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I'd Rather Have Jesus

We don't know for sure if it was the Mamertine prison exactly, but it is likely that's where the Apostle Paul was incarcerated. It was no doubt dark and dank and depressing. Paul sat in chains, attached to a Praetorian guard, awaiting a trial that he thought could end his life. The Mamertine in Rome is a tourist stop now, but for me it's a holy place in a way. When I've stood in the dark cell, I've been lifted by the words of Paul written from the cold stone confines of his cell. "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse in order that I might gain Christ . . ." Philippians 3:7,8 RSV

"Emperor Nero," I can hear Paul say, "you can have the palaces; you can have the whole Roman Empire. I'd rather have Jesus. Jesus is all I want." Did Paul hear of the Roman generals returning from conquest, dragging prisoners and the spoils of war along the Via Sacra as they received the cheers of the crowd? "General, you can have it all. I'd rather have Jesus."

Without Jesus there is no life, there is no security, there is no genuine peace, there is no eternal life. Some have tried it all—it turns out to be a vapor, refuse, nothing. Eugene Peterson's *Message* paraphrase goes on to say in Philippians 3:19: "All they want is easy street. They hate Christ's cross. But easy street is a dead-end street."

Paul comes to the place where even his impressive credentials and the long list of all his advantages, and his attempts at his own righteousness, along with everything he might take credit for—all this is thrown out with the trash. "I'd rather have Jesus," Paul says. "You can have all this world, just give me Jesus."

One day the devil thought to make a deal with Jesus. The Bible says he took Jesus to a high place and proposed, "You can have the whole world if you bow down and worship me." Jesus said, "I'd rather have Paul, Gordon, Cheryl, and _____ (your name). I'll stay with my mission to save them." Ellen White explains in *Desire of Ages*, pages 690-691, that when Jesus struggled in Gethsemane, begging His Father to lighten the load, "the history of the human race comes up before the world's Redeemer. He sees that the transgressors of the law, if left to themselves, must perish. He sees the helplessness of man. He sees the power of sin . . . and His decision is made. He will save man at any cost to Himself." Paul must have been thinking along those lines as he thought about Jesus, who thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but left all the glory, emptied Himself, took upon Himself the form of a servant, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:6,7

That's why I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today. As the songwriter Rhea F. Miller penned and later put to music by George Beverly Shea—

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.



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ASI—Sharing Christ in the Market Place

BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Intensive activity took place during early 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky, and was culminated at the international Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) convention, August 1-4. This year's convention marked the 60th anniversary.

ASI has been known by different names during its six-decade history. ASI is an organization for Seventh-day Adventist laypersons involved in professions, industry, education, or services in the private sector. The organization exists to provide challenge, nurture, and experience in "Sharing Christ in the Market Place." It also provides support for the global mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ASI can be traced back to Madison, Tennessee, when Ellen White insisted that E. A. Sutherland and P. T. Magan purchase the Ferguson farm on the Cumberland River and start a school. Not only would the school at Madison be self-supporting, but it would provide a work-study program for students to work



E. A. Sutherland

and finance their education.

The Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, established in 1904, later became Madison College. Some students who left Madison

established schools and industries in other places. Every year these workers would meet at Madison to tell their experiences and encourage each other.

In 1946, the General Conference asked Sutherland to be the secretary of the newly formed Commission on Rural Living. In the spring of the following year, a group of self-supporting workers met with representatives from the General Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, to organize and to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-supporting Institutions.

During the years, the association grew and gradually included lay-people from outside the realm of self-supporting institutions. In 1979, the name of the organization was changed to its current name, Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries. Today, ASI members represent a diverse cross-section of Adventist lay-people who are committed to sharing the love of Jesus with the world.

Each Union in the North American Division has an ASI Chapter. Steve Dickman of Savannah, Tennessee, serves as president of Southern Union ASI. For more information, go online at www.asisouthernunion.com or www.asiministries.org.

More than 1,500 registered delegates came together to conduct business and elect officers who will serve two-year terms on Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

The delegates attended devotional meetings and seminars on Thursday and Friday covering a wide range of topics from lifestyle issues and current trends impacting the Church to witnessing and communication skills. The exhibit hall adjacent to the auditorium housed 324 exhibits.

On Friday evening, the meetings were open to the general membership and the public. Many Adventists and friends living in the greater



Edwin Martin (left) shared with Ron Christman, ASI executive secretary, about his early years at Madison College.



Debbie Young, ASI president from 2003-2007, presented the keynote message on August 1. Young challenged the delegates to "pursue the mission within."

GERRY CHUDLEIGH

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Heidi Reich from Washington state cut insulation to be installed under a Habitat for Humanity house.

Louisville area and from the conferences, were among more than 4,000 people present on Friday evening and Sabbath.

The main meetings were filled with preaching, testimonies, and reports of God's miraculous leading in projects around the world.

Historically, ASI has raised money to assist various ministries in North America and overseas. This year, during the Saturday evening meeting, it was announced that the offerings and pledges received earlier in the day totaled \$1.1 million, and the final post-convention tally was \$1.6 million. These funds will help support more than 40 different ministries in 2008.

ASI conventions attracts many



GERRY CHUDLEIGH

Sung Kwon, Adventist Community Services director for the North American Division, conducted a seminar on ethics for non-profit organizations during the convention.

families attending with their children. Programs are planned to include age-appropriate activities to serve the local community.

One of the most powerful ministries of ASI is its Youth for Jesus program. Youth for Jesus was the collective idea of Louis Torres, Denzil McNeilus, and Kim Busl—to use young people as Bible workers and evangelists. In 1999, the first Youth for Jesus campaign was held in Orlando, Florida, in an air-conditioned tent.

This year was the ninth year for the Youth for Jesus program. In January, Kevin Sears, Bible worker coordinator for the Youth for Jesus program, began preparing the way with the Louisville church members. In February, the student coordinators arrived ready to work with the members. In April, the student Bible workers began an eight-week training program with the members. A total of 43 young people participated in the Youth for Jesus program. They came from 12 states and four countries.

On July 6, public seminars began in six locations—three in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, two across the river in the Indiana Conference, and one in the South Central Conference, achieving a total of 149 decisions for baptism. At the time of the convention, 77 people were baptized and more were scheduled to be baptized soon.

On Tuesday evening, July 31, prior to the opening of the convention, 41 candidates from four local churches were baptized at the Pewee Valley church. During the service, Mark Finley, vice president of the General Conference, spoke, and Don Schneider, president of the North American Division, wel-



GERRY CHUDLEIGH

Randy Skeete, public campus evangelist for the Michigan Conference, spoke Friday evening.

comed the newly baptized members to the Adventist Church family.

During the closing meeting, Debbie Young, outgoing president, passed the gavel to the newly-elected president, Donna McNeilus of Dodge Center, Minnesota. As the officers and staff of ASI assembled on the stage, the audience joined Young in a prayer of dedication for the staff.

The mission and purpose of ASI could be summerized in two statements: The first is from Michael Ryan, vice president of the General Conference, who interviewed representatives of several mission projects during the Sabbath school program, "Active, committed laypeople involved in witness are the most successful evangelism initiatives we have."

The second came from Chester Clark, III, general vice president of ASI, who spoke during the worship service on Sabbath morning. He

commented on the principles that characterized the Madison school in the early days saying, "You don't have to be paid to work for God. Their idea was to work for Jesus as they supported themselves." This should be said of every Seventh-day Adventist—whether a member of ASI or a local congregation.



GERRY CHUDLEIGH

Donna McNeilus, newly-elected ASI president, spoke to the delegates about the history of the organization.

MagaBook Worker's Legacy Lives On

BY SARA BERNAL AND LES MCCOY

"He preached the Word, was watchful in all things, endured hardship, did the work of an evangelist, and fulfilled his ministry," could easily be said of Hailu Kidanemariam. This paraphrase of II Timothy 4:2, 5 mirrors the life of Hailu, a student who canvassed books in the Miami, Florida, area this summer as a Southern Union Conference MagaBook team member.



SARA BERNAL

Hailu Kidanemariam

On a sunny Florida afternoon, July 8, 2007, Hailu finished canvassing a street. As he waited to be picked up, he was struck by a bolt of lightning. Even though he was resuscitated by paramedics in the helicopter, he never regained consciousness and passed away four days later.

Hailu came to Florida this summer to earn a scholarship for the coming school year.

At a July 14 memorial service in the Miami Temple church, Les McCoy, Conference associate publishing director and leader of the MagaBook program, spoke of this dedicated man

Hailu's journey began with his birth in Ethiopia in 1967. At age 12, he was given a scholarship to study in Cuba where he became an electrical engineer and a Seventh-day Adventist Church member. He lived there for 19 years and later worked in Spain for eight years. In 2006, he was accepted at Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico to study theology and nursing.

who would fast every Tuesday as he continued to canvass on his own when others broke for lunch. "The most powerful testimony is living a Christian life," said McCoy. "Hailu lived it—always studying, praying. If anyone of us was ready, it was Hailu."

Hailu's body was returned to Ethiopia, accompanied by his brother, Teddy, and a prayer quilt for Hailu's mother, made by the Prayers and Squares ministry of Forest Lake church. Plans are underway to erect a memorial on the grounds of the Miami Temple church to honor Hailu's life and service.

Summer MagaBook Program Offers Scholarships

Seventy-seven young people, representing 21 countries, spent their summer selling books in Florida as part of the Southern Union Conference MagaBook program. The magazine-size books on health, character building, and the Gospel were sold in Tampa, Miami, and Jacksonville.

The MagaBook team, under the direction of Les McCoy, Conference associate director of publishing, knocked on approximately 400,000 doors in Florida this past summer.

Those interested in MagaBook scholarship opportunities in Florida may contact McCoy at 407-448-2002 or visit the Southern Union MagaBook website: www.southernunion.com/magabook



JOE HOLLOWAY

"The world passes away, but a man of God lives forever," testified MagaBook team member Elizabeth Osborn from Miami, Florida. "To me, Hailu [squatting, second from left] was a man of God." Jbonatan Rivera, a fellow student worker from Puerto Rico, added, "Christ truly touched his life."

40th Anniversary Christian Record Blind Camp

BY STEF AFFRON

Forty years ago, Florida Conference's Camp Kulaqua in High Springs affiliated with Christian Record Braille Foundation, now Christian Record Services for the Blind, to offer the first Adventist summer camp program for the blind.

The premier event was held at Camp Kulaqua in 1967 after Norm Middag, Conference youth/camp director, and Ray Hubbartt, a Christian Record employee, "caught the vision of the joy and happiness that a camp like this would bring to boys and girls without sight," wrote G.C. Wilson, general field director for Christian Record Braille Foundation.

Leslie Loubriel, a student at the Florida School of Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine, was among the 23 campers to attend the first camp. She hasn't missed a summer camp since. After several years of attendance at Blind Camp, she left the Catholic faith to join the Adventist Church.

"Leslie is a delight at camp," says Phil Younts, Camp Kulaqua administrator. "Camp wouldn't be the same without her tremendous attitude."

Each year, the Daytona Beach church member brings a gift to camp. "God has given her a special talent to make and sell potholders," says Younts. "She has raised funds to help complete special projects such as the new water park and King Chapel."

Since that first camp 40 years ago, 48,329 blind campers have attended 896 camps in North America under the auspices of Christian Record. Each event has been made possible through private donations



Norm Middag (left) with his wife, Barbara, celebrates at Camp Kulaqua with blind campers during the July 6, 2007, 40th Blind Camp anniversary party.



Each year, Leslie Loubriel presents a love offering for special projects to Phil Younts, Camp Kulaqua administrator.



Blind campers enjoy exciting activities they may never experience otherwise, such as this past summer's exhilarating ride around Camp Kulaqua's go-kart track with Byron Voorbeis, camp manager of Florida Conference's Pine Lake Retreat.

or corporate sponsorship. This summer's Blind Camp in Florida, held at the Conference's Pine Lake Retreat near Groveland, was made possible through a \$15,000 donation raised by The Net, a satellite congregation of Mt. Dora church's Life-changing Ministry that meets in Clermont, Florida.

"I've seen blind campers draw close to each other, to their counselors, and to their Creator," says Ray Queen, who has worked during the annual events at both Camp Kulaqua and Pine Lake Retreat. "Through their eyes of faith, they've shown me Jesus in a way I hadn't seen Him before."

Award for Excellence Given for Disaster Response

Steve Stillwell (pictured right) was presented with a plaque for his untiring, dedicated service for relief efforts in the Katrina disaster. Phil Rosburg, Conference disaster relief ministries director, presented the award during camp meeting on behalf of the North American Division.

Stillwell is the assistant director of disaster response for the Conference. He is the liaison between the Conference and the North and South Carolina emergency management

teams. As liaison, Stillwell is in charge of training volunteers to be ready in the event of disasters.

Those interested in getting involved in this vital ministry can contact the disaster relief ministries department of the Carolina Conference.



RON QUICK

Swahili Spoken Here—Dobias Visits Umoja Church

The second Sabbath in July, Dave Dobias had another opportunity to speak “in tongues.” The Swahili-speaking Umoja congregation in Raleigh, N.C., invited Dobias to present its Sabbath service. Dobias

is a date block manager for ShareHim. He travels six to eight times a year to Africa where he coordinates ShareHim evangelistic events.

Dobias, who speaks Swahili, encouraged the

members to conduct an evangelistic meeting in Raleigh. It is the goal of ShareHim to involve lay members to do “Homeland” evangelism in their communities.

The Umoja congregation, whose members are from the East African country of Kenya, began meeting for worship in February of 2006. The small group knew of an African pastor who they hoped could help them grow and establish a church. In June, 2006, they called Enock Omosa, an Adventist minister from Kenya who had moved to the United States to escape the political

problems in his country.

After arriving in Raleigh, Omosa reached out to various African associations in the Raleigh area. As a result of this, the membership grew. On September 30, 2006, Gary Moyer, Conference secretary, had the honor of organizing this special group as an official company of the Carolina Conference. That same day 53 individuals joined the Church through baptism.

Today this new congregation has nearly doubled; more than 100 people were present to hear Dobias speak in their native Swahili language.

—BY RON QUICK



Middle East Exhibit Promotes Peace



RON QUICK

Could the practical lessons of the wilderness sanctuary, if followed today, address the current global challenges of war and conflict? The nearly 4,000 visitors to Messiah's Mansion, at the Kernersville, N.C., church, had the opportunity to learn for themselves as they toured the full-sized

3,000-year-old Jewish house of worship known as the Sanctuary.

Tour participants learned how each detail of this unique wilderness Sanctuary communicated peace for ancient Israel. Through the furniture and symbols, visitors learned how people get along with their neigh-

bors and with God.

This full-scale model of the tent Sanctuary that Moses used while he and the Israelites were in the wilderness was on display at the Kernersville church in July.

Clayton Leinneweber, the director of Messiah's Mansion, as well as 19 college and academy students,

spends each summer taking the Sanctuary to locations throughout the country. Leinneweber states that it takes two- and a-half days to set up.

The students with Leinneweber are from Oklahoma Academy, where Leinneweber teaches Bible.

Durham Spanish Gets "Miracle Church"



Samuel Romero (left), Conference Hispanic ministries director; Domingo Paulino, church pastor; Maria Castillo; Transito Garcia; Andres Sequera, former pastor; and German Morell, former pastor

The Carolina Conference received a call from a realtor informing them of a large church that was going into foreclosure in the Hispanic neighborhood of Durham, N.C. It had an adjoining school and day care.

It was listed for \$1.8 million. The Durham Spanish believers were saving for their own place of worship, but this was more than they had anticipated. The bank that was holding the mortgage told them to make an offer, so they did. They

offered what they could afford—\$750,000. The bank accepted it.

Not only were they able to acquire the church for less than half of its value, they also inherited renters who pay 90 percent of the mortgage payment, plus utilities. The previous owners operate a K-8 school plus a day care, and want to rent from the new Adventist owners.

The 500-seat church was full on Sabbath, July 14, for the official opening and ribbon-cutting.

—BY RON QUICK

HEAT WAVE

BY CAROLYN BYRD AND JACQUELINE ROSS

It was hot! Outside the heat was over 100 degrees, though inside the auditorium you needed a sweater. It was very cool there, but the heat wave came inside and never left. Through the fire of the Holy Spirit, the Abundant Living Today (ALT) Crusade in Miami, Florida, served the spiritual, physical, and social needs of the residents in the community at Miami Edison Middle School. Dennis Ross, ministerial director/evangelism coordinator for the Southern Union, and his team presented an exciting line-up of topics, as well as Bible studies.



Dennis Ross and Wallace Saint Louis utilized the courtyard of Miami Edison Middle School to baptize the candidates.

Professionals from the community presented health and physical features nightly. A children's dedication of 50 little ones, ranging from two months to 12 years old, was held as a service to the community. Each Wednesday evening, individuals needing healing of body, mind, and spirit in the anointing service pressed to the altar. The music was a great blessing as LoLo Harris, Anthony Wigham, and recording artists Virtue, sang to the glory of God. Other performers were Christine Jobson, Carla Byrd, and Jonathan McCottry, pastor; as well as talent from the community.

The Bible counselors, headed by Pat Staley, with assistance from the



Dennis Ross, ministerial director/evangelism coordinator for the Southern Union, served as the evangelist for the crusade.

Oakwood College ministerial students and other veteran Bible workers, labored in witnessing to the Miami metropolitan areas. *Amazing Facts* Bible lessons were used as groundwork before the meeting, and certificates of completion were provided at the Crusade. Southeastern Conference administration and other pastors in the Miami area kept prayer in the forefront, and they attended the Crusade often. Pastors W. C. Byrd, David McCalla, and Jonathan McCottry were prayer warriors and faithful servants, as they held up the evangelist's hands as coordinators and facilitators, and even in meal preparations.

When the Sabbath truth was presented, it was followed by an in-depth seminar that taught about the Sabbath from the perspective of Catholicism, Protestantism, calendar change, and what the Word of God says. It was powerful to see men and women, boys and girls, loading buses headed for the seminar. Coordinated by Byrd, the seminar was held at the Marriott Hotel, an adequate setting to present comprehensive truth of the Sabbath. Ross kept the seminar moving vigorously. A cooperative learning style was utilized, and interaction was encouraged. It was there that most of the attendees made their decision to become Sabbath keepers.

Another feature of the ALT

Crusade was the children's program. Karen Ross-Mugalu, Jacqueline Abraham, and Jacquelyn Ross, comprised the team and they allowed the Holy Spirit to use them to benefit His children. Eugene Holloway and Lawrence Moody contributed their service in doing whatever needed to be done. Other helpers volunteered their service as needed.

A special evangelistic service was held nightly during the same time the adults worshipped for ages three to 16. The Holy Spirit is no respecter of age, and He was gracious to the young. The children learned about Jesus through Christian music, Christian videos, Christ-centered arts and crafts, drama, and games. Every night there were 70 to 100 children in the program, and 30 young people gave their lives to Jesus.

On the final Sabbath, there was a baptism held in the courtyard of the host school. The scene was picturesque as attendees viewed the candidates from tiers around the site, and Spirit-filled music wafted the building. During the morning service, 88 individuals were baptized, and 12 more during the evening service. Ten more have since been baptized, and more are preparing for baptism.



Jacqueline Ross, ministerial and evangelism associate for the Southern Union, taught the children about Jesus during the nightly evangelistic meetings.

Classic Book Provides Pulpits for Peru Churches

A Forest City Spanish church couple has sold their 1926 edition of *The Great Controversy* twice; yet, the classic book remains in their possession. "We've cast our bread upon the water," say Lina and Gabriel Acuña, "and it keeps coming back to us."

Lina Acuña purchased the 50-cent bargain at a garage sale and took it home. She soon felt impressed to visit the Adventist Book Center in Winter Park, Fla., and show it to sales clerk Debbie Varsubsky.

Varsubsky knew of the Acuña's love for the people of Peru. She read in *Southern Tidings* how the sale of their house in Altamonte Springs raised funds for two FM radio stations. She also knew of their many garage sales, along with donations from church members, that helped them build four churches in Tarapoto—two were completely finished, and two were nearing completion.

"I will share the good news of what you are doing in Peru and let the first person who is willing keep the book in exchange for a donation," said Varsubsky.

Soon, a doctor and dentist were each impressed to leave sizeable contributions, but neither took the book. Several weeks later, when Varsubsky delivered the gifts and returned the Acuña's copy of *The Great Controversy*, she included her own love offering for the work in Peru.



LEE BENNETT

This 50-cent garage sale classic raised \$492 for two pulpits and eight church pews for a church in Peru.

When the three checks were totaled, the Acuña's exclaimed, "The Lord multiplied our 50-cent garage sale book into \$492!"

Last fall, the Acuña's took these contributions, as well as gifts from other Orlando area members, on their trip to Peru to complete the third church. The \$492 covered the cost of hiring an Adventist furniture craftsman to custom-build eight church pews and two hardwood pulpits with beautiful carvings of the three angels of Revelation.

In September, the Acuña's plan to complete their fourth church with \$10,000 donated by mission-minded members who heard their miracle stories. While preparing for the trip into the Peruvian jungles, they were praying for another \$5,000 to rebuild one church's children's Sabbath school classrooms and their only restroom that



LINA ACUÑA

*Gabriel Acuña talks to the San Pedro, Peru, congregation behind one of the hand-carved pulpits made possible with money received from the twice-sold copy of *The Great Controversy*. The Acuña's have raised funds to build four churches in Peru.*



Members of the Circunvalación church in Tarapoto, Peru, anticipate the arrival of Gabriel and Lina Acuña in September with additional funds to install drywall, paint, and pour concrete for the sanctuary floor. Lina, pictured holding a panel of felt illustrations, brought donated materials for the children's Sabbath school divisions during a past visit.

were destroyed in a storm last November.

Hoping to "sell" the classic book at least one more time to pay for these necessities, they will then

return to the Peruvian jungles. "The labor is ours; the glory is the Lord's," the Acuña's testify.

—BY MARTIN BUTLER AND GABRIEL ACUÑA

Bulletin

Jasper Christian School in Jasper, Ga. is open, with grades 1-8. A ribbon cutting and open house took place in July.

Collegedale Academy students raised \$25,000 for the Invisible Children "Schools for Schools" program this past school year, placing third in the contest overall. As a reward, two students and a teacher went to Uganda this summer to see first-hand how their funds will be utilized.

The monthly **Conference Advance** offering is now titled the Georgia-Cumberland Ministries offering and collected the fourth Sabbath of the month.

The **Dalton, Ga., church** recently enjoyed the combined sign language choirs of "His Hands" and "Hands of Praise." Both use sign language as a means of sharing the Gospel.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp saw more than 1,360 campers this summer with a staff of 77. They also received a challenge gift of \$100,000. The funds raised to help match the donation will be used to renovate camper cabins, remodel the gym, and enlarge the dining hall.

Find more news stories at www.gccsda.com.

Hispanic Growth Doubles

New Seventh-day Adventist churches, companies, mission groups, and members are springing up among the Conference's Hispanic culture.

Between the years 2000-2006, the number of Hispanic churches in

\$1,316,730, which led to a total of \$2,243,729 in tithe given in 2006.

"For me, it has been a great experience to see how enthusiastic they are," says Neftaly Ortiz, Conference ministerial director for the Latin American region.



Some of the more than 20 baptismal candidates stand at the Hispanic camp meeting, June, 2007, as evidence of the tremendous growth among Hispanic churches.

the Conference doubled, growing from eight to 16. And, the growth doesn't stop there. The number of companies grew from one to 13, and the number of mission groups grew from one to 10. During this same time period, the membership among Hispanic congregations grew by 1,815 members, of which 1,484 are new members baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition to the increase in membership, tithe contributed by the Hispanic congregations increased by

According to Ortiz there are three main reasons for the Hispanic growth explosion. One of the major reasons is that a large number of Hispanics have been moving to the southeast from Mexico, Central America, and the northeastern United States.

"They have discovered there is a good standard of living, good weather, and jobs," says Ortiz.

The second reason Ortiz feels there has been so much growth in the Hispanic culture is due to the support of the Conference.

"I think it's the best Conference in the United States for supporting the Hispanic work, and I am saying this from the bottom of my heart," he says. He shares that 10 years ago, there were only three pastors for the Hispanic churches,

but now the Conference provides funds for 14 full-time pastors and one stipend pastor.

Thirdly, a unique factor in Hispanic growth is the sense of family that people find when they become part of a congregation. "They came into another culture, another language, and experience a lot of changes," says Ortiz.

"They come with this need of family and support, and that is why they are more receptive."

While the growth statistics in the Hispanic culture during the past seven years are impressive, Ortiz stresses that there are more important aspects. "Growth only in numbers doesn't mean anything," he says. "We want to grow not only in numbers, but also in spirituality, strengthen the families, and the faith of the members."

—BY REBECCA BROOKS

Rustad Ordained to Adventist Ministry

With emotion and thanksgiving, Gary and Denise Rustad were ordained to the Seventh-day Adventist ministry, Sabbath, June 30, 2007, at the Auburn, Ga., church.

The ordination message was presented by Rustad's father, Gary G. Rustad, who is the associate secretary for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division. Steve Haley, Conference vice president for administration, offered the ordination prayer, while Ed Wright, Conference president, and his wife Marilyn, welcomed the couple to ministry in the Adventist Church.

Rustad has been saying, "I want to be a pastor," his entire life—he is a third generation Seventh-

day Adventist pastor. He graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2000 with a theology degree, and continued his studies at Andrews University Theological Seminary and earned a master of divinity degree.

In 2003, he was placed at the Duluth, Ga., church and met kindergarten teacher Denise Dixon. They were married two years later in Avon Park, Fla. Dixon also graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2000. She was raised in Miami, Fla., and attended Miami Springs Elementary and Greater Miami Academy.

Rustad was born in Portland, Ore., and attended Madison Campus Elementary School and Madison Academy in Nashville,



TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Gary Rustad (left) and Stan Patterson take part in the responsive reading during the ordination service.

Tenn. During his freshman year, his family moved to Hong Kong where he took home study for the next three years.

The Rustad family is serving in the Auburn, Ga., church and working with students at the University of Georgia. They are expecting

their first baby in December. As they serve, they join the Apostle John as he claims, "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus."

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Students Sell \$400,000 in Books During Summer

During the summer week days, 77 student literature evangelists, age 15-28, pile into 11 minivans and take the good news of Jesus through canvassing to the Georgia cities of Atlanta, Macon, LaGrange, and Savannah.

"This year we set our highest goal ever set in the Conference of raising \$400,000," says Rene Metz, youth publishing director for the Conference. Metz says the selection of cities rotates throughout Georgia with

much of Tennessee covered through other break programs and industries.

Last year each student averaged \$6,200 in book

sales and was able to bring home half of the proceeds. "Many schools match funds up to \$2,000," adds Metz. He says what makes a difference is retain-

ing leaders and students, excellent sales training, keeping high standards, and having faith.

"God has a special interest in this work," says Metz. "God is ready to bless anybody. The condition is to believe."

Four individuals were baptized at the conclusion of the prophecy

seminar. Metz reports that each summer they sell 38,000 small *Steps to Christ* and 32,000 *MagaBooks*. Last year they sold \$348,000, and this summer will exceed their goal of \$400,000.

Students interested in literature evangelism, the group will be canvassing November 25-December 16, and for two weeks during spring break of 2008. The summer ministry begins the last Sunday in May, 2008. Contact Rene Metz at rmetz@gccsda.com, or call him at 423-802-7846.

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



RENE METZ

Bible worker Esteban Hidalgo speaks about immortal life during a prophecy seminar at Atlanta Belvedere in Decatur, Ga., this summer.

Teens Participate in Conference Mission Trip



The teens conduct an enthusiastic song service, which is a highlight for all the children.

The big bus rolled slowly down the rural roads of the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. Several Native American children got off when the bus stopped. Twila's mother was waiting to pick up her daughter. "Are you coming back next year?" she asked Bob Hill, the driver.

"That hasn't been decided yet," he answered.

"Please do," the woman pleaded, then added, "Your vacation Bible school has been the highlight of Twila's summer."

For the past 18 summers, a team of dedicated Pathfinder leaders have given of its time and talents in order to create a highlight in the lives of the teens who go with them on the Conference's teen mission trip, and the children to whom the teens witness. During the trip the teens conduct a VBS for the children in the mornings and then complete work projects for the local people in the after-

noon. When John Gorecki, mission trip director, was asked why he keeps coming back, he explained, "I enjoy seeing how the teens change and grow as a team. I like looking at the faces of the children as they get excited about what we are teaching, and I like helping other people when we do the work projects." This is John's sixth trip and his fourth year as the director.

Bob and Beatrice Hill have been on every trip. He drives the bus and has also served as the director. She served as the vacation Bible school director until last year when she resigned as director and now works with the new director, Kelly Riley. Riley and her husband, Richard, who serves as the music director, have been on the trip several times.

Skip and Joy Lowery joined the team on the second trip and continues to participate. She heads up the craft activities for VBS,

and he oversees the work projects.

Wayne and Jeanne Sudduth joined the team 12 years ago as the cooks. Though conditions aren't always ideal for serving good, nutritious meals, the Sudduths always manage to provide what a group of hungry teenagers want—good food!

Sandra Corbin is a registered nurse and has gone on the trip as the nurse and girl's director for years.

"The trip costs me about \$3,000 in wages," explains Sandra, "but it's worth it," she adds with a smile.

The Lowery's son, Buster, went on the trip as a teen and is now back as a staff member. Several other staff members began as participants. This year, they include Stephanie Tow, Sam Hasty and Christy Whitehurst, who now lives in nearby Riverton, Wyo. Whitehurst worked hard getting the team to come to



The teens are encouraged to bond with at least one child.

the Wind River Reservation. Since the Riverton Adventist church is not on the Reservation, she began searching for a place for the staff to stay, and a church or building in which to conduct the VBS. After many declines, God lead her to an Assembly of God church. The pastor of the church was delighted to have the group, and, in return, the mission team painted and did other minor repairs and landscaping jobs to the church. The team also painted the Adventist church in Riverton, planted trees for the Indian school where they were allowed to stay, and helped several local residents with repairs to their home.

Most of the staff agrees that the trip benefits the participants as much as the ones to which they minister, and this year was no exception as one of the teens was baptized on the last Sabbath afternoon.

When questioned about the biggest challenge for the mission team, Gorecki answered, "Raising the money to finance the trip. The teens sometimes have a hard time coming up with their part, and their part only pays three fourths of the cost."

With God's guidance and the generosity of others, these trips will continue to be highlights for future participants. For information on how you can help, please contact the Conference youth department.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Olive Branch Celebrates Groundbreaking



Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Olive Branch, Miss., church were Lynn and Gloria Cole (left); Tom Martin, head elder; Shirley and Joe Sanders; Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary; Melvin Eisele, Conference president; Larry Wallace; Chuck Woods, pastor; Jerry Marchant; and Betty Marchant, member of the Conference executive committee.

On May 16, 2007, leadership from the Conference joined with the leadership of the Olive Branch, Miss., church in a moment they have dreamed about for years—the groundbreaking for a new church.

With scoops of fresh Mississippi mud from nine shovels and a special prayer of dedication for this hallowed ground, the

work of raising a church building commenced.

The new facility is one that will merge the former Southaven, Miss., church membership and the current Olive Branch church membership into one congregation. The building will have approximately 14,000 square feet under roof with a seating capacity of 252 in the sanctuary;

an adjoining fellowship hall will accommodate the same. If construction maintains its current schedule, it is estimated that the church will open its doors for worship by Christmas, 2007.

By God's grace, when this church is finished, it will be paid for in full or with a very small borrowed portion. A spirit of enthusiasm has captivated

the membership as they anxiously await all that God will accomplish through its beautiful new facility. Chuck Woods, pastor, says, "The Holy Spirit has been guiding every step of the way, and we anticipate a great outpouring of His power in this corner of His vineyard."

—BY LESLIE D. LOUIS

Emerald Coast School Holds First Graduation



Leslie Louis (left), Conference executive secretary, poses with proud graduates Ryan Grant and Joel Westberg, and their teacher, Cyndy Grange.

This spring Ryan Grant and Joel Westberg were the first students to graduate from the Emerald Coast Christian School in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

When the school opened two years ago it was the first time in more than 10 years the church had been able to have a

school. Only four students attended the first year, but that number doubled to eight this past fall.

Leslie Louis, Conference executive secretary, was the commencement speaker. The boys chose emerald green and gold as their class colors, and their aim was: "To learn as much as we can, to glorify God doing it, and have as much fun as we can doing it."

—BY REBECCA GRICE AND
CYNDY GRANGE

Pewee Valley Hosts 5K Run For Life

On Sunday morning, July 8, the Pewee Valley Junior Academy hosted its first 5K Run For Life. The race was held in conjunction with a community health expo, which took place later in the afternoon. Sponsored by local businesses, ASI, and the Pewee Valley, Ky., church, the race helped raise funds for the upcoming school year.

Aided by online registration, launched by Paul Rau, Pewee Valley church webmaster, 65 participants were pre-registered by the morning of the race. Race day registration added another 40 racers to the energetic group of participants.

The 100-plus participants had the option to either run or walk the

3.1 mile course through the back roads of Pewee Valley. The county sheriff and the Pewee Valley

racing volunteered their time to help with registering the racers, and cheering them on at the finish line.



Jon Weigley (far right), race director and associate pastor of the Louisville First, Ky., church, fires the gun to start the race.

Police Departments were on hand to direct traffic and ensure the safety of the racers. Local church members who were not

Other volunteers helped prepare the gourmet post-race breakfast sponsored by the ASI Youth for Jesus program. At the conclusion

of the race, trophies and medallions were given to the top finishers as well as age-category winners.

Rich Teller, local pastor, commented on the amazing turn out of participants, "It was such a success that we need to do it next year."

Area church members were able to interact with the community participants during and after the race. Approximately 70 percent of the race participants were community members from the greater Louisville area. "We connected with the community very well," said Teller.

With the remarkable success of the first Run For Life, school leaders plan on making it an annual event.

—BY JON WEIGLEY

Owensboro Celebrates Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet



The Owensboro, Ky., church held its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet recently. One family was represented by four generations. Pictured are 28 women and daughters, including five nonAdventists.

—BY MARGO HOBDY

Portland Church Holds Evangelism Series

The women at the Portland, Tenn., church joined with the youth of

the church to present a series of evangelistic meetings. The team used the "New Beginnings" seminar material from *It Is Written*.

A different speaker spoke each evening. Steve Adams started the series with the topic, "How to Know the Future." Other speakers included Lou Ann Hyde, Cheryl Hinckson, Rose Bates, April McNulty, Virginia Sellars, Jane Nixon, Winnie Sinclair, and Sherrill Esquilla.

—BY JEAN MILLER



Cheryl Hinckson

Portland Connects With Postmoderns

After a successful young adult camp meeting in July, 2006, God brought two groups together. One group of young adults, 20s-40s, with a passion to know Jesus more intimately, and a second group with a great concern for the very large number of people who have stopped attending church after leaving school. Both expressed a willingness to 'think outside the box' and to act on their passion; hence, the Oasis Café was established.

Taking its name from the dictionary definition of *oasis* and *café*, the Oasis Café may be described as "a small and informal establishment serving various refreshments, providing refuge and spiritual relief.

Meetings are held in a beautiful donated store right downtown. The sign reads, "Thirsty for God? Oasis Café, Friday Night 7:00."

On Friday night the parking lot fills up, and people experience praise, prayer, and preaching, and fun, food, and fellowship. As many as 140 people attend each Friday evening.

The success of Oasis Café is due to several things. First and foremost is God. He has led, and opened so many doors.

Second, Oasis has an informal, intimate setting where you will always be greeted warmly. You may sing or just sit back and

watch. You may stand in a circle during the miracle prayer and share requests or just listen to others. You will be fed with a message



Oasis Café in Portland, Tenn.

of acceptance, forgiveness, love, and how a personal relationship with Jesus will change your life.

Third, is outreach into the community. The sign

has brought local people in, but more importantly, friends.

Finally, there is fellowship. Once the meeting is over, church members get to meet and form relationships with people from all walks of life, in a café setting.

Ellen White stated, "By being social and coming close to ... people, you may turn... their thoughts more readily than by the most able discourse." *Evangelism*, page 483.

This became the Oasis' focus: neighbors and Adventists who do not attend church.

When the Georgia-Cumberland Conference hosted a LIFEdevelopment

Seminar in Atlanta, Ga., sponsored by the General Conference, 10 people from Oasis Café, a Highland church ministry, attended. The seminar on reaching postmoderns was about the group Oasis was targeting. The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is also hosting a LIFEdevelopment Seminar at Indian Creek, October 26-28.

Those interested in reaching postmoderns, working with young adults, or just wondering what postmodernism is all about, should attend this seminar. You will return with better insight and understanding. For more information, visit www.lifedevelopment.info and www.oasiscafe.org.

—BY MIKE SMITH

Don Michalenko Remembered

Don Michalenko, 63, died June 11, 2007, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

Don was born November 4, 1943, in Marshfield, Wis. While Don was in grade school, his father became the pastor of the Campus Hill church in Loma Linda, Calif. He met Marilyn Johnson at prayer meeting. A close friendship developed which later resulted in their marriage on April 15, 1962, at the Loma Linda Campus Hill church. Two children were born to this union: a son, Kevin, and a daughter, Tamara.

Don owned and operated Better Life Foods, a health food distribution business which he established in 1995.

Don's love of health foods sales started early when he worked at the Loma Linda Market during his academy years. He had the opportunity to be a salesman for Loma Linda Foods and later for Worthington Foods, where he worked for 25 years in various positions before establishing his own business.

He was a member of the Madison Campus church in Madison, Tenn. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marilyn; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Terri Michalenko; daughter and son-in-law, Tamara and Randy Terry; one sister, Ivadel Peterson; and five grandchildren. His parents and brother, Delvin, preceded him in death.



Don Michalenko

Ministering to the Community

BY MICHELE SOLOMON

What do pastors and lay professionals from as far away as Germany and the Netherlands to the less remote regions of North America have in common? It's the desire to reach the average man on the street with the living Gospel of Christ, as expressed through tangible community service.

If you've been looking for the opportunity to acquire the unique set of skills necessary for ministry to the homeless, the imprisoned, the destitute, the motherless, the fatherless, and the gang-ridden communities of urban America, the 2007 Adventist Urban Congress (AUC) was the perfect venue. From July 22-27, 2007, 170 Church and community leaders from across the country and around the globe had the opportunity to meet at the AUC on the campus of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama—the theme, "Transforming the City: Urban Ministry in the New Millennium." They discussed the challenge of turn-



Sung Kwon is the executive director of the North American Division Adventist Community Services.

ing churches and community organizations into living, breathing bodies of Christ, rightly equipped, and willing to do whatever it takes to reach those who might not set foot in a church—but who might be receptive to outreach efforts to meet them at their needs.

Through a partnership of the North American Division Adventist Community Services; Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks

Leadership Center for Continuing Education in Ministry at Oakwood College; Center for Metropolitan Ministry at Columbia Union College; NAD Evangelism Institute; Philanthropic Services for Institutions; and GC/NAD Ministerial Association; the first Adventist Urban Congress (AUC) offered professional expertise and practical solutions to the real-life challenges that face the Church today—not exclusively, but especially in urban settings.

The presenters included Barry Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain, who was the keynote speaker; Charles Bradford, E.E. Cleveland, and Charles Brooks, co-founders of the Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center located on Oakwood's campus; and Mark Finley, vice president of the General Conference. Presentations and workshops spanned the entire day from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Sung Kwon, executive director, North American Division Adventist Community Services, is a South Ko-

rean by birth. He joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1991. While studying theology at Columbia Union College, he felt a passion for developing community outreach in a holistic manner and to facilitate a curriculum that would provide the link he perceived as missing between evangelism and social action. This, Kwon says, "Completes the physical, social, mental, and spiritual package that God intended us to provide to the world through ministry, which was exemplified consistently through the life of Jesus. He didn't separate the spiri-

tual from the physical. He dealt with the whole person. The acquisition of managerial skills to lead the Church as the CEO is also essential. Learning how to

manage volunteers, raise funds, utilize strategic planning—these components are missing."

This Congress was the first of its kind in the history of the North American Division, and is destined to become an annual event hosted on Oakwood's campus. With more than 70 percent of the world's population living in metropolitan areas, we cannot afford to wait for the people to come to the Church. We must be ready, willing, and equipped to take the Church to the people—wherever and however we might find them, and whatever the need.



Charles D. Brooks greets a couple that traveled from Germany to attend the Congress.



Mark Finley (right), vice president of the General Conference, speaks with Congress participants following the closing Friday afternoon dedication service.

The Fruits of Friendship

BY ANH PHAM

Senior English major Amanda Jehle was frustrated and discouraged.

After an hour of tutoring her ESL (English as a second language) student, an Hispanic immigrant, the man still didn't know the difference between a verb and a noun.

"I wasn't frustrated at him," Amanda says, "but I was at a loss how to describe it anymore in basic English. I was about to give up."

At this point, the man motioned toward a Bible and asked Amanda if she saw that "church book."

"He told me that when he's at work, he says a prayer out of the Bible in Spanish, and that his boss, who only speaks English, has been asking him why he's praying," Amanda recalls. "The man told me he needed me to teach him his prayers in English. He'd been wanting to learn English so he could witness to his boss."

The encounter reminded Amanda why she and her friends from Southern Adventist University started an ESL class in downtown Chattanooga.

"I was doing a ministry and getting discouraged, and here he was trying to learn how to share his faith with others in English," she says. "I was really inspired."

Now each week, they practice a simple English version of the Lord's Prayer.

Getting Started

While participating at a student-led evangelism series in Chattanooga, Amanda watched as Hispanic visitors came to the meetings and listened to the sermons through student transla-



Amanda Jehle and her friends teach children simple health lessons while helping them grow a community garden.

tors. One of Amanda's friends suggested she use her ESL skills to help this group learn English.

"I thought it would be practical because there are a lot of people in Chattanooga who need to learn English," Amanda says. "In ministry, it helps build relationships with people."

Senior biology major Rajeev Samuel made flyers advertising the ESL class, and another friend, senior biology major Thomson Paris, helped Amanda pass them out in downtown Chattanooga.

Soon, ESL classes at the downtown Chattanooga Hispanic church began forming. Today, Amanda and her friends teach 15 to 20 people every Sunday evening.

Growing a Garden

From the evangelism series, Amanda's friend Luke Fisher, a 2006 Southern nursing graduate, got the idea to start a community garden as an outreach for the children in a nearby apartment complex.

They knew the plan was rife with challenges.

"The kids don't respect authority," she says. "Their parents yell, threaten, and hit them to get them to obey." Moreover, the children are surrounded by daily violence.

While planting tomatoes, peppers, green beans, cantaloupes, and squash, Amanda and her friends teach the children Sabbath school songs and health lessons. Amanda and her friends' weekly visit typically draw 10 children or more between the ages of 5 and 12.

"Just going there every week and spending time is a ministry. Every week someone is surprised we show up," Amanda says. "One kid said his mom thought we wouldn't be coming back. They were not used to having people commit to them."

Sharing the Experience

Amanda credits her friends for encouraging her participation in outreach activities.

"I think Jesus sent his disciples out in twos for a purpose," she says. "I don't think I would have done this alone. My friends are helping, and they are there when I need them."

Through her experience, Amanda has learned that anyone can reach out to those around them.

"I didn't know everything about gardening, coordinating a program for kids, or organizing an ESL class," she says. "Ministry doesn't have to be a full-time job. All you need is a few hours, a few friends, and people who need help."

Anh Pham is a senior print journalism major at Southern Adventist University.

Southern Union Conference

Health Professionals' Retreat

October 11-14, 2007

CONTINUING EDUCATION

■ Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Topics: Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Basic Life Support (CPR) Renewal Courses

Accreditation: 7 hours of continuing education are being applied for and are pending approval from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).

Schedule: Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Instructors: Faculty from Florida Hospital AHA Training Center

Evelyn Courson, RN, BS, CCRN

Jean Turcotte, RN, MA, CCRN

Susan Whitney RN, MS, PCCN

Janet Celli, RN, BSN, PCCN

Doug Crookston, CCEMT-P

■ Nurse/Nurse Practitioner

Topics: HPV and Gardasil: The Whole Truth

Breakfast: Gateway to Lifestyle Change

Diabetes: Discoveries and Dilemmas

Asperger's Syndrome: The Geek Syndrome

Osteoporosis

Law and Order for Nurses

Accreditation: Southern Adventist University (SAU), accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the National League of Nurses, authorizes up to 7 hours of continuing education.

Instructors: Southern Adventist University School of Nursing
Barbara James, DSN, RN, CNE, Professor and Dean
Sylvia Mayer, RN, MS, Associate Professor
Holly Gadd, Ph.D., APRN, BC, FNP, Professor, Graduate Program Coordinator
Bonnie Freeland, MSN, FNP-BC, Associate Professor
Shirley Spears, MS, RNCS, ANP, Associate Professor
Pamela Ahlfeld, MS, RN, Associate Professor, Undergraduate Program Coordinator

■ Physical Therapy

Topic: Therapeutic Exercise for Special Populations

Accreditation: 7 credit hours of continuing education are being applied for and are pending approval from the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. North and South Carolina do not preapprove.

Instructor: John Carlos, Jr., P.T., Ph.D., Professor of Physical Therapy, Andrews University

■ Respiratory Therapy

Topics: Medication Errors/Patient Safety (2 hours)

Chest Film Assessment (2 hours)

Perfecting Precepting Skills (1 hour)

Promoting Professional Practice/Team Building (1 hour)

Internet Resources for the Respiratory Therapist (1 hour)

Accreditation: 7 hours of continuing education are being applied for and are pending approval from the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC).

Instructors: Florida Hospital Medical Center, Orlando, Florida
Richard A. Hicks, BS, RRT, Director, Osceola Division, Department of Respiratory Care
Susan K. Warren, BS, RRT, Staff Development Coordinator, Department of Respiratory Care

■ Health Ministries

Topics: The Feeling Good Seeker – Personal Guidelines

The Empty Sky Searcher – Guidelines for the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy

The Head of Our Time Seer – Scientific Guidelines

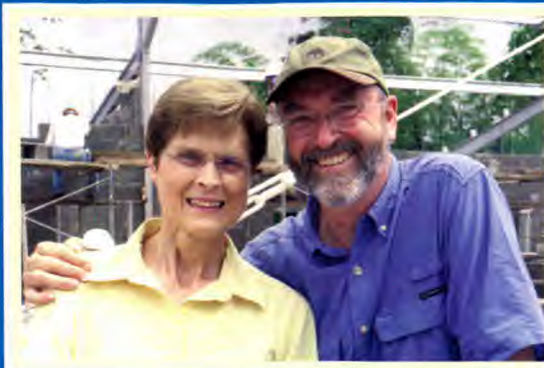
The Silver Bullet of Health

Physical Activity, Obesity, and Diabetes

Physical Activity and the Older Adult

Accreditation: North American Division Health Certification

Instructors: Don Morgan, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Health and Human Performance, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
Stoy Proctor, M.Div., MPH, Associate Director of Health Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Weekend Speaker

Dick Duerksen

Assistant to the President of Maranatha Volunteers International

Friday night: "Peter as Healer"

Sabbath School: "Soy Milk, American Flags, and Drill Bits"

Worship Hour: "Why God Made Chairs"

Sabbath Vespers: "The Anatomy of Love"

Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$50.00 (non-refundable)

I would like to register for the following CE class:

CRNA ACLS (Renewal Course)

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Health Ministries

Nurse/Nurse Practitioner

Physical Therapy

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Name _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

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E-mail _____

Conference _____

Child care will be provided Friday evening for ages 1-6.
Sabbath school and church will be provided for all age groups.
Ages of children under 18 attending Sabbath school:

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Mail this completed registration form to:

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October 11-14, 2007

Conference Information

Park Vista Hotel
705 Cherokee Orchard Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
Reservations: Call the hotel direct at 1-800-421-7275
Room registration deadline: September 10, 2007

Meals

You are responsible for your own meals. Arrange for Sabbath noon meal with the hotel restaurant on Friday.

Conference Registration

Lower Level Lobby (bottom of stairs)
Thursday, October 11, 2007 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, October 12, 2007 7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Recreation

Bent Creek Golf Club 865-436-2875
Gatlinburg Golf Club 865-453-3912
City Park Tennis Courts 865-436-3389
Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies 865-430-8808

Schedule for all seminar classes

Thursday, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Schedule for CRNA class

Thursday, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sabbath Services

Friday Evening Vespers
Sabbath School and Worship Hour
Sabbath Vespers

South Park Church Celebrates Mortgage Burning



Grace Browne (left), former treasurer; Mary Johnson, current treasurer; Benjamin Browne, Conference president; pastors Caesar Monroe, Willie Black, and Michael Harpe; Bobby Smith, elder; and Larry Johnson, head deacon; burned the mortgage as the congregation sang praises to God.

South Park celebrated liquidating its mortgage on the weekend of June 29 and 30. Caesar Monroe, former pastor, spoke for the consecration service on

Sabbath school. E.E. Cleveland was the divine worship speaker. He baptized more than 450 South Park members in the early 80s. Following dinner, Benja-

people He used along the way. We will continue to move forward with the fire and zeal of yester-years and remember the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future.”

South Park presented its former pastors with plaques in recognition of their years of service at South Park. The celebration culminated with a musical concert performed by local choirs and artists.

This celebration has given the members of South Park

the fuel to ignite their faith in God’s ability to do great things above all that they ask or think.

—BY MICHAEL HARPE



E. E. Cleveland spoke for the divine worship service.

Friday evening. An agape feast followed, which included music, pastoral reflections, and testimonies from the members. Sabbath morning began with breakfast and a morning light service by Patrick Thomas. Michael Harpe, former pastor, presented

min Browne, Conference president, presented the dedicatory sermon for the mortgage-burning ceremony.

Willie Black, pastor, opened the celebration, saying, “South Park gives God the glory for what He has done and the many



Mildred Johnson, head Bible worker for the evangelistic meetings during the early 80s for South Park, received a recognition award for her faithful service.

Janice Shields Gaiter Honored Teacher of the Year

Janice Shields Gaiter, a native of Memphis, Tenn., was honored in Knoxville, Tenn., as a Knox County Schools Teacher of the Year. The celebration was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on March 29, 2007. Gaiter was presented with a plaque in recognition of her accomplishments and received a certificate from Lana Seivers, commissioner of education for the State of Tennessee, in recognition of superior skill and dedication to improving the quality of teaching and learning in Tennessee.

Gaiter's teaching career began in the Seventh-day Adventist school system at Ephesus Junior Academy



Janice Shields Gaiter, Knox County Teacher of the Year

in Birmingham, Ala., in 1984. She joined the ranks of teaching in the public school sector after the family was transferred to Knoxville in 1998.

She became a second grade teacher at Sarah

Moore Greene Magnet Technology Academy (SMGMTA), where she has served since 1999. Gaiter was selected and served as the Project Grad Consistency Management/Cooperative Discipline advisor for

SMGMTA for five years. She was featured as an instructor of math on Terra Nova Live, a weekly program on Knoxville's public television station, and served on the Knox County Schools math curriculum committee.

Gaiter is an alumna of Oakwood College, class of 1976. She is the wife of Roy E. Gaiter, Sr., pastor of the Trinity church in Knoxville. They have three adult children: Julianne, Roy, and Danae; and one teenage son, Paul.

Gaiter gives God the praise for her accomplishment, saying, "Praise God, praise God. I am thankful and humbled."

—BY MICHAEL HARPE

Celebrating 60 Years of Marriage

Fred and Virnia Mae Wynn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2007. An anniversary celebration was held Sunday, May 20, 2007, hosted by their children, at the

Willow Springs Clubhouse in Huntsville, Ala. On their first date, Fred asked Virnia for her hand in marriage, and three months later the two were married.

The Wynns were

blessed with 10 children to their union: Thelma Carthen, Marie Nelson, Alice Peoples, Fred Wynn, Jr., Milton Wynn, Ray Wynn, Norma Grizzard, Brenda Wynn, Lamar Wynn, and

the late Lorine Lane. They have 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. They are members of the Trinity church in Athens, Ala

—BY BRENDA WYNN



In May, 2007, Fred and Virnia Mae Wynn, surrounded by family and friends, celebrated 60 years of marriage.

West End Member Celebrates 100th Birthday

Johnnie Mae Taylor, a member of the West End church in Atlanta, Ga., celebrated her 100th birthday. It's hard to believe she is 100-years-old because of her vibrant mobility.

Healthy eating played a major part in her reaching this milestone, but she traces her longevity to something more—"I love the Lord, and I love people," said Taylor. "I'm so glad God gave me that gift to love people."

Taylor's birthday was celebrated at the Westin Airport Hotel in Atlanta, which was sponsored by her church family, under the leadership of Calvin Preston, pastor, where she still serves as an active deaconess, and is said to be their oldest member. She is also an active participant in her senior citizens' group. She especially

enjoys the annual trips to various destinations across the United States.

"I'm happy for the Lord to let me live that long," she said.

"God took care of me."

A 45-year elevator operator for the former Southern Bell, Taylor retired at age 65. As an elevator operator, she says she had a seat on the elevator and daily would greet riders with, "How are y'all this morning? Ain't y'all happy this morning?" She said riders would tell her the greeting lifted their spirits.

She never had chil-



Pictured is Johnnie Mae Taylor, awaiting her flight to Hawaii with her fellow senior citizens.

dren, but exchanged nuptials twice. "I married two Taylors," she said. She was married to her first husband, Douglas Taylor, for 40 years; and then to Oliver Taylor for 30 years, both are deceased.

Taylor said she stopped driving at age 90, but she's still involved with her church, where she has been a member since she

was nine-years-old. She spends much of her time talking on the phone, crocheting, and helping to take care of her 94-year-old brother. The siblings' two sisters are deceased. She says she preferred "the good old days" because they were free of the murders and other crimes that take place today, and "people loved each other better than they do now."

Taylor's former employer and the medical facility where her brother receives treatment, sponsored birthday celebrations as well. "I'm so thrilled, I don't know what to do," said Taylor. "I never did think I'd live to get 100 years old. I'm so happy."

—BY SHANDRA HILL SMITH
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New Member Leads the Way in Investment



Annie Merrell, a new member of First church in Dublin, Ga., has shown the members of her church how to work in partnership with God.

Merrell devoted herself to the programs of the church immediately upon

joining First church.

Shortly after her baptism she began an investment program that resulted in raising \$540. Because of her efforts, the church established the Annie L. Merrell Award to be presented to any member who raises \$540 or more for Investment. It was no surprise that Merrell won the award the following year, as well as exceeding the amount she raised last year.

—BY AUDREY BRANHAM

"I've Met a Man" Heralds Baptism

"I've met a man. Come and celebrate with me, and witness our reunion in baptism." That was the wording of the Hallmark-style invitations and phone calls, which went out to family members and friends across the United States and the Caribbean Islands, echoing Queenie Mitchell's words of delight.

Mitchell was rebaptized after realizing that she had been away from the fellowship of the Church and

a relationship with God much too long. She desperately wanted to renew her vow with the Lord.

The enthusiasm of Mitchell drew a crowd at the Philadelphia church in Council, N.C. She was joined by Carrielle and Tori Simmons, who were baptized for the first time.

—BY VONZELL CHANCEY

Week of Prayer at Miami Union Academy

It is common that childhood memories should revolve around school life; however, the essence of Christian education rests in the fact that these memories should be enhanced by the development of a relationship with Christ.

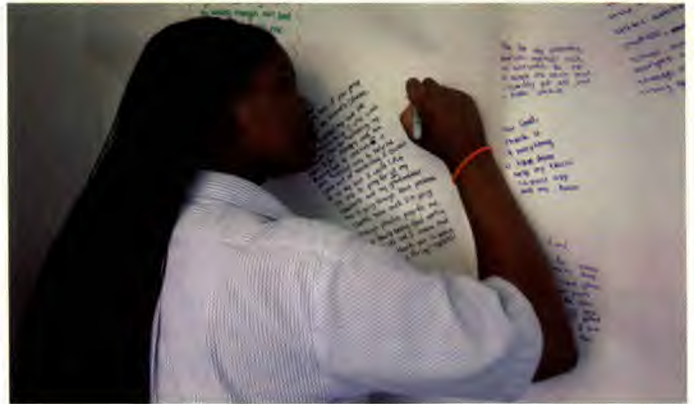
The memories of the week of September 18–22, 2006, will always remain with the faculty, staff, and students of Miami Union Academy (MUA).

That week will be

provided the daily mid-morning “brunch” that was served to the students from kindergarten to grade 8.

In addition to the sermons, which kept the listeners motivated, the praise teams, led by Elticia Buisson and Marlene Morris, set the mood for worship.

Featured video clips, personal testimonies, and a variety of prayer activities created the opportunity for attendees to have a unique experience with “God’s



A student writes a prayer request on the prayer wall.

accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

At the conclusion of the Week of Prayer, there was a public demonstration of the Holy Spirit’s work when pastors Juan Garcia and Carl Ricketts baptized Lawrence Karr and Terry Timothe, grade 9; Jevanni Millien, grade 7; Bradley Mirbon and Shantal Bryan, grade 6; and brothers Billy Germeil, grade 5; and Jedlee Germeil, grade 2.

In conjunction with the Week of Prayer, the students erected a prayer room in the Miami Union Academy library. The students got the idea of erecting the prayer room after attending the Southern Union Prayer Conference.

The prayer room features a prayer wall where students can write their prayer requests. The prayer room

will remain as a permanent part of MUA.

MUA is the only K-12 institution in the Conference. It was established in 1918 and serves approximately 350 students in the south Florida area. For more information about MUA, visit www.muasda.org.

—BY SHELLY GARNER



MUA students offer prayers for the requests on the wall.

especially dear to the seven students who accepted “God’s Amazing Grace,” according to the theme for the Week of Prayer, and were baptized and added to the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

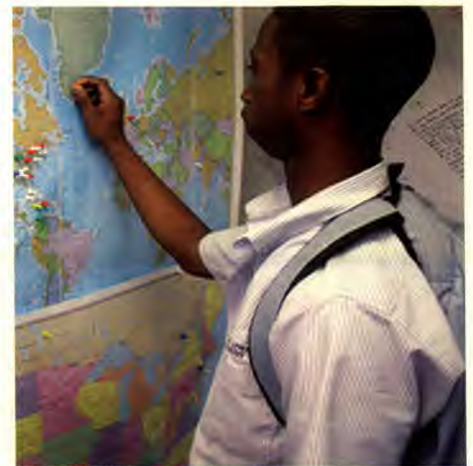
Each day of the week was a buzzing experience as both the elementary and high schools drew from the wisdom of God. Sherwin Callwood, Conference youth director, fed the high school students with Heaven-sent “breakfast” each day.

Carl Ricketts, pastor,

Amazing Grace.”

Callwood brought daily personal insights and lessons to the students, reminding them God would deliver them just as He had delivered so many before them, if they would only accept His grace.

In the elementary school, one of the most impressive sermons was on Wednesday when Ricketts, dressed in white, described the sinner’s need to put on “Christ’s robe of righteousness.” This was the turning point for individuals in the valley of decision, to ac-



The prayer room features a world map where students can place a push-pin for families they are praying for.

Young Authors Share Their Work

The Young Authors of Southern Adventist University, a club sponsored by Krystal Bishop, education professor, and literacy education graduate students for gifted writers in local Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools, gave a reading of their creative works at the local Barnes & Noble bookstore on July 25.

The club was created after students who were participating in a reading program sponsored by the University mentioned that they would be interested in a writers' club.

"The Young Authors club has helped the children become more confident about their writing," says Bishop.

The pieces shared included poetry, short stories, and excerpts from novels.

"The club is lots of fun," says Jessica Klinger, a student at the Apison Seventh-day Adventist School. "It was good for me to get feedback on my writing from the other kids."

After the reading, the writers were given certificates of accomplishment from the club sponsors and

a few words of advice from retired journalism and communications professor Lynn Sauls.

"Continue writing, write

every day," he told them. "It is hard, but enjoy doing, then enjoy having done."

—BY JAIME MYERS



Alicia Salazar, a seventh grader at Spalding Elementary School, reads her poem, "Untitled."

SSO Helps Alleviate Nursing Shortage

Southern's School of Nursing is helping alleviate the state and nationwide nursing shortage by offering a pilot program known as the Summer Study Option (SSO). This summer, 15 students graduated from the program.

Every year, Southern's School of Nursing must turn away potential students because of limited space in the program. From necessity came the

idea of offering an intensive program in which



Nursing student Carrie Dusart (right) participates in the pinning ceremony.

students could complete their RNs over the course of three summers.

"Students said the SSO was the only option available for them to take nursing," says Barbara James, nursing dean. "It was a schedule workable with their lives."

James says that faculty will fully evaluate the success of the program before deciding whether to offer another SSO. However,

with the increased number of students the School of Nursing will be able to accommodate in the new center for nursing—scheduled for groundbreaking this fall—there may not be as great a need for the SSO.

—BY ANH PHAM

Continuing Education Options Offered for Teachers

The School of Education and Psychology is testing a new pilot program in offering classes in a trio of locations: on campus, online, and off site.

"Distance learning is certainly something for which demand is increasing," says Mikhaile Spence,

School of Education graduate studies coordinator.

Currently, four classes that are required for current teachers who need certification or recertification by the North American Division office of education are being offered through the three venues.

The classes give teachers the opportunity to learn about and practice using new methods to teach their subject matter and cater to each student's needs. The School of Education and Psychology is considering offering other classes in the same manner in the future.

For more information about the classes, visit edpsych.southern.edu.

To learn about Southern's continuing education and graduate studies visit the Graduate Studies Office website at graduatestudies.southern.edu.

—BY JAIME MYERS



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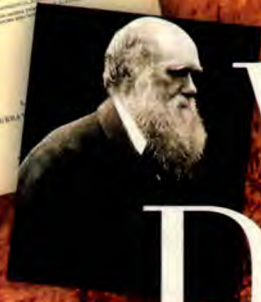
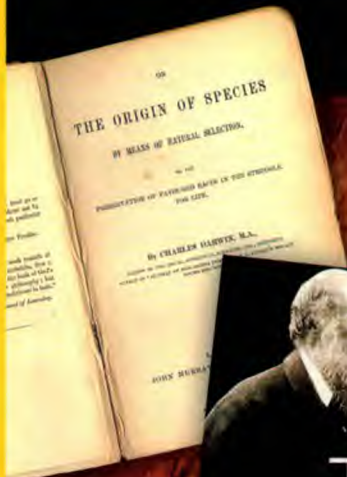
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Women's Retreat – Oct. 5-7. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Lay Pastoral Assistant Training – Oct. 12-14. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Teachers' Convention – Oct. 14-17. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
Couples at the Beach – Oct. 19-21. Myrtle Beach.
Adventist Community Services Workshop – Oct. 19-21. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
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Florida

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Singles' Ministries Events. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.asamcf.org/>, djmiller4000@earthlink.net, or 386-789-3235.
Florida Adventist Bookmobile Schedule
 Sept. 22. Sunrise.
 Sept. 23. Plantation, Lauderdale. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)
 Oct. 13. Tallahassee.
 Oct. 14. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.
 Oct. 20. Port Charlotte.
 Oct. 21. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.
 Oct. 27. West Palm Beach.
 Oct. 28. Midport Road in Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)
Spanish-language Couples Retreat—Oct. 5-7. Hampton Inn, Cocoa Beach. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com, 407-644-5000 x138, or 321-

439-1321.

High School Bible Conference—Oct. 11-14. Camp Kulaqua. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
Drs. Ron & Nancy Rocky Life Renewal Seminar—Oct. 12, 7-9:30 p.m. Oct. 13, 2-7 p.m. Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jacksonville Mandarin Church. Open to church members only. Details: <http://www.yourlri.com/seminars.cfm>, rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com, 407-644-5000 x136 or 321-303-7699.
Collegiate and Young Adult Retreat—Oct. 26-28. Camp Kulaqua. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
Evangelism Series
 Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Rolando de los Ríos. Marion Oaks Spanish.

Georgia-Cumberland

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GOD in SHOES – Sept. 4-16. Sneedville, TN.
Women of Spirit Family Day – Sept. 8. Iles P.E. Center. Collegedale, TN. Details: <http://www.womenofspirit.com>.
Adventurer Ministries Convention – Sept. 14-16.
Sabbath in the Smokies – Sept. 14-16.
Retired Workers Retreat – Sept. 14-16. Cohutta Springs.
Young Adult Retreat – Sept. 21-23. Cohutta Springs.
Festival of the Laity – Sept. 26-29. Orlando, FL.
Youth Workers' Convention – Oct. 5-6. Cohutta Springs.
Reconnect Ministries – Oct. 5-7. Chattanooga, TN.
Fall Women's Retreat – Oct. 5-7. Gatlinburg, TN.
Health Rally – Oct. 6. Chatsworth, GA.
Rossville Church 40th Anniversary – Oct. 6. Rossville, GA. Details: 706-861-0180.
Men's Congress – Oct. 12-14. Cohutta Springs.
Marriage Conference – Oct. 19-21. Cohutta Springs.
Prison Ministries Training – Oct. 19-21. Chattanooga area.
North Tennessee Pathfinder Fellowship Campout – Oct. 19-21.
Pathfinder Fellowship Events (North Georgia, South Georgia,

and South Tennessee) – Oct. 21.
GCA Appalachia Mission Trip – Oct. 21-25.
Homeland Lay Evangelism Training (Register by Oct. 10.) – Oct. 26-28. Savannah, GA.
Makeover '07 Spanish Youth Retreat – Oct. 26-28. Cohutta Springs. Details: 423-396-9571.
Young in Ministry – Oct. 29-31. Cohutta Springs.

Gulf States

Elder's Training #2 – Sept. 7-9. Camp Alamisco.
Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 14-16. Camp Alamisco.
Junior Academy Bible Conference – Sept. 21-23. Camp Alamisco.
Church School Head Teachers and Principal's Retreat – Oct. 5-7. Camp Alamisco.
Executive Committee – Oct. 23. Conference Office.

Kentucky-Tennessee

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Young Women's Retreat – Sept. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.
Women's Fall Retreat I – Sept. 28-30. Indian Creek Camp.
Women's Fall Retreat II – Oct. 5-7. Indian Creek Camp.
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Post-Modern World – Oct. 26-28. Indian Creek Camp.
Women's Ministries Executive Committee – Nov. 4.

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Southern Union

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Oak Park Alumni Reunion – Oct. 5, 6. Gates Hall, Nevada, IA. Details: opainiowa.com.

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Charleston, SC	7:40	7:31	7:21	7:12	7:03	6:54
Charlotte, NC	7:45	7:36	7:25	7:15	7:05	6:56
Collegedale, TN	8:02	7:52	7:42	7:32	7:22	7:13
Huntsville, AL	7:08	6:58	6:48	6:38	6:28	6:19
Jackson, MS	7:21	7:12	7:02	6:53	6:44	6:35
Louisville, KY	8:08	7:57	7:46	7:35	7:24	7:13
Memphis, TN	7:22	7:12	7:02	6:52	6:42	6:32
Miami, FL	7:37	7:29	7:21	7:14	7:06	6:59
Montgomery, AL	7:05	6:56	6:47	6:37	6:28	6:19
Nashville, TN	7:10	7:00	6:49	6:39	6:29	6:19
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