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A 10-week youth crusade "Revelation Promises Hope" in Grand Rapids (see story on page 10) resulted in baptisms during the Sabbath program at the August ASI convention. *Herald* photo.

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EDITORIAL

Do Not Forget Why You Are Here

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I arrived in the Dominican Republic nine hours after taking off from South Bend. Maybe it was because the baggage handlers had dropped my suit bag in a puddle of water, soaking all my underwear, dress shirts, suits and fading the new ties onto each other. Maybe it was the narrow streets and uncollected trash, or maybe it was the hotel phone system that was out of order after a lightning strike. I am not sure what had me riled, but I am sure that God was displeased with me.

He suddenly reminded me of why I was in Santo Domingo. I was not sent to evaluate the country and its infrastructure. It was not to judge the culture, the people, or their manner of driving. I was sent there to love them.

Yes, love them. Love them enough to share the story of Jesus and His grace. After all, He is the source of their salvation, as well as mine. I was to love them enough to learn about them—their hopes, fears and dreams. I was sent to love them as Jesus loves them.

And guess what? At the same moment God reminded me of why I was there, a remarkable attitude adjustment came over me. I started to laugh along with the people at some of the drivers, reminding myself of my frequent frustration with some of the drivers in Michigan.

I cancelled having hotel management switch me to the room I should have had. The reason: I saw the fantastic view of the ocean and the palm trees. It was always there, I just hadn't noticed. I began to really see that wonderful country and its marvelously-resilient people. I started to appreciate how they have endured, even thrived, through adversities that I have never experienced.

Then it happened. I loved them! No, I really mean it. I wanted to tell each of them just how much Jesus cares—how much I care. And I did it! Night after night, to over-capacity crowds, I preached the good news that Jesus saves. And those beautiful people, for whom Jesus died, responded with great enthusiasm and were baptized in His name.

My prayer shall always be: "Lord, help me not to forget why I am here."
Do you remember why you are here?

OPERATION AMIGO

Gannavaram, India, Evangelistic Crusade 2000

BY RICHARD MUSKETT

On April 17 of this year, Bob and Gail Jordan from the Hillsdale (Illinois) Church, along with Jim Wyckoff and myself, members of the Houghton Lake (Michigan) Church, left for Gannavaram, India, for a one-month evangelistic crusade. While in Gannavaram we stayed at the Hotel Ilapuram and became acquainted with three special men who worked there and made our stay an enjoyable experience.

First, there was Rau, the hotel restaurant manager, who provided us with our noon meal each day. Rau is a Christian Hindu. He was a true Christian with the love of Jesus in his heart, but from outward appearances he was a Hindu with the red dot on his forehead. Rau longed for the day that he could openly preach the second coming of Christ. He came to our hotel room on several occasions and prayed earnestly for us and our mission. He told how he had two visions on the second coming of Christ, both biblically correct. Rau's testimony was truly a witness for Christ and touched our hearts.

Second, there was Rubin Joseph,

the hotel housekeeping manger. Rubin is a Christian Catholic whose father was English and mother was Indian. He too had Jesus in his heart, and he talked to us daily about what he had read in his *Daily Bread Devotional*.



Approximately 1,079 Telugu language Bibles were distributed.

Rubin prayed with us also, and during his last prayer with Rau

and us, he prayed in his own words for the first time in his life—not a memorized prayer, but a prayer from his heart to his God.

Last of all, there was Raja, a loveable Hindu who operated the hotel



During the evangelistic crusade in India, Jim Wyckoff spoke to an audience of more than 900 people.



From left: Richard Muskett and James Wyckoff from the Houghton Lake Church, and Robert and Gail Jordan from the Hillsdale Church, all participated in the crusade.

computer. He became the link to our families. Though Raja is a Hindu, he began to see in us and in Rau and Rubin, his co-workers, the love of Jesus as we went about our daily routine. Raja continues to e-mail me now that I am back in the United States. With the Lord's help, I will continue to witness to him.

Jim Wyckoff was the speaker for the meetings, and for sixteen nights he preached the Word of God. We began with about 150 people in attendance the first night, and the number continued to grow each night until we

had more than 900 in attendance! We were able to distribute 1,079 Bibles in the Telugu language, which is the people's native tongue. When the call went out to accept Jesus as their Savior, hundreds stood for Him,

and many came forth wanting to be baptized. As a result, the pastors in the nearby areas baptized 284 people.

Though I had many apprehensions about going to India, I am glad God gave me this opportunity to be

a witness for Him. I can more fully appreciate what God has given me, and I thank Him daily for the blessings I saw in India.

Richard Muskett is the head deacon at the Houghton Lake Church.

NEW MEMBERS

ILLINOIS

When I was a little girl, frequently a Christian aunt of mine would take me to church with her on Sundays. Then when I was 10 years old my grandmother, Nancy Psik, moved back into our area, and she began taking my siblings and me to the Mattoon Seventh-day Adventist Church. I had always felt like something was missing in my life, and that's when I found what it was. It was love. Love for the Savior, the Word, and a genuine love for each other. As a result, I expressed a desire to be baptized, but I was forbidden by my father from doing so.

When I was about 15 years old, my grandmother took me to the Northern Illinois camp meeting where Don Schneider, then Lake Union president, was speaking. At the end of his sermon, Elder Schneider made an appeal for those who had never given their hearts to Jesus, to do so right then. Although I responded to his appeal eagerly, I was sad at the same time. I was not allowed to demonstrate my love for Jesus through baptism. I talked to Elder Schneider following that service, and he spoke words of encouragement to me regarding my situation.

Years later I still wanted to be

baptized, but I found myself in a failing marriage with a little baby. I continued to attend church, and I wanted to have my daughter Priscilla dedicated to the Lord. However, my father and Priscilla's father said "No!"



Teresa Dawn, who is now an active member of the Mattoon Church, is pictured here with her daughter Priscilla who was dedicated earlier.

Nevertheless, God gave me the courage to follow through on my convictions. A few months later, without telling anyone in my immediate family, I had Priscilla dedicated at church.

God continued to send people into my life, such as an Adventist aunt, who helped me grow and be strong. God gave me the strength and courage to start baptismal lessons. So that I could study freely, I kept the lessons at work and completed them during breaks. On Priscilla's second birthday, I was finally baptized into the Mattoon Church.

*Teresa Dawn as told to Lisa Poole,
Mattoon Church communication
secretary*

MICHIGAN

Through many years in evangelism, I have come to realize that "people's extremities are just God's opportunities." As we prepared for the evangelistic crusade in the Houghton Lake, Michigan, Church, we learned that there was no pianist. My husband, Evangelist Dan Collins, counseled with Jeff Arthur, church pastor, and they agreed to hire Ruth Boys. Ruth's husband, Dave, is a member of the local Adventist church, but what made this decision unique is the fact that Ruth was a church member of another denomination and a teacher in one of that denomination's schools.

As we met to practice our music each evening, I had an opportunity to become better acquainted with Ruth. I was immediately impressed with her sincerity and her deep love for Jesus. She told me that at one time she had taught in a Seventh-day Adventist church school for eight years. The Lord laid a great burden on my heart to see her return to the biblical truths she had once loved and taught. I began to intercede most earnestly for her.

Just as soon as I finished singing

the first song each night, Ruth would leave and go into the fellowship hall to prepare for her next day's school assignment—this way she felt she could also escape the convicting power of the preaching of God's Word. But the Lord still used this opportunity—since Ruth had to know when to return to the sanctuary to accompany the appeal song, she had to leave the speaker turned on in the room.

Decision time arrived in the crusade, and many prayers were ascending to God's throne room. "Lord, we just must have Ruth!" Dan had just finished preaching *The Seal of God or the Mark of the Beast*. We knew Ruth had heard the message through the speaker system—what would be her response? We did not have long to wait! The God of heaven moved upon her heart all night.

"Dave," Ruth said to her husband the next morning, "I am thinking of becoming a Sabbath-keeper, but I want to remain a member of my own denomination." Just as soon as the words escaped her lips, the Holy Spirit spoke directly to her. "Ruth, you know what you should do; you know what you must do. Are you going to walk toward Me—or are you walking away?" With deep emotion, Ruth said to Dave, "I know what I should do; I know what I must do—and I'm coming home!" With joy, Dave lovingly embraced his wife. "Honey, this is the best Christmas present I could ever have!"

Ruth desired to restudy all the biblical truths, so Pastor Jeff went through the *Amazing Facts* Bible study folders with her. Sabbath, June 10, **Ruth Boys** was baptized.

*Kay Collins, evangelistic crusade
correspondent*



Dave and Ruth Boys

BY RICHARD DOWER

Gordon Retzer was elected as the new Lake Union Conference president on Monday, August 28, by the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee. He fills the vacancy left by Don Schneider who was elected president of the North American Division at the recent General Conference session in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Elder Retzer has served most recently as president of the Florida Conference, and has been the president of both the Kansas-Nebraska and the Rocky Mountain Conferences. He has also served as executive secretary and ministerial director in the Rocky Mountain Conference and Sabbath school and personal ministries director in the Iowa Conference and has pastored in the Florida and Iowa conferences.

Prior to being the president of the Florida Conference, Gordon was the manager of Adventist World Radio in Guam and then moved to the General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, serving as president of Adventist World Radio. He said of his experience that it has been "a privilege no matter where it has been to help advance the kingdom of God on earth. It's a privilege to make friends and learn from others, and we feel very grateful to God and the church for allowing us to participate in the mission God has given us."

Gordon, 54, was born in St. Helena, California. His parents, Fernon and Dorothy, were missionaries in the Inter-American Division and moved to Columbia when Gordon was 2 or 3 years old. Gordon says, "I'm a preacher's kid, because both my father and my grandfather were Adventist ministers." His father Fernon, was the Sabbath school director for the Inter-American Division, the General Conference, and the Southern Union. Gordon's parents are retired and live in Tennessee.

Growing up in Columbia and Costa Rica, Gordon learned Spanish, as he



Gordon and Cheryl (Marley) Retzer will soon be moving to Berrien Springs, Michigan, to join the Lake Union Conference family.

says, "without having to work at it, and in fact I learned Spanish almost before learning English." He was a 1964 graduate of Greater Miami Academy, and graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1968 with a degree in theology.

He and his wife Cheryl Marley, a nursing student, were married in 1968, and immediately started their pastoral ministry in the Florida Conference where, after four years, he was ordained to the pastoral ministry. They then moved to Berrien Springs to study at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and he completed his Master of Divinity degree in 1975.

Cheryl was also a preacher's kid since her father and grandfather were both Adventist ministers. While in Colorado, she completed her bachelor of science degree in nursing, graduating cum laude. She works part time at the Florida Hospital as a labor and delivery nurse, and part time at the Florida Conference in the role of nurturing pastors' wives. Gordon says, "Cheryl has a close walk with God, has a real gift in caring for people, and her smile is a blessing to all."

The Retzer's have two children.

Meet Gordon Retzer, New Lake Union President

Their daughter Carisa, a Union College graduate, her husband Craig Carr, and daughter Cassie, live in Berrien Springs while Craig completes his seminary training. Their son Tim, a senior, is completing a double major in business and international business in Denver, Colo.

Gordon runs two miles a day, enjoys golf, hiking, snow skiing, camping, snorkeling, being in nature, and both he and Cheryl are certified scuba divers. He likes music and says, "I love playing the piano and participating in worship through music."

He says that he wants a spiritual closeness with God. "I have a passion for God and seek dependence on Him daily. I want to have unwavering faith in God, coupled with a genuine love for people. I want Jesus to live in me. I want closeness with Cheryl and my family, I want God to inspire my leadership. I want to expand my mind and see big ideas for the church. I want to maintain a balance in my life and not take it all too seriously. I want to laugh and enjoy the journey."

Richard Dower is editor of the Lake Union Herald.

NAD K-12 Teachers Convention in Dallas Makes History



The teachers convention featured such well-known

BY PAT HUMPHREY

Inspirational. Excellent. Awesome. Spiritual. Spectacular. Enriching. Refreshing. These are just a few of the expressions teachers used to describe their experience at the first-ever North American Division K-12 Teachers Convention held in Dallas, Texas, August 13-16.

More than 6,000 teachers, school administrators, conference and union personnel, including family members, from the North American Division (NAD), along with special guests from outside the NAD, converged at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas for the largest gathering of educators in Seventh-day Adventist history.

"The convention far exceeded our hopes," said Dick Osborn, vice president for education at the NAD office of education. "Teachers left here feeling proud to be Adventist educators, realizing that they are part of a bigger system."



The New Generation Singers of Forest Lake Academy was one of several musical groups to perform at the NAD K-12 Teachers Convention.

YEARS OF PLANNING

Planning for the event began about four years ago as the result of a unanimous vote by the NAD Union Directors Education Council to host a division-wide teachers convention. During the initial planning stages, only about 4,000 teachers were expected to attend, but by the time of the event, 6,200 people had registered. Participants expressed warmth, enthusiasm, and appreciation as they listened to 210 speakers who conducted 310 breakout sessions and eight special guests who gave presentations at general sessions and worship assemblies. In the exhibit hall, nearly 100 exhibitors captivated the attention of teachers with educational materials for display and for sale, occupying 140 booth spaces.

LIKE A REUNION

Linda Fuchs of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Berrien Springs, Michigan, found the convention to be a very positive experience. "The North American teachers convention was a great blessing!" Linda said. "Those planning it did an outstanding job. I can't think of anything that I didn't like.

"A personal highlight for me was to see my eighth-grade teacher, the very best teacher I ever had! I had not seen him since my eighth-grade graduation 33 years ago. How he inspired me! And now I have been teaching for 25 years, taking with me his philosophy of a Christ-centered classroom with a teacher who knows how to have fun and who really cares about kids' lives!"

LAKE UNION WELL REPRESENTED

Linda Fuchs was one of 510 teachers, administrators, and family members from the Lake Union who attended the teachers convention. Additionally, several convention presenters were from the Lake Union, including Jim Tucker, Paul Brantley, and Don Murray of Andrews University; Melvin Wade; and Gary Randolph and Gary Sudds, director and associate director of education for the Lake Union.

PAULSEN'S CHALLENGE

Sunday night's opening session set the tone for the meetings with a keynote address to educators by General Conference President Jan Paulsen. "Three idols in the modern world are wealth, education, and therapy," Paulsen said. "Therapy has its place, but what has happened to God, to prayer, to Bible study? The fact is that none of the three [idols] can, in and of themselves, provide us with healing for our broken world and broken lives. ... True education looks first of all to God. This is the antidote to making education an idol."

Challenging teachers to equip students both professionally and spiritually, Paulsen admonished them to consider carefully the sacred work that has been entrusted to them. "You teachers are my fellow ministers," he said. "You have a trusted role because of the special material placed in your hands. You are entrusted with the task of forming it. You give the material its character. You help it to discover both its value and its usefulness."



Speakers as (from left) Joan Coggin, Loma Linda; Calvin Rock, GC; Dick Osborn, NAD; Harry Wong; Leland Kaiser, futurist; . .

Also addressing the large gathering of educators during the opening session was special guest Joe McTighe, executive director of the Council for American Private Education. "Adventist schools are a vital part of the private educational community," McTighe remarked. "I am in awe of your energy and spirit, and I have a deep respect for the commitment you bring to your noble work."

CONVENTION THEME

The convention's theme, "The Call, The Challenge, The Commitment," was the brainchild of Bill Reinke, associate educational superintendent of the Michigan Conference, whose theme was selected as the winner among 200 entries in a theme-writing contest. When asked to reflect on his theme, Bill commented, "As I thought about a theme, I realized that teaching is more than a job, more than a profession—it is a calling. We are called to lead children to Jesus Christ."

A highlight of the opening session was the unveiling of the newly-published book, *True Education*, a modern adaptation of Ellen G. White's classic volume, *Education*. James Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, and Bob Kyte, president of Pacific Press Publishing Association, presented a copy of the book to Jan Paulsen, and provision was made for every convention attendee to receive a complimentary copy. Nix, who was responsible for the content of the new edition, assured the audience that no changes have been made in

the principles expressed in the original publication; only the language has been updated.

SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Evident during the meetings was a spirit of prayer and consecration. A special season of prayer, led by Ruthie Jacobsen, NAD prayer ministries coordinator, and Trevan Osborn, son of Dick Osborn, invoked the blessings of God, not only during the meetings, but for teachers and students during



A season of prayer was held during the opening session of the teachers convention, Sunday evening August 13.

the upcoming school year.

One of the most typical sights was of people renewing old acquaintances. "I've seen people here that I haven't seen in years," was a frequent comment among attendees. Hugs and warm greetings were a regular part of convention activities as well as networking and exchanging ideas. Teachers realized that they're not alone, but part of a larger worldwide educational system. Most importantly, many who attended expressed that

they felt affirmed in their ministry. "We had such a feast of talented presenters to remind us why we chose to be teachers and just how important that commitment is," expressed one participant.

Also impressive was the positive impact that the large gathering of Adventists made on hotel and convention staff and the local Dallas community. Mercy Little of the Dallas Housing Bureau, who worked closely with

convention planners to arrange hotels for convention participants, told Dick Osborn that the Adventist group is the nicest one she has ever worked with. "I don't know much about your church," Little said, "but the way your people have been with me makes me think about joining your church." This is just one of many such praises from others who interacted with convention participants.

Tuesday evening marked another historic event for the Adventist Church—the largest formal banquet ever held in the church's history. A total of 5,400 persons were served by 240 waiters who accomplished the task in a mere 45 minutes. "Educators can learn a lot from the service industry," master of ceremonies Dick Osborn commented.

One of those honored at the awards banquet for his years of involvement and distinctive service in Adventist education was Frederick Stephan, who received the Medallion of Distinction.



Joe McTigue, Council for American Private Education, Don Schneider, NAD president, and William Glasser, psychiatrist and author.

Also recognized were Tom and Violet Zapara, whose generous donations have funded numerous \$1,000 cash awards to teachers who demonstrate excellence in education. Over the years the Zapara awards have amounted to more than 1.5 million dollars given to Adventist educators. The stage overflowed as more than 400 former Zapara award recipients gathered around the Zaparas in their honor.

COMMITMENT SERVICE

The convention climaxed with a commitment service in which teachers read responsively, indicating their response to the call, challenge, and commitment to involve themselves in the lives of students and parents and to live a life of service to Jesus Christ. Newly-elected North American Division President Don Schneider gave a stirring message, reminding teachers that their true work is that of a missionary. Citing personal examples, Schneider said that his greatest



Dick Osborn invites all past Zapara award winners to join him and the Zaparas on stage at the awards banquet.

expectation of Adventist educators has always been that they would help facilitate for his own children (and others, as well) a personal relationship with Jesus. "It's [education] not about school boards, discipline and grades. It's about leading children to Jesus Christ," Schneider admonished teachers.

"Make a prayer list. Put every kid

in your room on it," he continued.

"We have not one dime to spend in the Adventist Church for any teacher who is not a full-time missionary. Will you do it?" he asked. "Will you be God's messenger to bring boys and girls face to face with Jesus?"

Patricia Humphrey is the assistant editor of the Southwestern Union Record.



Veteran educator Frederick Stephan was awarded the Medalion of Distinction at the awards banquet in recognition of his pioneering efforts and innovations in Adventist education.

Fred Stephan

In recognition of his involvement in and influence upon Adventist education, Fred Stephan received the highest award ever to be given in Adventist education, the Medalion of Distinction.

"The Lord has been most gracious to Sylvia and me as we have spent these years in Adventist education," Stephan said upon accepting the award. "To the teachers, the unsung heroes, we say thank you."

Among other major contributions, one of Stephan's most significant was the establishment of the Ministry of Teaching credential. His influence also brought about equal pay for pastors and teachers, a pioneering effort in the denomination. Stephan's experience includes serving as a teacher and principal in Wisconsin, an educational superintendent in the New England and Michigan conferences, director of education for the Lake Union, and director of K-12 education for the North American Division

Annual ASI Convention Stresses Priority of Mission

BY SHIRLEY BURTON



They had planted seven churches during the past year; held evangelistic meetings in the Philippines, Russia, Romania, and India; conducted health fairs across the North American Division and a few places overseas; supported national Cambodian pastors; begun ministries to reclaim young adults lost to the church; devised new web site outreaches; and underwritten a youth witnessing crusade in Grand Rapids, Michigan, ahead of the international convention.

All the while they were serving as lay leaders in their congregations and/or cooperating with their conference programs in other ways, and praising God for His goodness in blessing their healthcare, manufacturing, educational, and agricultural careers as well as their faith-sharing adventures.

"ASi-ers are really taking the gospel commission seriously," says Sandy Miller, from Madison, Wisconsin, president of the Lake Union Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) chapter, as she reports on the 53rd annual convention of the organization held in early August.

Noting that more laypersons than ever before were in attendance in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sandy observed, "It's a good indication of the lay movement seeking to let itself be known again."

With a motto of "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace," the ASI focus during 2000 is making "Christ's Mission—Our Priority," an emphasis

heard in a choice of seven seminars, plenary sessions, and free-time fellowship. Scattered throughout the

Paulsen and North American Division President Don Schneider praised ASI laypersons for taking their posts with



Church leaders Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, (left) and Don Schneider, North American Division president, (center), brought greetings to the ASI convention during the Sabbath morning services. Cynthia Prime, vice-president of a fragrance company in Indianapolis was one of the seminar speakers.

two exhibit halls and among the 270 displays were publishers of witnessing materials, broadcasters of the message, and developers of cyber Bible-study models for witnessing concepts. Both General Conference President Jan

the paid clergy to finish the work for these end-times. Always shared on 3ABN, the nightly and Sabbath meetings were also beamed around the world on the network's new global satellite system.



The Lake Union Boulevard was the brainchild of Chris Randall, the chief operating officer of NaviGroup, a management company in Lawton, Michigan.

Although emphasis is placed on active ASI members who share ideas which may be adapted by the others, ASIers and guests from the seven area Adventist churches also contributed more than \$5,000 to the regular Sabbath school mission offering for evangelistic centers in the Euro-Africa Division and pledged \$4.2 million for at-home and foreign missions. Country Life Vocational Academy in Portage, Wisconsin; Upper Lower Michigan Peninsula Literature Evangelist Training; Women in Renewal at Berrien Springs, Michigan; and the Grand Rapids youth crusade were allotted \$323,000.

Included in the special projects is a new contextualized DVD with sermons in simple English which can be used by any untrained layperson wanting to reach out for a community witness. Scripts will also be available in seven languages with appropriate graphics for multiple ethnic usage.

Seeking to prepare the next generation for mission, six programs for children, from tiny tots to youth, to participate in included serving in a local soup kitchen and a nearby health ministry. Denominational heritage was recaptured in visits to Adventist Historic Village in Battle Creek, Michigan's "cereal city." Even the cereal industry began in an Adventist lay institution!

In other community outreaches, ASIers hosted a city-wide Prayer Breakfast and joined with Rotarians for their regular luncheon at ASI's headquarters hotel, where an ASI member who owns a California privatized prison was the featured speaker.

Next year's convention for laypersons dedicated to finding their place in mission will be in Sacramento, California, August 8-11.

Shirley Burton is ASI communication director.

Youth Crusade Precedes Convention

Highlighting the Sabbath school program at ASI's convention was the baptism of 40 who had accepted Christ as their Savior at the conclusion of a month-long evangelistic series held in the Godwin Heights High School in the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming.

Youth from ASI families and students from both Black Hills Mission College and Andrews University teamed together for the twice-nightly series, endorsed and supported by both the Michigan and Lake Region conferences. Calling themselves Youth for Jesus, they chose "Revelation Promises Hope" as the series theme.



David Asscherick from the Black Hills Mission College, was the speaker for the youth meetings sponsored by ASI in Grand Rapids.

Supporting a Black Hills team, which had been making friends in the area since February, and with David Asscherick as the speaker, ASI teens and youth greeted, prayed, ushered, parked cars, held street signs, sang, and interacted one-on-one with those attending.

Louis Torres, Black Hills evangelism instructor and ASI's coordinator of evangelism, directed a field school of evangelism for all involved with the effort. Total baptisms reached 113, and another hundred desire further study. In fact, the response has been so unprecedented that the Michigan Conference has invited Daniel Mesa, a 22-year-old Black Hills Mission College graduate, to form a new congregation of the newly baptized and nurture further interest.

by John Treolo



BY MYRA NICKS

For twelve Andrews University seminary and religion students, the summer of 2000 was a memorable one. Between June 8 and August 19, these students played an important role in an evangelistic crusade held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "The Andrews students really pulled together over the summer. I don't know if they knew what they were getting into, but they stepped out in faith, willing to learn," said Louis Torres, one of the team directors.

The Andrews students were part of three groups who collaborated during the 10-week "Revelation Promises Hope" series. David Asscherick of Black Hills Mission College, South Dakota, was the speaker for the crusade. Twelve students from Black Hills Mission College and about 30 students sponsored by Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) worked with the Andrews religion students to initiate friendships with those in the Grand Rapids area and to share the gospel message.

Team members began their summer by making initial contacts with community members. The students knocked on doors, talked to people about the evangelistic series, and left fliers informing people of the evening meetings at the Central

Andrews and Evangelism Field School Create Stories and Friendships

Seventh-day Adventist Church. By the end of the crusade, all the students had formed friendships and continued to visit those whom they had invited to the meetings, encouraging them to continue in their newfound relationship with Christ.

Practical training was provided by Louis Torres from Black Hills Mission College. The Andrews evangelistic team was co-directed by Ranko Stefanovic, associate professor of religion at Andrews. "When the Michigan Conference started planning

together," explained Marlene Santiago, a senior religion major from Andrews University. "Doing it ourselves would have been like trying to do a job with only one hand. You can do the job better with both hands."

Each of the students had a different story to tell about the summer. "Some students were scared to death to go door-to-door," Stefanovic admitted. "One student admitted her fear, so I prayed with her. The lady Marlene met after that was the first lady to be baptized during the series. That helped

build Marlene's confidence," he said. "I was a little hesitant, but I prayed to God and told Him he'd have to help me be more confident, and He did," Marlene added. She felt that the fact she was a friend instead of a preacher was an important part of the summer. "When the lady saw me as a friend, she was more open," Marlene said.

Colleen Jowsman, a senior religion major, was happy to see her mother, Jennie, re-baptized as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "My mom was baptized in 1980, but she left the church the same year she was baptized. She didn't want to be part of a church that was full of hypocrites," Colleen said. Colleen believes her mom became closer to God when she stopped smoking and drinking and they both started having morning devotional time together. "I never thought I'd experience this in my whole entire life, but now my mom is

coming to God and it's so awesome. It's weird, but a good weird," she said.

Louis Petit-Frere, a senior theology major at Andrews, developed a friendship over the course of the summer which demonstrated to him God's ability to work on people's hearts. "I met a former Adventist lady who had a lot of hard feelings associated with the church. What usually is a ten-minute visit turned into six hours. She really opened up. We continued to visit her and became good friends. What she really needed was a friend and people to talk to. That was the highlight of the summer for me," said Louis.

Stefanovic views his role as co-director as more of a spiritual cheerleader than a leader. "My role was to be with the students, to be a mentor, to work with discouraged kids and help them get back on their feet again," he said. He sees the evangelistic series as a starting point in teaching people about spirituality. "People cannot be converted in 20 days. Evangelism is fighting for souls," he said.

The Grand Rapids crusade is the fourth consecutive year that Andrews has been involved in training students for evangelism, Bible studies, effective preaching, and church member visitation. Next year the field evangelism school will be held in the Detroit area.

Myra Nicks is an Andrews University Relations staff writer.



Delinda Snyder, from Dayton, Ohio, and a senior youth ministries major at Andrews University, gives a Great Controversy to those who attend the youth crusade in Grand Rapids.

for this program, we discovered that two other groups were going to be in the area at the same time. We discussed whether three groups could work together and decided 'why not?'" Stefanovic said.

Challenges have become assets to the team over the course of the summer. "We've all learned from different perspectives, but we complement each other and have been able to work more effectively by coming

Global Mission and the Maranatha Spirit



Judy and Andy Snyder, Berrien Springs, Michigan, have watched the Maranatha program expand to circle the world.

BY C. ELWYN PLATNER

The Maranatha Volunteers International (Maranatha) organization often holds their annual international conventions on the site of an academy or college or another institution in North America where members can undertake major maintenance or capital improvement projects before and after the convention.

RIO LINDO ACADEMY

This year's convention was held at Rio Lindo Academy, Healdsburg, California, July 27-30. More than 100 Maranatha volunteers arrived two weeks in advance of the convention armed with tools, paint brushes, sandpaper and lots of enthusiasm, and went to work.

"They re-roofed 11 faculty homes, repainted the dormitories, replaced guestroom showers in the girls dormitory, remodeled many student rooms, and completed several other projects," Rio Lindo principal, Albert Miller said. "They contributed almost 16,000 hours of labor. Including the materials, the improvements would be valued at almost \$750,000."

LAKE UNION MEMBERS

Judy and Andy Snyder, Berrien Springs, Michigan, who have been involved with Maranatha and its founder, John Freeman, from the beginning in 1969, were among the 300 who attended this year's convention.

REPORTS OF RAPID CHURCH GROWTH

This year's convention attendees learned about the amazing growth in baptisms in India, described by Ron Watts, president of the Southern Asian Division. Several representatives from Latin America also underscored how important it is to have a church in communities which have new congregations, so that the new converts remain active in the church and feel that they are a part of a permanent organization.

"Who would have thought a few years ago that we would have built a church where there were no members?" questioned Isreal Leito, Inter American Division president. "But Maranatha adopted that plan. Soon after a church is built, it is filled with new believers. Maranatha breaks the traditional mold of evangelism. The strategy works."

Daniel Fontaine, Cuba Union

president, reported that because of Maranatha's help in building new churches and a publishing house, the church is "growing at an uncontrollable rate. We have organized more than 200 churches and about 1,000 houses of light because of Maranatha's work."

FASTEST MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

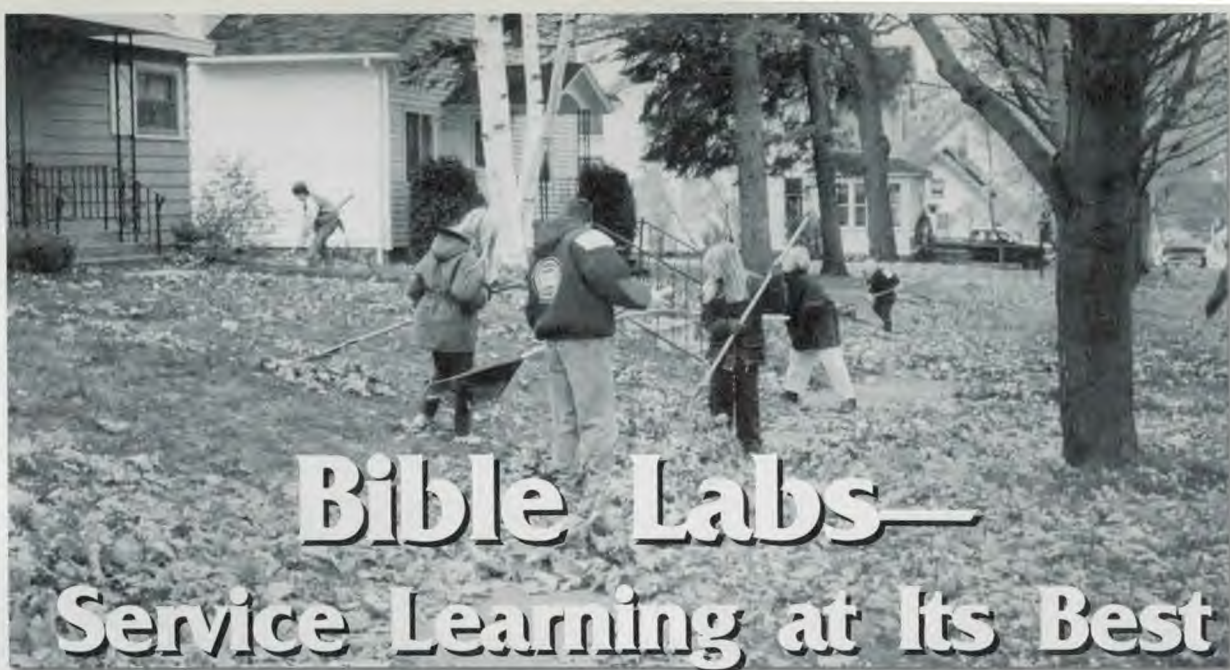
But the fastest membership growth is in India where 10,000 were being baptized every month during the first half of 2000, according to Watts. At that rate India needs 10,000 churches, he added.

Not only do Maranatha Volunteers contribute their service, but members at the convention contributed and pledged to give \$250,000 toward new churches in India and Inter America.

GET INVOLVED!

To participate in Maranatha's contribution to Global Mission, write to Maranatha Volunteers International, 1600 Sacramento Inn Way, Suite 116, Sacramento, CA 95815, or call (916) 920-1900, or go to their web site: www.maranatha.org.

C. Elwyn Platner is the Pacific Union Conference communication director.



Bible Labs— Service Learning at Its Best

BY BILL REINKE

Service learning is becoming a major focus for many public schools across our country. A popular educational magazine recently devoted an entire issue to the importance of students helping out in their communities. Students in the Lake Union Adventist schools take service learning one step beyond what the public schools are able to do. Our students help others out of love for their Master.

Bible Labs has been a regular part of the curriculum in Michigan

Adventist schools for the past thirteen years. It still generates enthusiasm from the students and serves the needs of many people in our communities. From one-room schools to single-grade classrooms, students experience the joy that comes from knowing that they have made a difference for someone.

This past school year at the Pine Mountain School in Iron Mountain, Michigan, students worked hard at raising money to furnish books and videos for the pediatric wing at a local hospital. When the book drive was completed, 300 books were donated

along with 50 videos. Because of the good will created by this and other service activities in the community, the school has gained an excellent reputation. This is particularly important because the majority of students are from non-Adventist homes.

Last fall students from Northview Jr. Academy attended the LIFT retreat held at Camp Au Sable to encourage students to witness in their communities about a

healthy lifestyle. As a result of this program and the influence from students at Gobles Jr. Academy, Northview students developed a puppet show that illustrates the negative impact of drugs and alcohol. They have presented this to many of the public schools in the area. According to Principal Clint Sutton this has generated a lot of enthusiasm among his students. "At first the kids were a bit shy about performing. Now, they all want to go because of the good response they get from the kids."

Education Sabbath was a high day at the Ithaca Church. Four students were baptized along with two adults. The students of the Ithaca School positively influenced both adults. Bible Labs coordinator Pam Prouty arranged for the students to visit Eleanor Schulze several years ago. As a result, Bible studies were begun, and a decision for baptism followed.

These are just a few of the many examples of students putting into practice the heart of the gospel message—to share the love of Jesus with others. Seventh-day Adventist education prepares students to not only be good earthly citizens, but heaven-bound citizens as well.

Bill Reinke is the Michigan Conference associate educational superintendent.



Top photo: Pine Mountain School children rake leaves for the elderly.

Above: Pine Mountain School children collected 300 books and 50 videos which they donated to the pediatric ward of the local hospital.

Youth Ministry Leadership 2000

*Giraffe University coming
to the Lake Union*

BY WALLY LYDER

Coordinated by the Center for Youth Evangelism for the Lake Union Conference, Leadership 2000 is a youth leadership training conference that will be held on the campus of Andrews University, October 27–29. The purpose of this training is to empower youth and



Dedicated young adults in the North American Division's Center for Youth Evangelism are willing to stick their necks out for young people in the Lake Union Conference October 27–29.

youth leaders with leadership skills for ministry to Adventist Youth (AY) groups, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and young adults.

They call us Giraffe youth leaders because we stick our necks out for young people! For the past four years the Lake Union Conference has

sponsored Giraffe Universities to train youth leaders to be more effective in their local church. This year Giraffe University has trained more than 1,700 people from all across the United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

Imagine a young person trained in working with young people. Imagine involving a young person in leading out with power and knowledge!

Imagine a young person empowered for service! Imagine what a different church you might have if young people were trained, involved, and empowered!

Keith Gray, a ministerial student at

the Andrews University Theological Seminary, will be the inspirational speaker, along with Ron Whitehead, Roger Wade, Mike Edge, Anthony Kelly, Larry Snyder, Sergio Torres, and many other youth specialists from across the nation. On Saturday night a Christian café will be modeled, just like

I went to a training conference and received a lot of good information. But the one thing that I still use on a regular basis is the 7 Principles for Youth Ministry Excellence. It has been revolutionary in our school's campus ministries program. Not only has it showed us what we are doing correctly, it has provided a checklist for what we can do better.

—Jonathan D. Petrick, College View Academy
spiritual vice president of campus ministries—

one you can create for your own home church.

All the Lake Union Conference youth directors and Mike Stevenson, the newly-elected youth director of the Ohio Conference, are coming together to bring you this Lake Union Leadership 2000 training conference. There will be special tracks for Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Master Guides, and the popular Teen Track for your youth who are leaders. In fact, if you are involved with AY, or a youth Sabbath school, then you cannot afford to miss this Giraffe University.

Not only are young people the leaders of tomorrow, but they are the leaders of today, so let's involve them now, not tomorrow. This starts with training and empowerment. That's why a Giraffe University can be so effective.

Many participants who have returned from Giraffe University training feel energized for service, spiritually revived, and have a deeper loyalty to youth ministry. It was young people that started our church, and it's our belief that young people "rightfully trained" will help finish the work.

To register: call *PlusLine* at (800) SDA-PLUS and if you have any questions, call us at the *Center for Youth Evangelism* at (800) 968-8428.

Wally Lyder is the young-adult coordinator for Giraffe University in the NAD Center for Youth Evangelism that is based at the Lake Union office.

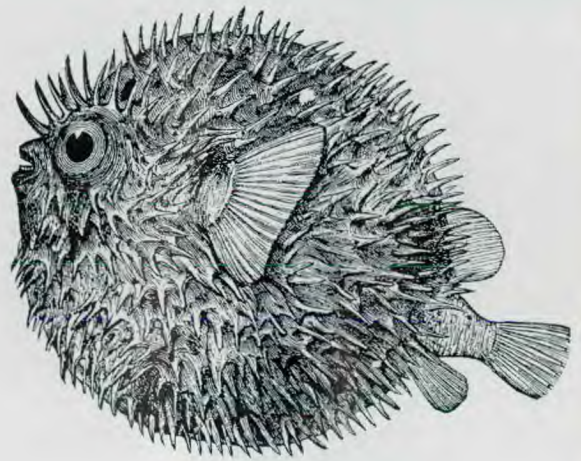
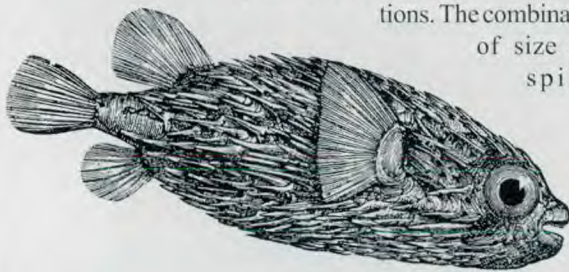
Porcupine Fish

For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. Psalm 12: 5

A group of about a hundred fish species known as puffers have an unusual defense. Puffers have elastic skin, no ribs, and no scales. Their front upper and lower teeth (three or four, depending on the species) are fused together, and their jaws are powerful, a combination strong enough to crush the shells of crabs and clams and the skeletons of coral.

When calm, puffers go about their business, searching for food. When in danger, though, a puffer swallows water, air, or a combination of both to blow itself up like a balloon. Its former long, oblong body becomes a sphere, and the inflated fish, now four to five times its normal size, becomes too large for most predators to consider swallowing.

Some puffers, called porcupine fish, take their terrorizing tactics one step further. The bodies of porcupine fish are covered with long, sharp spines that usually lie flat against the skin. But when the fish inflates its body, the spikes stick out straight in all directions. The combination of size and spikes



Highly Inflated

Use balloons and markers to demonstrate how puffers change size.

What you need:

- ✓ two identical round balloons
- ✓ waterproof marker
- ✓ paper and tape or glue (optional)]

Note: Because you have only two hands, you may need a partner for this activity.

What to do:

- 1 Blow up one balloon until it forms a round ball, and tie it tightly. Using the markers and the

Exploring God's World



BY JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

is enough to make even the hungriest predator reconsider attacking such a large, frightening creature.

The porcupine fish's spines are not poisonous, but they are painful. Unwary swimmers and fishermen have learned that first hand. But the fish has no control over who or what will feel the effects of its spines, because an inflated porcupine fish—like all puffers—is helpless. It bobs to the surface of the water and drifts, belly-side up, with the current, until it can deflate itself by blowing air out through its mouth. If it is removed from the water while it is inflated, it will stay that way. The swollen skins of porcupine fish are popular items in stores that sell shells, dried starfish, sea-urchins, and the like.

illustrations above as a guide, draw in the details of the porcupine fish.

- 2 Inflate the other balloon, but do not tie it off. Twist the open end, and while holding it tightly, draw the details. Then let air out until the balloon takes the shape of a normal-size porcupine fish. Tie the end.
- 3 Optional: Tape or glue bits of paper to the balloons to represent the spines. Add fins and a tail, too.



Adventist Health System

Midwest Region

Alumnae Return for 50th Reunion at Hinsdale Hospital

Much has changed in the field of nursing since the graduates of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital Class of 1950 received their diplomas. The 50th reunion of the class, Aug. 6, brought eight of the original 17 graduates back to Hinsdale Hospital to reminisce about uniforms, railroad safety, facilities, friends, and financing their education.

"We were paid for our hours on duty, so that most of us



Lura Mae Holland Ferris, class of 1950, discusses nurses uniforms with Kathryn Sieberman, hospitality coordinator for Hinsdale Hospital. A half-century ago, nursing graduates of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital proudly wore navy blue capes lined in red, over stiffly-starched blue and white striped dresses with white aprons, and caps with black bands.

had no bills when we finished nursing," said reunion organizer Marlene VanPuymbrouck Ringer. "We were allowed to baby-sit for residents in the area and also do house cleaning to earn money for our necessities."

Some of the alumnae arrived on campus early enough for Sabbath services at

the Hinsdale Church, built on a site the women remembered as "beautiful woods." Fifty years ago, the graduates received their caps and pins in the former church, which now houses the Hinsdale Family Medicine Center.

Uniforms told the status of students in the three-year nursing program. Ringer recalled their initiation picnic at nearby Graue Mill—a historic grist mill that was a stop on the Underground Railroad—where as probationary nurses, they had to wear two different shoes and their clothes on backwards to attend. Then for three months they could only wear "plain white—hose, dresses, and shoes," said Ringer. After that they added a cap, to which a stripe was added at the end of their first year, and a second stripe another year after that. Upon graduation, their caps got a black band.

Walking around campus, the women were surprised to see the one-lane wooden bridge over the railroad tracks south of the hospital was still there, although they noted a traffic signal has been added since they crossed the bridge on walks to town.

Ringer remembered a former fountain with cherubic statuary that was near the south wing of the hospital but missed seeing it on her walk. It's used as a planter now. And while the wooden dormitory they used to call home was replaced in 1953 by the north wing of the hospital, they did recognize the piano that used to grace its lobby. The refurbished piano now provides therapeutic music in the hospital lobby, which they enjoyed hearing.

Classmates recalled experiences at Hinsdale Hospital (This class was very involved in the polio epidemic and worked 12-hour shifts to care for patients,) as well as at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital and Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, where they also trained. They remembered being taught to stand when doctors came into a room.

The classmates in attendance were Winona Lutz Stephenson, Avon Park, Fla.; Marlene VanPuymbrouck Ringer, Hayesville, N.C.; Lura Mae Holland Ferris, La Grange Park, Ill.; Mary Moore Croxton, Spirit Lake, Idaho; Verna Christiansen Heitsch, Auburn Hills, Mich.; Arlene Carlson Hultgren, Otsego, Mich.; Dorothy Kidder, Berrien Springs, Mich.; and Arlene Maxwell Doll, Richmond, Ind. Their careers included stints in home healthcare, office nursing, hospital nursing, public health, and health education. Of the returning alumnae, one had married a pharmacist; another had married a physical therapist; and two had married doctors.

"Diploma nurses were probably the best nurses around, in a patient's eyes," said Kathryn Sieberman, Hinsdale Hospital hospitality coordinator. "As nursing programs changed, nurses came more administrative in assessing patient needs, and it took them away from a patient's bedside. I often hear patients say they miss the backrubs and prayers that were part of the nightly routine of diploma nurses."

*Lynn Larson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region
Lake Union Herald correspondent*



Eight members of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital class of 1950 marveled at the hospital's facilities during their 50th reunion. The graduates near the hospital's entrance on Oak Street are (from left) Dorothy Kidder, Arlene Carlson Hultgren, Lura Mae Holland Ferris, Winona Lutz Stephenson, Marlene VanPuymbrouck Ringer, Verna Christiansen Heitsch, Arlene Maxwell Doll, and Mary Moore Croxton.

Andrews University

“Fired Up” Freshmen

Volleyball at the beach, a barbecue supper, a 32-foot climbing wall, a canoeing and hiking trip, and a concert were probably not the activities that incoming freshman imagined finding at Andrews University this fall. However, the freshman orientation program, *All Fired Up* (AFU), which ran from Friday, Aug. 25 through Sunday, Aug. 27, included these events and many more, designed especially to ensure a smooth, spiritual, and fun-filled transition into Andrews University for its more than 250 first-year students.

A special weekend highlight included the return of a two-



One freshmen family group spent time at a local park after dining at a faculty member's house.

year tradition on the Andrews campus: faculty home suppers. Divided into “family” groups, freshmen and the upper-classmen group leaders joined faculty members and their families for dinner. The event provides the opportunity for faculty

and staff to develop mentoring relationships with the new students.

The weekend of eclectic events, designed to provide the opportunity to meet other students, merited positive feedback from many freshmen. Beth Harris of Dayton, Ohio, noted, “I came knowing no one, so *All Fired Up* was very helpful since I could meet people in a friendly environment.” Amy Roosenberg, a graduate of Allegan High School in Michigan, said, “This weekend showed me that although I plan on doing a lot of studying, Andrews will definitely provide plenty of opportunities for fun and a friendly atmosphere.”

Laura Beaumont, student news writer

Faculty and Staff Lend a Hand

In addition to updating syllabi, ordering textbooks, advising students, and other pre-semester preparations, Andrews faculty and staff assisted returning students by helping them move into campus residence halls. The program, aptly titled “Lend-a-Hand,” was instituted by Rebecca May, director of alumni services, ten years ago as a way to connect with students and their parents and to ensure that their arrival on campus is met by a friendly, reassuring face.

“Our Lend-a-Hand program provides a lasting impression

to students and their parents of a caring university family. They are generally shocked when faculty or a local volunteer is on hand and willing to help,” May said. While Lend-a-Hand helps students and parents “unload” some of the stress experienced in the course of moving, the popular program also enables staff members, who usually have less interaction with students than faculty members, to interact with this segment of the Andrews family. It’s important for them to know that we’re glad they chose Andrews,” May said.

A. Monise Hamilton,

University Relations assistant director



Demetra Andreassen takes a break from her work as Andrews' community relations coordinator to help returning student Charmaine Grandison-John move into Lamson women's residence hall.

Leadership Roundtable 2000

Leaders from all over the United States and the world gathered at Andrews University for the third annual Leadership Roundtable, a required gathering for students enrolled in the leadership graduate program. The program is the largest doctoral program at Andrews, bringing 224 students to the university since its inception in 1994.

The leadership program allows professionals in every field to obtain a doctorate in education from Andrews without regular attendance of courses on the campus and without interruption of their employment. The average participant takes from three to five years to complete the requirements.

A similar curriculum was launched in Europe, and a pilot program was established in Warren, Mich., which will target military institutions and the automotive industry. This year 22 people have been added to the growing list of participants. Recently, a delegation came to Andrews from Zimbabwe to discuss starting a leadership program there.

“I appreciate this program because it fits with the idea of “world class education” which is the philosophy of the schools I work for. I also appreciate the fact that this program fits the person who already has a career,” said Ann Alexander, a student in the program.

For more information about the Andrews University leadership program, contact James Tucker at (616)471-3475 or by e-mail to tuckerj@andrews.edu.

Myra Nicks,
staff writer



Leadership student Vincent Montoro, with flag-draped tables in the background, listens to a speaker during the roundtable.

Niles Bible Labs Program

Michigan — The Niles Seventh-day Adventist School's Bible Labs program came to life again after a few years absence. Our goal was to practice Christ-like service to others on an ongoing basis.



These are a few of the thirty-three students, grades 3-8, that each made a stepping stone for a local park as a Bible Labs project.

The pre-kindergarten through second-grade children served their fellow church members by making birthday cards. With each card was a letter telling the birthday person that a particular child was praying and thanking God for them all that month. A note was also sent home with the child asking the parents to help their child pray for the birthday person. Even those who had birthdays during the summer were not forgotten. The summer birthday people received a card on their "half" birthday.

At Christmas time the children in grades three to eight took their bells and played for residents at a long-term care facility. Also, during the year the children made a promise book. The children all brainstormed and came up with different "situations" they might face. Then they looked in the Bible for texts that gave them a promise or guidance for each "situation." We wanted the children to find texts they could relate to. Each child will get a book with all the texts and Bible promises when they are finished. We hope this book will be a guide for the children and their parents to use if they find themselves in these "situations."

There were also other ways the school served their community. With the help of six dedicated adults, the children were able to put their creativity to work by making mosaic stepping stones for a local park. When everything was finished, we had thirty-three beautiful stepping stones and some very proud kids. The stepping stones were placed in the park during this summer. God has truly blessed the children's efforts.

Loretta Howell, Niles Church communication secretary

Career Day Open House Reaches out to the Community

Indiana — About 50-75 of us, children included, gathered on

a recent Sunday afternoon for a "career open house" at the Lucille Lutz Adventist Elementary School in Columbus, Ind. There were 25-30 professions represented by volunteers from the community, including a dentist, a nurse, a veterinarian, a truck driver, an emergency medical technician crew, a computer specialist, a farmer, an engineer, an insurance agent, a real estate agent, and many, many more.

The children, who came from our church school and from the community, all enjoyed the activities, ranging from "career counseling" to demonstrations by the representatives of the various professions. They also had the opportunity to visit with "Miriam" the calf, and they were allowed to explore a fire truck, an ambulance, a tractor, a semi-truck, and various other vehicles and machines.

The purpose of the open house was to give the children a chance to experience and get a glimpse of a day in the life of a person in each of the occupations represented.

Rita Fisher, Columbus Church communication leader



Gunnar Benfield with "Miriam," the calf at the Columbus (Ind.) career day.

Tents for Jesus

Michigan — Driving along Michigan Highway 46 during the week of Aug. 7-11, one was surprised to see two large white tents on the property owned by a mobile home business. Upon getting nearer, one was more surprised to see the sign "Tents for Jesus."

In a cooperative effort by Pastor Jeff Freeman and the students in his Great Lakes Adventist Academy witnessing class, the Cedar Lake Church, and the Michigan Conference, this evangelistic effort had terrific results.

One tent contained 30-50 children each night for Vacation Bible School. The other tent, dubbed a "Christian pep rally," was for adults. Pastor Freeman preached each evening, encouraging attendees to "get back to Jesus."

The owner of the mobile home business attended the first night. She stated to pastor Freeman at the conclusion of the service, "This is great! I can't wait until tomorrow night!" She came every night and has started Bible studies with the witnessing class. Another lady drove by every evening on her



Allison Leonard and Becky Carpio, GLAA witnessing students, sign up the adults at the "Christian pep rally."

way to work. She was very curious as to what was going on in the tents every night. She came to the meeting on Thursday night, her only night off work. She also has now begun Bible studies.

In addition, 10 students from the witnessing class spent that week and the week prior canvassing the area. More than 1,500 message books were sold, and 5,000 Bible study cards were given out. Out of a class of 90 witnessing students this fall, these 10 students will be a core group to jump start the witnessing class. They have 14 Bible studies lined up for Tuesday nights as a result of their canvassing efforts and the "Tents for Jesus" crusade.

Pastor Freeman said the results of this evangelistic effort far exceeded their expectations. He and the mobile home business owner are ready to pitch the tents again next year.

Charlotte Henderson, Great Lakes Adventist Academy development director

Student Missionary Goes to South Pacific

Michigan — "Yap is a tiny island only four miles wide and eleven miles long, and the largest of the Caroline Islands in the South Pacific," said Matthew Pacer, a senior at Andrews



Matthew Pacer enjoyed the spiritual challenges he encountered during his year of teaching at the Adventist mission school on the island of Yap.

University who recently returned from a year of teaching fourth-grade at the K-12 (kindergarten through grade 12) Adventist school on the island. Pacer is a member of the Holly Church. He attended Adelphian Junior Academy in Holly through the tenth grade, and then graduated from Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, Mich., in 1996.

Near the beginning of his junior year at Andrews University, he volunteered to serve as a missionary for one year. He chose to go to Yap, located between Guam and Palau, because the U.S. State Department told him that the Federated States of

Micronesia do not have enough trained teachers. As a trained Christian teacher, Pacer hoped to "make a difference" on this small island.

The mission school in Yap has 160 students, who are mostly non-Adventist. "I'm happy to have had the opportunity of sharing the love of God with my students for a year," said Pacer. "Mission work is a two-way street. Often the missionary is the one who learns the most and develops a closer walk with God. I also feel that the teaching experience I had on the island of Yap and the other places I visited will benefit my future students."

Evelyn Lutz, Holly Church communication leader

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

South Bend Church Celebrates Centennial

Indiana — June 30th marked 100 years since an official Seventh-day Adventist Church was formed in South Bend, Ind. On Aug. 18 and 19, a centennial homecoming celebration was held at our church.

In 1899, after 20 years of meeting for church in North Liberty, Ind., the Indiana Conference held a series of tent meetings in South Bend. At that time many people expressed a desire to keep the Sabbath, and Elder I. G. Bigelow established a Sabbath school in connection with the tent meetings. The eleven members met in various homes until they were able to rent an upstairs hall at 911 South Michigan Street.

On June 30, 1900, R. I. Donnell, Indiana Conference president, organized the South Bend Church with 18 charter members. Bigelow held the first baptism July 14, 1900, and three more members were added to the church.

Christian education has always been an important part of the church, and by 1917 a church school was organized. The first school building was constructed on Ewing Street in 1921. Construction on the church followed and was completed in 1926. By 1955 the school had grown and more room was needed. Property was purchased at 1910 E. Altgeld Street where a new school was constructed and was in session by 1957. Church was still being held in the Little Colonial Church on Ewing Street until it was sold in 1960, and services were then held at the school on Altgeld Street until the present church structure was ready in 1964.

Twenty-four people have been on our membership rolls continually for 50 years or more. Of those 24, 21 were baptized here. Thirteen of these members have held membership for more than 65 years, the longest of which is Roland Meyer, who was baptized in 1926. Senior of these members is Clara Hawkins who is 100 years old. A special acknowledgment went to Marjorie Fries our organist and pianist for 45 years. There are many descendants of these elder members in our church, and we praise the Lord that each one has represented our past as well as our future.

Meg Mark, First Seventh-day Adventist Church, South Bend, Ind., communication secretary



David Yancey (center) presented a "Moment of Honor" honoring Stanley Smith for his valor in the Vietnam War as part of the church's centennial celebration.

Vitrano Appointed Lake Union P.R.E.A.C.H. Director

Lake Union — Steven P. Vitrano, professor of preaching, worship, and evangelism, emeritus, at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has accepted the invitation of the General Conference Ministerial Association to be the field director for the PREACH project in the Lake Union territory.

PREACH offers *Ministry* magazine and other resources and seminars to clergy of all denominations. "This innovative project was started by J. Robert Spangler and has been a blessing to clergy of various denominations," states James Cress, GC Ministerial Association secretary.

Vitrano is available to meet with pastors, churches, and to accept camp meeting appointments. Nikolaus Satelmajer, PREACH project director, states, "We are delighted that an individual with such broad church experience is willing to work on this project. While officially retired, he will be a blessing to the field."

Vitrano can be contacted at: 1511 Radcliff Way, Auburn, CA 95603; (530) 885-4553; e-mail: svit@jps.net.

Nikolaus Satelmajer, General Conference associate ministerial secretary

Come to GO! 2000

Lake Union — GO! 2000 is an International Young Adult Mission Conference to be held at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, on Dec. 28–31. A grassroots movement of Seventh-day Adventists, GO! 2000 is dedicated to the task of sharing Christ with the world, and committed to awakening and enabling young adults to participate in this mission.

GO! 2000 is five days of inspiring speakers, fascinating stories, enlightening seminars, powerful music, and Christian fellowship, all centered upon Christ's great commission in Matthew 28:19–20.

Speakers such as Andy Nash, currently an English teacher at Union College and a former assistant editor for the *Adventist Review*, and Kelly Wilcox, a current missionary with Adventist Frontier Missions, will inspire attendees to pursue mission activities.

More than just inspiring speakers, GO! 2000 offers seminars overflowing with hands-on advice and networking opportunities for service. Seminars cover topics from reaching certain religious groups, to tentmaking, to mission aviation, to reviving the passion for mission within your own church, and much, much more.

Young adults interested in learning more, contact Guest Services, Andrews University at (616) 471-3295; e-mail services@andrews.edu or go to <http://www.go2000.org>.



Steven P. Vitrano will be the PREACH project field director for the Lake Union.

GO! 2000 is sponsored by the Institute of World Mission, Andrews University Dept. of World Mission, Adventist Frontier Missions, Southwestern Adventist University, and others.

Marklynn Bazy was the young adult coordinator for Impact Toronto 2000

Lake Union Woman to be Honored

Lake Union — Seven Adventist women who are making significant contributions to their families, churches, professions, and communities will be honored during the 18th annual conference of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) in Sacramento, Calif., Oct. 12–15. One of them is from the Lake Union Conference—Rebekah Wang-Cheng, M.D., a member of the Waukesha Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Berlin, Wis., who will be given the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Physician, teacher, public speaker, writer, beloved mother and daughter, these words describe but do not capture the spirit of Wang-Cheng. "Colleagues and audiences adore her because of her compassionate connection with the common man and woman," writes Dan Matthews, formerly associated with Wang-Cheng on *Lifestyle Magazine*.

After graduating from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Wang-Cheng earned board certification in internal medicine in 1983. She's been on the faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) since 1985, a full Professor of Medicine since 1999. Wang-Cheng has been awarded MCW's highest teaching award—membership in the Society of Teaching Scholars—made to only one or two (out of 800) faculty members each year. She also has a busy practice in internal medicine.

Outside her academic environment, Wang-Cheng is well-known as a popular speaker on both medical and spiritual topics. For more than five years she was co-host and medical consultant for the television show *Lifestyle Magazine*. Co-host Matthews admits that, "Most of the audience questions were directed to Wang-Cheng. ... She has the ability to create a level of confidence that makes her both dynamic and magnetic."

For ten years Wang-Cheng has served as a trustee of Andrews University. President Niels-Erik Andreassen describes her impact: "Caring intensely about the spiritual life of the campus, she took every opportunity when visiting Andrews to seek out, befriend, and nurture the students and thereby to understand the university and its needs. She conducted a memorable Week of Spiritual Emphasis on our campus."

Aileen King, Wisconsin Conference women's ministries director, sums up the essence of her friend: "Becky Cheng is the most down-to-earth doctor, teacher, mom that I know. She is one of those super women who carefully balances mothering, career, church life, exercise, travel, and relationships. ... She is thin and beautiful; sincere and godly; witty and personable; talented and professional."

Pat Benton, Association of Adventist Women correspondent

MILEPOSTS

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BIRTHDAYS

Martha (Bauer) Zeisner



celebrated her 100th birthday on Wed., June 14, 2000, by a family dinner at a restaurant in Grand Blanc,

Mich. She has been a member of the Lapeer (Mich.) Church for 43 years.

Martha was married to the late Gustave Zeisner. She was a vocal soloist in the church and community, having studied voice at Union College and Academy. She also volunteered in the Community Service Center.

Martha's family includes her son-in-law, William C. Heitsch; 4 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Agnes (Hallock) Williams celebrated her 100th birthday on Thurs., June 15, by a family dinner followed by an Open House at Masonic Temple in Stanton, Mich. She has been a member of the Frost (Mich.) Church for 90 years.

Agnes was married to the late Archie Williams.

Agnes has 8 children: the late Helen Newberg, Lois Christiansen, Raymond and Joan Williams, and Ron and JoAnn Williams of Stanton; Reva Adams of Belding, Mich.; Janis and Ray Wolfe, Gary and Norma Williams, and Betty Phipps of Buchanan, Mich.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sam and Barbara Good celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21, 2000, with an Open House at the Marion (Ind.) Church fellow-



Sam and Barbara Good

ship hall. Barbara has been a member of the Marion Church for 53 years, where she plays the organ and piano, Sam for 25 years.

Sam Good and Barbara Ervin were married May 20, 1950, in Marion, Ind., by John Clawson. Sam, an employee of American Electric Power for over 37 years, retired in 1990. Barbara worked as a head cashier in a grocery store for more than 14 years and retired in 1982.

The Good family includes Barbara S. and James Hiatt of Marion, Ind.; Patricia D. and Charles Hosale of Upland, Ind.; and one grandchild.



Gorman and Belva Whitlock celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 27, 2000, by having a family dinner at their home in Covington, Ind. They were members of the Danville (Ill.) Church for 35 years and now are members of the Lafayette (Ind.) Church.

Gorman Whitlock and Belva Macgirvin were married Feb. 25, 1940, in Veedersburg, Ind., by Oliver McGaughey. Gorman had been a sheet metal worker and retired in 1975. Belva

has been a factory worker and homemaker.

The Whitlock family includes Rebecca and Richard Pfeifle of Lafayette, Ind.; one grandchild; two step-grandchildren; a step great-grandchild; and two step great-great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Carol M. Dockham and Harvey D. Jenkins were married May 28, 2000, in Lakeview, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David Gotshall.

Carol is the daughter of Charles and Claribel Swarts of Entrican, Mich., and Harvey is the son of Haley and Florence Jenkins of Lakeview, Mich.

The Jenkins are making their home in Coral, Mich.

Tonya M. Folstad and Brian A. Towne were married Apr. 30, 2000, in LaCrosse, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor John Johansen.

Tonya is the daughter of Marvin and Linda Folstad of Hesper, Iowa, and Brian is the son of Steve Sr. and Janice Towne of LaCrosse, Wis. and Hendersonville, Tenn.

The Townes are making their home in Onalaska, Wis.

Heather L. Mayoral and Stephen A. Horvath were married May 21, 2000, in Cadillac, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Quentin Purvis.

Heather is the daughter of Ramon and Bonita Mayoral of Manton, Mich., and Stephen is the son of William and Eleanor Horvath of Munising, Mich.

The Horvaths are making their home in Cadillac, Mich.

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, Helen M. (Kidder), age 93; born Feb. 28, 1907, in Fulton Township, Wis.; died May 15, 2000, in Stoughton, Wis. She was a member of the Milton (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Paul W.; daughter, Karen Cole; 5 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David Rasmussen and Donald Sahly, and interment was in Milton Cemetery.

BAKER, Edith B., age 77; born Aug. 1, 1922; died Mar. 1, 2000, in LaPorte, Ind. She was a member of the First Church in South Bend, Ind.

Survivors include her sister, Ruth Kubacki.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Riggs.

BANKS, Letah (Scott), age 95; born Mar. 22, 1905, in Geneseeville, Mich.; died May 21, 2000, in Indianapolis. She had been a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Jerry; daughters, Joyce Vogel and Carol J. Tompkins; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elders Chet Damron and Don Riesen, with private interment.

BLAIR, Julia K., age 21; born Nov. 12, 1978, in Elkhart, Ind.; died Apr. 17, 2000, in Takoma Park, Md. She had been a member of the Elkhart Church.

Survivors include her parents, Gary T and Marilyn (Toman) Blair; brother, Robert W.; and sister, Laura.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bill Lindeman, Jack Calkins, and Michell Jonakin, and interment was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in Basking Ridge, N.J.

BUTCHER, Esther M., age 94; born Nov. 7, 1905, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died May 3, 2000, in Milwaukee. She was a member of the Milwaukee Central Church.

Survivors include her sons, Bob and Jack; daughters, Joyce Callan and Ruth A. Erhardt; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Mike Martinez and Bruce Babienko, and interment was in Pinelawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wis.

DEAN, Gertrude H. (Saupe), age 90; born Apr. 24, 1909, in Level Green, Pa.; died Apr. 1, 2000, in Haslett, Mich. She was a member of the Fenton (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Norman and Gordon; daughters, Virginia Dean, Joyce White, and Norma-Jeanne Reta; 8 grand-

children; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Alvaro Souza, and interment was in Highland (Mich.) Cemetery.

DUNN, Irene L. (Hanson), age 45; born Oct. 26, 1954, in Menomonie, Wis.; died May 13, 2000, in Menomonie. She was a member of the Menomonie Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dale; sons, Shea and Aron; parents, Gilbert and Adella (Peck) Hanson; brothers, Keith and Robert; and sister, Linda Kerr.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Art Miller, and interment was in Hay River (Wis.) Cemetery.

FINNEY, Verna, age 90; born Sept. 12, 1909, in Paonia, Colo.; died Apr. 12, 2000, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Terrence and Conrad; daughter, Clayoma Soloniu; sisters, Pauline Carpenter, Virginia Wessner and Rosenell Brandt; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elders Don A. Roth and Lowell Bock, and interment was in Montecito Cemetery, Colton, Calif.

GOLDBERG, Vayda M. (Barrett), age 98; born May 22, 1902, in Sparta, Mich.; died May 24, 2000, in Ada, Ohio. She was a member of the Grand Haven (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Esther B. Jones; 3 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Elder David Grams, and interment was in Coopersville (Mich.) Cemetery.

HEROLD, Thomas H., age 65; born Aug. 25, 1934, in Martinsville, Ind.; died May 30, 2000, in Columbus, Ind. He was a member of the Columbus Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara S. (Lambert); sons, Thomas L. and Doug E.; daughter, Claire S. Pike; sisters, Dorothy Ping and Patricia Bassett; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Norman

Bassett and Daryl Crane, and interment was in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus.

JERRAID, Guy N., age 78; born Aug. 25, 1921; died Mar. 3, 2000, in South Bend, Ind. He was a member of the First Church, South Bend, Ind.

Survivors include his brothers, Ray and Donald Jerraid, and Lyle Stevens; and sisters, Lanola Odle and Florence Sturdivan.

Funeral services were conducted by the Salvation Army with private interment.

JOHNSON, Doris A. (Klug), age 59; born Aug. 3, 1940, in Merrill, Wis.; died Dec. 6, 1999, in White Pine, Mich. She was a member of the Merrill Church.

Survivors include her husband, Sheridan J.; son, Robert J.; daughter, Sharon A. Reigler; mother, Corinda (Aumocker); brothers, Kenneth and Daniel; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Mike Weakly and David Tenold, and interment was in Snow Hill Cemetery, Merrill.

JORGENSEN, Carl W., age 73; born June 23, 1926, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Nov. 27, 1999, in Spokane, Wash. He was a member of the Broadview Academy Church, LaFox, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Anderson); daughter, Barbara Thomason; sister, Blossom Marquis; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Max Torkelsen, with private interment.

LAURSEN, Maxine M. (Martin), age 72; born July 11, 1927, in Prairie Farm, Wis.; died Apr. 29, 2000, in Amery, Wis. She was a member of the Clear Lake (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ivan; sons, Dean, DeVon, Deland, and Dever; sisters, Gladys Oldenburg, Merle Gruitt, and Virginia Johnson; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Dale Ziegele, and interment was in Clear Lake (Wis.) Cemetery.

LUCHT, Irene, age 83; born June 30, 1916, in Mequon, Wis.; died Nov. 26, 1999, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was a member of the Milwaukee Central Church.

Survivors include her broth-

ers, Arthur Jr., Victor, and Russell; and sisters, Marjorie Grant and Beverly Kind.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Martinez, and interment was in Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery, Milwaukee.

MCCHESNEY, Eunice E. (Grant), age 83; born May 18, 1916, in Oxford, Wis.; died Sept. 10, 1999, in Montello, Wis. She was a member of the Oxford (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Norman; son, James; daughter, Janice Walters; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William Ochs, and interment was in Underhill Cemetery, Packwaukee, Wis.

MURDICK, Vivian M. (Donaker), age 81; born May 31, 1918, in Allegan, Mich.; died Apr. 1, 2000, in Oronoko Township, Mich. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dewey A., Donald J., and Robert J.; daughter, Vivienne C.; sister, Genevieve L. Harbolt; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Edwin F. Buck, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Allegan, Mich.

REINHARDT, Bernetta (Mondloch), age 94; born Apr. 8, 1906, in Sheboygan, Wis.; died May 21, 2000, in Sheboygan. She was a member of the Sheboygan Church.

Survivors include her son, Ernst Jr.; daughters, Audrey Fuchs, Betty R. Bunnell, and Mary L. Radtke; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Stauffer, and interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Sheboygan.

SHIM, Gae-Soon, age 87; born Oct. 14, 1912, in South Korea; died Mar. 8, 2000, in Milwaukee, Wis. She was a member of the Milwaukee Central Church.

She is survived by her son, Jae Y. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Martinez, and interment was in Wisconsin Memorial Park Cemetery, Milwaukee.

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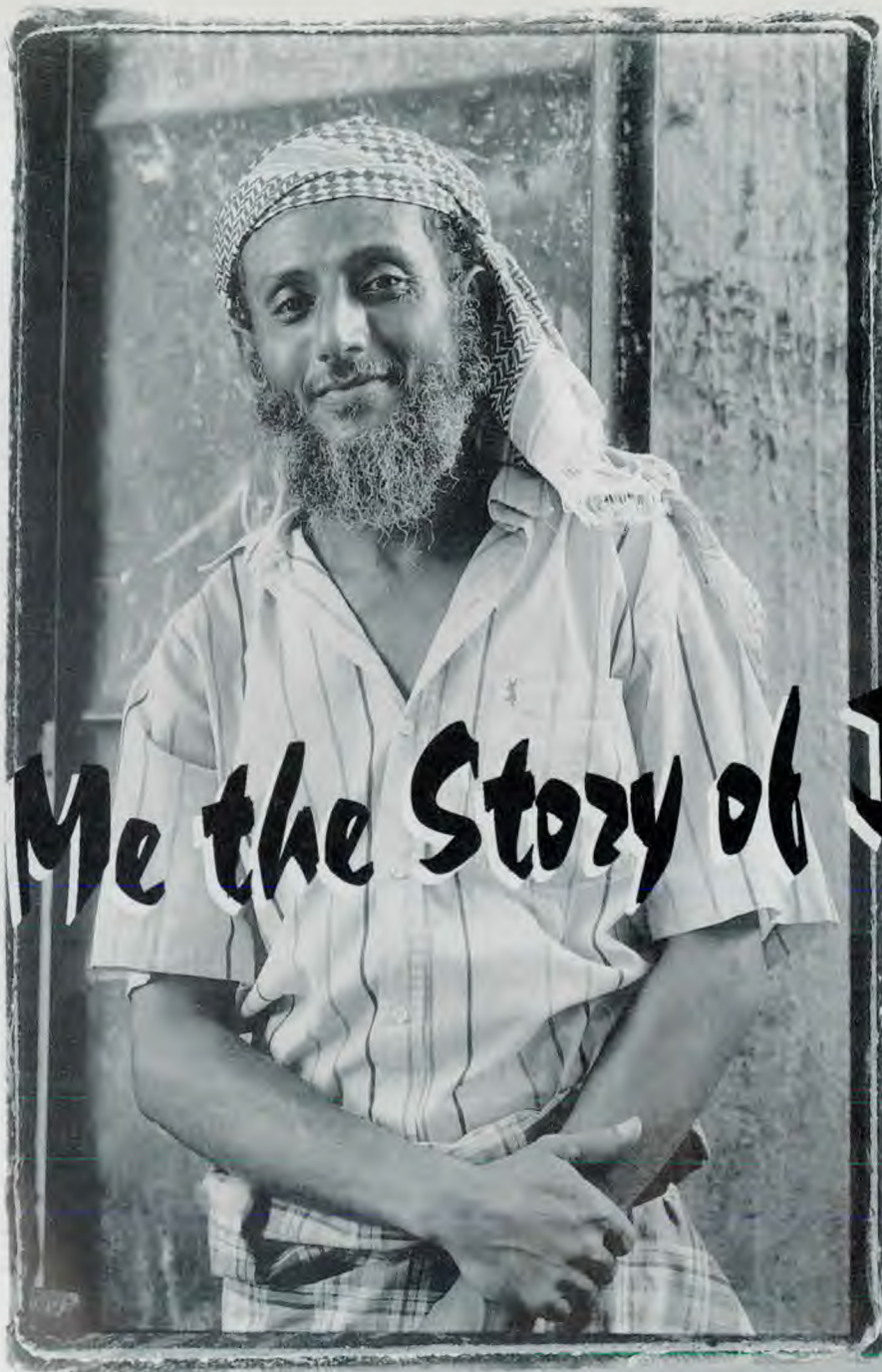
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The Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association invites all graduates/attendees and former staff of Adelphian Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, Grand Ledge Academy, and Great Lakes Academy to the annual alumni weekend to be held **Oct. 13-15** on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. The honor year classes are '50, '60, '75 and '90. This year's theme is "Our Educators: Christ Reflected, Seeds Planted" honoring our teachers and staff members who dedicated their lives to Adventist Christian education. Golf tournament on Sunday is open to anyone who wishes to play. For more information, contact Charlotte Henderson, alumni/development director at (517) 427-5181 or e-mail to: chenders@ingham.k12.mi.us.

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Atlantic Union College Black Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 13-15—guest speaker: Peter Campbell. Information: Desiree Ham-Ying (978) 368-2339.

Missionaries
Needed in Korea:

Adventist native English-speaking volunteers 20 years of age and above. Volunteers must be baptized, and have a Bachelor's degree. Volunteers are required to teach conversational English and Bible for one year or more. An English major is *not* a requirement. Teaching experience is not necessary—we will train you. Volunteer missionaries must be approved for service by their home division as well as the General Conference. Benefits include a round-trip ticket, housing, utilities, insurance, and a stipend. For more information contact Ray James, 40 Pleasant Dr., Sutter Creek, CA 95685; e-mail jamegr@cdepot.net; phone (209) 267-0416; fax (209) 267-0342.

Atlantic Union College Quartet Festival, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m. Machlan Auditorium, So. Lancaster, Mass. Information: Lois King (978) 368-2264.

Adventist World Radio invites you to a celebration of ministry, **Sunday, Oct. 22, from 6:45-8:00 p.m.** in the north wing loft of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. Come get dazzled by the way God is using radio to change lives of prisoners, Muslims, Communists, and suicide seekers. Enjoy music by Steven Zork's University Singers and a presentation by Peter Kulakov, a Russian who orchestrated broadcasts on 990 stations in Russia.

Seventh-day Adventist worship has gone online. After many months of planning and behind-the-scenes work, a new website, sponsored by the North American Division Ministerial Association, has gone online, featuring worship resources, ideas, and 14 bulletin board forums for networking. WorshipWell is dedicated to providing Adventist pastors and worship leaders throughout North America with opportunities for dialogue and resource awareness—specifically as it relates to Sabbath worship. <http://www.worshipwell.org>

The North American Division Center for Youth Evangelism and Giraffe University

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date

31 Weeks Ending July 31, 2000, compared to 31 Weeks Ending July 31, 1999

Average Membership Basis				Increase	%	Per Capita		
30-Jun-00 1999	Conference	2000	1999	(Decrease)	Inc. -Decr.	2000	1999	
11,467	11,159	Illinois	4,778,896	4,491,148	287,749	6.41%	416.75	402.47
6,203	5,938	Indiana	3,424,437	3,249,369	175,068	5.39%	552.06	547.22
23,702	23,142	Lake Region	5,104,992	4,815,595	289,398	6.01%	215.38	208.09
23,772	23,461	Michigan	13,614,937	12,680,301	934,636	7.37%	572.73	540.48
<u>6,311</u>	<u>6,266</u>	Wisconsin	<u>3,036,969</u>	<u>2,709,422</u>	<u>327,548</u>	<u>12.09%</u>	<u>481.22</u>	<u>432.40</u>
71,455	69,966	Totals	29,960,232	27,945,835	2,014,397	7.21%	419.29	399.42
Tithe per Week			966,459	901,479	64,981	7.21%		

2000 Sunset Calendar

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10
Berrien Springs, MI	7:19	7:07	6:56	6:46	5:37	5:29
Chicago	6:26	6:14	6:03	5:53	4:44	4:36
Detroit	7:07	6:55	6:44	6:34	5:25	5:17
Indianapolis	6:21	6:10	5:59	5:50	5:42	5:35
La Crosse, WI	6:39	6:26	6:15	6:04	4:55	4:46
Lansing, MI	7:13	7:01	6:50	6:39	5:31	5:22
Madison, WI	6:32	6:20	6:08	5:58	4:49	4:41
Springfield, IL	6:35	6:24	6:14	6:04	4:56	4:49

will be holding a dynamic and power-packed Leadership 2,000 convention from **Oct. 27-29** at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. This promises to be an exciting and intense time of fellowship, activity, and interaction. Over 400 youth ministry professionals and leaders from across the Lake Union will be convening for this grand event. If you would like to be an exhibitor and share your products, ideas, etc., please call the Center for Youth Evangelism at (616) 471-9881 and ask for Petal.

Adventist Heitage Week-end, Oct. 27-29, Atlantic Union College, So. Lancaster, MA. Guest speaker: Manuel Vasquez, NAD vice president. Theme: "Last Day Movements." Worship, music, and field trip to the first seventh-day Sabbath-keeping Adventist church in Washington, NH. Information: Karen Silverthorn (978) 368-2455.

Drillers needed: Looking for all Adventist-owned water well drilling companies. We're putting together a contact list, and we want to know who you are! We'd like to meet at the NGWA convention in December. Contact us at Caster Well Drilling (716) 484-7436; e-mail geoman@madbbs.com.

Single Parent Retreat, Oct. 27-29, Camp Yorktown Bay, Mt. Pine, Ark. Information, ideas, reservations, leave a message for Shelly Stephens at (501) 624-5355 or (501) 760-3336.

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

The Midnight Cry will continue through **Oct. 14** on its established schedule Friday, Sabbath, Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 8:00-9:30 p.m., ET, and Sabbath morning **Oct. 7**.

Oct. 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—*First Wednesday*.

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:00 a.m.—noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour*.

Oct. 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m., ET—*Community Impact Series*.

Nov. 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—*First Wednesday*.

Nov. 4, 11, 11:00 a.m.—noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour*.

Nov. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m. ET—*Together Again Roundtable*, "When Leaders Let You Down."

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1

Breath of Life—"Walls," If God Be for You, Part A.

It Is Written—"Five Extra Years of Life."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Glory of the Cross" (CD #S0040).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Judges: When Religion Runs Amok" (CD #F77); *Mon.-Fri.*, Two Heavens-1 (The "Music Wars") (CD #F80).

WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part B.

It Is Written—What Happy Couples Know (CK) "We Talk About It." [CK, Part 1].

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The University of the Desert."

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Introducing the Savior" (CD #F81); *Mon.-Fri.*: Two Heavens-2 (The "Music Wars") (CD #82).

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part C.

It Is Written—"We Found a Best Friend" [CK, Part 2].

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Joy of Receiving" (CD #S0041).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Ruth: Return to Promise" (CD #F81); *Mon.-Fri.*: What Good Are These Ten Rules? (CD #F84).

WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

Breath of Life—"Overnight" If God Be for You, Part D.

It Is Written—"We Trust Through the Hard Times" [CK, Part 3].

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Joy of Giving" (CD #S0043).

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Rock Jordan" (CD #F85); *Mon.-Fri.*: "The Silent God" (CD #F86).

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

Breath of Life—When God Steps In, Part D

It Is Written—"Addie's Unsinkable Faith."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"The Joy of Living"

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "I Samuel: Looking for Leadership" (CD #F85); *Mon.-Fri.*: "Always Trading Up" (CD #F88).

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Hebrews 12:1, 3 *The Message*

I forgot my lunch, and so did a U-turn at the signal and dashed back toward our trusty old refrigerator. On Hunter's Creek Boulevard I passed a middle-aged exerciser. Although moving too slow to be a jogger, he was playing the part, all decked out in jogging shoes, shorts and shirt. The appearance of *jog* without the *bounce*.

There was another problem. Even though he was out for exercise, three fingers of his right hand held a steaming cup of coffee. The rest of that hand was taken up with a glowing cigarette. His left hand, instead of swinging in rhythm with jogging knees, pressed a cell phone to his ear. His face had the look of an exhausted marathoner who is collapsing a mile before the finish line.

It was not a pretty picture.

But it gave our family a good laugh that evening.

Then daughter Joy improved the photo. Seems there is a new

problem at the fitness center where she works. The trainers have noticed an accumulation of *donut droppings* around one of the treadmills. That left everyone confused until they caught the culprit yesterday morning. The *dropper* is a soccer mom who exercises right after releasing her kids to their teachers. Her exercise includes 15 minutes of "sorta-fast" walking on the treadmill, accompanied by a strong cup of coffee and two sugar-covered donuts.

"So, what's wrong with the donuts?" she responded to the trainer who caught her sugar handed. "I'm working 'em off!"

It's not a pretty picture, but it gave me a good laugh.

Then my heart skipped three beats. I hope no one is laughing at the wild and crazy ways I live in opposition to my convictions.

I'm dedicated to losing a few pounds, but sure do love chocolate cake.

I'm dedicated to lifting weights four days a week, but maybe I'll get to the gym next Monday.

I'm dedicated to washing my car once a week and changing the oil every 3,000 miles, but it doesn't look too dirty today ...

I'm dedicated to sleeping eight hours each night, but enjoy the last quarter of Monday night football.

I'm dedicated to reading my Bible and praying for 30 minutes each morning, but the bed is so comfy.

I'm dedicated to speaking only good things about others, but have you heard about Paula?

I'm rather like that old guy with the cigarette, an appearance of *jog* with very little *bounce*. It's not a pretty picture. And I'm not laughing.

Rather than weep in frustration, I've decided to get my dedications and my way of living into harmony. That takes six steps:

1. Decide to use Jesus as my model for life.
2. Ask God to give me an active conscience that both challenges and strengthens me.
3. Write a personal mission statement that describes where I want to go in life.
4. Commit to three specific behaviors that I can do this week to move toward the goal.
5. Share my mission and behavior list with a friend who agrees to be my encourager on the road to harmony.
6. Listen to my conscience, and to the friend, especially when temptation attacks.

I'm putting all my energies toward the positives, and the results have been amazing! The pounds are (slowly) leaving, my car is cleaner, my friends enjoy hearing *good* stories, and life is developing a new *bounce*.

Dick Duerksen

This page is dedicated to youth of all ages. The N.A.D. Center for Youth Evangelism is based in the Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Pastor Ron Whitehead, director. You may contact them with your ideas, concerns, and questions at (800) YOUTH -2-U.

PROFILES OF YOUTH



Joyce Archbold

Joyce Archbold, 17, a senior at Hinsdale Adventist Academy and the daughter of Elsie and Edgar Archbold of Bolingbrook, Illinois, is a lady with a mission: to be known as someone who can have an impact in the world, not only in a spiritual sense, but through medical expertise.

Joyce is a member of the National Honor Society and has demonstrated consistent academic excellence. She is an analytical thinker and thorough researcher, as her independent projects have demonstrated. Her favorite subject is biology because she likes to understand how the human body works.

Over the years, Joyce's involvement in Pathfinders at her home church and her participation in youth group programs have further honed her belief that to trust in God translates into a successful life.

Joyce hopes that as a nurse practitioner or a psychologist she can one day realize her dream of visiting poor countries to provide medical service where it is most needed.

A 17-year-old senior, **Steven Tham** is an exceptional student at Hinsdale Adventist Academy. He is more concerned about seeing things done well than about who gets the credit. He has worked on the yearbook for three years, as photographer, layout editor, assistant editor and this year as editor. A gifted violinist, he was recently honored with the director's award for band.

Steven has learned an important lesson in high school: "to work hard and never give up, even when things don't work out the way you'd like." This attitude has kept him in the top five percent of his class and earned him membership in the National Honor Society.

Son of Francis and Nona Tham of Willowbrook, Illinois, Steven provides a strong example of leadership. His involvement in spiritual leadership is evidenced not only on campus, but also by his involvement in his home church, Hinsdale Fil-Am. Reflecting on his life's ambition, he says, "I want to use what God has given me to be a witness in the world, especially to those around me."



Steven Tham

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