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C O V E R

The Adventist Hispanic family within the Lake Union Conference comprises seven percent of all Adventists there and are responsible for almost 23 percent of all baptisms. They are truly a people with a mission.

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E D I T O R I A L

Baptist Minister Accuses Adventists of Misappropriating Funds

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Right off I wondered what right he had to accuse the Adventist Church of misappropriating funds. All of the money the church receives is carefully audited and disbursed only by committee action. Full reports are given regularly to church boards, or conference, union, or General Conference committees.

He was not an antagonist looking for a fight. He seemed like a real Christian, and he was speaking at the Adventist seminary. I heard him myself, so I know that he really said it. The speaker was Robert Logan,* who teaches church planting all over the world. What he said was, "You Adventists are really to be admired for the large amount of money you give to your church. I have to give you an "A" on income. But I can't give you that kind of a grade on how you spend your money. You spend so much on pastoring your churches and on the other activities for your own church members. You need to evaluate how much money you spend trying to reach people who have no church home at all, people that do not know Jesus." Logan was really plain about it. He said we were not appropriating enough money for reaching lost people. Then he hammered the point home by saying, "People who are really in love with God will find their heart breaking about what breaks the heart of God. And what breaks the heart of God is that people don't know Jesus."

I really want to say that the Baptist preacher doesn't know what he is talking about. Does he know about our mission program? Or NET '98? Or other upcoming evangelistic outreaches? But then I did some thinking. Most of the requests for money that come to the offices of our conference and union administrators are for more pastors to care for our congregations, or for building projects for our congregations, or for some other thing for our existing churches. Very few requests have come with the appeal, "We want to reach people in our community who don't know Jesus."

The preacher might be right. Even more, we might be misappropriating our time, too. How much of your time and mine is used for people who haven't found Jesus? I don't even know very many people like that. Most of my life is spent working with church members.

There is a mission field at our doorstep. Everyday we see people. Before going into the grocery store, have you ever prayed something like, "Dear Lord, if this store clerk does not know You, help me to have the right conversation with her." What about the person at the gas station or the post office?

I am determined to think about how I spend my time and my offerings. In fact, dear Lord, help me to appropriate my money and time wisely. And please use me today to speak to someone who doesn't know You.

*Robert Logan, D.Min., is the executive director of CoachNet and the president of Strategic Ministries, Inc.

You're Going WHERE?

Young people from the Berrien Springs Spanish Church go to Cuba for a mission trip

BY DAWNITA NEAL

What could bring people together for a 4:30 a.m. meeting? Ask the twelve enthusiastic individuals who gathered on June 8 around a rental van with their heads bowed, asking God to take full control of their two-week mission adventure to Cuba.

We had spent the previous six months planning, collecting clothing and medicine, raising funds, and praying together, but nobody really knew what to expect. In a country where laws change overnight, Christianity is barely tolerated, and even simple items like cooking oil and soap are almost impossible to get, only God knew what was coming.

Looking back, we can see that God was leading. We had the unique opportunity to live in church members'

homes, seeing first hand the effect of the communist system on the people, the childlike faith of those who must depend on God to meet their daily needs, and the undaunted joy of Cuban Adventists.

Accompanied by church members, each morning we set out to visit homes, inviting people to the meetings, encouraging them in their walk with Jesus, and following up with Bible study interests and baptismal candidates. After spending all morning walking in the sweltering sun of Santiago de Cuba, we enjoyed a meal prepared by church members and spent a few hours planning drama, music, and children's activities for the evening meeting. At 5:00 we left on a local truck turned taxi, which we affectionately dubbed "the Chicago metro," for the Fomento Church. At 7:30 it brought us back for the 8:00 meeting at the Vegita Church. Around

10:00 we headed home to prepare for the next day.

The evangelistic series brought hundreds each evening. As Luis Fernando Ortiz, Berrien Springs Spanish Church senior pastor, preached, God touched hearts. Many made the decision to prepare for baptism, others accepted Christ for the first time, and 26 were baptized. It was moving to see the people we had visited, shared with, and prayed for come to the evening meetings and make important decisions.

Elizabeth spoke for all of us when she said that she had seen God work in her life in a new way on this trip and didn't want to let go of that experience. We have made the decision to be actively involved in the mission outreach of our local church, and are currently making friends among the migrant workers in Eau Claire and surrounding areas in preparation for an evangelistic series and Vacation Bible School. Many have also chosen to continue praying with their trip prayer partners and to be accountable to one another for staying involved.

"These trips help our members gain a new vision of what sharing Jesus is all about. They come back with a new eagerness to share the gospel in their community," Pastor Ortiz says. If it took going halfway around the world to learn to reach out to the people next door, it was definitely worth it!

Dawnita Neal recently completed her social work and Spanish degrees at Andrews University.



A group of young people from the Berrien Springs Spanish Church went on a mission trip to Cuba.



Hundreds attended the meetings each evening, resulting in 26 baptisms and many more decisions to prepare for baptism.

NEW MEMBERS

ILLINOIS

If we talk in terms of an accident, a fire, or somebody being physically attacked, or even worse, a person wanting to commit suicide, a phone call can save a life. But what about our eternal salvation? Could a phone call change the course of our eternal life?

The phone rang as always at the Adventist Book Center (ABC) office. "Good morning," said the voice at the other end, "My name is **María Dolores**, and I want to talk to someone in Spanish. I want to know more about the Bible. Could you please help me?" What a pleasant question! She continued telling me that during her recent visit to Mexico she had had the opportunity of talking with a Seventh-day Adventist about the Bible, and now she wanted to study it on a daily basis.

I immediately thought it would be a good idea to suggest the Sabbath school lessons as a means for her and her daughter to study the Bible. The next time she called, I asked her if she would be interested in attending a church, and she said she would, but there weren't any Spanish churches in the area where she lived. I promised her that I would help her find a way to attend the Spanish Adventist Church in Fox Valley, the nearest one, and I gave her the phone number of Heriberto Aponte, a church member who has a passion for winning souls for Jesus.

I kept praying for María, but at the same time I made sure that she received the Sabbath school materials every quarter and some other literature from me. Every time we talked on the phone, I looked forward to the day that I could meet her personally.

On April 11 Hispanic Brotherhood Day was celebrated on the campus of

Broadview Academy, in Illinois. That day 15 people were baptized. After the ceremony, Heriberto told me he had a surprise for me. Walking toward us, her face now reflecting the happiness of being a daughter of the King, was a beautiful lady. When I realized that it was María, we hugged each other happily for the first time face-to-face.



María Dolores on the day of her baptism.

I feel privileged and thankful for having answered the phone that day, and to know that I had a little part in María's new relationship with Jesus.

*Rosie Guevara, Illinois Conference
Hispanic ministries secretary and
ABC sales representative*

INDIANA

William "Bill" Hampton

attended a Bible study group at the local factory where he worked.



Church members welcome new member William Hampton, shown with Marilyn Thompson, who loaned him tapes and invited him to church.

Marilyn Thompson, a Monticello Church member, attended the same study group, and in talking with Bill she could tell that he was not getting the answers he was looking for. So Marilyn loaned him some seminar tapes to watch. After viewing the tapes, Bill attended satellite meetings at the church, by both Doug Batchelor and Dwight Nelson, and found the answers he was looking for. He was welcomed into the membership of the Monticello Church on April 17.

*Virginia Hasler, Monticello Church
communication leader*

MICHIGAN

In January of 1998, Ted Struntz, Michigan Conference evangelist, began a series of prophecy lectures in the Bay City Church. Working with him was Jeff Jorgensen, pastor of the Bay City and Vassar churches. As Pastor Jeff was reviewing the interest files and sending invitation letters, he noticed a name he had not been able to contact, John Lipinski. The name had been sent to him from the *It Is Written* television program, but it had only a post office box address. So Pastor Jeff sent a letter and a prophecy lecture brochure to him.

John Lipinski came each night to the meetings. He said he had come to gain an understanding of Bible prophecies. About a week into the series, John came to the meeting with an interesting book under his arm. It was *The Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White, which had been given to him as a gift about ten years earlier by sixth-grade students at Adelphian Junior Academy (AJA) in Holly, Michigan. John explained that while he had been servicing and selling musical instruments in schools throughout mid-Michigan, he had become acquainted with the students at AJA and their teacher, Carolyn Adams. The band room was also the library, and since John was an avid reader, he had enjoyed browsing the bookshelves while waiting for Carolyn. He had borrowed several books, including a copy of *The Great Controversy*, which he had read and returned. Some time later, he had been pleasantly surprised when the sixth-

grade class presented him with a beautiful hardbound copy of that book personally signed by the students and their teacher.

The Holy Spirit had also spoken to John's heart about two years ago through a "chance" visit with an Adventist at a local restaurant. John and some friends were discussing prophecy while eating in the restaurant. In the booth next to theirs, Alan Zawilinski, a Bay City Church member, happened to overhear some of the conversation, so he introduced himself and joined in the discussion. Alan's explanations of Biblical prophecies made an impression on John that he never forgot.

Because of the gift of *The Great Controversy*, the "chance" meeting in the restaurant, and the *It Is Written* program, John was ready to learn more about the Word of God. About halfway through the prophecy series, he mentioned to Pastor Jeff that he had left his



From left: Ted Struntz, John Lipinski, and Jeff Jorgensen share John's conversion story during the soul-winning hour at the Cedar Lake camp meeting in June 1999.

former church more than twenty years earlier, and maybe it was time he found another congregation. Thus John was baptized on a Friday night near the end of the series, and Alan Zawilinski, the church member who had met with him in a local restaurant, became his spiritual guardian.

If you were one of those students who signed John's book, and you are reading this story, just remember that you never know how a small act of witnessing may have life-changing results.

Jeff Jorgensen, pastor, Bay City and Vassar churches

Although **Steve Heiner** had not been active in his family's home church for many years, he still was very interested in religion. Yet the question that haunted him was, "With so many churches in existence, how can I know which one is the right church?"



(From left) After his baptism into the remnant church, a smiling and joyous Steve Heiner stands with Bill Dudgeon, church pastor.

While browsing on the Internet, Steve discovered the *Layman's Bible Studies* by Ted Noel. There were nineteen lessons, so Steve downloaded them and spent the next six months studying Bible subjects such as the authority of the scriptures, Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of humankind, the second coming, the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and the Sabbath.

The final Bible study lesson asked the question Steve had posed when he began his search for truth: "Which church is the right church?" The answer given was, "a church that keeps the commandments of God, including the fourth commandment. It would have the Spirit of Prophecy. It would come into existence after 1844." Then the very last page of the lessons said, "It is the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

"Well, I'll just have to check this out," thought Steve, and in the telephone book he found the addresses of several Adventist churches in the area. Since the Bangor Church was the closest, he chose to visit it.

After the Sabbath service, Earnest Piper, head elder, shook Steve's hand, welcomed him, and asked, "What

brought you to our church today?" Steve replied, "I'm looking for the remnant church." "Well, I think you found it," remarked Earnest.

Steve continued to attend even though at that time the church had no permanent pastor, and Steve worked the three-to-eleven night shift and came to church very tired. Later, he had Bible studies with Chris Small, interim pastor. When Bill Dudgeon arrived to pastor the Bangor Church, Steve went through another series of studies. He became convicted that he should *not* continue to be employed on the Sabbath. Pastor Bill guided him through the process of writing a letter of intent to observe the Sabbath, and on April 24, Pastor Bill Dudgeon and Steve Heiner walked into the chilly waters of a nearby lake for the sacred ceremony of baptism.

Because he would not work on Sabbaths, Steve was fired from his job, which he had held for more than six years. However, he remains confident that God is leading him, and he believes that the peace he has found is worth it all.

M. Sue Piper, Bangor Church personal ministries leader

Heard a Good Story Lately?

We'd like to print stories here about people who have joined your church, but we can't print what we don't receive. We're sure there must be people being baptized in more places than Michigan.

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

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

Send brief stories to your conference Lake Union Herald correspondent (you'll find their names and addresses on page 31). And don't forget to include a close-up photo of the person baptized—taken in some other location than the baptismal tank or behind the podium.

Each story should stand alone. Please do not send multiple stories all in one article.

Sanchez, Arizona, Cradle of Hispanic Adventism

BY MANUEL VASQUEZ

"Who despises the day of small things?"
(Zechariah 4:10, NIV).

In the summer of 1899, two Seventh-day Adventists knocked on the door of Marcial Serna, the pastor of the Tucson Mexican Methodist-Episcopal Church. Walter Black, a literature evangelist, was selling Ellen G. White books in the Tucson area. Charles D. M. Williams, who had been sent to help develop the interests in Adventism that Brother Black found, accompanied him. When Serna answered the door, both Black and Williams were delighted to discover that he was bilingual. Enthusiastically, Black proceeded to give him his canvass. However, after listening politely to Black, Pastor Serna told them, "I'm sorry, but I already have lots of books. I'm not interested in purchasing any more."

The two men left somewhat disappointed. Sensing, however, that this pastor was sincere and, if given the opportunity, might accept the Sabbath truth, they decided to try another approach. Returning the next day, Black and Williams knocked again on Serna's door. "Pastor Serna," Black began, "I'm at a real disadvantage since there are so many Mexican families living here who do not speak English. I was wondering if you would be willing to teach me some Spanish so I could communicate with the people when I visit their homes."

Pastor Serna was a sincere man, and he truly wanted to help them. "*Con gusto* (with pleasure)," Serna told them. "Come back tomorrow morning and we will start your lessons."

Early the next morning, Black and Williams were at Serna's house learning to roll their r's and twist their tongues in imitation of their Spanish teacher. "I think it would be good if we had something to look at, to be able to see the words we're trying to say," Williams suggested. "Why don't you show us some of these words in the Bible?"

"Good idea," Serna agreed. Placing the Spanish and English Bibles side by side, they opened them to the first chapter of Genesis and continued their study. Everything seemed to go very well. Black and Williams learned many new words: *Dios* (God), *hombre* (man), *dia* (day), *noche* (night), and numbers up to *seis* (six).

The next day, however, when they started studying in Genesis 2, things changed. When they read, "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Genesis 2:2, 3), the lesson ended in a disagreement over the word *sábado* (Sabbath) and which was the right day to observe as the day of worship.

Serna was confident that Sunday was the right day to observe.¹ "I know Sunday is the Sabbath," he asserted. "I can prove it from the New Testament. If we can't agree here, perhaps we should have a public debate and let the people decide who is right."

SINCERE SEEKERS

Less than 100 miles away in a community named Sánchez (after the family who settled the area) lived two brothers,

Abel and Adiel Sánchez. They belonged to one of the small Methodist congregations served by Pastor Serna.

Abel and Adiel sold produce from the Sánchez family gardens and orchards to people who inhabited the nearby mining towns. To make the rounds by horse-drawn wagon typically took a week or more. On Sundays the young men, 25 and 27, respectively, would set up camp for the day, eager to "keep the Sabbath holy."

One Sunday as they were reading their Bibles, they read Exodus 20:8-10: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all they work: but *the seventh day* is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." The Scriptures taught that *sábado*, the seventh day of the week, is the Sabbath, not Sunday, as they had learned growing up.

Upon returning to their *rancheria*, they immediately sat down and wrote to Pastor Serna. "Why do we keep Sunday?" they asked. "The Bible tells us to keep the seventh-day Sabbath."

Serna wrote back: "I'm dealing with two book salesmen on this very subject. We are going to have a debate. I'll show them from the New Testament that the Sabbath has been changed to Sunday in commemoration of the Lord's resurrection. As soon as I get through with these young men, I'll come and teach you the truth about Sunday."

THE GREAT DEBATE

Many interested Christians and curious onlookers were present on the day of the debate. In those days debates were a type of entertainment. Both of the young Adventists had prepared diligently, but Walter Black led out. Walter

had a list of more than 40 Bible verses to use in his presentation. But just before he got up to speak, the Lord impressed him to make a very simple presentation. He cut his list of texts down to 12.

As Walter made his presentation, Marcial Serna began to take detailed notes for his planned rebuttal. But the more Serna listened, the fewer notes he took. Finally, he stopped taking notes and only listened.

By the time his turn came to speak, Serna stood before those assembled, and with a few expressive words he confessed, "I now see that my supposed opponents have brought out the truth from God's book. I was to show them where they were wrong, but it's clear from God's word that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and I promise you and God that next Saturday I will rest on that day. With God's help, I will keep His Sabbath."²

After this surprising testimony, Serna invited Black and Williams to his home to discuss the matter further. He told them about the letter he had received from Abel and Adiel. "The hand of the Lord has been working," he said. "At the right time He sent you to me. My eyes have been opened to understand His word on this particular subject. I plan to go see the young Sánchez boys in answer to their letter about the Sabbath. Will you go with me?"³

A SEED TAKES ROOT

Meanwhile, on the Sánchez *ranchería* it was harvest time. One day when Abel and Adiel returned from a trip, they found a letter from Pastor Serna waiting for them. "Hey, Abel, here's a response from Pastor Serna," Adiel said as he opened the letter. "He says he'll be here in the middle of this week. The two men he was having the debate with will be here too. I wonder if he proved to them that Sunday is the Lord's day of rest?"

That Wednesday evening, Marcial Serna came as he had promised and brought with him the two young literature evangelists. The town church was filled to capacity, as word about the special meeting had circulated throughout the community. Nearly every family was present.

As Black and Williams stood to address the group, they must have wondered why they, two young Anglos who could not speak Spanish, came to be addressing an audience, most of whom could not speak English. But Pastor Serna and Adiel Sánchez translated their message about the seventh-day Sabbath.⁴

The message, however, divided that small church—and the Sánchez family! The two young Adventists stayed in the area and studied the Bible with all who were interested, including Adiel and Abel, for several months.

FIRST HISPANIC BAPTISM

By December 1899, a group of 15 people were ready for baptism. Among them were Marcial Serna, Abel and Adiel Sánchez, and several other members of the Sánchez family. Black and Williams contacted the Arizona Mission in Phoenix, requesting that someone be sent to baptize the group. R. M. Kilgore, who was in charge of district 5 of the General Conference, responded to the call and boarded a train for Sanchez.

When Elder Kilgore arrived, he met with the baptismal candidates and found them all firmly grounded in the truth. Arrangements were made for a baptismal service, and on December 9, 1899, he led the baptismal candidates to the bank of the Gila River, where one by one he immersed them in the chilly waters. Pastor Marcial Serna was the first one into the Gila River for his spiritual burial and resurrection to a new life as a Seventh-day Adventist.⁵

FIRST HISPANIC CHURCH ORGANIZED

On December 23, the Sánchez Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially organized, becoming the first Spanish Seventh-day Adventist church in North America. R. M. Kilgore and C. D. M. Williams officiated. When the church elected officers, it was no surprise that Adiel Sánchez became the elder of the small congregation.



R. M. Kilgore baptized in the Gila River near Sanchez, Arizona, the Spanish-speaking people whom Walter Black and Charles Williams had carefully prepared. Marcial Serna, who translated for them was first in line.

¹ Myrtle A. Pohle, *The Truth Seekers: Saga of the Southwest*, pp. 19,20.

² Ann Sanchez, unpublished, untitled history of the Sanchez family.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ W. L. Black, "The Arizona Conference," *Pacific Union Recorder*, April 7, 1904, p. 12.

Manuel Vasquez is vice president for special ministries in the North American Division. This story is taken from a book he is writing about the history and progress of Spanish-speaking Seventh-day Adventists in North America.

People with a Mission



Rudolpho Rosales, pastor of the Little Village Hispanic Church in Chicago, baptizes a new believer at the Illinois Hispanic camp meeting.

BY LUIS E. LEONOR

Ezequiel Osorio, an Adventist colporteur, arrived in Chicago in 1943 with the desire to sell books and spread the gospel. He worked hard for four years until his efforts were rewarded. The city of Chicago had a high percentage of Spanish-speaking residents who had come to the city to improve their economic and social status. Several of these immigrants were already members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and they brought with them their vision of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to their neighbors and friends. By 1947, a group of about twenty people were meeting to worship, among them were three young Adventists from Puerto Rico—Edith, Betty, and Israel Novoa—who lent their energy and enthusiasm to the work that Osorio had started.

Some time later, José Rivera, a pastor from Santo Domingo, was called to continue the work in Chicago. The group used a coffee-packing factory situated at Blue Island and Halsted. That was the beginning of the first Spanish-speaking church in the Lake Union—the Central Chicago Spanish Church, which currently has about 380 members.

With the passing of the years, many new Hispanic churches were born as the result of this humble beginning, and today the Illinois Conference has

14 organized Hispanic churches with a membership of more than 1,800.

In Michigan, the Hispanic work began at Andrews University with the Modern Languages Department, at the time under the leadership of Leslie Rhys. Since the department promoted Sabbath schools in foreign languages on campus, a Spanish Sabbath school began meeting in Nethery Hall in 1961. In 1966, Professor Rhys, being a missionary-minded person, suggested that the Sabbath school be moved off campus in order to attract some of the 28,000 migrants, harvesting fruit and other crops in the Berrien Springs area, most of whom came from Mexico.

In 1967, Elias Gomez, a Mexican-American pastor from Texas, came to study in the seminary. A very dynamic and enthusiastic person, he and some other Hispanic university students started visiting migrants in the fields, distributing literature and organizing a branch Sabbath school for them.

At that time the Spanish-speaking church members were holding their own Sabbath school and attending the second service at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC). However, the Hispanic leadership found it very hard to convince the humble migrant reapers to attend church at PMC. By 1970, it became evident that a place was needed where the migrants would feel comfortable. In 1971, a plan was presented to the Michigan Conference to organize and develop a Spanish

company of believers in Berrien Springs in anticipation of establishing a Spanish church. It was decided that the group would meet in the Community Service Center.

In 1973, Elias Gomez became the pastor of the first Michigan Spanish church, the Berrien Springs Spanish Church. This first church became the “mother” of many others and was the beginning of rapid growth of the Hispanic work. Soon other Spanish churches opened their doors in Grand Rapids, Detroit, Lansing, and Holland. Today, nine churches and several companies—composed of almost 1,200 members—spread the Word among the Spanish-speaking population of Michigan.

In Wisconsin, César Puezán established the first Spanish church in 1977 and became its first pastor. Today, in Milwaukee alone there are three Spanish churches. The 500 church members who worship in four churches and three companies in Wisconsin are working hard to spread the light of the gospel among the Spanish-speaking people in their territory.

In Indiana, for a long time we had only one Spanish church in East Chicago, but a few years ago, Rubén D. Rivera, now Indianapolis Hispanic Church pastor, felt a call from the Lord to move to Indianapolis and establish Spanish work there. He moved there without a formal church call and with



Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, looks on as members sign the charter in Sheboygan.



Roy Ursin hugs Pastor Gilberto Bahena for joy as the Fort Wayne, Indiana Hispanic Church is established.



Claudio Martin, pastor of the Pullman, Michigan Hispanic Church oversees the signing of the charter.



With help from Master Guides from Chicago's Little Village Hispanic Church, the members of the Adventurers Club of the West Suburban Hispanic Church were invested.



A group of women, led by Monin Color, Lake Region Conference Women's Ministries director, get together to pray for their children.

no salary, in spite of having a family to support. He found a side job to earn a living and began to visit Spanish speakers, hold religious meetings and worship, and with the support of the English-speaking church of Anderson, the Spanish church in Indianapolis was born. The Indiana Conference rewarded Rivera's efforts by employing him as full-time pastor. He was later ordained and served as the Spanish coordinator for the Indiana Conference.

The Spanish work in Indiana has since grown considerably, with Spanish churches in Mishawaka, South Bend, and Fort Wayne, and groups meeting in Jasper,

Huntingburg, Lafayette, and other cities. Almost 300 people comprise the Spanish-speaking membership of that conference.

The Lake Region Conference also established Spanish work, mainly in the Chicago area, and has experienced an evangelistic explosion with the opening of several new Hispanic churches in recent years. Their current Spanish membership of almost 1,200 worship God in 16 churches and six companies.

Over the last five years, 1,954 new Hispanic people have joined the Lake Union family through baptism, with a record high of 526 baptisms in 1998—

22.9 percent of all baptisms in the union. During this five-year period, Hispanic churches and companies grew in number from 33 to 55, and net Hispanic membership grew from 3,833—5.7 percent of total membership to 4,892—7 percent of the total Lake Union Conference membership.

We are grateful to our English-speaking brothers and sisters for their support and friendship, and for the many times they have even taken the initiative to begin Spanish work in their midst.

Luis Leonor is the Lake Union Conference vice president.

Church Identification: The Silent Ministry

Why is it important to clearly identify our churches and list them in every conceivable directory?

BY RICHARD DOWER

Todd picked up a copy of *The Great Controversy* at a sidewalk sale, immediately started to read it, and became convinced that Saturday was the Sabbath. When he asked his supervisor for time off on Sabbath, he was asked when he had become a Seventh-day Adventist. Todd had never really heard of Seventh-day Adventists, so he looked in the local shopper newspaper for a Seventh-day Adventist church. Fortunately, someone had made the effort to place the church's address and phone number in the church listing there. Todd was in a Seventh-day Adventist church the next Sabbath.

Judy drove by an Adventist church every day on her way to and from work. She noticed that the church sign was inviting, that the grounds and

church were neatly kept. One day she decided to visit the church, and she discovered that the members were as friendly and inviting as the church sign led her to believe. Judy continued to be impressed with the church and its members and ultimately became an Adventist.

Making sure that your church is identified, not only with highway and lawn signs, but in the local phone directory, newspaper, and shopper listings, is one of the easiest things that a congregation can do to share their faith. Some even make sure their church is listed in the directories of each of the local hotels and motels. The challenge is to make sure that the signs and the listings are maintained year after year.

Last year when our new local area telephone book came out, I decided to check on the listing for the Lake Union

Conference. I looked in the white pages for the Lake Union office number. It wasn't there. I looked in the business pages for the listing—not there either. I looked in the yellow pages under several different headings and did not find it. After looking everywhere I could think of, I came to the conclusion that it was not in the phone book.

Since I am the Lake Union Conference communication director and recommend that our churches and organizations should always be listed in the phone book, I was embarrassed and made sure our organization would be listed in next year's book. You can be sure that I will be looking for our listing when the new phone book is issued this year.

Several years ago, the General Conference communication department led out in the creation of a new



The marquee sign can be made according to your needs. With lighting and changeable lettering, it is ideal for a larger church and can become a great evangelistic tool for the community.

identification program for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The most important part of this program was the adoption of a new "corporate" logo. Slowly, as new stationery is needed, as business cards are given out, and church signs need replacing, the new logo is being used. Just as corporations and other organizations get recognition because of their logo, so

will the Seventh-day Adventist Church become recognized as the new logo becomes more widely used on church lawn signs, on highway signs, and on printed material.

Why do we need to have our churches and institutions identified? So that the Todds and Judys of the world can find us when they search for us. And not only for them, it is also

for us as church members to be able to know that our church and its end-time message will be represented in the best way with easy-to-find telephone listings, inviting signs, and well-maintained churches.

Richard Dower is editor of the Lake Union Herald.



These attractive signs are to be placed on major streets entering your town, and near your church, to help visitors and guests find your church.



Resources for Church Identification

Church Signs: Identifying Your Church, is a booklet that will help you streamline your decision making, whether you are evaluating the need for a replacement church sign or wanting to advertise your services to the community.

You will be introduced to the new Seventh-day Adventist Church logo, which is a worldwide symbol of our global faith community. Several models of church lawn signs are illustrated with short descriptions and price ranges. Highway signs and aluminum logos, featuring the new logo, are also illustrated.

The Missing Ministry: Recapturing Church Growth Through Effective Church Sign Evangelism, by W. Clayton Brumby. This book not only communicates the necessity of good church signs, but is loaded with ideas that will make your sign more effective as an outreach tool to your community.

Order both from AdventSource (800)328-0525.

The North American Division's web site has a page devoted to church identification. Visit www.northamerica.adventist.org for information about where to order your signs.

Religious Freedom: A Two-edged Sword

BY MITCHELL A. TYNER

The following are three instances when arguments for accommodation of religious practices fell on deaf ears.

1. RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNTRIES

Delegates from country A to a religious liberty congress argue strenuously that children who practice the delegates' religion should be allowed to wear certain distinctively religious clothing in the public schools of country B. But when asked what accommodations are made for members of minority faiths in country A, the delegates argue that one does not lead to the other: Country A has an official religion, country B does not. Therefore B is bound to respect all faiths equally, but A is not. Needless to say, their arguments for accommodation of their children were received with mixed emotions. The other delegates wanted to respect the religious practices of the children, but were put off by the unwillingness of the delegates from country A to even consider a reciprocal gesture.

Unfortunately, such behavior does not always come from those of other faiths, as illustrated in the next two examples.

2. RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION BY LARGE ADVENTIST EMPLOYERS

A large employer, whose owners are widely known both as Adventists and for being interested in religious freedom, is charged with being less than sensitive to the needs of its Sunday-keeping employees. According to the charge, it mandates that no employee work from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday—as is its right—but does not make necessary

accommodation for its employees who observe Sunday as a day of rest.

3. RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION BY ADVENTIST INSTITUTIONAL EMPLOYERS

A supervisor at an Adventist hospital refuses to allow an employee to avoid Sabbath work, arguing that since the hospital is a religiously-affiliated entity, it is immune from charges of religious discrimination. In actuality, the law at issue gives religious employers the right to give hiring preference to their own members. It says nothing about an exemption from the obligation to reasonably accommodate employee's religious beliefs and practices. Far more important than the legality of the denial is the authoritarian manner of the supervisor, who indicates that the request is seen not as a matter of conscience, but as a threat to managerial authority.

The result in both the above instances was embarrassment for those who argue that Seventh-day Adventists defend the principle of religious freedom, not merely their own interests. Such reports exacerbate scepticism from those who doubt our motives (including, in these two cases, other employees) and complicate efforts to garner support from others who support religious liberty as a matter of principle.

All three instances are true. What do they have in common? A lack of understanding of an important, but little discussed, principle of religious freedom: reciprocity. Reciprocity is defined as mutual dependence, action, or influence. It's sort of a two-edged sword: we must be ready to give to others the same consideration we ask for ourselves. It is expected as an

ingredient of good faith, and for most of us, it's simply a matter of common sense. We are immediately suspicious of one who claims a benefit but is not willing to reciprocate when asked to do so.

WHY SHOULD WE GRANT RECIPROCITY?

Reciprocity, in the form of sensitivity to the religious beliefs and practices of others, commends itself to us for several reasons noted below in reverse order of importance.

First, it's reasonable. It demonstrates that we understand the implications of a request for accommodation and value religious freedom highly enough to be willing to grant it ourselves. Isn't it time that some of us begin to act on principle rather than just self-protection? If we have truly embodied the principle of respect for individual conscience and conviction, rather than acting merely on fear of persecution, we will reciprocate the respect and accommodation we so often seek.

Second, it's practical. Others are far more likely to be cooperative with our religious needs if we demonstrate that we are ready to reciprocate. There is arguably no more effective way of safeguarding our own rights than by insisting on the same rights for others.

Third, it's biblically commanded. To argue that we should treat the rights and interests of others as equal with our own, defend them as we would wish to be defended, and honor the sincerity of the believer even if we reject the belief itself, is another way of saying "Do unto others ..."

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CREATIVE PARENTING

The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

Scary Things

by Susan E. Murray

These are cautious times in our lives. There are scary things parents have to face. We ask, "Will my son be safe at school?" "How can I know I have more influence on my daughter than her classmates?" "Could my son really be depressed?" "Has my daughter thought of suicide?" "How much should we discuss drugs in our family?"

These are tough questions which come to mind, especially after several recent newspaper headlines. We are all too familiar with the Columbine shootings last spring. Michigan State Representative Fred Upton has recently recommended a bill to restrict the powerful date-rape drug GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate). Surgeon General David Satcher recently declared suicide a serious public health threat, addressing a mental health issue for the first time in our nation's history.

Watch out for signs of trouble

These are important issues to consider in relation to our children and families. Since 1990, there have been 32 deaths linked to GHB in our country (five reported in Michigan), with more than 3,500 reported overdoses. Called the *date-rape drug*, GHB is colorless and odorless and can easily be slipped into fruit juice, a soft drink, or an alcoholic drink. The drug can cause vomiting and is a central nervous system depressant which can induce a deep sleep. Last July five teenagers, ages 13 to 17, suffered convulsions and slipped into comas in Lake City, Michigan, after someone brought GHB to a party. Although they all recovered, it was a wake-up call! If the bill is passed through the legislature, it would be a federal offense to possess or use the drug.

On one hand, suicide is a relatively rare event, as most Americans don't kill themselves. For better or worse, most people choose life over death. But on the other hand, it is the eighth leading cause of death in this country. It is a tragic, mysterious decision and so deeply disturbing in this nation of wealth, abundance, and vast resources. The

suicide rate for children 10-14 has doubled since 1980, although white men 65 and older are the most likely to commit suicide. Suicide ended 30,000 lives in 1997, leaving behind countless family members and friends with agonizing, unanswered questions. It's estimated there are twenty who attempt suicide for every person who ends his or her life.

It is possible your family or someone you know has already experienced school or community violence, a suicide attempt, or knows first hand about the *date rape drug*. Maybe you have read the same headlines that I have and wondered, "What can I do to protect my child?" "What leads a child to this kind of despair?" "Where is God's protection?" In this short space I can't fully address those questions, but I ask you to consider the following:

Be a present parent

As your child has started school for the year 1999-2000, I encourage you to commit yourself to being an *askable* parent. If you are connected to that child, continue the dialogue and stay connected! If you sense a lack of connection, pay attention! It's hard to know, especially when a child is a teenager, if the pulling away is normal and part of "growing up" or if it is because they are involved with someone or something they are certain you wouldn't approve of. You may never know unless you take an active role in your child's daily life.

Take an "autumn inventory"

What is the general mood of the adults in your household? What is the general mood of the children in your household? Does your home feel emotionally safe to your children and their friends? Are you making efforts to see your children in realistic, but positive terms? Do your children know how you deal positively with your own discouragement and stress? Do you show a spirit of gratitude on a daily basis? Are you in positive friendships with other adults? Are your children learning how to develop and sustain trusting friendships? Do you realize you are potentially the best and most important teacher your child can have? Do you know the resources for information and support that are available to you? Are you honest enough with yourself to say, "We need some help here."

This side of heaven, I don't believe we'll have all the answers. But we do know that God is the Blessed Controller of all things. He desires more happiness for us than we often allow for ourselves. He does not mean for us to live in fear. He has wonderfully created each of us as individuals who respond to our environments and social pressures. We are influenced by our genetic make-up, our own unique neurochemistry, and what will always remain a somewhat mysterious realm—life itself.

What a privilege to live now and to consider the difficult questions, sharing the important things with our children to the best of our abilities.

Ages & Stages

Infants:

All babies cry, and for good reason! Before they learn to talk, crying is one way to express their needs and send out signals of distress. Consider these three typical cries. Each is different in volume, pitch, and rhythm:

- **Pain:** A cry of pain or distress usually begins with an inward gasp followed by a long, rising shriek. There's a long pause until the next painful scream. What should the caring adults do? After determining whether there's a physical cause for the pain and moving to correct it if there is, soothe the baby by rocking or with music.
- **Basic:** A basic cry rises and falls rhythmically, broken up with a breath and a pause. The child may cry this way when demanding food or attention. What should the caring adults do? Try to meet the baby's need for food or attention.
- **Grumble:** A grumble cry is the first attempt at communication. It has a lower pitch and volume, often sounding whimpery and whiny. It's a signal that the child may be getting restless. What should caring adults do? Respond empathetically, and move the child to a different environment, providing new stimulation.

Toddlers and Preschoolers:

Infants begin bonding with their siblings during the first year of life. All siblings are fascinating simply because they are kids, says Judy Dunn, author of "From One Child to Two." Her research shows that when older siblings try to entertain them, babies enjoy their brothers and sisters as early as six months. They are often much more amused by their brothers and sisters than they are by their parents! There are shared interests and shared sources of what kids find funny, even in the second year. Dunn's research suggests that sibling relationships can give children a developmental head start. She says kids with siblings have a much richer experience with the whole range of human relations, including competition, rivalry, negotiation, and just getting along. "It may mean that their whole way of understanding other people is different." Rather than the typical bleak view of sibling rivalry, we can focus on the developmental advantages that carry over into later life.



School Age:

Shyness is un-American! Researchers suggest only 15-20% of infants are "shy," and nearly 50% of us are shy in adulthood. One powerful source is the nature of the emotional bond parents forge with their children in the earliest years. Researchers now suggest biology, relationship history, and culture all shape us. Shyness is a culture-bound label. People don't come with labels. Someone manufactures the label, and we must be careful how it is used.

According to researchers, infants with touchy temperaments are not necessarily doomed to become shy adults. Much depends on the parenting they receive. Some suggestions for supporting these kids include:

- Do not overprotect or overindulge. Nudge, don't push your child to explore new things with sensitivity. Don't give them negative labels.
- Show respect and understanding. Remember that overcoming fears and anxieties is not easy; the feelings may remain even after specific behaviors have been overcome.
- Ease the tease. Shy children are particularly sensitive to embarrassment.
- Help your child build friendships. Be involved with your child and his friends. Sometimes shy kids do better when playing with slightly younger children.
- Talk to teachers. Teachers may overlook a shy child or mistake quietness and passivity for disinterest or a lack of intelligence.
- Provide indirect support. Ask your child to what degree he wants you to be involved in his activities. It's not as important to overcome shyness as to find a comfort zone consistent with your child's temperament.
- Consider your own temperament. Think how your own personality or interaction style operates in conjunction with your child's.
- Bottom line. Talk, listen, support, and love your children for who they are, not for how outgoing you would like them to be.

An Incredible Caterpillar

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Isaiah 40:26



WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

Some things in the natural world almost defy belief. A caterpillar from South America is an example of nature's resourcefulness. This caterpillar eats green leaves, as does any other caterpillar, so that's not extraordinary. And this caterpillar is green, the same color as the leaves on which it feeds, but that's not an uncommon trait among caterpillars. But this caterpillar takes a precaution before even beginning to eat that is amazing.

As are many caterpillars, this one is a tasty morsel for birds. So before taking its first bite, it uses its sharp jaws to chisel three to five shapes of itself out of leaves. Each of these pieces of leaf is a close match in color,

size, and shape to the real caterpillar. The caterpillar then produces thread through spinnerets and uses the thread to attach the decoys to the opposite end of the leaf on which it intends to feed. Birds see several facsimiles of juicy green caterpillars and are immediately attracted to them—far from the flesh-and-blood creature. The disappointed birds move on, discouraged by what they have found.

The Creator certainly has given this caterpillar the means to foil its enemies. And He has given us the same protection from Satan, the predator of predators. But in our case, God does not use a phony as our Rescuer. He gives us His real Son for our salvation.

Silhouettes

What you need:

- ✓ chair
- ✓ light
- ✓ white paper
- ✓ tape
- ✓ pen or pencil
- ✓ black paper
- ✓ scissors
- ✓ partner

What to do:

- Sit between a light and a piece of paper taped to the wall so that a shadow of your head is cast on the paper.
- ➡ Ask your partner to draw around the shadow.
- ➡ Use the outline of your head as a pattern to cut a silhouette out of black paper.
- ➡ Mount the cutout on white paper and display it.



By the way, this type of portrait is named after Etienne de Silhouette, a French minister of finance who lived from 1709 and 1767.

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.



Adventist Health System

Midwest Region

Midwest Region Aids in Kosovo Relief Efforts

Adventist Health System Midwest Region has played a direct and integral role in delivering medical support to refugees in the Balkans. Working alongside Reverend Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, members of AHS have "donated enough supplies to equip a full hospital," according to Mohammed M. Arain, M.D., surgeon at Hinsdale and La Grange Memorial Hospitals. "Adventist Health System is on the top of the list of contributors to this effort." Volunteers from Hinsdale and La Grange alone filled a container, approximately the size of a railroad car, halfway with everything from prescription drugs to exam tables. The dollar value of the donations from Hinsdale's material management, marketing, and pharmaceutical departments is estimated at almost \$21,000.

"The response has been overwhelming and heartwarming," said Arain. "The amount of time, money, and supplies that people have been willing to donate enabled us to fill an entire container in only two weeks."

Once a container has been filled, it is shipped to the Balkans, by air or sea, and is received by a group of doctors who will then distribute its contents. An empty container replaces the one that has been sent off, and the collection process continues. Arain estimates that this ongoing effort will continue at least into next year.

In addition to the supplies being sent over, a new group of doctors are sent over to the Balkans every two weeks to provide medical care for refugees. According to Arain, 60 doctors, a majority from Hinsdale Hospital and LaGrange Memorial Hospital, have signed up to volunteer their services. When doctors become involved with the effort they must agree to: serve in the Balkan crisis for a period of two to six weeks, give their time and service to patients in the Balkans as well as donate services in the United States, and bear their own travel expenses. Arain said the bulk of the need is for pediatricians and primary care physicians.

The effort came together when a group of doctors wanting to bring relief to the Balkans contacted Reverend Jesse Jack-

son in early May for his help. "Reverend Jackson has had a sound and effective role in humanitarian causes worldwide for the past several years. For this reason, we approached him to solicit his support in the effort to bring aid to the refugees," said Arain. "Reverend Jackson was receptive to the idea from the beginning. I appreciate his leadership very much and certainly appreciate the contribution from Adventist Health System Midwest Region." After meeting with Jackson, a team of doctors visited Albania and conducted a needs assessment. From the information gathered, a report was compiled and sent back to Jackson in June.



Mohammed Arain, M.D., (at Rev. Jackson's right) joined the other representatives of organizations who donated items for the Kosovar refugees.

Involvement in this effort came from a range of different departments at the Midwest Region hospitals. According to Arain, participants wanted to do whatever they could to eliminate even a small amount of suffering for the refugees in Kosovo. Steve Kramer, from environmental services at Hinsdale, gave two of his Saturdays in a row to deliver collected donations to Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Headquarters in Chicago. "It was worth it for me to donate my time, because the refugees in the Balkans are in life-threatening situations, and I am in a position to help them," said Kramer. Carolyn Crabtree, from the purchasing department at Hinsdale, was contacted to obtain a truck for one of the Saturday deliveries. Not only did she find a truck, she collected supplies to donate that valued over \$6,000. "I knew there were perfectly good supplies in storage that the hospital couldn't use anymore, but that would help a lot in Kosovo," said Crabtree.

"The suffering going on in the Balkans is everyone's business, and it is everyone's responsibility to do whatever they can to help the situation," said Arain.

Katie Wimbush, Adventist Health System Midwest Region marketing intern

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Andrews Covered by the Web

If you suffer from arachnophobia (the exaggerated fear of spiders and insects), there's no need to avoid the Andrews campus! The "web" covering Andrews refers to the university's new and improved Internet web site on the World Wide Web.

"We've increased the functionality of it," says Jerry Burr, one of two web coordinators at Andrews. "People like the design and structure. We've received a positive response as far as being more user friendly."

With individual pages for students, faculty and staff, alumni and academics, the site now provides on-campus news and events information that is relative to each audience.

"For example," Burr explained, "on the academic page we added an Andrews course schedule for those who are interested in taking classes. Other improvements include the ability to use an Andrews e-mail account worldwide and the addition of a weather forecast system that provides current and upcoming weather conditions for the Berrien Springs area."

The Andrews web site can be accessed (spider-free!) at <www.andrews.edu>.

New Staff Join Andrews Team



Sharon Terrell

Sharon Terrell returns to Michigan as the director of Planned Giving/Trust Services. For 15 years she was the accountant for Cedar Lake Academy (now Great Lakes Academy) and most recently worked as the associate director of Trust Services/Development for the Ohio Conference. "Any manager builds a team by meshing the talents of all its members to increase unity and produc-

tion. But working with alumni and friends of Andrews to provide funds for educating students as well as constructing and equipping classrooms and buildings is my main priority," said Terrell.

The frenzy of students registering for classes is all in a day's work for **Chuck Dart** who has been appointed as the director of Enrollment Services. Most recently serving in this

same position at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif., Dart will direct the recruiting efforts of both graduate and undergraduate students. His experience allows him to easily sum up his management motto: "Quality customer service is the key to increased enrollment and retention."

Moving from sunny California where she was the associate academic dean at Pacific Union College, **Linda Thorman** acknowledges that more than just Michigan's hard winters will be a challenge for her. As of July 1, Thorman assumed the position of associate vice-president for Academic Administration and dean of the School of Graduate Studies where she will oversee the university's graduate programs. "I've also been encouraged to give special attention to the Graduate Student Association and to empower faculty who desire to increase their scholarly activities," Thorman said.



Linda Thorman

Summer Camp Answer to Prayers

Warmer temperatures, longer days, and the smell of fresh-cut grass all lead to the same inevitable question: "What are we going to do with the kids this summer?"

This age-old question has a 3-year-old answer at Andrews University: F.L.A.G. Camp. Since 1996, kids ages six to eleven have spent their summers having "Fun Learning About God."

"The name says it all," comments Buz Menhardt, founder and director of the program and youth pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews campus. "We asked ourselves what we could do with kids that was fun, educational, and cloaked in a spiritual atmosphere. F.L.A.G. Camp is an opportunity for young people to have fun while learning about God."

More than 80 campers spent the summer learning and laughing, singing and sharing. L & K's kitchen, camping skills, Bible, science, and nature classes are a few of the fun-filled educational activities that were interspersed with daily swimming and good old-fashioned outdoor fun.

"One of the main purposes of the day camp ministry is to train college and academy youth in principles of Christian leadership and service," Menhardt adds.

Last year nearly 600 children attended F.L.A.G. camps in Romania, Slovakia, the Federation of Georgia, and Bosnia. For information about starting a F.L.A.G. Camp program in your area, contact the Center for Youth Evangelism at (616) 471-9881 or e-mail Menhardt at <buzmen@andrews.edu>.

A. Monise Rollins, University Relations assistant director



Cooking is but one of the many skills learned at F.L.A.G. camp during the summer.

Andrews Academy Offers Parent Education Class

Michigan — I used to wonder why they make everyone take driver's ed prior to driving, and yet mothers don't have any educational requirements for having a baby. Andrews Academy's health class has turned into a "driver's ed" of sorts for all of its students—both male and female. For one entire school day, as part of my training (and health class grade), I had to wear a pregnancy simulator, the "Empathy Belly."

The Empathy Belly, established as a health class icon in 1996, has become quite popular with all of the students. In the beginning, everyone used to snicker as the "pregnant" student would stumble past, but now, it is a normal sight. The Empathy Belly has taught Andrews Academy students many things, the main one being that there are consequences to premarital sex—painful, heavy, and exhausting ones.

As I donned the Empathy Belly—which consists of a wide nylon band constricted tightly around the rib cage to prevent proper breathing, the "belly" of heavy liquid and two large lead balls encased in a flesh-colored smock to add the weight and the feeling of a living, kicking fetus, and a bag of lead marbles pressed against the bladder to accelerate the need to use the bathroom—I learned many things I would rather not have. I had no idea of the many additional "joys" that come as part of the pregnancy package. I realize that in real life, the mother-to-be doesn't gain 35 pounds in between class periods; she has several months for her body to adjust. But eventually, she has all the pleasure of lugging around a jumbo-size bowling ball and the mood swings to match.

Wearing the Empathy Belly has essentially changed all the positive feelings that I have ever harbored, and instilled in me the fact that pregnancy is a serious matter which, currently, I am way too busy for.

While walking to my first-period class, I learned that pregnant women don't waddle because it's fun, but because they have to. Carrying 35 pounds on your belly is a great way to throw your balance equilibrium way out of whack. Even a backpack loaded full of biology and algebra books couldn't offset my new heavy belly. By the middle of the day, I was so exhausted that all I wanted to do was curl up on the floor and rest. I tried, believe me, but that awful 35-pound "treasure" threatened to crush my lungs and stomach. Now I know why pregnant women don't sleep on their backs.

Perhaps the most important thing I learned was that I am not ready for a baby. I have tests, projects, friends, and school. I like being able to fit into my desk. And besides, I do my best to keep my pain tolerance as low as possible.

Just like "driver's ed," my health class Empathy Belly experience has made me realize that God instilled His own sort of "test" for motherhood: if after nine months of the aforementioned tortures you still want a baby, then you receive your "license," of sorts. Maybe someday I'll be ready to pass, but for now, I think I will stick to driving.

Ryla Marden, Andrews Academy senior



Oakwood Junior Academy Participates in Parade

Michigan — Oakwood Junior Academy of Taylor, Mich., was well represented in the annual Memorial Day parade in Southgate, Mich. The academy's well-known bell choir and kolintang group played patriotic hymns and songs along the several miles of spectator-lined streets.

While most people know about bell choirs, fewer are familiar with the kolintang, a native Indonesian instrument, similar in form to a xylophone. It is constructed of highly-resonant wood from a special tree native to that part of the world. It is an appropriate expression of Oakwood's multiethnic congregation, comprising more than thirty different nationalities from all over the world.

With the bell choir on the lead float, conducted by Oakwood music teacher Sandra Weaver, and the kolintang following behind on a second float, led by their leader Richard Drapiza, dozens of other Oakwood youth rode in the vehicles or walked alongside distributing nearly two thousand leaflets advertising the academy to the spectators. Many in the crowd expressed curiosity and amazement at the quality of the music they were hearing from these dedicated and energetic young people.

News cameras gave the Oakwood group extended notice on a cable news program later that day, and the following Sabbath the young people who participated were given special recognition by their church family.

Chris Morgan, Oakwood Junior Academy teacher



The Oakwood Junior Academy bell choir and kolintang players participated in the Southfield Memorial Day parade, receiving news coverage on a cable news broadcast.

Young Adults Delirious in Toronto in 2000

"Did you feel the [young] people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar? When the lost begin to sing of Jesus Christ the saving one ... ?" writes the British Christian Praise Band, *Delirious*.

During the summer of 2000 at the General Conference session, June 29–July 8, more than 350 young adults will be delirious for Christ on the streets of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Young adults have been challenged to go out on the street and touch the lives of people, not to preach, but to serve the way Jesus did. They will go to the worst and the best streets of



During the 2000 General Conference session in Toronto, Ontario, youth and young adults from every conference in the North American Division will be conducting a variety of ministries all over Toronto as well as three concurrent evangelistic series in the evenings.

Toronto to experience first hand the hopelessness and offer real hope in exchange.

Historically, youth have attracted attention on the streets of cities by the way they do evil. By involving our youth and young adults in street ministry we will "turn this trend around and have our young people command attention on the streets by the way they serve in the name of Christ" says José Rojas, youth director for the North American Division.

Impact Toronto 2000 is an evangelistic training event that involves young adults in more than 25 different street ministries, including mime, magabooks, drama, puppets, music, clowning, prayer, door-to-door ministry, Pathfinders, recreation, community service, and heaps more. Each evening they will have the opportunity to participate in three evangelistic meetings being held in the city.

"Impact Toronto 2000 is a young adult evangelistic training event that can have the highest impact of radical change in a

person's life," says Ron Whitehead, NAD associate director for youth ministries and director of the training event. Jesus did two very important things with His disciples. He mentored and trained them. Impact Toronto 2000 will mentor and train young adults in preparation to be ministers of the gospel, capable of doing the unimaginable for the cause of Christ, as they return to their homes to spearhead in their own communities what they learned at Impact Toronto 2000.

Each conference in the Lake Union will be selecting one delegate from among its young adults. Young adults are encouraged to let their conference youth director know of their interest in participating. The deadline for all applications is Feb. 14, 2000. For more information contact the Center for Youth Evangelism at (800)YOUTH-2-U; e-mail mbazzy@andrews.edu; or write to Impact Toronto 2000, Center for Youth Evangelism, Box C, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103. Check out the Impact Toronto web site at www.andrews.edu/CYE.

Marklynn Bazzy, Impact Toronto 2000 young adult director

Discover the Power Camporee

Nearly 22,000 Pathfinders, support staff, and volunteers enjoyed the Discover the Power Pathfinder Camporee at Oshkosh, Wis., Aug. 10–14. The theme "Discover the Power," was chosen to help the Pathfinders discover the power of service, of health choices, of God's Love, of friends, and of the power of prayer, Bible study, and the Holy Spirit.

Look for a full report of the camporee in the October issue of the *Lake Union Herald*, and the 4th quarter *No One But You* video. If you cannot wait for more information, visit the camporee web site at: www.camporee.org



Pathfinders from Berrien Springs, Mich., carried the flags for the opening ceremonies of the Discover the Power Pathfinder Camporee.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Group Formed Near Purdue

Central Indiana—The Hispanic work in Lafayette, Monticello, and Logansport fills my heart with a tremendous joy. Not too long ago Luis Benitez, his wife Lucy, and their son moved to Lafayette, where their son started studying at Purdue University. When they arrived there were no Spanish-speaking people in the church, but a lot of them lived around the city. The Benitezes started making friends, visiting and offering Bible studies. Soon a little group started getting together in the English-speaking church. Benitez found Adventist Hispanics around Monticello and Logansport and invited them to come to meet in the **Lafayette Church** each Sabbath with this little group. This was the beginning. They started out just meeting for Sabbath school, and soon they were meeting for a worship service also.



More than 40 people were in attendance for the church service when the Logansport, Ind., Hispanic group met for the first time.

At the end of May, the Benitez family decided to go home to Puerto Rico. This left the group of 15 to 20 with no leader. Since I had only recently moved to Indiana, I asked Ramon Irizarry, a colporteur in the Indianapolis area, if he would help lead this group. They are now meeting on Sabbath mornings in the English-speaking church in **Lafayette** and Sabbath afternoons at 6:30 p.m. in the **Logansport** English-speaking church. I was privileged to preach when they met for the first time on July 10 at Logansport. Also they are holding a small group meeting on Mondays in Lafayette, and there are two groups meeting on Sundays in Logansport.

We are considering starting a group in Frankfort. According to Lafayette pastor, Paul Vogt, 50 percent of the population in the area is Hispanic. This is a big challenge! God is opening doors.

Also after a lot of prayers, fund-raising, and effort, the **Indianapolis Hispanic Church** will soon be installed in their own new church. In this way they will be better able to spread the gospel to the community. The members of this church are always willing to help, not only in Indianapolis but around Indiana, to spread the love of Jesus.

Couple Searches for Sabbathkeeping Church

Northern Indiana—“In the northern Indiana Hispanic district we have seen great blessings this year,” reports Gilberto Bahena, **Fort Wayne Hispanic Church** pastor. “Our Lord has already given us 26 new members this year through baptism and profession of faith.”

A young couple in Nappanee, Ind., were studying the Bible by themselves and discovered that Saturday was the real day of rest. Members of a Pentecostal church, they went to their pastor to talk to him about the Sabbath. They didn't like the answers their pastor gave them. So they started looking in the local telephone directory to find a church that had services on Sabbath. Finally they found a phone number for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the newspaper, and we started a series of Bible studies. In May this young couple was baptized. They are rejoicing in their new-found faith and the blessings of the Lord, are busy sharing their new faith with their families, and are already bringing another couple to church. They tell me they are so happy resting on the Lord's day.

Small Beginnings—Great Results

Southern Indiana—The **Huntingburg Hispanic group** is on fire for God, reports José Vazquez, Huntingburg Hispanic Company pastor. There has been a significant growth in the number of Bible studies given each week since the small-group training they received in May of this year. Currently there are 20 Bible studies being given each week.

The groups have been organized in preparation for La Red '99, and the response has been tremendous. There are already some people attending church. Several are already planning for baptism at Andrews University at the close of La Red '99.

The Huntingburg group is also involved in prison ministry. Prison officials at Branchville Correctional Facility are glad that the church is taking an active role in preaching the gospel to the Hispanic inmates. Between 12 and 15 inmates attend the meetings which are held twice a month.

Orlando Vazquez, Indiana Conference Hispanic coordinator and Indianapolis Hispanic Church pastor

New Doors Opened to the Gospel

Illinois—We are sure that the guiding hand of the Lord is with us, for in the last two years we have seen Him open doors in new territories where there was no Adventist presence before. **Melrose Park** is one of these places. We have been working there for about six months, under the direction of Orlando Vega, and as a result of his efforts there is now a group of 25 people meeting in this area.

Cornelio Molina, a member of the **Humboldt Park Church**, moved to Elgin, and as a result of his efforts three families are meeting there now. With the help of Gerson Pérez, these families are preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ.

West Chicago is another place where we have worked hard

for years, and there is now a group of 20 people meeting on Sabbaths. This group had a baptism recently, and two people gave their lives to Christ.



A new group of Hispanics are now meeting in Kankakee, Ill.

Heriberto Aponte, of the Fox Valley Church, attended the Lake Union seminar for Hispanic lay evangelists. He travels 72 miles each Sabbath to share the good news of salvation with the **Kankakee** community. Aponte found Rosalia Rodríguez there, who had been brought to the church five years before by José Guevara, Lakeview Hispanic Church pastor. She is now helping in the new Kankakee group. We are sure that the verse, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1 NKJV), has had its fulfillment here in Illinois.

Rosie Guevara, Illinois Conference Hispanic ministries secretary and ABC sales representative

Hispanic Work in Michigan Is Exploding

Michigan — In the last two years, the Hispanic work in Michigan has exploded. The Lord has greatly blessed His people, and many new congregations are being planted in the conference.

The **Adrian** congregation began meeting in 1998. Several interests are currently being followed up by Abner Trevino from Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor congregation wants to give birth to a new daughter church in Adrian.

About 50 Hispanic people are regularly meeting every Sabbath in **Ann Arbor**. Thanks to the vision and support of Dan Hall, Ann Arbor Church pastor, and his church members, the Ann Arbor Spanish congregation was formally organized as a company on Oct. 31, 1998. The local pastor, Abner Trevino, and several of his members are holding about 30 personal Bible studies in this city.

In 1998, Joel Barrios, a seminary student from Andrews University, started visiting the **Battle Creek Tabernacle** with the purpose of assisting church pastor Dale Leamon by ministering to a group of Spanish people already attending the Tabernacle. Today more than 30 adults are meeting regularly.

Two seminary students from Andrews University, Marcellus de Oliveira and Fidel Soto, together with the support of Allan Meis and the **Chikaming Church** leadership, are currently ministering to a group of Spanish believers in Chikaming.

For many years **Detroit** has had only one Spanish church. In 1998 plans were made to plant two more congregations in

this area. With the assistance of a Bible worker, David Garcia, the existing church members prepared the soil for a reaping campaign. On July 3, 1999, 23 adults and their children agreed to settle in one of the targeted areas as the core group for the second Spanish congregation in Detroit. Twenty baptisms are expected by the end of the year.

Jackson is a daughter congregation of Ann Arbor, thanks to the visionary disposition of Pat Milligan, Jackson Church pastor, and many of his church members. Trevino travels all the way from Ann Arbor to Jackson to minister to more than 20 people meeting at the Jackson Church. Several baptisms have already been held as a result of this evangelistic project.

Ruben Rivera, together with the Central Spanish Church in Grand Rapids and the Wyoming Spanish Church, are committed to continuing a ministry in the **Kentwood** area of Grand Rapids. A group of about ten members from these churches are meeting every week. The goal is to have this group organized by the end of 1999.

A group of about ten adults are already meeting every week in **Pontiac**. They are asking the Detroit Spanish Church to help them become an organized congregation. They are committed to evangelizing the whole Spanish population in that area.

In 1998 a group of members of the Holland Spanish Church moved to **Pullman** as missionaries to establish a new congregation. Their long-range goal is to evangelize the whole Hispanic population in the area. Today we have already organized a church, and the members now want to purchase their own church building.

In 1997 a couple of young pastors started visiting Spanish people in **Saginaw**. Their perseverance brought forth much fruit. Today more than 30 people are meeting regularly in this dynamic congregation.

In 1998, Ruben Rivera, currently ministering in two churches in Grand Rapids, began assisting Monte Landis, **Shelby Church** pastor, in sharing the good news of salvation to some Spanish-speaking interests. A group of about 20 people, led by Ruben Rivera, are currently meeting every week in this rural town. They are being assisted by lay members who travel all the way from Grand Rapids. Several baptisms have been held in Shelby.

Claudio Martin, Michigan Conference Hispanic coordinator



In the Holland Spanish Church, ten people were recently baptized. This is indicative of the many baptisms taking place throughout the state. In the past two years, 12 new Hispanic congregations have been organized.

Michiganders in the "Big Apple"

When Doug Batchelor, *Amazing Facts* director-speaker, steps before the cameras as the speaker to open the month-long "Millennium of Prophecy" (NET NY '99) series on October 15, two Michiganders working behind the scenes will most likely be breathing prayers of thanksgiving and heaving sighs of relief. Robert Wagley, a Michigan Conference evangelist, and his wife, Peggy, have been assisting with the series since this spring.

"We never imagined the 'Big Apple' would be one of the many places to which God would call us to serve in ministry, especially since we like being in areas with space for mountain biking, canoeing, and camping. When we first heard that Doug Batchelor, and Cyril Miller, NAD vice-president for evangelism, had chosen New York City as the site for the Millennium of Prophecy satellite seminar and that it would be the 1999 NET series, we were excited about the possibilities."

Volunteers from many parts of the U.S. indicate they will be coming to New York City this fall, staying with friends or family, so they can help out in some way. Wagley who is coordinating the volunteers, notes, "The potential for reaching out to the nearly 20 million people living in the tri-state metropolitan New York area is breathtaking to consider. With its immensity and its continuous flow of people and noise, New York City can be a bit intimidating when you first visit; the place literally never sleeps. It is the home of the super rich and super poor, presenting the awesome challenge of reaching such a diverse and secular social and economic spectrum.

This fall is a pivotal time for New York City, according to local business persons. "Everyone wants to come for the millennium," said one Manhattan realtor. "They will pay any amount for a place to stay over the holidays because New York is THE place to be. They're expecting great things here."

But the Wagley's have other expectations for the city: "I really think it's time for us to focus on these large cities, especially New York City, which I believe is truly the center of the world today. There is no question that in many ways as a church we have been scared away from this megalopolis. There is no doubt that sin and wickedness abound there, but I'm reminded of what the apostle Paul says in Romans 5:20: 'Where sin abounds, grace aboundeth more.' As Paul preached the Gospel in Rome we need to share the 'Power of God unto salvation...' (Romans 1:16) in the 'Rome' of today."

Facing the many challenges of the work in New York City, Wagley says, "We really feel the need for our brothers and sisters in Michigan to pray for us as we are in New York this fall serving as the evangelism coordinators for the September Metro NY '99 crusades that will help prepare interests for NET NY '99, and for the meetings at the broadcast location for NET NY '99. We're looking forward to seeing what God has planned to do through the Holy Spirit and the preaching of the Three Angels' messages in New York City."

Betty Cooney, NET NY '99 coordinator

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Refugee Adventist Pastor Returns to Her Home in Kosovo

Djakovica, Kosovo [*Adventist News Network*]—Seventh-day Adventist pastor Dijana Daka has returned to her home in Kosovo from Albania to find all the members and friends of her church in Djakovica alive and well.

Daka lost all communication with the church leaders for almost four weeks during the military conflict in Kosovo until, on the evening of May 4, 1999, she was seen among a group of refugees in Kukes, Albania, on a news broadcast in England. While staying in Albania, Daka worked in the Flore Church as an assistant pastor.

Daka was very successful in ministering to the mainly Muslim community. A number of evangelists and visiting lecturers, including Radisa Antic, president of the church in Yugoslavia, and Martin Anthony, personal ministries director at the Trans-European Division, helped her to establish this group.

Kosovo Refugees and Minority Groups Assisted by ADRA

Silver Spring, Md. [*ANN*]—The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is assisting threatened minority groups as well as returning refugees in Kosovo.

In Pristina, ADRA is operating a telephone hotline as part of its community service program. The hotline receives nearly 200 calls each day, and about 40 percent of these calls are considered high level emergencies or are calls from people in life-threatening situations. ADRA also operates a "food on wheels" program that delivers food to minority groups, including Serbians and Romas, who feel threatened and are afraid to leave their homes. Community service teams are able to respond to vulnerable cases in villages within a 6-9 mile range.

With the destruction and contamination of wells and other sources of water, ADRA has begun repairing 1,500 wells in 60 villages. They are also preparing to assist with sanitation services, including latrine repair and refuse disposal.

A Japanese medical team is diagnosing and treating 50-100 patients a day at two ADRA medical clinics which provide primary health care to returned refugees. In Mitrovica, a city of about 100,000 people in northern Kosovo, ADRA has opened a center in the predominantly Albanian section and is opening a similar center on the Serbian side.

ADRA is also preparing to rebuild and re-equip 105 schools in Kosovo and to help farmers obtain parts to repair damaged tractors, so they can plant crops before the growing season ends.

Rick Kajjura

Unite99 to Bring Adventist Musical Talent Together

Los Angeles, Calif. [ANN]—Of all the evangelistic techniques used by members of the Adventist Church, one that may, for the most part, go unnoticed is Contemporary Christian music. There is no one single event where outreach is focused around this medium—until now.

Oct. 30 will change history, as more than 20 Adventist bands minister to an expected 2,000 spectators on the campus of La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. The first in what organizers hope to be an annual event, Unite99, with the theme "Listen Again," will not only showcase Adventist musical talent, but minister through drama teams and dynamic speakers as well. The intended audience for the event is specific.

David Appel, young adult pastor at Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church in Glendale, Calif, serves as spiritual advisor for Unite99.

"We welcome any young adult to Unite99," says Appel, "and we encourage you to participate by volunteering, by inviting your friends, or by making this a prayer priority."

Darcy Smith

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WEDDINGS

Heidi K. Birmele and Steven J. Anderson were married June 27, 1999, in Northville Township, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Frank Haynes.

Heidi is the daughter of Kalyna and the late Robert Birmele of Cleveland, Ohio, and Steven is the son of David and Joan Anderson of Ann Arbor, Mich. The Andersons are making their home in Plymouth, Mich.

Carolyn Chambers Bowman and Larry A. Smith were married May 16, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dan Augsburger.

Carolyn is the daughter of Roy L. and Lois Chambers of Fort Washington, Md., and Larry is the son of Lola and the late C. Roy Smith of Berrien Springs, Mich.

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

Jessica L. Clayton and Roderick R. Sanford were married June 14, 1998, in Hartford, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Doug English.

Jessica is the daughter of Douglas and Marjorie Clayton of Coloma, Mich., and Roderick is the son of Janet and the late Roderick Sanford of Muskegon, Mich.

The Sanfords are making their home in Coloma, Mich.

Rachel E. Johnson and Paul A. Davis were married June 13, 1999, in Ithaca, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Warren Minder.

Rachel is the daughter of Alan and Linda Johnson of Ithaca, Mich., and Paul is the son of Thomas and Pauline Davis of Guam.

The Davises are making their home in Fenton, Mich.

Valerie J. Wilson and Michael V. Castillo were married June 29, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Glenn Russell.

Valerie is the daughter of Phyllis Wilson of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Michael is the son of Rogelio and Carol Castillo of Niles, Mich.

The Castillos are making their home in Ann Arbor, Mich.

OBITUARIES

BRAY, Beverly L. (Chubb), age 53; born Nov. 21, 1945, in Bentley, Mich.; died June 3, 1999, in Midland, Mich. She was a member of the Estey Church, Rhodes, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, James A.; son, Robert J.; daughter, Sharla S. Tripp; brother, Kendon G. Chubb; sister, Karen S. Rifenburg; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Russell C. Thomas, and interment was in Bentley Township Cemetery, Rhodes, Mich.

COOK, Alma Fern (Gibson), age 82; born Mar. 4, 1917, in Cygnet, Ohio; died May 22, 1999, in Gobles, Mich. She was a member of the Pinedale Church, Gobles.

Survivors include her sons, David and Chris; stepdaughter, Alice Arwood; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ken Micheff, and interment was in Battle Creek (Mich.) Memorial Park.

EDWARDS, Harry Kenneth, age 77; born Mar. 29, 1922, in Indian Point, Ill.; died Apr. 12, 1999, in Springfield, Ill. He was a member of the Springfield First Church.

Survivors include his wife, June (Collins); son, Kenneth; daughters, Nancy Perkins and Judy Gabrenas; sister, Georgia R. Cantrall; 8 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Roland Rogers and Elder John Jagitsch, and interment was a military service at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield.

GRATOPP, A. John "Jack" H., age 91; born June 13, 1907, in Saginaw, Mich.; died June 11, 1999, in Saginaw. He was a member of the St. Charles (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sister, Elaine Thering.

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

GROSS, Bertha Fisher, age 75; born Sept. 19, 1923, in Greene County, Ind.; died Dec. 29, 1998, in Terre Haute, Ind. She was a member of the Washington (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Roy A.; sons, Curtis and John Fisher; daughter, Carol

Hughey; stepson, Alvin Gross; stepdaughters, Vivian Gross, Ilene Sohm, Phyllis Rumsey, and Alice Nielson; sisters, Bessie Ballengee, Thelma Plummer, Lucille Walls, Helen Axson, and Geneva Michael; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by James Krencseski and Alvin Gross, and interment was in Sugarland Memory Gardens, Washington, Ind.

MAXWELL, C. Mervyn, age 74; born Jan. 13, 1925, in Watford, England; died July 21, 1999, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline (Weitz); son, Stanley; brothers, A. Graham, D. Malcolm, and S. Lawrence; sister, Deirdre Smith; and 1 granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder William Fagal, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs, Mich.

MILLER, Reva (Stum), age 101; born Feb. 23, 1898, in

Hamilton County, Ind.; died Mar. 16, 1999, in Mooresville, Ind. She was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

Survivors include her brother Mark Stum; 2 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Billy J. Gott, and interment was in Mooresville (Ind.) Cemetery.

MITCHELL, Louvenia M. (Sparks), age 85; born Nov. 26, 1913, in Evansville, Ind.; died Apr. 23, 1999, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Glendale Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth R.; daughters, Carol Gardner and Kathy Westensburger; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Fred Troxell, and interment was in Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis.

MORSS, Wayne E., age 71; born Nov. 18, 1927, in Abingdon, Ill.; died June 6, 1999, in Quincy, Ill. He was a member of the Quincy Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie A. (LaBonte); son, Kenneth; daughter, Carolyn Erickson; brothers, James and Ethmer; sister, Grace Hemphill; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale J. Barnhurst, and interment was in Greenmount Cemetery, Quincy.

OLSON, Oliver L., age 93; born June 12, 1906, in Western Springs, Ill.; died June 19, 1999, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Turner); son, Roger; daughter, Shirley Huddleston; 6 grandchildren; and 10 step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Skip MacCarty, and inurnment was in Helton Cemetery, Goldsberry, Mo.

PLEASANTS, Edith, age 83; born Jan. 29, 1916, in Desotto, Miss.; died Apr. 28, 1999, in Beech Grove, Ind. She was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd; sons Larry and Michael; daughter, Teresa Pleasants; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Sergio Gutierrez, and interment was in Forrest Lawn Cemetery, Greenwood, Ind.

REED, Mona (Michaels), age 63; born Nov. 5, 1935, in Greene County, Ind.; died Dec. 30, 1998, in Bloomington, Ind. She was a member of the Bloomington Church.

Survivors include her husband, Paul C. Reed; sons, Steven J., Gary P., Rodney E., John B., and Jeffrey R.; daughters, Sharon K. McArtor and Karen F. Young; father, John O. Michael; mother, Roxie F. (Turpin); sisters, Juanita Uland and Betty Laughlin; 17 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Don Short, and interment was in Scotland (Ind.) Cemetery.

SMITH, Richard E., age 58; born Apr. 16, 1940, in Richmond, Ind.; died Sept. 16, 1998, in Richmond. He was a member of the Richmond Church.

Survivors include his wife, M. LaVerne; sons, Jeffrey A., Rick E., and Anthony S.; mother, Clara Elizabeth Smith; brother, Gordon A.; and 7 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Armando M. Camacho, and interment was in Earlham Cemetery, Richmond.

SMOOT, Irma Jean (Kopitzke), age 75; born July 20, 1923, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died June 18, 1999, in Pittsburgh, Kan. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Grady; son, Christopher; sisters, Marian Schaut, Ethel Tousey, and Ruth Kandolf; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, and interment was in Underhill Cemetery, Suring, Wis.

SOHM, Emma I. (Gross), age 60; born Nov. 3, 1938, in Washington, Ind.; died Mar. 29, 1999, in Gasquet, Calif. She had been a member of the Washington (Ind.) Church.

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Funeral services were conducted by Elder Ken Hutchins and Pastor Ted Allen, and interment was in Covelo, Calif.

WEAVER, William J., age 93; born Dec. 13, 1905, in Ford County, Ill.; died June 28, 1999, in Aurora, Ill. He was a member of the North Aurora Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Phyllis Gray and Sharon Carlson; 8 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Arnold Friedrich and Stephen F. Shaw, and interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park, Aurora.

WHITE, Rebekah L. (Riffel), age 90; born Mar. 13, 1909, in Carrier, Okla.; died June 30, 1999, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughters, Lucile White, Joyce Councell, and Avonda Krause; brothers, Orlay and Lavern Riffel; sister, Sylvia Krause; 5 grandchildren; and 6 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Herold Weiss, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs, Mich.

YOUNG, Mary Alice (Howard), age 65; born Feb. 27, 1934, in Breathitt County, Ky.; died Apr. 28, 1999, in Hanover, Ind. She was a member of the Madison (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Mack Young; daughters, Judy Burns, Carol Burns, Tracy Baker, Alice G. Sellers, Kendra Thompson, Betsie Chilton, Stephanie Moore, Heather Young, and Greta Young; brothers, William, Dexter, and Chester Howard; sisters, Susie Johnson and Texas Birchfield; 15 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by J.D. Traylor, and interment was in Fairmount Cemetery, Madison.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churches, schools, and conferences may submit announcements to the Lake Union Herald through their local conference offices. Institutions and organizations outside the Lake Union may submit announcements to the Lake Union Herald e-mail address listed in the masthead on page 31. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Calendar of Events: Sept. 20-22—international students orientation; **24-26**—new students orientation; **20-24**—registration for returning students; **20**—Elly Economu retirement celebration (see announcement below); **22-24**—registration for first-time students; **26-27**—registration for all students; **Tuesday, Sept. 28**—classes begin; **Friday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.**—convocation.

Celebrate Professor of Biblical Languages Elly Economu's retirement and her contributions to Andrews University and the Berrien Springs com-

munity over the past 31 years at an open house held in her honor, **Monday, Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m.**, Chan Shun Hall lobby on the campus of Andrews University.

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Sept. 4—Outreach/Church Budget; **11**—Missions Extension; **18**—Church Budget; **25**—Local Conference Advance; **25**—13th Sabbath: Africa-Indian Ocean Division. **Oct. 2**—Outreach/Church Budget; **9**—Voice of Prophecy.

Special Days: Sept. 4—Men's Day of Prayer, **4-11**—Nurture Periodicals Week; **11-18**—Fami-

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ly Togetherness Week; 18-25—Hispanic Heritage Week. Oct. 2—Children's Sabbath; 2-9—Health Education Week; 16—Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath.

Celebrate the Centennial of Hispanic Work in the North American Division. One of the programs organized to celebrate the special landmark of the first centennial of the Hispanic work in the North American Division is an evangelistic campaign—NET '99 in Spanish—to be conducted from Oct. 11 to 25. Speaker Alejandro Bullón, ministerial director and evangelist of the South American Division will be uplinked from Orlando, Fla., and transmitted via satellite to all the territory of the North American Division as well as other Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

On Sept. 26, the Lake Union Conference will have a special closing meeting for this evangelistic effort at Pioneer Memorial Church, Andrews University. We expect a large number of Hispanics—as well as many English-speaking friends—to attend this special event that will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a concert. The meeting, featuring Elder Bullón in person as the guest speaker, will culminate with a great baptismal ceremony under a large tent that will be set up for the occasion. We invite you to come and celebrate with us!

ILLINOIS

Elmhurst Church has planned a homecoming day for Nov. 13. All friends and members should make plans to spend this Sabbath with their friends and relatives, recalling wonderful memories. A special meal is planned, and the fellowship will be everlasting. For further information, call Howard and Sandy Hartung at (630) 985-8212.

WANTED: Individuals desiring to use their talents for the Lord! Quincy Illinois Church is praying for people to assist in ministering to the community through our Community Service Center, Discover Bible School, Church School, 3ABN downlink interests, and/or other small group outreach endeavors. Quincy is a progressive town of 40,000 with many job opportunities, and within a 15-30 minute drive of a half dozen smaller towns with rolling farmland in-between.

If the Lord is speaking to your heart, please call: (217) 223-7170 or (217) 228-2181; or write Quincy Adventist Church, 2815 Oak, Quincy, IL 62301

INDIANA

The Greenfield Church is looking for information on the following missing members: Phil

lip Woolsey and Peter Hamang. If you can help, please contact Lois Holmes, 208 W. Grove St., Greenfield, IN 46040.

"Living a Life of Grace" is the theme of the Indiana women's retreat, to be held Oct. 1-3 at Spring Mill Inn, Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Ind. We are looking for you and your friends to make our retreat complete. We're planning the program, choosing the menu, discussing seminars versus free time, thinking up surprises ... You won't want to miss!!! For a closer walk with Jesus, for rest and relaxation, for friendships, laughter and fun, you need this retreat.

Our keynote speaker is Becky Wang Cheng. Becky is a physician, occasional musician, and the mother of three lively boys. Come to Spring Mill Inn. The door will be open and we will be waiting for you. You will be blessed. Call today to register. Dial (317) 573-9406 and ask for Julie.

MICHIGAN

Community Services Fall Federation Workshop will be held Sept. 24-26, at Camp Au Sable. Mable Dunbar, president of Women in Renewal, Inc., will be the guest speaker. She was formerly the director of Safe Shelter in Benton Harbor. Her topics include Community Service with Passion: Being Spirit-led; Com-

munity Service with Power: Being Spirit-filled; Community Service and Practice: Being Spirit-driven. For more information, call the Michigan Conference community services department at 517-485-2226, ext. 275.

Historically, there have been Adventists in the St. Johns area since 1863. On Sabbath, Sept. 25, the St. Johns Church will be having a homecoming/anniversary to celebrate our history and 25 years of being in our present church building. Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, will be our guest speaker for the morning worship service. Several former church school teachers, pastors, and returning members will be attending. If you know of inactive members in or have friends from the St. John's area that you would like us to invite, or if you would like to receive an invitation yourself, please call Yvonne DePaep at (517) 224-4383 or Pastor Olin Thomas at (517) 651-7107.

The Michigan Academies Alumni Association invites all graduates/attendees and former faculty of Adelphian Academy, Grand Ledge Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, and Great Lakes Adventist Academy to the annual homecoming alumni weekend to be held on Oct. 8-9, on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. The honor year graduates for the weekend are those from the classes of '49, '59, '74, and '89. The alumni Association is requesting current names and addresses of alumni in an effort to reach each with the quarterly *Alumni Newsletter*. For more information, please contact Charlotte Henderson, director of development, or Hilda Reichert, administrative assistant, at (517) 427-5181.

WORLD CHURCH

Boulder Junior Academy "100-year Celebration." BJA alumni homecoming will take place the weekend of Sept. 25 at the Boulder (Colo.) Church. For more details call (303) 433-3531, school, or (303) 442-1522, church.

Sunnydale Adventist Academy alumni weekend, Oct. 1-3, will be a time to visit your former classmates, roommates, friends, and faculty. The classes to be honored include '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, and '89. Contact Christy Prevo or Ruth Troyer at 6818 Audrain Rd. 9139, Centuria, Mo. 65240; (573) 682-2164.

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date 26 Weeks Ending June 16, 1999

Average Membership Basis			Increase		%				
31-Mar-99	1998	Conference	1999	1998	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	1999	1998
11,159	11,208	Illinois	3,765,473	3,636,803	128,670	3.54%	337.44	324.48	
5,938	5,755	Indiana	2,788,371	2,356,310	432,061	18.34%	469.58	409.44	
23,142	23,335	Lake Region	4,150,193	3,947,555	202,638	5.13%	179.34	169.17	
23,461	23,275	Michigan	10,542,422	10,307,066	235,356	2.28%	449.36	442.84	
6,266	6,199	Wisconsin	2,292,285	2,094,997	197,289	9.42%	365.83	337.96	
69,966	69,772	Totals	23,538,744	22,342,731	1,196,014	5.35%	336.43	320.22	
Tithe per Week			905,336	859,336	46,001	5.35%			

Sunset Calendar

	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8
Berrien Springs, MI	8:16	8:04	7:52	7:40	7:27	7:16
Chicago	7:21	7:09	6:57	6:45	6:33	6:21
Detroit	8:04	7:52	7:40	7:28	7:15	7:04
Indianapolis	7:14	7:02	6:51	6:39	6:28	6:17
La Crosse, WI	7:38	7:25	7:12	6:59	6:47	6:34
Lansing, MI	8:09	7:57	7:45	7:32	7:20	7:08
Madison, WI	7:29	7:17	7:04	6:52	6:39	6:27
Springfield, IL	7:27	7:16	7:05	6:53	6:42	6:30

Greater Boston Academy annual alumni weekend, Oct. 1-3, will be held at Boston Regional Medical Center Campus, 5 Woodland Rd., Stoneham, MA 02180. For more information, call Pamela Dawson at (617) 665-9053.

The 56th annual meeting of the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists (NASDAD) will be held Oct. 6-9 in Maui, Hawaii. Your NASDAD officers enthusiastically invite you and your family for a wonderful weekend filled with spiritual, educational, and recreational activities. Reservations at the Outrigger Wailea Beach Resort will need to be made early. For information contact Judson Klooster, Executive Director, NASDAD, P.O. Box 101, Loma Linda, CA 92354; (909) 558-8187; email nasdad@sd.llu.edu.

Adventist Singles Outreach Ministries International mission trip to Chile, South America is Oct. 17-31. It will be an evangelistic and construction project north of Santiago in the coastal city of Puchuncavi that is being prepared to hear the gospel and see a church completed

in two weeks. Masons, carpenters, an electrician, a plumber, general laborers, musical talent and translators are needed. For information contact Wade Cazes (403) 527-5849; e-mail wacazes@memlane.com; or Gaye Ozanne (605) 224-5428; e-mail gaozanne@yahoo.com; or Ami Henderson (828) 696-8906.

JoyRiver offers interactive chats on a wide variety of topics including vegetarian cooking; healthful living, group Bible studies; Sabbath school lesson discussions; worship, prayer, and praise chats; and youth chats in a safe environment. Check out the schedule at www.joyriver.org and join us in chat!

The Escondido (Calif.) Church is planning a celebration in Nov. 2000 to commemorate 100 years worshiping at our present location in Escondido, located 30 miles north of San Diego, Calif. We are looking for any former pastors, associate pastors, teachers, or members, who have information, facts, dates, and names which would add interesting details to our celebration. Respond by mail, P.O. Box 460605, Escondido, CA 92045-0605; fax (760) 743-2570;

or e-mail escondidosdach@escondidosda.org.

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sept. 1—First Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET. Analog (A): Telstar 4, channel 1; Digital (D): Galaxy 9, VC 101, 3.820, H, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1, BID:0.

Join ACN and host Steve Chavez, assistant editor for the *Adventist Review*, for a report on Discover the Power Camporee, the Solar Electric Light Fund and how they helped in the Solomon Islands, the *Voice of Prophecy's* Family Reunion concert, and the Festival of the Laity from Barbados and Guatemala.

Sept. 4—Adventist Worship Hour, 11 a.m.—noon, ET. A: Telstar 5, channel 7; D: Galaxy 3, VC 2, 3.975, V, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1, BID:0.

Join Dwight Nelson for the whole month of Sept. for parts 3-6 of his seven-part series, "Jesus, You Da Man!"

Sept. 11—Adventist Worship Hour; 11 a.m.—noon, ET. A: Telstar 5, channel 14; D: Galaxy 3, VC 2, 3.975, V, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1

BID:0. Dwight Nelson's "Jesus, You Da Man"—part 4.

Sept. 18—Adventist Worship Hour, 11 a.m.—noon, ET. A: Telstar 5, channel 14; D: Galaxy 3, VC 2, 3.975, V, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1, BID:0. Dwight Nelson's "Jesus, You Da Man"—part 5.

Sept. 25—Adventist Worship Hour, 11 a.m.—noon, ET. A: Telstar 5, channel 14; D: Galaxy 3, VC 2, 3.975, V, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1, BID:0. Dwight Nelson's "Jesus, You Da Man"—part 6.

Sept. 27—Retirement Plan—Defined Contribution Plan, 11 a.m.—noon, ET. A: Telstar 5, channel 14; D: Galaxy 3, VC 2, 4.000, H, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1, BID:0.

Adventist Retirement Plans—Enrollment Kick-off. This broadcast will provide church workers with step-by-step instructions and materials to aid them in completing a successful enrollment by Dec. 31, 1999.

Sept. 30—Retirement Plan—Defined Contribution Plan (repeat), 4-5 p.m., ET. A: Telstar 4, channel 1; D: Galaxy 3, VC 2, 3.920, H, 2/3, 6.62, NID:1, BID:0.

Fall into the annual Adventist Book Center Open House Sale!

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A Whole New World, under the Sea

I've never swum an inch. I can't even doggy paddle. As for floating, I might as well have rocks for bones. But none of that mattered last month when I discovered a spectacular, eye-popping new world—underwater.

A smooth motor boat ride zipped us from one pier to another on the Caribbean shore of Roatan. At just nine in the morning, the beach was still empty. I leaned back for some much-needed rest and relaxation. Meanwhile, my friends Sally, Becca, and Timothy slapped on sun screen, slipped into flippers and masks, and floated away, noses in the water.

This is the life, I thought to myself. The sun sparkled through the palm fronds over me, and the water dazzled blue. I wrote in my notebook awhile and looked out at the water and hills. In the distance my friends bobbed over the water, peering at a world I'd never seen.

And then, "You ready to try it, Tompaul?"

I looked up at Timothy. "Well ... I've always wanted to. I would if I could swim."

"No problem," Timothy said. "The water's so salty, you can just float on it. Try on these goggles."

Before I knew it, I'd taken off my watch, slathered on fresh sun screen, and stepped into flippers that fit me "okay." Timothy helped me adjust the mask, and I chomped down on the mouthpiece, ready to choke at any moment. It fit just fine and I didn't choke, so I ventured to the next step—breathing under water. Timothy showed me how to clear the tube when necessary, and I dipped below the surface.

I was only in to my knees, but if I could breathe here, I could breathe anywhere. Now the trick was to float. A few false starts later and sure enough, the saltwater floated me like a twig. Instantly my whole world changed.

It was as if I'd never walked or breathed on land. As I floated out farther and farther with Timothy, I could scarcely believe this new reality that seemed so natural. It seemed like I'd always lived and breathed underwater. Floating was as natural as walking. Water and fish were as normal as air and dry animals.

I suddenly laughed in joyous astonishment. A bright orange fish with purple highlights glided by. It seemed the silliest and most beautiful thing I'd ever seen.

Twice in my underwater exploration I thought, "Hey, I'm floating over water I can drown in; this isn't natural!" And twice I had to come up for air and reorient myself, but each time it was easier to slip back into my underwater mode.

I reached the coral at last, finding underwater creatures of such startling beauty I couldn't help but laugh again. A bright yellow fish with big white eyes glided behind a rock, while a blue fish minded its own wet business. I'd never before explored or experienced such a world, yet it couldn't have felt more natural.

When Jesus comes for us, we'll change "in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye . . . For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51,52, NIV).

Though our feet have always been stuck to the ground, nothing will seem more natural than to forget gravity and soar up to Jesus, beckoning to us from the sky.

Tompaul Wheeler



IT WAS AS IF I'D NEVER WALKED OR BREATHED ON LAND!

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Joshua Shelton

Joshua Shelton is a May graduate of Broadview Academy, where he served as the senior resident assistant. He enjoys working with people. He is a backpacking, wilderness survival camper. Although Joshua had knee surgeries the latter part of his senior year, he still maintained his position as the co-captain of Acronaires, the school gymnastic team.

While a student, Joshua led out in worship and represented the school in many community settings. His classmates and others appreciated the time he took to listen and counsel with them. As a leader, he was elected to class and other offices, including Student Association pastor. His long-range goal is to bring troubled youth to wellness and a relationship with Jesus through a wilderness program.

The son of Dennis and Pam Shelton of Quincy, Ill., Joshua wants most of all to be happy and to have a beautiful family.

Sandra Rosas, a Broadview Academy May graduate, is an outgoing people person whose energy and enthusiasm for a relationship with Jesus are contagious. Involved in everything in the curriculum, she draws others into whatever is happening—academics, sports, student activities, spiritual programming, music, mission trips, all of school life.

Sandra's greatest desire is to be ready when Jesus comes. Willing to share her faith, she even helped hold youth meetings in the Dominican Republic. She represented the school in the local community in Illinois as well. As the student coordinator for the Times of Spiritual Emphasis, she led out in an Invitational Youth Rally, planned by youth for youth. More than two hundred visitors attended the weekend meetings.

Faculty and staff chose Sandra to receive the Caring Heart Award. Sandra's father and mother, Jesus Rosas and Neyza Rivero of Chicago, are both physicians, whose example has inspired her to study medicine and serve the Lord in Africa.



Sandra Rosas

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