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Collecting warm coats for homeless people is but one of the ways churches can show they care for their communities. Herald photo.

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E D I T O R I A L



Stamp out Stinkin' Thinkin'

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Stinkin' thinkin' and good preaching don't mix well. On Sabbath morning, I don't want stinkin' thinkin' going on in my head. I cannot allow negative thoughts to take over. Critical thoughts must be driven out. You see, on Sabbath morning I am preparing to preach.

There is a lot for me to do on Sabbath morning when I am going to preach. When I get up in the morning, I'm thinking about the sermon; and when I am getting ready for church, I'm going over the sermon. I try to be very careful about what I eat on Sabbath morning to make sure that my body is ready to preach; but even more importantly, I must be careful about what is in my mind. If I am driving for an hour or two or three to the church, I visit a little with my wife, but only about certain topics. You see, I can't afford to have a topic brought up that might cause me to feel negative or critical. Mostly, I just review my sermon in my mind and spend the rest of the time praying.

After I arrive at church, I greet the people; but I'm still thinking about my sermon and praying. If someone does a really lousy job on their part in Sabbath school, I can't afford to think about it. If I see someone that is dressed in a way that seems inappropriate for church, I try not to notice. But if I do see it, I have to erase it from my mind as quickly as possible. I don't want anyone in the church to discuss other members with me. I don't want to hear anything bad about a church elder, or the pastor, or any person. You see, I am getting ready to speak to the people about and for Jesus. I can't afford to be diverted into negative or critical thoughts. No stinkin' thinkin'. . . none!

But now the thought comes to me: What if I were to live my whole life that way? What if I would never give any time to negative thoughts? What if I never criticized anyone or listened to anyone who wanted to criticize others? What if I never spent any time with stinkin' thinkin'? What if I always had my brain and my attitude in the position of being ready to talk to people about Jesus?

Maybe this is what Paul had in mind when he said, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:7).

I'd like to spend a whole day like that. Well, why not? . . . even a week . . . a month, thinking only about good things. Dear Jesus, please stamp out stinkin' thinkin' from my mind and let me think on true, honest, lovely things. Help me to think no critical thoughts, but give me thoughts of praise. Thank you, Jesus.

Collegiate ConneXions

BY DAN HALL

The Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti churches have begun the challenge of taking the Adventist message to the secular campuses in their area. Students from Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan, and Washtenaw College are working together, praying together, and studying God's word together—all ingredients for a successful campus ministry. Then Sabrina Pusey, a former student at University of Michigan, started networking and making contacts. For one year she patiently waited with other students for a secular campus ministry to be organized.

A prayer conference at Andrews University last fall helped to kick off a year of exciting ministry. Volleyball games on long summer Friday evenings, Bible study at Sabbath vespers, along with a home-cooked meal brought the collegiates together. It started small, but the groups began to grow. Friday night vespers had 20–25 attending at Ann Arbor, and 30–35 in Ypsilanti. Special Sabbath dinners for Collegiates each week during the school year and guest speakers for the students highlighted the beginning of their growing ministry. But they wanted more!

They wanted a collegiate pastor, spiritual retreats, opportunities to fellowship, and contact with other Adventist collegiates on secular campuses, providing ways to witness. In God's providence, pieces of this spiritual puzzle started coming together.

First, Chas Chase, a recent theology graduate, came to the area with a zeal for campus ministry. Attendance at his Friday night vespers has begun to grow. Plans for a quarterly Sabbath school in one of the two sponsoring churches are developing, and Sabbath morning breakfasts are receiving a good response. The two groups recently joined for a spiritual campout on Sept. 25–26. It was to be their first annual campout for students connected with Adventist Students for Christ (ACS), the official student organization at the University of



Chas Chase, volunteer collegiate pastor at Ann Arbor.



Students from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Flint, and Lansing participated in the first annual campout sponsored by Adventist Students for Christ at Pinckney State Recreational Park last September.

Michigan, Ann Arbor. Word of the campout spread by e-mail and voice, until 37 students came for the week end at Pinckney State Recreational Park. The experience of worshiping and witnessing with other university students was tremendous. Now they plan on sponsoring at least one spiritual retreat per semester. The next one will be at Camp Au Sable in January, where they will ski at Hanson Hills.

Second, some more students who love the Lord began getting involved in this ministry. Mike Orlich and Steve Waterbrook of Ann Arbor started a health-screening ministry. This ministry resulted in contacts for Bible studies and stop-smoking programs and students helping in local church programs.

Third, the Michigan Conference hired Samuel Pipim, an Andrews University Ph.D. graduate from Africa, to coordinate secular campus ministries for all Michigan secular educational institutions. Pipim will be meeting with pastors to fulfill the dream and the challenge of a secular campus ministry.

Please pray with us as we work for your college-aged young people on secular campuses and for students who have never heard the Adventist message.

Dan Hall is the Ann Arbor Church pastor.

NEW MEMBERS

WISCONSIN

For **Thelma Herman**, age 89, of Watertown, June 27 was a most memorable day. Thelma's walk with the Lord had begun many years before, but when her minister moved, she felt a void. She started watching the televangelists, but none seemed to offer what she knew the Bible taught. Then, about seven years ago, she discovered an early Sunday morning show called *It Is Written* with Mark Finley.

On Saturday nights, Thelma set her alarm clock so she would not oversleep and miss her favorite program of the week. If family members were visiting, they were told to be quiet because Mark Finley was coming on, and this was Grandma's time.

Thelma became convicted of the Sabbath and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She even drove by the church on Sabbath mornings but did not have the courage to go in. Finally she sent in a Bible prophecy card and Carol Mertins, a member of the Watertown Church, stopped to see her. The two started Bible studies, and friendships began with other church members. When Steve Aust, Milwaukee NW Church pastor, and Thelma talked about baptism, the final Sabbath of camp meeting was chosen as the date for this next step with the Lord.

Arrangements were made for Mark Finley, who had been Thelma's mentor in the Lord, to meet Thelma Sabbath afternoon for the first time. Later that afternoon he baptized her.

Phyllis Corkum, Wisconsin Conference auditor and church records manager

MICHIGAN

When Angela was 11 years old, because many of her friends were being baptized, she decided to get baptized too. However, the ceremony's

spiritual significance never signaled a true heart change or a life dedicated to Jesus Christ. Thus, when she grew older and left home, she abandoned her commitment to the Bible and her church.

Soon she met Todd. Todd had also turned his back on his Christian upbringing at the age of 11 when his father, a pastor of a different denomination, died suddenly. His Father's death had left him empty and rebellious toward God. So Angela and Todd chose not to live by the Christian principles they were taught as children.

After two years of living together, the birth of Angela and Todd's first baby awakened their consciences to their necessity of a marriage commitment. Also, after experiencing the miracle of motherhood, Angela remembered the Jesus she had learned about as a child, and her heart began to long for a relationship with Him. She also wanted her baby to learn about Jesus. However, Todd was not interested in religion.

Angela began studying the Bible's teachings and prophecies, but Todd would only argue and fight about her new beliefs and lifestyle. As Angela watched religious television programs, Todd would leave the room in disgust. Sometimes Todd would angrily storm, "You're not the woman I married!" This caused Angela to feel so discouraged that she almost gave up.

One day Angela brought home videos of the *Amazing Facts* prophecy seminar by Doug Batchelor, and Todd agreed to watch the first one. It was entitled *The Second Coming of Jesus*. To Angela's surprise, as Todd watched the video the message touched his heart, and he responded by getting down on his knees and praying to the Lord. This experience was followed by many weeks of honest questioning

that received biblical answers, Bible studies, and seminar videos. Soon both Angela and Todd decided they wanted to adopt a new lifestyle and develop their relationship with Jesus. This meant they would have to leave the retail sales field and begin to worship God unitedly as a family.

Now their heartfelt prayers were for Todd to find a new job that would support a family of five and allow them to worship God and observe the seventh-day Sabbath. Todd did not have any special skills or a college education, so the family stepped out in faith and moved from Red Wing, Minnesota, to Wilson, Michigan. There they lived with Angela's parents while Todd looked for employment. Two months later he was working for a local Adventist company with a boss who patiently taught him new skills and provided a salary that would support his family. How wonderfully God answered their prayers!

It was a beautiful, warm afternoon when Todd and Angela stepped into the cool waters of the lake at Camp Sagola. Robert Quillin, Wilson Church pastor, briefly shared their story with a responsive camp meeting congregation, and as the people sang "I Surrender All," Todd and Angela were baptized into God's family. **Todd and Angela Molgaard** had come home to Jesus. They had witnessed the fulfillment of the old adage, "Prayer changes things." They had also experienced the truth that love changes people. It was a precious Sabbath memory they will never forget.

*Marge Schmitt,
Wilson Church member*



From left: Todd and Angela Molgaard were baptized by Robert Quillin in the lake at Camp Sagola during camp meeting 1998.

GO '99

Loving the World for Christ!

BY ANN FISHER

Since the first Adventist missionary sailed from Boston for Liverpool, England, en route to Switzerland in 1874, Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," has inspired men and women to GO—"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

Our early pioneers were young adults who had the vision, energy, and dedication to form a missionary movement that would eventually encircle the globe. But as the church matured and became more institutionalized, official mission calls from the General Conference tended to seek older, experienced, highly-specialized professionals, offering less opportunities for young adults to use their creativity and energy in pioneering mission outreach.

In 1991, three young couples, students at Andrews University, attended the Urbana-Champaign, young-adult mission conference held every three years by evangelicals, where more than 20,000 young adults gather to be inspired and equipped for mission. Those three young couples caught the missionary vision at that conference. The evangelical leaders at Urbana with whom they counseled, however, informed them that they were not interested in sponsoring Adventists, so these young couples decided to develop their own young-adult mission conference, patterned after Urbana, offering mission opportu-

nities for Adventist young adults. Thus the "GO" concept was born.

Planned, organized, and implemented mostly by young adults, with the support of the Institute of World Missions, Adventist Frontier Missions, and the Department of World Missions at Andrews University, the first "GO" conference was held at Andrews



Featured speakers for the GO '99 missions conference include from left: Bruce Bauer, missionary to Cambodia; Bart Campolo, Urban Youth Ministry director; Marilyn Laszlo, Wycliffe Bible Translator, PNG; Byard Parks, youth speaker.

University in 1991.

Inspired by GO '91 and the three subsequent "GO" conferences held at Andrews University, attendees have organized "GO" conferences internationally. There have been yearly conferences in Germany since 1993, two in the United Kingdom, one in Romania where 4,000 people attended in 1997, one in Hungary in 1998, and two in the Philippines.

This year GO '99 will be held at Andrews University from December 29, 1998, to January 2, 1999. What can you expect at a "GO" conference? You will experience five days of inspiring speakers, fascinating stories, enlightening seminars, powerful music,

Christian fellowship, and hands-on mission experience in the local community. But best of all, if you are inspired to GO for God, there will be missionary-sending organizations on site with immediate opportunities that you can sign up for. In fact some young people have actually GONE before the conference was even over.

Whether your dream is to travel across cultural and language barriers as a missionary in a foreign land or to intelligently support missions from home, GO '99 can be a life-changing experience for you. Janine Freed Lim, a former student missionary who trains teachers to use computers in the classroom, incorporated praying for the countries in the "1040 Window" into her classroom worships. "I learned about the '1040 Window' at GO '94," she said. "I have since made materials for teachers to use in praying for countries in the '1040 Window.'"

Jodi Scarbrough described GO '97 as "fabulous." What really impressed her were the small groups that met every day. She said, "Because of GO '97, my husband, Brian, and I have moved

to Berrien Springs so that he can take aviation. We hope to be able to use aviation in missions to reach people for Jesus in places where His name has seldom, if ever, been heard."

If you are young or young-at-heart and desire to learn more about short-term or career missions or even current issues in missions, then GO '99 is for you. For more information, call (800) 937-4236 or (616) 471-2522; fax (616) 471-6252; e-mail GO99@juno.com or iwm@andrews.edu; or visit www.tagnet.org/GO99.html.

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Everyone as Ambassadors for Caring

BY SHARON WEAVER PITMAN

Caring that leads to long-term personal change isn't found in formal government welfare programs. While it can be found in the traditional church-sponsored Community Services programs, Adventism can make a difference anywhere that members see a need and seek to reach out in service. It is only through strong relationships with caring individuals that persons experiencing inter-generational dysfunction and hurt can achieve spiritual rebirth in Christ and improved well-being.

The entire Adventist Church is positioned for expanded involvement in community outreach. Pathfinders, youth groups, women's and men's ministries, professionals, and impassioned individuals are currently active in various kinds of outreach. Their excitement is documented in the countless miracles of personal change precipitated through the current Adventist ambassadors for Christ-like caring.

Look in on one small town where a group of retired Adventist women take time daily to call local, elderly, house-bound neighbors to check on them. "Just calling to see how you're doing!" Mary Jane declares in her cheery way. "Do you need anything?" she adds, eager to follow up by going to the drug or grocery store for her.

Miles away there's another group of younger caring ambassadors. They are a group of young Adventist work-at-home mothers. They take two hours

each Sabbath afternoon to have 12 neighbor children over to their homes for Bible story time. The stressed and exhausted mothers of these children look forward each week to the couple hours of respite from child care to do something for themselves. The children can hardly wait for each Sabbath to arrive. "This is the most fun!" one five-year-old shared, while giving an adoring hug. Another chimed in with a smile, "Can we come over tomorrow?" If you ask these young mothers who gets the greatest blessing from this ministry, they'll eagerly report the joy and satisfaction they receive from their outreach efforts.

ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL OF SERVICE

In this age of rugged individualism, isolation and self-preservation are the survival skills readily modeled and promoted in the media. Yet throughout scripture God continually urges compassionate intervention and selfless service for "the alien, the orphan, and the widow," (Deuteronomy 14:29, James 1:27) those with the greatest need. In Christ's earthly ministry, He role-modeled a life of servanthood that required interaction and community building, that demonstrated selfless concern and ceaseless caring. Scripture describes it this way, "He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed" (Acts 10:38).

Christ knew that to serve others was to define the essence of the

"lived" gospel. He identified with the underclass and the oppressed. "He fed the hungry and healed the sick. By the good He accomplished, by His loving words and kindly deeds, He interpreted the gospel to men," shares Ellen White. "Christ's work in behalf of man is not finished. It continues today. In like manner His ambassadors are to preach the gospel and to reveal His pitying love for lost and perishing souls. By an unselfish interest in those who need help, they offer a practical demonstration of the truth of the gospel" (*Welfare Ministry*, pages 56-57).

There is a direct correlation between church growth and eager involvement in caring outreach. A spirit-filled congregation does not wait passively for people to come to the church. Rather, they proactively seek out those in need and invite them into a community of fellowship. Many attracted to Adventism have described how individuals demonstrated God's love through acts of compassionate caring. Society offers few havens from the oppression, sadness, and burdens of everyday living. This creates limitless opportunities for every church member to be actively involved in a caring ministry. Whether one commits two hours a month or two days each week, everyone can be involved and is capable of developing a successful ministry.

TIPS FOR DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL CARING MINISTRY

Follow your passion. You will never enjoy doing anything long-term without a passion. What is your mission in life? What legacy do you wish to leave? What difference would

Questions about starting your project?

Call the Center for Excellence and Innovation in Caring, Andrews University, Department of Social Work; phone (616) 471-3554; fax (616) 471-3686.

**Want some student help
this summer with a project?**

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Phone, evenings: (616) 471-1666
E-mail: jhopkins@andrews.edu

you like to make? What are your spiritual and natural gifts? What professional skills can you share in volunteer ministry? What life experiences do you have that can be used to help others? By answering these questions, you can craft a ministry of caring that will succeed.

Explore your motives. You are sure to be disappointed if your motivation for involvement is to "feel good" through helping. While there may be moments of satisfaction in providing a service of caring, it is often difficult, and those being cared for may not appreciate you as you would like. If your motive is to model Christ's selfless service, you are safe! Start your new mission with an emphasis on your own spiritual renewal.

Team up with others. The early Christian church modeled the success of small groups in service. Use your ambassador project as an opportunity for small-group fellowship. Pray together. Have a clearly-defined mission and set clear roles and responsibilities for each participant. Involve diverse peoples of all ages in your project, ensuring a broad-based approach to your ministry. Above all, keep Christ as your primary project advisor and team leader.

Network for resources. Network with others in neighboring churches in your community who may be providing similar services. Pool ideas. Validate true need for the service you would like to provide. Keep communicating about the needs and successes of your caring ministry. Always ask for help from anyone who may have some expertise that you could use.

Network with the spiritual leaders of your church. Make certain you offer

ongoing opportunities for spiritual follow-up for those to whom you are ministering. We should not address the temporal needs of God's children without offering them (not forcing them) the "Bread of Life" and wholesome fellowship with God's remnant people.

Assess your impact. Be sure the quality and effectiveness of caring service reflects a Christian commitment to excellence. First, ask the recipients of your services how well it is working for them. Second, self-assess how well you are meeting your commitments. Were they realistic? Do they need adjusting to improve your follow-through? Third, ask church members and leaders to

provide you feedback and ideas about how you might improve your ministry. Constructive criticism can lead to growth if you are eager to have a wide range of input.

Share your expertise.

Journal what you have learned during your project development. Document what has worked and what didn't work. Share your experience with others that may want to replicate what you have done. Finally, be sure to share how your life and walk with Jesus have been blessed because of your caring ambassadorship.

Sharon Weaver Pittman is the department chair of the Andrews University social work program.

Here Are Some Ministry Ideas

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| Pregnant teens | Financial counseling | Camps for children |
| adoption programs | Grief and loss seminars | Area beautification |
| Global issues awareness training | Home nursing services | programs |
| Addiction programs | Information and referral | Inner-city services |
| Well-baby clinics | Van ministries | Home building |
| Cooking schools | Teen programs | Parenting programs |
| Bible studies | Job information/training | Birthing classes |
| Prison ministries | Home repair | Runaway shelters |
| Child-care services | Pre-marriage seminars | Senior services |
| Craft classes | Meals-on-Wheels | Counseling services |
| Domestic violence programs | Refugee programs | Dress for success program |
| At-risk persons case management | Teen counseling/support groups | First Aid training services |
| Foster care for adults/children | Soup kitchens | Migrant ministries |
| Medical clinics | Weight control services | Employment mentoring |
| Field trips | Environmental cleanup | Divorce recovery |
| Homeless shelters | Disaster preparedness and response | Suicide prevention programs |
| ADRA collections and packing | Self-help groups | Transient programs |
| Eldercare | Phone friendship program | Family mentoring |
| Stop smoking clinics | AIDS/HIV programs | Big Brother/Big Sister programs |
| Parish nursing | Tax assistance | Field trips |
| Visitation | Mechanic services | Peer counseling programs |
| Prayer groups | Car loaner program | Health screening |
| Advocacy initiatives | New church member mentoring program | Sexuality awareness programs |
| Disabled persons services | Art programs | Transportation services |
| Language education programs | Street ministries | Tutoring |
| Food distribution | Immigration programs | After-school activities |
| Wellness clinics | Homemaker services | Branch Sabbath schools |
| | Addiction prevention programs | |
| | Latch-key programs | |

Breaking New Ground



Shirley Schwendemann (left), Donnellson Church VBS leader, eagerly looks forward to having VBS each year which she enjoys with the neighborhood children.

ILLINOIS

The **Donnellson Church** only has one boy who regularly comes to Sabbath school, but when Vacation Bible School (VBS) is on, we have children come from all over. One little girl said it was the best VBS she had ever been to.

It is easier to get through to children at this age than it may be at a later age. VBS is a wonderful opportunity to do good.

Earl Simmons, Donnellson Church pastor

LAKE REGION

Some churches have achieved good results from using a neighborhood parade to gain the community's attention and invite the children to come to Vacation Bible School.

A parade around the Roseland neighborhood announced the start of VBS at the **Beacon of Joy Church**, reports Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication leader. That led to many inquiries about who Seventh-day Adventists are and what they believe. Some people even requested literature about the church.

Several guests participated in the VBS, including Preston Ross, a Chicago police officer, and Karen Monroe, from a local drug and alcohol treatment facility.

The **Robbins Church** also held a parade to promote their VBS. Decorated cars, hundreds of balloons, streamers, flags, banners, the village

fire trucks, police cars, the Shiloh Pathfinders (Trailblazers), the Messengers Drum Core from Berrien Springs, the Straford Cheerleaders (Hawks), and the Lake Region Conference Medical Van were all part of the parade. Flyers and candy were given to the crowd of onlookers.

Approximately 100 children enrolled for the opening exercise held in the church. The lesson study and crafts were held under a big blue tent in the church parking lot.

Children earned VBS money for attendance, being on time, and for bringing friends and participating in the program. On Sunday, the VBS store opened with over 1,000 items that the children were able to purchase with their earned VBS money. Rockets which the children built were also launched on Sunday.

Ellen Tolson, Robbins Church VBS leader



The Beacon of Joy Church kicked off their VBS with a parade around the Roseland neighborhood, announcing the start of VBS.



A fire truck from the Robbins fire department led the parade as Robbins Church members announced their Vacation Bible School to the local community.



The children loved acting in a Bible skit during VBS held in the Farmington Church.

MICHIGAN

More than 3,100 children attended Vacation Bible Schools in 76 Michigan churches this past summer, with several baptisms as a result! VBS was a wonderful outreach ministry to our communities because many non-Adventist parents as well as their children became involved. Friendships were formed, God's message of love was shared, and families began coming out to Sabbath school and church. Decisions to give their lives to Jesus and to be baptized also followed.

There were some new and innovative activities tried this year. At one church, VBS leaders wanted to emphasize their cultural diversity, so they asked some Japanese children to teach the other children how to say certain words in their language. It was fun for the children, staff, and parents to learn to say *hello*, *goodbye*, and *thank you* in Japanese.

Another church decided to have a "Bible day-camp," which was held for four days from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each day's activities included singing songs, a flag-raising, a devotional, Bible lesson classes, games, lunch, craft classes, and nature classes. Parents and children alike agreed that the Bible day-camp was a great success.

A watermelon feed held after the program so parents could socialize was something tried by another Michigan church. It was a simple idea, but one that helped develop friendships and offered an opportunity for people to get to know one another a little better.

A Christmas variation of VBS is being planned by another church—something they haven't tried before. We are anxious to hear how people respond to this holiday version of the program.

Follow-up activities include starting an Adventure club, sending birthday and holiday cards to the young people who attended VBS, organizing a story hour for the children, sending invitations for NET '98, etc. Each of these follow-up activities tell people that we remember them and care about them.

We very much appreciate all those people who so willingly and tirelessly spent time working with Vacation Bible Schools. We know the people who participated in them found them to be very exciting and rewarding, and they are looking forward to getting involved in VBS again next year.

Linda Gallimore, Michigan Conference children's ministries coordinator

WISCONSIN

The Marshfield Church had a Vacation Bible School with the theme "Hooked on Jesus" for about 30 children from preschool up to preteen. The entire church was decorated with a fishing theme the Sabbath prior to the beginning of VBS. Members were encouraged to invite non-church members.

Sardina, the fish puppet, was a big hit! She helped teach the children songs and told character-building stories. Arts, crafts, games, and Bible stories were part of the activities as well. Even the refreshments had a fishing theme, which the children enjoyed. Many church members, including teenagers, were involved in making the VBS a success.

On Thursday night parents were invited to see what their children had learned in the last week. The parents enjoyed the children's program and refreshments.

The Marshfield Church invited many of the families who participated in VBS to NET '98. The children hope that Sardina will come back next year for another great VBS!

Celia Patchett, Marshfield Church communications secretary



The Marshfield (Wisconsin) Church used a fishing theme for their VBS.

NET '98

Miracles Abound

BY GLENN HILL
AND BETTY COONEY

NET '98 miracles are multiplying all over this planet as God fulfills His promise in Isaiah 55:11. His Word is going forth and accomplishing His purpose. Often His miracles are channeled through human circumstances and require heavenly illumination to see Providence rather than coincidence.

Like in **Battle Creek, Michigan**, where one year ago Mary Davis and her son attended an *Amazing Facts* evangelistic series in the Battle Creek Tabernacle. Her son was baptized, but Mary held important church responsibilities in her Methodist communion. She bargained with God to complete her year with the Methodists before practicing the new Bible principles she had heard.

Meanwhile she continued attending services at the Tabernacle and studied the Bible with an associate pastor there.

Then came NET '98. On October 14 Mary re-

sponded to Dwight Nelson's altar call for people to surrender their lives totally to Jesus. "This is the voice of God telling me to stop putting off my decision," she thought. After the service she asked Pastor Dale Leaman,

"Can I be baptized this coming Sabbath?" She was, which was the first NET '98 baptism—at least at the Tabernacle site.

In a little **Illinois** church, a woman, who was contemplating suicide, came to NET '98. She was so excited about the good news she heard, that she contacted a friend who was at that very moment trying to commit suicide. She shared what she had heard with her friend. Now with suicide thoughts banished, both are attending the seminar.

These NET '98 miracles and life-changing situations are not limited to the Lake Union.

From **Alberta, Canada**, a woman who had been severely abused could not sleep well at night. After attending the seminars, she now sleeps without medication and feels better about life in general.

Several churches report receiving miracle funds at the last minute, enabling them to get the needed equipment just in time for the NeXt Millennium Seminar.

In **Venezuela**, two cable companies agreed, after seeing one of the seminar tapes, to air the seminar. The potential audience is more than two million people. At one location 500 adults, including 120 adult visitors, and 150 children, who are meeting in another room, are viewing the seminars. This is the first time the Adventist message has been permitted on public TV there.

A **16-year-old** recently heard from her grandmother: "Your grandpa is going to church, and he is really enjoying the meetings! ... He has not



NET '98 speaker Dwight K. Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church senior pastor.

been to church in all his life, and he never knew God, but now he does!"

At **Georgia-Cumberland Academy** the power was off at three different satellite dishes on campus. At the last minute they tried a fourth dish, which had been "broken" and would not turn from its fixed position, but that position was the very one needed to pull in the seminar. There have been reports from all over the world where prayer intervened to provide equipment at the last minute, raise money for it, and help it work when it seemed impossible that it would.

In the **Romanian village of Arbore**, the seminar equipment technician had to leave for another country to find work. The church elder asked two inexperienced youth to try to figure out how to run the equipment. They tried for a full week with no success. Then they prayed: "Dear Lord, do something, now!" Once more they pushed the switches, and the signal came in perfectly.

In **another Romanian village**, the first night the church was full, but the members were very nervous because the signal was not coming through. They felt guilty for not taping the earlier feed. Almost desperate, the pastor proposed a hymn: "Lord, You Are the Rock of Our Life." Then they poured out their hearts in prayer. They reported that ten minutes later, "the



Mary Davis

Lord filled the screen with light and color.”

A **Romanian woman** suffering from a severe neuromuscular condition received an invitation to NET '98. It was a simple card with a picture of Jesus, His right hand extended forward and inviting, “Come.” She kept looking at the invitation and said, “Jesus is calling ME. I have to go THERE to the meetings.” None of her family would take her except her daughter-in-law and a neighbor. When the seminar was over that night, this invalid stood up

Hagan the attendance remains between 10 and 15 thousand.

At the Miles City (Montana) Church, the pastor heard from a mother whose son had left home and ended up in Australia. He called home and asked, “Have you ever heard of Dwight Nelson?” She mentioned she had been watching the NeXt Millennium Seminar. He was also watching at a site a few blocks from where he lives “down under.” The seminar helped bring the family together.

In Wahroonga, New South Wales,

hearing. Their mother in **Zadar, Croatia**, has also just started to watch the meetings.

Pastor Bill Warcholik reports that Worldwide Church of God members are coming to his **Waterbury and Shelton, Connecticut**, meetings. They are very dedicated people, deeply upset over their church abandoning the Sabbath and wondering what kind of reception they will get in the Adventist Church. His church members are loving them, and they are responding positively. Also attending is a lady who said her husband and all his relatives were murdered in **Bosnia**. She came to the US and is working as an accountant. One of the visitation teams in **Stratford** met her on the street and gave her a flyer. She said, “My family is gone.” (Actually she has a daughter here.) The team said, “We will be your family.” She has been coming faithfully, although she is still struggling with a loving God who would allow her family to be murdered. Pray for her.

In the shadow of Mt. St Helens, Washington, an engineer from a little Arkansas town was traveling the I-5 freeway on business. He noticed a small Adventist church with an identifying sign and an open door. The NET '98 meeting was in progress. That night Nelson made his first altar call, and this visitor in his 50's got up and came forward in tears, obviously moved by the message and appeal. Ron Wearer, the pastor, visited with him and learned he had been an Adventist but had wandered a long way from the church and from God. He was in recovery through a 12-step program. He was eight years old the last time he had taken a public stand for Jesus. With his arm around the visitor, the pastor prayed for him and welcomed him back to the Father's house and to a forever friendship with Jesus.

NET '98 is a vehicle through which the Lord is drawing His people to Himself and to one another—often by a miracle.

Glenn H. Hill and Betty Cooney are the NET '98 communication team.



Through the technology of satellite television, the NeXt Millennium Seminar was being broadcast to six continents.

and walked on her own. Since her healing, the whole village speaks about NET '98 as a miracle.

In **Papua, New Guinea**, at **Lae**, the crowd swelled past 20,000 and had to be moved to Eriku Oval which is larger than four softball diamonds. Some 30,000 came to hear “The Secret Charles Darwin Forgot to Remember.” Just as the appeal was made, the rain came down, but the people stayed right in the open, and many decided to observe God's Sabbath. At Port Moresby there were 40,000, and at

Australia, the pastor began visiting interests after the third meeting of NeXt Millennium Seminar. He met a pre-Adventist couple who had fled the fighting in **Sarejevo** in the **former Yugoslavia** six years ago and had come to Australia. The wife said she had not seen her 16-years-younger brother since then. However, while watching the seminar telecast in the **Wahroonga Church in Sydney**, they had seen him in the audience at Andrews University and wanted him to know they are extremely excited about what they are

What's New in Battle Creek?

The Dr. J. H. Kellogg Discovery Center

BY FRED KNOPPER

It's impossible to talk about the history of Adventists without mentioning Battle Creek, Michigan. It's impossible to talk about the history of Battle Creek without mentioning Adventists. It's also impossible to talk about both of these without mentioning the name Kellogg.

Today Kellogg's breakfast cereals are known and eaten around the world. A hundred years ago, the most significant attraction to Battle Creek was the health and healing that took place at the famous Battle Creek Sanitarium under the direction of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg.

This month the legendary doctor will again become an attraction in Battle Creek. At 11:00 a.m. on October 22, 1998, the Dr. J. H. Kellogg Discovery Center opened. This interactive discovery museum features many of the inventions and therapy methods developed by Kellogg to treat his patients a century ago.

According to Lenard Jaecks, executive director for Historic Adventist Village, a number of Kellogg's inventions have been restored and will be on display, including a light cabinet, a steam

chamber, and functioning exercise equipment featuring Kellogg's mechanical horse. Jaecks states, "Many of the exhibits constructed by Imagination Gallery of Guasti, Califor-



Lenard Jaecks demonstrates the electric-light bath, invented by Dr. Kellogg, to visitors at the opening of the J. H. Kellogg Discovery Center. The electric-light bath created a short, very hot treatment which induced a quick sweat.



Olivia Knott, daughter of Ron and Esther Knott of Berrien Springs, Michigan, digs for hidden objects in the sand box at the Kellogg Discovery Center.

with the typical static displays found in many museums. It will not only be informative, but it will be a fun place to visit."

The Dr. J. H. Kellogg Discovery Center is the first attraction to open as part of the Historic Adventist Village currently being constructed in Battle Creek by Adventist Heritage Ministry.

It is located in downtown Battle Creek across the parking lot from the Battle Creek Tabernacle and only one block from Cereal City USA, the multi-million-dollar, eight-acre theme park, opened by the Kellogg Heritage Center Foundation this past summer.

Some of Kellogg's artifacts, on loan from Adventist Heritage Ministry, are currently on display at Cereal City USA. An entire corridor features an exhibit about the history of the Adventist health movement and the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The corridor includes large photographic panels of

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and of Ellen White with a description on the roots of the Adventist Church in Battle Creek. Another display shows how the invention of cereal by Dr. Kellogg and his staff occurred mostly by accident. These exhibits should spark interest in many visitors, creating a bridge to the Discovery Center.

The creation of the Dr. J. H. Kellogg Discovery Center "makes perfect sense," according to Kathy Krenger, Cereal City USA director of marketing. "Dr. Kellogg is part of the rich history of Battle Creek," she said. "This is something people want to know about."

Cereal City anticipates 400,000 visitors annually. Up to 100,000 of these will no doubt make the transition to visit the Dr. J. H. Kellogg Discovery Center.

For more information, contact Lenard Jaecks, executive director, Historic Adventist Village, 264 West Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017-2314; daytime phone (616) 968-8101; evening phone (616) 966-0104.



CREATIVE PARENTING

The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

A Storybook Christmas?

by Susan E. Murray

What are your expectations for the holiday season? Are you expecting perfection? If so, you'll likely be disappointed. For storybook Christmases are reserved for the pages of storybooks!

Sadly, too many people have a picture of what the holidays should be like and then experience a great let-down when things don't turn out that way. It's important to consider whether we have a false image of what's going to happen and to be prepared to have some joy as well as some disappointment. One key to happy and meaningful holidays is to figure out what's important to you and your family, and then see what you can do.

Here are some ideas you may want to consider:

First, make some decisions. List your holiday activities, then organize and set priorities. The experts tell us to be more choosy, not to spin our wheels on little things that don't matter in the long run.

Then we can say "Yes" to the important and "No" to other less important activities.

Decide with your family which Christmas traditions are most meaningful and see if there are some things you want to do differently. For example, if you have always traveled hundreds of miles to be with certain family

members, do you want to do that this year? While traditions are very powerful in building meaningful relationships, there

are times to step back and reevaluate, to be intentional in how you choose to continue rituals and traditions. For many people, holiday rituals hold both the fondest and most depressing memories of childhood. Can you make adjustments for your children's changing needs, or your own, or does living up to someone else's expectations take precedence?

Don't expect a relationship to work in December if it doesn't work the rest of the year!



Team up with your family. Working together as a family can cement your relationships and help you feel more positive about each other. What you are saying and doing today, and what you have been saying and doing all year long, are important ingredients in having a "happy holiday season." Don't expect a relationship to work in December if it hasn't been working the rest of the year.

Build relationships.

Most would agree that gifts are great, but more important is the time and energy you spend building relationships with your family. Today American families spend an estimated three to four percent of their annual income on Christmas presents. The gift ritual—strategizing, shopping, purchasing, wrapping, and presenting—is one of the most nerve-racking and exhausting aspects of the holidays for many people. Can you list all the things you have received for Christmas, or have given your children, for the last three years? Most likely not. A couple I know asked one of their adult sons to recall for them his favorite Christmas ever. Interestingly, he chose their simplest Christmas. Also interesting was that he couldn't even remember what his gifts were that year.

Right now is a good time to sit down and evaluate your own expectations about the upcoming activities for the holidays. You may not have a storybook Christmas, but with intentional

thought, planning and preparation, it can be a most meaningful one!

While this isn't the easiest time of the year to build your marriage, remember that the first Christmas included a love story of Mary and Joseph and the drama of becoming a family. What an enchanting, true story of God's creativity.

Ages & Stages

Infants and Toddlers:

Sometimes a little is enough! Pediatricians report that too much fruit juice can prevent children under age two from growing properly. Studies show that some children are given as much as 30 ounces of fruit juice or fruit drinks a day, leaving little room for other nutritious foods.

Because of heavy juice intake, many children are consuming too little of the protein, fat, vitamins and minerals, and fiber they need. Juice can curb children's appetites enough that they are not hungry at meal times, and the high sugar content in many fruit drinks has been shown to contribute to obesity. Also, juice should not take the place of

water, although it can contribute to a child's need for liquids.

While *pure* fruit juice is a nutritious snack, limit servings for children under age four to less than eight ounces a day. Keep in mind that that means less than one eight-ounce bottle a day. And those handy juice cartons? They generally contain eight and one-half fluid ounces!

Editor: Carl Haus; Associate Editor, Susan E. Murray

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



Elementary Years:

There are important gifts we can give our children that don't cost money and aren't just for the holidays. In his book, *The Gift of Self-Esteem*, Joe White recalls some things kids told him their parents had done that expressed love to them. "Mom drew cartoons on my lunch bags and put notes into them." "My dad used to take me to work with him for the day and show me off to his fellow workers." "Mom let my brother and me have a cat—and she hates cats." "Mom told me it's okay to disagree with her, that I'm my own person in Christ, and my eyes should be on Him, not her." "Dad came to school and ate lunch with me." "I could always count on my Mom to be on time to pick me up from school." "My Dad told me every day, 'I love you more today than I did yesterday.'"

Teen Years:

In their book, *Leaving the Light On*, John Trent and Gary Smalley share, "It won't work to give your kids a 'weekend seminar' on traits such as honesty and serving and then check out for the rest of the year. Character must be deep-rooted to survive; it reaches way down into the soil of consistent living. It isn't a short-term change of behavior that makes an impression on our kids; *it's a life*." To the degree that our kids endure the insecurity and confusion of parental inconsistency, their sense of responsibility will be stunted.

Parents and Other Important Adults:

Be careful of your back! People don't realize they can injure themselves caring for children just as they can injure themselves at their jobs. Anyone caring for children risks a variety of problems, from a simple muscle spasm to a herniated disk or a stiff neck to a lingering back problem.

Here are some ideas to use to reduce back strain:

- Put one foot on a box or low shelf when you stand and change diapers. This causes your pelvis to tilt in a way that decreases muscle fatigue.
- Keep work surfaces at a comfortable height when possible. Put something under the legs of the changing table, for instance, to raise it if you are tall.
- Don't try to hold a baby and wrestle the side of the crib down at the same time. Instead, drop the crib side before you pick up the child.
- Don't bend from the waist when you lift a child. Squat with your back straight, keeping the child close to you and using your leg muscles to rise.
- Make sure your feet touch the floor and your back is supported when you sit holding a child. Keep your knees at the same height as your hips or slightly higher.
- Adjust stroller handles so you're not bending over or stretching when you push.
- Don't bend over into the car when putting your child in the car seat. Sit sideways on the seat with the child on your lap, then rotate to face the car seat, and put the child in the seat.
- When loading a stroller or groceries in the car trunk, rest one foot on the bumper and keep the load close to your body.



Adapted from information from the American Chiropractic Association.

Wind Beneath Their Wings

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:17

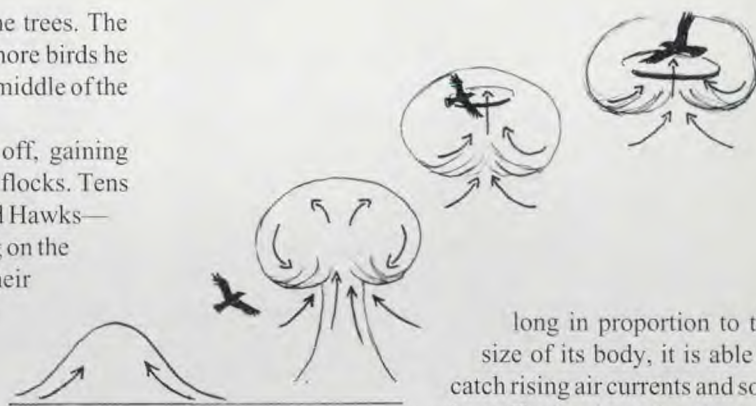
It is morning on a spring day in south Texas. The terrain is a vast expanse of dry country covered with mesquite trees. Everything is quiet as the lone birder drives along the dusty road.

Suddenly, several hawks appear above the trees. The farther along the road the birder travels, the more birds he sees. The birder realizes that he is right in the middle of the morning lift-off of a hawk migration.

As far as he can see, hawks are lifting off, gaining altitude, and joining other hawks in swirling flocks. Tens of thousands of them—mostly Broad-winged Hawks—circle in a counterclockwise spiral, ascending on the lift of warm, rising air. Without flapping their wings, they travel steadily northward and eastward to their summer home.

How do they do that? How do such large birds get airborne with just a few flaps, then simply glide for long distances, when smaller birds can't do this? The secret lies in the effect of air currents and the design of the hawk.

The sun's heat warms air near the ground. Warm air is lighter than cold, so it rises; and it does so in a spiraling current called a thermal. Because the hawk's wings are



long in proportion to the size of its body, it is able to catch rising air currents and soar on them. The hawk catches the thermal, then rises in large circles to great heights. To move forward, it glides downward to the next thermal, then circles upward again.

By making good use of thermals, a hawk can cover several miles in a single day, and thousands of miles during migration.

Blow-dryer Thermal

Try this activity, and see how warm air makes things rise.

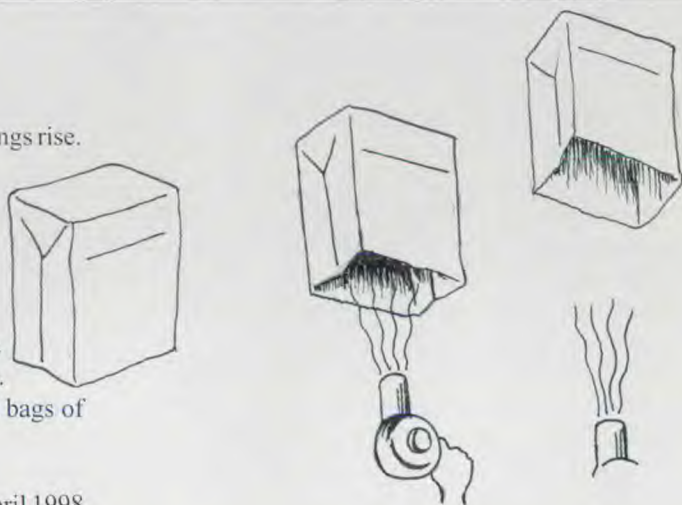
What you need:

- paper lunch bag
- blow-dryer

What to do:

- Turn on the blow-dryer to its highest setting.
- Direct the stream of hot air into the open bag.
- Experiment with different dryer settings and bags of different sizes and weights.

For more activities about air and wind, see the April 1998 issue of *Natural Learning*.



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.

Exploring God's World

WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

Coping with Loss and Depression at Holiday Time

The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and togetherness, but in reality, many people feel especially depressed and alienated during this time of year. Almost anyone past a certain age can relate to the "holiday blues."

There is often a big discrepancy between our expectations for the holidays and what actually transpires. This contrast can seem even more pronounced for the person who has recently experienced a divorce, death or separation, or for someone who is a newcomer in town.

"Holiday grief is very real," said Jonathan Leach, Ministries and Mission administrative director for Adventist Health System/Midwest Region, "and people going through it need to remember that such feelings are normal and expected and are not a sign of weakness."

For those experiencing loss, the pain can seem almost overwhelming at times, and the suffering can have its repercussions on the body. A person who is grieving might experience a variety of physical symptoms such as tightness in the throat or heaviness in the chest, an empty feeling in the stomach, feelings of restlessness, concentration problems, changes in sleep patterns, and bouts of crying at unexpected times.

Grief can also trigger a number of emotional responses. For a person who experienced the death of a loved one, guilt and anger could surface. It may feel as if the loss is not real. Feelings of guilt or anger over things that happened or didn't happen in the relationship with the deceased, or intense anger towards the loved one for leaving, are common. There's also a tendency to dream of the loved one frequently and feel the need to remember and tell and retell things about the deceased person and the experience of their death. These are all natural responses to grief. In coping with these feelings of loss, many people are concerned that they might not be grieving the "right" way, and it's perfectly normal for someone to think, "Is it okay for me to feel this way?" or "Am I going crazy?"

If people are concerned or worried about their reactions to a loss, they should contact their physician. Family members, friends, and neighbors can be great sources of comfort during this difficult period. Many communities also offer grief workshops or support groups that can put individuals in touch with others in similar circumstances.

"It is important to remember that the holidays last a relatively short time," Chaplain Leach said. "Constant reminders of this fact can bring relief."

A good piece of advice for people suffering inside is to listen to and trust themselves. If you need help getting through

tough times, ask for it. "Remember, some initial and/or minor changes made during the holidays can bring about long-lasting, positive changes," Chaplain Leach said.

Suggestions for Coping from Hinsdale

Hospital:

- Plan activities to memorialize the lost loved one. It is appropriate to be thinking about him or her and to take some time for special remembrance.
- Associate as much as possible with those who accept and understand your grief.
- Start a new tradition that is a departure from those you shared with the lost loved one. Involve those who are with you now.
- Make specific plans for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. These need not be elaborate, but you will cope much more easily if you have a specific plan.
- Don't spend the season hiding your own feelings and trying to please everyone else.
- Try to remember that time does heal.

Ginny Richardson, Hinsdale Hospital publicist

Hinsdale Hospital Receives Top Ranking

According to data analyzed by HCIA Inc., a Baltimore-based health information company, Hinsdale Hospital has been ranked among the top 10 hospitals in the Chicago area for the services of cardiology, oncology, and orthopedics. Hinsdale Hospital, the flagship hospital of Adventist Health System's Midwest Region, is among the top ten of more than 80 Chicago-area hospitals and the only hospital in DuPage County listed in the top ten.

This study is the first time that Chicago and suburban hospitals have been ranked by an independent, outside source. HCIA analyzed data from the federal government, including Medicare cost reports, required financial data, and the ability to draw patients from outside the hospital's service area. The three variables examined and analyzed by HCIA were: 1) quality of care, 2) patient service, and 3) market reputation.

Quality of care measured mortality and length of stay for three services: cardiology, oncology, and orthopedics. Patient service measured hospital staffing levels, breadth of services, and average patient costs. Market reputation measured the hospital's drawing power outside its area and market share of patients.

"It's a tribute to our entire team of physicians and caregivers and to the communities that support us, to have our services officially recognized as being ranked among the top ten Chicago hospitals," said Ernie W. Sadau, Hinsdale Hospital president. "We are committed to providing, as we have done throughout our nearly 100-year history, high-quality medical services to our patients and the communities we serve."

The complete results of the rankings are posted on the Internet at www.ahn.com.

Andrews Campus Ministries' "Dynamic Duo"

Chaplains are pastors who labor without a church, spiritual leaders who sometimes work without a well-defined congregation. And maybe the challenge is even greater for an Andrews University chaplain. With 3,000 students from nearly every part of the world, you'd have to have an anthropologist's cultural understanding to know what makes students' tick—and a superhero's energy to get all your work done.

If it sounds like the Andrews Campus Ministries office needs a "Dynamic Duo," fear not: they've already landed. Since their summer 1998 arrival, new campus chaplains Laurence Burn and Timothy Nixon have already made significant spiritual inroads.

"I've seen in both of them a desire to do whatever it takes to facilitate spirituality on this campus," said Matthew Gambel, a senior religion major and director of BRANCH, the campus' student-led ministry organization.



Jeremy Russell, Andrews University Relations

New campus chaplains (from left): Timothy Nixon and Laurence Burn.

South African born and raised, **Laurence Burn** is a natural strategist. In his four months as chaplain, he has already made extensive plans for campus outreach. Recognizing that ministry on a college campus is geared toward the sometimes-jaded and always time-pressed, Burn says his initiatives are relationship-based and user-friendly.

"Saved. Shepherded. Skilled. Sent." This is the progression the new chaplain envisions for the spiritual journey of an Andrews student.

A pastoral ministry graduate from Weimar College, he worked four years as a youth pastor at the Roseville (Calif.) Adventist Church before coming to Andrews in 1996 to study at the seminary.

"What gets me pumped is empowering students to ministry activities," Burn said. "I see myself as a 'gatekeeper' and 'door opener' for others to develop spiritually. College is no time for students to be spiritual 'coach potatoes,'" Burn said. "These are tomorrow's leaders, so we have to train them accordingly."

Though his work has been confined to the continental U.S., **Timothy Nixon** has done plenty of work among disparate people groups. Any pastor with experience among both the salty inhabitants of New York City and the laid-back denizens of Southern California is eligible for numerous "cross-cultural" merit badges.

"There is nothing that compares to pastoral ministry," Nixon said. "I came to this campus for the challenges, but my family and I also came because we sincerely believe that this is where God wants us to be," Nixon said.

In both training and experience, Nixon, a native of New York, has seen a lot in his 17 years of pastoral work. After undergraduate theology studies at Oakwood College and a master's of divinity degree from the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews, Nixon pastored churches in New York City and upstate New York, Southern California, and, most recently, Annapolis, Md.

Since his arrival on campus in July, Nixon said he has worked with his new colleague to assess the spiritual needs on the campus and the role that students, faculty and staff see for the Campus Ministries office.

What does it take for a college campus to stay spiritually on track? Nixon said the key will remain a focus on the Divine and a willingness to work on that focus.

"On a Christian campus, sometimes it's too easy to become complacent and say: 'This is the Lord's school' and not do any-

thing to make it this way," Nixon said. "Yes, this is His school, but only so long as we remain committed to Christ."

Sounds like these two new chaplains are every bit the match for spiritual complacency. Or, to put it another way, the Andrews "Dynamic Duo" has arrived.

Jack Stenger, public information officer

Religious Activities at Indiana Academy Spark Interest in NET '98 Evangelism

Indiana — We serve a big GOD who can and will do big things if we ask Him in faith. This year at Indiana Academy (IA) we have dedicated ourselves to doing just that, and God is doing



Indiana Academy students and faculty gather for prayer at Morse Lake Park after the baptism.

immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

Upon returning with a student group from the North American Division (NAD) teen prayer conference, there was a lot of excitement and anticipation on the IA campus, as students and faculty alike geared up not only for a week of outdoor school at Camp Timber Ridge, but for the fall week of prayer. During the first several weeks of school, real, positive growth among the faculty and students had taken place, and both students and faculty were looking forward to the opportunity to continue building bridges at camp. Furthermore, God had miraculously worked out funds for Youth Pastor Tom Goddard and his

Driven drama team from Andrews University to be part of the special week.

While at Camp Timber Ridge, students experienced the wonders of God through nature, the character of God through His Word, and the power of God through prayer. Pastor Tom shared messages that not only related to issues of the day, but also challenged the young people to make positive choices for Jesus and to help one another along the way. As the academy bonded together through community service projects, team-building activities, and prayer groups, it was evident that the Holy Spirit was at work.

Arriving back on campus Thursday evening, the flame continued to burn. The bonding experiences gleaned from camp and the first few weeks of school had served as stepping stones for the weekend finale. The *Driven* drama team, composed of academy and college students, ministered through their performance of the play "Catacombs" for Friday vespers. Following the evening program, the call was made for those who wanted to surrender to Jesus and give their lives completely to Him. And to the glory of God, sixteen students were baptized Sabbath afternoon at Morse Lake Park as a result.

And still the flame does not stop here at IA. This is just the beginning. It will continue to burn brightly through faculty giving all they have for top-quality Christian education, ministering through music and

athletic programs, campus ministries, community outreach, working together with the support of the Cicero Church and becoming actively involved in the NET '98 meetings.

Indiana Academy is not merely a school composed of students, administrators, and teachers. IA is a family—working together, playing together, sharing and caring for one another. It is a school dedicated to prayer, proclaiming the good news through positive life-styles and choices, and to the praise of Him who has freed us from the shackles of sin. IA is God's school. There is nothing ordinary about it.

Rob Snider, Indiana Academy Bible teacher and chaplain



New playground equipment is installed at Wilson Junior Academy.

Wilson Gets New Playground

Michigan — Tucked away on the back roads of northern Menominee County is the Upper Peninsula's largest Adventist church school, Wilson Junior Academy. The natural surroundings provide a beautiful setting, and the scenery allows the students' minds to be directed to God, the Creator.

Along with the blessings received because of a good location for their school, church members and teachers believe it is their responsibility to plan ways to train their young people to develop their physical and mental powers. They want their children's talents to be put to use in service for God and humanity. Since the students were receiving excellent classroom instruction, the adults developed a project to provide for the missing link—playground equipment for their physical education. This project was begun by Deb Blumenshein, who last spring began developing fund-raising ideas to generate money to purchase the needed equipment.

First, Blumenshein decided to ask the adults and students to sell candy bars. They sold 1,600 of them and earned \$800. Her second fund-raiser—selling cookie dough—also went well. However, their biggest success was two large rummage sales. Added to the money raised from these three fund-raisers were donations that came from local businesses in response to letters that were written. Finally, the generous donations of church members also helped tremendously toward meeting their goal.

Once the playground equipment was purchased, Blumenshein's husband, Rick, as well as Dave Postler, Russell Berger Jr, Miles Stanley, and Mike Groleau worked tirelessly to assemble and prepare the grounds so all would be in readiness when school opened. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony and social were over, everyone felt a sense of joy and pride that the project was completed. They also greatly appreciated the strong leadership Blumenshein provided. With the Lord's help, she succeeded in making it happen.

Betty Wery, Wilson Church communication leader

Pathfinder Project in Ukraine a Success

Wisconsin — Recent communication from church leaders in the Podolski Conference in the Ukraine has informed us of the results of the November 1997 Pathfinder project. A ten-member team of Pathfinders and their leaders presented a five-day seminar for youth leaders on how to form and operate a Pathfinder club. Included in the team were Pathfinder leaders Sally and Sheldon Johnson, Clear Lake; Frank and Linda Chism, Milton; Lyndeen Wright, California; and Dale Ziegele, Wisconsin Conference Pathfinder director. Teen Pathfinders included Westin Frontiera, Nathan Nichol, Christine Chism, and Becky Allen.

Youth leaders from the Podolsk Conference indicate that many clubs got started, five have survived the year, and another three clubs are being formed currently. A total of eight clubs gives us much to praise the Lord about. Planting, nurturing, and cultivating all precede the harvest. We are thrilled to see youth trained to reflect on the Creator's love for each of them. Currently, Pathfinders have been invited to return to the Ukraine to conduct a Bible school in an orphanage near Vinnitsa.

Wisconsin Pathfinders are collecting used Adventurer, Adventist Youth, and Pathfinder scarves to send to our sister conference in the Ukraine.

Dale Ziegele, Wisconsin Conference youth director



Ukraine Pathfinders enjoyed their campout.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Two Ordained in Illinois

Illinois — The Illinois Conference ordained Arnet Mathers and C. Richard Odle, who have been serving in southern Illinois for several years, to the gospel ministry. This solemn service took place during the area's annual convocation Sept. 19, 1998.

Arnet Mathers was presented for ordination by his pastor father, Melvin Mathers, who also baptized him as a young man and performed the ceremony at his marriage to Lorraine Medlin-Thompson. Although a native of Ohio, Mathers, being a "preacher's kid," was educated in many

A d v e n t i s t schools, during which he served in leadership roles as a junior deacon, class president, class pastor, year-book editor, and Sabbath school teacher, as early as the sixth grade. He chose to study a year abroad in Austria during the time he was a student at Andrews

University where he graduated with honors and an M.A. degree in religion, his project of focus being *The Hebrew Concept of Righteousness*. He later studied data processing, graduating *summa cum laude* from Central Virginia Community College. He has worked in editing and publishing for various Northwest ministries and currently serves the West Frankfort / Eldorado / Marion district in the Illinois Conference.

C. Richard Odle was presented for ordination by Kenneth A. Denslow, Illinois Conference secretary. Odle is an Illinois son with an interesting spiritual history. After completing college and graduate studies, he pastored in the Assemblies of God denomination for over fifteen years. Following a three-year personal examination of the Seventh-day Adventist message, he felt compelled to accept and commit to it. In 1990, he chose not to renew his previous ministerial credentials and was baptized into the Adventist Church. His wife, Jan, continued to study scripture an additional year before making her decision. Odle was impressed with the love shown by Adventist members, which became the springboard for his conversion. His burden is to share what he has found with those who are



Two pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry in the Illinois Conference. From left: C. Richard and Lorraine Odle and Arnet and Jan Mathers.

still seeking. For the past several years he has pastored the Thompsonville and Three Angels Broadcasting Network churches. The Odles' daughter, Kim, is attending La Sierra University.

Multitudes of prayers ascended on behalf of these ordained men and their families as they dedicate their lives to sharing Christ with the world around them.

Joi Avante, Illinois Conference correspondent

Wisconsin's Newest Christian Lawyer

Wisconsin — On Friday, Sept. 11, Charisse Kendricks realized a decade-long dream. In the Supreme Court in Madison, Kendricks, a member of the Madison Community Church, took the oath to practice law in the State of Wisconsin.

In the brief ceremony in the capitol building, Shirley S. Abrahamson, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, admonished the new attorneys to live up to their oath which included statements of upholding justice, never deliberately making a lie seem true, and serving their communities with honor. Justice Abrahamson deliberately ended the oath emphatically with the phrase, "so help me God."

Kendricks earned her degrees while being a single mother of two children, one of whom is a student at Wisconsin Academy. Kendricks went back to the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in the mid 1980's with the hope of one day practicing law. This process has taken time and determination. "Anyone can do this if they set their mind to it," remarked Kendricks. "The Lord has added His boost to my family's efforts, and I am truly blessed."

Kendricks will practice family law in the Madison area and hopes to one day move into the area of criminal law. The words *Christian* and *lawyer* can go together when Jesus is in the heart.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director



Charisse Kendricks (right) stands with Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson (left) after swearing-in ceremony in the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Health Van at State Fair

Michigan — The Adventist Health Van was positioned in an excellent location this year at the Michigan State Fair. Steve Veres, health van ministry director for the Detroit area, organized the program that offered free blood pressure checks and health evaluations. This information helped those who came



Charles Cooper of Detroit came to visit the Adventist Health Van and was assisted by Dale King of the Troy Church.

ested in receiving spiritual contacts.

The Health Van was a popular event at the State Fair. Many people lined up for the vital services that were offered. The church members who assisted in the project gave the visitors a warm smile and meaningful information, which seemed appreciated by all who came.

Rose King, communication leader

A Man, Some Bagels, and a Mission

Illinois — About a year ago, Felix Vanegas of the Burbank Church had a burden. He wanted to help people less fortunate than he in and around Chicago. Vanegas started asking church members for clothes, towels, food, and blankets so he could take them to the needy. The Gomoll family responded by letting Vanegas know that the Great American Bagel store in



Members of the Burbank Church distribute bagels to the homeless.

Homewood, Ill., would donate their leftover bagels to the project on a regular basis. This amounts to between 300–500 bagels every other week. So, Vanegas and Jeff Williams started making the rounds, distributing the food to the homeless on the streets of

Chicago and to rescue missions in the city.

Recently others in the church wanted to get involved. A group of young people formed what has become known as the “Bagel Choir.” At each stop along lower Wacker Drive or at the missions, the choir sings a song and prays with the needy. Now, once a month Vanegas and Williams are joined by church members as they distribute bagels, soup, cookies, and the gospel to the needy in Chicago.

Ellen White said, “To reach the people, wherever they are, and whatever their position or condition, and to help them in every way possible—this is true ministry” (Ministry of Healing, p. 156). And that is just what Vanegas and the other involved Burbank Church members are doing.

George Gomoll, Illinois Pathfinder area coordinator

to determine any health risks they might have that would suggest they should visit their medical care provider. It also supplied the Detroit churches with names of people who were inter-

Prison Ministry Nets Baptisms

Michigan — Four prisoners at the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland (Mich.) were baptized as a result of a prison ministry conducted by Tony Kahlil of the Midland Church. The ministry was started about five years ago by David Danks, who is also a member of the Midland Church. Kahlil started helping Danks and eventually took over when Danks had to leave the program. Kahlil is presently assisted by John Boldt and Tony Gembrowski, of the Center Street Church, and Amos Bridgewater, of the Ephesus Church, both located in Saginaw.

There was no baptistry at the prison until one year ago. It was acquired because of the efforts of Kahlil and his team. The four inmates—two from the level four and two from the level two security sections—were baptized in what is described as a mobile, one-man baptismal unit. The four inmates were baptized by Robert Stewart, pastor of the church on Center Street, who preaches at the prison the first Sabbath of each month. Otherwise, each level has its own service once a week, and presently both levels have five members attending.

The inmates first began to study *The Good News Bible* series, then included the *Daniel and Revelation* video series by Mark Finley. This was followed by Doug Bachelor’s video series, *A New Revelation*. In addition, a Bible-marking session entitled “The Marked Word” was used. All these materials had to be reviewed and inspected by the prison chaplain before they were allowed to be shared with the inmates.

Stewart forewarned the baptismal candidates that following their baptism Satan would possibly attack them more than ever. It didn’t take long before one of them discovered it firsthand. He lost his prison job because of a new “no GED or diploma” ruling. However, he is remaining true to his newfound commitment to Jesus Christ.

Robert Stewart, Saginaw Church pastor



Because of the different levels of prison security, the inmates were baptized in separate locations. Above: level two inmates, James Ragland and Larry Card, stand with their spiritual mentors after their baptism. From left: Tony Kahlil, Tony Gembrowski, James Ragland, Pastor Robert Stewart, Larry Card, Amos Bridgewater.



Level four inmates, Terry Yax (3rd from left) and Eric Young (5th from left) stand with the prison ministry team after celebrating their baptism.

Teens Give Christmas Cheer

Michigan — Three shut-in ladies who live alone in the city of Greenville (Mich.) were selected by the Belgreen teen Sabbath



From left: Kerri Clement, Larry Telfor Jr., Terry Clement, and Alice Telfor enjoyed providing the "Twelve Days of Christmas" as much as Bernice Smalley (seated) enjoyed receiving them.

school class to receive Christmas gifts based on the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. The young people visited the ladies four different times, taking with them beautifully wrapped gifts to be opened over a three-day period. So the ladies each received twelve presents with in-

structions to open the presents over a period of time. Each package included the appropriate message for its particular day, and the messages went like this:

On the **FIRST** day of Christmas we bring these oranges to you,

We would have brought the partridge, but from the tree it flew!

On the **SECOND** day of Christmas we bring this gift of love,

So you can write a letter to your favorite turtle dove(s).

On the **THIRD** day of Christmas your secret friends bring to thee,

Some freshly-baked bread to fill your tummy.

On the **FOURTH** day of Christmas the calling birds have fled,

We hope you like this rice milk that we have brought instead.

On the **FIFTH** day of Christmas we bring these nuts and good cheer,

Five golden rings we can't afford at this time of year.

On the **SIXTH** day of Christmas no laying geese were found,

We hope you like these goodies that we have left all bound.

Instead of seven swans a-swimming, on the **SEVENTH** day we bring,

A magazine for you to enjoy after all your Christmas shopping.

On the **EIGHTH** day of Christmas we bring this box of herbal tea,

Four more days of Christmas, and we will sing for thee.

On the **NINTH** day of Christmas we bring an ornament to thee,

And hope that it might find a place on your Christmas tree!

On the **TENTH** day of Christmas our rhyming days are few,
We've gotten so much pleasure out of bringing gifts to you!

On the **ELEVENTH** day of Christmas the dancers all took sick,

We hope you like the . . . Could it be from old Saint Nick?

On the **TWELFTH** day of Christmas we come to bring you cheer.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On their last visit, the young people sang Christmas carols and were warmly rewarded by smiles and words of appreciation. It was a wonderful Christmas for both the shut-ins and the teens.

Anne Nelson, Belgreen Church teen leader

Haughville Church Provides Housing for Homeless

Lake Region — Haughville Church has joined an outreach ministry program sponsored by Interfaith Hospitality Network. This network's function is to combat the increased growth of homelessness. The first Adventist church in the Indianapolis area to participate in the program, the Haughville Church has completed its first rotation in a 13-week rotation schedule to house homeless guests for one week in the church.

The network provides a day facility and all necessary furnishings, cots, mattresses, pillows, and a van for transportation. Haughville provides housing at night, bed linen, and towels, as well as a driver for the van, overnight hosts, a light breakfast, sack lunches, a nutritious dinner, evening activities for the children, and plenty of love.

During the week of July 19–26, 1998, the church hosted 12 guests, comprised of four families. By the end of the week, many friendships had developed as our guests moved, as scheduled, to the next church. At a progress report meeting, it was revealed that three of the families had found homes and two heads of families were working new jobs.

As they plan for the next scheduled rotation, the Haughville Church family is eagerly anticipating meeting new friends and enjoying another blessed week befriending the homeless. The network is looking forward to expanding their ministry as more churches commit to this work.

Lawrence L. Logan, Haughville Church pastor, and Marie Young and Barbara Morris, congregation coordinators



Haughville Church members work together, making beds and preparing for homeless guests that will be housed in their church as part of the outreach ministry of Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Adventist Amateur Radio Operators Needed

Adventist amateur radio operators are in increased demand as conferences across the country prepare to assist in times of large-scale disasters. In harmony with an understanding with the American Red Cross, Adventist Disaster Response (ADR) teams operate collection, processing, and distribution centers for food and other supplies needed by disaster victims. These centers, and the ADR command center, may each be located many miles apart, and when phone lines are inoperative, radio is usually the only possible means of communication between these centers. If cellular phones are useable in the area, often there is more traffic than the system can handle, so radio becomes the only practical means of communication.

Every conference needs to have amateur radio operators trained, equipped, and available whenever they are needed.

Not all Adventist radio operators are members of the AARA, and the association does not know where to contact them. Whether you are a member or not, if you would like to help with disaster response communications or would like to learn more about the AARA, please contact Wayne Martin, public relations secretary, at 3908 Highway 11, Inman, SC 29349; or e-mail wamartyn@juno.com. Conferences desiring help with their disaster-communications needs are invited to write to the same address.

If you are interested in becoming an amateur radio operator, the AARA will provide computer software for learning the code and assist you in obtaining your license.

Wayne A. Martin, Adventist Amateur Radio Association

Relief Operations in Devastated Nicaragua and Honduras

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is delivering desperately-needed relief materials to thousands of refugees in the aftermath of hurricane Mitch. Despite the fact that roads and bridges are still nonexistent or impassible, ADRA has distributed 420 tons of a corn and soy blend cereal and 98 tons of vegetable oil, enough food for 57,000 people for one month, and fresh water in large storage and transport bladders, holding 500 gallons each, to areas in great need.

Working with local governments and international agencies, ADRA is providing transportation, medical aid, materials for building shelters, blankets, clothing, diapers, chlorine, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, candles, and matches to victims.

Although so many people are suffering from the devastation, many are showing concern for their neighbors, even during this time of insecurity. Adventist church members in Nicaragua collected and distributed 2,000 pounds of clothing and US\$500 worth of food with the help of 500 Pathfinders. Approximately 200 Master Guides are working with the local Civil Defense to do assessments and distribute supplies.

For information about what ADRA is doing or if you would like to donate to ADRA's relief efforts, call (800) 424-ADRA (2372).

ANNIVERSARIES



George and Imogene Akers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30, 1998, with an open-house reception in Berrien Springs, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., for 23 years.

George Akers and Imogene Allen were married Aug. 31, 1948, in Hyattsville, Md., by Pastor N. S. Ashton. George has been an academy dean of boys and principal, a college administrator, a General Conference education director, and a professor at Andrews University. Imogene has been a business and music teacher.

The Akers family includes Douglas Akers of Usk, Wash.; Dan and Darlene Akers of Angwin, Calif.; and 4 grandchildren.

John and Helen Lungu celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6, 1998, by a dinner with family and friends at the Pebblewood Country Club in Bridgeman, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., for 22 years, and were previously members of the Detroit Metropolitan Church.

John Lungu and Helen Constantine were married Sept. 11, 1948, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. John was a firefighter in Detroit, worked at Southfield Junior Academy, retired and moved to Berrien Springs where he worked for Andrews University for 15 years before retiring in 1993. Helen has been an office manager for doctors in Dearborn, Mich., and, after moving to Berrien Springs, worked for doctors in Niles, Mich.

The Lungu family includes

Jack and Donna Lungu of San Diego, Calif.; and one grandson.



Herb and Judy Pritchard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5, 1998, on a cruise up the Inside Passage and a tour in Alaska (sponsored in part by their two daughters and their husbands). They were members of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., for 14 years.

Herb Pritchard and Judy Sykes were married Sept. 5, 1948, in the Battle Creek (Mich.) Tabernacle by Pastor Harold R. Brennan. Herb has been a treasurer for the General Conference insurance and Adventist Book Centers, as well as for the Michigan and Lake Union Conferences. Judy was a surgical technologist. (Both retired in 1992.)

The Pritchard family includes Penny and Richard Clarke of Tonasket, Wash.; Nancy and Robert Wetmore of Jessup, Md.; and 3 grandchildren.



Dwight and Ruth Rhodes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Mar. 21, 1998, by a surprise weekend at the Elfindale Bed and Breakfast Mansion, Springfield, Mo., with relatives and friends. They were members of the Berrien Springs and Holly churches in Mich., Broadview and Hinsdale churches in Ill., and Cicero Church in Ind.

Dwight Rhodes and Ruth Noble were married Mar. 21, 1948,

in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, by Elder W.J. Hurdon. Dwight has been an academy choir, voice, piano, band and instrument teacher, and has worked in hospital purchasing. Ruth has been an IBM keypunch operator, a hospital receptionist, and has worked in hospital admissions.

The Rhodes family includes Karen Rhodes of Springfield, Mo.; and Lynette Rhodes of Carlsbad, Calif.



Vivion and Virginia Shull celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 22, 1998, by a fellowship dinner given by the East Lansing Church, and on Sunday, Aug. 23 an open house was given by the couple's children at their home in Holt, Mich. They have been members of the East

Lansing (Mich.) University Church for 30 years.

Vivion Shull and Virginia Strudwick were married Aug. 22, 1948, in Muskegon, Mich., by Pastor Carl W. Pruitt. Viv retired from Michigan State University in Jan. 1994. Virginia retired from the Michigan Adventist Book Center in April 1994.

The Shull family includes Julie and Donn Clark of Owosso, Mich.; Donn and Laila Shull of South Lyon, Mich.; David and Judy Shull of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Brian and Talley Shull of Charleston, S.C.; and 5 grandchildren.



Earl and Annabelle Zager celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 1998, by a buffet dinner hosted by their family and friends at Grand Blanc Senior Activity Center, Grand Blanc, Mich. They have been

members of seven churches in Michigan.

Earl Zager and Annabelle Vartenuk were married Aug. 22, 1948, in Akron, Ohio, by Elder Walter Gibson. Earl has been a pastor/evangelist in Ohio and Michigan. Annabelle has been a secretary/office manager.

The Zager family includes Judy and Gene Foose of Loma Linda, Calif.; Steve Zager of Godley, Texas; Janice and Michael Leogrande of Fontana, Calif.; Stanley and Susan Zager of Longwood, Fla.; and 3 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Michelle M. Eccleston and Nathaniel A. Jenkins Jr. were married June 8, 1997, in Milwaukee, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mack W. Wilson.

Michelle is the daughter of Glorin and Gable Henry, and Nathaniel is the son of Nathaniel Sr. and Clairese Jenkins of Milwaukee, Wis.

The Jenkinsses are making their home in Milwaukee.

Patricia De-Souza Pinheiro and Ivan Golubic were married Sept. 20, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Pedro Pinheiro.

Patricia is the daughter of Pedro and Avani Pinheiro of Berrien Springs, and Ivan is the son of Drazenko and Srebraenka Golubic of Varazdin, Croatia.

The Golubics are making their home in Chicago, Ill.

Janet M. Rusek and Robert J. Bogden were married May 20, 1998, in Warren, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Judge Don Gruenberg.

Janet is the daughter of Pauline and the late William Cunningham of Warren, Mich., and Robert is the son of the late Alexander Bogden of Crucible, Pa., and the late Mary Bogden of Detroit, Mich.

The Bogdens are making their home in Warren, Mich.

Heyward, Elmore, Richard, and Donald; daughters, Irizonia Duckworth, Bernice Baxter, Catherine Bland, and Ruth Burnette; 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Johan Abrahams and Colin Dunbar, with private inurnment.

CALLOWAY, George, age 73; born Mar. 29, 1924, in Scott, Miss.; died Oct. 25, 1997, in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include his son, Garcia; brothers, John and Woodrow; sisters, Elnora and Nannie Triggs, Janell Taylor, Rosa Ward, and Daisy Jackson.

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

CHATMAN, Mary L., age 92; born Mar. 4, 1906, in Sumter, S.C.; died June 9, 1998, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include her son, LeRoy; and 1 grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Alfonso Greene Jr., and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

DEWITT, Margaret L. (Weiss), age 86; born June 8, 1912, in Calamity Hollow, Pa.; died Sept. 15, 1998, in Fenton, Mich. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Earnest M., Gerald L., Harold W., and John "Jay" L.; daughters, Joyce A. Christner and Judy D. Hickman; brothers, Martin and John Weiss; 24 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Harold DeWitt, Pastors Barry and Curt DeWitt, and Gene Hall, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

ESTERLAI, Betty (Nemeth), age 71; born Jan. 17, 1927, in Owosso, Mich.; died Oct. 9, 1998, in Saginaw, Mich. She was a member of the Saginaw Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dan, John, and David Galovics, and George EsterLai; daughter, Sarah Hall; brother, John Nemeth; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.



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OBITUARIES

BLAND, Victoria (Curry), age 98; born Sept. 2, 1899, in Coffeeville, Miss.; died June 27, 1998, in Cassopolis, Mich. She was a member of the Calvin Center Church, Cassopolis.

Survivors include her sons,

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw.

GAIL, Ary, age 83; born Feb. 9, 1915, in Van Bleet, Miss.; died Aug. 25, 1998, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include her 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mack Wilson, and interment was in Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Brookfield, Wis.

INGALLS, Laurence P., age 84; born Apr. 28, 1914, in Hart, Mich.; died Sept. 3, 1998, in Alma, Mich. He was a member of the Frost Church, Stanton, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; daughter, Janis Quakenbush; sisters, LaVerle McGill and Gladys Goodell; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman and Elder Neal Sherwin, and interment was in McBride (Mich.) Cemetery.

RUSHER, Merle A., age 93; born Jan. 12, 1905, in St. Charles, Mich.; died Aug. 5, 1998, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the St. Charles (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Max and Jack; 8 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Garfield Cemetery, St. Charles.

SAVAGE, Leland F., age 85; born Sept. 24, 1912, in Stanton, Mich.; died Aug. 24, 1998, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. He was a member of the Frost Church, Stanton, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta; son, Herbert Hosford; daughters, Rebecca Busch and Susan Moutsatson; sister, Irene Hardman; 4 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman and Elder Phil Colburn, and interment was in McBride (Mich.) Cemetery.

SIMPSON, Danny B., age 57; born Apr. 24, 1941, in Timmons, Ontario, Canada; died May 7, 1998, on Interstate 5 in Northern Calif. He was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife,

Deborah M. McPherson; sons, Andrew and Daniel; daughters, Sherry and Shelley; parents, William and Hilda (Slee) Simpson; brothers, Ben and Bill; half brother, Ed McNabb; and 1 grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor L. Carlos, with private inurnment.

SPENCER, Marcia, age 67; born July 5, 1931, in Lafayette, Ind.; died Aug. 12, 1998, in Lafayette. She was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include her parents, William A. and Margarite (Carter) Moore; brothers, Glenn and Gerald Moore; half brother, Raymond Tscheann; sister, Elaine Brookbank; and half sister, Violet Lavey.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Vogt in Lafayette.

WARDECKE, Laura, age 87; born Jan. 13, 1911, in Brazeau, Wis.; died Aug. 27, 1998, in Green Bay, Wis. She was a member of the Pound (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Kenneth, Robert, Duane, and Ronald; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder LaVerne Pomeroy, and interment was in the First Baptist Cemetery, Pound, Wis.

WILSON, June A. (Furman), age 78; born Dec. 30, 1919, in St. Charles, Mich.; died Sept. 29, 1998, in Saginaw, Mich. She was a member of the St. Charles Church.

Survivors include her son, John W.; daughter, Barbara J. Bell; brother, Harold Furman; sisters, Bernice Fountain and Emma Peters; and 2 grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Garfield Cemetery, St. Charles.

WOHLERS, J. Dorison, age 76; born Apr. 6, 1922, in Moon, Wis.; died Sept. 8, 1998, in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary (Cook); sons, David, Daniel, and Paul; daughters, Marilyn Joyce and Carolyn Annis; brother, Fred "Ted"; sisters, Harriette Mason and Vesta Gutsche; 10 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Alvaro Sauza, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Dec. 4—Friday Festival of Faith: Andrews University Choral Union presents Handel's *Messiah*, Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC), 7:30 p.m.; **7-11**—registration for winter quarter; **11**—Andrews Academy Feast of Lights, PMC, 7:30 p.m.; **13-16**—final exams, all schools; **16**—autumn quarter ends. **Jan. 4**—registration, all schools; **5**—winter quarter classes begin (except Seminary MDiv classes).

GO '99, an international young-adult missions conference, will be held on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., **Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, through Sabbath, Jan. 2, 1999.** Attendees will experience five days of inspiring speakers, fascinating stories, enlightening seminars, powerful music, Christian fellowship, and hands-on mission experience in the local community. Learn how you can participate in fulfilling the great gospel commission in Matthew 28:19-20. Visit the booths and talk with the representatives of the many missionary-sending organizations participating in the conference. For more information and to register for the conference, call (800) 937-4236 or (616) 471-2522; fax (616) 471-6252; e-mail GO99@juno.com or iwm@andrews.edu; or visit the web site at www.tagnet.org/GO99.html.

Andrews University alumni homecoming will be **Apr. 22-25, 1999.** The annual business meeting of the association will convene Thursday evening, Apr. 22. Special reunions are planned for the classes of '39, '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, '89. The weekend theme is "The World Is Our Classroom," a reunion of all An-

draws tours. Dust off your slide collections and plan to attend! For more information, contact the Alumni House, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0950; (616) 471-3591; e-mail alumni@andrews.edu.

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Offerings: Dec. 5—outreach/church budget; **12**—church buildings in former Yugoslavia/world budget; **19**—church budget; **19**—13th Sabbath offering; **26**—local conference advance.

Special days: Dec. 5—Ingathering Sabbath; **26**—Ingathering campaign ends.

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WORLD CHURCH

Oakwood College has new address. On Sept. 4, Oakwood College said good-bye to "Oakwood Rd., NW," the old address. Huntsville (Ala.) and US Postal Service officials confirmed the college's new official postal address as "7000 Adventist Blvd." The college administration is pleased with the new address because "7000" corresponds with their general campus telephone number (726-7000) for easier corporate identification,

and the "Adventist Boulevard" designation points directly to our denominational name and overall Christian belief in the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Win an authentic leather bomber jacket by being the person who writes the new *Discover the Power* Pathfinder camporee theme song. Send your original and creative song lyrics, music score, and chords, along with a demo tape to Bernie Anderson, Pathfinder Camporee, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. All entries must be received by **Dec. 15, 1998**. The programming committee will review all entries and award the bomber jacket to the winner.

Volunteers are needed to help make *Discover the Power* Pathfinder camporee (50-year celebration of Pathfinding) a real success, **Aug. 10-14, 1999**, in Oshkosh, Wis. Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of the camporee experience. To receive your volunteer's application, contact AdventSource at (800) 328-0525 right away. They will be happy to send you as many applications as you need.

United Prison Ministries International (UPMI) video tapes—showing the incredible stories of how lives are being changed in prisons both in America and internationally—are avail-

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Volunteers needed at Historic Adventist Village. Have you ever visited a living historical site such as Williamsburg and felt as if you had really stepped back in time? Have you ever wanted to play such a role—pretending to live as pioneers did? Now is your chance! You'll be participating in a most rewarding evangelistic endeavor.

Adventist Heritage Ministry (AHM), an official organization of the Adventist Church, is offering you the opportunity to participate in "heritage evangelism." Several historic Adventist sites are owned and operated by AHM with the purpose of reaching many who would never attend an evangelistic meeting or cross the threshold of an Adventist church. In addition, Adventist members who visit these sites are reminded of the significant roots of their church.

Right now, AHM has several openings for volunteer resident caretakers and tour guides. In fact, a couple of needs are rather urgent. Your help will make a significant difference in the lives of others. Length of stay is negotiable with a minimum of two weeks being required.

Contact Lenard Jaecks, executive director of Historic Adventist Village, at (616) 966-0104. Share a little history. Share a little of yourself. Share your love of God. You'll be glad you did!

Mt. Sinai Church in Orlando, Fla., will be celebrating its 100th anniversary homecoming **Jan. 15-16, 1999**. Henry M. Wright will be the guest speaker. All friends and former members are invited to come home for the celebration. For more information, please call the church at (407) 298-7877.

Maplewood Academy west coast chapter alumni reunion is **Feb. 14, 1999**, at 10 a.m. in the Loma Linda University campus cafeteria. Send luncheon reservations (\$9.50) before **Feb. 5** to: Ruth Purdy, 24414 University Ave. #47; Loma Linda, CA 92354; (909) 799-3723.

Midland Adventist Academy's alumni weekend is **Feb. 26-28, 1999**. All former students, faculty, and friends of the 18th Street School, New Haven School, Midland Adventist School, and Midland Adventist Academy are invited to attend an all-schools reunion. Please send your address and phone number to the school at 6915 Maurer Rd., Shawnee, KS 66217; (913) 268-7400; fax (913) 268-4968; web page www.midlandacademy.org; e-mail midland98@aol.com.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6

Breath of Life: "Everybody Cried," Part 2.

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Head Trauma."

It Is Written: "The Future of the American Dream," [WWA, part 4]

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Does God Care about My Life?" (¿Le Importa Mi Vida a Dios?).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and Sexual Happiness"; Mon-Fri: "The Power

Lake Union Conference Tithes Comparison Year-to-date September 17, 1998

Average Membership Basis			Increase		% Inc. -/Decr.		Per Capita		
1998	1997	Conference	1998	1997	(Decrease)	Inc.	-/Decr.	1998	1997
11,238	11,394	Illinois	5,640,779	5,422,112	218,667	4.03%	501.94	475.87	
5,798	5,559	Indiana	3,589,327	3,245,842	343,486	10.58%	619.06	583.89	
23,102	22,375	Lake Region	6,083,187	5,387,634	695,553	12.91%	263.32	240.79	
23,307	23,074	Michigan	15,886,212	14,780,384	1,105,828	7.48%	681.61	640.56	
6,190	6,109	Wisconsin	3,270,954	3,131,058	139,896	4.47%	528.43	512.53	
69,635	68,511	Totals	34,470,458	31,967,029	2,503,430	7.83%	495.02	466.60	
Tithe per Week			883,858	819,667	64,191	7.83%			

Sunset Calendar

	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Berrien Springs, MI	5:15	5:15	5:17	5:20	5:25	5:31
Chicago	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:25	4:31	4:37
Detroit	5:02	5:01	5:03	5:06	5:12	5:19
Indianapolis	5:21	5:21	5:22	5:26	5:31	5:38
La Crosse, WI	4:28	4:27	4:29	4:32	4:38	4:45
Lansing, MI	5:05	5:04	5:06	5:09	5:15	5:21
Madison, WI	4:23	4:22	4:24	4:27	4:33	4:40
Springfield, IL	4:34	4:34	4:36	4:39	4:45	4:51

of "Followership"

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

Breath of Life: "A Woman Named Somebody," Part 2.

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Women and Cancer" with actress Marcia Wallace and author Joyce Landorff Heatherly.

It Is Written: "Discovered: A Portrait of Jesus."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Loving Homes" (Hogares con Amor).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and Commitment," Part 1; *Mon-Fri:* "God's Christmas Cards," Vol. 5.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20

Breath of Life: "Standing in the Storm," Part 3.

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Can Marriage Survive an Affair?"

It Is Written: "Christmas at the Finley's."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Christmas in the Soul" (Navidad en el Alma).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Love, Marriage and Commitment," Part 2; *Mon-Fri:* "There's Always More Messiah."

WEEK OF DECEMBER 27

Breath of Life: "Authorized Break-in," Part 2.

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Depression," with guest author Steve Arterburn, founder of New Life Treatment Centers.

It Is Written: "Treasure in a Brown Paper Bag."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Prediction of the World's Future" (El Futuro del Mundo Predicho).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Time for Another Star?"; *Mon-Fri:* "How to Prepare for the End Time," with guest author Marvin Moore

**ADVENTIST
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NETWORK SCHEDULE**

Dec. 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—*First Wednesday;* Galaxy 6, channel 11.

Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:00 a.m.—Noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour;* Galaxy 6, channel 11.

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Feel the Presence

More than 50 Benton Harbor children were surrounded by God's presence one Saturday afternoon when Andrews University students led them to Christ through a "Feast of Love."

It all started when students arrived in Benton Harbor, Mich., to do mission service. As they divided into their different ministries, the ones who were part of the children's ministry began to guide the waiting children into a building. Inside, bongos, an electric base, and acoustic guitars mixed with active singing set the atmosphere for what the children were about to experience.

After singing and praying for the food, the children were led into another room where tables were set for a Christmas "Feast of Love" banquet. As they entered the dimly-lit room, all of the children were amazed by what they saw. Even the hyperactive pre-teens were in awe as they quietly sat down taking in the colorful fruit, bread arrangements,

and candle-like lights. Many of the children had never seen tables arranged in the shape of a cross before.

"Don't you want to eat?" asked a student. The children were still spellbound as they carefully reached their hands out toward the food. Others wanted the students to get the food for them because they were so enchanted they didn't know what to do.

After a delightful feast, a student read to them a letter from Jesus that ended by asking, "Would you be my friend?" All of the children began to jump up and down saying yes, yes, YES! All of them prayed, including 11-year-old William Jackson, who unexpectedly began telling a student how at school all the kids were mean to him and sometimes beat him up. But he said he felt good with these students because "they are my friends."

After the program, the children left the building astonished at how much the students loved them. "We'll see you next Saturday," called a student as she waived good-bye. "It is so cool how things are working down here. You can just feel God's presence."

Have you felt God's presence? It comes in small ways, like a gentle kiss from a happy child. Or if you talk to students from other Benton Harbor ministries, it comes from a man's smile as he stops his truck in the middle of traffic so he can receive a *Signs of the Times*. It comes as a lady from her doorstep encourages you to continue reaching out to the community because she is "beginning to feel a change," or from beaming students who enthusiastically say, "We received two Bible study interests today!"

Have you felt God's closeness? Get involved in sharing the love of God with other people. It may not be in Benton Harbor, but get involved nonetheless. Feel for yourself the presence of God. GO, it will change your life too!

William Hurtado, a child himself



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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Laura David

Laura David, 18, a senior at Indiana Academy (IA), Cicero, Ind., is a member of the National Honor Society, Outdoor Club, Keynotes, and will be graduating with honors in June. "She is always willing to put forth her best effort despite the situation, always cheerful and willing to help," says Bob Rice, academy principal.

Jo Farwell, academy registrar and work supervisor, said, "Laura is a good worker, eager to please, extremely thoughtful, and a self-starter. Her smiling face is the first thing you see as you enter the office, and on the phone you can hear her smile."

Her quiet initiative for helping others is very evident.

Laura is the daughter of Jane and John Smith of Lafayette, Ind., and a member of the Cicero Church. A happy Christian, Laura advises incoming academy students to make a lot of friends and have as much fun as possible. Her ambition is to become a pediatric physical therapist.

David Solis, 18, came to Indiana Academy (IA) from Dayton, Ohio, where he is a member of the Kettering (Ohio) Church. A senior this year, he is currently Student Association religious vice president, Boys Club officer, Keynotes member, and on the basketball team. "David is a leader," says boys' Dean Johnson, "and a quick thinker in everything; very loyal to his friends."

David's work supervisor, Pastor Rob Snider, states, "He doesn't complain about hard work. He is a good listener and peer leader to the other students." David helped plan a citywide youth day last school year. He also helps in the planning of vespers, worship, and youth events.

Kathy Souchet, a fellow senior and good friend who encouraged David to come to IA this year, says she's glad David came to IA. "Our whole school is better because of his Christian influence and optimistic outlook," she said.

David, who plans to pursue a career in sports medicine, is the son of Cindy and Daniel Solis of Dayton, Ohio.



David Solis

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