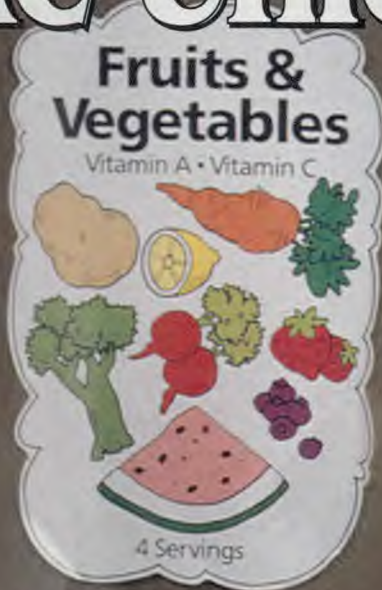


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"Christ is the power which enables one to reach the highest ideals." E. G. White, *Education*, page 26. Herald photo.

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E D I T O R I A L

A Prayer for NET '98

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Our Father, which art in Heaven, we praise Your Holy Name and we pray that Your kingdom will soon come here on earth. We seek Your will and ask that even our requests be ignored if they are not according to Your will.

We give You ourselves. We know that it is not much, but it is all that we have. We recognize that we are nothing apart from You, and we ask that Your power come into us and multiply our efforts on Your behalf.

Lord, we'd like to talk to You about NET '98. We speak boldly to You about this, because we believe that even the idea has come from You.

The 34 million handbills that are being sent throughout the North American Division . . . send Your Holy Spirit to be present in each home when the advertisement arrives.

Please protect the technical equipment—the satellites, the cameras, the wires, the projectors and more—that make it possible for the thousands of people to see the message being preached and to hear the call to accept Jesus. Give wisdom and judgment to those who will be working with this equipment.

We hold up in prayer Dwight Nelson, our speaker. Keep him close to You, and bless him with a clear voice and a focused brain. Put a hedge around him and his family—his son, his daughter, and his wife. Protect them and keep them close to each other and close to You.

Now about us. . . . You know that we are afraid, that we huddle together in our churches and wonder why more people don't come to us. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we will have the courage to move out of our churches, our homes . . . to talk to people on our street, in our neighborhoods, and in our work places. May they see that we really do love You, and that life with You is so much better than life without You. That way they will want to learn about You. And Lord, give us just the right words to say as we invite them to the meetings. Give us the passion for the people we know who do not know You.

Please help us to do away with all the petty differences among us in our churches so that people can tell that this is truly Your church just by the way we love each other.

Lord, over the next days, we'll be talking to You over and over about our neighbors You know, the people on our prayer lists. And we'll continue to bring to You the entire NET '98 effort. Right now we praise Your name for the miracles that we expect to see.

Unto You be the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Maranatha and the 1857 Meetinghouse

BY THE EDITOR

The first building to be replicated in Battle Creek's Historic Adventist Village has been built by Maranatha volunteers. The project was financed by Michigan Conference members.

The 1857 Meetinghouse, originally located near the corner of Van Buren and Cass streets, was the site where many significant decisions were made as our pioneers forged the structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In that building, the motion was made to call ourselves Seventh-day Adventists, the Michigan Conference was organized, the General Conference was organized, and the process of systematic benevolence, which became the tithing system, was discussed and adopted.

The 45 Maranatha volunteers came from each union conference in North America. For several volunteers this was their first Maranatha building project, but most of the people have



Forty-five Maranatha volunteers came to Battle Creek to build a replica of the 1857 Meetinghouse. The original meetinghouse was the site of many significant decisions as the pioneers struggled to organize the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

taken part in multiple projects. For example, Andy and Judy Snyder of Berrien Springs, Michigan, Maranatha's 1998 "Missionaries of the Year," have been on more than 60 trips all over the world to help build churches and schools.

In addition to building the meetinghouse, the volunteers have worked on many tasks—picking up trash and clearing undergrowth that has accumulated during many years of neglect, stripping and repainting donated pews for the church, working in the P. T. Magan house to prepare it for restoration as housing for village staff and other visitors, and working in the Battle Creek Academy kitchen to prepare the meals.

The meetinghouse looks as close to the original as careful research can make it. Plans for the building were drawn from two photographs that were scaled to the recorded dimensions of the original building. Stan Hickerson, associate pastor of the Battle Creek Tabernacle and site superintendent, did exhaustive research to find other details. Randy Case, a local architect drew the final plans. The replicated meetinghouse is located behind the James and Ellen White home.

Lending additional authenticity to the structure are the benches. These benches were donated by the members of the Bordeauville Church, located near the Canadian border in Vermont. In 1864, A.C. Bordeau had a church constructed on his property in Bordeauville. John Loughborough who held revival meetings at the Bordeauville Church, oversaw the construction of the benches, the pulpit,



Joe Tweedy, from Eagle Bend, Minn., staples cedar shingles to the roof, assisted by Ed Harlan from Charlotte, Mich.

and the wainscoating. Hickerson believes that because Loughborough built the benches for the Battle Creek Meetinghouse several years earlier, the design would be similar.

Besides being a historic building for tourists to visit in Historic Adventist Village, this new meetinghouse will be used for hymn singing, community meetings, weddings, communion services, Bible conferences, and other meetings. Visitors to the village will hear the story of how God has led His people in the past and will be given a gentle appeal to let the Lord lead in their lives as well.

Volunteers are needed as existing buildings are restored and other historic ones are replicated. To volunteer, contact Lenard Jaecks at (616)966-0104.



Ralph Benedict, a Battle Creek resident, works with rocks and mortar to simulate the foundation of the meetinghouse.

N E W M E M B E R S

MICHIGAN



Debbie, Tom, and Shirley DeWitt were baptized on May 23.

When **Tom DeWitt** was a child, he attended the Lansing Adventist church and school. There his friends, teachers, and pastors helped him to develop spiritual values and a personal relationship with Jesus. However, when he entered his teen years, he drifted away from God and the church. During those years, he met and married Debbie, and they had two daughters, Shirley and Olivia. The family occasionally attended an Adventist Church.

One Saturday as Tom and Debbie were driving through Holt, Michigan, they were discussing why Tom felt that God wanted Christians to worship on the seventh day of the week instead of on the first day. Suddenly they noticed a sign on the lawn of the Nazarene Church that indicated the Holt Adventist Fellowship worshiped in that church each Saturday. Curious, they decided to return on a Sabbath morning and worship with them. When they walked in, they were invited to join the Bible class taught

by Terry Nelson, the pastor. The topic of the morning's study was the fourth commandment, which teaches Christians that Saturday is the Bible Sabbath that God asks people to observe. Tom and Debbie just looked at each other in amazement as they realized that God's providence had led them to worship in that church on that very Sabbath.

When the Signs of the Times crusade opened in the Holt Day's Inn auditorium, **Tom, Debbie**, and their daughter, **Shirley**, were among those who attended faithfully. As the Holy Spirit enlightened their understanding, they eagerly accepted each Biblical truth. It was a beautiful sight to see all three family members begin a new life with Jesus when they were baptized on Sabbath, May 23, 1998. Tom had come home to the church of his childhood, and God had led his family to come with him in a life of dedication and service.

Kay Collins, Signs of the Times crusade correspondent



From left: Cenobio Rayos, Bob Wilson, and Andres Rayos

It seems that sometimes young people (as well as many older people) don't have much interest in studying the Bible these days, but **Andres and Cenobio Rayos** were eager to learn. Andres and Cenobio are two teenagers who came with their parents to visit the Holt Church because Janet Parker, a church member, had invited

them. They felt welcomed by the warmth of the members, and they enjoyed the Sabbath school program and the sermon by Terry Nelson, church pastor. They decided to return every Sabbath. The more they learned, the more they wanted to learn.

Bob Wilson, a member of the Holt Church, visited their home almost every day for two months and gave them Bible studies. He served as their school Bible-class instructor because both of them were being educated in a home school. The Bible-study classes changed their lives, and they asked to be baptized.

Andres and Cenobio's public commitment to Christ on the Sabbath Pastor Terry baptized them was a time of Christian celebration. Two young lives were dedicated to Christ, and He can now guide them for many years to witness for Him.

Bob Wilson, Holt Church Bible instructor



Ruth Ott shared Christ's love with Bruce Pellot, and today he is a member of the Adventist Church.

One morning **Bruce Pellot** was in his home neighborhood walking his dog when he observed a woman getting into her car. As Bruce walked by Ruth Ott's car, she smiled and spoke to him. Bruce's wife had passed away, and his lonely heart welcomed Ruth's friendliness. This brief meeting soon developed into a friendship, and Bruce and Ruth began to share their daily walks.

As they walked and talked, their conversation turned to religious

subjects, and Bruce learned that Ruth was a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Although Bruce had been reared as a member of both the Nazarene and Lutheran congregations, it had been many years since he had attended either church.

Ruth's spontaneous witness and obvious love for Jesus spoke to Bruce's heart. When Ruth invited him to attend church with her, he readily accepted. Each Sabbath during the next three years they worshiped in either the Lansing or the Holt church. Ruth was such an inspiration to him that Bruce developed a rich and wonderful relationship with Jesus Christ.

When the Signs of the Times crusade began in the Day's Inn auditorium near Holt, Michigan, Bruce and Ruth were among those who attended faithfully. As the doctrines of God's Word became clear to his understanding, Bruce readily accepted each one. Then Evangelist Dan Collins shared Christ's call for him to surrender his heart and to obey God's invitation to be baptized, and Bruce responded. On the day of Bruce's baptism, Sabbath, May 23, Ruth's thoughts went back to that time three years earlier when God's providence led Bruce to walk by her home at the right moment.

*Kay Collins, Signs of the Times
crusade correspondent*



From left: Pastor Olan Thomas with Tim Mayville and Crystal Feather on the day they became members of the Williamston Church.

An attractive handbill arrived in the mailboxes of **Tim Mayville** and **Crystal Feather**. The handbills were

advertising the prophecy lectures of Evangelist Ted Struntz that were to be held in the Williamston Church.

Because of their work schedules and other commitments, Tim and Crystal were not able to attend the first two weeks of the meetings on a daily basis; however, when weeks three and four came along, they were able to attend most of the services.

During one of the meetings after he had presented the Sabbath truth, Evangelist Ted invited the people to come to the Sabbath morning church service. Tim and Crystal were not present to hear the invitation, but because of their interest in the truths they were learning, they decided on their own to attend the regular Sabbath worship service.

When the prophecy lecture series finished, their interest in the Bible was at a new high. However, they were not ready to make a full commitment to church membership. Then the local

pastor, Olan Thomas, held a *Discoveries in Daniel* seminar, and by the time that series concluded, Tim and Crystal were ready to make the decision to be baptized. Their baptism took place in May 1998.

Tim and Crystal had spent quite a bit of time getting acquainted during the two series of meetings they attended, and as their love for God developed and grew, so did a love for each other. They are now planning another ceremony in the church—a wedding, which is scheduled for October.

Tim and Crystal are witnessing to their families and friends, and several family members have come to visit the Williamston Church during the Sabbath worship services. God has led this young couple to join their lives in a common faith and to establish a new Adventist Christian home.

*Olan Thomas,
Williamston Church pastor*

We need your stories and photos!

Have you ever wondered why you never see any new member stories from your church in this section of the *Lake Union Herald*? Guess what! Your editors cannot print what they do not receive. They are entirely dependent upon the church communication leaders to write the story of someone's conversion and send it to their local conference communication director, who then prepares it for publication.

Help your communication leader. Everyone is so busy. Perhaps your church communication leader could use some help. If you have some time or interest in seeing those stories told, why not ask if your communication leader would like you to write up some of the wonderful conversion stories being told in your church. Limit each story to 300 or fewer words and to one person or family being baptized.

Do an interview. If your church follows the practice of having people who are being baptized tell their stories, be ready with pen and paper. Take notes about each person's story, and who told a particularly inspiring story. Follow up by talking to that person. When you write your story be sure to introduce everyone whose name is mentioned, and verify the spelling of the name. Use full first and last names in the first mention of each person—no social or professional titles.

Get a photo. It is best to shoot a photo of the individual(s) in your story somewhere other than on the church platform. Show people in their street clothes. Pay attention to the background, whether you take the picture in a room in the church or go outside. Move in close. Limit the people in the picture to just the individual(s) in your story—not everyone who was baptized that day. Write a caption identifying the people in the photo.

Distinctly Different?

BY GARY RANDOLPH

The education administrators of the local conferences and the Lake Union Conference office of education are exploring ways in which to help as many Adventist children as possible to receive a Seventh-day Adventist education. One of the fundamental questions that we must answer is, Why do we go through the effort and expense of operating a separate system of schools? Another basic question is, Why have we been led by God through the inspired counsel of Ellen G. White and other dedicated individuals to be distinctly different?

I attended the public school system from the first grade through high school, and one of my graduate degrees is from a public university. Because I have experience in public education, I would like to suggest some possible areas where the Seventh-day Adventist system is distinctly different.

First, students are taught that God is the Creator of all things and that He created everything perfect. Although sin entered the world through Lucifer, God has established the plan of salvation and eternal life for every individual who has faith in Him and His Word. That Word is studied daily in the Adventist school system, and all subjects are taught within that framework. As the students learn about the great controversy between Christ and Satan and study the life of Christ, most come to understand His love for them, and they are encouraged to accept Him and to allow His will to control their lives.

The values taught are based on the Holy Bible, the Word of God. Thinking of others first is more than rhetoric. The principles of non-violence, peace, honesty, loving others, respecting their needs, and accepting them regardless of their gender, race, economic status, or physical or mental challenges are taught from a Christian viewpoint. God made us all equal. Service for others is taught as a principle of the love of God, which is expressed in actual experience through the *Bible Labs* program.

Why do we go through the effort and expense of operating a separate system of schools?

Adventist students are led to understand why they are stewards of the earth and that they should care for the environment. Also, they are taught to be stewards of their time and are encouraged to grow spiritually, mentally, and physically. Being the stewards of their bodies (temperance) is taught as well. Health—taking care of their bodies—makes up a significant portion of the science curriculum.

We all recognize that the public-school system does teach certain moral values, service to others, health, and environmental science. However, they cannot teach a biblical creation, the plan of salvation, values based on Christianity, service based on love for mankind, and stewardship of the earth as God directed. The Seventh-day Adventist Christian understanding of

all these areas could have eternal consequences.

Where is your student getting his or her knowledge of the Bible, creation, the plan of salvation, values training, and the desire to serve others? Is your child in an Adventist school with a Christian teacher teaching everything in a Christian context? If not, do you have time to provide the training that is being missed? Some of us are proof that public education and being an

Adventist are not mutually exclusive. However, research shows that this is not the norm. As you consider the influences of the various systems of education, also consider what is needed for the spiritual growth and academic training of your child.

Many small churches cannot establish an Adventist school for their children. If there is an Adventist school in your area, however, wouldn't it seem advisable for your children to attend? If an Adventist school is not available in your area and you desire the advantages of a Adventist Christian school, contact your local conference office of education for information, materials, and assistance in meeting the challenges of educating your child, particularly in Bible, science/health, and social studies. It is the intent of the offices of education to assist in preparing your children academically and spiritually to successfully live on this earth and the earth to come.

Gary Randolph is director of the Lake Union Conference office of education.

Christian Education Is Worthy

BY SUE RAPPETTE

Can't send your child to church school because of finances? "Think again," says Cora Foster Tompkins, mother of seven children. She chose to prove the Lord and claim His promises rather than give up because of difficult circumstances.

Cora was a widow when her children were ready for church school. She held two jobs—unit secretary at Northwest General Hospital in Milwaukee and private-duty attendant for patients who needed special attention. When she was laid up in the hospital for three weeks following an accident, she continued to keep her children's education a top priority. "The Lord inspired me to crotchet shawls," Cora said. "I had five or six orders a week and sold them for \$20 each. I don't think I could crotchet now," she chuckles, "but the Lord allowed me to use this means to make the money I needed at that time."

Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president, presented Cora with Wisconsin Academy's Alumni of

the Year award during the school's 1998 alumni weekend church service. "She is an inspiration to us all," Schneider said.

Cora remembers the time when she faced the dilemma of school starting and she had no money for her son Terry's entrance fee (\$1,100) to Andrews University and nothing for son Samuel's entrance fee (\$600) for Wisconsin Academy.

"Sam was a senior at the time," says Cora, "and he was very excited to get to school. When I told him we wouldn't be going on Sunday to register, he was puzzled. I told him we were waiting until Monday." Cora knew that the Lord would supply their need, but she didn't have the money in hand yet. She had planned to go into town on Monday and borrow the money if she had to, but that Sunday night her lawyer called unexpectedly to say that he had a check for her from an accident settlement. Could she come in Monday and pick up the check?

"It was strange of him to call on a Sunday night," remembers Cora, "but the Lord is full of surprises!" On

Monday, she shook out 50 cents from her piggy bank (just enough for bus fare) and went to the lawyer's office. He told her she had \$6,000 coming and started to counsel her about investing the money very wisely since she was a widow.

"I told him that I was going to do just that!" says the determined mother. "I asked him to write up two checks—one to Wisconsin Academy for \$600 and one to Andrews University for \$1,100." The lawyer was flabbergasted as Cora proceeded to tell him that she was investing her money in her children's Christian education. "If only one of my children is saved, it will be worth it," explained Cora.

Cora continues to reside in Milwaukee. Her seven children—Robert, Peggy, Helen, Paul, Terry, Samuel, and Steve—remember their mother for her early-morning worships, her tenacious reliance on God, and her incredible love for them.

Sue Rappette is Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant.



THEN: Paul Foster pins a corsage on his mother during graduation weekend, 1978.



NOW, from left: Robert, Cora, Samuel, Terry, Peggy, Helen, and Paul.



Grand Rapids Junior Academy students made a nature trail through the woods on their school property.

huge tree cut down and ground into chips. Quickly, arrangements were made to have those chips dumped at one end of the trail. Carter talked to city officials, and they agreed to dump another load of wood chips at the other end of the trail. The tenth-grade students began to gather wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, and measuring tools to begin the job of spreading the chips. Then they asked the students in grades five and six whether they would like to spend an hour the following Wednesday morning helping to spread the chips on the trail. Of course the students jumped at the chance.

Wednesday morning the students from all four grades gathered in two groups, one at each end of the trail. They loaded their wheelbarrows and met in the middle of the trail. They then worked their way back to the trail's ends. Muscles were put to the test as load after load of chips was shoveled into the wheelbarrows and pushed down the muddy, bumpy trail to be dumped and raked to the correct depth. Gradually the trail began to take shape. The chip piles grew smaller, and the one-hour project turned into a three-and-a-half-hour one. The students and teachers worked together, and finally the piles of chips were exhausted—about the same time as the students were.

Shane Haff, a tenth-grader, said, "Working on the trail with the fifth- and sixth-graders was fun. It was hard work, but I got a blessing." Jonathan Bazon, a ninth-grader, added, "The trail seemed like such a big project when we were planning it. I didn't think that we could do it. But once we got going, it went well. People from the neighborhood tell us they love the trail and are glad we made it."

I think this trail is just one of God's ways of bringing our school and community together and closer to Him." That is what the *Bible Labs* program is all about.

The **Grand Rapids (Michigan) Junior Academy** (GRJA) tenth-grade class, along with their teacher, John Carter, began work on a trail in the woods behind the school in early spring. They cut a path through fallen trees, trimmed plants, and created a winding trail, reports Judy Shull, GRJA's fifth- and sixth-grade teacher

As soon as the trail was finished, the older students offered to take the fifth- and sixth-graders on a guided tour. The older students asked for suggestions from a specialist at the Blandford Nature Center. They were told they needed to put down a six-inch-thick layer of wood chips over the entire trail, which would keep the plants from growing back on the trail and ruining all their hard work. But where were they to find wood chips?

One day one of the older students noticed that a neighbor was having his



People from the school's neighborhood now enjoy using the winding trail through the woods.



Students in the Grayling School prepare to set out on their Adopt-a-highway project.

A unique and exciting school program was started under the direction of Kathy Piehl, *Bible Labs* coordinator for the **Grayling (Michigan) School**, reports Darlyn Townsend, school communication leader. The students participate in the "Adopt-a-Highway" project for their county. On Interstate Highway 75 North past Grayling, Michigan, a sign designates that the next two miles have been adopted by the Grayling Seventh-day Adventist School. Thousands of motorists pass this sign every day, and it is a wonderful witness.

The students have fun doing this, and they are surprised at the different objects they have found, such as wallets, butterflies, bungee cords, and clothing. You can hear their screams of delight when they discover pop cans and announce, "Money for Jesus!"

The nine students are also active in a local nursing home, where they give hand-chime concerts and make Christmas and Valentine cards for the residents. They also have helped with cleanup projects during the construction times at Camp Au Sable.

Under the direction of *Bible Labs* coordinator, Kelly Fitzgerald, students at the **Rice Lake (Wisconsin) School** helped to spread shredded bark on the playground of a neighborhood child-care center. They also minister to residents of a local nursing home. They sing songs, read poetry, and play musical instruments for the residents. At the conclusion of the activities, students mingle with the residents, presenting them handouts that the students have created.

Labs



Students at Mizpah Junior Academy use computer graphics for Bible Labs projects.

The integration of faith, learning, and computer technology was initiated during the 1997-98 school year at **Mizpah Junior Academy** (MJA) in Gary, Indiana, reports Beverly Smith, MJA teacher, grades 5-8. Seventh- and eighth-grade students were encouraged to be creative in demonstrating Christlikeness with computer enhanced *Bible Labs* projects. During the school year, mobiles demonstrating the eight laws of health, banners, bulletin boards, and illustrated psalms were all made by students using computer-generated graphics. The students also were involved in creating unique Mother's Day gifts.

Vincent Ford, seventh-grade student at MJA, produced the calendar above for his mother for Mother's Day.

Can a handful of students and adult volunteers make a difference? Ask **Terre Haute (Indiana) School** teacher Bev Amlaner, and you'll get a resounding "yes," reports V. Gwen Bolin, a friend of the Terre Haute school

Five nights a week, seven enthusiastic students from five to eleven years old, along with prayerful adults,

take to the streets of Terre Haute. The purpose of the canvassing is two-fold. The first is the opportunity to share Christ's love. Armed with the books *He Taught Love* and *Darkness Before Dawn*, these smiling cherubs are hard to resist. At one home a child was asked, "Whose picture is this?" on the front of the book. "That's my friend, Jesus," was the precious reply.

The second purpose is that donations from the books help to pay students' school fees. The largest portion goes toward the individual student's school bill. Some goes toward the bill of the college student who is coordinating the summer endeavor, and the balance is applied to the cost of the book.

Interest has been high, with many people asking for more information and prayer. Literally hundreds of copies of *He Taught Love* and thousands of *Darkness Before Dawn* have been welcomed into area homes in Terre Haute this summer from a small group who say "I can, with God's help!"

Another outreach is to use border sheets for more than just handwriting practice. Each week students painstakingly write verses to uplift others and personalize them with a special message. Border sheets are given to those who are sick, shut in, or just in need of encouragement.

Border sheets also serve as wonderful thank-you notes to the supporters and volunteers of the school. Students love seeing the gleam of appreciation on the recipients' faces when the lovingly decorated border sheets are received. This activity has the students begging, "Can we practice handwriting today?"



Younger students in the Terre Haute School are learning to share their faith by selling magabooks like big kids do.



All 13 students at the Terre Haute (Indiana) School participated in making a quilt as one of their Bible Labs projects for the second year in a row. Last year the quilt was given to their new pastor; this year the quilt was given as a special gift to a church member who is a very active supporter of the school.



Andrews Academy front row, from left: Kari Wilson, Leilani Bermeo, Mark Castillo, Stephanie Tilly, and Kim Smith; second row: Raewyn Hankins, Joynene Neal, Justin Brown, Lorilee Ross, and Alicia Lemon.

National Honor

Pictured are the students in each of the academies in the Lake Union Conference that were inducted into the National Honor Society in the 1997-98 school year. Eligible students must have a cumulative grade-point



Battle Creek Academy front row, from left: Marie-Lys Lallemand, Brooke Pierce, Geoff Hook, C. J. Foote; second row: Betsy Prewitt, Heather Whitcomb, M. E. Kuzma, Alicia Houseman, Caleb Cross, Tom Lloyd.



Broadview Academy from left: Carla Stehman, Gabriel Pannwitz, Eden Huth.



Great Lakes Adventist Academy front row, from left: Kim Verbrigghe, Ingrid Slikkers, Kindra Schutt, José Bourget, Craig Baker, Randy Umlauf, Janelle Guajardo, Leah Pacer, and Andrea Ohm; back row, from left: Jenae Johnson, Monique Dis, Nicholas Jensen, Brandon Koleda, David Colburn, Alexander Hamm, Chad Hess, and Kyle Cowan.

Society Inductees

average of 3.5 or higher to become members of the honor society. They are also nominated by their teachers, based on high standards in leadership, service, and character.



Indiana Academy front row, from left: *Erin Schwer, Rachael DelRio, Norma DelRio, Jenny Wharam, Tabitha Whitlow, Kathy Souchet, Brenda DeMange, Liz Plew, Heather Wiltse, Rhonda Reynolds, Anna Wawrzkowicz, Kirsten Amlaner*; back row: *Debra Barcella (sponsor), Greg Edge, Steve Baughman, John Peckham, Zachary Juniper, Daniel Camacho.*



Hinsdale Academy from left: *Kevin Forsythe, Diana Gilgoric, Kelly Razzouk, Jonathan Schmidt, Brook Vosen, Erin Gray, Jessica Snyder, Amanda Sears, and Andrew McCash.*



Hinsdale Academy from left: *Marc Galera, Jason Maldonado, Brent Benfield, Andrew McCash, Deanry Dupit, Brook Vosen, Ria Tuazon, Jessica Bassham, and Sam McCash.* (Because this was Hinsdale Academy's first ceremony, students from three classes were inducted into the National Honor Society.)



Wisconsin Academy front row, from left: *Laura Beaumont, Esther Weakley, Amber Burgess, and Erin Heldstab*; Center row: *Julie Stotz, Jason Jakobsons, Cassie Johnson, Aaron Sিনnett, Delcy Gillen*; back row: *Kristy Brown, SaJen Kootaka, Jessica Fekete, Greg Creek, Evan Tubillara, and Aaron Beaumont.*

Charitable Donation Protection Enacted

BY VERN ALGER

President Clinton signed the Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act on June 19, 1998. Public Law 105-183, as it is officially identified, prevents trustees in bankruptcy from forcing churches and other charities to return to the trustee good faith contributions made by the debtors before filing bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Code provides that gifts made without receiving equivalent value by debtors before filing a petition in bankruptcy can be recovered by the trustee as fraudulent transfers and can then be used to pay the debts of the debtor. Some trustees in bankruptcy have been suing churches to recover contributions made by debtors for which the trustee claimed the debtor received no value. The new Act makes

it clear that it was not the intent of Congress in enacting the Bankruptcy Code to give trustees the right to get back bona fide charitable contributions on behalf of creditors.

The primary sponsors of this legislation were Charles Grassley of Iowa in the Senate and Ron Packard of California in the House of Representatives. Rep. Peter Hoekstra of Michigan was also very helpful in providing information about this legislation and in getting it enacted into law.

Upon signing this legislation, which was unanimously passed through both houses of Congress, President Clinton said:

As Americans, we value the important role religious and charitable institutions play in the daily life of this nation. Indeed, we know that fiscal responsibility for these institutions is fundamental to

their efforts to meet the spiritual, social, and other concerns of our nation. It is a great loss to all of our citizens for creditors to recoup their losses in bankruptcy cases from donations made in good faith by our citizens to their churches and charitable institutions.

As Americans, we also know that giving, whether to one's church, temple, mosque, or other house of worship or to any charitable organization, fosters and enriches our sense of community. We need to encourage, not discourage, that sense of community. The Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act does just that.

Vern Alger, an attorney, is the director of the department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty in the Lake Union Conference.

An Interview with Vern Alger

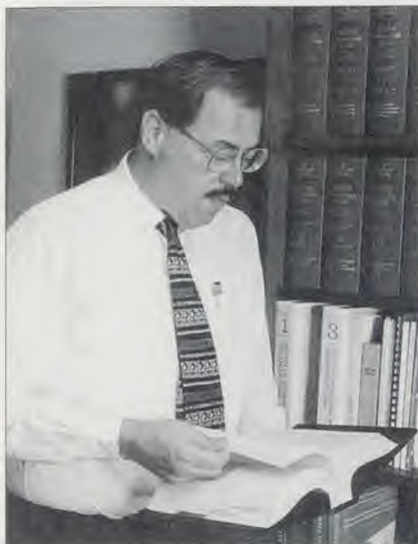
BY THE EDITOR

Vern Alger participated in writing the language of the Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act. Richard Dower conducted the following interview.

Dower: How did you get involved with the legislative process to help

pass the Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act?

Alger: For several years, I had been working on a bankruptcy case where the church was involved. The bankruptcy trustee was trying, through the courts, to get the church to give back past donations of tithes and offerings as part of the money needed to pay the bankruptcy debt.



If a church—or any charity for that matter—receives money as a contribution, that contribution should be considered as a bona fide expenditure. The courts have ruled that many expenditures were legitimate, including gambling debts. The courts have recognized gambling debts but not always contributions to churches. That is not fair even in today's society. Churches and charities are a benefit to society, and a charitable contribution

from the church, charging that it was a fraudulent transfer. How did you participate in trying to correct this problem?

Alger: I contacted Peter Hoekstra's office. He's the Congressman from the second congressional district in Michigan, the district where we were having the problem. His legislative aide got back to me to say that Ron Packard from California was also considering legislation to correct this

this bill. We got 127 co-sponsors to help with this popular piece of legislation.

Senator Charles E. Grassley from Iowa introduced a virtually identical bill in the senate, which went through the Senate Judiciary Committee.

While the Packard bill was pending, another bill was introduced that would apply only to churches and not to charities, and would cover only federal

law and not state law.

Hoekstra's office asked me to do a comparison of the two bills, which I did. They asked me if I would testify before the committee, and I submitted my testimony in writing. The bill passed out of committees in both the House and the Senate by unanimous votes, and was finally passed by a unanimous vote in each house. The president signed it on June 19, 1998.

Dower: How did the passage of this bill affect your pending bankruptcy case?

Alger: During the pendency of this legislation, I had status conferences with the judge and the trustee. I told them about

the pending legislation. The judge said that the bill would never pass. I told her that we had 126 co-sponsors at that time. The trustee said, "Your honor, there is a provision in here that says that it applies to all pending cases. I've never seen that in any other bankruptcy legislation." The judge said, "Well, we both know that the church has a very good lobbyist."

I recently sent a copy of the new bill and Clinton's statement to the trustee and the judge, requesting that the pending bankruptcy case be dismissed. The judge has granted the trustee until September 30 to decide if she wants to challenge the constitutionality of this new law.



Vern Alger helped with the drafting of the Charitable Donation Protection Act.

should be looked on as legitimate. It seems to me that Congress never intended that religion and charities should be considered to be fraudulent transfers.

Dower: What is a fraudulent transfer?

Alger: The classic fraudulent act is someone giving money to a friend or relative to hold for him while he declares bankruptcy; then the money comes back when the bankruptcy is over. The law says that if you have the money, you must pay your creditors, and that is the right thing to do.

Dower: So the problem is that the trustee wants to get the money donated for tithes and offerings back

because they were having a problem with this there as well.

Then I contacted Packard's office, and they sent me a copy of what they were considering. It looked good because it covered both the federal and state provisions that allowed the trustees to go after fraudulent transfers under federal or state laws. The only thing that it did not have in it was an effective date, which meant that it would be effective after the law was passed. That would not help in my pending case. I asked them to consider language that would make it applicable to pending cases as well, and they did. I made several trips to Washington to help to get people on board to sponsor

Green Blood

"And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so. Genesis 1:30 (NIV)



WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

For hundreds of years, farmers and botanists knew that every green plant—whether it was a potato vine, a cornstalk, or an apple tree—needed water and sunlight to grow and to produce fruit. But they didn't know how the plant used the water and light. Then in 1818 two French chemists isolated chlorophyll and began to unlock the secret life of the plant.

In 1912 scientists cracked the chlorophyll code to reveal that one molecule of the green substance is composed of 137 atoms. One atom is magnesium; the remaining 136 are nitrogen, carbon, and oxygen. If that lone atom of magnesium were replaced with an atom of iron, the molecule of chlorophyll would become a molecule of hemoglobin, the red pigment in blood. The formulas of chlorophyll and blood are so much alike that scientists nicknamed their new discovery "green blood."

When the seed of a tree sprouts, it sends a tiny, two-leaved shoot through the surface of the soil. Through a process called photosynthesis, those two small leaves of that seedling immediately begin to manufacture food. First the roots absorb water and minerals from the soil, which combine to produce sap. Then the pipeline of xylem cells carries the nourishing sap up through the



seedling's stem and out to the leaves.

In the leaves, the chlorophyll absorbs sunlight, which in turn causes carbon dioxide from the air and oxygen and hydrogen from the sap to combine, producing a sugar called glucose. The glucose then combines with the nitrogen, sulfur, and phosphorus, also contained in the sap, to produce starch, fat, protein, and vitamins. These essential nutrients are then carried back down to the roots by way of the descending pipeline of phloem cells to be used as food or to make new cells. This continues throughout the plant's life, so in an adult tree water and minerals travel all the way up the trunk, through the branches, and out to the leaves and the nutrients manufactured in the leaves travel all the way back through the branches, down the trunk, and into the roots.

One of the greatest arguments in favor of Creation by God is the fact that so much similarity exists among all forms of life. God apparently started with a basic formula for living things, then varied it just enough to make all the different animals, birds, fishes, flowers, trees, insects, and every other kind of life that He created on the third, fifth, and sixth days of Creation.

Monogram a Tree

Observe how sunlight influences pigment production in leaves.

Items needed

- ✓ maple, oak or other tree that has red leaves in autumn
- ✓ opaque tape, such as black electrical tape or masking-tape

Procedure

- 1 With the tape, "draw" the initial of your first name on six of the leaves on the tree. That is, if your name is Andy, form an A with three strips of tape.
- 2 Remove the tape from three leaves. What do you see?
- 3 Wait for the other three leaves to change color before removing the tape. What happened?

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a newsletter to help parents, teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.

Mutch New Academic VP

"We should unapologetically pursue academic excellence and unapologetically show the world that we offer a Christian education," says Patricia Mutch. "Anything less would be a compromise in both areas."

Since 1972 Mutch has worked at Andrews. In July she was appointed the new vice president for academic administration, the critical administrative post that oversees the university's academic experience.



Andrews University Public Relations

Patricia Mutch, Academic Vice President

Colleagues say she has always stood for the "no compromise" approach to Adventist higher education. "Pat embodies the true meaning of a Christian educator. Not only does she have the administrative experience to get any job done, she also has the heart of a teacher that will keep the students' perspective foremost in her mind," said Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreassen.

Mutch most recently served Andrews as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She is an Andrews alumna, and received her bachelor's degree in food and nutrition in 1965. In 1972, the same year she began teaching at Andrews, she earned her doctorate in nutrition from the University of California-Davis.

Jack Stenger, public information officer

Andrews University 1997-1998: The Year in Review

Andrews Moves Toward Semesters: A series of votes in the spring made a move toward semesters more likely. Academic administration made the case that this move would improve student retention, allow for more substantive class content, and correct chronic problems associated with the existing system. In July, the board voted to follow the campus recommendations and make the move to semesters as early as the fall of 2000.

Architecture Accreditation: The National Architectural Accrediting Board granted the Division of Architecture a strong three-year re-accreditation period in the summer of 1997, putting the program on a solid footing. The National Architectural Accrediting Board cited the strength of the school's overseas architecture programs and the 22,000-volume Architecture Resource Center as program strengths.

Consolidated Academic Bulletin: In May the new consolidated academic bulletin made its debut. The 250-page document not only featured a new size and cover design, it also marked the end of the annual bookshelf of bulletins that was heretofore produced. Cross-school cooperation and the work of many minds and hands made this achievement possible.

Math-Science Center: An alliance between a private university and public high schools flourished on campus as the Berrien County Math and Science Center expanded and made Andrews its permanent home. The Math-Science Center is a college-preparatory program for selected Berrien County public school students, largely taught by Andrews faculty.

Campaign for Andrews II Nears Completion: The capital campaign, started in 1997, calls for raising \$13 million by the year 2000. As of March, more than \$9.6 million had been raised in cash and pledges—70 percent toward the goal.

Biology Majors Score Among Nation's Best: Andrews biology students have posted scores well above the national average on the standardized Biology Major Field Test. In 1996, Andrews biology majors scored in the 92nd percentile, against the national average. In 1997, students hit the 97th percentile, and this year they were in the 87th percentile. Nationally, more than 8,500 biology majors take the test each year.

Lake Union Student Missionaries

"Go ye, into all the world..."

Andrews students who are serving as student missionaries and task force workers during the 1998-99 school year were recognized at an April 17 "Lamplighter Vespers" service in Pioneer Memorial Church. During the event, students were dedicated to God for service and wished well by friends and family.

Listed below are the names of Andrews student missionaries and taskforce workers from the Lake Union, their hometowns, and their assignment sites.

Student Missionaries:

Adam Brown, Grand Rapids, Mich., *Taiwan*; Sheila Campbell, Carson City, Mich., *Korea*; Philip Cash, Berrien Springs, Mich., *Micronesia*; Nashika Fort, Kokomo, Ind., *Spain*; Robert Hillebert, Buchanan, Mich., *Korea*; Alfonso Petty, Peoria, Ill., *Korea*; Rhonda Snorrason, Berrien Springs, Mich., *Brazil*; Hannah Stough, Berrien Springs, Mich., *Australia*; Jody Stout, Berrien Center, Mich., *Japan*; Rebecca Trimbath, Presque Island, Mich., *Oman*; Rachael Unutoa, Berrien Springs, Mich., *Japan*; Jeremy Weeks, Monroe, Mich., *Brazil*; Brandi Wiese, Tustin, Mich., *Chuuk*.

Taskforce Workers:

Arthur Miller, Chippewa Falls, Wis., *Holbrook, Az.*; Erica Nelson, Cassopolis, Mich., *YouthNet*; Lonnie Wibberding, Berrien Springs, Mich., *Southwestern Union Conference*.

Tonya Hippler

What's New at Broadview Academy This Year?

Illinois — Restructuring at Broadview Academy brings nine new staff members to campus. The new principal, Jeanette Bryson, is excited about forming a new team of leaders and continuing the quest for excellence. The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has recognized BVA as an accredited secondary school, and Bryson plans to encourage the college preparatory students by offering advance placement courses.

In addition to the work/study program, students participate in the band, choir, and Praise Spectrum, as well as the gymnastics team, Acronaires. The new staff and students will soon find themselves participating in projects such as Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Grandparent. Students also assist in planting trees in the forest preserve bordering the campus.

An alumna, Jennifer Rosado, back this summer as a taskforce dean, remarks, "The sunsets and friends are what I missed the most." A senior, Jason Bryner, writes, "The expansive blue sky, the prairie life and trees, and 300 acres of fields give Broadview a beautiful and refreshing atmosphere." A returning student, Ellen Elmarry, says, "I am coming back. I want to be in an Adventist environment where it is the accepted thing to be good."

Plan to attend or visit BVA this year.

Susan Gilbert, administrative secretary

Indiana Academy Has a New Look

Indiana — If you visit the campus of Indiana Academy (IA) or talk to someone about the school, you're likely to hear the same theme, "There are a lot of changes at IA this year." Change is what progress is all about, and the changes and progress at IA are exciting!

New Construction—Our new auditorium, music, and industrial complex was dedicated last spring. For several years we have not



The new auditorium, music, and industrial complex at IA was dedicated last spring.

Dave Foreman

had a proper place for our students to meet for chapel or a permanent home for our music department. IA now has a facility as fine as you will find in any school in our church educational system. This facility already has been used for such Indiana Conference functions as the April constituency meeting and summer campmeeting.

The industrial arts program will now be able to expand its offerings because of the ideal facilities this new complex provides.

During the past school year we moved into our new administration center. The center contains the offices of the principal, business manager, and registrar; a board room; and a new state-of-the-art computer lab, enabling IA to offer quality computer education.

New Landscaping and Additional Parking—In addition to the construction of the two new buildings, there is a new parking area, new sidewalks, and new lighting and landscaping. The whole campus has taken on a new look. A new entrance to the campus and new signage throughout will soon be completed.

Maintenance and Repairs—This summer several long-overdue repairs have been made on campus. The boys' dorm has new carpet, bathrooms have been repaired, new windows have been installed. New carpet is also scheduled to be installed in the girls' dorm parlor. In addition to the work in the dorms, many of the staff homes have been repaired, painted, and carpeted.

New Staff—The new look at Indiana Academy also includes several new staff members. We believe the Lord has blessed in the selection of a dedicated and well-qualified staff. We are grateful for our new principal, Bob Rice, who has assembled an effective team. We believe God will truly use these people to reach our youth for Jesus and to prepare them for the world they face.

But some things don't change! We are excited about the new look at Indiana Academy, but there are some things that have not changed. Our school has a great heritage, and we want that to continue. Our mission and purpose for being—to provide solid Seventh-day Adventist Christian education—remains unchanged. IA always has been and always will be a place where our youth can find and serve Jesus. New changes give us the opportunity to renew our commitment to offer the best Christian education!

Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president



Dave Foreman

The new administration building is located in the center of the campus

Quality Unlimited

Michigan — Teachers in the Adventist school system have long been known for going beyond the call of duty for the sake of their students. We almost take it for granted now. To keep this from happening, let's take a look at some of the things teachers at Andrews Academy do on an everyday basis as they represent the worldwide ministry of teaching.

Even though each teacher teaches an average of six classes



Clemen Sheppard, Andrews Academy Spanish teacher, received the Golden Acorn Excellence in Teaching Award.

per day, often with four or five different preparations, an independent survey done this year on the quality of education at Andrews Academy revealed that parents rated at the top of the list the concern and care that teachers showed their students. Parents feel it is impossible to place a value on the effect a teacher has on a student's attitude toward life and learning. The concern that teachers have for students is shown through extra help after class, a word of wisdom for a personal problem, a prayer together, or a group activity that they sponsor. Over and over parents and students praise teachers for giving of themselves by organizing social activities, music and educational tours, overseas study experiences, and, most importantly, spiritual activities. These activities and experiences provide opportunities for students to take leadership roles.

This year the Berrien Community Foundation in Berrien County (Mich.) recognized this dedication to students' success by honoring Andrews Academy's Spanish teacher, Clemen Sheppard, as a finalist in the Golden Acorn Excellence in Teaching Awards on April 16, 1998. Sheppard, along with the other finalists, provides an example of an educator who makes learning fun, depends on positive relationships to motivate, and regularly enjoys seeing her students meet her high expectations. In addition, ten Andrews Academy teachers have received the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award through nominations from their peers and students. Andrews Academy, as well as the Adventist educational system at large, is blessed with many such teachers who see their occupation as a mission, not just a job.

Randy Graves, Andrews Academy principal

Chicago Academy Science Fair

Lake Region — The Chicago Academy held a two-day science fair for grades K-12, coordinated by Jane Shields, science teacher. The fair began on April 29 for grades K-6 and continued on April 30 for grades 7-12. Approximately 130

students displayed their projects along the walls and center aisles of the school's auditorium. There were demonstrations of mechanical waves, the effects of sugar on teeth, the circulatory system, air vibrating through a tube to create different sound pitches, electrical switches, and how the sense of smell affects the identification of the foods we eat.

The purpose of the science fair was to encourage students to develop a greater interest and awareness of science and technology and to develop skills in critical thinking, research, and problem-solving techniques.

Although teachers were available to advise students, the students took the initiative and responsibility. Parents were encouraged to help if necessary. Each student prepared an oral research report to be presented before the five judges.

On May 16, during the school's last Home and School meeting of the year, students were recognized for their hard work with certificates, pins, ribbons, and plaques.

Herman Clayton, Shiloh Church communication leader



From left: Jameila Anderson, Adiaha Porter, Alicia Roberts, and Whitnei Johnson stand with their teacher, Jane Shields, in front of their science-fair project.

WA Student Wins Scholarship

Wisconsin — Laura Beaumont, a 1998 graduate of Wisconsin Academy, received Wisconsin's Excellence Scholarship, entitling her to free tuition at any University of Wisconsin institution or technical college district school for her freshman year.

Beaumont transferred from Boyland High School in Rockford, Ill., to Wisconsin Academy for her junior and senior years. Beaumont is a well-rounded young person, participating and leading out in the campus ministries program and the intramural program, as well as being an accomplished pianist and accompanist.

Her excellence in computer skills won her the top award for layout and design at the KEMPA journalism camp at the University of Wisconsin/Whitewater. She received the National Association of Secondary School Principal's Leadership Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen's Award, the National English Merit Award, and the All-American Scholars Award.

Beaumont is interested in teaching and plans to attend Andrews University. She received 25% of her tuition at Andrews for all four years because of her high scores in national testing. Beaumont is the daughter of Mike and Marcia Beaumont of Rockford, Ill.

Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant



Laura Beaumont

Outdoor Education—A New Learning Program for Michigan

Michigan — The pages of God's first book—nature—are about to be opened to students of Michigan Conference schools. Beginning with the 1998-1999 school year, a four-day, outdoor education program will be "up and running" at Camp Au Sable. This program, which has been developed by the Michigan Conference, is the first educationally-based, resident, outdoor program in the Adventist Church. It will target fifth- and sixth-grade students and will be hands-on and experiential in nature. "I can't think of a better way to present the love of Christ and His care for us than through the study of nature," said Larry Blackmer, director of the outdoor education program. "Camp Au Sable is the ideal location to have this program. It will maximize camp use and provide a rich natural setting to teach Christian values."

A full-time teacher, Gary Longfellow, has been hired to teach outdoor education, run the nature center, and coordinate



Gary Longfellow, teacher for the new outdoor education program at Camp Au Sable, poses with his hawk, Rufus.

all nature activities year-round. Longfellow comes to Michigan with a rich background for this position. He has been the director of outdoor education for the Marin County Public Schools near San Francisco, Calif., for the past 17 years, and he has been nature director at a number of Adventist youth camps. Longfellow, who has a bachelor of science degree in wildlife management and a master of science degree in natural resources, is currently working on a doctorate in Leadership at Andrews University. He is married to Alexandra, who has a degree in communication and public relations. They have a four-year-old son, Sean.

The outdoor education program will emphasize God as the creator and sustainer of life. Students will have opportunities to explore the campgrounds and use the extraordinary resources of the nature center in their studies.

There are plans to establish a wildlife rehabilitation center, based at the camp, for raptors (birds of prey such as hawks and

owls) that cannot be released because of the type of injuries they have sustained. This will provide a unique learning situation for our young people.

There are more than 400 fifth- and sixth-grade students in the conference who are eligible for the outdoor education program. Parents of home-schooled children may contact Longfellow at the camp to make arrangements to be involved in the program.

Longfellow will be available on some weekends to do nature programming for groups. He also plans to visit local schools and churches to share with the young people how God reveals His love and character through the nature that He created.

We are excited about the learning opportunities that will be available through the outdoor education program, and we are asking all schools to make outdoor education a priority for next year. It will be an experience that your young people will not want to miss.

Larry Blackmer, Michigan Conference education department associate

The Dream of Affordable Adventist Education

Wisconsin — When we think of the ideal church school, we often imagine sending our children to a beautiful school facility that offers quality Christian education with warm and caring teachers. We also dream of this school experience as being easily affordable for all budgets . . . and sometimes that is where the dream turns into a nightmare.

No nightmares in Janesville, Wis.! This dream is alive and well.

Woodland Adventist School is a well-built facility on a more than 30 acres of beautifully wood-

ed land on the outskirts of the city. A new dimension of affordability for the students at this school arrived via a newly-created endowment fund. This fund, established by committed Christians in the southern Wisconsin area, allows tuition to be at an all-time low. Christian education is truly affordable for all who seek it.

There are four supporting Adventist churches and a thriving and active Pathfinder club. Wisconsin Academy is only one hour away. If you would like information on the endowment fund, enhanced Christian education, or an opportunity for your child, contact: Woodland Adventist School, 4324 E. Bingham Rd., Janesville, WI 53546; (608) 868-7560.

Vicki Martin, Woodland School teacher



Vicki Martin

Woodland School has found a way to make Adventist education affordable for all who seek it.

Ann Arbor School Reopens

Michigan — The roof was leaking, the classrooms were musty and drab, the voices of laughing children no longer echoed in the hallways. For five years the doors of the Ann Arbor Adventist Elementary School were closed. A year ago members and friends of the Ann Arbor Church, along with their pastor, Dan Hall, stepped out in faith. A new roof was put on both the school and the gym. The school was renovated and refurbished, and new furnaces were installed. The doors were once more thrown open. "God had every piece in place," said

Hall. "He had the right people. Sometimes it was money that came in, and at other times people with expertise donated their labor. We are endeavoring to make this whole property represent Who we represent!"



Ann Arbor Elementary School has an active and growing pre-school and kindergarten program.

"God also sent us the right teacher," continued Hall. "Teacher Julia Aitken, a recent Andrews University graduate, has been a tremendous blessing, not only to the school but to the community. Her enthusiasm, academic competence, and deep spiritual commitment have done much to build bridges with the community. She is greatly loved and appreciated."

The motto of the Ann Arbor School is "Love to learn—Learn to love." During the 1997-1998 school year, ten children "loved to learn and learned to love" in the joyful, Christ-centered atmosphere of the Ann Arbor School. "It has been such a joy, not only to see the children grow academically but also in their personal faith and commitment to Jesus," reports Aitken.

So far 19 children have been enrolled for the 1998-1999 school year. "We are praying that the Lord will send us 30 children for the coming year," said Hall. "We have hired an additional teacher, Kerri Cook. Again, I believe that Cook is just the right person for us."

The teacher, the students, and the school board, under the direction of Jeanne Cramer, have done much to promote Christian education to the community through school plays, auctions, open houses, and an international food fair. At a recent school play a non-Adventist parent commented, "We are absolutely thrilled with the education our child is receiving here at the Ann Arbor School. We have seen our child grow academically and become a kinder, more thoughtful person. We plan to send the rest of our children to your school!"

In addition to the church school, which offers grades 1-7, the church also sponsors a pre-school and kindergarten program.

Dorothea Amey, Michigan Conference education department associate

Open House at Blue Water School

Michigan — A group of ambitious and enthusiastic students from the Blue Water Elementary School and their teacher, Kari Schebo, had a rewarding open house on Sunday, May 17. The day's events included students setting up individual work stations to demonstrate their skills and to test the skills of the visitors who came. The seven work stations manned by the students demonstrated math, science, crafts, computers, social studies, Bible trivia, and culinary arts.

The school's new mission statement, which was written by board member Sheila Fuller, focuses on a "commitment to illuminate the students' minds, bodies, and characters according to God's plan." Therefore, each visitor was presented with a flashlight together with other gifts that were earned at the students' work stations.

The open house was declared a big success. According to Bill Whiting, school board chairman, the open house resulted in two new students being enrolled, and others are expected to follow.

Doris Whiting, communication leader.



The student body of the Blue Water Elementary School and their teacher, Kari Schebo, celebrate their school's successful open house

In Brief

Michigan — Between 1990-1997, Adelpian Academy alumni have contributed \$1,780 to the Adelpian Junior Academy (AJA) worthy student fund, \$1,285 to the Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) worthy student fund, and an additional \$2,000 for special projects at AJA, making a total of \$5,065 in gifts to Christian education, reports Evelyn Lutz, Adelpian Academy alumni secretary.

Wisconsin — Academy Day, May 3, was a busy and fun-filled event for the 63 prospective students and their parents visiting the school, reports Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant. Two young people were awarded music scholarships of \$250 for their auditions. Dana Knudsen of Dodge Center, Minn., and Jamie Danaher of Milton, Wis., were the recipients.

Michigan — Grand Haven Elementary School students won two of the three annual essay contest prizes offered by the district's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). This year's topic was "What Patriotism Means to Me."

Christie Mosher, an eighth-grade student, won first prize. Christie is the daughter of Michael Mosher and Laurel Boskoul. Adam Nevins, a seventh-grade student, won third prize. He is the son of Dorothy and Matt Nevins.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

NET '98 TV Advertising

Prior to the NET '96 satellite evangelistic meetings with Mark Finley, the Lake Union Conference and its local conferences sponsored television advertising for NET '96 in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Indianapolis. The results were so encouraging that the Lake Union and Wisconsin Conferences are sponsoring TV advertising for NET '98 in five of the largest markets in Wisconsin. Targeted areas will be Milwaukee, Green Bay/Appleton, Madison, La Crosse/Eau Claire, and Wausau/Rhineland.

The research for NET '96 showed that TV advertising more than doubled the effectiveness of the direct-mail handbill and other forms of public advertising. The handbill is considered to be an important form of advertising because it contains basic information, such as location and time for the meetings, as well as some of the meeting topics. For the person who receives both the brochure and sees the TV advertising, the impact is greater than either form of advertising by itself. Of course, if the individual were to see the TV ad at least four or more times, the impact would be even greater.

Even though media advertising is important, the most effective way to bring non-Adventists to the meetings is through personal invitations. Fully one-fourth of the non-Adventist audience that attended the NET '96 meetings did so because someone gave them a personal invitation.

NET '98 is global in its satellite outreach. It will be translated into more than 40 languages and seen in thousands of churches by an audience expected to be in the millions. In spite of the large numbers, the individual most important to the success of this unprecedented evangelistic outreach is you. Your prayers and what you do to help let friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers know about the meetings will help to make NET '98 effective in your town.

Richard Dower, Lake Union Herald editor

Signs Wins Souls

Michigan — In 1997 the Saginaw Church voted to pioneer the use of the *Signs of the Times* magazine as a vehicle to create a public interest in and response to an evangelistic series, which was held one year later on March 7–April 4, 1998. The Michigan Conference evangelistic team of Dan and Kay Collins, along with Marvin Moore, *Signs of the Times* editor, introduced the concept to the congregation.

When the idea was accepted, excitement grew as church members prayerfully and enthusiastically offered a free one-year subscription to family members, friends, neighbors, and

coworkers. The free subscriptions were given based on a person's willing interest in reading the magazine each month. The church entered each subscriber's name in the church's prayer book, over which many prayers were offered.

Bob Stewart, Saginaw Church pastor; his wife, Sandi; and Bible worker Judy Benjamin made periodic visits to each subscriber, while prayer groups remembered the subscribers in daily prayer. The prayer groups also prayed for subscribers during an all-night vigil. They asked the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts and minds of all their contacts and interests.

As a result of the church's pioneering project, fifteen people were baptized, three were re-baptized, and three joined the church by profession of faith, making a total of 21 people who committed their lives to Jesus. Others are currently preparing for baptism, as well. Everyone in the Saginaw Church is rejoicing and praising God for the success and blessings that the *Signs of the Times* pioneering project brought to the Saginaw Church.

Sharon Gembrowski, Saginaw Church communication leader



From left: Bob Stewart, Saginaw Church pastor, collaborates with Evangelist Dan Collins in pioneering the use of the Signs of the Times magazine as a tool to help make a public evangelistic crusade a success.

Clothing the Homeless

Michigan — Each fall as the temperature drops, everyone starts pulling out their supply of coats, hats, and gloves to keep warm—that is, unless you're homeless and all you have to wear is what you can carry.

Three years ago the members of a home Bible-study group from the Kalamazoo Church wanted a project where they could minister to the needs of others. As they discussed possibilities, the city homeless emerged as a needy group. They contacted the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission (KGM) to learn what they could do to help those who sought shelter in their facility. Since frost was already nipping at their heels, it was obvious that the homeless people in the shelter weren't prepared for winter. Thus began the the Kalamazoo group's annual project, which is now three years old and continues to fill a need.

When the project began, the group asked church members to donate coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for distribution to the homeless on the Friday night before Thanksgiving. The response from the church was overwhelming, and the homeless were very grateful. Now the annual date for this project has been moved to October, when the need for warm clothing begins. The project has also grown to include the distribution of children's boots, snow pants, mittens, adult sweaters and

socks, and bedding, plus a few stuffed animals and small toys for families.

When the "big night" in October arrives, anyone from the church family interested in helping to distribute the clothes is welcome to assist. A caravan of vans and cars from the church pull up in front of the KGM, which advertizes the event. Signs are posted on the wall to identify where individuals may find specific items. Children and youth help by offering copies of *Steps to Christ* and serving hot chocolate and cookies.

Word of the event spreads fast among the homeless, and many needy people come. Last year about 500 articles were collected for distribution. Whatever remains at the end of this special evening is stored at the KGM for use during the remainder of the winter.

Don Woodruff, current project leader, said, "Many of these people are used to being on the receiving end, but we're not used to giving.

So we receive the greater blessing as we share with others in need."

Donna Voth, Kalamazoo Church communication leader



Terry Waite from the Kalamazoo Church, assists a woman who needs a coat.

Bike Rides Increase Funds

Michigan — South Haven Church needed a new and unusual method to raise funds for a church addition, and Kevin Bishop found the answer through the Internet. It came from a bike-riding, fund-raising specialist, who agreed to come and help them organize a successful bike-riding event. This included selecting where the ride would begin and end, providing inspection of the bikes, preparing rules for safety, organizing refreshment stops for the riders, planning the registration process, organizing sponsorship for the bikers, and preparing a nutritious meal following the ride.

The 40 people who participated in the bike ride cycled a 16-mile track. The weather was great, and everyone displayed an excellent spirit of cooperation. Donations from sponsors totaled almost \$1,000, which was given to the church's building fund. The church members thanked the local merchants for their excellent support of donated provisions. They also expressed



Members of the South Haven Church participated in a bike-riding, fund-raising event to raise funds for the new addition to their church.

their gratitude to everyone who rode a bike or sponsored a rider. Many participants asked when the next fund-raising bike ride would be scheduled. Maybe next year, was the answer.

June Michell, South Haven Church communication leader

A Turtle Story

Michigan — My two daughters, Sarah and Brittany, and I have gone with members of the Stoney Creek Church to Stoney Creek Park on Sabbath afternoons to witness to people there. Each Sabbath we meet a variety of people, and so far my girls and I have distributed more than 30 books. Some of the books given out are *Happiness Digest*, *Darkness Before Dawn*, and *The Great Controversy*. We tell the people we talk to where we go to church, and we are now planning to have cards made with our church address and phone number printed on them so those interested in Bible study, cooking classes, or Christian fellowship can contact us.

One day my daughters and I found a box turtle. We decided to take it to a local nature center. While there I met a person named Rick, who was also there to drop off a turtle he had found. When I asked whether he would like a book about Jesus, he said yes. While I was saying goodbye to him, I noticed a family of seven getting into their van. I asked them whether they would like any books, and they also said yes. I gave them two books. The children started reading them immediately and asked whether I had any more.

As we were leaving, we stopped to watch a turtle laying eggs. The park ranger came to lock the gate. I asked whether he would like a book, and he said yes.

When we returned to the nature center to see how our turtle was doing, we met a person named Steve and his daughter and nephew. We gave them a *Happiness Digest*. He thanked us and said that he had been praying for direction in his life. He asked whether his daughter could go to church with us. We said we would be happy for her to do that.

We praise the Lord for helping us to use one of his creatures, a turtle, to meet people to whom we were able to give literature that can lead them to know Jesus as their personal Savior. "Let us be diligent in the distribution of literature that has been carefully prepared for use among those not of our faith. Let us make the most of every opportunity to arrest the attention of unbelievers" (*Christian Service*, p. 169).

Sandy Pospy, Warren Church personal ministries assistant



From left, front: Brittany and Sarah Pospy pose with Rick (in back), who is holding the two turtles that they found and took to the nature center

The Church Creative: On the Move with NET '98

NET '98 — “Whatever your hand finds to do—do it with all your might.” (Eccl. 9:10 NASB) (Or, as the Clear Word version puts it, “Whatever you do, give it everything you’ve got and enjoy it.”) Pastors and laypersons around the world are acting on that familiar verse, and they’re do so with gusto. Not enough budget to purchase all the equipment or mass-mail handbills? No problem. They’ll conduct a tape-delayed series, and members will add a personal touch and hand-deliver the handbills. Located in a fringe area that will not permit all churches to get good satellite reception? Finland’s response is to translate sermons and other components well in advance so visitors at each church site can receive the translated sermon scripts. No building to meet in? Then this is the time for public venues, members’ homes and, as in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea, outdoor arenas. One new church, involved in a building campaign, may host their meetings in a tent.

Being without a pastor is not stopping some churches from participating. Their response, rather, is “Welcome to the priesthood of all believers!” Many retirees are leading out, including pastors whose volunteer workload is such that one veteran evangelist jokes, “I’m not retired—just tired!” A retired Chinese pastor in Ohio hopes to host the series for a fledgling Chinese group, using tapes and translated sermon scripts from another division so that he can translate on the spot. In October retired pastor Alden Hunt, who is blind, will coordinate his second NET series in Johnson City, Tenn.

In at least one church in the Northwest, the NET '98 “coordinator” is a committee of five laypersons tackling all aspects of the series for their busy district pastor. With her small bilingual church group between pastors, a Southern California woman mobilized fellow members for seed-sowing and gearing their NET '98 series to reach local Hispanics. By the time the new pastor arrived, wheels were already turning.

Young adults in the Jackson, Miss., church are active in targeting students and faculty of the area’s 10 colleges and universities, offering the academic credit and CEU options available with NET '98 participation through Home Study International. They’ve been prayer-walking on campuses, two by two, and working with Pastor Jack Robinson in making contacts with school officials.

Gladstone '98 in Oregon, and eXcite98 in Riverside, Calif., were two major events initiated by and for young adults this summer to invite back, nurture, and inspire many hundreds of their peers, as well as to encourage their involvement in NET '98. Says one mother, “My son had not been in church for more than 15 years, but out of curiosity—and with many prayers ascending—he and his wife dropped in on some of the eXcite meetings. I’m praying now for another miracle: that they’ll attend NET '98.”

Other churches are “capitalizing” on NET '98 by linking it with ministries already planned or completed. In St. Petersburg, Fla., some 50 youngsters who attended a lively and creative Vacation Bible School have been urged to be on the lookout for a club beginning in October. It will feature nature, archaeology, crafts, music, stories—all the aspects of the NET '98 child evangelism series “Come, Meet Jesus” to be held at the church.

One conference in the Southern Union is exploring the possibility of broadcasting the video handbill to increase awareness. In Green Bay, Wis., a member underwrote the cost of a billboard for the month of September.

Ron Matheson in Atlanta reports that for three days before the series opens on October 9, at least six churches are planning a drive-time radio blitz with NET '98 radio spots. Leading up to that will be a general radio-awareness campaign, utilizing the humorous Public Service Announcements produced by the Adventist Media Center.

For a number of months, too, Atlanta Southside Church has been preparing for NET '98 with neighborhood prayer walks and a Bible-centered survey that resulted in 59 Bible studies. The pastoral thrust for the outreach? “This church is here for evangelism, and evangelism is our main point!” Are there any problems? Says Matheson, “One member said it well: If you’re not having a problem, it’s because you’re not helping.”

Consistent with other evangelistic series, word of mouth and personal ministry are key elements in developing interest in attending. Singer Steve Darmody’s speaking appointments this summer at a Methodist campmeeting in Wisconsin led to invitations to attend three men’s Bible studies during the campmeeting week. The final study was on Revelation and held on the campus of a nearby Catholic university. Concerned that none in the group felt they knew the subject, the men urged Darmody to lead.

Acknowledging his own inadequacy and praying for God’s leading, Steve began. By the evening’s end, he was grateful that Adventists in their campmeeting nearby had promised to be praying for him and that God had supplied texts and insights that led sensitively through a study he had not expected to give. Among the reference resources he suggested at the close of the session: the NET '98 satellite meetings with Dwight Nelson, plus his own website, which links to net98.org. Capping the session, as the men were leaving, a doctor introduced himself to Steve, saying, “I haven’t been an Adventist for 30 years.”

That evening at the Wisconsin Adventist campmeeting where Darmody was to sing, he says, “How thrilled I was to see the doctor and his non-Christian wife at the campground. They had driven 30 miles to be there. How the Lord works!”

NET '98 Uplinks in September

Sabbath, Sept. 19, 4:00–6:00 p.m., ET: An uplink on how to have a more successful series, with an inspirational message by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson.

Sabbath, Sept. 26, 11:00 a.m., ET: NAD Day of Fasting and Prayer for NET '98. Worship service broadcast from Pioneer Memorial Church, with dedication of volunteers who will be helping during NET '98.

Watch for details in the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) Bulletin and on the NET '98 website (<http://www.net98.org>; user name – church; password – 89ten).

ACN to Present Satellite Worship Services Weekly

Silver Spring, Md. — Beginning Sabbath, Sept. 5, churchgoers across North America will be able to downlink worship services via satellite. The new program, called Adventist Worship Hour, will be uplinked on the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) weekly from 11 a.m. to noon, ET. Churches in other time zones can record this broadcast and replay it at the appropriate worship time.

The services being used for the Adventist Worship Hour are selected from churches already recording their worship services and will be useful to small churches in rural areas who must share their pastors with one or more churches.

"This is not to take the place of the elders, who are always willing to step up to the pulpit, but it will aid them so they are not so taxed," said Pastor Robert "Doc" Micheals, who leads two congregations in the Mountain View Conference. Larry Boggess, who pastors three congregations in the same region, strongly believes that this program will aid pastors and churches division-wide. "This program will give my congregations a chance to hear some inspiring speakers around the world, as well as pastors in the North American Division," he said.

Some of the services being used to premiere the program will include Dwight Nelson at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., and Doug Batchelor from the Sacramento Central Church in California.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Adventist Worship Hour will include both an opening and closing hymn from the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal to encourage the church family to participate. The program will also include scripture reading and special music, followed by the sermon of the day.

ACN recognizes that many congregations can benefit from this program but will need a service that fits their specific worship format. Therefore, the Adventist Worship Hour will follow a standard format each week, allowing churches to select the segments they wish to use.

TO PARTICIPATE

To register for this free program and to receive a weekly worship program outline, call ACN at 800-ACN-1119, ext. 6.

Churches who regularly record their worship services may submit tapes for consideration to ACN Program Director, Douglas Janssen, 567 Edith Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. To obtain guidelines for producing these services call Janssen at 800-ACN-1119, ext. 8 or visit the ACN web site at www.acnsat.org.

ANNIVERSARIES



Everett and Velma Butler celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 3, 1998, by dining with family members at the Kenyon College Village Inn in Gambier, Ohio. The Butlers were members of the Ironwood, Cedar Lake, and Pioneer Memorial churches in Michigan.

Everett married Velma Luoma on July 3, 1943, in Honor, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Reverend J.C. Johnson. Everett was a high-school teacher and insurance agency owner prior to his retirement in 1977. Velma was a high-school teacher and librarian prior to her retirement from Andrews Academy in 1980. Between 1961 and 1968 they taught at Cedar Lake Academy.

The Butler family includes David and Nancy Butler of Manistee, Mich.; Brian and Judy Butler of Irrigon, Ore.; Martin and Lisa Butler of Lithonia, Ga.; Jon and Sari Butler of Howard, Ohio; Joanne and Michael Gilkey of Dunwoody, Ga.; and 9 grandchildren.



Vernon and Ailene Franklin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10, 1998, at a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren at Freedom Hall, Morton, Ill. They have been members of the Knoxville Avenue (Ill.) Church for 41 years.

Vernon married Ailene Cansler on April 10, 1948, in Buffalo, Mo. The ceremony was performed by R. J. Turner. Ver-

non retired after 45 years in construction. Ailene has been a homemaker.

The Franklin family includes Rick Franklin (deceased); Brent and Christy Franklin of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Kevin and Deb Franklin of Pekin, Ill.; Darryn and Judy Franklin of Peoria, Ill.; and 8 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Ruhina Amritanand and NaDarron Fort were married May 23, 1998, in Indianapolis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mitchell Fort.

Ruhina is the daughter of Bertie and Audrey Amritanand of Tanzania, East Africa, and NaDarron is the son of Alfred Fort of Richmond, Ind., and Gladys Fort of Kokomo, Ind.

Ruhina and NaDarron are making their home in Indianapolis.

Theresa Bodi and Alexander Yaroshevich were married Mar. 7, 1998, in Lewiston, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Michael Knecht and Leslie Bumgardner.

Theresa is the daughter of Keith and Marjory Bodi of Grayling, Mich., and Alexander is the son of Vladimir and Ruth Yaroshevich of Moscow, Russia.

The Yarosheviches are making their home in Moscow.

Leah Bryant and Keith Woodard were married June 6, 1998, in Indianapolis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Richard Clough.

Leah is the daughter of James and Barbara Bryant of Carmel, Ind., and Keith is the son of Al and Jean Woodard of Indianapolis.

Leah and Keith are making their home in Carmel.

Kristin Dickson and Jason Ivany were married June 28, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Glenn Russell.

Kristin is the daughter of Darrel Dickson of St. Joseph, Mich., and Carol Waite of Berrien Springs, and Jason is the son of David and Clareleen Ivany of Courtice, Ontario, Canada.

The Ivany family are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

Pamela L. Edwardson and V. John Oeth Jr. were married May 24, 1998, in Evansville, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Rick Blythe.

Pam is the daughter of Woody and Darlene Williams of Newburgh, Ind., and John is the son of Betty Jane Oeth and the late Vernon J. Oeth of Mt. Vernon, Ind.

The Oeths are making their home in Newburgh.

Tami Finnell and Mark Boward were married July 5, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dan Towar.

Tami is the daughter of Ken and Judy Finnell of Holly, Mich., and Mark is the son of Dean and Dorothy Boward of Niles, Mich.

The Bowards are making their home in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Marge Fowler and Bill Allen were married June 21, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Franklin Fowler and David Allen.

Marge is the daughter of Franklin and Florence Fowler of Banning, Calif., and Bill is the son of Rachel Allen Pendleton of LaPorte, Ind.

The Allens are making their home in LaPorte.

Elizabeth Gray and Armando O. Camacho Jr. were married Aug. 9, 1998, in Richmond, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Armando M. Camacho.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Edward and Eunice Gray of Richmond, and Armando is the son of Armando and Dora Camacho of Richmond.

The Camachos are making their home in Indianapolis.

Linda Guthrie and Timothy Bates were married Feb. 14, 1998, in Bad Axe, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder Bill Edsell.

Linda is the daughter of Sidney and Betty McDonald of Pontiac, Mich., and Timothy is the son of Merl and Beverly Bates of Luther, Mich.

The Bateses are making their home in Harbor Beach, Mich.

Rebecca Holm and Alex Pagotelis were married June 14, 1998, in Portland, Ore. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Willis Graves.

Becky is the daughter of Raymond and Lynette Holm of Gresham, Ore., and Alex is the son of Nicholas and Jessie Pagotelis of Darien, Ill.

The Pagotelises are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Deborah M. Konyn and Gerald L. LaMarch were married May 18, 1998, in Escanaba, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Oscar Montes.

Deborah is the daughter of Gerald and Annette Behrendt of Marinette, Wis., and Gerald is the son of the late Homer and the late Alice LaMarch of Escanaba.

The LaMarches are making their home in Escanaba.

Kristi L. Nelson and Christopher N. Timmons were married Mar. 15, 1998, in Marion Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Curt DeWitt.

Kristi is the daughter of Kevin and Lesley Nelson of Marion, and Christopher is the son of Louis and Cindy Timmons of Marion.

The Timmonses are making their home in Marion.

Alicia Worley and Ricardo

Palacios were married July 5, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Roy Gane.

Alicia is the daughter of Richard and Donna Worley of Newbury Park, Calif., and Ricardo is the son of Hector and Laura Palacios of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

The Palacios are making their home in Quito, Ecuador.

OBITUARIES

BANNINGER, Willard, age 49; born Apr. 30, 1948, in Traverse City, Mich.; died Nov. 27, 1997, in Traverse City. He was a member of the Elk Rapids (Mich.) Church.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastors David Yeagley and Art Covell, and inurnment was in Elk Rapids Cemetery.

CHANDLER, Dale G., age 68; born May 21, 1929, in Harrietta, Mich.; died May 12, 1998, in Brethren, Mich. He was a member of the Manistee (Mich.) Church.

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dra Alford, Mary Gumieny, and Janette Sommers; brothers, Henry and Lloyd; sisters, Charlene Lindale and Vivian Mazada; 17 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Father Thomas Niedzwiecki, and interment was in Corfu Cemetery, Brethren.

GRANFOR, Betty J. (Jones), age 74; born Feb. 5, 1924, in Dickinson, N.D.; died June 22, 1998, in Wilson, Mich. She was a member of the Wilson Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, Gary, Terry, Charles, James, and Stormy Collins; daughter, Desiree Deneau; sisters, Velta Halbert, Audrey Bender, LaVonne Jones, and Phyllis Stanley; 12 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, and interment was in the Wilson Church Cemetery.

JEWELL, Martha O'J, age 49; born May 8, 1948, in Jackson, Mich.; died Mar. 13, 1998, in Jackson. She was a member of the Jackson Church.

Survivors include her husband, Keith; daughters, Regina M. Jewell and Ruth Ann E. Jewell; mother, Naomi E. Schoun; and brother, John C. Schoun.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Arthur Covell and Pat Milligan, and interment was in Hanover Cemetery, Horton, Mich.

LAND, James M. Sr., age 64; born Aug. 3, 1933, in Indianapolis; died June 4, 1998, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Glendale (Indianapolis) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Myong Kim; sons, James, James M. Jr., and Charles; stepson, Kim Le; daughter, Sandy Powell; stepdaughters, Sue Je and Serina Gage; brother Eugene; sisters, Rosemary Wood and Janice Koester; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bradley Galambos, and interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

MARTIN, Omer M., age 80; born Oct. 24, 1917, in Rush County, Ind.; died June 28, 1998, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Southside (Indianapolis)

Church.

Survivors include his wife, Iva Mae (Crist); son, William F.; daughter, Patricia A. Buckner; sister, Milicent Smith; 4 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Jerry Lastine and Sergio Gutierrez, and interment was in Washington Park Cemetery East, Indianapolis.

OLDS, Donald, age 85; born June 9, 1913, in Berrien Springs, Mich.; died June 25, 1998, in Reedsburg, Wis. He was a member of the Reedsburg Church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal; sons, Milton, Eugene, and Robert; daughter, Mary Hahn; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arthur Covell and George Messer, and interment was in Restful Forest Cemetery, Wellston, Mich.

OLIVER, Mabel I. (Christiansen), age 92; born Mar. 29, 1906, in Berrien Springs, Mich.; died Apr. 8, 1998, in Berrien Springs. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her son, Bruce D.; 2 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Daniel Augsburg, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

RINGWELSKI, Lacey D., age 16; born Sept. 26, 1981, in Rice Lake, Wis.; died June 21, 1998, in Minneapolis. She was a member of the Rice Lake Church.

Survivors include her father, Daniel; mother, Pamela (Thomas); and sister, Lindsay.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Wendell Springer and Elder James Wright, and interment was in Orchard Beach Cemetery, Rice Lake.

SNYDER, Pearl B., age 105; born Mar. 3, 1893, in Greene County, Ind.; died May 8, 1998, in Cornville, Ariz. She was a member of the Bedford (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, John B. Maddox; 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Jim Woodward and Sharon Joseph, and interment was in Cresthaven Memory Gardens, Bedford.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Berrien Springs Hydrotherapy and Home-remedy Conference: Continuing the worldwide reputation of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University is offering a workshop in hydrotherapy and home remedies from **Sept. 13–18**. Besides seminary faculty, Dr. Charles Thomas and his Desert Springs Therapy Center team will be involved. Especially designed for use in local churches, the conference will be an excellent tool for outreach to the local community. Continuing education units and graduate credit are available for those who need it. For further information and registration call Lisa Rollins at (616) 471-3541.

LAKE UNION

Special Days: **Sept. 5**—Men's Day of Prayer; **5-12**—Nurture Periodicals Week; **12-19**—Family Togetherness Week; **19**—Hispanic Heritage Week. **Oct. 3**—Children's Sabbath; **3-10**—Health Education Week.

Offerings: **Sept. 5**—Outreach/Church Budget; **12**—Missions Extension/World Budget; **19**—Church Budget; **26**—Local Conference Advance; **13th** Sabbath: Inter-American Division. **Oct. 3**—Outreach/Church Budget.

INDIANA

The Anderson (Ind.) Church is celebrating its 100-year anniversary **Sept. 24–27**. All family and friends of the church, past and present, are encouraged to come together for this special event. Our theme for the year is "Celebrating God's Leading in Our Past, Present, and Future."

A welcome-home banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Thursday, the 24th. A golf outing is planned for Friday, Sept. 25. On Friday evening there will be snacks and fellowship followed by a vesper service with Elder Robert Dale. On Sabbath, Sept. 26, Elder Harry Sackett will speak during the church service. Elder Clay Farwell will focus on our future hope and mission.

Special meals are being planned for the weekend, so we would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend. You may call or write Karen Lawson at (765) 649-2412; 1026 Shepherd Rd., Anderson, IN 46012.

**Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date
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Average Membership Basis			1998		1997		Increase	%	Per Capita	
1998	1997	Conference	1998	1997	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	1998	1997	
11208	11359	Illinois	3,636,803	3,648,563	(11,759)	-0.32%	324.48	321.20		
5755	5710	Indiana	2,356,280	2,125,109	231,170	10.88%	409.43	372.17		
23335	22733	Lake Region	3,947,555	3,522,522	425,033	12.07%	169.17	154.95		
23275	23390	Michigan	10,307,066	9,543,025	764,041	8.01%	442.84	408.00		
6199	6179	Wisconsin	2,094,997	1,994,375	100,621	5.05%	337.96	322.77		
69,772	69,371	Totals	22,342,701	20,833,595	1,509,106	7.24%	320.22	300.32		

Sunset Calendar

	Sept. 4	Sept. 11	Sept. 18	Sept. 25	Oct. 2	Oct. 9
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:14	8:02	7:50	7:38	7:26	7:14
Chicago	7:19	7:07	6:55	6:43	6:31	6:19
Detroit	8:03	7:51	7:38	7:26	7:14	7:02
Indianapolis	7:12	7:01	6:49	6:38	6:26	6:15
La Crosse, Wis.	7:36	7:23	7:10	6:57	6:45	6:32
Lansing, Mich.	8:08	7:58	7:43	7:30	7:18	7:06
Madison, Wis.	7:28	7:15	7:03	6:50	6:37	6:25
Springfield, Ill.	7:26	7:14	7:03	6:51	6:40	6:29

MICHIGAN

The Michigan Academies Alumni Association extends an invitation to all graduates, attendees, and former faculty of Adelpian Academy, Grand Ledge Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, and Great Lakes Adventist Academy to the 100th-year celebration Homecoming Weekend to be held on **Oct. 9-10** on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, Mich. The honor year graduates are those from the classes of '48, '58, '73, and '88. The Alumni Association is requesting current names and addresses of alumni in an effort to reach everyone with the quarterly *Alumni Newsletter*. For more information, please contact alumni president, Barbara Falconbridge, at (517) 427-3418 or director of development, Charlotte Henderson, at (517) 427-5181.

WORLD CHURCH

The Review and Herald Publishing Association cordially invites you to their second annual open house, Sunday, **Sept. 13**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Review is located at 55 West Oak Ridge Dr. in Hagerstown, Md. (Interstate 70, exit 29 east, left at traffic signal). Highlights include tours, music, activities for kids, refreshments, meeting authors and editors, and a gigantic warehouse book sale. A 5-K FunRun, sponsored by *Vibrant Life*, will begin at 11:00 a.m. For additional information, call (301) 745-3898.

Renowned author, Pastor Karl Haffner, will be the guest in the JoyRiver chat room on Friday, **Sept. 25**, from 9:30-10:30 p.m. ET. The topic is taken from his book soon to be published, *Diaper University*, depicting the various pictures of God derived from parenting. Just go to www.joyriver.org ahead of time, if possible, to register as a user with JoyRiver. From there go to the chat room and enjoy an interactive hour with Pastor Haffner. JoyRiver is the Internet project of the Oregon Conference.

Whitecoat servicemen's 25th year anniversary reunion,

Sept. 25-27, Frederick, Md., Adventist Church. Special events: presentation of medalion, unveiling of Whitecoat servicemen's memorial, presentation of new book *For God and Country: A History of the Whitecoat Project*, tours of Fort Detrick, participation in the United States Army Medical Research Institute's Whitecoat follow-up health survey. For details and future mailings, contact Frank Damazo, M.D., 700 Montclair Ave., Frederick, MD 21701; (301) 662-4502; fax 695-3139.

Greater Boston Academy alumni weekend, Oct. 2-4. The reunion will take place at Boston Regional Medical Center Campus, 5 Woodland Rd., Stoneham, MA 02180. Special features will include Steve Darmody, gospel recording artist, Friday night; Jack Sequeira, Capitol Memorial Church senior pastor, Sabbath morning; Woburn City Band, conducted by alumnus Jon Asgeirsson, Saturday night.

Sunnydale Adventist Academy alumni reunion, Oct. 2-4 in Centralia, Mo. Honor classes include '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, and '88. Plan now to attend and renew friendships with graduates, former students/faculty, parents, and friends. Guest speaker Friday evening will be Dr. Charles Simmons, class of '48. Church service will be presented by Ron Clark, class of '73. There will be a golf tournament on Sunday morning led by Denison Sager, class of '87. Contact Ruth Troyer, alumni coordinator, at 6220 Hwy. 151, Centralia, MO 65240; (573) 682-2164.

Union College Academy/College View Academy Alumni Home Coming, Oct. 9-11, at Lincoln, Neb. Honor classes are '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, and '88. An exciting weekend is planned for all former students, faculty, parents, and friends. A special Friday evening buffet and vespers is planned. Mark your calendars. For more information and buffet tickets, call Debbie Jensen Peters by Sept. 15 at (402) 423-3555.

Sandia View Academy alumni reunion, Oct. 9-11, at Corrales, N. M. Various activities are planned. Sabbath school

and church will be held at Corrales Church. For more details or to RSVP, call Kerri Guerin at (505) 890-5367 or send e-mail to svaalumni@furs.com

Parkview Adventist Jr. Academy (formerly Oklahoma City Jr. Academy) is looking for names, addresses, phone numbers of anyone who has ever attended there. PAJA is preparing to celebrate its 100th birthday in 1999, and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended, taught for, been a principal at, or was a special friend of our school. Your help is needed. We hope to have an alumni directory printed and available for purchase by the end of 1999. Please send the information to Parkview Adventist Jr. Academy, Development Director, 4201 Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111; (405) 427-6525; fax 427-1154; paja4@juno.com.

Pathfinder Leaders: Don't miss the opportunity to attend the third and final "Walk Around" and obtain the latest information for the *Discover the Power* camporee. You are invited to meet at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., Sunday, **Nov. 15**, at 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call (800) YOUTH-2-U.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Grief Recovery."

It Is Written: "Cuba, Columbus and Christ."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "We Can Believe in the Bible" (Podemos Creer en la Biblia).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and Commitment"—Part 2. *Mon-Fri:* "Who Are You People?"

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Laughter Therapy."

It Is Written: "God's Greatest Miracle."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "We Can Believe in His Salvation" (Podemos Creer en Su Salvación).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun:

"This Thing Called Love"—Part 1; *Mon-Fri:* "Shut Up!"

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Fatherhood."

It Is Written: "A Longing Within."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Follow Me" (Sigueme)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "This Thing Called Love"—Part 2; *Mon-Fri:* "Getting a Brain Transplant."

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Natural Treatment of Menopause."

It Is Written: "Preparing for the Next Millennium."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Holy Remedy for Extreme Tension" (Santo Remedio para la Alta Tensión).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage, and Religion"—Part 1; *Mon-Fri:* "NET '98" (guest speaker: Pastor Dwight K. Nelson).

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sept. 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET: *First Wednesday*; satellite TBA.

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 a.m.—noon, ET: *Adventist Worship Hour*; satellite TBA

Sept. 5, 4-6 p.m., ET: *Together Again Roundtable* "Safety Through Listening"—Learn how to effectively connect with inactive members; satellite TBA.

Sept. 5, 6-8 p.m., ET: *Cross-Training* for prayer ministries leaders, "I'm Praying for You"—Encouraging pastors and local church leaders to grow their churches through effective prayer; satellite TBA.

Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m., ET: *Cross-Training* for personal ministries, "Making Friends: Connecting with People Who Attend Evangelistic Meetings"—Training personal ministries leaders and members to befriend guests coming to NET '98; satellite TBA.

Sept. 12, 6-8 p.m., ET: *Cross-Training* for Adventist Community Services, "Successful Annual Campaign"—How to raise money through ingathering; satellite TBA.

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William Hurtado, missionary for life



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William Hurtado

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Geoff Hook

Geoff Hook, 18, is a 1998 graduate of Battle Creek Academy (BCA). The son of Gene and Donna Hook, Geoff was one of the 46 students from BCA who attended the prayer conference for youth at Keene, Tex. There he learned how to lead a Bible study group, pray effectively, and lead people to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

Geoff will also be participating in an overseas mission trip to India this year with Pat Murphy, Battle Creek youth pastor, and other Battle Creek church members.

An avid musician, Geoff enjoys playing his trombone and drums. He has played in the BCA band and accompanied the chapel song service with his guitar. His band instructor, Miss Baerg, said, "Geoff's attitude and actions reflect a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He is a natural leader and a positive influence on his classmates."

Geoff is planning to attend Pacific Union College, where he hopes to pursue a major in digital media technology.

Richard Wright, 18, is a 1998 graduate of Battle Creek Academy (BCA). Born and reared in Battle Creek, he is the son of Linda Wright.

During last year's Christmas break, Richard went to the Dominican Republic for two weeks as part of the Teen Mission program—a special part of the Michigan Conference Pathfinder organization. These clinics serve the underprivileged segment of the Dominican population. Richard said, "This trip was a great blessing for me, because I was able to help other people and experience their culture."

Richard has received four outstanding awards, which include the Caring Heart Award, Who's Who Among High School Students, Woodmen of the World Award, and the National Physical Fitness Award. Richard enjoys music, especially playing piano and trumpet. His favorite sports are football and baseball. He is also a coin collector. Richard plans to pursue a career in automotive design engineering.



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