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Naomi Polley, along with her husband and children, Adventist Frontier Missionaries, work among the Malinke people of Mali, West Africa. AFM photo.

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E D I T O R I A L

Her Did What Her Could

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Serita was only four when she stayed in our home for a week while her mother was sick. We did our best to take the place of her parents and regularly studied her Sabbath school lesson with her. The memory verse for that week was, "She hath done what she could." Jesus Himself had spoken the words when Mary anointed Him with perfume. Although Judas complained that Mary had wasted money, Jesus had no criticism for Mary. And He didn't mention that she couldn't preach repentance like Peter or expound theology like Paul. He just said that she had done what she *could* do.

When her parents came to get her, we proudly asked little Serita to say the memory verse for them. With an intent expression and a deep breath, she said, "Her did what her could." Did we criticize her English? No! We praised her for getting the message of the story correct. Serita, too, had done what she could.

Jesus accepts our simple gifts when they are our best. When I attended the "Commit '99: Laodicea in Recovery" conference at the Richland Church in Chillicothe, Illinois, I heard the children's choir sing. Later Christi Brooks, the director, told me that she cannot play the piano, does not understand 3/4 or 4/4 time, and cannot even read notes. What she knows is that the kids of the church need to be involved in as many ways as possible. That is why she decided to start a choir. She bought a few tapes of music and asked the kids to sing along. The kids were happy, the audience was happy, and I believe the words of Jesus, as quoted by Serita, are fitting, "Her did what her could."

At the same church I met Robin Carr, who directs the work of the Community Service Center from her wheelchair. She told me that she knows what it is like to be in need. Her husband had been laid off from Caterpillar a few years before. At that time Robin stood in line waiting to receive free food. "I remember how it feels to be treated in an impolite, degrading way," she said, "so here I'm determined to treat everyone as kindly as possible." Twenty kids, ranging from five to fifteen years of age, work with her. She introduced me to newly-baptized members whose first contact with the Adventist Church was in her Community Service Center. Robin could have said, "I don't know how to manage this place." Instead she offered to try. And "her did what her could."

We don't have to be a Handel and write *Messiah* to praise the Lord with song. We don't have to have a degree in social work to love people. I believe that when we do our best at whatever needs to be done, whether we are an expert in the field or not, Jesus appreciates and blesses our efforts. And we earn Serita's compliment, "Her did what her could."

Detroit Area Mission Trip to Honduras

BY TRACEY PARKER

A group of Adventists who called themselves "The Detroit Maranatha Group" went to Choluteca, Honduras, January 21–February 2, 1999, to build the new El Estadio Adventist Church. The group was made up of volunteers from the Canton Company, the Troy and Plymouth churches, and some members from Indiana.

When they arrived in Honduras, the temperatures were peaking at 104 degrees, and members wondered whether they would be able to endure the heat. Their solution was to begin working the next morning at 6:00 a.m.

and to pray for better weather. Sure enough, the next work day dawned with a brisk wind that kept them cooled off and gave them the ability to work a full day. Each subsequent day gave them better and better working weather, and with God's blessing, they completed the church structure.

While the building construction was in progress, David Escalante, a physician; his sister, Leticia, a registered nurse, from Jellico, Tennessee; plus a few other mission team members conducted a four-day medical clinic. They were able to treat several hundred patients and provide important Christian contact with them. Starting with just the local congrega-

tion, word spread quickly, and patients were standing in line for hours for an opportunity to be treated by a doctor. The last day of the clinic, a dentist, who is the brother of a Lake Orion Church member, joined the medical team to provide some much-needed dental services for the nationals.

Elroy Lotvola, mission team member from the Metropolitan Church, has a very special bond with Honduras. His two oldest sons were adopted from there seven years ago. One of the most touching moments of the Sabbath service, held while the team was in Honduras, was when Lotvola presented a special gift of a Spanish/English Bible to the El Estadio congregation. Another memorable event was when young local children performed musical selections, and an eight-year-old boy presented the Sabbath school theme from his heart, without notes.

After the tasks of laying the cement block and pouring grout were completed and construction of the church was finished, the team members gave gifts to the children and headed back home with sunburned faces and tired bodies. However, they were filled with the joy that comes from giving of themselves to be a blessing for others.

Tracey Parker is the Canton Company communication leader.



Detroit-area mission team members, led by Arthur Weaver, Richard Lane, and Stanley Denski, built a new El Estadio Adventist Church in Choluteca, Honduras.



All these builders and local members attended the Sabbath services at the new El Estadio Church.

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

Pamela Gurd was reared in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and attended Adventist schools; however, she became an inactive member. As she began to see the serious consequences of her lifestyle, the Holy Spirit spoke to her heart.



Pamela Gurd was baptized by interim pastor Fred Stephen and was warmly welcomed into the Grand Rapids Central Church.

One Sabbath she decided to attend Grand Rapids Central Church with her parents, Steve and Diane, and her brother Steve Jr. The sermon that Sabbath was entitled "Love Is Something You Do," presented by

Bible worker Debra Racz. The sermon struck a responsive cord in Pamela's heart. Immediately after the church service, Pamela went to Debra and requested Bible studies.

Although Pamela is a student attending night classes, she still squeezed two Bible studies each week into her busy schedule. After her son, Jonathan James, was born, Pamela was baptized. She is now looking forward to the dedication of her baby son, Jonathan, and a life with Jesus as her constant guide, friend, and savior.

Debra Racz, Grand Rapids Central Church Bible worker,

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Newlyweds **Jacob and Cindy Minkel** moved from Minnesota to Kalamazoo so Cindy could enroll at Western Michigan University.

Jacob, an operating room technician, needed to find work to support the family. Using the Kalamazoo telephone book, he sent his résumé to all the medical facilities listed. However, one résumé

was somehow delivered to the Brookside Medical Center in Battle Creek, even though Jacob had not sent one to them.

The Brookside Medical Center personnel department contacted Jacob, interviewed him, and immediately hired him. Not one response came from any Kalamazoo medical facility. Was an angel controlling the mail deliveries? Time would tell.

Later, when the staff became involved in some religious decisions, Bill Bloom, the medical center's building manager and a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle, noticed Jacob was interest in Bible prophecies. First, Bill offered Jacob three



Jacob and Cyndi Minkel were baptized by Pastor Michael Nickless at the Kalamazoo Church. Why? Because an angel delivered Jacob's letter to a "wrong" address, which led to Bible studies and their baptism. From left: Jacob and Cindy Minkel and Bill Bloom, who studied the Bible with them.

Amazing Facts video tapes on prophecy. Jacob took them home and watched them with his wife that evening. When he returned the videos the next day, he told Bill how much they had enjoyed them. This led to an invitation from Bill to come to his apartment and share a series of personal Bible studies, which began in August 1997.

Jacob and Cindy began to visit various Kalamazoo churches on weekends, until one day Jacob drove by the Kalamazoo Adventist Church. Back home, he told Cindy he had found a

church near their home just like the one Bill attended in Battle Creek. He added, "They meet on Saturday, and the first mass is at 9:30 in the morning."

The next Saturday they drove to the church and met Michael Nickless, church pastor, in the lobby. When Nickless told them it was the church's Bible study time and invited them to let him direct them to a class, they declined, since they did not feel comfortable discussing a Bible topic they had not prepared for. Just then, Cheryl Jewel, a comparatively new church member, walked by, and the pastor introduced her to the Minkels. She stayed and visited with them during Sabbath school and shared her story of how she had found the church two years ago and was now a member. (The Lord's timing is impeccable.) Because Jacob and Cindy found the members warm and friendly, they agreed to return the following week.

The Bible studies continued on Sunday nights and were supplemented by some of the NET '98 meetings. When Jacob and Cindy finished their series with Bill, Pastor Nickless came to talk with them, and on December 12, 1998, they were baptized. Since the Kalamazoo Church's baptismal robes are white, Bill told the couple the next day they looked like angels at the service. Cindy's response was, "I felt like one, too. It was awesome!"

Bruce Babienko, Lake Union Herald Michigan correspondent

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For fifteen years **Jim LeClair** had been what he calls "a wilderness Christian"—a person who is not a member of any church. Although he was born and raised in a church in which he was active throughout his high-school years, he became dissatisfied with his religious training.

He and others from his church asked their church leadership to assist them in a study of the Bible, but they were refused. They then, as a group, began studying the Bible by themselves. As a result, one by one they decided to leave their church. It was a difficult time for them because their families did not understand their religious turmoil. They

were seen as turning their backs on a lifetime of religious experience.

One day Jim saw an announcement for a series of Bible prophecy lectures, but he did not attend. He was living in Green Bay, Wisconsin, at the time. Later, after he moved to Cheboygan, Michigan, he received a similar announcement in his mailbox. This time he decided to attend.

The biblical preaching captured Jim's mind and heart, and the friendliness of the church made him feel welcome. So it

was like a homecoming experience when he, along with three others, was baptized by Leonard Kitson, an evangelistic Bible worker in Michigan. "It's wonderful to once again belong to a church family," Jim said.

*Leonard Kitson,
Michigan
Conference*

associate evangelist

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Mike Chaffin had been raised in a Christian home, and he always believed in God. But as he grew older, Mike began studying different religions. His spiritual hunger for new Bible truths had not introduced him to the Bible Sabbath; however, one summer day as he pitched his tent at a campground near Flint, Michigan, all that changed.

Mike noticed that the person setting up her tent on the campsite next to his needed some help, so he graciously assisted her. His camping neighbor was **Yvonne Dixon**, a member of the South Flint Church. They discovered that they both were employed at the same General Motors division—she in production and he in skilled trades—and so a friendship was formed.

As their friendship grew, Yvonne began sharing with Mike what the Bible taught about salvation, the



Mike Chaffin was baptized, and Yvonne Dixon was re-baptized at the end of the NET '98 NeXt Millennium satellite series and are members of the South Flint congregation.

trinity, the judgment, the Sabbath, and life after death, which answered a lot of Mike's questions. When the South Flint Church announced its NET '98 satellite series, Mike was invited to attend. He and Yvonne faithfully attended the meetings, and Mike did not miss a single sermon by Pastor Dwight Nelson, the speaker for the series! At the conclusion of the meetings, church members rejoiced as Mike was baptized, and Yvonne was re-baptized because they both desired "a forever friendship" with Jesus Christ.

*Todd Ervin, South Flint Church
communication leader*

INDIANA

Doug Castor quit going to church almost 40 years ago, right after he graduated from Indiana Academy. In 1996, after suffering a massive heart attack, he started thinking about church again, but still didn't make any efforts to attend. Doug needed an invitation, and the Lord always provides for our needs.

Doug lives on the east side of Indianapolis. He had a doctor's appointment one day on the south side of the city and planned to stop and buy water on his return home. He always buys his water at the same store near his home. But on this particular day, he decided to stop at one that was on his way from the doctor's office. While in the store, he ran into Pat Buckner, a school mate from Indiana Academy and a member of the Irvington Church. They hadn't seen each other since academy days, but they recognized each other and started talking.

During their conversation, Doug told

Pat about his health and that he had been thinking about going back to church. Pat immediately invited him to her church. He discovered it was less than three miles from his home. That was in July 1997.

In August, Doug's aunt, Evelyn Bowers, a member of the South Side Church, visited the Irvington Church, and as she was leaving the service, she met Bill Jeffries. She asked Bill, whom she didn't know, if he would pray for her nephew, and she wrote down his name and gave it to Bill. Bill didn't know him, had never met him, but promised he would pray for Doug. He put the paper in his pocket, and forgot all about it.

In October Bill found that piece of paper in his pocket early one Sabbath morning, and he said a special prayer for Doug right then and there. At 10:30 that morning, a visitor walked into the church.



From left: Bill Jeffries, Evelyn Bowers, Doug Castor, Pat Buckner, and Pastor Gary Case.

Bill's mother was the greeter. She didn't know this man, and she didn't know her son had been praying for him, but she took him over to introduce him to her son. Bill looked up and said, "I bet your name is Doug Castor." Surprised, Doug asked, "How did you know that?" "Because," Bill answered, "I prayed this morning that you would come to church." Then he told Doug about his aunt's request.

That was all just before the SatelLight Seminar meetings in 1997. Doug was invited and attended every meeting, hardly missing a church service since. He also attended all of the NET '98 meetings, went through a Bible study series with Pastor Case, and was baptized in February.

*Sheri DeWitt, Indiana Conference
correspondent, with Pastor Gary Case*

Being a *Missionary*



Michigan natives, Phillip and Naomi Polley and their children are working among the unreached Malinke people of Mali, West Africa

What Is It *Really* Like?

BY PHILLIP POLLEY

Being a missionary with Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) is the most fun, challenging, exciting, and humbling privilege we could have ever hoped for.

It all began with our eldest son Joel's home-school project. His assignment was to look into short-term mission projects to Native American communities. Eventually he was referred to AFM and sent for an application. AFM sent back the nicest rejection letter, stating that Joel was a bit young (only 11 at the time) to be a missionary, and there were no Native American projects in the works. However, if he wanted to have his parents consider career mission service with AFM, they would send the application. In the meantime, AFM would place us on the mailing list of *Adventist Frontiers*, their monthly journal of stories written by the AFM missionaries. Thus began six months of prayer and heart searching which eventually led to us submitting the application to be missionaries to Mali, West Africa.

Following an in-depth application process, we embarked on a year of "FUN raising." And boy was it fun!

We got to travel to different churches and share the vision of missions with so many wonderful people within the Lake Union and around the whole U.S. We made many friends who now support the work of AFM through their gifts, prayers, and letters. It always amazes us just how many wonderful Adventists there are with such a burden for the unreached! Fundraising truly was a fun way to begin our mission service.

We arrived in Mali, West Africa, about two and one-half years ago. Our first days were busy and somewhat scary as we encountered sights, sounds, and smells we had never experienced before. Naked little babies ran around with runny noses, sores oozing pus, and covered with dirt from head to toe. Bare-breasted women pounded grain in huge wooden bowls the way I remembered seeing in old black and white movies of Africa from many years ago. Chickens, goats, and sheep were everywhere. Cows roamed the streets

like dogs might in the States, looking for something to fill their bellies. Worst of all, no one spoke our language! Beginning mission service was truly challenging.

Excitement builds as you slowly learn to formulate words and phrases in the local tongue. People begin to acknowledge you as a person, not just an amusement. Excitement continues to grow as you find ways to truly help, and people's appreciation floods you. Learning all the aspects of a very different culture keeps the excitement



Phillip Polley diligently studies with his instructor, Baturu, anxious to be able to communicate with the people in their own tongue.

going, especially when someone expresses the very first interest in the gospel you came to share. Yes, being a missionary is truly exciting!

However, God has a sense of humor and maintains balance in the hearts of His missionaries through a series of humbling situations. One time we confidently strolled onto the hospital grounds, seeking to bring blessings and good cheer to the unfortunate. We greeted the guard, using the few phrases we had mastered. He asked us the purpose of our visit. I boldly stepped forward and said in my best local dialect, "We are coming to visit the sick people." But instead of "sick," what I actually said was "lazy." Once the laughter died down, we were able to humbly carry on with our task.



Grocery shopping in Mali bears no resemblance to that of Iron Mountain. Women gather in front of the Polley's home and spread out their wares, hoping to make a sale.

Being a missionary is, above all other things, a divine privilege. God has allowed us—broken, imperfect, and frail though we be—the opportunity to be His representatives to the unreached people of the world.

Madou was one of those unreached. A karate instructor by trade, he lived life from day to day without purpose. He often expressed disappointment in Islam and rarely practiced his faith. Our meeting happened during my community visiting time. While I talked with his



Most of the women's time is taken with food preparation and other domestic chores.

cousin, who was expressing some interest in the Bible, Madou was quite argumentative. A second and third visit ensued, breaking down barriers and answering the questions in his mind. Though Madou was initially very resistant, he became an avid student of the scriptures and recently took a stand for Christ in the midst of his Muslim family and village. His courage has been a witness and

testimony to us all.

What a grand and noble task to be a missionary! How undeserving we are to be called to such a task. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ... How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:13-15).



Maybe you are wondering if being a cross-cultural missionary is for you. Let me warn you, life in the mission field is so fun, so exciting, so challenging, and such a humbling, Divine privilege, you may want to devote your whole life to it! And if you do, give Adventist Frontier Missions a call at (800) YES-4-AFM.

Phillip Polley and his family are sponsored by many Lake Union Conference members through Adventist Frontier Missions. Originally from Detroit and Iron Mountain, Michigan, the Polleys are back in the States on furlough this summer, and will be at the AFM Mission Rally at the Village Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, July 30 and 31.



Phillip's new friend, Madou, a Muslim karate instructor, has developed a keen interest in what the Bible has to say to him and has taken his stand for Jesus.



The children in the Haitian orphanages get a single meal daily and have no clean water to drink.

Project Love a Child



Project Love a Child has made it possible for the children to have a second daily meal and safe water to drink.

BY SILVIA KALUA
AND GARRY SUDDS

As a result of many visits to Haiti, at the invitation of Bill Holbrook of ADRA, Project Word took on the challenge of joining hands with ADRA in helping to relieve the suffering of children in Haiti.

Haiti is the poorest country in this Hemisphere, and the children of Haiti suffer the most. There are thousands of homeless children who have been either abandoned or orphaned in and around Port-au-Prince. AIDS causes a large portion of the suffering; however, the economic plight also causes mothers to abandon their children because they cannot feed them. Their only hope is that someone will take them in and care for them. As a result Haiti has many, many orphanages. ADRA, through the supplies of USAID, can provide one meager meal per day for the children, but most children go to school and to bed hungry. The orphanages also have an urgent need for clean drinking and bathing water, and most of the orphanage schools are run without books.

This year the students of the Lake Union Adventist elementary and secondary schools were challenged to

participate in a Bible Labs project that invited the students to learn about sacrificial giving. The students were invited to give 25 cents per week from their allowances, their job earnings, through self-denial at lunchtime, and through class fund-raising projects. They were not to ask their parents for the money. More than 1,200 students participated in this project during the school year. To date, approximately **\$10,000** has been raised by Lake Union students and teachers.

Then the righteous (children) will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?' ... And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My (children), you did it to Me.'

Matthew 25:37-40 NKJV

The funds have been used in Haiti to purchase breakfast for the children of two orphanages. They have received oatmeal, powdered milk, and fruit for breakfast and vegetables to be added to the beans and rice from ADRA for the evening meal. Barrels for water storage and chlorine to make drinking water safe have also been provided. Funds raised will also allow the project to continue through the summer.

What a joy it has been to watch as funds for the project have come in over the past school term. It has also been a blessing to read the letters that have accompanied those funds. The following comments reflect the joy that comes when some of God's children reach out to help His other children.

"My heart is overflowing with the love that this project has brought into the hearts of our children. One boy, who didn't have much to give, gave a bear that he had just won that day. It

was placed in a Christmas package to Haiti. ... A mother and her son gave their Christmas offering for Haiti."

Linda Ritzenthaler,

Jackson Elementary teacher

"Thank-you for the opportunity to be involved in Project Love a Child. We have collected \$107 in the last two weeks for Haiti. Our school had a bake sale at WalMart,

and we made approximately \$80. The rest of the money was raised by personal sacrifice by the students, mowing a lawn, washing dishes, and one student gave money from losing his tooth. God bless."

Steve Shelton,

Marion Elementary teacher

"The war is over! A 'penny war' was held at Greater Lansing School during two weeks in February. Grades 1-10 participated in this 'battle of the



There are no desks or even chairs in the orphanage classroom, so the children sit on the floor. Here Project Word students meet with children in one of the orphanages.

change,' and students raised \$1,360 through this project. In addition to the penny project, it was the selfless giving on the part of the pupils that touched teachers' hearts the most. Many brought in their allowances and savings. Joel Edgar, a fifth-grader, gave \$30 that he was saving up to buy a hamster with. Teena Corliss, a fourth-grader, brought in money her aunt normally sets aside for her college fund. And Leanne Heilig, another fourth-grader, donated \$14 she was saving for a remote-control car. 'I just thought people are worth more than a remote-control car,' Leanne said. In total the teachers and students at Greater Lansing Adventist School raised \$3,600."



Renee Humphreys' students at the South Suburban School in Richton Park, Illinois, saved their allowances, and did extra chores to raise money for Project Love a Child for the children in Haiti who have so much less than they do.

Kellie Tompkins, Greater Lansing School correspondent

"I have a praise report! I brought our project to the church last Sabbath and talked about Haiti. I prayed the Lord would touch the hearts of His people. I was amazed by the response. Just in donations to my students for their read-a-thon, we raised \$970. We are going to collect way over our \$1,000 goal. Praise the Lord!"

Julia Aitken, Ann Arbor Elementary teacher

"We just finished reading the letter of the little six-year-old named Anderson. When we finished praying, Esmeralda gave up her soda money (\$0.90) she had been saving for a week. Vanessa told Esmeralda she

would share with her. Jamie found a dollar in her pocket, and I found two quarters in my pocket. That will pay for a few meals that they need so much."

Aracelia Tellez,



Sharon Pomeroy (center back), first- and second-grade classroom teacher at Greater Lansing Adventist School, stands with her students who participated in the "penny war" and helped raise \$1,360 for an orphanage in Haiti.

Raymond Christian School ninth-grade student

"The six children attending Grand Haven Elementary School have raised \$225 for Project Love a Child. The children asked the church members to save their loose change for a month and give it for Project Love a Child. Also, the students have assembled shoe boxes for the children."

Diane Taber, Grand Haven Elementary teacher

"These funds are from the Terre Haute Adventist School for Project Love A Child. Our students participated in a walk-a-thon to help the children of Haiti."

Mrs. Guess, treasurer

"We are your friends at Beverly Hills Adventist Elementary School. By saving our allowances and pocket money we have collected over \$200 for the orphans in Haiti.

Diane Brown

What a wonderful thing it is when God uses His children with plenty to lift up His children in need. We want to thank our Lake Union students and teachers for a job well done.

Sylvia Kalua is the Project Word director, and Garry Sudds is the Lake Union associate director of education.

Love's Tender Refrain

An example of Christianity in action

BY CAROL ROLF

Every day the housework is done and all errands are run, although homemaker, wife, and mother Jacqueline Collins Martinez cannot lift a finger or move her feet. Jackie, as she is known, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Scherosis (ALS), better know as Lou Gehrig's disease, in October 1996. The work is done by the incredible power of love through a program called *Share the Care*.

The concept of the program came from a book *Share the Care*, co-authored by Cappy Capessella and Sheila Warnock.

The book became the pattern for Jackie's Joyous Jobbers who were organized in March 1997 by a nurse friend, Audrey Raab, and homemaker Jill Nickelson. They called Jackie's friends, family members, former co-workers, and church members together to discuss how they could help Jackie. Thirty people came and officially joined the group by making a list of their talents and skills that would help meet Jackie's long-term needs. These needs included transportation for Jackie and her two young sons, Jonathon, age 11, and Luke, age 8; grocery shopping; and picking up prescriptions.

Communicating with the various medical personnel was also extremely important. Nurse friend Audrey was invaluable in translating some of the medical jargon to involved volunteers who were unfamiliar with such terminology.

Jackie's husband, Victor, and their

boys provided her care after school and work, so care givers were responsible only when her menfolk were away. Jackie's sister, Lyla, and Lyla's husband, Wayne, along with their grown daughters, Jennifer and Amanda, provided all weekend support for Jackie and her family.

All care givers were much appreciated. Most of them were from the Wyoming (Michigan) Church, but there were two other women who also were vital to Jackie's care: Sandy Stuit, a visiting nurse who monitored her health and apportioned her medications; and Joyce Johnson, a home-health aide who came every day to attend to Jackie's personal needs.

Families must realize that half a dozen people cannot carry all the responsibility for the care of a terminally-ill person without suffering burnout. But forming a group that shares the load makes the job both manageable and rewarding. Special bonds are formed, and every positive experience becomes a triumphant joy to share. Thus, joys are multiplied, pain is divided, and everyone feels supported, while all of them help to ease the pain, loneliness, and grief for the ailing friend and family members. The nurturer becomes nurtured as well.

While caring for physical needs is important, ministering to the soul is also vital. People facing death need someone to listen to fears, lost dreams, and affirmation of faith. Stiff fingers need to be rubbed and straightened, sore backs relieved by massage. And who can estimate the curative power in a steaming pot of soup, a crusty loaf of



Jackie Martinez (seated) receives care from family, friends, and Wyoming Church members through the Share the Care program.

bread, or a plate of favorite cookies? A lonely day can be made joyous by someone with a sunny disposition who tells an amusing story that makes the patient laugh. It is also important to read the Bible to one who can no longer hold a book in order to maintain the person's faith and lift his or her spirit toward God.

Jackie, who was a teacher for 20 years, has lost the ability to swallow or talk, but she speaks volumes with her expressively beautiful blue eyes and bright smile. She was placed in assisted living in early March, but she is happy that she can go home for day-long visits, and her faith is strong.

The *Share the Care* concept has meant a lot to Jackie. It made it possible for her to remain at home, to be a mother to her boys, and to spend precious time with her husband. It also helped sustain her will to live.

Jackie's family, healthcare professionals, and Jackie's Joyous Jobbers are still working in concert to bring healing and loving harmony to Jackie's life through love's tender refrain, and in so doing, finding the joy of caring in their own lives as well.

Carol Rolf is the Wyoming (Michigan) Church communication leader.

Massacre in Colorado

A postmodern wake-up call for Seventh-day Adventists

For many Americans, including Seventh-day Adventists, the tragic shooting rampage perpetrated by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, sent a bone-chilling reminder that something is clearly wrong in this great land of ours.

SIGNS UNHEEDED

What is alarming, however, is the fact that so many remain numb and apathetic to such cold-blooded actions. Whether in Kosovo or Colorado, it does not seem to matter. The same apathy and unconcern was apparently evident before the actual massacre. As teenage outcasts, Eric Harris's and Dylan Klebold's participation in a clique called the Trench-coat Mafia—in which membership meant parading around in long black coats, even in summer—seemed rather harmless to classmates and teachers alike. Yet, all the warning signs indicating that something horrible was brewing were ignored: Hitler worship, the joy of killing expressed in their papers, a psychology class project that centered on Gothic music idol Marilyn Manson and mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer, and a video for drama class depicting a dress rehearsal of the massacre!

CONNECTING INFLUENCES

Where people of faith, and some secularists, see a causal relationship between violent behavior and the sources that inspire it, others continue to argue that no reliable scientific evidence exists to prove a reasonable connection. But the latter argument is coming under increased scrutiny by many who see the frequency of school shootings during the past nineteen months as part of a growing pattern of influence: parental neglect or abuse, Satanic rock lyrics encouraging the killing of innocent people out of anger and revenge, and fast-action Hollywood thrillers and video games where up to twenty individuals are killed in less than a minute. If parents and

children (i.e., the American public) are becoming conditioned to such influences, is it any wonder why such sheer societal madness is doing more than showing its unseemly face from time to time? (Some states are now discussing making laws that would make parents of deviant children criminally liable for their actions.)

POSTMODERN LIBERALISM AND NIHILISM

From this it seems clear that postmodern liberalism is paying the price for ignoring the time-proven principle that vice, when uncon-

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. . . . A time to be silent, and a time to speak.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7 NIV

strained by religion, morality, and law, leads to viciousness. Who can deny that self-destructive nihilism is an authentic possibility that any society has to guard against? The end result, however, will be a society that can no longer afford the luxuries of religious freedom, free speech, and the right to privacy, etc. It appears that classic American liberalism will be abandoned for extreme measures in order to guard the traditional moral interests of society—what some refer to as the *common* or *greater good*.

OUR RESPONSE

Historically, Seventh-day Adventists have not been indifferent toward the moral decay taking place around them. As Ellen White often called for members to express themselves by “voice and pen” in matters of temperance and reform, it is our role today to do everything possible to encourage turning the hearts of fathers toward their children, and the hearts of children toward their fathers (*Malachi* 4:5, 6). Moral outrage over the Colorado shootings can be followed up by expressing support for private and public initiatives that assist in uniting parents with their children through meaningful dialogue. This would include the lawful censure of smut and violence on the Internet, television, and in the music industry, no matter which political party is advocating.

By using our religious free exercise rights appropriately to accomplish worthy ends—while refraining from questionable and obnoxious methods—we will place ourselves in a more positive light in our communities. Seventh-day Adventists could again be known as leaders in social reform. And as good citizens who truly love their country, we will do much to disarm the prejudice of those who would use our testimony against us.

Now is as good a time as ever to demonstrate to our countrymen that we care about this world, and its inhabitants, as much as we care about the next.

Greg W. Hamilton is the North Pacific Union Public Affairs & Religious Liberty director.

Plants That Click

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You, My flesh longs for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water. Psalm 63:1 NKJV

When a dog is thirsty and its water bowl is empty, it may let its owner know by running from the owner to the bowl, tail wagging in a canine Morse code. When a cat is thirsty, it often settles for the bottomless water bowl found in every house: the toilet. But what do plants do when they get thirsty? How can they let someone know that it's time to water them? Some, like hydrangeas, wilt, only to make a remarkable recovery when watered. Others, like succulents and cacti, rest until water is available. Still others send out an S.O.S.: they click. That's right; they click.

The Australian botanist, John Milburn, discovered the clicking sound in castor bean plants. To do so, he used an extremely sensitive microphone. He tested the microphone's power by hitting it with one strand of human hair. In Milburn's words, the sound was "like two logs banging together." He attached the microphone to the castor's stems, then amplified the sound that it was picking up. What he heard was a series of clicking sounds. But what were the clicks?

Inside the stems of green plants is a system of tubes called xylem cells that carry water from the roots to the leaves. (See "Branching Out," *Natural Learning*, Sep-

tember 1998.)

When there is plenty of water in the ground, these

tubes are full of water, and the plant literally pulls the water up from the roots and out into the leaves.

During severe drought, though, there is no water in the soil around the roots, and the tubes become empty. However, the plant keeps trying to draw water from the roots, trying to get the nourishment it needs.

The plant exerts such effort under these conditions that the xylem cells break under the strain. When they break, they make the snapping sound that Milburn's microphone picks up as a click.

What a wonderful example of faith these plants provide us. They never give up! Jesus has promised us living water through His Holy Spirit, we need only ask for it. But sometimes we become discouraged, and it seems as if there is no water. And sometimes we have to become very thirsty before we realize our need. But whenever we need that water, Jesus has promised that we can drink freely.



Sound on the Move

In order to be heard, sound must travel through a medium such as water, wood, or air. Which medium is better?

What you need:

- ✓ a sharp pencil
- ✓ a wooden table or desk

What to do:

1. Sit at the desk or table.

2. Hold the pencil in one hand in a vertical position, point down.
3. Tap the table with the point of the pencil. Note how loud the sound is.
4. Put one ear against the top of the table or desk.
5. Tap the surface again, just as you did before. Is the sound clearer this time?
6. Discuss what this tells you about the sound-conducting properties of air and solid objects.
7. Design and carry out an experiment that allows you to test the sound-conducting properties of water.

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books (most recently *Nature Quest*) and publish *Natural Learning*, an exciting new magazine to help home-schooling parents, classroom 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.

Summer Health Tips

Sunscreen: A Strong Weapon Against Cancer

Warm weather and sunny skies have arrived, and more time is spent outdoors. Although some are seeking for that "perfect glow," everyone needs to remember that sun protection is needed at all times. Sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 should be worn at all times. That advice comes from Scott Zahner, board-certified dermatologist on staff at Hinsdale Hospital.

"The same rays that give you that so-called "healthy glow" also age your skin and cause the damage that may lead to skin cancer," Zahner said. The damage accumulates over the years, resulting in wrinkles, splotches, the loss of skin elasticity.

Studies show that even one blistering sunburn before age 18 may more than double a child's chances of developing the deadliest form of skin cancer, melanoma. But even without a burn, overexposure can damage the tender skin of a baby or toddler.

Skin cancer has become so common in the United States, that one in six will develop some form of it during a lifetime. Melanoma, the most serious, can be fatal.

The following suggestions are offered for sun protection and healthy skin.

- Minimize your exposure to the sun, especially during the peak hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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- Apply sunscreen with a minimum of SPF 15 that blocks UVA and UVB rays. Most new products protect against both.
- Make sure your sunscreen is waterproof, sweat-proof, and rub-proof so it bonds to the skin and protects no matter what you do. Reapply sunscreen whenever you are in the sun for an extended period of time, every time you get out of the water, and each time you perspire. It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen underneath light summer clothing.
- For infants younger than two years, use a chemical-free sunblock with titanium dioxide. It is not absorbed by the skin and is safe for youngsters.
- Remember that water and concrete reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays, so even if you're not at the beach, sunscreen is still needed.
- Tanning booths aren't any safer than the sun. They emit similar ultraviolet light and pose the same dangers.

With these protective practices, everyone can stay healthy while enjoying the warmth of the sun.

Courtesy of Adventist Health System Midwest Region

Health Care at Home Celebrates 20 Years of Caring



Jim Gravell, AHS Midwest Region Sr. VP/ CFO; Gary Patterson, AHS Spiritual Ministries VP; LaDonna Blom-Antonio, AHS Home Care Division president; Janet First, Health Care at Home, Michigan, administrator; Mary Orr, AHS Health Care at Home regional director; and Jeanne Jepson, Sunbelt Home Health Care corporate director of communication and human resources.

Health Care at Home, Michigan, held its 20th anniversary celebration on Mar 25. Established in 1979, Health Care at Home began in Stevensville Mich., in cooperation with the Berrien County Health Department, the area Agency on Aging, and the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services

(now Adventist Health System Midwest Region) to more fully meet the home-care needs of residents of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan. Several years later, it was decided to open an office in Illinois, and subsequently, offices in Wisconsin.

Nearly 100 employees, friends, community leaders, and administrators attended the celebration, which focused on the agency's dedication to the mission of Christian service. Gary Patterson, Spiritual Ministries vice president for Adventist Health System's home care division, led in the celebration services.

During the ceremony, staff members recited a passage that read, "We exist to serve the needs of our communities in harmony with Christ's healing ministry and in corporate Christian values at every level of service."

In addition to the Michigan office, Health Care at Home offices are also located in Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and Stevens Point, Wis., and Hinsdale, Ill. Health Care at Home is a member of Adventist Health System Midwest Region headquartered in Hinsdale, Ill. For more information on Health Care at Home, Inc., call (630)920-8300.

Crister Delacruz, marketing specialist

Macey Honored for Volunteerism

More than 100 pints of blood were donated at a recent blood drive at Andrews. And if this isn't that big of a deal to you, it is to Martha Macey.



Martha Macey, volunteer organizer on the Andrews campus.

For the last two years, the senior Spanish major has organized Red Cross blood drives on campus. Her ability to get students motivated about long lines and (long?) needles serves to showcase her unique abilities.

"She can always get people excited about projects, and this is what has made her so successful," said Larry Ulery, an assistant professor of community services and executive director of the Andrews Community Services Assistantship Program (CSAP).

Perhaps it's appropriate that a future medical student has actively sought blood donors.

But she's also been active in her Berrien Springs church and at a local soup kitchen.

Because of her extensive work, Macey, a 1995 Andrews Academy graduate, was recently honored by Michigan Campus Compact. The group promotes community service, and Macey was honored for "outstanding community service" at a Campus Compact award ceremony held in April.

"My parents always taught me to give of my time," Macey said. "But as Christians we should give back because God has given so much to us."

Andrews SIFE Team Wins Big



*Jack Stenger, Andrews University
University Relations*

The Andrews SIFE team won three awards at a recent regional competition. Team members are, from left: (front row) Suji Park, faculty advisor Samuel Chuah, Olesea Ciudina, and Mark Tavenner; (back row) Peter Schacht, Kara Connell, Arthur Martens, and Jacob Salcedo. Not shown are Daniel Miladinov and Hamdel Tobias.

Not bad for the first time!

Despite the fact that a team from Andrews was making its inaugural appearance in a SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) competition, the students won three awards at a recently-held competition.

More than 27 teams from Midwestern colleges participated in a regional SIFE com-

petition on April 6 in Cleveland, Ohio. The national organization promotes free-enterprise education and holds competitions where teams present business-development and free-enterprise education projects. Competition judges are drawn from among administrators and CEOs of major U.S. corporations.

During the competition, Andrews students didn't just show up, they brought home the hardware! The team won a regional championship, took first place in a community-improvement competition, and earned "rookie of the year" honors.

"We are exceedingly proud of them and grateful for the good report they have brought to our school," said Ann Gibson, School of Business dean. "Their award-winning performance says a lot about the caliber of our students and our faculty."

The national SIFE competition was held in May in Kansas City but the results were not in at press time.

Plan C: Making Music for Christ

Critics in the nation's media centers probably don't know it yet, but the hometown for an emerging contemporary Christian band is none other than Berrien Springs, Mich.! The site might be unlikely, but the music of Plan C transcends site and musical genre.

The Andrews-based Christian band (the "oldest" two members are university freshmen, the drummer is an Andrews Academy junior, and the bass player is a sophomore in a local high school) is fresh on the heels of a concert on the Capitol mall in Washington, D.C. The concert was part of *conneXions99*. They also played for the opening night of the NET '98 evangelistic series, and will be playing before more than 15,000 Pathfinders in August at the "Discover the Power" Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

The group works to keep their music focused solidly on Christ. "When we first got serious about this, we decided that if we devoted ourselves to music, we would devote our talents to the Lord," said band member Nick Zork.

The group's first compact disc was released in February 1998, and their next recording should be ready by July. Plan C's melodic sound is hard to define, drawing from genres as diverse as ballads, reggae, doo-wop, and retro-rock.

For those wary of "contemporary Christian music," Plan C's is just the order. For those wanting to hear a clear testimony of faith, the group stands ready. "We want people to take a second look at God and His desire to have them as a friend."

Jack Stenger, public information officer



Varsuutshka Valenzuela

Nick and Ben Zork in front of the U.S. Capitol at a recent Plan C concert.

Gifts of Hope

Illinois — Broadview Academy serves the youth of the Illinois Conference. Like our other boarding academies, the expense of tuition, room, and board can make it difficult for families to afford to send their children there. The scholarship fund-raising efforts of Ken Hutchins of the Lake Union Conference are making a difference. Those scholarships are “gifts of hope” for many students.

Each scholarship recipient has a story to tell.

“My dad is on a disability income, and Mom is training for a new job so that she can support our family. My parents sold their car, and the money from that along with the scholarship money has made it possible for me to stay in school.”

“Because of finances, my folks decided to take my sister and me out of Broadview and send us to public school. We did not want to leave. Both of us were getting good grades and were involved in school activities. I went to see the principal, and she told me about some scholarship money that could help us stay in school. Well, we are still here, and my brother, who will be a ninth grader, hopes to join us next year. It made my mother cry to think that someone who didn’t even know our family was willing to help her girls stay in school.”

“I come from a non-Adventist home but attended an Adventist junior academy near my house. When my friends went to Broadview, I wanted to enroll, but my parents said it was too expensive and too far from home, so I went to the local high school. One day I told my parents that I was going out. I got on my bicycle and rode the forty-five miles to Broadview. I got pretty wet when it started raining, but I kept on going. Mrs. Bryson saw me playing basketball with some of my friends and wondered who I was. She came out to talk to me and found out that I really wanted to be in school there. She worked out a financial plan with my parents, but it was dependent on scholarship money. The money came in. I’m a senior and will graduate soon. Now my sister wants to come as well. I am really thankful that someone would give money so that I could graduate from Broadview.”

Jeanette Bryson, Broadview principal, suggests the gap in a student’s finances usually ranges from one thousand to two thousand dollars for the school year. Gifts of a thousand dollars per student may seem too small of an amount to help when the cost is about ten thousand, but she has seen situations where fifty dollars was seen as a sign from the Lord to take that first step toward placing a student in an Adventist school.

A special thanks goes to those who give gifts of hope to support Christian education.

by the editor with information supplied by Jeanette Bryson,
Broadview Academy principal

New Resources for Adventist Schools

Lake Union — The North American Division NAD Office of Education announces the publication of *Potentials: resources for assessing and building spiritual environments in Adventist elementary and high schools*. This resource provides creative activities which help classroom teachers evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching in ten distinctive areas that build a rich, growing faith.

Based on the *Valuegenesis* factors that contribute to mature faith in schools, the *Potentials* resource gives K–12 teachers both the means to do assessment and activities that enrich the spiritual environment of the classroom. All NAD schools will be using the *Potentials* resource during the coming school years to build dynamic spiritual environments.

Another response to enhancing spiritual life targets our college and university campuses throughout the world field, the *Guidebook for Spiritual Planning* is a resource developed to assist institutions, faculties, and staffs to focus on spiritual master planning, enabling our campuses to grow closer to God’s plans for them.

Both the *Guidebook for Spiritual Planning* and the *Potentials* resource were coordinated by the NAD Office of Education and the John Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry in the School of Religion at La Sierra University.

V. Bailey Gillespie, Hancock Center for
Youth Ministry executive director



New resources for Adventist schools have been developed to teach, nurture, and evaluate spirituality in the educational setting.

Lakeland School Uses Unique Fundraiser

Wisconsin — Rather than sell people things they don’t really need or even want, students at the Lakeland Adventist School raised funds for a Pentium II computer, printer, and software by selling shares of stock in the computer.

Students sent out more than 200 letters to church members and friends, telling of the need to update the computer equipment in the classroom and inviting them to purchase a portion of the computer. Common stock was made available at \$5.00 a share, and preferred stock at \$10.00 a share. One hundred percent of all funds raised went toward the computer.

Many people had little faith that the endeavor would be a success, but as people responded, enthusiasm grew. Letters poured in from as far away as California and Florida, containing checks and cash. One family sent in an order for 20 shares of preferred stock—\$200!

Those who responded received a certificate of stock, indicating the number of shares purchased and whether the stock was common or preferred, along with an invitation to visit the



From left: Ezra Riley, Edward Blotnicki, and Rachel Bushor explore the new computer at Lakeland Adventist School.

school to see first hand what their generosity had made possible.

"God has impressed the people to supply our needs," says Robert Willis, principal and teacher at the school. "His response is only limited by faith and perseverance."

The Lakeland Adventist School is located in Minocqua, Wis., and

serves the community through Christian education.

Robert L. Willis, Lakeland School principal

Making a Difference

Michigan — They're here! They're here!" exclaimed a first grader as the seventh- and eighth-grade students from Gobles Junior Academy (GJA) filed into the back of the classroom at Gobles Public Elementary School. After some brief instructions from the teacher, the GJA students moved to help the children in this special-needs classroom with their assigned tasks. The smiles on the faces of the little ones as they greeted their tutors showed that there were strong bonds already in place. When the assigned tasks were completed, there was time for interaction between the children and their tutors at

learning centers. As the GJA students read, played, and interacted with the children, it became clear that something special was taking place.

Along with their teacher, Bob Patterson, the GJA students have been going to the public school to help once a week since early in the school year. Donna Chapman, teacher at the public school, said she has been amazed at how well the tutors have worked with her children. "I was a bit ap-



Bonds have already formed between the students from GJA and the students they are tutoring at the local public school.

prehensive at first, but your students just fit right in with helping our kids. Our kids really look forward to having you come."

The GJA students have benefitted as well. "It helps teach you patience to work with them," states Jeremy Micheff.

"I like that we are able to see that they're learning, and that we are able to help," adds Darrell Mahrle.

Even though the stu-



Bible Labs is what true education is all about. This is the uniqueness that makes Seventh-day Adventist education a treasure—the special young people that attend our schools making a difference.

dents are working in a public school setting, there are times when they are able to witness. The GJA students hosted a breakfast at their school for the public school students at Christmas time. According to Michele Boothby, "When we offered prayer, some of the kids asked what that was for. That gave us a chance to explain what prayer is and that Jesus can be your Friend." Alison Dorich reported that reading a book about Christmas gave her a chance to explain to a little girl why Jesus came to this earth as a baby.

This is what true education is all about. This is the uniqueness that makes Seventh-day Adventist education a treasure—the special young people that attend our schools making a difference.

Bill Reinke, Michigan Conference associate superintendent of education

High School Student Stands Firm for Sabbath

Lake Region — God still has His Esthers today, but this one is named Norquida. What is it like to be a senior looking forward to graduation day, when you are hearing impaired and the only Seventh-day Adventist in your class of more than 200 in a Chicago public high school?

Everything seemed to be going well for Norquida Hardy, a young Christian who is a member of the Broadview (Ill.) Church, until she found out in March that her graduation was scheduled for a Sabbath in June. "I prayed and asked the Lord to help me make a decision whether I should go to the graduation or not," Hardy said, "and I made the decision not to graduate with my class on Sabbath."

Pat Allison, Hardy's mother, not wanting her daughter to totally miss out on her high school graduation—a big event in a teenager's life—talked to church members who suggested that she call some Adventist academies to see if they would allow her daughter to be a visiting graduate. After much prayer and letters to and from the Lake Region Conference, the public high school, and Chicago Academy, arrangements were made for Hardy to participate in the graduation ceremony with the Chicago Academy seniors.

Norquida Hardy is attending a college that accommodates the hearing impaired, preparing for a nursing career.

Alvera M. La Velle, Broadview Church communication leader



Norquida Hardy stood firm, keeping the Sabbath in spite of missing out on graduation, which was scheduled during the Sabbath hours, at the public high school she attended in Chicago.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Planting New Spanish Churches

Michigan — “Do Evangelism: Plant a Church!” seems to be the motto of the Ann Arbor and Jackson churches. Under the leadership of Abner Trivino, Ann Arbor Spanish Company pastor, and with the support of Dan Hall, Ann Arbor Church pastor, and Pat Milligan, Jackson Church pastor, the Ann Arbor and Jackson churches are planting new congregations in their cities.



The new Ann Arbor (Mich.) Spanish Company meets in the school building as they are growing and seeking to establish a new church.

Since some of the visitors drove from Jackson, with the support of the Jackson Church, Trivino agreed to establish a congregation there also. Both congregations have baptized new members and experienced rapid growth.



Abner Trivino, Ann Arbor Spanish Company pastor, is working in Jackson, Mich., to build up God's work among the Spanish people who live there.

the Seeds '97 seminar held at Andrews University, they are eagerly allowing God to use them to help their church continually grow with people ready for Christ's coming.

Dan Hall, Ann Arbor Church pastor, and Pat Milligan, Jackson Church pastor

The church board in Ann Arbor voted to provide funds for Trivino to establish a Spanish company. By Oct. 30, 1998, an official company was worshipping weekly in their school

These new members are now attending training sessions on how to witness and give Bible studies, so they can participate in evangelistic outreach projects. Inspired by what they learned at

New Church Organized in Indianapolis

Lake Region — The Tabernacle of Hope Church in Indianapolis, was organized into a bonafide Seventh-day Adventist church on Sabbath, March 27. This was a long-awaited day. Judy Crawford, who has served the community in numerous ways, and those who have been baptized through her ministry make up the nucleus of the charter membership of this new church.

Ivan Van Lange, Lake Region Conference executive secretary, was the speaker for the divine worship service, and Norman Miles, Lake Region Conference president, officially organized the church that evening. The Tabernacle of Hope Church is located at 802 N. Edgemont Ave., Indianapolis.

Judy Crawford, church organizer

ASI Comes to Battle Creek

Lake Union — The place: the 1857 Advent Meeting House in the Historic Adventist Village of Battle Creek. The event: the Friday-evening service of the 1999 spring fellowship of the Lake Union Adventist-laymen Services and Industries (ASI) chapter. The host: Lenard Jaecks, dressed like a 19th-century preacher, greeted the guests as they entered the Meeting House. The congregation was led in singing by Jim Nix, Ellen G. White Estate associate secretary, with accompaniment on an antique pump organ. The setting for this service was probably the most unique element of this annual ASI retreat.

The weekend was filled with inspiring reports of mission trips, witnessing experiences, music, challenging seminars, and preaching. In addition to reports by local chapter members, special guest, Denzil McNeilus, general vice-president of the national ASI organization, told of the establishment of a school in the poverty-stricken country of Bangladesh.

Sandy Miller of Madison, Wis., was re-elected president of the Lake Union ASI chapter. The chapter members recommitted themselves to the support of two projects: \$20,000 for *Your Story Hour* in Cuba and \$200,000 for the replication of Western Health Reform Institute in the Adventist Historic Village. The weekend offering and pledges for *Your Story Hour* were more than \$24,700 and \$15,300 for the Battle Creek project.

While ASIers are preparing to attend the national convention in Orlando, Fla., Aug. 4-7, the chapter is excited about hosting the national ASI convention in Aug. of 2000 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

*Paul Pellandini,
Michigan Conference
ASI secretary*



Denzil McNeilus, ASI general vice-president, spoke to the members of the Lake Union ASI chapter in the Meeting House of Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Mich.

Churches Sponsor Cambodian Children

Michigan — When Robert Quillin, pastor of the Wilson and Menominee churches, and his wife, Lisa, returned from their visit to Cambodia, they showed a video program to their church members about their trip. In the video, their daughter, Cheryl, who is a nurse for ADRA in Cambodia, took them to see many places and people, including street people and the children from the International Children's Care orphanage. The poverty of the people and their great need left church member Valerie Messersmith with a longing to do something to help them, especially the children. She asked Pastor Quillin what he thought about sending shoe boxes filled with needed

items for the children in Cambodia. He thought it was a good idea and agreed to help her see that the supplies reached their destination.

An appeal was made to the church members, and they were asked to mark the boxes of items they donated according to sex and age. Suggested gifts included

toys such as stuffed animals, dolls, and cars; school supplies; clothing; a Bible or Christian storybook; hygiene supplies; and baby items. Financial donations were also requested to help with the cost of shipping.

Members were asked to turn in the donated items several weeks before the holidays so they would arrive in Cambodia in time for Christmas. It took a few reminders and some personal phone calls, but eventually the boxes poured in from both Wilson and Menominee members until 64 were received, many more than the goal of 49.

Although Pastor Quillin and Valerie Messersmith both tried to find an economical way to ship the boxes, nothing was working out. Then Cheryl Quillin came to Michigan for a short visit. She packed all the items in a large box and took them back to Cambodia with her.

The children in Cambodia were grateful for the gifts and praised God for His blessings. They wrote thank-you notes to those who donated the gifts, and many of them requested that

the donor keep them in their prayers. The director of the orphanage, In Chom No, translated the notes and sent them to Pastor Quillin. He also personally wrote a note to each donor.

At the time of the Quillins' trip to Cambodia, the International Children's Care orphanage was caring for 43 children—13 girls and 30 boys—ranging in age from 7 months to 16 years. Thirty-eight of them are studying in the school that is run by the orphanage. Because of the nearly thirty years of civil war and unrest, there are many orphaned, abandoned, and destitute children in Cambodia. They lack shelter and food. They wear torn clothes, are in poor health, and suffer from a lack of schooling. For more information regarding this ministry, contact Pastor Quillin.

Robert Quillin, Wilson and Menominee churches pastor



Church members at the Menominee and Wilson churches sent care packages to children in a Cambodian orphanage. They received thank-you notes from the children, and Robert Quillin, pastor of the churches, keeps in contact with the orphanage director.

Sacred Hands Reach Out

Lake Region — The Bethel Church in East Chicago, Ind., and the Voice of Hope Church in Michigan City, Ind., have blended their choirs in a ministry to the deaf and hearing impaired. By using sign language to speak to the deaf and miming to speak to those with hearing disabilities, they have received invitations to community events that were not always open to them before they developed this unique ministry that all can appreciate.

"God has given us an opportunity to see the effects of our outreach program," reports Zenobia Morris, choir director. "The family next door to one of our churches is a deaf couple. They have been to concerts at our church, and our choir has taken concerts to their church also."



The Bethel and Voice of Hope churches have combined their choirs to minister to the deaf and hearing impaired, praising the Lord in sign language and in mime.

A young lady, whose aunt is a member, visited church one day. The aunt said that she brought her niece there because she knew that the girl would understand the music. A smile came over the young lady's face when the choir started to sign. "This was further encouragement to us to continue reaching out to others," Morris said.

The Sacred Hands choir ministers at rest homes, community programs, street ministries, and other venues, sharing God's love where ever they perform.

NYC Update

At last count, 72 sites were planning to host live evangelistic series during September in the tri-state metropolitan New York area! These series are planned in preparation for the NET NY '99 satellite meetings with Doug Batchelor, starting Oct. 15 from midtown Manhattan.

- ♦ **Volunteers for the Manhattan meetings** can sign up on the NET NY '99 web site. A number of young adults, coordinated by Pastor Cindy Tutsch of Washington Conference, will be in Manhattan the week before opening night to hand out handbills and help at the broadcast site. Volunteers will be selected who have family or friends they can stay with in the NY area. They will work with local volunteers behind the scenes at the Manhattan or other NYC meetings.
- ♦ **Coordinating team on board for metropolitan New York meetings.** Robert and Peggy Wagley have joined the *Amazing Facts* NET NY '99 team as associate coordinators with responsibilities for the metropolitan New York evangelistic series to be held in that area during September. They will also coordinate the Millennium of Prophecy meetings at the broadcast site in Manhattan. Robert and Peggy are on loan from the Michigan Conference where they work as a resident evangelist team. They bring broad ministerial and evangelistic experience to the NET NY '99 coordination staff. In addition to wide experience in pastoral, administrative and mission roles, they served the church as an *Amazing Facts* evangelistic team for five years, and coordinated the *Amazing Facts* efforts in Bulgaria after the fall of Communism. Their passion for evangelism and love for God's people will be a real asset to the soul-winning adventure in the metropolitan New York area. They are excited about working with Doug Batchelor and the Spirit-filled *Amazing Facts* evangelists in the tremendous evangelistic challenge of NET NY '99.
- ♦ **Deadlines to keep in mind:** **May 14** was the deadline for the \$49/1000 price for handbills. Now the price is \$59/1000; **June 2** is the final deadline for ordering materials. **June 15** is the final deadline for ordering handbills. Millions of handbills will begin printing next week. This is the first of two batches, so time is of the essence to make the deadline! Call Seminars Unlimited, (800) 982-3344; (817) 641-3643.
- ♦ **Now's the time to order satellite equipment**, if your church hasn't already done so. For information about ordering ACN equipment and about their on-going program schedule for churches, call (800) ACN-1119. To order 3ABN's small-dish equipment at a special extended discount price until May 30, call (800) 752-3226.
- ♦ **Spanish materials** — A number of pastors have inquired about obtaining various materials in Spanish for NET NY '99 meetings. The following preparation and other materials are available: *The Richest Caveman*, Doug Batchelor's testimony, is available in Spanish from *Amazing Facts* for the same pricing as the English version. Newly revised *Storacles* are being translated into Spanish, and text versions are gradually being added to the web site for downloading and printing out. *Amazing Facts Study Guides* in text form are also being translated into Spanish and will be on the web site. Bilingual handbills can be ordered until the June 15 closing date for all handbills. The bilingual version will have the cover and inside pages in English, and the back page in Spanish as provided by Hispanic pastors.
- ♦ **Materials for translation** — The text version of the revised *Storacles* in English can be downloaded from the coordinator's area of the web site, for churches who need to translate them into other languages. The *Amazing Facts Study Guides* are also being put on line as PDF files for translating as well.
- ♦ **To view a sample revised *Storacle* lesson** in the PDF format, visit the web site in the coordinator's area. These new and attractive four-color lessons are available at reasonable cost from Seminars Unlimited. Using them in your meetings will enhance the quality of your local programs and inspire commitment to participate. Doug Batchelor will be using the *Storacle* lessons during the satellite meetings in Manhattan. Because of the revisions and numbering changes made in the lessons, we do not recommend using the old *Storacle* lessons with this new series.
- ♦ **Interesting stories?** — Please share them! If you have stories of interesting preparation plans for NET NY '99, testimonies of lives changed in your seed sowing for the series or in follow-up with interests from outreaches, encouraging response of members in getting involved, etc., please send them to bcooney916@earthlink.net. We've also heard stories about people who went to an earlier NET series, then saw Doug Batchelor on television and are being followed up in a local church.
- ♦ **A pastor reaches out to a fellow clergyman** — Tony Budzik was born and raised in Poland, where he became a Catholic priest and eventually emigrated to Canada. In 1994, Budzik moved to Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, to minister to a small, dying Catholic church there. When Adventist pastor Slawomir Malarek, also originally from Poland, heard Budzik was in town, he went to get acquainted. Later, he invited him to Doug Batchelor's "SatelLight Seminar" meetings. Baptized on Nov. 15, 1997, Budzik and his family have been living in Winnipeg since May of 1998, where he serves as an Adventist pastor.

Women's Ministries Scholarship

Lake Union — In 1993 the first devotional book for women was published by the General Conference (GC) women's ministries department. It was determined at that time that the profits from the sale of the devotionals would be divided among the divisions with women's ministries programs and given as scholarships to young women. From 1993 through March 1999, thanks to the annual profits from the devotional books, 364 scholarships have been given world-wide, with 24 of them going to young women in the North American Division (NAD). The scholarships are available to women who are study-

ing at Adventist educational institutions within their own divisions who would otherwise be unable to afford it and who are actively involved in the church.

Applications are available during the summer from division and union women's ministries directors. The applications which have been submitted by the deadline in late November, are reviewed by the NAD scholarship committee. If approved, they are sent to the GC Women's Ministries Scholarship Committee for final review. The scholar-

Elizabeth Sterndale, former General Conference women's ministries director, had the pleasure of presenting to Andrews University graduate student Marklynn Bazy a scholarship that was made possible by the sale of the women's devotional books. Bazy is currently serving as young adult director for "Impact Toronto 2000."

ships are granted the following February or March. Scholarship amounts vary, depending on the yearly amount given to the North American Division and the needs of the selected young women.

Myrna Earls, Lake Union Conference women's ministries director

Paulsen Affirms Youth Church Involvement

Silver Spring, Md. [*Adventist News Network*] — On April 15-17, the General Conference hosted ConneXions99, a young-adult gathering focusing on networking, strengthening existing ministries within the Adventist Church, formulating new ministries, and meeting with North American Division Church leaders.

Meeting with the ConneXions99 young-adult group, Jan Paulsen, world church president, commended them for their strong creative role in the life and witnessing of their church.

"You are the church. The church must not take a position of waiting until you are old enough to be involved," said Paulsen. "The church is yours. The church needs you, and the church is going to use you, your dreams, your talents, your enthusiasm. I notice you have chosen four 'C' words: connect, collaborate, commit, create—the church needs all of these. Our convictions are what makes a difference in our lives. We must always be asking, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?'"

The conference was attended by college-age Adventists who met to create new ministries and raise funds to launch these outreach efforts themselves.

"The time has come for young adults to take God and the Great Commission seriously," said Johnny Bennett, 29, an independent ministry coordinator from Loma Linda, Calif. "We are coming together, getting inspired by each other, and then making the church we love better."

Featured activities at ConneXions99 included inspiring commentaries from young leaders, ministry "brain-storming" sessions, and dialogue with North American and General Conference church leaders. The meetings created a global awareness of the involvement young adults currently have in ministry and outreach programs in their local churches.

"Our generation shouldn't fall into the trap of complaining about the church," says Shasta Burr, a ConneXions99 coordinator. "Rather, we want to come together and give our talents and dreams to make this church even stronger."

At the closing session, Alfred C. McClure, North American Division president, identified young adults as a primary driving force in the church.

"Every major initiative in the church has come from young adults," he said. "Jesus' disciples were young adults, as were the founders of this church. Praise God for your commitment to reach others for the Lord. This must become action to be effective. As you return home, remember that you are God's letter to everyone where you live."

Tornado Relief in Oklahoma

Within 24-hours after tornadoes blasted through Oklahoma and Kansas, Adventist Community Services (ACS) volunteers in both states mobilized to help in every way they could.

Plenty of clothes, water, and food have been donated. Therefore, ACS officials are asking that anyone wishing to aid tornado victims make cash donations by calling (800) 381-7171.

"When people give cash donations, it allows agencies to purchase much-needed items immediately," says Verdie Culpepper, veteran disaster response coordinator and consultant for ACS nationally. "This allows us to buy locally, in turn putting money back into the local economy; it helps us help the needy in a more timely fashion; and it helps us to be flexible, since their needs change daily."

MILEPOSTS

BIRTHDAYS



Beulah "Bea" (Lewis) DeVand celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 30, 1998, at an open house on Aug. 22,

1998, at Marion Conference Center, Marion, Ill. She has attended Marion Church for 34 years.

Bea was married to the late Carl DeVand. Bea was a pharmacy technician in her father's pharmacy, taught school in a southern Illinois miner's camp, worked at Battle Creek Sanitarium, then pursued a nursing career in southern Illinois until she retired.

Bea's family includes Lynne McCormick of Omaha, Neb., and Carl DeVand Jr. of Alton, Ill.; 6 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mary (Hooks) Rose celebrated her 105th birthday on Feb. 2, 1999, with the New Jerusalem Prayer Band at Cahokia Nursing Home (Ill.). She has been a member of the New Jerusalem Church, E. St. Louis (Ill.) Church for 76 years.

Mary was married to George Rose. Mary was a registered nurse and is still alert and reading her Bible.

ANNIVERSARIES



Lee and Helen Baptist celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 1998, at a family reunion in Berrien Springs, Mich. They have been members of the

Jacksonville and Springfield (Ill.) Churches for 30 years.

Lee Baptist and Helen Hilliard were married on Dec. 26, 1943, in Chamberlain, S.D. Lee was a farmer and irrigation manager at La Sierra College until his retirement. Helen has been a housekeeper and worked at Cross Lines ministry for the needy.

The Baptist family includes: Amelia and Duane McBride of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Leon and JoAnn Baptist of Magalia, Calif.; Ellen and David Griem of Sullivan, Mo.; Irene Moorhead of Longwood, Fla.; Orla Anderson of Oroville, Calif.; Ulena and David Robinson of Sutherlin, Ore.; Benjamin Baptist (deceased); Byron and Barbara Baptist of Luray, Va.; Zetta and Richard Gore of Hemet, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.



Earl and Betty Peters celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 1998, at a family dinner at their son's home in DePere, Wis. They have been mem-

bers of the Green Bay (Wis.) Church for 23 years.

Earl Peters and Betty Kuhl were married Sept. 4, 1948, in Fox Point, Wis. by Carl Guenther. Earl has been a family practice and emergency room physician, retiring in 1988. Betty has been a medical secretary and homemaker.

The Peters family includes Gary and Sandra Peters of DePere, Wis.; Jill and Victor Maquera of Jacksonville, Fla.; and 3 grandchildren.



Henry and Susan Wuerfel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 19, 1999, by a family celebration with another party planned later in the summer at their home in Mich. They have been members of the Lansing (Mich.) Church for 47 years.

Henry Wuerfel and Susan Schotsch were married Jan. 29, 1949, in Straubing, Germany, by Hans Grottfert. Henry is a retired construction worker. Susan has been a homemaker.

Day of Emphasis June 12, 1999

Focusing on the value of the Women's Ministries which is to lift up Jesus Christ in the home, church, and community. Becoming aware of the upcoming July 10, 1999 offering.

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Women's Ministries Presents:

The Wuerfel family includes Gisela and Gary Knowlton of Belding, Mich.; Kathy Wuerfel of Rockford, Mich.; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS

Cindy I. Acker and R. Randy Neitzel were married Nov. 22, 1998, in Cedar Lake, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor C. Jim Danforth.

Cindy is the daughter of Richard and Marjory Austin of Lansing, Mich., and Randy is the son of Kendall and Irene Neitzel of Edmore, Mich.

The Neitzels are making their home in Edmore, Mich.

Joyce Azelton and Gaylon Stevenson were married May 3, 1998, in Ithaca, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Olan Thomas and Rodney Davis.

Joyce is the daughter of Henry and Rita Kiefer of Belle River, Ill., and Gaylon is the son of Gaylord and Edith Stevenson of St. John, Mich.

The Stevensons are making their home in Ithaca

Anne C. Crose and Scott A. Gonzalez were married July 12, 1998, in Alton, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Elder Woodrow W. Whidden.

Anne is the daughter of Arvin and the late Mary Dell Crose of Godfrey, Ill., and Scott is the son of Marsiniano and Suzanne Gonzalez of Niles, Mich.

The Gonzalezes are making their home in Godfrey, Ill.

Danielle Century and Constandino Panatsis were married Jan. 10, 1999, in Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Pastor John B. Rapp.

Danielle is the daughter of Jean Hirsch of Wilmette, Ill., and Bernard Century of Grayslake, Ill., and Constandino is the son of Victoria and Gustadino Panatsis of Isabela, Puerto Rico.

The Panatsises are making their home in Chicago.

Trina M. Ockenfels and Joseph R. Dougherty were married Feb. 13, 1999, in Burton, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Melvin Santos.

Trina is the daughter of the late Benedict and Gloria Ockenfels of Flint, Mich., and Joseph is the son of the late Joseph and Vina Dougherty of Ashley, N.C.

The Doughertys are making their home in Burton, Mich.

OBITUARIES

ARMISTEAD, Loretta J. (Kysor), age 63; born Feb. 28, 1935, in Chautauqua, N.Y.; died

Jan. 17, 1999, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Peter; daughters, Elizabeth Kohltfarber and Josephine Cox; and brothers, Wayne and Donald Kysor.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Bruce Hayward and Larry L. Lichtenwalter, with private inurnment.

BERGLUND, Beatrice T. (Miller), age 87; born May 7, 1911, in Towanda, Ill.; died Feb. 4, 1999, in Aurora, Ill. She was a member of the North Aurora Church.

Survivors include her husband, Roy; son, Ron; daughter, Shirley Carey; brother, Virgil Miller; sisters, Arlean Minniear, Mildred Mitchell, and Iva Windell; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Shaw, and interment was in Blackberry Cemetery, Elburn, Ill.

BIRD, Lyle E., age 82; born Feb. 22, 1916, in Barry County, Mich.; died Jan. 23, 1999, in Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Ilene (Van Nocker); sons, Leroy, Fred, and Warren; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Charles Hanlon, and interment was in Bedford (Mich.) Cemetery.

BROWN, Harry N., age 75; born Sept. 28, 1923, in Detroit, Mich.; died Nov. 12, 1998, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (Rausch); son, Gary Brown; daughter, Sharon Rickel; and 2 grandchildren.

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

CALKINS, Gertrude (Homan), age 90; born Jun. 7, 1908, in Lake Mills, Wis.; died Nov. 16, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia A. Oetman; sister, Evelyn Williams; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bruce Hayward, and

interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

COMBS, Indola (Anderson), age 82; born Nov. 25, 1917, in Lauderdale City, Miss.; died Jan. 10, 1999, in St. Clair County, Ill. She was a member of the New Jerusalem Church, East St. Louis, Ill.

Survivors include her sons, Cleveland and Otha; daughters, Fannie Dows, Dora Thomas, and Bonnie Reeves; 16 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Keynel Cadet and Elder Gary Gray, and interment was in Mount Carmel Cemetery, St. Clair County, Ill.

COOK, E. Gertrude (Turner), age 85; born Sept. 12, 1912, in Crawfordsville, Ind.; died Apr. 21, 1998, in Avon Park, Fla. She was a member of the Pinedale Church, Gobles, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Lee K.; sons, Paul and Jim; daughters, Elizabeth Epperly and Doris Reichert; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Earl Cemetery, Gobles.

DONALDSON, Edith (McKinie), age 90; born Oct. 6, 1908, in St. Ann, Jamaica; died Jan. 25, 1999, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, James; and 2 grandchildren.

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

HABENICHT, Kathryn A., age 92; born Oct. 24, 1906, in Bloomington, Ind.; died Feb. 22, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her sons, Herald, Donald, and C. William; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

HARTUNG, Heidi M. (Krause), age 23; born July 11, 1975, in Watertown, Wis.; died Feb. 11, 1999, in Watertown. She was a member of the Watertown Church.

Survivors include her parents, John and Esther (Krause); and

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Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steve Aust, and interment was in Glenview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Ixonia, Wis.

HENDEE, Bethel, age 68; born Mar. 3, 1930, in Comstock Park, Mich.; died Feb. 13, 1999, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Vivian Holford and Carol McFarlan.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in Hayes Township (Mich.) Cemetery.

HOPKINS, Elwood J., age 90; born Apr. 18, 1908, in Benton Harbor, Mich.; died Feb. 14, 1999, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his son, Howard Emery; daughters, Beverly Fredericks, Barbara Hopkins, Peggy Emery, and Marlene Jeschke; 18 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Skip MacCarty, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman, Mich.

HULGT, Irene E. (Smith), age 62; born Sept. 22, 1936, in Burnips, Mich.; died Dec. 13, 1998, in Rockford, Mich. She was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donald; sons, Michael and Dale; daughter, Dorene Kammers; mother, Ethel Smith; brothers, Gordon, Morton, William, and George Smith; sisters, Jean Smith and Nancy VanTol; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Grand Rapids, Mich.

JONES, Helen (Gordon), age 86; born Oct. 12, 1912, in Wells County, Ind.; died Jan. 16, 1999, in Bluffton, Ind. She was a member of the Marion (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane Jones; and brother, Wendell Gordon.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Curt DeWitt, and interment was in Mossburg Cemetery, Liberty Center, Ind.

KINDER, Rubye (Wilson), age 90; born Mar. 23, 1908, in Marion, Ind.; died Jan. 20, 1999,

in Marion. She was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include her son, James Hardesty; stepdaughter, Ailene Barley; 5 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Curt DeWitt, and interment was in Grant Memorial Cemetery, Marion.

McCONNELL, Harry J., age 91; born Jan. 12, 1908, in Springfield, Ill.; died Jan. 30, 1999, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was a member of the Springfield Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Nancy Myers; brother, Robert G.; and 1 grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Elders Paul Gregoroff and John Jagitsch, and inurnment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

MILLER, Carlyle B., age 76; born Nov. 21, 1922, in Flint, Mich.; died Nov. 5, 1998, in Flint. He was a member of the Fairhaven Church, Flint.

Survivors include his wife, Vera (Jones); son, Maurice; daughter, Carla Johnson; brother, William; sisters, Willie A. Miller, Flora Miller, and Viola Jackson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carlos Blake and Samuel Flagg, and interment was in Riverrest Cemetery, Flint, Mich.

MITCHIE, George, age 77; born Feb. 16, 1921, in Glasgow, Scotland; died Jan. 21, 1999, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey (Eva); stepson, Robert G. Cooks; stepdaughter, Thelma R. (Cooks) Rhodes; brother Harry; and sister, Elizabeth Adam.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Will Eva, and interment was in Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens, West Lafayette, Ind.

MOELLING, Mary (Pflug), age 74; born Mar. 6, 1924, in Tiegenhagen, Ukraine; died Nov. 19, 1998, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Janesville (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, William; daughters, Hilde Hokanson and Dorothy Arnold; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Pearo Ackles and Elder Mick Burrington, and interment was in Milton Lawn Cemetery, Janesville.

MUHLENBECK-WOLFF, Inez E. (McEndree), age 65; born Jan. 16, 1934, in Richland Center, Wis.; died Feb. 22, 1999, in Ellijay, Ga. She was a member of the Reedsburg (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence M. Wolff; sons, Roger Jr. and Dan Muhlenbeck; stepson, Ted Wolff; daughter, Susan Blakeslee; stepdaughters, Becky Wadsworth and Janine McDonald; parents, Bob and Gwen McEndree; brothers, Duane and Richard McEndree; and sister, Dorothy Storm.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Willis Graves, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Reedsburg.

POTTLE, Etta M. (Costello), age 89; born Jan. 17, 1909, in Conn.; died Sept. 24, 1998, in Shawnee Mission, Kan. She was a member of the Oakwood and Metropolitan Churches, Detroit, Mich.

Survivors include her stepsons, Norman and Stuart; daughter, Kay Watts; 4 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Jerry LaFave, with private inurnment.

SCHERENCEL, Margaret I. (Hadley), age 70; born Nov. 26, 1928, in Bellefontaine, Ohio; died Jan. 17, 1999, in Pacific City, Ore. She was a member of the Wright Church, Coopersville, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Arnold; sons, Rodney, Regan, and Toby; brothers, Dave, Don, Joe, and Neil Hadley; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Lewis Anderson and Elder William Bornstein, and inurnment was in Wright Church Cemetery.

SHULER, Carrell V. "Bud," age 73; born Jan. 4, 1925, in Berrien Springs, Mich.; died Aug. 23, 1998, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Isabel A. (Jenny); sons, Carrell II and Peter Jon; daughter, Marjane Mosher; sister, Joann Herford; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bruce Hayward, and interment was in North Shore Cemetery, Hagar Shores, Mich.

THOMAS, Raymond A., age 81; born Oct. 10, 1917, in Hope, Mich.; died Feb. 10, 1999, in Zephyrhills, Fla. He was a member of the Village Church and Pioneer Memorial churches, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, L. Almira (Cole); sons, Dale L., Clyde D., Daniel D., and Olan B.; daughters, Caroline K. Nelson, Anna L. Sowers, Nancy J. Sermersheim, Penny J. Williams, and Suzanne Fletcher; brothers, Delbert, Harley F., Buddy T., Russell C., and K. Dick; sisters, Pansy I. Fancher, Crystal G. Hendrickson, Virginia M. Benchley, Melvia Durkee, and Willadeen Bishop; 19 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Russell Thomas and Olan Thomas, and interment was in New Hope Cemetery, Hope.

WIGGINS, Roy, age 86; born May 20, 1912, in Ludington, Mich.; died Feb. 17, 1999, in St. Louis, Mich. He was a member of the Frost Church, Stanton, Mich.

Survivors include his stepdaughter, Mary Luedecky; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Blanchen, and interment was in Spencer Cemetery, Crystal, Mich.

WERY, Levi, age 93; born Aug. 15, 1905, in Wilson, Mich.; died Jan. 16, 1999, in Powers, Mich. He was a member of the Wilson Church.

Survivors include his wife, Grace (Knecht); son, James W.; daughter, Crystal M. Willett; 4 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

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

WYANT, Jessie M. (Rose), age 80; born Apr. 6, 1918, in Keokuk, Iowa; died Jan. 12, 1999, in Keokuk. She was a member of the Carthage (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Earnest; brothers, Wesley and Frank Rose; sisters, Verona C. Gaston and Ethel A. Wilson; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

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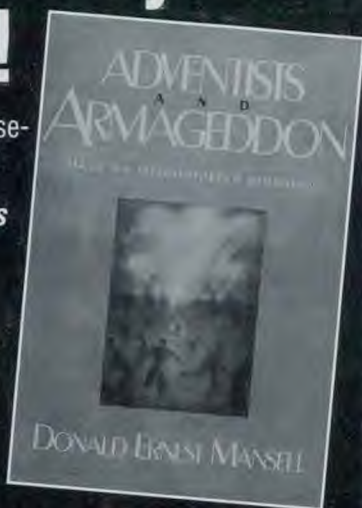
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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Calendar: Friday June 4: University Consecration, 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); Andrews Academy Consecration 8:00 p.m. Berrien Springs Village Church; **Sabbath June 5:** Andrews Academy Baccalaureate, 8:30 a.m.; University Graduate Baccalaureate, 10:00 a.m.; Undergraduate Baccalaureate, 11:20 a.m., all in PMC; **Sunday, June 6:** Graduate Commencement, 8:30 a.m.; Undergraduate Commencement, 11:00 a.m.; Andrews Academy Commencement 3:00 p.m., all in PMC; **13—**Summer school registration, all schools, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.; **14—**Classes begin, registration continues 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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Offerings: June 5—Outreach/Church Budget; **12—**Chaplaincy Ministries; **19—**Church Budget; **26—**Local Conference Advance; **26—**13th Sabbath Offering; Southern Asia-Pacific Division; **July 3—**Outreach/Church Budget; **10—**Women's Ministries.

Special Days: June 12—Women's Ministries Emphasis Day; **July 10—**Home Study International Promotional Day.

1999 Lake Union Conference Women's Ministries Events

June 12—Women's Ministries Emphasis Day

July 10—North American Division Women's Ministries Offering

Oct. 1-3—Indiana retreat at Spring Mill State Park with

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Oct. 29-31—Wisconsin retreat at Wisconsin Dells with Cynthia Prime; contact Aileen King at (920) 484-3483.

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The **Broadview Academy class of 1969** will be holding its 30th class reunion on Sabbath, **Aug. 7**, at the Elmhurst Church, 246 Butterfield Rd. Activities are being planned throughout the day. For more information, contact Lynda Macri at windymac@hotmail.com; Catherine Giancana Derks at catherine.derks@cigna.com; or Charlene Wojcik Partlo at (630) 325-2773.

INDIANA

Members of the Tell City (Ind.) Church invite you to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of their church, located at 434 13th St. in Tell City. The program will begin on Sabbath, **July 17**, with a special morning worship service of song and praise at 11:00 a.m., followed by a fellowship meal and an afternoon program of music and memories. To contribute information about our church history for the afternoon program, either in person or through a video, or if you would like to participate in the musical portion of the program, please contact Sue Terry at (812) 836-2419 or Dorothy Reed at (812) 547-6333.

MICHIGAN

Singles will gather for a potluck at the Cedar Lake Elementary School, Sabbath, **June 26**, at 12:30 p.m. during the Michigan Conference camp meeting weekend at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Mich. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Please bring food to share. For information, call the Michigan Conference family ministries department at (517) 485-2226.

Ann Arbor Church centennial celebration in **July/Aug.** For information, send your return address plus a memory for the projected yearbook to: (888)

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Average Membership Basis				Increase	%	Per Capita		
12/31/98	1997	Conference	1999	1998	(Decrease)	Inc. -Decr.	1999	1998
11,406	11,394	Illinois	1,663,756	1,718,958	(55,202)	-3.21%	145.87	150.87
5,927	5,559	Indiana	1,478,143	1,119,220	358,922	32.07%	249.39	201.33
23,039	22,375	Lake Region	2,094,941	1,963,737	131,204	6.68%	90.93	87.76
23,462	23,074	Michigan	5,081,149	4,791,520	289,628	6.04%	216.57	207.66
<u>6,231</u>	<u>6,109</u>	Wisconsin	<u>1,167,654</u>	<u>1,083,821</u>	<u>83,833</u>	<u>7.73%</u>	<u>187.39</u>	<u>177.41</u>
70,065	68,511	Totals	11,485,644	10,677,257	808,387	7.57%	163.93	155.85
Tithe per Week			883,511	821,327	62,184	7.57%		

Sunset Calendar

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9
Berrien Springs, MI	9:16	9:20	9:23	9:25	9:24	9:22
Chicago	8:21	8:25	8:28	8:29	8:29	8:27
Detroit	9:05	9:09	9:12	9:14	9:13	9:11
Indianapolis	8:09	8:13	8:16	8:17	8:17	8:15
La Crosse, WI	8:42	8:47	8:50	8:51	8:51	8:49
Lansing, MI	9:11	9:16	9:19	9:20	9:20	9:18
Madison, WI	8:32	8:37	8:40	8:41	8:41	8:38
Springfield, IL	8:23	8:27	8:30	8:31	8:31	8:29

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The Jackson Church is planning monthly events celebrating its 150th anniversary. For information call Pastor Pat Milligan at (517) 787-6202.

WORLD CHURCH

Adventist Community Services Prepares for Kosovo Refugees. As many as 20,000 Kosovo Albanian refugees will be coming to the U.S. for resettlement. They have already begun to arrive. When refugees come to the U.S., they need assistance for a few months to a year to begin a new way of life in strange surroundings. Adventist families from Kosovo will be assisted by local Adventist churches who can sponsor them with initial housing, food, clothing, furniture, and assistance in finding work to help them resettle.

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(ACS). Orientation is provided. Contact Jean Claude Brutus, ACS immigration and refugee program coordinator, for more information and how to take the next steps. Phone: (407) 522-9280; fax 522-9384.

Christian Record Services Centennial Convention will take place Aug. 18-21 in Lincoln, Neb. Former representatives, blind persons, camp pastors, counselors, and friends who wish to attend, contact www.ChristianRecord.org for information.

Yellowstone National Park Sabbath worship services will be held by the Rocky Mountain Conference for vacationers from May 29-Sept. 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Center. Casual dress is in order.

National Single Adult Camp, Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho, Aug. 30-Sept. 6—a week of spiritual and physical renewal. Join singles from across North America in waterskiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, creative handicrafts and more. Contact Lorene Soder-

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June 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m., ET—*The Next Step*; satellite TBA.

June 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., ET—*Florida Conference Camp Meeting—Morning*; Telstar 5, channel 17.

June 5, 2:30-4 p.m., ET—*Florida Conference Camp Meeting—Florida Hospital*; Telstar 5, channel 6.

June 12, 19, 26, 11 a.m.-noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour*; Telstar 5, channel 24.

July 3, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., ET—*Northeastern Camp Meeting*; Telstar 5, channel 17.

July 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m., ET—*Northeastern Camp Meeting*; Telstar 5, channel 24.

July 7, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—*First Wednesday*; Telstar 5, channel 24.

July 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—*The Next Step*; Telstar 5, channel 17.

July 10, 17, 24, 31, 11 a.m.-Noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour*; Telstar 5, channel 24.

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Like Jessica, sixty percent of teens volunteer their time and energy for projects they consider worthwhile, but many more would do so if someone gave them the opportunity. A whopping 93 percent of teens who are invited to volunteer actually do so. But of the 49 percent of teens who aren't asked, only 24 percent volunteer.

A recent study shows that "Eighty percent of teens reported volunteering if, as young children, they did some volunteer work, were active in religious organizations, or were involved in student government."

Seventy percent of teen volunteers attend religious services weekly or once or twice a month. That statistic says a lot when you consider that less than half of Americans attend church on a given weekend.

Teens who had positive role models were nearly twice as likely to volunteer as those who didn't. Seventy-eight percent of teens who reported that both parents volunteer, volunteered themselves, compared to just 47 percent of teens without a parent's example.

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- Forty-one percent of teenagers contributed to charitable institutions, giving an average of \$82.
- Teens are nearly four times more likely to volunteer if they are asked than if they are not asked.
- The best time to start the volunteering habit is in childhood and the early teenage years.
- Teens reported that volunteering is important to them because it gives them a new perspective, allows them to do something for a cause that is important, and is an important activity to the people they respect.
- Teens who volunteered reported improved academic performance, "developing new career goals, and learning about career options."
- Other benefits included learning how to respect others, to be helpful and kind, and to have greater patience; understanding people who are different and the qualities of good citizenship; and opportunities to develop leadership skills.

Tompaul Wheeler



Jessica Landess, of Daleville, Ind., supervised construction of a new church in Agua Blanca, Venezuela.

Editor: Pastor Ron Whitehead, executive director; Associate Editor: Tompaul Wheeler. This page is designed for youth of all ages by the staff of the NAD Center for Youth Evangelism, based in the Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. You may contact them with your ideas, concerns, and questions at (800) YOUTH-2-U.

PROFILES OF YOUTH



Torrey Price

Torrey LaVell Price, 17, is a June graduate of Chicago Academy, where he maintained a 3.7 GPA all four years. He enjoys computers, chess, and reading. Torrey applied and was accepted for two consecutive years to the highly-competitive CADETS program, which provides academic opportunities for high school students interested in the sciences. During his senior year, he took college-level biology at Roosevelt University.

Torrey's mild-mannered, independent nature is appreciated by his teachers. James Harris, guidance counselor, comments, "Torrey demonstrates positive Christian leadership skills that will allow him to be a missionary for Christ in the future."

A member of the Shiloh Church in Chicago, he is an active participant in his church's AY and Sabbath school departments. He serves as a junior counselor in the Shiloh Trailblazers Pathfinder club and participates in community service.

The son of Douglas and Shirley Price, Torrey plans to attend Andrews University in the fall in preparation for a career in neurosurgery.

Leonia Stardehlia Golden, 18, is a graduate of Chicago Academy. Leonia's perspective on life changed in 1997, when she visited Honduras on a mission trip. Here she discovered that her life could make a difference and determined to become a medical doctor, specializing in pediatrics.

Despite her busy schedule as senior class president, she maintains a 3.5 GPA. Balancing school, special interests, and work may be difficult for most high school seniors, but Leonia handles the pressures by maintaining a strong faith in God and drawing strength from the support of her family.

Paulett Howard, math instructor, commented, "Leonia is academically capable of success in anything she does." He also noted that her ability to rise above negative peer pressure has helped her succeed.

Active in her church's AY and Sabbath school departments, Leonia is a member of the Independence Boulevard Church and the daughter of Joyce and Robert Jones. She plans to attend Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala.



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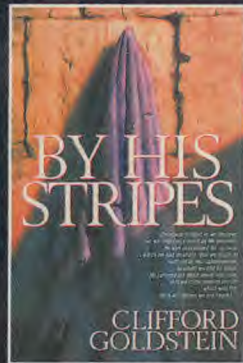
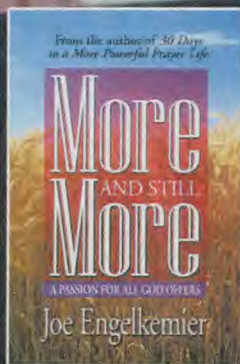
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