Grentz family includes their children, Siegfried and Denise Grentz, of Douglasville, GA; Werner and Jan Grentz, of London, KY; and Christine Grentz, of Berrien Springs, MI; and 5 grandchildren.



Paul and Maxine Matacio of Berrien Springs, MI, celebrated their 50th anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Aug. 11, 1996, in the student center at

Andrews University.

Paul and the former Maxine Hunt were married on Sept. 15, 1946, in Eagle Grove, IA. He is a retired minister, and she, a retired teacher. They worked in Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, and Michigan. Both were employed by the Michigan Conference at the time of their retirement.

The Matacios' family includes their children, Douglas and Verla Matacio, of Glendale, CA; Lauren Matacio, of Berrien Springs; Timothy Matacio, of Glen Ellyn, IL; and 4 grandchildren.



Alson and Muriel Pusey of Dowagiac, MI, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the Dowagiac Church on August 4, 1996. The surprise reception was hosted by their children and grandchildren. The Puseys had commemorated this special event earlier in the summer with a trip to Alaska, a gift from their daughter's family, who accompanied them on the trip.

Alson and the former Muriel Stevenson were married June 2, 1946, in the Ola Church at Ashley, MI. Both Alson and Muriel were elementary school teachers in public and Adventist elementary schools and worked at Buffalo, NY; Hagerstown, MD; Richmond, VA; and Muskegon, MI. The Puseys' family includes their children, Galen and Rita Pusey of Dowagiac, MI, and Karen and James Mann of Boring, OR; and 5 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Julie M. Boehm and Andrew Messersmith were married June 23, 1996, in Portage, WI. The ceremony was per-

formed by Pastor Robert Stauffer.

Julie is the daughter of Mary and William Boehm of Montello, WI, and Andrew is the son of Gailyn and Valerie Messersmith of Carney, MI.

The Messersmiths are making their home in Burleson, TX.

Gabriela J. Curbelo and Christian T. Yaste were married Sept. 22, 1996, in Holly, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Alvaro Souza.

Gabriela is the daughter of Nazario and Berta Curbelo of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, and Christian is the son of Thomas and Michelle Yaste of Fenton, MI.

The Yastes are making their home in Charlotte, NC.

Heather Magee and Donavon J. Parker Jr. were married Aug. 11, 1996, in Onkama, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Bud Otis Jr.

Heather is the daughter of Chester and Lori Magee of Manistee, MI, and Donavon is the son of Donavon and Marlene Parker Sr. of Manistee.

The Parkers are making their home in Manistee.

Suzanne Jean Rempher and Loren M. Nelson III were married July 28, 1996, in Kingsbury, NY. The ceremony was performed by Elder Loren M. Nelson Jr.

Suzanne is the daughter of Donald and Retha Rempher of Hudson Falls, NY, and Loren is the son of Loren and Linda Nelson of Lansing, MI.

The Nelsons are making their home in Green Bay, WI.

Theresa A. Taylor and Donald E. McGill were married July 7, 1996, in Benton Harbor, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Ernest Young.

Theresa is the daughter of Ella Lee of Benton Harbor, and Donald is the son of Clarence and Mattie McGill of Dayton, OH.

The McGills are making their home in Houston, TX.

Angelique L. Vega and Kenneth D. Santana were married May 4, 1996, in Ann Arbor, MI. The ceremony was performed by Father William Stevenson.

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The Santanas are making their home in Ann Arbor.

Michelle White and Brian Miller were married Aug. 18, 1996, in North Aurora, IL, by Pastor Michael Miller.

Michelle is the daughter of Jerry and Debbie White of St. Charles, IL, and Brian is the son of Michael and Janice Miller of St. Petersburg, FL.

The Millers are traveling physical therapists, currently residing in McAllen, TX.

Ann Witzel and James Stickney were married Aug. 25, 1996, in Midland, MI. The ceremony

was performed by Pastor Peter Neri.

Ann is the daughter of Robert and Velma Witzell of Stanton, MI, and James is the son of Marvin and Barbara Stickney of Vestaburg, MI.

The Stickneys are making their home in Stanton.

Melissa A. Yaste and Peter S. Cousins were married July 7, 1996, in Holly, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Daniel Towar.

Melissa is the daughter of Thomas and Michelle Yaste of Fenton, MI, and Peter is the son of Alphonse and Wendy Cousins of Huntington, IN.

The Cousins are making their home in Grand Blanc, MI.

OBITUARIES

BLOCK, Florence M., age 89; born July 3, 1907, in Manistee, MI; died Sept. 10, 1996, in Manistee. She was a member of the Manistee Church.

Survivors include her sons, Merle, John, Neil, Donald, and Bruce; brothers, Harlan, Roy, and Zane Niesen; sisters, Anna Sebrus and Lois Mucha; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors George Messer and Arthur Covell, and interment was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Manistee.

BROWN, Mary E., age 89; born June 24, 1907, in Noble, IL; died Oct. 15, 1996, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son Norman; daughter, Ruby Snell; brother, Bernard Worrell; 9 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Steven Vitano, and interment was in Greenhill Cemetery, Noble.

FITZ GERALD, Myrtle, age 77; born Oct. 8, 1919, in Tomakawk, WI; died Oct. 11, 1996, in Ashwaubenon, WI. She was a member of the Green Bay (WI) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Stephen; sons Douglas, Lyle, Verne, and Glenn; brother, Arnold Herwick; sisters, Violet Thomas and Alice Rasmussen; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Marvin Clark, and interment was in Cady Cemetery, Lawrence, WI.

GORONZY, Margaret M., age 85; born Apr. 1, 1911, in Kreis, Allenstein, East Prussia; died Oct. 8, 1996, in St. Joseph, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI.

Survivors include her sons, Dan and Herb; daughters, Peggy Dudley and Ruth Copp; brother, Ernst Dobrinsky; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by elder Ina Mae White, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

HANDLEY, Madeline, age 73; born Jan. 11, 1923, in Chicago; died Oct. 11, 1996, in Richmond, WI. She was a member of the Madison Community Church.

Survivors include her sons, Herbert, Thomas, and Jack; daughter, Irene Krumwiede; brothers, Rudolf and Richard Schoenherr; sisters, Mildred Hutchins, Stella Michaels, and Gladys Turner; 8 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ray Plummer and Richard Moore, and interment was in Twin Lakes, IL.

HUNTER, Donald W., age 90; born Nov. 11, 1905, in Hickory, NC; died Oct. 2, 1996, in Loma Linda, CA. He served in the Michigan and Lake Union

Conferences from 1941 to 1950.

Survivors include his wife, Mary K. (Neafus); daughters, Marjorie Rosburg and Barbara J. Lee; 8 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Don Roth.

JAMISON, Annie M., age 78; born Nov. 14, 1917, in Greenwood, MI; died Oct. 4, 1996, in Milwaukee, WI. She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include her stepson, Samuel Cannon; brother, Quittman Allen; and sisters, Bertha Allen, Maggie Alexander, and Mattie R. Primer.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mack Wilson, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milwaukee.

KAWECK, Maudie, age 88; born May 15, 1908, in Midland, MI; died Oct. 12, 1996, in Midland. She was a member of the Midland Church.

Survivors include her sons Howard D. Kaweck and Varne Rueff; daughter, Bonnie Putnam; sisters, Mildred Harshman and Elna Miller; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Donald Siewert and Philip Colburn, and interment was in the Midland Cemetery.

PROCTOR, James W., age 84; born Apr. 17, 1912, in Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada; died Oct. 9, 1996, in Berrien Springs, MI. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Emma B. (Kaytor); sons, Garry and Dick; 6 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James W. Wilson, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

ROSER, Marie, age 88; born Feb. 13, 1909, in Oakley, MI; died Aug. 15, 1996, in Xenia, OH. She was a member of the Holly (MI) Church.

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Survivors include his sons, Donald, Richard, and Bradley; stepsons, Henry, Robert, and Lawrence; daughter, Kay A. Dixon; stepdaughters Sue A. King, Zoe Horcha, and Janet Gorman.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David A. Stramel, and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

STOTZ, Oliver G., age 69; born Apr. 3, 1927, in Mobridge, SD; died Oct. 5, 1996, in Frederic, WI. He was a member of the Frederic Church.

Survivors include his wife Doris; sons, Larry and Alan; daughter, Kathy Story; sister, Eunice Wolcott; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Norman Yoder, and interment was in Clam

Falls (WI) Cemetery.

VAN ARSDALE, James, age 75; born Aug. 6, 1921, in Clare, MI; died Sept. 13, 1996, in Harrisburg, MO. He was a member of the First Flint (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; sons, Bob, David, and Don; daughter, Patti Powers; twin brother, William; and 9 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Bruce Babienco, and interment was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens, Traverse City, MI.

VAN BLARICUM, Harry J., age 73; born Aug. 21, 1922, in Mecosta County, MI; died May 17, 1996, in Palatka, FL. He was a member of the Fenton (MI) Church.

Survivors include sons, Rudolph, Paul, Gary, and Roger; daughters, Linda Cinader and Lisa Beattie; stepdaughters, Kristine Lux and Kathryn Truett; brothers, Ward, Albert, and Fred; and sister Lenna Kelley.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Earl J. Zager,

and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell, MI.

WOODS, Nathaniel Sr., age 70; born Apr. 2, 1926, in Selma, AL; died July 22, 1996, in Benton Harbor, MI. He was a member of the Highland Avenue Church, Benton Harbor.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley (Banks); sons, Nathaniel Jr., Jerry L., and Frederick; stepson, Reginald Banks; daughters, Sally Carr, Lydia Woods, Lisa Phillips, Delores Jones, Cindy Drake, and Natalie Woods; brothers, Edward Sr., Richard, and Alexander; sisters, Mary Cutts, Ella Lee, and Rosa Thomas; 26 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jaspine Bilima, and interment was in North Shore Memory Gardens, Hagar Shores, MI.

YANCER, Grace M., age 84; born June 2, 1912, in Saginaw, MI; died Sept. 18, 1996, in Saginaw. She was a member of the Saginaw Church.

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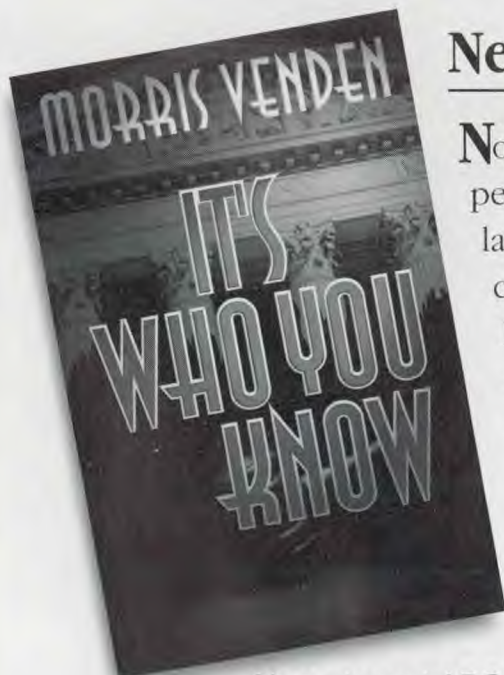
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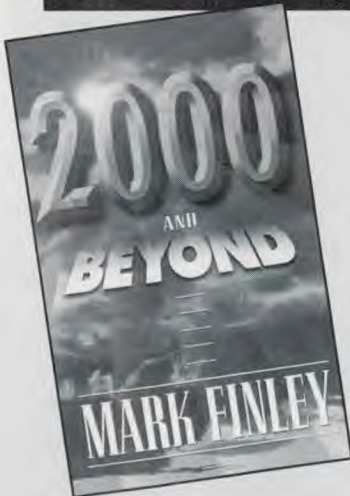
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Dec. 2—Christmas tree lighting ceremony; **Dec. 6**—Department of Music Christmas program, Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC). Features the choirs of Stephen Zork singing John Rutter's "Gloria"; **Dec. 11**—Fall quarter ends; **Dec. 24**—International student Christmas banquet. **Jan. 5**—International student orientation; **Jan. 6**—Registration for winter quarter; **Jan. 10**—Friday Festival of Faith vespers, PMC

INDIANA

ALL FRIENDS AND FORMER MEMBERS of the Logansport (IN) Church are invited to a special centennial celebration on Sabbath, Dec. 21, 1996. Sabbath school begins at 9:30, church service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck and an afternoon musical concert. Contact Pastor Paul Wasmer for information: (317) 864-0952.

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MEN'S MINISTRIES WEEK-END: Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union vice president for creative ministries and communication, pastor, author, and editor is to be the main presenter at the Men's Ministry weekend at Camp Go Seek, Oxford, WI, Jan. 17-19, 1997. Duerksen has a rich background in youth and family ministry and is known for his lively Biblical re-enactments. The new Hickory and Red Pine Lodges will welcome attendees to their fireside Friday evening, and the weekend will include a brunch at 9:30 Sunday morning. Registrations postmarked by Jan. 6 will be \$55. For information call the Wisconsin Conference, at (608) 241-5235.

WORLD CHURCH

Dec. 14—Health and temperance Sabbath/world budget; **Dec. 21**—Local conference advance; **Dec. 21**—13th Sabbath offering over-

flow—South Pacific Division; **Dec. 28**—Church budget; **Dec. 28**—Ingathering campaign ends;; **Jan. 4**—Outreach/church budget; **Jan. 11**—Inner city/world budget.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY/Hutchinson Theological Seminary west coast chapter alumni reunion, Feb. 2, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Loma Linda University campus cafeteria. Send luncheon reservations (\$9.50) before Jan. 24 to Ruth Purdy, 24414 University Ave., # 47, Loma Linda, CA 92354, or call her at (909) 799-3723.

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PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE alumni weekend will be April 17-20, 1997. Honored this year will be the classes of '37, '47, '57, '67, '72, '77, and '87. The featured speaker will be Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president. For information call Kellie Lind at (707) 965-6309.

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Indiana	3,087,866	3,072,904	14,962	0.49%
Lake Region	5,074,548	5,011,446	63,102	1.26%
Michigan	13,684,864	13,291,453	393,411	2.96%
Wisconsin	<u>3,001,998</u>	<u>2,911,893</u>	<u>90,105</u>	<u>3.09%</u>
TOTAL	29,960,251	29,425,201	525,051	1.78%

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3	Jan. 10
Berrien Springs, MI	5:14	5:14	5:16	5:20	5:26	5:33
Chicago	4:20	4:20	4:23	4:27	4:32	4:39
Detroit	5:01	5:02	5:04	5:08	5:14	5:21
Indianapolis	5:20	5:21	5:23	5:27	5:33	5:40
La Crosse, WI	4:28	4:28	4:30	4:34	4:40	4:47
Lansing, MI	5:04	5:04	5:07	5:11	5:17	5:24
Madison, WI	4:22	4:22	4:25	4:29	4:35	4:45
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THE LIFE STORY OF DR. FRANK W. HALE, JR. is recorded in his recently released autobiography, *Angels Watching Over Me* (available at ABCs). Hale has been an influential force through lecturing on institutional commitment to equity at colleges and universities and at state and national conferences. He founded the Laymen's Leadership Conference whose activities led to the selection of Frank L. Peterson as the first black vice president of the General Conference, the representation of blacks in union conference positions, and the republication of Ellen G. White's

Southern Work, a monumental statement against racism, which had been out of print for years. He played a significant role in challenging the world Adventist church body to become a more consistent, effective, and powerful instrument in promoting and practicing equal opportunity and human freedom. Well remembered as president of Oakwood College, Hale additionally has held professorships at Oakwood College, Central State University (Ohio), and the Ohio State University. He is an active member of the Ephesus Church in Columbus, OH.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MUSICIAN MICHAEL CRUZ was awarded this year's grand prize at the 22nd annual Christian Artists' Seminar at the Rockies. More than 1,000 musicians entered the competitions held in Estes Park, CO. This seminar brings together an international, interdenominational mix of Christians who have exceptional talent in songwriting, drama, and musical expression. The week-long conference includes seminars, workshops, and concerts, many given by well-

known artists. Previous grand prize winners include Point of Grace, Steve Darmody, and Babbie Mason. Cruz expects to release his first album in early 1997 and is planning his national concert schedule. Churches interested in concert information may contact Michael Cruz Ministries, at P.O. Box 2066, Burleson, TX 76097-2066.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

Faith For Today (to be announced). *It Is Written*: "Discovered—A Portrait of Jesus." *Voice of Prophecy Sun*: "Baby Jesus, Greatest Judge." *Mon-Fri*: "Another Visit to Handel's Study."

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

Faith For Today: (to be announced). *It Is Written*: "The Secret in Pharaoh's Tomb." *Voice of Prophecy Sun*: "Divine Delegation." *Mon-Fri*: "God's Christmas Cards—Vol. 3."

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

Faith For Today: (to be announced). *It Is Written*: "Christmas with the Heralds."

Voice of Prophecy Sun: "The Holy Child." *Mon-Fri*: "Hark!—And Then What Message?"

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

Faith For Today: (To be announced.) *It Is Written*: "Fingerprints in the Stars." Walter Arties sings "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." *Voice of Prophecy Sun*: "Drop the Rocks." *Mon-Fri*: "It Takes More than 'Just Say No!'"

WEEK OF JANUARY 5

Faith for Today: "Drug Abuse Recovery." *It Is Written*: "Turning in Your Conscience." *Voice of Prophecy Sun*: "Someone Cares Prison Ministry—1;" *Mon-Fri*: "Redefining the Body of Christ."

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

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Farewell

This will be the last article I write for this column. How fitting that it comes on the last month of the year. It is like saying goodbye to the old and ushering in the new. Don't get me wrong, though, I will miss the privilege of communicating with you on a regular basis. As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end."

Besides, youth and young adults are dynamic enough to warrant varied and innovative approaches, and that is just what the editors of this publication have in mind.

Therefore, I felt it necessary and appropriate to leave with you two personal reflections.

First, it was always my intention in this column to challenge you to be spiritual. By spiritual I mean that your religious experience would be more relational in nature, relating to God and to your fellow human beings. You see being an Adventist is NOT keeping the right day or having a set of behaviors in line. Instead Adventism is, first and foremost, how to pray, study your Bible, and help (relate to) others.

As Jesus put it, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; . . . For behold, the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20,21, NASB. Indeed the right day is important, and the behaviors will make a tremendous difference in the success of your spiritual life, but these should follow your relationship with Jesus Christ!

Second, it was always my intention in this column to alert you to the fact that in the last days Satan will weaken our church by bringing in compromise. Throughout the history of the church he has successfully used this method, and he is using it now in these last days. We must recognize this and resist it.

As Jesus put it, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24, NASB. Compromise will neither prepare us for Jesus' soon coming nor help us prepare others for it.

So my young friend, may your relationship with Jesus be alive, your ministries to others be active, and your beliefs in the Seventh-day Adventist Church be strong!

Maranatha.

Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI

From YOUTHNEWS, A communique from the North American Division Youth Ministries Department

Center for Youth Evangelism Relocates

YOUTHNEWS—As of September 1996, the Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) officially moved their offices from the seminary building at Andrews University to the Lake Union offices in Berrien Springs, MI. The center is an active partner in youth ministry throughout the division and has embraced the challenge of YouthNet to equip our North American youth to reach out to others through service. This extension of the NAD Youth Department is a powerful link in moving forward the vision of helping youth and youth leaders know Christ in experiential ways.

Libby Forrester, CYE administrative assistant, says of the move, "It has been a very time consuming and exhausting relocation, but it had to happen. The CYE was in need of more space and the new location is a very pleasant one—lots of windows." Forrester also adds that in every change there are adjustments, "Previously, being in the seminary meant constant traffic and visits from students which was a nice distraction. Now we don't get as many drop-in visits because people don't know we're here. We expect that to change as awareness of our move and our existence increases."

Ron Whitehead, CYE director and North American Division associate youth director says, "We would like to thank the officers of the Lake Union Conference for accommodating the CYE and for providing space for the planning hub of the 1999 Camporee to be held in Oshkosh, WI. The CYE has settled in nicely, and the continuous development of new materials is going along well."

For more information on the CYE, or if you're in the Southwestern Michigan area and would like to visit the CYE offices, you can contact them at 1-800-YOUTH-2-U.

NAD Pathfinder Leadership

Norm Middag, North American Division (NAD) Pathfinder Director, has announced his retirement on December 31, 1996. During his 42 years of service to our church, Elder Middag has certainly touched the lives of many youth.

Willie Oliver, presently NAD director of family ministries, will assume the responsibilities of Pathfinder and camping ministries. Having served as youth director in the Greater New York Conference and Atlantic Union, Elder Oliver has the experience, energy, and vision to provide leadership for a bright future of youth ministries.

As both Elder Middag and Elder Oliver go forward to these new phases of their ministries, let us continue to pray for them as they face new challenges in service for young people.

ADVENTIST NEWS ONLINE

Stories of interest from around the world,
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Voice of Hope Hosts Russian Orthodox Priest

Russia [ANN] — "I believe in the freedom to worship as one chooses. Others may have different doctrinal beliefs, but we worship the same God, a God who gives life, and breath, and freedom of conscience," declared Alexander Borisov of Moscow's Kos'mi I Domiana Cathedral who participated in a live call-in program of the Russian *Voice of Hope*, an international broadcast sponsored by Adventist World Radio. Another member of the panel, Adventist Pastor Nikolai M. Ignatov, told of his own imprisonment for sharing his faith, and appealed to Russian listeners to preserve freedom of conscience.

Borisov's words rejected religious intolerance now an unwelcome feature of some propaganda in Russia. His cathedral nestles against the walls of the Kremlin and has led in the rebirth of orthodoxy following the collapse of Communism.

His appeal kept phones busy long after the program went off the air. Calls came not only from many parts of Russia but also from other republics of the former Soviet Union.

Recent research has shown that more than 14 million people listen to *Voice of Hope* programs which air on two of Russia's national radio networks. Short wave transmitters enhance the coverage to include neighboring countries.

Strong Winds Destroy Texas Complex, ACS Provides Relief

Keene, TX [ANN] — The local Adventist Community Service (ACS) team provided immediate assistance after winds hit a five-block area in South Dallas, TX, Oct. 21, destroying one apartment complex and doing smaller damage in the surrounding area.

Joe Watts, ACS Disaster Response coordinator for the church's Southwestern Union, reported that the wind was so strong that it was originally classified as a tornado. According to Watts, no one was killed, and there are few injuries.

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Beth Schaefer

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