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True stewardship involves your whole life including your time, talent, and financial resources. *Lake Union Herald* photo.

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E D I T O R I A L

Don't Preach That Stuff

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

In the early days of Adventism, the Adventist Church was just opening its evangelistic work in the state of Wisconsin, and already the members were fighting! A pastor had traveled from Michigan to Wisconsin to preach to each of the small groups of believers. But every place he preached, an argument broke out over his message.

After returning to Michigan, the pastor attempted to set James White straight on the points he had put forth. Elder White could soon see that it would be easy to disagree with this pastor. He could understand why so many people in Wisconsin had become upset with the pastor's preaching. The two continued in discussion for some time. Finally James White asked, "Has anyone been saved because of your preaching that point of view?"

"No," the pastor admitted.

"Well, then," Elder White said, "don't preach that stuff anymore."

Often people have tried to involve me in a discussion of the finer points of theology, but I have wanted to ask, "Has anyone been saved because of that stuff?" And, with James White, I say, "Well, if not, why preach it?"

Some like to spend a lot of time discussing topics like the nature of Christ and can easily force a listener into a *for* or *against* position. However, it seems to me that the discussion of the power of Jesus to overcome sin is the message that touches people's hearts and leads them to accept Him as their personal Savior.

I do enjoy a good argument now and then, but never have I seen anyone saved because of it. When I was first in the ministry, a flier came to our home discussing the teachings of a church in our city. I sat right down at my typewriter and typed a lengthy reply, arguing about many of the points in the article. My wife said, "Surely, you are not going to send that, are you?" Of course I was! I had every intention of sending it, and the points that I made were absolutely correct—but it hasn't been sent yet. No one would have been saved because of that kind of arguing.

I think that before I go too long on *any* subject, I'm going to apply the James White test. If I cannot answer that someone has been saved by the preaching of that message, then I think I will reserve that topic for discussion during the millennium. I'll go back to the tried and true message of Jesus—His love for sinners and His ability to forgive. Like Paul I determine "not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). Then I know I'll be talking about something that results in the salvation of sinners. That message got me . . . and it will get others too.

In the Time of Storm

Illinois members aid Hurricane Georges victims

BY JOI AVANTE

Hurricane Georges caused massive damage to our sister conference, the East Dominican Mission in the Dominican Republic, during the week of September 22, 1998. Over a hundred of our church buildings were damaged, and 39 were completely destroyed. Amazingly, the portable mobile chapels donated by the Illinois Conference last year remained intact. Two thousand of our members lost their homes; only the floors remained!

Under Jaime Chanaga's, Illinois Conference Hispanic coordinator, direction, our Hispanic churches initiated an emergency relief fund-raising campaign culminating on Sabbath, October 10, 1998, with \$15,000 raised, including a generous gift from the Hinsdale Hospital. On October 22, Chanaga traveled to the East Dominican Mission to survey the situation and to present the funds to their president, Ramon Cedeno. "There is nothing like seeing it firsthand, rather than just hearing the reports," stated Chanaga. "The devastation is overwhelming and unforgettable!"

During the following week, time was spent purchasing and distributing 3,500 sheets of zinc for roofing, various building materials, as well as food and water for our members in the

towns of Hatomayor and San Pedro Macoris so they could attempt to restructure some type of life from this disaster.

Even though our members are vastly needy and desperate, their appreciation was profound, and their spirits undaunted. And if you can imagine ... during this tragedy with homes and churches destroyed, a group of a hundred women went

forward—on their knees—and conducted evangelistic crusades throughout the area!

The media has reported deaths by the hundreds, but only one of our brothers lost his life. God is good!

Joi Avante is the Illinois Conference Lake Union Herald correspondent.



Jaime Chanaga, Illinois Conference Hispanic coordinator, presented a check for \$15,000 to Ramon Dedeno and Ivelisse Herregra, East Dominican Mission president and treasurer, to help our members rebuild after the devastation caused by Hurricane Georges.

NEW MEMBERS

WISCONSIN

When Brandon Schmitt moved to the small town of Mellen, Wisconsin, from Waukesha in April, 1996, he had no idea of the special plan God had for his future.

"I had only lived in Mellen for a few months and was feeling lonely," Brandon explains. "It was a Saturday afternoon, and I decided to take a walk with my Siberian Husky, Misty, at St. Peter's Dome."

While hiking down from the hilltop, Brandon met Jean Jaeger, a member of the Ashland Church. They visited briefly about the beautiful views and the area around St. Peter's Dome. Later that day, Brandon ran into Jean again near a large waterfall below the Dome.

"I was very interested in New Age religion at that time," Brandon recalls. "We talked about spiritual things for nearly an hour." Before leaving, Jean said a prayer with Brandon.

Months later, Brandon's sense of loneliness and isolation returned. Remembering the encouragement he received from his conversation with Jean, he telephoned her. "I don't remember what Jean said to me," Brandon recalls, "but it was very comforting." Shortly thereafter, Brandon visited the Ashland Church. Among the people that Brandon met at church were Don Benson and his family. The Bensons invited Brandon to their house for Sabbath dinner, and Brandon was very impressed with the love that he observed among the family members.

Brandon began visiting the Ashland Church regularly. Don Benson gave him a copy of *The Great Controversy* and encouraged him to read it. "When I began reading that book, I really felt the Holy Spirit in my life," Brandon said. One afternoon in late spring, Brandon read "God's Final Warning," a chapter in *The Great*

Controversy, at home in his living room. "I literally fell on the floor shaking as I read the chapter," Brandon said. That same afternoon, Brandon accepted Jesus as his Savior and burned his New Age books.

Brandon soon began regular Bible studies with Jean and Casey Jaeger. As he studied the Bible, Brandon's love for Jesus and desire to follow Him grew. On October 3, 1998, with friends and family members watching on the shore, Dan Adels, Ashland Church pastor, baptized Brandon in the chilly water of Lake Superior.



Pastor Dan Adels baptized Brandon Schmitt in Lake Superior.

MICHIGAN

Sally Dillinger was reared as a Seventh-day Adventist and attended the Adventist elementary school in St. Louis. However, during her childhood years she abandoned her religion and married a person from a different denomination, rearing her children in her husband's church.

Later when Sally's parents grew older and needed transportation to the Adventist church, she drove them to the Sabbath services, staying and attending many of them with her parents. In time, she surrendered her heart to Christ and was converted. Unfortunately, her husband did not accept her changed lifestyle and opposed her beliefs, causing Sally to delay her decision to be baptized. However, after the death of her father,

she made her decision to rejoin the Adventist Church family and was baptized as a member of the Riverdale Church. She still brings her mother to church each Sabbath and rejoices because of her newfound peace with God.



(From left) Teri Papendick and Sally Dillinger rejoice with James Micheff Sr. on the happy day of their baptism.

Teri Papendick had never known about Seventh-day Adventists until she met and married her Adventist husband. Although he was not living an Adventist lifestyle, they both occasionally attended Sabbath church services while living in Florida. When they moved back to Michigan, they still didn't get around to attending church services on a regular basis. In Teri's search for truth, she attended church services of various denominations, but she never felt genuinely welcomed in them so stopped attending.

When students from Great Lakes Adventist Academy conducted a Revelation Seminar in the Riverdale Church, Teri was invited to the series. She came to some of the seminar meetings. Afterwards Franklin Horne, then pastor of the church, began giving her Bible studies. The friendly and loving spirit of the Riverdale Church members kept her coming back to church. She was baptized in a swimming pool at the home of Robert Collar, a retired Michigan pastor/evangelist who lives in the Cedar Lake area, since the Riverdale Church has no baptismal tank. Jim Micheff Sr., currently the interim pastor at the Riverdale Church, baptized her.

Bernice Micheff, Riverdale Church pastor's wife

What's New in Battle Creek?

The Past in the Future

BY CAROL GRADY
AND LENARD JAECKS

Rebuilding a 150-year-old log cabin was the unique task of the Seniors in Action for God with Excellence (S.A.G.E.) workers from the Washington Conference.

Thirty-one seniors, ages 56–80, from the Washington Conference spent two weeks at Battle Creek's Historic Adventist Village recently. They had been invited by Lenard Jaecks, project director and their former conference president.

They proved equal to the task of dismantling, moving, and restoring the two-story log cabin originally constructed with 16" beech and cherry hand-hewn logs. This historic cabin, which had been located in the Leila Arboretum, was sold to the Historic

Adventist Village by the Historical Society of Battle Creek for \$1.00 on the condition that it be removed and then rebuilt in the village.

The S.A.G.E. volunteers put in long days, from 8:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. After dinner, worship, a hot shower, and a dose of Advil, most were enjoying the sleep of exhaustion by 8:00 or 9:00 p.m.!

Not content with just accomplishing one task, they also painted the exterior and laid sod around the replica of the 1853 Meeting House, recently built during the summer of 1998 by a Maranatha team, and cleared brush and rubbish from a number of other properties purchased for the project.

The log cabin is of specific interest to the Historic Adventist Village project because it comes from about the same period as that of David



Hewitt, who was the first Seventh-day Adventist in Battle Creek. When Joseph Bates came to Battle Creek and inquired about who was the most honest man in town, he was directed to David Hewitt. Bates called on the log cabin resident, and after 24 hours of Bible study, Hewitt was convicted of the Message.

The telling of David Hewitt's story in this log cabin is an example of how the Historic Adventist Village will be used, not only as a place of historical interest but also as a way of sharing the gospel with the visitors.

Carrol Grady is a retiree who serves as SAGE vice president for public relations and the editor of SAGE Advice. Lenard Jaecks is the Historic Adventist Village project director.



Adventist seniors from the Washington Conference shared their time and talents in Battle Creek this past summer, rebuilding and restoring a 150-year-old log cabin for the Historic Adventist Village.

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Holiness

This issue of the Lake Union Herald is dedicated to stewardship. The features this month tell how individuals have made the commitment to follow Jesus—no matter the circumstances—and how God has provided in amazing ways.

Just the mention of "stewardship" brings up thoughts of money. While it is true that a vibrant, growing church requires a level of funding, stewardship means much more. Stewardship is a relationship with Jesus. When we want a relationship with someone, we will contribute our time, talents, and financial resources to develop that relationship.

Jesus, our forever Friend, sacrificed His time, talents, and all the riches of heaven to reach out to each one of us, offering us an eternal relationship with Him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

A relationship must be exercised to grow, and what better way to grow a relationship with God than by consecrating our lives and offering all our resources to Him. How else can grateful friends respond to His amazing grace?

Roy Roberts, Lake Union Conference stewardship director

BY PAUL PELLANDINI

Meropi Gjika had enduring faith. She had lived where some of the worst religious persecution of the twentieth century had occurred—Albania. When communism took control of Albania in 1947, it became the only proclaimed atheistic state in the world. Meropi, however, had learned the hope of the gospel from Adventist missionary Daniel Lewis. Although not baptized into the Adventist Church, Meropi had experienced the new birth. She was God's child and lived that life daily until communism fell in her country. Finally, after waiting for nearly 50 years, she was baptized on Easter weekend 1992.

As the organized church was once again allowed to make contact with believers and conduct Sabbath services, Meropi brought out from her safe hiding place a box containing a tithe offering that she had accumulated over the decades. She had learned well the lessons of how to handle sacred money. She understood something about the ABCs of the holiness of tithe. Those principles are a part of the larger concept of holiness that we find in the Bible.

THREE DIMENSIONS OF HOLINESS

The first two chapters of Genesis are not only foundational for our understanding of how the earth came into existence and with it the human family, but also for the concept of holiness. The Creator introduced the concept of holiness to humanity in

three dimensions: (1) holiness of relationships; (2) holiness of time; and (3) holiness of things. All three of these are protected/preserved by a part of God's ten commandments. But let's consider each a bit more.

HOLINESS OF RELATIONSHIPS

The first dimension of holiness addressed the unique relationship into which God brought the first man and woman. Marriage was the "one flesh" union that was to transcend every other relationship. And even today we call it "holy matrimony." No person has a right to enter within the sacred circle of any other marriage union. A wise steward recognizes the sacred responsibilities of holy wedlock and abides by them.

HOLINESS OF TIME

When God rested upon, blessed, and sanctified the seventh twenty-four-hour period and called it Sabbath, He expanded men and women's understanding of holiness. We demonstrate our loyalty to God by remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy. As Adventists we recognize that both marriage and the Sabbath have been given to us as holy institutions, designed to preserve blessings from our "forever Creator-Friend." A loyal steward takes seriously the responsibility to recognize sacred time by keeping holy all 24 hours of each Sabbath.

HOLINESS OF THINGS

The third dimension of God's concept of holiness defined people's roles as stewards. Adam and Eve were

created in God's image and likeness and were given "dominion." Men and women were created as stewards or managers, not owners or possessors. Adam and Eve were tested as stewards by the one thing God reserved for Himself, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Today the "holy thing" God has reserved for Himself is the tithe. It is the tithe that defines who we are as stewards—always managers and never owners.

ABCs OF TITHE'S HOLINESS

Now let us consider the ABCs of tithe's holiness: (a) the **right portion**, to (b) the **right place**, for (c) the **right purpose**. And it is God who defines each of these dimensions. The right portion, 10%, comes from His words "Thus all the tithe of the land . . . is holy to the Lord. . . . And for every tenth part of herd or flock . . . the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord" (*Leviticus 27:30, 32, NASV*). The tenth portion of all increase is set apart by God and called "holy."

That **right portion** must go to the **right place** if the holiness of tithe is to be preserved. "But you shall seek the Lord at the place which the Lord your God shall choose. . . . And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes" (*Deut. 12:5, 6, NASV*). In this portion of scripture we discover the "law of the central storehouse." Holy portions were to be deposited in one designated "holy place."

Right portion and **right place** are complemented by **right purpose**. God spoke to Aaron, the first high priest,

and told him that He had given the tithe of Israel to the Levites in return for the service they performed. (See Numbers 18:6-8, 21, 24.)

God gave the tithing system as a very practical reminder to men and women that they were created as stewards and not as owners or possessors. As Eve entered into dialog with the hissing serpent, she heard him say, "For God knows that in the day you eat from it . . . you will be like God" (*Genesis 3:5, NASV*). Could it be that the devil was suggesting that instead of being content with her role as a steward, that Eve could be like God, an owner?!

BEWARE! Implied within every temptation affecting our relationship to the tithe is that original idea—you can become like God, you can become more than a steward, you can be an owner, or at least act like one! If the temptation is ever presented to you to diminish the amount of the tithe to less than a full 10%, or if the temptation comes to withhold the tithe from its rightful place of deposit, or perhaps the temptation is suggested to manage the tithe for God by using it for a very good endeavor, resist those temptations by applying the ABCs of tithe's holiness. Like Meropi Gjika of Albania, keep the **right portion**—10%—"holy to the Lord" and take it to the **right place**—"the central storehouse," for the **right purpose**—"given to the ministers for the service they perform."

Paul Pellandini is the Michigan Conference stewardship director.



BY ELIZABETH KOHLTFARBER

About a year ago, I had stopped wanting to be around people at church and had stopped attending church on a regular basis. I would take my kids to Sabbath school and go once in a while for the kids programs, but mostly I was absent.

I don't even remember how long it had been since I stopped paying tithe, but in late May, early June, of 1998, we were having a hard time paying the tuition bill for the one of our three children who was attending church school. I had to make two emergency trips to Columbia, Missouri, our air conditioner broke, I had surgery, the water heater stopped working, and the water softener leaked and flooded our house, causing considerable damage. We were in a financial bind, causing me to fear that all three of the kids would have to go to public school the next year.

Sometime in July I received a copy of the book *Over and Over Again*, which somebody from the church dropped off at my home. Since I didn't have a lot to do that afternoon, I started reading it. From the very first story, I could hardly keep reading because it brought back too many emotional memories of what the Lord had done for me in the past that I had forgotten. I said, "Lord, there's no money even to pay this school bill off, how in the world could I come up with

Elizabeth Kohltfarber faithfully writes a tithe check and then asks God to supply the additional needs of her family.

Elizabeth's Story

tithe or offerings?" But the more I read, the more the desire to pay tithe grew.

In the middle of August, I decided I was going to pay tithe. The very first week that I chose to pay tithe, I wrote the check out before I left for work, and I told the Lord, "Lord, you're going to have to find this money; because according to the budget, we have very little money even for food."

About that time my children asked if all three of them could please go back to church school. I prayed about it, but I knew that my husband, who is not a practicing Christian, wasn't planning on it, and I didn't know if he would support something like that. The next day before I even talked to my husband about it, he shocked me by suggesting that we send our children back to church school. I know that the Lord touched his heart and spoke to him, because that was definitely not something I thought my husband was going to agree to. At the same time, I asked him if he wanted me to start paying tithe or if that was something he would let me do. He thought about it for a while, and then he said, "Yes."

So I said, "Lord, this is the week I'm going to pay the tithe." I didn't have money to pay the offering, but I paid the tithe. I wrote out the check and went to work, taking my bills along to mail. Later that night I came home and realized that I needed to know how much grocery money I had to go

shopping with, so I calculated my checkbook and realized that the checks I had already mailed would cause my account to be overdrawn by \$77. I cried, "Lord, why do You have to test me the very first week to see if I'll trust you?" Then I said, "Lord, I'm going to trust you. Here's this tithe check, it's in the envelope, and I won't even consider using it to buy groceries. It's going in tomorrow." In conclusion I said, "So there, now what are You going to do?" I was crying.

About five minutes later, my children came in, and my middle daughter brought me the mail which had a \$90 check in it. I was just astounded, and I cried even harder because I knew the Lord was showing me that He was taking care of me. Before I even knew that my checking account was overdrawn, He already had a check sitting at my post office waiting for me.

We made it through the weekend. That very next Monday a friend of mine gave me \$100 cash for using my vehicle the previous week. That money bought all the groceries that we needed. So I just said, "Lord, every Friday for this entire school year, I'm going to expect a miracle, because there's no way we can do it without one. You're going to have to pay the tithe, put groceries on the table, and find a way to pay the school bill."

Every other week I put a small amount down on the school bill. I told

the Lord I really wasn't happy just paying the tithe; I really wanted to pay tithe and offering. I wanted to pay 10% tithe and 10% offerings, but I told the Lord I wouldn't be happy unless I could at least pay 5% in offerings. In the book there were stories of people who increased their offerings gradually, and so I said, "Lord, that's what I want to do," and I determined that every month I was going to raise the amount. But the very second week I had enough money to pay the offerings—all of the offerings that I wanted to give, including Sabbath school offerings for the children and money for the church building project. I was so incredibly happy, and I didn't even know where the money came from.

There was a week when there wasn't enough money, but an \$80 check from the phone company arrived to entice us to change telephone companies. Well, my husband and I were already thinking of changing our telephone long distance, so that was wonderful. I can tell you that every single week the Lord has done something so we can pay the tithe and offerings, the school bill, and have food on the table. I don't know where it comes from; because as I look at the budget, there just doesn't seem to be enough money there, but the Lord provides. He's an amazing God!

Elizabeth Kohltfarber is a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church

Your Tithe Dollar

BY ROBERT S. FOLKENBERG

From its earliest days the Adventist Church has believed in tithing, or what we have called "systematic benevolence." Besides being the major source of income, tithing is an act of worship, an outward, visible manifestation of one's faith. To take a sizable portion of your income and donate it freely (as opposed to being forced to do so by law, as with taxes) requires commitment, and each act of returning tithe can only strengthen that commitment. Make no mistake: those who benefit the most from tithing are those who do it.

Of course, administrators have a sacred responsibility to administer that tithe according to policies approved by the church after a careful study of God's Word and the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy. "The church is very careful," says a recent report by the North American Division, "to account separately for its tithe income and the use of tithe at every level of the church operation."

Nevertheless, questions frequently arise over the use of tithe money. A few congregations, in fact, have broken away from the denomination because they've wanted to retain the tithe for use within their local church. Some members assert that tithe money isn't being used wisely, that it feeds a top-heavy, wasteful bureaucracy at the

expense of the local church.

How much of the tithe actually goes into administration? The answer will probably surprise you.

I want to share with you the facts as to what happens to every tithe dollar you place in the collection plate. The numbers that follow are actual and are based on the North American Division. Even though Ellen White makes clear that we each are responsible to return a faithful tithe and not be anxious as to the use made of it, I want you to be informed and to have confidence in the leadership of our church.

The quick breakdown of your tithe dollar is as follows:

- 11.35 cents—forwarded to the General Conference
- 10.40 cents—forwarded to the North American Division
- 10.00 cents—forwarded to the unions in North America

68.25 cents—forwarded to the local conferences

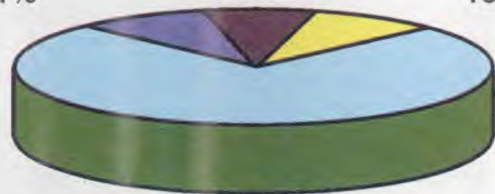
100.00 cents total

Does this mean that one third or more of the tithe goes into the bureaucracy? Not at all. Each of the entities above puts most of the funds it receives into specific ministries or sends them back to the local conferences, retaining only a small percentage for their own use.

Let's take a closer look at what happens at each level:

GENERAL CONFERENCE (11.35 CENTS)

■ **3.03 cents** pay for services offered to the world church from the General Conference complex itself—hardly a lion's share, considering that the General Conference office serves a 10-million-member constituency in more than 200 countries with 100



Local Conference
68.25 Cents
69%

fewer employees than a few years ago.

This pays everything from the electric bill to editing the *Adventist Review*, accrediting

primary and secondary schools and colleges, and a myriad of other services often taken for granted.

■ **2.62 cents** go to help operate General Conference institutions, such as Andrews University, Loma Linda University, Oakwood College, the Ellen White Estate, the auditing service, and various publishing programs around the world.

■ **3.64 cents** help mission activities in the world divisions (primarily

four of them). Though all divisions are increasingly self-supporting, some countries' economies are at a poverty level. These funds are vital to sustain basic operations.

■ **2.06 cents**, added to Sabbath school mission offerings, pay the expenses of more than 600 Adventist missionaries working in dozens of countries all over the world.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION (10.40 CENTS)

■ **1.14 cents** go to operate the North American Division—its office and administrative costs.

■ **9.26 cents** go back to the conferences in North America, in proportion to their tithe, to help with education (2.35 cents), evangelism (1.50 cents), regional conferences (1.15 cents), special assistance funds (.75 cents), financially weak conferences (.57 cents), tuition for seminary students (.47 cents), and other miscellaneous items.

UNIONS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION (10.00 CENTS)

What follows is an average—actual use varies from union to union.

■ **3.50 cents** are retained by the average union for administration.

■ **.50 cents** covers the cost of the union paper.

■ **6.00 cents** go back to local conferences, the union college(s), and in some instances, data management services provided for conferences and some congregations.

THE LOCAL CONFERENCE (68.25 CENTS)

The use of these funds varies widely, but essentially it covers pastoral employment expenses, appropriations for primary and secondary schools in the conference, retirement benefit expenses (10.25 cents),* conference office operations, and youth camp subsidies. Most conferences spend little on administration. So how much of the tithe actually is spent directly by the conference or

indirectly through the various ministries of the church in nurturing the spiritual needs of the members? To the 68.25 cents add the 9.26 cents returned by the division and the 6.00 cents (average) from the union, and the total is 83.51 cents out of every dollar. North American members also benefit from the remaining 16.49 cents. How? Through reduced educational costs (2.39 cents) and through our world mission program (2.06 cents), demonstrating we're committed to the global task our Lord entrusted to His followers.

Now just how much of the tithe goes into running our church organization becomes apparent. Beyond the local conference level only 7.67 cents goes into administration (union 3.50 cents, division 1.14 cents, and General Conference 3.03 cents). Nothing like the bloated bureaucracy some imagine, and a small price to pay for the unifying effort and worldwide scope of our end-time movement.

I thank the Lord our members are committed enough to this church to spend 7.67 cents to underwrite the cost of all levels of our constituent-based church organizations. And remember, this 7.67 cents isn't funding bureaucrats sitting behind desks all day, but people who are developing Sabbath school lessons and materials for the church, defending Adventists who face employment problems over the Sabbath, giving direction to our youth and Pathfinder programs, and so on.

The facts are: (1) the vast majority of every tithe dollar remains in the local conference to fulfill the spiritual mission of the church; and (2) the majority of the funds received by the General Conference, the division, and the unions are also spent for programs that directly benefit members.

Neither the Bible nor Ellen White's counsels tell us how to determine the percentages for use of the tithe. Thus I'm not asserting that these percentages are sacrosanct. They have, in fact, been adjusted periodically. We need to note, however, that each time they have been adjusted, the world mission

program has suffered. You can see from the numbers above that there is very little left to be reduced if we are to maintain a world mission program and a united global church. In fact, a careful analysis of challenging financial trends inevitably leads us to confront spiritual and not management issues.

I can understand how some may misconstrue what happens to tithe. The flow of church finances is somewhat complicated, including, as it does, considerable percentages being returned by both the division and the unions to nurture and grow the local church.

In order to provide more information on church finance to the world membership, the General Conference is working to place a graphic global analysis of tithe and its use on the Internet (followed thereafter by an analysis of nontithe funds). We will inform church members as soon as this information is available.

Regardless of how much we understand or fail to understand about church finances, our faithful stewardship must rest on acceptance of the Lordship of Jesus, a conviction of the prophetic role of this end-time movement, and prudent personal financial management. I don't suggest that every cent has always been used wisely, or that mistakes haven't been made. Only the Lord is infallible.

But one thing is sure: church administrators and treasurers are committed to being the best stewards possible of the Lord's resources. Your tithe dollar is handled carefully and responsibly, with very little going into administration.

* For the sake of this report, employee retirement benefits are considered an employment cost. No attempt has been made to separate the retirement costs of those working in church organizations (conference through General Conference), since the vast majority of employees who provide services directly to the members are paid by conferences or educational institutions subsidized by conferences.

Robert S. Folkenberg is president of the General Conference.

Dear Pastor Dwight,

My husband and I received your flyer in the mail, and usually we pass such flyers off as JUNK MAIL, and into the garbage they go. But something really caught our attention. We decided to attend the NeXt Millennium Seminar. We have not missed an evening yet!

You see, we have both been Christians, but something was missing from our lives. And all of this time, we have been searching for the church that we can call our home. But, going through the churches, we came across a similar trend throughout each church! In our eyes, the churches only wanted MONEY! We both really had a problem with that. You see, in our eyes, we saw the tithe as something you can do for other people (i.e. giving 10% of your time, helping the homeless, etc.). However, your message the other night really showed us something. We wanted to listen to the Bible, and we really felt the Holy Spirit speaking to us.

We just recently got married, and in doing so, we have accrued a great debt. Before this seminar, we put ourselves on a budget to get out of debt—and I mean budget. We are talking “holding on to pennies.” Your seminar really touched our hearts, and we began to pray that the Lord would somehow find a way for us to give to the church. Because, we see that we need to do all of it. We need to give 10% of God’s money back to do His work, and we also need to give our time to the homeless and in helping others, just as Jesus said. We see that He has called us to do it all!

So, after the lecture on giving, I went home to study those verses; and in my heart I prayed to the Lord something like this: “Lord, You know that we need to get out of debt so that we can be free of it. And You know how important it is to us to do so. Lord, we have cut out cable TV to help us in this time of change. But Lord, You also know that we are on the bare minimum of our finances. And Lord, You know that we can’t even spare a dime. So, Lord, please, You have to show us how we can do it all, because You know that we would if we could, so Lord, please make it possible. And we know that the money is YOURS, not OURS. Sometimes we forget to add the ‘Y’ before the ‘OURS.’ In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Now here comes the amazing thing. The next day, my husband went to work, and his boss was offered another job (out of the blue) at a nearby auto shop. My husband’s boss asked him if he would go with him to work at the other auto shop, and my husband was reluctant to say yes. Well, it turned out that they offered him more money, less hours, they would not require him to work on the Sabbath, and he could carpool with his boss, who has a very reliable vehicle (We live in the north where the snow piles high on the highways, and our vehicle would not measure up.). And amazingly, God will let us get out of debt and give 10% with this new job offer!!! We still need to stay on the tight budget, but now we can do it all! God is amazing, and I just wanted to tell you that HE is answering our prayers.

And on a side note, the seminar has changed our lives. We see God so differently. We never saw the Truth before! This has strengthened our relationship with each other. We want to change. We want to love God, and if Jesus said it...we believe it! Please keep praying for us in our seeking. He will open it up to us.

This seminar has truly been a blessing in our life! God is amazing, and through Christ, we can do ALL things.

God bless in Jesus’ name,

Scott and Michelle Irwin

An Internet Ministry

BY THE EDITOR

Rick Finkbeiner, a member of the Elkhart (Indiana) Church has an Internet ministry in his home. From the web page that he developed, Rick has distributed more than 3,000 copies each of *Steps to Christ* by Ellen G. White, now with an attractive cover titled *Happiness Digest*, and a condensed version of *The Great Controversy*, also by White, called *Darkness before Dawn*.

One day while he was sitting in Chan Shun Hall on the campus of Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, working on his degree in computer programming, an idea came to him that he could reach people for Jesus with his computer skills. At that time the World Wide Web was just becoming a reality, and Rick envisioned how a web page, offering these books, could cross international borders and be seen around the world. After several months of doing research and talking with friends, Rick developed his web page and introduced it to all of the popular web search engines. After waiting for several weeks, he finally got this first request for the books from Thailand. "I was so excited that I mailed the books out the next day," he said.

At that point, he redesigned his web page, making it easier for people to use, and soon was receiving one or two requests a day. Then in December 1996, *Time* magazine ran a cover story on faith and the Internet. Several days

later when he opened his web page mail box, he was startled to find 15 requests for the books. The next night 10 more requests came in, followed by eight more the next night. "This issue of *Time* has obviously sparked an interest in religious web pages," Rick said. "When the world's attention turns to the spiritual, my mail box fills up," he added.

During the summer of 1998 when Rick returned home after a week's absence, he was shocked again to find that 300 requests had come in, a rate of two to three requests an hour. He managed to send all of the books out, and after a while the requests slowed

down. "Today," he said, "I get about three to ten requests a day."

"As my web site has gotten busier, I have had to ask God for help in supplying the financial needs of this ministry," he says. "Members of the Elkhart Church help by mailing many of the books, and occasionally I will find a case of books waiting for me at the church. Donations have come to the Internet Ministry of the Elkhart Church not only from the Elkhart members but from friends in Illinois, Colorado, and Michigan," he said.

Rick is delighted to be able to use his specialized talents in the Lord's service.



Rick Finkbeiner receives requests for *Happiness Digest* and *Darkness before Dawn* from the advertising on his web page.

Worm-eating Fungus

The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart the snares of death.
Proverbs 13:14.

A fungus usually gets its nutrition from decaying plant and animal matter—stuff that is already dead. But there are several species that live in soil and prey on nematodes, or roundworms.

Depending on the species, nematodes may be microscopic or more than a yard long. Some species live in natural bodies of water, such as oceans, rivers, and streams; others live in soil. Most nematodes feed on living plants.

The soil-dwelling species are tiny but abundant, and they do not live alone. Along with other types of worms and untold numbers of insects, several species of worm-eating fungi share their world. These fungi have threadlike bodies and are related to the mold that grows on stale, damp bread.

A worm-eating fungus sends out threadlike filaments in search of food. These filaments are covered with a sticky substance that is believed to attract nematodes. When a nematode begins to probe

soil in which the fungus is growing, the threads begins to grow in loops. Eventually, the nematode crawls through a loop, and the cells of the loop immediately swell, trapping the worm.

Some sort of chemical communication seems to take place within the fungus to let all the filaments know that a nematode is in the area, because the plant suddenly grows many loops to make sure that it will ensnare the worm with one of them.

Sometimes we meander about, looking for a way to make our lives meaningful. Why don't we take the easy way—ask Jesus for guidance? If we do that, we won't wander into something that distracts us or worse, something that keeps us from continuing on our walk with God.



WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

Items needed:

- ✓ slice of old bread
- ✓ self-sealing plastic bag

Procedure:

- 1 Sprinkle some water on the bread.
- 2 Seal the bread in the bag.
- 3 Keep an eye on the bread. In a few days, grayish-blue patches of fungi will appear. Where did the fungi come from? They developed from spores that were in the air. When the spores landed on the bread, they found a feast!

For more about worms and fungi, see the May 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.



CREATIVE PARENTING

The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

Time-out Can Work, but Have You Tried Time-in?

by Susan E. Murray

The idea of time-out was welcomed by many parents, caregivers, and teachers who wanted an option to physical punishment and harsh words in disciplining young children. It was intended to give a child a place to learn how to behave, and when they misbehaved, provide some discipline. It seemed like such a good idea.

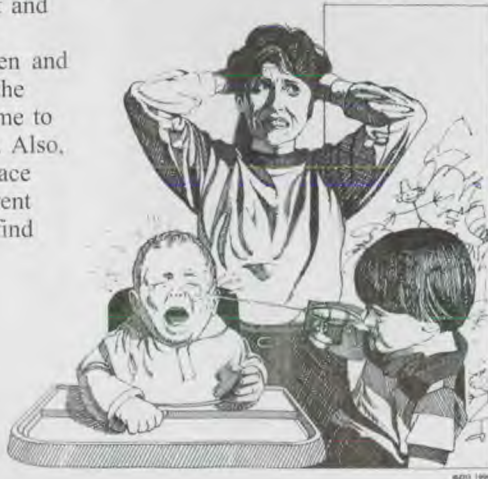
As adults we may even say, "Wow, I wish someone would give me a time-out!" We need a time and place to calm down, a peaceful atmosphere where we can reflect and think. It sounds good to us!

But have you every heard someone say something like, "Josh is off the wall today! He's had seven time-outs and he still isn't behaving. I'm at my wits' end!" It's not unusual for us to try harder by doing more of the same when something isn't working. But that's not the answer!

I suggest that time-out can be a logical discipline tool, and it is certainly safer than spanking or criticizing a child. Time-out, as it was first described, was to build a connection between adult and child. It was not intended as a negative consequence, but as a gift of time and space to help the child.

Time-out can have several advantages: It can be an easy, instant way to interrupt and stop unwanted behavior. If a child understands why time-out was given and she is secure in her attachment to the adult, she may use some solitary time to remember how to act appropriately. Also, sometimes the parent may want space away from the child to help the parent calm down! But sometimes adults find themselves using time-out for nearly every misbehavior, and it becomes punishment.

When time-out does not have a calming effect or does not result in better behavior, we need to use other tools. When children regard time-out as punishment, they



often use their discomfort to fuel blame and anger at us. They may use the time to figure out how to get even rather than using the time to calm themselves. When time-out is held as a threat, it encourages a child to disconnect emotionally from us. Also, a child may decide he has to misbehave in a certain way to avoid an outside punishment.

Children desperately need to trust and feel connected to important people, just as adults do! So then, what else is a parent or caregiver to do? I'd like to suggest TIME-IN! Time-in is an effective tool that can teach our children how to be competent, to think and to be successful. According to Jean Clarke who has developed this technique, it can be explained like the parts of a puzzle. The four parts of time-in are:



Caring adults who use these puzzle pieces of time-in—**Ask, Act, Attend, and Amend**—can alter their discipline approaches by starting with any of the four pieces, using just one, or putting them together in any order.

Think of it this way. You can use time-in when you want your children to:

- Listen and think (parent *asks*.)
- Change their behavior in a positive way (parent *acts*.)
- Pay attention to what they or others need (parent *attends*.)
- Right a wrong they have done (child *amends*.)

To use the **Ask** puzzle piece for discipline, first ask yourself, "What lesson does this child need to learn?" Then ask yourself, "Is there a question that will help this child discover for herself what she needs to learn? If the answer is yes, ask the question. (If the answer is no, move to *act, attend* or *amend*.) We ask children questions all the time; but when we use the *ask* puzzle piece, we are asking in order to teach a lesson. We need to ask in a clear, firm but not critical tone and to encourage thinking and responsibility.

Use **Act** to interrupt, redirect, help, or give a consequence, not to shame, ridicule, show up, or compete with a child. It means we move towards a child to interrupt or prevent a misbehavior and teach a needed lesson.

The **Attend** piece needs to be in the adult's awareness to help the adult choose which piece to use directly with the child. To *attend* means to pay close attention to what is happening, to recognize positive behavior, to (continued on page 16)

Ideas for Caring Adults Who Want to Stay Connected with Their Kids

Since little ones don't have built-in wisdom about some of their emotions or feelings, William Coleman wrote a family devotional book to help children understand and talk about their reactions. You may want to read this to your children from his book, *Today I Feel Like a Warm Fuzzy*:

Today I Feel Forgetful

"Yet God does not forget a single one of them." *Luke 12:6*
TLB

Dennis couldn't find his sneakers anywhere.
They weren't in the closet
Where they were supposed to be.
They weren't behind the door.
He even looked in his toy box.
He couldn't find his sneakers anywhere.

Dennis couldn't remember
Where he had put them,
And it was time
For him to leave for school.

Suddenly he remembered.
He had left them
Outside the back door
Because they were muddy!
It's easy to forget.

But sometimes you forget
Because you don't want to remember.

Your mother told you
To pick up your toys,
But you forgot
Because you didn't do it
Right away.

Once in a while
We pretend to forget.

But many times we really do forget.
And we didn't want to forget.
Then we feel sorry.

All of us forget sometimes
And it's all right.
But we try hard to remember.

God doesn't have that problem.
He never forgets.
God knows who you are—
Today, tomorrow and forever.

Thank you, God.
For remembering my name.

Time-out Can Work, but Have You Tried Time-in? *Continued from page 15.*

help children with problem-solving skills, to meet the developmental needs of a child, to attend to your own anger and frustration.

Making **Amends** should help your child become a better person. It's not reasonable to expect amends for every misbehavior; but if a child feels guilty or ashamed or wants to hide or blame others, making amends can move her past those feelings so she can feel competent and worthy again. It's important to use this puzzle piece when we have wronged our child too. What you invite a child to make amends for depends on what you decide is important and also depends on the time, energy, and patience you have to carry through.

If this approach is appealing to you as a parent, you can learn more in the newly published book, *Time-In: When Time-Out Doesn't Work* by Jean Illsley Clarke. It is published by Parenting Press and is dedicated to you if you are "a parent who has been frustrated when discipline didn't seem to work."

Some Thoughts from Mr. Rogers

Fred Rogers and his "neighborhood" have been a presence in our lives for more than 25 years, educating, comforting and influencing three generations of Americans. Here are a few words of wisdom from his book, *You Are Special*:

- Young boys and girls don't really want their mothers and fathers all to themselves all the time, but they do long for the feeling of being best loved and most beautiful and specially prized *at least some of the time.*
- The roots of a child's ability to cope and thrive, regardless of circumstance, lie in that child's having had at least a small, safe place (an apartment? a room? a lap?) in which, in the companionship of a loving person, that child could discover that he or she was lovable and capable of loving in return.
- Feelings are mentionable, and whatever is mentionable can be more manageable. Whether we're children or adults, adding to our emotional vocabulary can often add to our ability to cope with what we are feeling.
- Young children don't know that sadness isn't forever. It's frightening for them to feel that their sadness may overwhelm them and never go away. "The very same people who are sad sometimes are the very same people who are glad sometimes" is something all parents need to help their children come to understand.
- When I was a child and would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."
- Accepting a child's helpful participation in the life of the family is the greatest gift a grownup can offer someone who is longing to be received "exactly as I am."
- I like you just the way you are.

The Key to Your Child's Heart

Gary Smalley writes that the major causes of disharmony within the home, and outside of it, are adult's actions and attitudes. Children "close their spirits" to us. He sees this as the major reason why over a million children run away from home and why millions more reject their parent's moral values and standards. He shares twenty-two ways to motivate and stay connected to your children. Here are two:

Tender Touching and Listening. Children can become discouraged for a number of reasons—an injury, lack of progress, knowing there is always someone who is just a little bit better. Any of these reasons can make a child lose his energy. The easiest way for children to regain that energy is for someone who cares to put his arm around them, touch their hand, or pat them on the back. When someone really listens to how they are feeling, it pumps energy into them and motivates them to pick up at the point where they otherwise would have quit in discouragement.

Expect Children to Do Things Right. I have learned that children can sense whether or not you expect the best from them. If they sense that they can get away with doing less than their best, often they will do just that. If they sense that you expect that they cannot do any better, they may drop to your level of expectation. I have also seen children who were highly motivated when great things were expected of them. Believe your children can do great things!

ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM

Whose Shoes?

There is an interesting story in Scripture about sandals. It's a conversation between God and Moses found in Exodus 3:4-5.

God called to Moses out of the burning bush, "Moses, Moses!" and Moses replied, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Upon reflecting, one of the messages we can take from this text is: Sometimes, to get close to God, we have to loosen our sandals and take off the familiarity and comfort of our own shoes to gain a different perspective, so that we can walk on holy ground!

I heard a story about Oprah Winfrey, who, a few years ago, sold items from her wardrobe. A single mother was able to purchase a beautiful pair of \$400 shoes for only \$5. Sometime later she saw Oprah and told her that whenever things got especially tough (raising the kids, paying the bills, making ends meet, etc.), Oprah's shoes would help. As she put it, "Sometimes when I feel I can't make it, I go in the closet and I stand in your shoes. It helps."

Whose shoes do you stand in?

At each of our hospitals in Adventist Health System Midwest Region there are special shoes. At Hinsdale Hospital, we need to remember to stand in the shoes of Drs. David and Mary Paulson, who nearly 100 years ago had a vision of bringing compassionate Christian healing to the country village west of Chicago called Hinsdale. It does us well to try on their shoes for a while and reflect on their lives and their mission that we have inherited as a sacred trust.

The shoes I am holding in the photograph are kept in my office. I see them every day. They remind me of who wore them and the life he lived. They are a preacher's shoes that were last worn 33 years ago. They are the last shoes my grandfather, C.V. Leach or "Pop" as we lovingly called him, ever wore.

Pop was a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and administrator all his life. I remember Pop as a thoughtful, patient, stubborn man with a loving smile and a generous heart. He paid attention to kids—kids like me. I remember walking down to the post office in Parkersburg, West Virginia, with him. I was just eight years old. He'd stop and kiddingly look in my ears and say, "I do declare, Jonny, I think I see potatoes growing in there! So much mud and dirt!" I'd laugh, and he'd tickle me. He did many things in his life, including compiling the little book *Christian Service*.

I remember how Pop lived, but most of all I remember how he died. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and forty days later he was gone. There's so much I could say about his

final days. He sat on the hospital bed with his son, my father, Ben Leach, and reflected on his life—the good and the bad. One thing was heavy on his mind. He had mistreated a particular person. He was able to make things right, so he could say, "Well, son, I believe that just about covers things. I guess I'm ready."

A few days later, near the end, I remember my father lifting up the oxygen tent and ending the conversation by saying these words of Scripture: "Be thou faithful unto death," and then he paused and waited. And Pop in as strong a whisper as he could muster said, "and I will give you a crown of Life." Then he smiled his last smile, drifted into a coma, and was gone.

A beautiful life and death. He left a beautiful, sturdy pair of Hanover lace-ups that we had bronzed. His shoes continue to remind me, 33 years later, of a dedicated, loving life and a role



Jonathan Leach, administrative director of ministries and mission for Adventist Health System Midwest Region, treasures his grandfather's shoes, which Jonathan keeps in his Hinsdale office as a reminder of the positive role model his grandfather was in his life.

model of righteousness and grace. I look at these shoes often, and when I face life's challenges, I mentally take off my shoes and put on Pop's. Then I ask myself, "What would Pop do?"

Jonathan Leach, Adventist Health System Midwest Region administrative director of ministries and mission

McVay Named New Associate Dean of Seminary

John McVay, former chair of the Department of Religion at Pacific Union College (PUC), has served as associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary since August.

An Andrews alumnus, McVay earned a master's of divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1983. He earned his bachelor's degree in theology from Southern Adventist University and a doctorate from the University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England, which he received in 1995.

From 1977 to 1985, McVay served as a pastor, first in the Iowa Conference and then in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He left pastoral ministry in 1985 to become a professor of religion at PUC. From 1992 to 1993 he also served as senior pastor of the PUC church, the 2,500-member campus church.

McVay has authored numerous scholarly papers and publications, including two recent adult Sabbath school lesson quarterlies, works that centered on the Pauline books of 1 and 2 Corinthians.

An accomplished teacher, he was selected as PUC "Educator of the Year" in 1996. After an initial period of administrative transition, McVay said he expects to return to the classroom to teach on a part-time basis.

"There's nothing more exciting than helping students as they grapple with the eternal truths of the Bible," he said.

Jack Stenger, public information officer



John McVay, associate seminary dean.

Jeremy Russell

major who hails from Paradise, Calif. He said the biggest challenge is seeing that all sectors of the student body get represented in each week's paper. The next biggest challenge is finding writers to write each week's paper.

So far this school year, Lee has managed to find enough people to broadly chronicle the good, the bad, and the unusual on campus.

Here's a sampling of headlines: "Campus Safety Reviews Parking Issue" (too many cars, too few slots, resultant tickets); "AU to Impact Benton Harbor Children" (ongoing street ministry); "Remodeling of Riffle" (construction project); "NET '98 Commences" (campus mobilized for satellite evangelism event); "Tooth Decay in High Places" (columnist working after midnight grasps for any topic to write on).

Tonya Hippler, newswriter



Jack Stenger, AU PR

SM editor Matt Lee.

Students Kayak Across Lake Michigan

Neither wind, thunderstorms, nor 14-foot swells could keep Olen Netteburg and Krystian Zygowiec from their appointed task: to cross Lake Michigan by kayak.

In September, the Andrews students made the 60-mile trip from Chicago to the Michigan side of Lake Michigan in two separate kayaks. They kept in touch with their anxious families by cell phone. In the process of the 37-hour ordeal they encountered enough adventure to last a lifetime—or at least for the school year.

At the crack of dawn on Sunday, Sept. 4, they set out on their journey from Meigs Field in Chicago. The lake's glass-like surface and an uninteresting weather forecast might have inspired confidence that nothing but smooth paddling was before them. But the thunder claps that approached by evening let them know that this would be no cake-walk crossing.

"When we heard the storm coming, we said to each other, 'This is really going to be an interesting night,'" said Zygowiec.

Predictably, thunder gave way to spectacular lighting and 30-mile-an-hour winds. Inclement weather was not the only obstacle the thrill seekers faced. Swarming flies, looking for heads to fly around, also bedeviled them in the middle of the lake.

On Monday, Sept. 5, well past sunset, they finally washed ashore, wet, exhausted, but triumphant—two modern-day Lindberghs with two very sore derrières. "It was a great feeling, once we could walk normally again," Zygowiec said.



Jack Stenger, AU PR

Braving exhaustion and weather, Krystian Zygowiec and Olen Netteburg crossed Lake Michigan by kayak.

SM Editor Stays Up for the Story

Want to experience the "glamorous" life of a college journalist? Try hanging out till 2:30 a.m. and enjoying a weekly nocturnal repast of stale pizza, washed down with a flat soft drink.

"Wake me up when it becomes glamorous," says Matt Lee, this year's *Student Movement* editor. In the meantime, the man has some deadlines to meet.

The position as editor of the campus' weekly student newspaper has always required a degree of persistence and phenomenal nocturnal staying power. "It's fun, but it's a whole lot of work," said the sophomore religion-communication-English

Shoe Boxes for Christmas

Michigan — There was a high pile of shoe boxes all nicely wrapped in Christmas paper, decorating the area in front of the baptistry at the Niles Westside Church. All the boxes, which were filled with presents, were donated as love gifts for needy boys and girls around the world, and they had been packed and wrapped by Niles Elementary School students and Niles Church members.

Inside the boxes were items such as toy cars; dolls; school supplies, including pens, pencils, crayons, and coloring books; hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and combs; flashlights with extra batteries; ball caps; socks; and T-shirts. Also taped to each shoe box was a green tag for a boy or a red tag for a girl with the suggested age group for the child written on it.

The Niles Westside Church is the regional collection center for all the Protestant churches in the area that are participating in this project for the second year. Their goal is to fill a semi-truck with all the boxes from organizations in the region, and



Bruce Babbeno

Keith Wade, Christy Fattic, Principal Mel Wade, Tiffany Howell, and Hanna Abbot represent the many students and church members from Niles who shared in the shoe-box project.

WalMart has already agreed to deliver them to the overseas distribution center at Indianapolis, Ind.

A parent of an elementary school student learned about this project for needy children a year ago and suggested that the school lead out in its organization. The Niles school principal agreed, and the shoe-box project was adopted by the school and church. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach out to other Christians and churches in the area as they deliver their gift-wrapped shoe boxes.

Melvin Wade, Niles Elementary School principal

Academy Student Assistance Program

Lake Union — Last summer, the Lake Union Conference administration asked Ken Hutchins, retired Northern California Conference education director, to recruit students for the academies in the Lake Union Conference and to find ways to help them financially.

Hutchins contacted many people and reports that, as of December 1, 1998, \$140,696 has been committed for worthy student scholarships, and \$152,500 has been committed for buildings, equipment, promotion, etc., totaling \$293,196. Additional funds have already been promised for next school year.



Ken Hutchins has been finding ways to help Lake Union students attend the Lake Union academy of their choice.

There is a human dimension, however, to these numbers. According to reports from seven of the academy principals, a total of at least 50 students are attending school this year as a direct result of his efforts, and an additional 30–40 students have received some financial assistance. Two boys, who recently lost their mother in a tragic auto accident, are attending Great Lakes Adventist Academy with the financial support from members in the Michigan Conference. At another academy, a student is being sponsored by a family at a cost of \$7,000. A student attending an academy for the first time decided to be baptized after being there for only two months.

“It has been a tremendous blessing to me as I have seen the outstanding response of our people throughout the Lake Union. It has been a privilege to be able to be involved in helping young people to become personally acquainted with Jesus, and then accept Him as their Lord and Savior,” said Hutchins.

Ken Hutchins is already working recruiting students and contacting donors for the next school year. His goal for 1999 is the same as it was for 1998, and that is to help more young people have the opportunity of a Christian education at one of our academies. When he calls, won’t you be willing to help a worthy student?

Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Spanish Work 100 Years Old

Lake Union — In 1999 we will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the beginning of the Seventh-day Adventist work among the Spanish-speakers in North America. For that purpose, on Feb. 27 special celebration activities will take place in Sanchez, Ariz. (near Safford), the place where the first Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church stood, and where the first Spanish-speaking Seventh-day Adventist pastor, Marcial Serna, was laid to rest. As one of the events of this special celebration, the State of Arizona will declare these places historical sites.

Walter Black, a literature evangelist selling books in the Tucson area, and Charles D. M. Williams, who was accompanying him, tried unsuccessfully to sell Serna some books. When that didn't work, they tried a different approach and asked Serna if he would teach them some Spanish to be able to communicate with the numerous Spanish-speakers in the area. He agreed, with pleasure, and at his two "students'" suggestion, they used the Bible as their textbook. This was the beginning, and today more than 95,500 Spanish-speaking Seventh-day Adventist members comprise the fairly-youthful, very-active, and strongly-committed group of believers in the North American Division.

As part of the anniversary celebration, a large evangelistic crusade will be conducted via satellite for the whole North American Division. Alejandro Bullón, South American Division evangelist and ministerial secretary, will be the speaker at the meetings which will be uplinked in Spanish from Orlando, Fla. The campaign, co-produced by *La Voz de la Esperanza* [The Voice of Hope], will take place from Sept. 11 to 25 and will finish in the Lake Union on Sunday, Sept. 26 here in Berrien Springs, with a large baptism conducted by all the Hispanic pastors of our union.

In the Lake Union, 1999 will be a year of emphasis on evangelism in all our Hispanic churches. All of them are planning to conduct evangelistic outreach programs. The goal for 1999 is for each Hispanic member to bring at least one person to Jesus as our anniversary present.

Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president

Clothing Shipped to Honduras and Nicaragua

Michigan — Students from Great Lakes Adventist Academy helped to load three semi-truck loads of clothing, which recently left Michigan and headed for Honduras and Nicaragua. The clothes were collected and prepared for shipping by

Michigan Adventist Community Service centers. They were stored in warehouses located in Lansing and Cedar Lake, and will be distributed by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

A team from the Lansing area is now preparing to travel to Honduras to help with the rebuilding of this country decimated by Hurricane Mitch. They are planning to leave March 18. The group will consist of a medical team and a construction team to help with the recovery work on the Bay Islands of Honduras.

Because of the overwhelming nature of the destruction, Honduras will not be ready for volunteers to rebuild for several weeks, as people are struggling just to survive. According to Ted Wick, ADRA representative, the immediate need in Honduras and Nicaragua is for doctors and nurses and medical supplies to stem the spread of disease. Later, the countries will be able to begin the work of rebuilding homes and the damaged infrastructure.

ADRA is heavily involved in the on-going relief effort. Eleven tons of donated medical supplies worth US\$610,000 is being delivered to hospitals, clinics, shelters, and health centers around the country. ADRA volunteers are operating 15 shelters of their own and sharing supplies with 55-60 other shelters throughout the country.

For more information about what ADRA is doing, or if you would like to help ADRA's relief efforts, please call their toll-free line at 800-424-ADRA (2372). Additional information can also be found on ADRA's web page at www.adra.org.

Royce Snyman, Michigan Conference personal ministries director and disaster response team coordinator

Charlotte Henderson



From left: Todd Fox and Mathew Gallimore, sophomores at GLAA, help load boxes of supplies to be shipped to Honduras and Nicaragua.

Twenty-one Assist ADRA

Michigan — Twenty-one Buchanan Church members, ages three months to 75 years, joined their community CROP Walk. CROP stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program, which is a ministry of the



Buchanan Church members participated with their community to raise \$900 for the humanitarian work of ADRA.

National Council of Churches that raises funds for humanitarian efforts in depressed areas of the world. A CROP Walk is where people walk a predetermined distance in order to raise funds for this important program.

Since each group of participants can select the charitable organization they wish to support, the Buchanan members donated the \$900 they raised in the CROP Walk to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). By participating in the community CROP Walk, the Buchanan members both created good will for their church in their community and were able to give a large contribution to the humanitarian efforts of ADRA. We salute them for their vision of reaching out to bless others.

Dorothy Kinnder, Buchanan Church member

Adopt-a-Highway Advertises Adventist Church Participation

Michigan — "It's a great way to be appreciated for your witness as you demonstrate God's desire for orderliness and cleanliness. And you can enjoy fresh air, sunshine, and exercise at the same time," said a Vassar Church member as the church's Adopt-a-Highway program was discussed. When motorists drive down the three-mile section of M-15 between Bradford and Reese Roads, they see the Adopt-a-Highway sign that announces in bold letters: "Next 3 miles Vassar Seventh Day Adventist Church."

The church received a Certificate of Appreciation from Michigan's Department of Transportation, and thanks from the owner of a convenience store, located on the section of highway taken care of by the Vassar Church, and from a farmer whose



Carol Leach

land runs along their section of highway. Their work has been a double blessing. It creates goodwill with the neighborhood and announces that the church is active. If your church wants to witness in this manner, telephone the Michigan Department of Transportation in your county. They will send you a pamphlet of safety rules with guidelines on how to succeed in cleaning your section of highway. A sign announcing that your church is helping to keep your highway clean can be a wonderful witness.

Carol Leach, Vassar Church communication leader

Natural Lifestyle Seminar

Michigan — Recently Ron and Judy Greenman and Neil Goodman, a family practice physician from Baldwin, conducted a six-night Natural Lifestyle Cooking Seminar at the Northview Junior Academy, adjacent to the Cadillac Church. There were more than 80 consistent attendees, including a large segment of men who drove from as far as Mt. Pleasant (66 miles), Midland (87 miles), and Harrison (44 miles). Judy said, "This seminar far surpassed all the other cooking seminars we've held in both size and interest. Dr. Goodman included everything, especially emphasizing the eight rules of health."

"I've learned so much, and it's been very educational and enjoyable," said Grace Barnes of Cadillac. "I'm retiring soon, and I'll have more time to do this kind of cooking. It's been a reinforcement of what I already knew." A young husband, Denny Richards, admitted with reluctance that when he came with his wife, Beckie, he found the three-week series to be very interesting. "I've already lost some weight," he added, "and I bought a blender for our kitchen." Linda Welden, who drove a long distance in order to attend the seminar, told Judy that because of her husband's illness, their family had already begun following a total vegetarian diet. Then she added, "Our friends think we're from outer space because we want a vegetarian diet, but it's so biblical and everything tastes so good."

"The program was a lot of work, but also much fun," commented Judy. "Many volunteers from the church helped in the preparation of the recipes. We had taste-testing, salt-and-sugar-free recipes, and a buffet banquet at the last session." Most of the recipes are found in the cookbook entitled *The Best Gourmet Recipes from the Chefs at the Five Leaves Deli and Bakery*.

Betty Kossick, Cadillac Church communication leader

Miracle of Love

Wisconsin — Leslie Lemke of the "Miracle of Love Ministries" recently held a spiritual musical performance at the Bethel Church. The well-advertized event resulted in a packed church sanctuary with people coming from the surrounding area and cities in addition to church members who had come to hear Lemke's hour-long sacred concert.

Lemke, of Arpin, Wis., is one of twenty known living people with *savant syndrome*. He is blind, mentally retarded, and a victim of cerebral palsy. He requires constant care but is gifted with the ability to play the piano and sing. He needs only to hear a musical number once, and then he can play and sing it perfectly.

Some of the extensive travels he has made with his foster sister and caretaker, Mary Parker, have been to Japan and Norway. He has performed for the royal family of Norway in the famous Olso Concert Hall. Lemke also witnesses in his concerts. Every guest receives a "Gift from Leslie," the book *Steps to Christ*.

Lemke and Parker attend the Bethel Church.

Atha Steffen, Bethel Church communication leader

The Layman Foundation: 75 Years Quietly Working Behind the Scenes

You have heard of Ellen G. White. But are you familiar with Madison College, Dr. E. A. Sutherland, or the Layman Foundation? At the turn of the 20th century, White encouraged Sutherland to establish a self-supporting school in the south. Madison College in Madison, Tenn., was started in the early



Lida Funk Scott founded the Layman Foundation because of the passion she had for the mission of Madison College.

1900s as a result of this instruction. After Madison College was firmly established, it was decided other small schools and medical facilities should be developed throughout the rural south. But how do you start a new ministry that requires buildings and equipment when you have no money?

God already made provision for this need. The daughter of the co-founder of the Funk and Wagnalls Company, Lida Funk Scott, joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Battle Creek, Mich., in 1904. Years later, when her daughter was killed in an accident,

Scott went to Madison to recuperate from her loss. While there, the mission of Madison became her passion. When asked if she had stayed at Madison because Madison had made her well, she said, "No...I remained because they showed me my life was worth living."

Scott traded luxury for simplicity, swapped culture for service, and cashed in her share of Funk and Wagnalls in order to fund Madison's expansion program. In 1924, she and four other individuals chartered the Layman Foundation.

The foundation, a deed-holding, grant and loan organization for self-supporting institutions, is funded by interest from investments, donations, and bequests. The organization's headquarters recently moved from Ooltewah, Tenn., to the Little Creek campus in Knoxville, Tenn. The present location allows the foundation to expand its services to include a conference and training center for supporting ministries.

One sidebar of particular interest is this: Lida Scott played a major financial role in the history of the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University). At a very pivotal time in its history, just prior to World War I, she helped the school with \$30,000. Realizing that self-supporting work in the south could not prosper without doctors, she recognized that C.M.E. was the answer for that need.

The Layman Foundation and the Seventh-day Adventist Church

The 1915 General Conference Autumn Council adopted recommendations that Madison and its rural schools be considered part of the regular work of the denomination. Conference and union officials served on boards of the Madison/Layman Foundation institutions, and the Southern Union established a Rural School Fund to help support the work. Sutherland, president of the foundation from 1924-1955, also served in the General Conference as the first director of Adventist Services and Industries (ASI) from 1947-1951. The Layman Foundation and its affiliated institutions adhere to the Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and faithfully support the church with their tithes and offerings.

Conference academies such as Highland and Madison in Tennessee, Mt. Pisgah in North Carolina, and Georgia-Cumberland began as Madison/Layman Foundation schools. Fletcher, N.C.; Madison, Tenn.; and Scott Memorial in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., are medical facilities that became part of the Adventist Sunbelt System. Ten institutions currently have ties to the Layman Foundation.



The Layman Foundation is no longer just serving the south. It now serves internationally in South and Central America.

Adventist World Radio Director Appointed to U.K. House of Lords Committee

Bracknell, England [ANM] — Adventist World Radio (AWR) Resource Center Director, Ray Allen, has been asked to be a permanent member of the Experts Advisory Panel which is called to meet periodically at the British government's House of Lords. The committee is part of the Christian Communication Commission established in the mid-eighties by members of the House of Lords.

On the Experts Advisory Panel, Ray Allen has input on policies that set the tone to affect the moral tone in British broadcasting. Recommendations from this prestigious panel are an attempt to influence, modify, or introduce new legislation related to media in general and the quality of programs in particular. Allen says he hopes this new opportunity will provide him with "opportunity to have a positive impact for the Adventist Church" on those people he works with on the panel.

"It's an indication of AWR's growing influence on Christian broadcasting around the world," said Allen Steele, vice

president for strategic planning for AWR. "Our staff members are increasingly asked to consult with other broadcasters and government agencies concerning issues of public communication," Steele said. For example, AWR's frequency coordinator, Claudius Dedio, is now a member of the High Frequency Coordinating Committee, a committee established by international broadcasting organizations to coordinate the frequencies used by the world's short wave stations.

"AWR now has representation on two joint ventures with other broadcasters, the International Communications Research for Evangelism and the International Communication Training Institute," Steele added. These two organizations involve audience research and training for Christian broadcasters, respectively.

"Another group we've been invited to join is Digital Radio Mondial, a technical research organization which is developing a universal digital short wave technology," he said. Steele points to these developments as "a clear recognition of AWR as a vital player in world broadcasting."

AWR sponsors programs in 60 languages and broadcasts over 1,000 hours per week, making it a major international broadcaster.

Andrea Steele

Media Reports on Adventist Vegetarian Lifestyle

Silver Spring, MD [ANN]—The American tradition of eating turkey for Thanksgiving in November brought with it an article, published by the Associated Press (AP), on those who say "no thanks" to meat.

"Vegetarianism is practiced among many faiths and is prevalent among Seventh-day Adventists. Many shun turkey and meat altogether, even on Thanksgiving Day," reports Richard N. Ostling, AP religion correspondent.

In his report, Ostling notes that vegetarianism was rare among Christians until what he terms the "founding prophet" of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen G. White, had a health vision in 1863. She joined forces with Sylvester Graham and John Kellogg, known for Graham crackers and corn flakes, in advocating vegetarianism on grounds of health.

The Adventist Church recommends vegetarianism but does not require it, notes Ostling.

"Our bodies are not our own. They're God's by creation and redemption, and we ought to represent Him and not destroy the temple He has given us," says Stoy Proctor, General Conference chief health educator.

The Proctor family enjoyed "mock turkey" for their Thanksgiving Day celebration. The entree is shaped like a bird and roasted with an oval of dressing inside, but it's really brown rice, pecans, and onions, says the AP report.

Both Christians and Jews believe that vegetarianism is the ideal religious regimen, states Ostling. They agree their diet is good for physical, moral, and spiritual health.

Wendi Shull

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ANNIVERSARIES



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 again 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 a grandson.



Fred and Virginia Otto celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 11, 1998, by the family gathering for a week at Panama City, Fla. They were members of the Ann Arbor, (Mich.) Church for 37 years.

Fred Otto and Virginia May were married Nov. 6, 1948, in Detroit by Elder Hill. Fred has been a carpenter, retiring from the

University of Michigan in 1985. Virginia has been a director of a child care program. The Ottos are now making their home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

The Otto family includes Greg Otto of Niles, Mich.; Steve and Joyce Otto of San Marcos, Texas; Mark and Sandra Otto of Deland, Fla.; and 3 grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

ARMS, Elton, age 83; born Aug. 5, 1915, in Lapeer, Mich.; died Oct. 10, 1998, in Climax, Mich. He was a member of the Bristol (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E. Slighly; son, Eric; stepson, Dennis Gibson; daughters, Kay Street and Sherry Russell; brothers, Gordon, Lloyd, Allen, Marvin, Leland and Laurence; sisters, Helen Vaughan, Marian Arms, and Jeanette Truax; 8 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James Michieff, and interment was in Stiles Cemetery, Lapeer. A second service conducted by Elder Art Covell was held at the grave site.

ASHTON, J. Wilton, age 91; born July 13, 1907, in Pittsburgh, Pa.; died Oct. 31, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie (Nicola); sons, Nicola and Bruce; daughter, Rilla Taylor; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Worthington, Ohio.

CARMONA, Orlando, age 44; born Dec. 29, 1953, in Medellin, Colombia, South America; died Nov. 9, 1998, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Hermina (Sutherland); sons, Orlando and Michael; father, Alfonso Carmona; mother, Stella Martinez; step-father, Octavio Martinez; and sisters, Ingrid Martinez and Beatriz Cervantes.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Buz Menhardt, and interment was in South Union Cemetery, Berrien Center, Mich.

COETZEE, Arthur O., age 67; born Mar. 30, 1931, in Karichab, Maltahohe, Namibia; died Oct. 9, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia (Bradfield); son, Andrew; daughter, Lynda Hurlow; and 4 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Walter Douglas, with private inurnment.

DICKERSON, Merridith (Smith), age 47; born Mar. 27, 1951, in Ypsilanti, Mich.; died Oct. 13, 1998, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Breath of Life Church, Fort Washington, Md.

Survivors include her sons, Frank III and Kevin.; parents Reger C. and Katherine (Baker) Smith; brother, Reger, Jr.; and sisters, Marjorie Bates and Susan Smith.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Walter Wright, with private inurnment.

EDMINSTER, Merle V., age 80; born June 10, 1918, in New London, Wis.; died Oct. 11, 1998, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Glenice; son, Phillip; brothers, Everett and Donald; sister, Evelyn Roush; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin and Elder John Meert, and interment was in Moravian Cemetery, Ashwaubenon, Wis.

ERICKSON, Viola E. (Westby), age 80; born Dec. 1, 1911, in Melvina, Wis.; died Oct. 14, 1998, in Sparta, Wis. She was a member of the Sparta Church.

Survivors include her son, Verlen; daughter, LoyDean Kerska; brother, Alf Westby; sister, Alta Haws; 7 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Johans-

en, and interment was in Leon (Wis.) Cemetery.

EWERS, Theron, age 83; born June 2, 1915, in Richland Center, Wis.; died Oct. 8, 1998, in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Richland Center Church.

Survivors include his wife, Artys; sons, Orville, Blaine, Sam, Branson, Duane, and Wayne; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Scofield, and interment was in Richland Center (Wis.) Cemetery.

GOODSITE, Verna, age 82; born Feb. 5, 1916, in Carson City, Mich.; died Oct. 29, 1998, in Carson City. She was a member of the Carson City Church.

Cremation services were conducted by Elder James Micheff, Sr.

HABENICHT, Linda Joy, age 45; born Mar. 19, 1953, in Flint, Mich.; died Oct. 9, 1998, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her mother, Beth (Glidden); and sisters,

Merry Beth Knoll and Cheer Lee Roberts.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Skip MacCarty, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

LONDON, James D., age 77; born Oct. 8, 1921, in Curtisville, Mich.; died Nov. 3, 1998, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was a member of the Glennie (Mich.) Church. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis J. (Sage); sons, Donald, James, and John; daughters, Paula McKee and Julie Richardson; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Karl Tsatalbasidis, and interment was in Curtisville (Mich.) Cemetery.

LUNZ, Ruth Myrtle (Cattrell), age 103; born Apr. 16, 1895, in Poy Sippi, Wis.; died Oct. 15, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her daughters, Helen Hyde, Hazel Sykes, Bernice Taylor, Bernita Rorabeck,

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and Ardyce Moravetz; sister, Iva Linden; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Buz Menhardt, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville, Wis.

MOON, Robert D., Sr., age 90; born Nov. 8, 1907, in Cambridge, Idaho; died Nov. 3, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice (Olsen); son, Robert D. Jr.; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Edwin Buck, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

SCHWABENLENDER, Lorraine (Zipperer), age 86; born Oct. 3, 1912, in Whitelaw, Wis.; died Nov. 2, 1998, in Green Bay, Wis. She was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Arlene; brothers, Erwin and Al Zipperer; and sisters, Erin and Tilly Zipperer.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin and Elder Ray Fitzgerald, and interment was in Fort Howard Cemetery, Green Bay.

SULLIVAN, Dan K., age 45; born May 25, 1953, in Lansing, Mich.; died Oct. 30, 1998, in Haslett, Mich. He was a member of the Grand Ledge (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his parents, Don and Grace; brothers, Russell and Garry; and sisters, Sherly Johnson and Darlene Sherman.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Lyle Davis, and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Lansing, Mich.

SWAINE, David D. W., age 63; born Dec. 2, 1934, in Gloucester, England; died Oct. 20, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Lois J.; stepsons, J. Thomas, Josef, and Jason Vetne; daughters, Carla A. Borresen and Ingrid Smalling; stepdaughter Shiromi Payne; brother, Dermot; sister,

Sharon Searle; 3 grandchildren; and 3 step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Kenneth Thomas, with private inurnment.

TRECARTIN, Clara (Verley), age 87; born June 15, 1911, in Quinnesec, Mich.; died Aug. 29, 1998, in Calif. She was a member of the Iron Mountain (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ralph and Lloyd; daughter, Carol Pontynen; brother, Ralph Verley; 10 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Joe Straub, and interment was in Quinnesec (Mich.) Cemetery.

WHITE, Amos C., age 90; born Jan. 15, 1908, in Florence, Mo.; died Oct. 31, 1998, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Rebekah (Riffel); daughters, Lucile White, Joyce Councill, and Avonda Krause; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Gary Councill and Michael Nickless, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

WOOD, Bernice R. (Greer), age 91; born Jan. 14, 1907, in Claremont, Va.; died Nov. 1, 1998, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include her son, Fred; sister, Hazel Heck; 6 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Paul Cannon and John Abbott, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Garden, Niles.

YANKE, Arnold, age 79; born Dec. 1, 1918, in Oxford, Wis.; died Oct. 31, 1998, in Oxford, Wis. He was a member of the Oxford Church.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Events Calendar: Jan. 4—Registration for Winter Quarter, 8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.; **5**—Winter Quarter classes start; **8**—*Friday Festival of Faith* vespers featuring Niels-Eric Andreasen, Andrews University president; **15**—*Friday Festival of Faith* vespers featuring an organ concert by Ken Logan, Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) minister of music, PMC, 7:30 p.m.; **19-22**—Week of Spiritual Emphasis with John Nixon (*tell who he is*); **25**—Health Careers Fair, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.; **25-30**—Mission Emphasis Week; **29-31**—Adventist Engaged Encounter, 6:30 p.m. Fri. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

The **Institute of World Mission** at Andrews University is the training organization for missionaries, and Mission Institute is open to anyone interested in

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The **School of Education** is scheduled for a spring 1999 accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for initial or continuing accreditation.

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School of Education to: Board of Examiners, NCATE, 2010 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-1023.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at Andrews University, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present, or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to Andrews University for comment prior to the review. No anonymous or oral testimony will be considered. Any letter of comment should be received by Jan. 10, 1999.

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Offerings: Jan. 2—Outreach/Church Budget; **9**—Religious Liberty; **16**—Church Budget; **23**—Local Conference Advance; **30**—Church Budget. **Feb. 6**—Outreach/Church Budget.

Special Days: Jan. 2—Day of Prayer; **16-23**—Religious Liberty Week. **Feb. 6-13**—Black History Week.

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Average Membership Basis		Conference		Increase		% Per Capita	
1998	1997	1998	1997	(Decrease)	Inc.	Decr.	1998 1997
11,282	11,394	Illinois	6,365,431	6,037,470	327,961	5.43%	564.21 529.88
5,816	5,559	Indiana	4,027,184	3,672,666	354,518	9.65%	692.43 660.67
22,842	22,375	Lake Region	6,798,512	5,964,639	833,873	13.98%	297.63 266.58
23,294	23,074	Michigan	18,070,769	16,403,573	1,667,196	10.16%	775.77 710.91
<u>6,219</u>	<u>6,109</u>	Wisconsin	<u>3,672,345</u>	<u>3,521,579</u>	<u>150,766</u>	<u>4.28%</u>	<u>590.50 576.46</u>
69,453	68,511	Totals	38,934,242	35,599,928	3,334,315	9.37%	560.58 519.62
Tithe per Week			884,869	827,905	56,964	6.88%	

Sunset Calendar

	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb. 12
Berrien Springs, MI	5:31	5:39	5:47	5:56	6:05	6:14
Chicago	4:37	4:45	4:53	5:02	5:11	5:20
Detroit	5:19	5:26	5:35	5:44	5:53	6:02
Indianapolis	5:38	5:45	5:53	6:01	6:09	6:18
La Crosse, WI	4:45	4:53	5:02	5:11	5:21	5:30
Lansing, MI	5:21	5:29	5:38	5:47	5:56	6:05
Madison, WI	4:40	4:47	4:56	5:05	5:15	5:24
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WORLD CHURCH

Midland Adventist Academy's alumni weekend is **Feb. 12-14, 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-school 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.

Valley Grande Academy announces its annual alumni weekend, **Mar. 26-27**. Honor classes are '49, '59, '69, '79, and '89. A special emphasis is being placed on the classes of '74 and '83. Friday night Hall of Fame inductees will be Charles and Annette Boyer. Sabbath service speaker will be Gary Affolter. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mt. Ellis Academy alumni homecoming is **Apr. 23-24** in Bozeman, MT. Come renew old friendships. **Mar. 5-6** has been set aside for those who would like to use the Ski Hill again and want to see old friends at the same time. Call for information (406) 587-5178.

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Send CV, references to: David Burghart, chair, Music Search Committee, fax (423) 238-2495; e-mail burghart@southern.edu.

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Department of Mathematics

Math Teacher: Doctoral degree in mathematics, statistics, or mathematics education required. Preference will be given to applicants with expertise in probability theory and statistics. Send letter of application, CV, and three letters of reference (at least two attesting to the applicant's teaching ability) to Dr. Arthur Richert, chair, Mathematics Search Committee, fax (423) 238-2299; e-mail richert@southern.edu.

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Youth who dare care?

Unwanted Exercise: A Real-life Parable of Airplane Pursuits

Run Michael Run! Michael and I dashed from one airport terminal to the next, attempting to make our next flight. We were moving fast! But unfortunately, not fast enough.

Scene I

It all started when Michael and I were leaving town to do stuff for God. We thought our plane was scheduled to leave at 5:00 p.m., but it wasn't. It was leaving at 3:00 p.m. As I looked at my boarding pass at 2:30 p.m., I knew we weren't going to make it. We missed our flight.

Scene II

No worries, we simply switched to another airline at a later time, which took us to Chicago O'Hare Airport. On the runway, our plane was put in the "penalty box" because of heavy traffic. When the airplane finally parked, I realized that Michael and I only had five minutes to make it to our next flight. Without second thoughts, we raced across the airport. Panting and sweating, we finally arrived at the ticket counter. "We're here to fly to Texas," I blurted. "So sorry sirs," replied the agent, "the plane left two minutes ago." Gack! We missed our flight *again!*

Scene III

Eventually we made it to Dallas, where we did stuff for God. Now we were returning home. "Does our flight leave at 2:00 p.m.?" I asked Michael. "No," he responded. It leaves at 1:00 p.m. We looked at our watches—12:10 p.m.—and we knew what we had to do. We jumped in our rent-a-car and sped to the airport. But ... you wouldn't believe it ... we missed our flight, *again!*

Scene IV

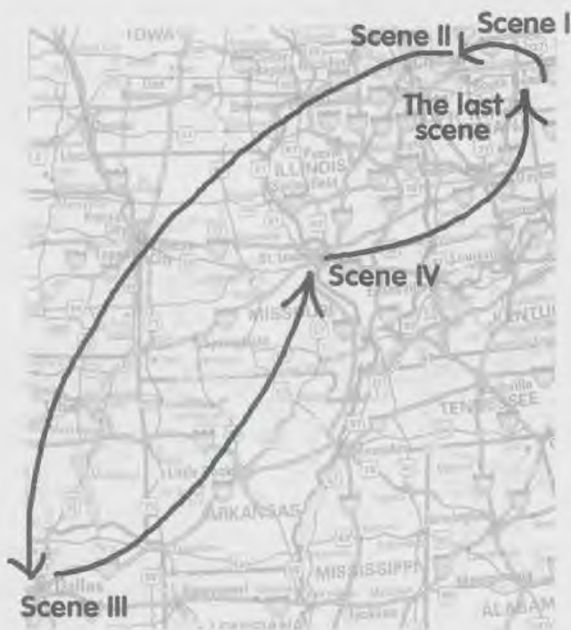
We ended up on a later flight, which took us to St. Louis. As we landed at 3:20 p.m., I looked at my boarding pass. Oh no, not again. Our connecting flight to South Bend was leaving at 3:26. Michael and I once again flew by the seat of our pants. But shucks, we missed the plane

by two minutes ... *again!*

The Last Scene

This is unheard-of! Out of breath, we sat down and waited for the next flight. It was canceled. The next one was delayed! *Finally*, at 11:30 p.m., we flew out to South Bend. Worn out, we finally made it home. What a trip.

William Hurtado



Life Is a Trip!

Go figure. One day you're riding the sky, but the next, you're biting the dust. Like John the Baptist, one day you're a popular sin-buster, but the next, you're hopelessly stuck in a prison cell.

John the Baptist was doing stuff for God. He ran and he ran, but he ended up in prison. No freedom. No crowds. No following. He missed his flight.

That's when he began doubting. "Was I living a lie?" he thought. "Jesus could get me out of this mess if he were God!" But John discovered a terrifying truth—the Jesus who you can trust is the One who gives you freedom even when the trip of life brings you down. And that's what ultimately matters.

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**Christine
Tedjasukmana**

Christine Tedjasukmana, 17, a senior at Andrews Academy (AA), Berrien Springs, Mich., has been a leader since her academy career started. Her freshman and junior years, she was her class president, and currently, she is the president of the National Honor Society (NHS). "She is a wonderful, dependable leader that goes above and beyond the call of duty," said Clemen Sheppard, NHS sponsor.

Christine enjoys helping others, whether it is listening to her parents' adult, foster-care patients tell stories or playing with 40 orphans in Romania.

Christine, a native of the Philippines, is the daughter of Giunawan and Dewi Tedjasukmana and a member of the Michiana Fil-Am Church. A busy student, Christine advises, "Make sure that you know God, and He will keep you stable. If you don't, at times you will be very lonely." She is interested in photography, art, history, and volunteerism. Her ambition is to become a pediatric physical therapist.

Joel Bennett, 19, a senior at Andrews Academy (AA), Berrien Springs, Mich., is involved in many activities at the academy. When he's not acting as a German soldier in the school's play, he is playing in the academy's 77-piece band or performing his duties as class pastor.

Joel has a strong desire to help those less fortunate. He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, helped out in a Romanian orphanage, and participated in the academy's bi-annual mission trip, SOW Safari. "Joel was a real asset to the group in Romania," said Glenn Russell, academy religion teacher and Romania trip leader, "He did the hardest work and complained the least."

Joel is the son of Karan and Wayne Bennett of Berrien Springs, Mich., and a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church. A well-rounded student, Joel advises everyone to look for God in the little things. His ambition is to obtain his elementary education degree from Andrews University.



Joel Bennett

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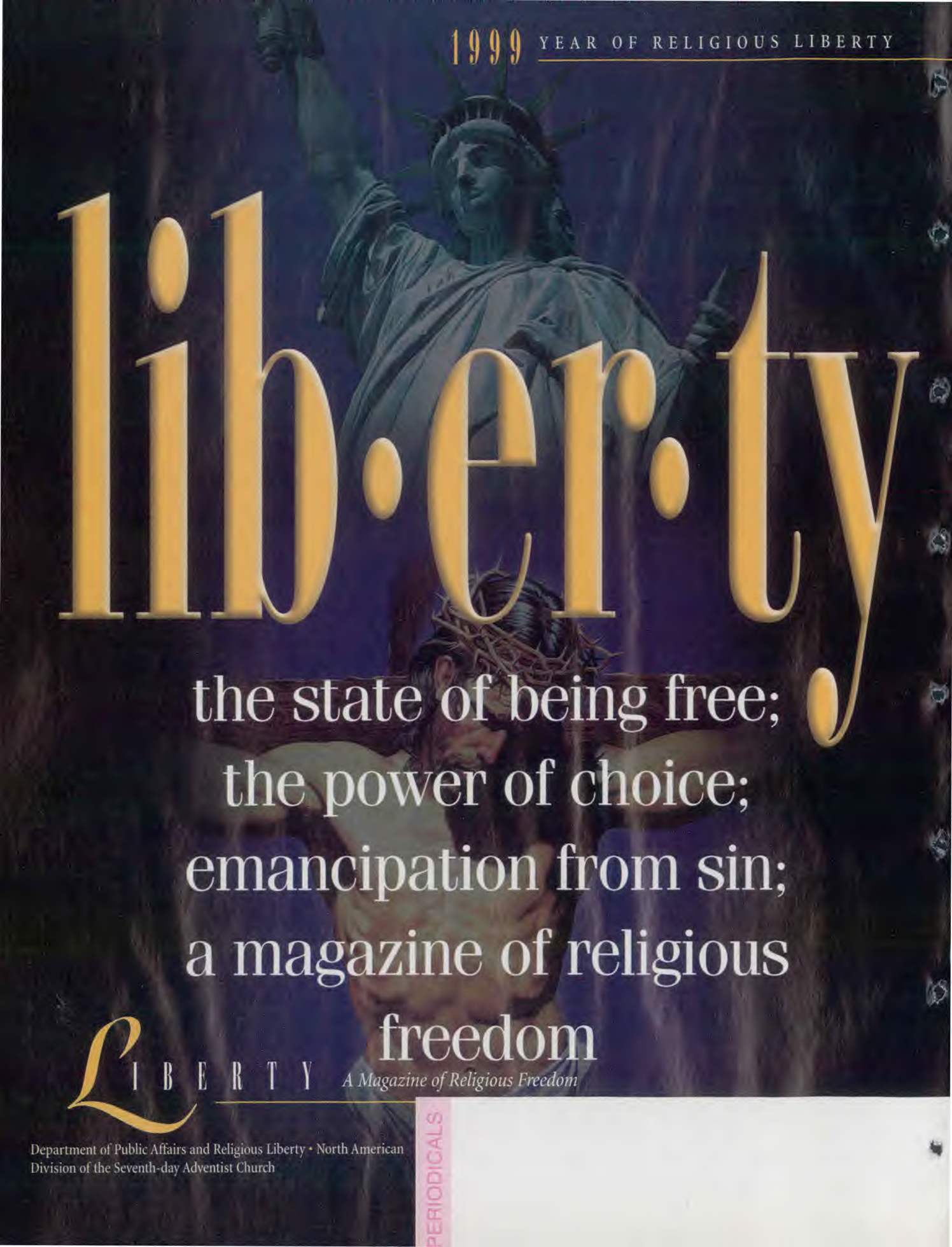
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