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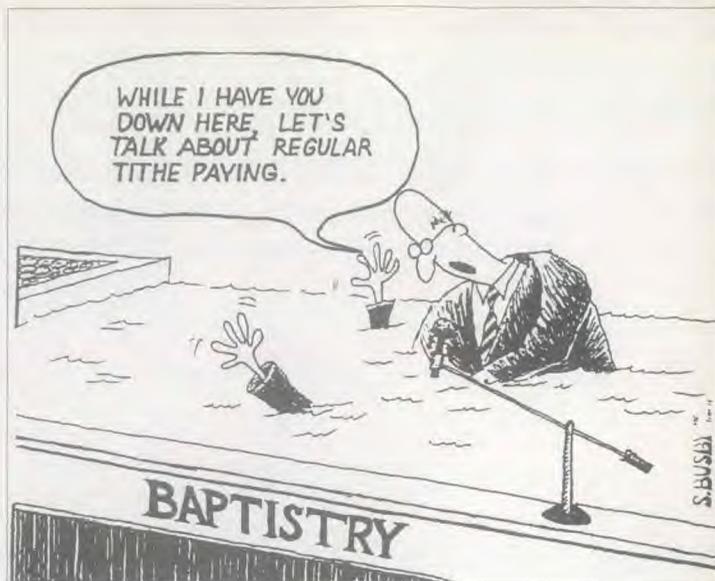
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 The new sanctuary of the Frederick church in Frederick, Maryland, was dedicated on January 17. Read how the tragic story of the church fire turned into a blessing for its members on page 5. Photo by Dick Duerksen.



Vibrant Life and Listen magazine fundraiser sends Pathfinders to camporee

Cassandra Nesmith

Review and Herald Publishing Association Publicist

Jesus Christ transforms human life through His church; therefore, each congregation will mobilize members to actively live "other-centered" lives, sharing the Gospel, offering compassion and seeking justice in the wider community.

When his Pathfinder club decided to sign up for the 1999 international camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Leader Brad Benson, 45, of Turlock, California, knew they'd need to raise a lot of money.

Since the Turlock church doesn't charge club dues for its Pathfinder program, the group depends entirely on fundraisers to earn money for its activities. Benson considered that a big goal like the camporee deserved a special kind of fundraiser. As a reader and strong supporter of Adventist publishing, Benson wanted to try something that would raise lots of money and promote great magazines like *Vibrant Life* and *Listen* at the same time.

Benson wasted no time promoting his plan. He immediately telephoned *Vibrant Life* Editor Larry Becker, who enthusiastically supported the idea. Becker quickly gained approval from the Review and Herald Publishing Association's marketing committee, and the fundraiser was launched.

When their director's kit and student packets arrived soon thereafter, the Turlock Pathfinder club excitedly reviewed the selling plan. They would earn 40 percent of the selling price for every one-year subscription they sold for *Vibrant Life* and *Listen* magazines and a whopping 50 percent for every two-year subscription. Best of all, the Turlock Pathfinders would help not only themselves, but their customers as well. With great magazines like *Vibrant Life* and *Listen*, they'd be offering their customers an opportunity to enjoy at least a year's worth of top-notch health and drug-free living.

And it worked! They raised more than \$600 during their camporee, and more than \$200 of their total amount was earned during one night of selling door to door.

Brad Benson was proud of his Pathfinders' enthusiasm and impressed with *Vibrant Life* and *Listen* magazines and the Review and Herald's willingness to support Pathfinders. Benson says he definitely recommends that Pathfinder groups try the *Vibrant Life/Listen* fundraiser to raise money for the Oshkosh camporee in 1999 and any future Pathfinder activities.

And we agree! For more information about the *Vibrant Life/Listen* Pathfinder fundraising project, contact Mary K. Becker at the Pathfinder Sales Center at (301) 791-7000, Ext. 2303; or send a fax to (301) 790-9716.

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Why do I believe in small groups?

FRANK OTTATI

Vice President for Multilingual and Evangelism Ministries

My brother Fernando, an engineer and a member of the Pentecostal church, and I had an exciting conversation about small-group ministry. He told me: "My church has about 12,000 members and about 3,000 small groups functioning all over Ecuador!" He is in charge of two small groups with seven people in each. I am happy for his involvement in ministry. He added: "Jesus is coming soon, and the way to get people ready is through small groups."



Jesus believed in small groups. Jesus had a small group of 12 disciples. It was Jesus' method of meeting the needs of His followers and also an excellent way of reaching people.

Ellen White believed in small groups. She says that "the formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who can not err...let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers also" (*Evangelism*, page 115).

Is it possible that people from other faiths follow the inspired message but we who have been given a clear-cut mandate ignore it?

This is why 59 of our 67 multi-lingual pastors were trained this year "how to" open and successfully maintain small groups in their churches. They set a goal for themselves of opening 616 small groups by the end of 1998. By the middle of April, our pastors had reported 551 small groups functioning in our union amongst the non-English congregations. We hope also to open not only 616 small groups during this year, but to see the birth and growth of 1,000 small group by the end of 1998!

What are small groups? What is their purpose for existence? Why are they so important? How do they function? Where do they meet?

These small groups consist of seven to 14 members. The function of the small group is not only to satisfy the social needs of the group, but also to bring non-members to the foot of the cross. These groups function like a small church. They meet in a member's home (sometimes in a non-member's home), and there is a leader and an associate. The church members choose the group they want to join, and they meet for one and a half hours weekly on the day and time they choose to meet. They have a flexible program that includes sharing their joy and sadness, prayer for one another and studying of the Word. Each group has an empty chair to pray for. This empty chair, by prayer and invitation, is filled by a non-member on a weekly basis.

The churches that are growing the fastest have some kind of small group meetings.

Elder José Esposito, who had the highest number of baptisms in our union this past year, 127 precious souls, says: "I will never go back to the old method where the pastors are the only leaders in the church." By developing leaders, Esposito now has 33 small groups functioning.

Elder José Cortes says that "being a 'solo' pastor is a sad way of killing the pastor and the congregation when you have so many talented people sitting on the benches."

I encourage every church in our union to use small groups to strengthen and unite the membership, to reach the unreached and to work, united, in preparing for the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

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10 things Christian men can do to save the world

10. Wax your car.

You love that hunk of metal and have a personal relationship with every one of its rattles and wheezes. It's your baby. Wash it. Wax it. Drive it with pride. Even a 1985 Ford Escort looks great when waxed. You might also want to mow the lawn...

9. Volunteer at the opera.

Well, maybe not the opera, but your community is looking for volunteers to serve on the park commission, the arts and culture commission, the local cable channel and dozens of other significant organizations. You could coach girl's softball, plant flowers on an adopted stretch of highway or sponsor a monthly prayer breakfast for local youth leaders. Get involved. Develop friendships with people you don't know. Make your town a friendlier place.

8. Read a book.

Start with the book of John as Eugene Peterson has written it in *The Message*. Add Phillip Yancey's book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*. Then include the chapter "Calvary" from *The Desire of Ages*, Billy Graham's autobiography and the men's devotional book, *600 Minutes With God*. Select a special paragraph each day and share it at family worship.

7. Lead family worship.

Right before the old *Seinfeld* rerun on Channel 54! Gather the brood. Ask for God's presence and guidance. Read the paragraph. Describe why those words are important to you. Ask, "How do you feel God was involved in your life today?" Listen with encouragement. Make a list of special prayer requests. Pray in short sentences.

When you're through, leave the TV off. *Seinfeld* is over anyway, and your daughter needs help finding pictures of hyenas for her history project.

6. Love your wife.

Wash the dishes. Change the oil in her car. Buy her flowers, fragrant ones with long, soft petals. Play with the kids. Hold her while she cries through *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. Hire someone to fix the leaky faucet. Compliment her in front of others. Remind her that she's beautiful.

Dedicate at least 10 minutes each day to look into her eyes, listen and adore. Celebrate your love with special events. Take her to the most expensive restaurant your budget can handle. (Taco Bell will do fine!) Sort clothes at the Community Services center. Rent a weepy old movie and watch it from a corner of the couch. Smile. Laugh. Hold.

5. Love kids.

Yours and others. With acceptance preceding judgement.

4. Get a job at the church.

Like "grass mower." Or deacon, junior Sabbath school assistant, Pathfinder teacher for the stamp honor, window washer, choir tenor, visitor of three people who missed this week's service, member of the worship planning team, donkey in the Christmas play, baptismal tank manager or even back door greeter. Get involved in the church, and it'll be a better place for your family—and everyone else.

3. Say "I'm sorry."

This one's hard. But if you're going to change the world, you've got to start by changing the broken relationships you've collected over the years. Look them in the eye (sometimes E-mail or "snail mail" will have to do) and say something like: "I'm sorry. Christ is calling me to be more like Him, and that includes being a better friend to you. I'm sorry for the past."

"I'm sorry" doesn't usually demand long explanations or rehearsing of past errors. It simply offers a new beginning.

2. Accept forgiveness.

Remember the forgiveness and forget the past. Throw out all the memories of what "he did," "you did," "I thought," "you should have" and the like. Start over, with God's love working as the glue in your new relationships. No, you won't immediately become everyone's best friend. But you'll be a person they all can trust, and that's a great beginning.

1. Get drunk on grace.

It doesn't take much grace to change you so wildly that most of your friends will think you've gone on a personality-changing binge with a carafe of something powerful! Even Peter, fisherman preacher, transformed cusser and bad-swing swordsman, was accused of being drunk. Think of what they'll say about you! You'll hear a whole new dictionary of words applied to you, like kind, peaceful, wise, caring, understanding, a good listener, humorous, interested, genuine and graceful. Drunk. Christian.

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Dick Duerksen is the director of spiritual development for Florida Hospital in Orlando.

From the ashes

Church fire benefits Frederick congregation



The new church building, a red brick colonial-style structure, is one of the "benefits" of the fire, that burned down the previous church which was located two miles from the new one.

 Forest fires are beneficial. In fact, ecologists tell us that they're essential for preserving many natural forest communities. The Frederick church has discovered that a church fire can also be beneficial.

On February 28, 1993, members of the Frederick congregation crossed the yellow-cordoned fire lines to gather in the multi-purpose room of their school gymnasium adjacent to the church. In stunned silence, they watched as fire devoured the sanctuary. The 28 fire companies that responded to the alarm, sounded by caretaker Mary Cook, couldn't contain the blaze that began in an electrical outlet in the primary Sabbath school room. Tongues of flame licked through the building. Eventually, a giant fireball shot through the roof. The fire fighters transferred their efforts from the doomed structure to saving the church school.

Standing beside the smoldering ruins that evening, Pastor Dan Goddard spoke to his people. "We need to remember that the church isn't a building. The church is people." The congregation experienced the first benefit of the tragedy—fellowship in loss. Spurred by the disaster, they began rebuilding plans immediately. Their first decision took them to a new property, 13 acres facing Interstate 70 about two miles west of the Adventist Drive location.

Nearly five years later, on January 17, 1998, members of the Frederick congregation consecrated their new building complex. Church dignitaries from the Chesapeake Conference, Columbia Union and General Conference, in addition to leaders from all levels of government, attended and participated in the special event.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Terry Mullin led the congregation in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Rob Vandeman, executive secretary of the Chesapeake Conference, led the prayer of invitation and responsive

reading. A pageant of praise featured the children's Sabbath school divisions. Neville Harcombe, president of the Chesapeake Conference, gave the morning message, "To God Be the Glory."

In addition to conference personnel and government officials, which included United States Congressman Roscoe Bartlett and Frederick Mayor James Grimes, support came from the community. Seven-year-old Tommy Wayne, a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Frederick, sent a letter with two dollars from his savings to help rebuild the Adventist church. And the long list of other supportive people from the community included members of the Linganore United Methodist Church, who contributed \$10,200, and the St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, who prayed while the church burned that the school would be saved.

The Frederick congregation began in 1912, when four people responded to an evangelistic meeting and became the first Seventh-day Adventist members in Frederick. The growing group organized into a congregation and constructed the first church building on Market Street in 1948. The congregation started a school in 1951 with nine students. In 1972, the members built a new facility on seven acres donated by Dr. and Mrs. Damazo. A new school building completed the complex in 1975. In February of 1997, they moved from the church school gymnasium on Adventist Drive to the new church school and gymnasium on Jefferson Pike, where they worshipped until the sanctuary was completed.

For nearly five years, the Frederick congregation met for worship in a school gymnasium. Every week, the church school teachers shuffled the desks and materials in their classrooms to accommodate the Sabbath school divisions. Every week, deacons set up and took down carpet strips and folding chairs. Every week, elderly members strained to hear the speakers. Every week, parents struggled with their young children on hard metal chairs. Yet the congregation continued to grow in number.

A bronze plaque is buried several feet underground at the base of one of the sanctuary's support columns. A duplicate plaque is mounted in the church narthex. They read: "This building is consecrated upon a foundation of concrete and steel, but the real foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ. The physical structure will someday pass away, but as long as we build our lives on the Solid Rock of Jesus, we will live forever! He is our firm foundation." A devastating fire destroyed a church, but new growth has risen from the ashes.

Kathy Goddard is an English teacher at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland.



The new Frederick church is consecrated and dedicated during a service held on January 17.

Laurelwood Church

New property and new attitude prevail in Deptford

Over the years, the congregation known as the Laurel Springs church swelled and shrunk. It became obvious to the members that the greatest limitation was the building itself. Sanctuary seating was limited. Worse yet was the available space for Sabbath school classes. Parking was a real problem, and when attendance swelled on the Sabbath of our monthly fellowship dinner, our limitations resulted in nightmare conditions. The cry, "We need a larger facility," was heard.

After a few months of searching, a very unusual and beautiful property was found. It was owned by the Franciscan nuns and had been used as a retreat and recruiting center. The building itself was well over twice the size of the current worship location. It had central air conditioning, a fireplace room, two kitchens and four rest rooms. The rest rooms included showers, which have already proven handy when student literature evangelists spent the summer living on the premises. Having been the property of the Roman Catholic church in the area, it seems to arrest the interest of many members of the community even now.

The building alone was worth the purchase price of \$160,000, but what made the acquisition so sweet was the eight acres of choice land that came with it. The property resembles a mountaintop, with mature hardwood trees and an abundance of mountain laurel. With nearly a mile of woodland trails, a running brook and winter sledding hills, the Lord has provided for us a place that's "almost heaven."

The property was purchased in November of 1995, and after struggling through site plan and building permits, we began to worship at the new site this past October. Now with the spring thaw, we plan to complete the parking lot and landscaping and have an open house.

The purchase and renovations represent a leap in faith on the part of the church membership. Before us are still some challenges, but the rewards are wonderful. Attendance in the fourth quarter of 1997 shot up 30 percent. Many visitors are worshipping with us each



Left: Laurelwood members and guest Russell Burrill enjoy a potluck in their new fellowship hall.

week. Most exciting, perhaps, has been the opportunities the move has provided for a new beginning.

We changed our location to 3051 Good Intent Road in Deptford and changed our name from Laurel Springs to the Laurelwood church. We've also adjusted our attitudes.

Laurelwood is now a "young" church. Yes, from our senior citizens to our children and youth, there's a newness and a freshness. Our hymns are sung with greater enthusiasm, and our praise tunes are embraced with more emotion. Our youth are active and a vital part of our worship team and are currently raising funds to build a large outdoor amphitheater on the grounds where music, drama, youth rallies and yes, even worship services will be held, helping us draw young people in rather than drive them away.

It's exciting to belong to a growing congregation, one that affirms the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, one that affirms and celebrates the cultural diversity of its members, one that shares God's Word and demonstrates His grace and one performing ministry that impacts our contemporary, soul-searching society.

Mike Gill is pastor of the Cherry Hill and Laurelwood churches in the New Jersey Conference.



Left: Members enter through the doors of the new Laurelwood church.



Walk of Faith Fellowship

Pastor and family plant church in Cleveland

Inner-city church planting is a rare topic in most circles. Property values are high, parking is at a premium, and generally, the people you attract tend to have low incomes and come from non-traditional homes. It really doesn't seem cost-effective or a good business decision to start a work there.

The Ohio Conference is going against the grain in Cleveland. Not only have leaders committed a large sum of money on this less-than-favorable project, but they're also risking this project by giving it to a novice who's an adult convert to Adventism and a recent graduate of the seminary.

In February of 1997, Kevin, Patricia, Karli and Kyle Kuehmichel undertook the seemingly hopeless task of starting a new Seventh-day Adventist church on the west side of Cleveland, a predominately white, lower-middle-class area. They began this journey with no core group and no idea where the members would come from. The Kuehmichels moved there from Niles, Michigan.

Where is the church today? After one year, the family of four has grown to almost 50 people. They meet in three small groups in homes during the week and come together for corporate worship on Sabbath in a rented Presbyterian church. Ever since the first small group of 13 met in April of 1997, Pastor Kevin has been focusing on the definition of what church is. Church is PEOPLE! Not a building. People are important, not where they meet. For the first five months, this group met in a home, beginning in the family room and growing to the living/dining room and then finally moving to the basement.

The road hasn't been the easiest, but it certainly has been one of the most rewarding for those involved in the Walk of Faith Fellowship. Difficult family times, illness, crime and other deterrents blocked the path. But God has pushed those items out of the way. God has answered the earnest, diligent prayers of the Walk of Faith Fellowship, sending funds for major expenses from the most unexpected sources and sending people—some in need, others wanting to help—to the "planted" fellowship. From battered women to student missionaries from Barbados to a young, enthusiastic logger, God has led, and is leading, people to the Walk of Faith Fellowship.

The church (people) is made up mostly of young adults from the age of 19 to 30. Many of these young people were on the edge of Adventism or on the way out the back door of their churches. Today, they're bringing their friends to church and their small groups. The numerical growth is coming from word of mouth. These young people are experiencing spiritual growth in their small groups and real, meaningful worship on Sabbath. The most extraordinary element of this personal growth is in their prayers. Prayer in the small groups is lasting between 20 to 40 minutes, and people

are praying for themselves and others. Prayer evangelism is the primary focus for them. Because of all of this, they not only want their friends to come, but are also asking and expecting God to answer.

The church is in the process of expanding to six small groups within the month. They have outgrown their existing capacity, and the addition is to accommodate more growth. This October, the church is planning on holding an evangelistic campaign with Don Barnt, the conference evangelist, to reap the harvest that the groups are planting. God is truly blessing this work!

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Kevin Kuehmichel is pastor of the Walk of Faith Fellowship in Cleveland, Ohio.



Left: Church members enjoy potluck at the Bosworth Road Presbyterian Church.

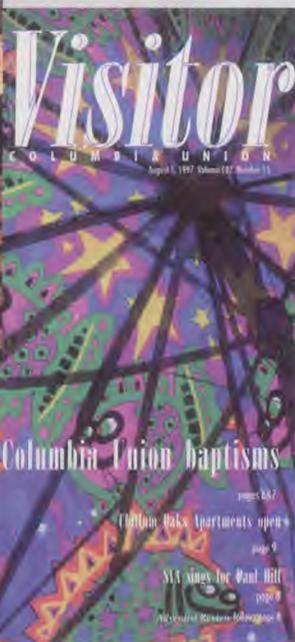
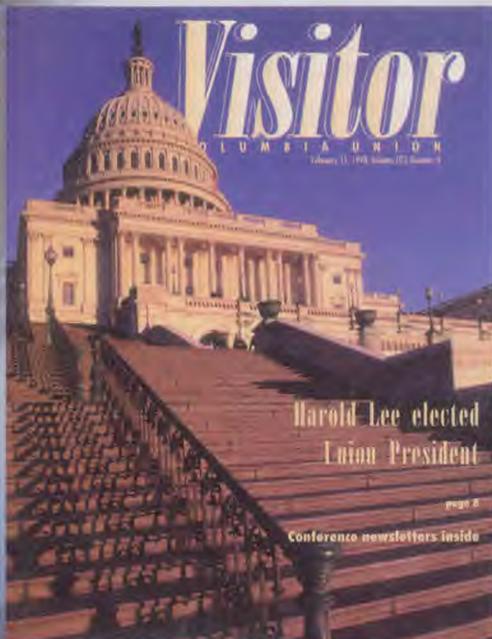


Right: Marwood Hallett gives "Decision Bible Studies" in Pastor Kevin's home.



Left: Karli and Kyle Kuehmichel are baptized into the new church.

Dick Duerksen the Columbia



After seven years as vice president of creative ministries for the Columbia Union, Dick Duerksen has accepted new responsibilities as director of spiritual development at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

He leaves behind a tremendous legacy of energy, innovation and ministry that has benefitted his church not only in this union, but also throughout the world.

Those of us who've worked with him in creative ministries and on the *Visitor* will miss his enthusiasm and leadership, and we wanted to share some memories and thoughts about Dick and how he's touched our lives.

The first time I ever saw Dick Duerksen, he was Noah.

That was on the cover of the September 1, 1989, issue of the *Visitor* as part of our coverage of the big Friendship Camporee held about a month earlier in Mount Union, Pennsylvania. The photo featured Dick (dressed as Noah, as he was throughout the event) showing a model of the ark to an obviously excited young Pathfinder.

About two years later, "Noah" joined the Columbia Union staff as the new vice president of creative ministries. And while I understood that his duties included being editor of the *Visitor*, I didn't know what other kinds of ministry Dick would be involved with.

It wasn't long before I learned that Dick loves stories. As his duties led him to cross the union—and occasionally the world—over the past seven years, Dick has collected stories of people in all walks of life and every stage of the Christian experience. He's shared many of these tales in his *Living the Vision* column in every issue of the *Visitor*.

But Dick's favorite story is still the "old, old" one about Jesus and His love. And he's devoted his considerable energy and imagination to finding new and creative ways to tell others about his Best Friend.

To tell it to young people, Dick and Tamara Terry created YouthNet retreats for teenagers and a newsletter called *20/20* for those in Generation X. To tell it to his fellow men, Dick put together a devotional book called *600 Minutes with God* and produces an online publication called *emale*. To tell it to television and radio audiences, Dick has hosted programs for the Adventist Communication Network and WGTS-FM.

And Dick knows well the adage that "a picture is worth 1,000 words." His photographs of everything from breath-taking nature scenes to God-loving motorcycle riders have regularly adorned *Visitor* covers and enhanced many other projects, including the *Images of Mission* witnessing book produced at the time of the 1995 General Conference session.

These are just a few recent *Visitor* magazine covers by Dick Duerksen.

Duerksen leaves Columbia Union

Still, Dick's favorite way of telling others about the Saviour is definitely "low-tech." He's spoken at more retreats, seminars and worship services in more places than he can keep track of, but his love for Christ shines through, whether he's preaching to graduating students or church leaders.

Now, the storyteller is opening a new chapter of his life in Florida, and he takes with him the good wishes and prayers of those of us who've been touched by his creative ministry in the Columbia Union. And if Adventists in the Sunshine State ever need to build an ark, they now have someone available with first-hand experience!

—Randy Hall, assistant Visiteditor

I remember hearing Dick speak at Chesapeake Camp Meeting in 1996 and was in awe of the way he brought the Bible to life. Little did I know that a few short months later, I'd be working for him.

I recall the day that I came for my interview. He met me in the foyer of the union office and gave me a tour of the communication department. As we approached his office, he was so down-to-earth and nice that I felt comfortable and not a bit nervous.

After the interview, I went back to my work-place and put the matter in the Lord's hands. What transpired in the next few months was a little crazy, but the Lord was in control and knew the outcome, which was for me to work for Dick Duerksen, a man I respect, admire and consider a close friend. I'll miss him a great deal.

Thanks, Dick, for all you've taught me over the past year and a half.

—Paula Saint-Villiers, administrative assistant

My interview was not what I had expected.

Trained for the tough questions like "Tell us about a time when you 'broke the rules' in order to do your job better," and "Name something in which you feel you need improvement" by interview-adept co-op teachers at Columbia Union College, I arrived that chilly late October morning (early, of course) decked out in a "professional" red and black suit. I was ushered into the vacant intern's office and put to work.

It was while I was hastily trying to quiet my nerves and stop my hands from shaking on the computer keyboard that Dick Duerksen blew in. With a warm, firm handshake, sun-bright smile and emphatic "Welcome!" Dick settled down in a chair and began the "interview." Charlotte McClure joined us, and we talked for about 15 minutes. It was truly the most painless, fun interview I've ever had. And the impressions I gleaned that day have held true, apparent especially when I became managing editor of the *Visitor*. He had faith that I could do the job well, even when I did not. I'll re-

member Dick as always encouraging, creative, genuine and full of energy.

—Kimberly Luste Maran, Visitor managing editor

Since I've only been here for nearly one year, I don't have as many memories as other people share about "the man with the hat." I do remember that on my first day, he wanted to send me out on a big story. I thought to myself, "Am I ready for this big assignment?" Sensing my apprehension, he told me that it would be a great opportunity and that he knew I'd do a good job. Now that he's gone, his confidence in others' abilities is what I'll remember most about him.

—George Johnson Jr., communication intern

The first time I met Dick, I was a student at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. He came to visit our public relations class and tell us how to handle PR disasters in business. His talk was very informative, and the energy and charisma he delivered it with really inspired me.

Now, two years later, I've worked with Dick, and although I haven't been at the union office very long, the one thing I can say for sure is that he makes everyone feel special. No matter what your position is—student, employee, colleague, janitor, etc.—Dick has a way of inspiring greatness by his high expectations for you. I'm very sorry to see him leave, but I'm sure he'll enjoy his new position, and those who work with him will benefit greatly.

—Tammi Dager, design intern



Dick Duerksen leaves to go south for the position of director of spiritual development at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

Three JNA teachers honored in retirement celebration

Nearly 600 friends of the John Nevins Andrews school in Takoma Park, Maryland, and three retiring teachers recently celebrated Christian education's impact on children and families. The occasion was the retirement celebration for Leroy Kuhn, Ann Dunbebin and Ingrid Christiansen-Flowers.

Dr. Leroy Kuhn became the principal of JNA in 1984. Before that, he served Adventist children and youth as an academy principal and a college president in several other countries, including Canada, the Middle East and Ethiopia. Kuhn retires after 40 years of service to Christian education.

Ingrid Christiansen-Flowers will retire in June with 41 years of service to church schools. Her longest term of service has been at the John Nevins Andrews school, where she served for 38 years as fifth grade and kindergarten teacher. During tributes given to Mrs. Flowers, words like "friendly," "caring," "modeling" and "Christian" kept coming up as descriptions of her life as a minister of Christian teaching.

Ann Dunbebin served her entire 35-year teaching career as a teacher at the John Nevins Andrews school. She's currently vice principal and enrichment teacher. Dr. John Stoops of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools paid high tribute to her work in securing Association approval for JNA. Mrs. Dunbebin also served as chair of many evaluation teams that represented the Middle States Assembly of Elementary Schools.

The three-hour tribute to Christian education featured many leaders of the North American Division system of Adventist education. Dr. Richard Osborn, vice president for education, presented each retiree with a division "Citation of Merit." Hamlet Canosa, vice president (and director) of education for the Columbia Union, and Frieda Hoffer, Columbia Union associate director of education, presented tributes to each retiree. The Potomac Conference superintendents of education presented especially commissioned personal portraits of each person to commemorate his or her retirement.

Takoma Park Councilman Bruce Williams presented each educator with a mayoral proclamation on behalf of Takoma Park Mayor Kathy Porter. They also received citations from the United States Department of Education and President William J. Clinton.

Current students sang and demonstrated a wide variety of skills. Included in the program were selections by the JNA Strings, under the direction of Naomi Burns, and the JNA Chime Choir, Treble Choir and



Ann Dunbebin receives her tribute for her more than 35 years of service at JNA.



Left to right: Ingrid Christiansen, Ann Dunbebin and Leroy Kuhn enjoy the dedication service in their honor.

Girl's Chorus, under Nora Ramos, director.

The John Nevins Andrews School Steel Band, an organization founded by Dr. Kuhn, played several selections. David Campbell is the director. Other student presentations included a signing choir and the juggling team. Roger Rhoades coaches both groups.

Al Woods, JNA school board chair, Roger Brown, vice chair, and Bill Albright, chair of the finance committee, presented tributes to each retiree. It was a somewhat sad but certainly triumphant evening at the retirement celebration held at the General Conference in nearby Silver Spring as the many years of Christian service and dedication to our youth by three outstanding educators were recognized.

Clarence Dunbebin is associate superintendent of schools for the Potomac Conference.



The JNA Strings perform under the direction of Naomi Burns.

New members from earlier NETs help with NET '98



Tom Mooncotch and another Adventist couple are working to establish a youth-oriented outreach at the Richland Bridge church in Peoria, Illinois, 100 miles from his home. He and his fellow church members are looking forward to letting their community know about NET '98. But three years ago, the Naperville resident was not attending an Adventist church and knew nothing about satellite evangelism.



Dennis and Windy Gregory were searching for something more than they found in their childhood churches and, after reading a grandmother's copy of *The Great Controversy*, they were concerned about the Sabbath. A co-worker of Dennis, Lewis McCarty, invited the couple to NET '95 at the Gentry, Arkansas, church. Pastor Glenn Hill and wife Mary Alice invited the Gregorlys home for lunch and Bible studies and baptized them shortly after the series concluded. The Gregorlys are looking forward to bringing friends to NET '98. Photo by Glenn Hill.

Friday evening Bible study group, told Mooncotch that NET '95 would pre-empt the Bible studies for a while. "You don't have to go," he said. "It's just something we're doing."

But Tom was curious to know what this "NET '95" was all about. He sold his prized tickets to a sold-out Eagles rock concert so he could hear Mark Finley preach. Since that decision, he, his 11-year-old daughter Nicole, his parents and another family from his former church fellowship were baptized.

NETs '95 and '96 saw some 15,000 baptisms from a combined total of more than 2,500 sites. Thrilling details came in from Canada, Guam, Romania, Germany, Croatia and many other parts of the planet. The North American Division saw a record 39,000 baptized in 1996, with the extra lift

from NET '96. These statistics represent PEOPLE whose lives were wonderfully changed by meeting Jesus in the NETs.

Many times, the help friends and family can give in leading a loved one to Jesus is rendered on their knees. In the Victory church in the Bronx, New York City, Paulette Newman was one of a number of women who'd been praying for their non-Adventist husbands for years. On a November Sabbath in 1992, Pastor Hugh Maynard-Reid distributed baptismal bags to all who had spouses or relatives who weren't members of the church. His instructions were: "Write the name of your loved one on your bag and then pray for them every day. This bag contains items that will be useful at their baptism."

When plans for NET '95 got underway in her church, Paulette invited her husband, Kenneth, to the meetings. He attended all of the meetings and was baptized at the close of the series, putting his baptismal bag to good use. Since then, he's been active in outreach and as a deacon, giving strong support to his pastor, now Horace Russell, and church as they prepare for NET '98.

NET '98 will have a much wider audience than the previous NETs. More than 2,000 downlinks in the NAD and many hundreds more throughout the world with translation into 40 major languages will effectively cover the entire planet with salvation signals. NET '98 speaker Dwight K. Nelson's 15 years as senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, has given him insights into how to reach the human heart. Trusting fully in the power of the Holy Spirit, Nelson repeatedly affirms: "NET '98 will go forward only with God's people on their knees."

Nelson believes that the final message to our world before Jesus comes again will be "the incredible love of God, which is at the core of all the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists as found in the Bible." That message is THE message of NET '98.

Glenn Hill and Betty Cooney are part of the communications team for NET '98.



Kenneth Newman (right) is welcomed as a new member of the Victory church following a NET '95 baptism of 13 persons by Pastor Hugh Maynard-Reid.

The business of health care

Cynthia Rollins, sophomore business major

In the early hours of the morning on April 5, while most of the CUC community slept soundly, 28 CUC Business Club members and their sponsors, Randi Waxman and Denver Swaby, boarded a plane for Orlando, Florida.

On the same day, they hit the Disney World theme parks. Most students spent the day in the Magic Kingdom with Mickey Mouse and his friends, while a few headed for Epcot's fascinating journeys through space and time.

The group stayed in modest accommodations, catching a few hours of sleep before beginning what would turn out to be two days of valuable education. Monday morning started with a tour of Florida Hospital (FH). Executives Randy Haffner, Ted Hamilton and Bill Wing presented information about hospital administration, corporate structure, safety and liability issues and managed care in a changing health-care environment. A private tour of the hospital facilities included a visit to the large gamma knife center, hyperbaric chambers, morgue and cardiac care unit.

The RDV SportsPlex and Celebration Health were the next stop for Monday afternoon. The RDV SportsPlex is a new, ultra high-tech, 35,000-square-foot health club and training facility used by the Orlando Magic basketball team. The joint venture between the Magic and Florida Hospital includes everything

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Views from the Gateway

The experience of a lifetime

Journal entry—Linda Williams, associate vice president for student services

After 19 hours of flying, not including 17 hours of layover, I step out of the airplane to a blast of the hottest, most humid air that I have ever experienced....I have finally arrived in Yap! (My daughter, Tava, a student at CUC, embarked on her student missionary experience to this island last August, and I was finally arriving for a first-hand look!) I spot Tava behind the 10' chain link fence jumping up and down waving her arms in a welcome that brings tears to my eyes!

Monday - It's time for school to start. Fifteen third-graders are sitting at attention at their desks as Tava reads them a worship story about Adam and Eve and the choice they had in the Garden of Eden. I watch with pride as I see my daughter guiding and leading these little people towards Jesus and the love that He has for each of them. I watch these eager children as they interact with Tava. "Teacher, can you help me?" "Teacher, come play with us at recess!" "Show me, please?" These brown-skinned, beautiful children look at me with wide, curious eyes, too shy to respond to my questions.

Wednesday - All shyness is gone now. Sarah, Aileen, Angeline and Cindy, Tava's third-grade girls, are waiting for us at the bottom of the stairs that lead from the student missionaries' apartment. "Teacher," they scream, "come see what we did!" We take a few steps across the yard, and there scratched in the dirt is the message, "We love you, Miss Williams and Mrs. Williams!" As we thank them for the message, they place a "nuu nuu" on top of our heads. This is a sign of friendship in the Yapese culture. A nuu nuu is an intricately woven circle of colorful, fragrant leaves and flowers held together with grass.

Friday - Today is the last day that I will see these children. I have made chocolate chip cookies for a treat. How quickly they have endeared themselves to me. They now fight to hold my hand and when my hands are full they hold tight around my waist. This makes walking difficult if not impossible! It is easy to see that when it is time for Tava to return home, it will be a very difficult, emotional time.

My heart swells with pride as I watch my daughter in her role as teacher. My mind wanders to experiences and talks we have had through the years that have helped to shape and mold her into the mature adult that she is today. My visit has helped me appreciate and understand the experiences Tava has had on this tiny island. The student missionary experience has given her an incredible educational asset and a beautiful experience as she has nurtured and witnessed to the little ones of Yap.



Linda Williams

Freshman sets five CUC records

Rick Herlinger, sports information director

On March 18, sophomore Marcia Carty sent her name into the CUC record books, not just once, but five times for the track team. First, it was a 26.10 finish in the 100m high hurdles, then a 5' high jump, a long jump of 17'10", and a final 100m record fell in at 12.36. It seemed like just a spring breeze for

this Canadian provincial champion.

With Carty's four firsts and a second, she puts herself squarely in front of the strong young Lady Pioneer Tracksters. Carty came to CUC with records already set in place. Her high school best in the 100m of 11.5 gave her the nickname of "G-force." With an 11.5 in competition, Marcia would place second

on the NCAA records list. Similarly, an electronically timed 14.0 high hurdle would give her fourth place in national competition. Track and Field Coach Calvin Dunbar was particularly pleased with his young recruit. "She is definitely a strong runner," he stated. "With more training and experience, who knows how far she can go?"

Marcia Carty heads off the track team of CUC.



Health care continued...

from indoor ice skating rinks to sand volleyball courts. Even though it is conceptually based on sports medicine and training, it also provides a total health facility with physicians on staff.

Early Tuesday morning, the group headed for Adventist Health System's (AHS) corporate headquarters. After worship and an introduction to AHS by its president, Mardian Blair, students listened attentively to top-notch presentations about AHS, its mission, business, opportunities, strategies, financing techniques, international endeavors and more. The morning ended with information about

job and career opportunities presented by FH and AHS intern coordinators and CUC alumnus David Ottati, c u r -

rently in his second year of a prestigious management internship at Florida Hospital.

Capital Summer Session

Jen Caracofe, assistant to the president for public relations

CUC's annual Capital Summer Session will begin July 27 and end on August 13. The special session is available to incoming freshmen only and is offered at no cost to the student! The only cost to the student is a registration fee, food (if boarding during stay) and books!

Growth spurt

Natalia Mironova, 1998 communication/journalism graduate

Keeping your house clean is a natural instinct of every responsible human being. Why should keeping the surrounding environment clean be any different? CUC students who initiated the tradition of the annual campus-wide Earth Day certainly agree.

The 1997-98 school year was marked by the official opening of OAK—the Outdoor Adventure Klub—which included most of the students who initiated the first Earth Day during the 1996-97 school year. The purpose of OAK, according to its treasurer, Tommy Benton, is to enjoy and protect the environment. The activities of the club involve camping trips, rock climbing, attending lectures about the environment at the National Geographic Society and Recreational Equipment Incorporated and participating in clean-up activities and environmental awareness programs. It was OAK that initiated a recycling program on the campus of Columbia Union College. This past year, plastic and metal recycling bins were placed around the campus, and this year, newspaper recycling was facilitated. The students are also working on setting up a recycling program for white paper, which is unfortunately not presently available. "Hopefully, we'll have something set up by next school year," said Nina Negretti, OAK's secretary.

While the second annual Earth

Day was organized by the students like the first one, the school administration was more involved this time. The president of CUC, Charles Scriven, contacted the students who coordinated the first Earth Day to make sure that the event happened again and included the entire student body. He suggested that OAK take over the weekly assembly and work out a program that would kick off Earth Day. On April 1, Earth Day began with the special chapel program entitled "We Are the Caretakers," with poetry readings and audio-visual presentations emphasizing the importance of taking care of the Earth. The students also prepared a slide show and a play—an environmental take on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". A nature photography exhibit opened in the lobby of Wilkinson Hall, presenting nature photographs by CUC students.

In the afternoon, a group of students headed to Sligo Creek Park to participate in a clean-up project organized in conjunction with Takoma Park's Department of Park Volunteers. The city representatives arranged for the plastic bags and gloves for trash pick-up, and the students took over a stretch of Sligo Creek Park, picking up the trash and taking it to the dump on CUC's campus. Negretti worked with the city officials and students in coordinating the clean-up. "There is a lot more that can be done, but we only had a few



OAK members Naomi Burns and Mark Dipinto plant a tree in front of the music building at CUC.

hours," she said. Negretti said activities like the Sligo Creek clean-up is an excellent way for the college students to get involved in the local community, and it's something everyone can get involved in.

The day's activities came to a close with a tree-planting ceremony in front of the music building on the campus of CUC.

Calendar of Events

June

21 Father's Day
Summer Begins

July

3 Independence Day Holiday
4 Independence Day
5 Elder Hostel Program through 7/18
13 Summer Start Begins

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The Spectacular Spectrum

Visible light contains all the colors of the rainbow. The raindrops in a rainbow break up the lightrays into bands of color that form the spectrum. If you want to study the spectrum, you don't have to wait for a rainbow, though; all you need is a prism.

A prism can be any of a number of specific shapes of a solid three-dimensional object, but the most common shape is a three-sided bar with flat ends. When a prism is made of transparent material, such as glass, it separates the light into the full spectrum of colors. How can a clear piece of glass do that?

Unobstructed lightrays travel in a straight line, but when those lightrays have to pass through something transparent, the light is bent. Hold a prism up to the sunlight. (Sunlight is called "white" light because the "color" white includes all the colors of the spectrum.) As the sunlight passes through a glass prism, the prism bends the rays of each color as they go through. Violet rays are bent the most, and red rays are bent the least. All the other colors spread out between those two. As a result, the light emerging from the prism is a full spectrum of all the rainbow colors. You can take another prism and reverse the spectrum back into white light.

As projected through a prism, the spectrum is a marvel of beauty and artistic wonder. Each color blends perfectly into the next in a continuous flow from where the violet rays become visible, through blue, green, yellow, orange and red, then to where the rays become invisible again.

Artists and printers have tried to match the perfection of the spectrum. It's safe to say that they never will, for the spectrum is an example of the perfect work of the Creator.

When Jesus came to Earth as the Light of the world, He also served as a prism. He presented the light from heaven to humanity. He showed us how we can let His light shine from us in good deeds that demonstrate He has lighted our hearts with His love.

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish Natural Learning, a newsletter to help parents, teachers and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P.O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.

Let your light so shine before men.

that they may see your good works.

and glorify your father which is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16



Make White Light

White light—sunlight—is made up of all the colors in the spectrum: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. The following activity may look like a magic trick, but it's really a simple matter of physics!

Items needed:

- compass
- pencil
- ruler
- scissors
- Crayola crayons in these colors (or markers in the same colors) red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet

Procedure:

Cut a cardboard circle four inches in diameter.

Use the ruler and pencil to divide the circle into seven equal parts.

Color the sections in the sequence listed above, beginning with red.

Cut out the circle.

Make a hole in the center of the circle large enough to push the pencil through.

Spin the color wheel as you would a top. Spin it slowly, then quickly. When you get the wheel spinning at the right speed, what happens?

Note: If you have a geared hand-drill, you can really spin the wheel. Push a small nail through the center of the color wheel and glue it in place. When the glue is dry, set the nail in the hand-drill and turn on the drill. Experiment with different speeds and watch the effect.

Healing MINISTRY



Advanced technologies and Adventist HealthCare

Ron M. Wisbey



In the world of Adventist HealthCare institutions located in the Columbia Union, we are blessed to have a large human resource base of outstanding world-class physicians and scientists who are constantly working to improve patient care and bring new skills and technologies online.

Obviously, because of the breadth and scope of these large institutions, I will only be able to briefly open the door by way of introduction to this area of Adventist HealthCare.

As the story on the next two pages will illustrate, Washington Adventist Hospital is one of the finest heart centers in the United States. Our program in the Washington metro area is known as "Adventist Heart." This name was chosen after extensive research and focus groups continued to tell us that "Adventist" is our brand name and identifies well in the marketplace.

At Kettering Medical Center in Ohio, research and medical education have always been part of the medical center's mission. Commitments were made to the Kettering family from day one that medical education would always be part of the institutional life. Kettering College of Medical Arts stands as a memorial to this commitment. In addition, graduate medical education in cooperation with Wright State University School of Medicine provides for clinical rotations as well as a strong residency program in a number of areas for medical school graduates from Loma Linda and other medical schools around the country.

Kettering has developed a number of areas of excellence and institutes that are becoming nationally recognized. One of the latest and best known is the Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute. Over \$26,000,000 has been raised in the past 18 months through grants and the KMC Foundation to fund this new institute. A complete staff of neuro-scientists has been recruited from leading universities around the nation, and already, wonderful new surgical and other procedures are in place to assist patients with brain and other neurological problems.

Faith-based hospitals have a responsibility as providers of care, even in the midst of the heavy fiscal restraints of the current payer systems, to be leaders in providing the finest technology and medical staffs who are prepared to meet the needs of the 21st century.

even in the midst of the heavy fiscal restraints of the current payer systems, to be leaders in providing the finest technology and medical staffs who are prepared to meet the needs of the 21st century. Please know that your Columbia Union health-care institutions are outstanding leaders in their market-places in all areas of health delivery, and will continue to provide this care in the model of the Great Physician.

Ron M. Wisbey is chairman of Adventist HealthCare and Kettering Medical Center.



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Curtis McCormick

It was just another busy day in the office. Downstairs, in the cardiac catheterization lab, the skilled hands of the cardiologist ever so gently inflated a small balloon inside a patient's nearly blocked vessel, re-opening this critical channel and allowing for an eventual return to a normal lifestyle. Across the way, in the arrhythmia lab, a nurse and technician were comforting a patient undergoing a procedure that would diagnose the source of an irregular heartbeat. Upstairs, a world-renowned surgeon is performing a life-saving open heart procedure. Where in the world can you find such excellent care under one roof? A facility of this scope and stature might seem almost surreal, like something from a TV show. Each year, however, as thousands of people throughout the metropolitan Washington area can attest, this is no television program at all; it is Adventist Heart.

Adventist Heart is located at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland. Washington Adventist Hospital has been designated a "Center of Excellence" for its quality of service and commitment to a full range of cardiac care to patients of all ages. Since 1971, Washington Adventist Hospital has been a leading institution in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiac

disease. Washington Adventist Hospital is the only certified heart surgery center in suburban Montgomery County, Maryland, serving patients from all across the state, as well as from across the nation and around the world.

This past year, more than 900 cardiac surgeries and more than 5,100 angioplasties and cardiac catheterizations were performed here. But what truly sets this program

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apart is not the state-of-the-art facilities or even the superior staff of more than 115 board-certified cardiologists and 17 cardiac surgeons. Adventist Heart has become one of the truly outstanding cardiac medical centers in the nation because it is firmly grounded in the Adventist HealthCare mission of caring for the physical, mental and

has a "Heart"

Heart program offers excellent cardiac care

spiritual well-being of each patient. In a world where mergers, takeovers and cutbacks dominate the health-care landscape, Adventist Heart stands as an enduring testament to the healing power of God and to the importance of always putting the needs of patients first.

Program Director Geoffrey Morgan is proud to have played an instrumental role in the growth of Adventist Heart since his arrival 17 years ago. He is excited that now, with the recent completion of the expansion of three new labs—the vascular lab, the arrhythmia lab and the cardiac intervention lab—the program is now able to provide world-class care to patients suffering from almost any cardiac disease. The center's new hybrid suite offers the unparalleled flexibility of diagnostic catheterization, cardiac intervention and cardiac surgery options all in the same medical suite.

Adventist Heart's commitment to remaining at the forefront of cardiac care is reflected in its continual growth. The program has averaged 10 percent growth every year for the past five years, including 17 percent in 1997. Morgan can quote these growth numbers at length, but if you ask him why it is so, he likes to talk about the unique nature of Adventist Heart as the real reason for its success. "I firmly believe that this growth is rooted in patients' knowledge that they will not only receive excellent clinical care here," he says, "but they will receive God-centered, compassionate care as well. And believe me, that can make all the difference."

The professional staff is among the finest in the country, serving as officers of the American College of Cardiology, as well as faculty at local medical schools. One physician, Dr. Fayaz A. Shawl, is widely recognized as one of the leading interventional cardiologists in the world and is renowned for his ground-breaking innovations with high-risk angioplasty, carotid stenting and revascularization procedures. Other new procedures being performed at Adventist Heart's Center for Excellence include a minimally invasive cardiac procedure known as "MIDCAB," which involves open-heart surgery that is far less traumatic to the body and is performed at fewer than 100 locations in the world.

Cardiac Catheterization Manager Barbara Christensen echoes Morgan's thoughts on both the program's growth and its commitment to doing things the right way, noting that "we do have an incredible staff here, and we're all extremely proud of what we do, but we never lose sight of who's really in charge. Our faith in God is truly what carries us through



"Adventist Heart is firmly grounded in the Adventist HealthCare mission of caring for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of each patient."

the daily stresses of our duties and helps us to always remember what a privilege it is to be able to care for people in this way. I sense that patients recognize in us a spirit that says: 'It's okay—you're not alone in this walk—none of us are.'"



Adventist HealthCare

Employees donate time overseas

Many Adventist HealthCare employees devote time to helping the needy outside of their regular work routines. Two Adventist HealthCare employees have recently volunteered their personal time to help disadvantaged children overseas.

Marisa Mize, a pediatric nurse practitioner in the pediatric intensive care unit at Shady Grove, recently traveled to Quito, Ecuador, on her fifth mission with Por Cristo, a non-profit organization that helps provide doctors and nurses in Ecuador with the medical expertise to help children with heart defects.

Por Cristo's cardiac team was in Ecuador for one week and diagnosed a variety of heart defects and outlined a plan of care with the local medical staff for each child.

Ann Kirwan, director of business development with Adventist Inova Home Health Management, is returning to the Dominican Republic this year to serve as a mission participant

with Orphanage Outreach, an organization that aids orphans in the Dominican Republic. Kirwan spent a week at two orphanages living with the children and helping out with various projects designed to improve living conditions at the orphanages.

Adventist HealthCare salutes its volunteers

During National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, Adventist HealthCare was reminded again of the immeasurable value its hundreds of volunteers add to the organization each year. In 1997, volunteers contributed more than 100,000 hours of service.

During the April SGAH leadership meeting, volunteers representing a cross-section of departments sang "We'll Do Anything for You All" as a friendly demonstration of their dedication to the hospital. chairperson of volunteers, Barbara Eiseman, presented a "Transfer of Funds" certificate to Kiltie Leach, C.O.O., in the amount of \$971,975, which represents the total pro-bono contribution given by Shady Grove Adventist Hospital volunteers during 1997. Also, a recognition luncheon for SGAH volunteers was held at Smokey Glen Farm Park on April 22.

Washington Adventist Hospital cel-

ebrated its 660 volunteers during this special week with a Sunday brunch and a trip to see the musical *Oliver* at Toby's Dinner Theatre. WAH is honored to have volunteers who have contributed their service to the hospital for as long as 25 years!

Thanks to all volunteers throughout Adventist HealthCare.

Together, you make a world of difference to staff, patients and their families.



Adventist Senior Living Services

Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center opens

The Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center held a VIP open house and ribbon cutting this past October 23 and a community open house on October 26. The 124-bed nursing center is a partnership between the Frederick Memorial Healthcare System and Adventist HealthCare, which will manage the facility.

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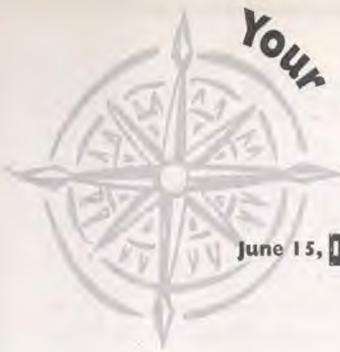
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Resource

Guide

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FOR MINISTRY IN YOUR HOME, WORKPLACE, COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

Sitting in my home church, my eyes wander to the congregation. Most of the heads are white, gray or balding, but I also see the occasional restless heads of young children. Since I attend college out of state, I only come home two to three times a year, so I eagerly scan the pews looking for my old friends or young faces. I don't find enough. I don't find many. But I do see the profile of someone who graduated at least six years ahead of me at the local academy years ago. Last I knew, he was into drugs and had left the church—but there he sits wearing a suit. He didn't really know him. I doubt he would recognize me. But I remember the pact that Jennifer Tyner and I made to God in March when He began opening doors for eXcite98. We promised God that we would invite everyone we could to eXcite98, a conference where Generation X (20 to 35 years old) would come together for God August 6-9. We then left it up to Him to touch those who needed to be here. Little did we know how much God was going to hold us to our end of the bargain. Or how many lives He planned to touch in the process.

"Through numerous conversations and countless E-mail messages, we have learned that God has planted seeds in many other young adults across the nation," says Tyner. "God is calling our generation to minister to our needs. And young adults are answering."

The conference has also found support outside of Generation X. "I'm honored and delighted to add a personal and pastoral word of affirmation regarding the vision the leaders of eXcite98 are sharing with the nation, and by extension the world," says Andrews University Pastor and NET '98 Speaker Dwight K. Nelson. "I really do believe that it is a Spirit-ignited vision—a vision with the high calling of Jesus to radical discipleship in this urgent hour of human history. I am deeply convicted that here at last is a generation perfectly positioned by God for the repeat of Pentecost.

Gen Xers are the most economically disenfranchised generation in our history. Moreover, socially and professionally, they are the most transient. In other words, they are a generation with the potential for instant mobilization—which is precisely the description of the followers of Jesus in Acts 1 and 2."

It is this "instant mobilization," that is allowing Generation X to come together in attempt to help one another. I sat on too many committee's listening

eXcite98

by Shasta Emery

to church leaders struggle with the question of how to keep our young adults from leaving the church. My answer? There is nothing anyone can do to stop us from leaving unless we decide for ourselves we don't want to leave. So we are coming together in Riverside, California, to build our personal relationships with Christ regardless of how weak or strong it currently is, to give support and pray with one another and to commit ourselves to the mission of the Adventist church. We want to be involved.

Based on the responses we are hearing from young adults across the nation, we have proof of that desired involvement. There are those who have left the church but want to give it another try, those who sit in the pews each week out of habit but wonder if there isn't something more,

those who only started coming back to church for the sake of their kids but haven't felt any personal fulfillment or those who are excited and committed but want to share and

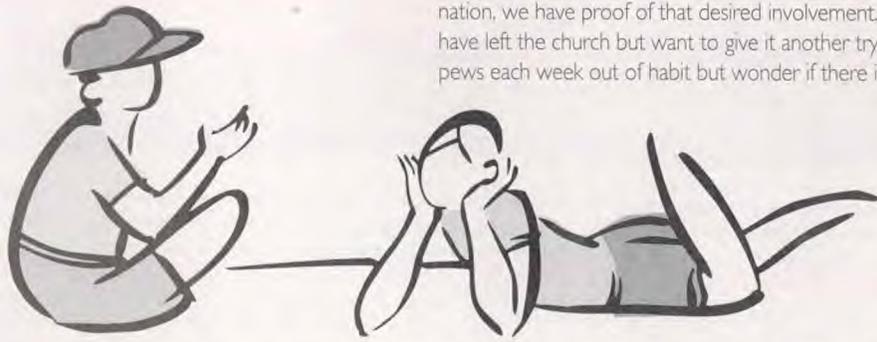
grow—we know God is touching lives. We just have to keep inviting.

And that's what this article is about. We want to ask you, members of our Adventist church to be a part of this movement in our generation. Every single one of you knows of someone who falls into our target group: All young adults from 20 to 35 years old who have been, are or want to be affiliated with the Adventist church. You know them and God has promised and proven that if we invite them, He will touch them in His way. So we ask you to invite those you know. We ask you to be active for our generation. We ask you to pray for us, for God is moving in exciting and powerful ways.

As for that young man in the suit. I looked for him after the church service, half hoping I wouldn't find him. But I did. And I invited him to eXcite98. Do you know what he said? "Today is my first day back in a church... I told God He would have to give me a reason to stay."

And God did.

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Your Resource Guide
 information, tips and articles on how you can enhance your ministry.
 Editor: Tamara Michalenko Terry

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What: a conference, full of our generation learning through powerful workshops, sharing in small break-out groups, enjoying Adventist bands and entertainment, benefiting from the opportunities to meet Adventists from across the country, being inspired by our generation's keynote speakers, contributing to mission opportunities and, best of all, focusing on the face of Christ through awesome worship.

Who: All young adults from 20 to 35 years old who have been, are or want to be affiliated with the Adventist church.

When: August 6-9, 1998.
Registration all day Thursday, August 6; program begins at 6 p.m.

Where: Riverside, California. We thank La Sierra University for offering its facilities and campus to bring our generation together.

Why: We're redefining Generation X by making Christ the focus of our lives.

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- Child care will be available
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- Register on line or in a brochure floating around in the president's office on your campus or conference.
- We pray every church in the country will sponsor at least one young adult to come.
- We will have young adult keynote speakers and professional workshop presenters who are scientists, pastors, medical workers, counselors

and musicians, artists, business men and women, lawyers, teachers, students: your peers.

- We are bringing Adventist bands and musicians together to worship. Come join our concert line-ups! Bring your band and be published in our young adult resource book after the conference!
- Come meet more than 1,000 young adults who want a spiritual relationship with God. Meet people! Come unite for God!
- Are you hungry for excitement and education about God and His teachings? We will have more than 100 workshops to choose from...
- Bring your spouse and commit your marriage together to God through special workshops planned to meet your needs.
- We need more than 500 volunteers for several positions. Volunteer through our web-site, E-mail us at shasemer@lasierra.edu or call (909) 785-2344.
- Pray for this like you have never done before whether you haven't prayed in years or if you happen to be part of a Bible study group. We need prayer!

This is grass roots. By our generation, for our generation. Help us continue getting the word out. God is working BIG time in our generation; be a part of it. It's a little scary, but He has a plan for us. Tell everyone you know, God will touch them if they need to be here...

Resources & More

Fellowship Luncheon Tip

Here's a handy fellowship luncheon guide to periodically put in your church bulletin:

- Couples should furnish two dishes that will feed 10-12.
- Singles should furnish one dish that will feed 10-12.
- Families should furnish an extra dish for every two children.
- Deliver the food to kitchen table-ready.
- Hot dishes should be pre-baked and wrapped with newspaper to be kept warm.
- Salads should be made and wrapped with plastic wrap and ready to serve.
- Bread should be cut and buttered; cakes cut, etc.

This appeared in the Mountain View church newsletter, Las Vegas, Nevada.



like without salt?

What does popcorn taste like with too much salt?

What does popcorn taste like when it's salted just right?

Materials needed: three bowls of popcorn; 1 large salt shaker; three glasses of water and napkins.

Idea submitted by the Center for Youth Evangelism (800) YOUTH-2U.



Lisa and the Drainpipe Prayer

by Mary Louise DeMott

This new adventure book helps children ages 7-9 understand the importance of prayer. Each story illustrates valuable lessons of faith and trust. Use it in Sabbath school or in family settings. Publisher: Review and Herald.

Journal of Christian Nursing

This journal provides Christian perspectives and insights related to nursing. Articles focus on both clinical and personal issues related to spirituality, ethics and professional growth. Price: \$19.95 (quarterly). To subscribe, call (608) 274-4823, Ext. 401.



Adventist Book Center

For more helpful resources, visit your local Adventist Book Center or call (800) 765-6955.



Everlasting Love by CeCe Winans

Music Review

by George Johnson Jr.

Everlasting Love by CeCe Winans

With 10 years of contemporary gospel music experience, eight Grammy Awards, nine Dove Awards and three NAACP Awards, as well as many other notable awards under her belt, CeCe Winans has released another solo album, *Everlasting Love*. This new release, very different from her first solo release, *Alone in His Presence*, has a fresh blend of soulful voices, positive lyrics and gospel swing beats that will

uplift anyone who desires to listen.

A member of the well-known Winans family and the "other half" of the famed contemporary gospel duo BeBe and CeCe, she realizes that this album will attract and capture people's attention right away. "*Everlasting Love* is a mixture of the CeCe material that my current listeners are familiar with, as well as material that is tailored for a more broad-based appeal," commented CeCe.

On May 20, CeCe appeared at the Potomac Adventist Book and Health Food Store in Silver Spring, Maryland, to sign autographs for her new release. To purchase *Everlasting Love*, please contact your local ABC store or call (800) 765-6955.

The Web Zone

Here are some helpful and interesting websites:



- <http://www.healthconnection.org>

The Health Connection

- <http://www.lasierra.edu/sor/egwindex.html>

Re-visioning the Role of Ellen White for Seventh-day Adventists Beyond 2000. Arthur N. Patrick, D.Min., Ph.D. is currently visiting associate professor for church history and pastoral ministry at La Sierra University. This website lets you view his work.

- <http://Indiana.net/braille/>

Bibles and cassettes are available in many languages for the blind and visually handicapped.

- <http://www.iclnet.org/>

At this website by the Institute for Christian Leadership, you will find links to hundreds of Christian resources.

- <http://www2.switchboard.com/>

Switchboard: the People and Business Directory provides comprehensive information for finding people, phone numbers, E-mail addresses and more.

- <http://plusline.adventist.org/outreach/>

Join the Outreach Network and become part of a dynamic exchange of outreach ideas and information.

Free Luggage Tags!

Send two business cards to PlusLine, and you'll receive two customized durable luggage tags! Send cards to: PlusLine; P.O. Box 5005; Westlake Village, CA 91359. (Offer limited to Adventist church members.)

Tasting Scripture

Here's a quick idea for making Bible study come alive with flavor! Use this to emphasize a scriptural message (Matthew 5:13).

Matthew 5:13 says, "You are the salt of the earth." To best illustrate the power of salt, try this "salty" idea.

Send three volunteers out of the room and then bring them in one at a time to taste the following (don't tell them what they are tasting):

Volunteer #1: Popcorn without salt

Volunteer #2: Popcorn with too much salt

Volunteer #3: Popcorn with just the right amount of salt

Then ask the following questions:

What does popcorn taste



On The Front Lines: Public Campus Ministry

by Nancy Vasquez

Stephanie Fortune, a sophomore Adventist student at Stanford University in California, was riding her bicycle on campus when she noticed the license plate decal on the car in front of her. It said: "The Seventh Day is the Sabbath." She knew the owner had to be an Adventist, so she followed the car until it stopped in a parking lot. Jumping off her bike, she ran to the young man and asked, "Are you an Adventist?" "Yes," he said, and then he told her of two Adventist girls who were living in her dorm. She contacted Laura Kim and Cristina Hwang, and they introduced her to a few other Adventists on campus. Jen Lee and Stephanie decided to start a Bible study in their dorm room and currently have eight people who come weekly. But she's never seen the young man or his car again.

In North America, an estimated 25,000 Adventist college students attend public universities, compared to 20,000 attending Adventist colleges and universities. Several local churches have been ministering to some of these students for several years, while other public campus ministries have recently begun springing up on campuses, spearheaded by the students themselves. This is one of the most challenging and exciting pioneer ministries in the church today. Let's take a look at what's going on in a few of those ministries around the division.

CALIFORNIA - The former pastor of the Berkeley church, Gary Venden, envisioned a church serving the needs of California students. In the fall of 1996, he and three university students met on the campus to pray. "We prayed for one and a half hours, asking God for the Holy Spirit and a vision of what to do," remembers Will Sutton, a graduate student at the University of California-Berkeley. "That was one of the most powerful experiences I have ever had. It changed my life!" A branch Sabbath school was launched on campus. Then Friday night Vespers (with 32 students now attending) was started, along with spiritual retreats and social outings. UC Berkeley networks with other student-run groups at Stanford, UC Davis, Hayward and Pacific Union College.

MICHIGAN - Betty and Richard Harwood from the East Lansing University church minister to the Adventist students at Michigan State University. Betty has Sabbath dinner once a month for the 60 Adventist students. She takes cookies to the dorm during test week, makes

soup for sick students and is a "stand-in mom" for foreign students. "The important thing is catching them when they first come, reminding them that they are Adventists and being there for them no matter what," says Betty.

INDIANA - The Hoehns have opened up their home every Friday night for the past several years to the group of 20-24 Adventist students attending Indiana University. Ted, a physician, and Beverly, a music professor on the Bloomington campus, encourage the students to stay in touch with their church and are just there for support when needed.

ILLINOIS - Michele Hayden, an Assyrian immigrant to the United States now living in Champaign, Illinois, brings home all the Adventist students from the University of Illinois, plus other visitors to her home each Sabbath, feeding 20-28 guests. The students affectionately call her "Mom" because she makes them feel so much at home, easing the loneliness of being separated from family.

TENNESSEE - One of the most established public campus ministries is "Advent House," located in Tennessee. This center for Adventist students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville has been a gathering place, residency, and ministry center for students to live in, fellowship, study the Bible, worship and socialize for the past 17 years. Director Ron Pickell, who also coordinates several other Campus Advent ministries in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, has become a "connecting point" for the students: a "surrogate father" to Adventist students and a "pastor" to non-Adventist students, some of whom call him even after they graduate and move away.

FLORIDA - "Campus Advent Ministries" seeks to meet the needs of an ever-increasing number of Adventist students who attend secular colleges and universities in Florida, but they also focus on outreach. Students set up booths at the fairs, stocking them with Adventist literature, young people's magazines, information on mission service, etc. They are available for counseling and hold a Bible study every Friday evening.

CANADA - Twenty Adventist students at the University of Western Ontario formed a club for fellowship and outreach. Pastor Roschman secured his bachelor's degree at a public university, so he's 100 percent behind their ministry. They hold a nurturing Bible study every Sunday evening and hold outreach events

throughout the year. During the Festival of Hope Fair, they brought in speakers who lectured on health and lifestyle.

TEXAS - What do you do when you are the only Adventist on campus? Miguel del Toro was impressed to reach out to his fellow students at Midland College in Texas. Securing a school conference room, he advertised a noon meeting to study topics such as "the nature of God," "salvation" and "the Bible." When competition with the Pentecostal and Baptist groups got too stiff, he decided to offer "lunch" and Bible study. With the help of his mom's home cooking and Pizza Hut, attendance increased dramatically.

Cha Cha Wegessa and her cousin, Blandina attend Texas Women's University. They decided to hold a Revelation seminar. A core of 16 students, more than half non-Adventists, study three times a week. "There's so much interest that after the study, students are reluctant to leave, wanting to learn more," said Wegessa. "We just figured it was time we got up and did something. Giving Bible studies is our way of thanking God for just being there."

Are public campus ministries worth it? Tahirah was a shy student, but the Park Avenue church in Illinois persisted in their ministry to her. "The smallness of the church allowed for lots of personal attention. Their love led to my decision to be baptized," says Tahirah.

Mr. Won and Mr. Lee were Chinese government officials attending the University of Carolina, along with Jenny, another Chinese student. All three began Bible studies with John VanEyk, which often lasted two to three hours as they were anxious to learn as much about the Bible and Christianity as they could before going back to China.

Will Sutton from UC Berkeley comments: "Adventist students want to be together. They want to be able to pray together in order to share their love for God with others. They need a place where they can feel at home. There need to be groups like ours on every campus everywhere."

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DATELINE

June 1998



Above, left to right: Guest speakers Leticia Hepburn, Alicia Marquez, Alipia Gonzalez, Norma O. Toussaint and Ana Barbosa, Perth Amboy women's ministry director, pose for a shot. Right: A group of women who attended the retreat.



Women's ministry in action!

On March 1 at the Perth Amboy Spanish church, more than 100 ladies, representing several Spanish churches, such as Perth Amboy, Neville, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Jersey City Heights, Camden, Vineland, New Brunswick and Zion, were in attendance.

This retreat was organized by Leticia Hepburn, coordinator for the Spanish women's ministry in the New Jersey Conference, along with several other ladies from local churches. Three very spiritual ladies were invited to conduct seminars and workshops.

Norma O. Toussaint offered workshops titled "Fidelity and Understanding in Marriage," "Major Problems in Marriage" and "The Diverse Manifestation of Conflict in Marriage."

Alicia Marquez gave us many ideas for low-cost projects

in relation to developing the women's ministry program in local churches. She shared how she dedicated herself to the service of the Lord and the winning of souls.

Alipia Gonzalez had a workshop on family life and how to improve your own self-esteem and develop it in others. Also, she shared the importance of being a wife and a mother.

All the ladies in attendance received new insights and were revitalized through the Word of God in order to use our minds and to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We need to work hard to implement the women's ministry in each of our churches, Spanish or English.

YSORA SIGARROA
Elizabeth Spanish Church

Jersey City Spanish youth visit the elderly



On January 10, our Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs went to visit the elderly at the Liberty House in Jersey City. Our two clubs, Rainbow of Peace and

We sang a lot of songs that were enjoyed by the residents of the Liberty House. One particular man, who was in his bed, had been a Pathfinder 55 years ago. He was so happy that he didn't want anybody from our group to leave.

Our Adventurers and Pathfinders gave the people hugs and kisses. They said they had been so lonely—we spent two hours with them. Our closing prayer was offered by the Adventurer director, Damaris De Jesus. He thanked God because we are able to follow in His footsteps and care for others in special ways.

MARIA PEREZ
Jersey City Spanish Adventurer and Pathfinder Secretary

Stars of Jesus, started the program with a prayer. The sub-director Omar talked about the Word of God. One of our Pathfinders played the piano. The people were so happy with our visit. A lot of them cried tears of joy.



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NO DATES

June 19-28
English Camp Meeting

June 28-July 4
Spanish Camp Meeting

August 7-9
Youth Leaders Convention
GSA; Tranquil Valley Youth Camp

September 11-13
Small Group Leader Training

God has blessed the Adventist Brethren of New Jersey with a window of opportunity to reach and evangelize the entire state. Jesus said in John 10:10: "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." In Luke 4:18-19, He further elaborated on the mission for which He came and for which we, as His followers, must assume responsibility. Jesus identified the poor, the broken-hearted, the captive, the blind and the oppressed as among those needing special care.



Although it may be more rewarding to associate with and to labor for the glamorous and socially acceptable

Living the abundant life

members of society, our mission as Christ's ambassadors must primarily focus on the needs of the socially deprived and the medically underserved. Of these, Ellen White wrote: "All around us are poor, tried souls that need sympathizing words and helpful deeds. Too often these are passed by with neglect. They may be ragged, uncouth and seemingly in every way unattractive; yet they are God's property. They have been bought with a price, and they are as precious in His sight as we are. They are members of God's great household, and Christians as His stewards are responsible for them (*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 386)."

Conditions in our cities and elsewhere are poor and deteriorating. Tobacco, alcohol and the use of other drugs remains significant. The incidence of HIV/AIDS is disproportionately high. As elsewhere in our nation, social pathology abounds. God is counting on us to provide much-needed direction. Several factors support the positive outlook for successful evangelism by our church at this time:

1. *Conference leadership dedicated to caring outreach as an indispensable tool to reach the community.*
2. *Pastors, church leaders and members committed to making the local churches centers for caring and nurturing ministries for the community.*
3. *State health department that works with community-based organizations, CBOs, which demonstrate the ability to effectively serve persons in need.*
4. *God's guidance carefully ad-*

hered to in all our endeavors. All projects and interventions must point people to God, the source of complete healing.

In New Jersey, God has provided a window of opportunity, uniting all these factors to advance His cause. The following strategy is being followed:

1. *Dowell Chow, the conference president, has defined the vision: "Assist local churches to develop initiatives to benefit their community residents." On February 6 through 8, Stoy Proctor of the General Conference Health and Temperance Department, assisted by Dr. Vernon R. Daly, president of the Heureka Center for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, conducted a "train the trainer" tobacco use cessation course. The participation was good. This will now be followed by three regional sessions to reinforce the preparation. At least 12 churches will be assisted to launch statewide smoking cessation projects starting this summer.*
2. *Pastors, church leaders and members will conduct the initiatives, with technical assistance provided by the New Jersey Conference and the Heureka Center.*
3. *The State Health Department of New Jersey, through the NJ ASSIST tobacco*

reduction program, has chosen the Heureka Center to conduct many of its statewide tobacco reduction projects. Indeed, at the three regional conferences, there will be input from the conference, NJ ASSIST and Heureka. Thus, a statewide effort at tobacco use cessation in New Jersey is within our grasp.

4. *God's guidance has never been more evident, nor more needed in New Jersey that it is right now. Only the Holy Spirit could provide such unprecedented opportunities for this united effort in this crucial time of our church's history. With God's help, we will succeed.*

We recognize this is a window of opportunity that God has provided, and by His Grace, we will use this unique occasion to share His "Abundant Life" with others. At Heureka, we are truly humbled by God's elevation of our contributions to the recognition, admiration and approval of the New Jersey community. We seek your prayers as together we labor with Him to complete His mission.

VERNON R. DALY
M.D., President of Heureka Center

DVJA enjoys a busy school year

Well, it certainly has been a busy year for students here at Delaware Valley Junior Academy. There has been fund raising, program planning, special activities, parties and oh, yeah, school work!

Ms. Pinillas' students have been especially busy. For the first time, they have started a weekly lunch program. All the money raised has gone towards educational and fun trips. So far, we've had a New York adventure, a special Valentine's luncheon at a local restaurant and a bowling party for Christmas! Currently, they are planning an end-of-year trip. The destination is yet unknown.

This year hasn't only been about things that are fun to do, however. We've also been doing things for the glory of God. We've had numerous programs (with one in the works for spring!) that show our appreciation of our Master, our annual food drive and distribution for Thanksgiving and an educational mathathon (its proceeds go to help cancer research).

The fifth through eighth grades, taught by Barbara Chew, who is also the principal, have been busy, too. They attended a fun-filled educational science fair at the nearby Meadowview school. They are currently planning their own hot lunch plan in order to pay for their eighth-grade trip to Canada. The class has also had a winner in the fire prevention poster contest (eighth-grader Ryan MacNeill), sponsored by the local Deptford Fire Department.

Kindergarten through fourth grade, taught by Pat Vasquez, has been just as busy. They had two winners in the poster contest, Katie MacNeill (guess it runs in the family!) and Nick Capacchione. Also, they won two awards for outstanding scholastic improvement from the Gloucester County Special Services District. Recently, they made a recording for a local pastor's wife, Joyce Bozarth, and may have it released on tape. Another year has come to a close, and we hope yours has been as good as ours!



As we quietly slipped into our pew at the back of the sanctuary this past Sabbath, I wondered: Why do we choose to sit in the back of the sanctuary instead of moving forward, closer to our pastor and where we would receive a more spiritual connection?

Is the reason we sit in the back because we don't want attention drawn to us or maybe because we know sooner or later we'll have to take our youngest daughter out to the foyer momentarily?

Then as I looked around, I noticed that a lot of the members of our church family do the same thing.

Why is it that we as a congregation tend to sit toward the back of the sanctuary during a service? Is it because Sabbath school class was held in that spot and we chose not to move? Is it because we came in a little late so we just quickly and quietly slide into the nearest seat? Or maybe it's because of a young child requiring trips to the bathroom, water fountain or moments of discipline in the foyer.

If the last one is our reason, I've given a lot of thought to changing that habit. We are supposed to be eager to hear our pastor give a meaningful sermon. As he enters the platform, he should be welcomed and feel a closeness to his church family. Entering with his message in hand, only to see his members assembled in the back of the room surely creates a sense of distance, not just in actual measurements.

As visitors arrive, they should feel comfortable seating themselves towards the front of the church without having to pass the "back seat assembly" first. It would be nice for them to see us all up front, "huddled" close to our pastor like children surrounding their teacher as they listen to a wondrous story.

Think of the times mentioned in the Bible when Jesus had a gathering. When Jesus had something to say, people would travel from far away just to hear Him. His followers then wouldn't just sit across the room, they wanted to be as near to Him as they could, some close enough to touch Him!

We, just like Jesus' followers, should show our appreciation of the importance of the message our pastor has to share with us.

As for me and my family, next Sabbath we will risk the slight awkwardness of parenting on display. We will show our pastor we are truly interested in what he has to say. We will sit up front!

ALICIA WASHINGTON
New Jersey



Pastor shares love for youth

Back in 1980, I began my work with young people. I was given the privilege of directing the Adventist Youth, Pathfinders and the Medical Cadet Corp in the Inter-American Division. This began a love of young people, which has continued to this day.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to work with our young people in the Allegheny East and Potomac conferences.

Most recently, I have had the honor of being the chaplain of the Waldwick school in Waldwick, New Jersey, along with my two-church district.

In the 1996-97 school year, I began a baptismal class. There were five students in this class and, at the conclusion of the study, three were baptized. The baptism was conducted in the school gym, using a portable baptismal tank. This was the first baptism at the school in over 14 years!

As the chaplain of the school, I find myself listening to many of the students and their concerns about life. If in some small way, I have been of assistance to them and the school, to God be all the glory!

On the first Thursday of May 1997, we had our first-ever "National Day of Prayer" meeting at the school. After the services, which were held in the Waldwick church chapel (the Waldwick church is located inside the school), a 16-year-old 10th-grader came to me and said: "Pastor Tony, for the first time in my life, I truly believe that God has forgiven me and loves me!"

It is because of this and the honesty of these young people that I continue to work with them. Maranatha!

TONY RIVERA

Pastor of the Wayne and Waldwick Churches and Chaplain at the Waldwick School.



Investment, anyone?



The Wayne church has decided to set a goal of \$5,000 for Investment. By doing so, members seek to encourage themselves and all other churches in New Jersey to have fun and set a goal for their own church. (Photo and caption sent in by Communication Leader Evelyn Nazarro-Sigler.)

Garden State Academy staff and students integrate the spiritual into the entire school program

Fourteen Garden State Academy students responded to the school's Weeks of Prayer by making complete commitments to Christ and baptism. Many others stood for rededication.

The first semester's Week of Prayer featured Anne Goorheis and Gene Thomas. Mrs. Goorheis, a GSA alumna, spoke on relationships



and the advantages of maintaining purity. Pastor Thomas emphasized that a relationship with Christ is the only source of strength to follow biblical sexual values.

The winter quarter Week of Prayer highlighted student speakers from each class with the theme, "Do You Know Him?" Students also led out in every aspect of the program.

"It helped my spiritual life a lot," commented Alexa Benitez, sophomore. "Before, I didn't care about anything—I didn't think about God or praying—and now I do."

Vikas Urtekar, a senior who spoke at one meeting said: "You see, I was learning, too. Whatever I preached about that night was



also a learning experience for me."

Moses Eli, also a senior speaker, said that being used by God is "the best feeling in the world."

The spring Week of Prayer brought Peter Anderson to campus. His topic, "Fifteen Minutes till Midnight," emphasized the closeness of Christ's coming and the need for all to be ready. "Peter's sermons were very organized; I learned a lot. It really helped me understand end times, and I want to be ready for Jesus to come," said Lori Gonzalez, a junior.

Other spiritual activities include a daily noon prayer band, Sunday evening Praise Time and early Sabbath morning Power Hour. A baptismal class on Tuesday nights focuses on Jesus in the doctrines of the church. A weekly joint worship on Wednesday evenings brings the students together to share, sing, pray and listen to a devotional message. Each day begins and ends with Christ through morning worships in the classrooms and workplace and in the dormitories each night. Sabbath school and church provide a worship experience to conclude the week.

Students lead out (with faculty input) in many spiritual activities—Sabbath school, prayer bands, Praise Time, Power Hour—and also frequently conduct different aspects of the church worship service, both at the Tranquility church and at special services held on campus.

Two six-hour prayer meetings, directed by students with pastors and youth leaders as guest speakers, brought students together to deepen their spiritual experience.

Voices in Praise has sung together for about a year and a half. Steve Darrell, student conductor, began the group as a ministry to "allow students to get together and use their voices to witness to others." The choir visits churches in New Jersey and New York and sings for campus programs.

GSA students also provided the special music for several meetings of Hackettstown Hospital's Week of



Spiritual Emphasis. The senior class wrote and produced an Easter passion play that involved students from every class, as well as faculty. Ely De Gracia, Edgar Lopez, Tanya Parkinson and Darrell—all seniors—led out in the project, along with English teacher Jennifer Cook.

Student Tanya Parkinson commented: "It shows me how God's Spirit works. We experienced a lot of challenges when we wrote it; it seemed the devil didn't want this to happen. But, in spite of trials, we've pulled together. God is definitely with us."

And students reflect on what GSA means to them and on their personal growth during the '97-'98 school year.



"Life is given; we must use it wisely; use it to bring others to Christ. And that's what GSA is, a place to learn and share with others back home and everywhere," said Jane Ramos, freshman.

"GSA has really helped me get closer to God. It showed me that God really loves me. I see this through my teacher," Andrew Barnett, junior, said.

"I am really impressed by the spiritual atmosphere at GSA. I have been drawn closer to Christ, started reading my Bible and praying daily," added Byron Abraham, junior.

"All of the spiritual activities contribute to the students' growth and decisions for Christ," said Pastor Marvin Whitney, campus chaplain. "To see young people dedicate their lives to Jesus is the most rewarding thing possible. It is why our school exists!"

CORRIE WHITNEY
Garden State Academy

DATELINE

“Una Vida Centrada en Cristo”

CAMPESTRE
1998

Apreciados miembros de la Asociación de New Jersey: ¡Muy pronto participaremos del campestre de 1998! ¡Y este año será una semana completa! Este es el momento cumbre cuando cargamos nuestras baterías espirituales para enfrentar los desafíos que nos presenta nuestra jornada en este mundo. El tema del campestre es: “Una Vida Centrada en Cristo”. El objetivo consiste en hacer que nuestra vida esté completamente centrada en Cristo. Hay tantas cosas que competen por nuestra atención—anuncios luminicos, en la televisión, revistas, propaganda por correo, etc.—todos en busca de nuestra atención. Es muy fácil que el enemigo desvíe nuestra mente. El campestre nos brinda la oportunidad de renovar nuestra dedicación y concentrar nuestra vida en Jesús.

Este año contamos con una lista de predicadores sobresalientes. Sorprendentemente el Señor ha dotado a sus hijos con múltiples talentos y muchos están dispuestos a donar su tiempo para compartir su experiencia con nuestro pueblo aquí en New Jersey. A continuación mencionamos algunos de nuestro oradores:

El Dr. Johnny Ramírez, Profesor de la Facultad de Religión de la Universidad Adventista de Loma Linda, estará enriqueciendo nuestra vida cada noche durante toda la semana. En el día dictará seminarios. El Sábado, el Dr. Marvin Moore, editor de la revista *Signs of the Times*, será el orador invitado. Cada tarde el Dr. Antonio Estrada, Profesor de la Universidad Adventista de Montemorelos, México, dictará excelentes seminarios. El Pastor Luis Torres con su amplia experiencia espiritual y musical tendrá a cargo la programación juvenil. Habrá otros oradores que compartirán diferentes tópicos en forma de seminarios durante la semana. Y también disfrutaremos de un lindo elenco musical con artistas cristianos. Ciertamente nos aguarda una tremenda semana espiritual llena de bendiciones.

Deseo que este año sea un año muy especial para usted y su familia. El campestre es para todos. Haga su reservación con tiempo. Las habitaciones del dormitorio, las cabañas, espacio para unidades móviles, las carpas; todo está a su disposición hoy mismo. Es mi anhelo que nuestra vida pueda ser bendecida al buscar “Una Vida Centrada en Cristo”.

Atentamente para *Una Vida Centrada en Cristo*,
Dowell W. Chow, Presidente



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Invitado Especial



Dr. Johnny Ramirez—El pastor Johnny Ramirez nacido en Puerto Rico, cursó estudios universitarios en Antillian College donde terminó una licenciatura en teología.

En 1979, terminó una maestría (MA) en Andrews University con concentración en Antiguo Testamento. Obtuvo una segunda maestría (MEd) en la Universidad de Harvard y un doctorado (EdD) en psicología cultural. Se especializa en relaciones humanas y principios bíblicos de la relación interpersonal.

Trabajó en Costa Rica como profesor de teología, en Honduras como pastor/evangelista, en el Atlantic Union College como profesor de teología. Actualmente enseña teología y psicología en la Universidad de Loma Linda.

Contrajo matrimonio con la señorita Clara Mercedes Jorge y de esta linda unión nacieron tres hijos: John Alexander, Johnny Alexander y Joham Alexander.

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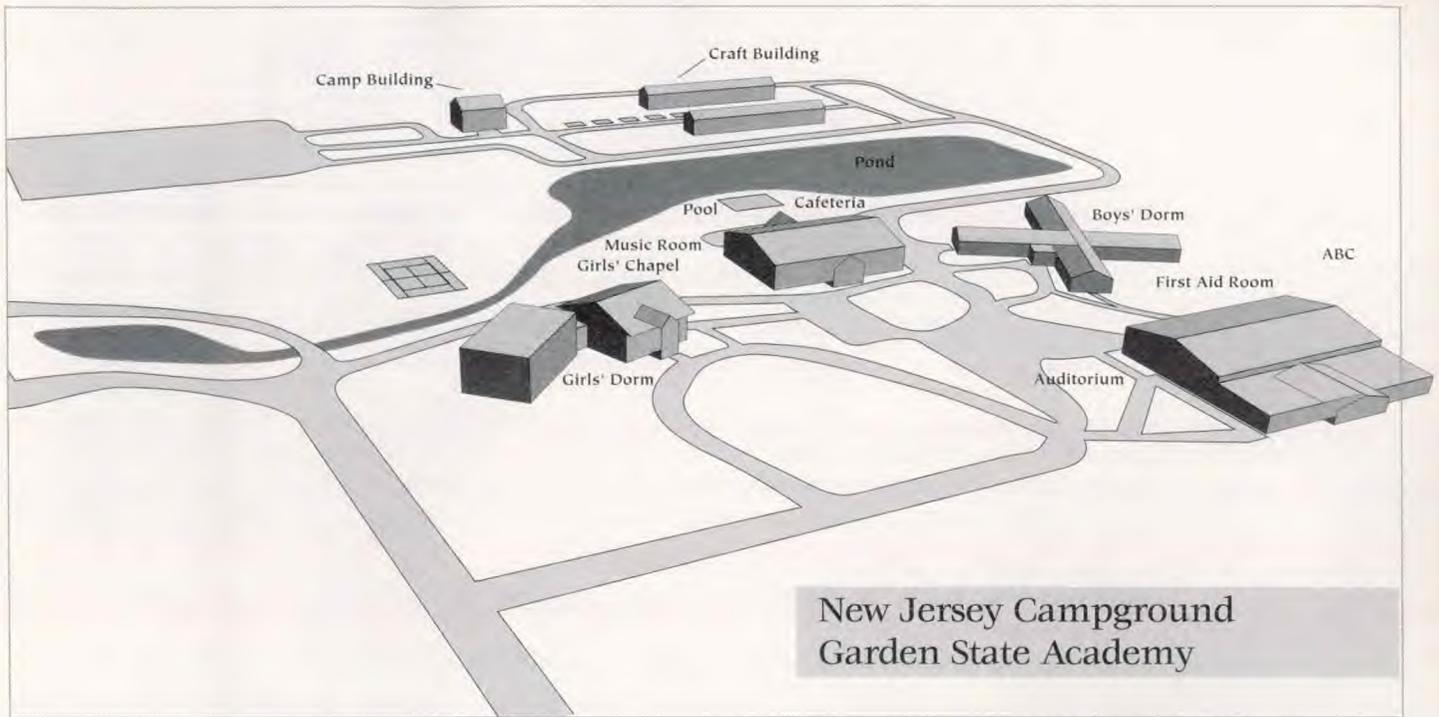
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ADULTOS

¡Una Vida Centrada en Cristo!

HORA	DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
7:00 am-8:00	¡Bienvenidos al Campestre de New Jersey 1998!	Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	DEVOCIONALES Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez
8:00		DESAYUNO					
9:00-10:30		Seminario Dr. Antonio Estrada					9:15 am Escuela Sabática
10:35-12:00 pm		Seminario Pastor Marvin Moore					10:45 am Culto Divino
12:00 pm		ALMUERZO					
1:30-2:45	Registación Campestre	Seminarios					Bautismos, Testimonios, Alabanzas y Reconocimientos
2:45-4:15		Nutrición		Nutrición		Nutrición	
4:15-5:30		Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	Dr. J. Ramírez	Concierto de Música Sacra
		Nutrición, Música y Computadoras	Música y Computadoras	Nutrición, Música y Computadoras	Música y Computadoras	Nutrición, Música y Computadoras	
5:30	CENA						
7:30	Pastor Marvin Moore					Hora de Consagración Pastor Dowell Chow	
	Programa Jóvenes						
	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Louis Torres	Louis Torres

Programa del Campestre 1998



Horas de Cafeteria

Desayuno 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
 Almuerzo 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Cena 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
 Para las comidas del Sábado debe hacer los arreglos el viernes en la tarde. Los boletos los puede comprar en la cafetería.

Oficina de Registración

Trailer frente al auditorio del campamento

Horas 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
 2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 Artículos perdidos y encontrados

Horas de ABC

Por favor ver horario en la tienda.



Cuna, Jardín de Infantes y Primarios

Lugar de Reuniones y Maestras
 Cuna: Capilla Edificio de Administración, Madeline Vélez
 Jardín de Infantes: Edificio de Música, Hilda Vélez
 Primarios: Bajo la carpa verde, Noemí Ribot

HORA	DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
8:00 am	R e g i s t r a c i o n	DESAYUNO					
10:30-12 pm		Programa de la Mañana (Por favor pregunte a la maestra acerca de las diferentes actividades para la semana)					Escuela Sabática 10:45-12:00 Culto Divino
12:00 pm		ALMUERZO					
2:30-4:00		Actividades de la Tarde (Pregunte por las actividades disponibles para las diferentes edades)					Actividades de la Tarde
5:30		CENA					

Jóvenes, Adolescentes y Menores

HORA	DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
8:00 am	R e g i s t r a c i o n	DESAYUNO					
9:30		Programa de la Mañana (Por favor pregunte a los directores acerca de las diferentes actividades para la semana)					Escuela Sabática y Culto Divino
12:00 pm		ALMUERZO					
1:30-3:20		Actividades de la Tarde (Pregunte por las actividades disponibles para las diferentes edades)					Actividades de la Tarde
4:00		CENA					
5:30	CENA						
7:00	Programa de la Noche						

Potomac People

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June 1998

**What's
happening
around
Potomac**

**Potomac English
Camp Meeting**
Shenandoah Valley
Academy—New Market, VA
June 23-27

**Potomac Hispanic
Camp Meeting**
New Market, VA
July 1-4

**Conference Youth
Council Retreat**
Ocean City, MD
July 10-12

**Giraffe University
MD/DC Area**
Washington Spanish
Church
August 1

**Union Youth Camp
Meeting**
Valley Vista, WV
August 6-8



Evangelist Verne Snow charges the new members of the Staunton church.



New members were shown during the Sabbath praise service.

Can this church live again?

*And the
answer is
yes, yes, a
thousand
times yes!*

Can a church rise up out of the burial clothes of death and discover the joys of new life? Is it possible to switch from the one side—heading into darker and darker outlook—to the opposite side looking into the eyes of life with the full shining of God's everlasting sunshine of love in your face? Is it possible to be resurrected from death to life ... I mean, in the spiritual sense of the life of a church family?

And the answer is yes, yes, a thousand times yes!

I can say that "yes" with such enthusiasm because I watched and participated in the rising up, the resurrection. Let me tell you just a little about how it happened.

One year ago, as the pastor of a growing middle-sized Seventh-day Adventist church, I was suddenly faced with one death after another in our church family. They came so fast and furious that funeral directors began apologizing for being in our church so often. Our church family never got used to death and funerals, but we did begin to

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"Planting new churches"

It's an idea originated by Christ Himself. If a tree does not bear fruit, it is dead and might as well be cut down. The opposite is also true. A healthy tree

(church) will be bearing fruit; and from it, new trees will take life, and the cycle will continue to repeat itself.

Now let's take a look at your church. Is it growing? Or

is it the same size or smaller than it was 10 years ago? All over Potomac, church leaders and members are taking careful inventory and are making bold plans to participate in the "Seeds" concept, aggressively making plans to plant new congregations.

It started with our Spanish congregations. From three congregations in 1985, they now number more than 20, with a half dozen more in the planning or planting stage. Christ's idea is now being attempted by churches all over the Potomac Conference. Christiansburg, Ashland and Covington are examples. Geoff and Alicia Patterson are planting a congregation in the northern Virginia area to reach young professionals. Even our small French-American church is looking toward a new outreach in northern Virginia. Alexandria, Sligo, Takoma Park and Vienna are all in

preliminary stages of sponsoring church plants.

Adventists tend to drive long distances to attend the church of their choice, but most people we are trying to reach usually look for a church home close to where they live. Through the years, we've concentrated on making sure we have at least one congregation in each county. For years, we've promoted entering "dark counties." That's still worthwhile, but the greater need for congregations exists in the dark communities within our major metropolitan areas, which remain virtually unentered.

The proclamation of the three angels' messages rests on every one of us, clergy and laity alike. Church planting needs your support. Talk about it at your next church board meeting. Discuss it after church or at potluck. Find out what's happening in your church and lend your support. The gifts of every church member are needed. Let's all catch the vision. Some of you may remember my first editorial on this subject. I praise God for each member who's getting involved in this initiative. I'll be using this editorial space to report on our progress in church planting. God will bless our efforts because this is His work.

HERBERT H. BROECKEL
President



Herbert H. Broeckel

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know just what to do and how to do it well. People in the community were asking if I would bury them when they died. The Staunton, Virginia, church was beginning to be known as the church that buried its members, all very appropriately.

Amazing Facts was under contract to send Verne Snow, one of their new evangelists, to our city at this very time when I was most busy in burying my beloved members after their deaths. Our church family was so consumed in its grieving that we could not even focus our briefest attention on the necessities of preparing for Snow to arrive, so we canceled our contract. Verne went to another city and conducted a creditable crusade to the glory of our Lord Jesus. We continued to cry and grieve our losses to death.

Call us back to life

Suddenly we, the Staunton church, became aware of our condition and asked God to call us back to life. That prayer made after analyzing our condition was the marker of God's call to new life in a resurrected congregation. Realizing that our every energy was turned inward, just opposite to the call of the remnant church, we spun around on our heels and began to prepare for Snow to return to Potomac—now to come for the first time to the Staunton church for the work of searching for souls for Jesus. From that day and that prayer, we have been gaining new strength and new life in Jesus.

Snow arrived on March 12 and opened his "Prophecy 98" crusade on March 13. Five nights a week, his booming voice and gentle giant spirit lifted up our Saviour with such power

that more than 30 souls answered the call to resurrected new life.

Thirty answered the call

Anthony Stephenson, a man with an active voice of approval in the nightly meetings, tearfully contemplated the call to be baptized and defeat the evil creatures that tormented him every day. His special friend, Gail Johnson-Rohrer, came the following night and discovered her new life in the baptistry. Ben Trimm and Rachel Yowell rejoiced in the rich experience that came to them as they followed their Lord in baptism. And then came Leo Hailey and his two children, Lisa and Bobby. Not missing a single night, they marched side by side with Verne Snow through the prophecies to the call of Jesus to be baptized and find refuge in the remnant church.

Joyce McDorman was rebaptized with her son, Dann, and granddaughter, Ashley Wilson. Joyce is a miracle in herself, having been snatched from the darkened despair of a hospital room just two years before. She was unable to breathe when her family called for me to come and anoint her with prayer and oil. In the presence of her family gathered for her last hours of life, she instead sat up in the bed and began breathing, talking and declaring that the Lord had worked a miracle. He had indeed. Joyce has been a living miracle ever since in our church family. Three generations stood in the baptistry that night as I buried them into their watery graves and raised them to new life in Jesus.

Then, there are James Wright, Michael Johnson and Toni Landrum. Each of these young adults con-

fessed his or her love for Jesus and Verne Snow, who preached Jesus. Each of them testified to his or her love for the Master the night of their baptisms.

Ron and Catherine Walden, with their 10-year-old daughter, Hannah, declared their love for Jesus as they stood in the waters and died to their old life and were resurrected as "new creations" in Jesus Christ.

Old allegiances were rekindled in people like Gene and Ellen Wiseman. Joan Gilmer claimed her place in the remnant family with her profession of faith in Jesus. "I can't afford to not meet my dear mother in the first resurrection," Joan sobbed. Dick Ellinger, though suffering the physical battering of cancer, also declared himself in profession of faith in Jesus and was received into the family. Gail Krone was restored to her journey of faith in Jesus by her renewal in profession of faith in Him.

The Wright sisters, Khari and Natalia, so loved their Lord that they pledged themselves in baptism together. They prayed for their mother, who is currently separated from them. "Lord, keep our mother in your protection and love," they whispered as they readied themselves for their new life in Jesus through baptism.

Long parade of believers

The very first person in this long and distinguished parade of believers was Charlie Klein, who was baptized. "I did it for all the wrong reasons before, but now I know that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour." With him that night was his youngest son, Erick. Later, by nearly a week, followed his oldest son, Charles Klein III, and that son's fiancée, Sheryl Law.

The last one before this article's writing was Annie Davis. She never opened her door unless she knew who was there. Verne and I went to her door so many times and got no answer. We decided that one last chance would come as Verne was closing the meetings. We knocked. No answer. We walked away and, while walking from that door, we heard a high-pitched voice calling: "Verne! Verne, come back!" Annie had peeked out of the window shades drawn so tightly and recognized us. Two nights later, she was standing in the baptism and rejoicing in her Lord for the "new life."

Two Tammys have been traveling very different pathways for the past two years. Both were attending the church. Both are young women. Both just never could bring themselves to their final decision. But Tammy Anderson and Tammy McNeal both were baptized and have begun their joyful journey to meet their Lord in the second advent. Baptism has beautifully bonded all these precious people into the body of Christ.

Can a dying church be resurrected to new life? Ezekiel phrased it: "Can these dead bones live again?" His answer is the only answer. If God wills the new life, then the answer is yes!! Evangelism is alive and well in the Shenandoah Valley.

BOB CLARKE
Pastor, Staunton Church

Missionary in our midst

Many of you saw Troy Copenhaver on WHSV-TV when he was named the "Student Athlete of the Week." Some of you may have seen the video presentation about him at church. And if you read the *Northern Virginia Daily* newspaper, then you are very familiar with his achievements.

God has not only used Troy to witness to the others in his school, but also to affirm those who attend public school and to remind them that you don't have to be in an Adventist academy to do what God wants you to do.



Troy Copenhaver

Even before Troy graduated from SVA Elementary, his athletic gifts were obvious. He excelled in most sports and was an accomplished golfer. During the past three years, Troy has placed third, first and second overall in the state high school championships.

Troy has also been active on the Stonewall Jackson High basketball team. He had to explain to his coach that he could not play in the games on Friday

evenings because of the Sabbath. The coaches excused him but didn't feel it necessary to reschedule the games.

Recently the *Northern Virginia Daily* wrote: "When the Generals take the floor tonight (a Friday), they will be without Troy Copenhaver, their leader in scoring, three-pointers, assists and steals. And those are just statistics. The calming presence on the court of Copenhaver, who doesn't play on Friday because of religious beliefs, cannot be ignored."

In time, however, they made an observation. Of the games they played on Friday nights (without Troy), they lost 13 and only won five. Of the games they played on other nights (with Troy), they lost 13 and won 35! What a testimony to the Sabbath and God's blessings on those who honor it!

Troy has not neglected his intellectual growth in favor of sports. He has kept up an impressive grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Recently, Troy chose to enroll in Shenandoah Valley Academy for his last three months of school. He wanted to experience Adventist academy life before he graduates and moves on in life.

Troy is an asset to his school, his family and his church family. We are proud of you, Troy! Continue to grow in God's love and maximize the potential He has given you!

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Saturday Night Live

On April 18, the Burnt Mills church in Silver Spring, Maryland, was a buzz of activity. Stepping inside, one came upon people who were scurrying about in interesting costumes, last-minute rehearsals, the sound of instruments being tuned up and a festive atmosphere.

Emcee Darryl Clemmer announced the Burnt Mills church's talent show with a flourish. Then it was lights, camera, action!

With skits and songs, recitals and readings, cookies and quizzes, there was never a dull moment. It was an evening that once again emphasized the diversity in Burnt Mills, described as a "church of many colors." The multicultural church family displayed its many talents as it took its viewers from India to Australia to Tennessee through a varied fare of entertainment.

The talent show began with a nostalgic country number by Jim Morgan, accompanied on the piano by his wife, Phyllis. Leisa Standish regaled the audience with her reading of an Australian poem about Moga Bill from Eagle Hawk and his adventures with a crazy bicycle. Laura Clemmer and her friends had the crowd in splits with their skit, "The Boyfriend," where she tried to entertain her many admirers at one time, turning each into a couch, a table or a hat stand to conceal them from jealous rivals and ended up with disastrous results when the latest arrival decided to sit on "the couch."

Eric John, Navin and Rajiv presented an Indian song that had the audience tapping its feet to the lively rhythm, though the meaning escaped most folks. Other de-

lightful musical interludes included a sax solo by Dr. Jay Edison, a romantic tribute by James Standish to his wife (a self-composed one that made other men in the audience feel a lot more was going to be expected of them now) and a moving rendition of "I pledge allegiance" by Lloyd Dallas and his young son, Trey, who had learned the song as he heard his father rehearse and then begged to be allowed to sing with him. Fred Facemire performed the grand finale in truly splendid operatic style.

Skits that drew members of the audience in for impromptu performances were a big hit. Dennis Batchelder and Jeff Cooley enjoyed themselves while doing what they claimed to do best—making other people do what they don't want to do. They picked out a damsel in distress, a villain to make her life miserable, a hero to save the day, a snake to boo the villain, a seal to cheer the hero and even a train to serve as the point of action—all from the audience. And every one of the performers rose to the occasion admirably to deliver a rousing performance.

The star of the evening was undoubtedly Pastor Badillo, who morphed effortlessly from a businessman to an enthusiastic seal to Kurt Von Trapp performing the "Farewell" song. He surprised the congregation with his hitherto-hidden talents.

And for those who didn't get their fill from musical, oratory and theatrical talents, there were baking skills to sample and enjoy, too. The cookie-baking contest provided delicious refreshments for the hungry members after all the excitement. Anita James, Pam Batchelder and

Manoj Paulson were declared the winners although the judges had a hard time making the decision.

Sheri Clemmer had done a wonderful job of putting the whole show together. Debbie Maraffa at the lights and Joseph Pakkianathan with the

audio arrangements helped to make things more lively.

It was an unforgettable Saturday Night Live at Burnt Mills that revealed how generous the Lord has been in blessing us with talents and potential.

MEENA DAYAK

Camp meeting update

For many people, camp meeting is the highlight of the year. They plan their vacations around it. Young and old alike look forward to setting aside the cares of this world in order to focus on what is really important—a relationship with Jesus Christ. There are even non-Adventist guests who come every year and enjoy the spiritual feast.

Unfortunately, the years have taken their toll on the buildings and grounds. Some problems absolutely had to be addressed if camp meeting was to continue. A committee was formed, comprised of church leaders and lay people; and two work bees were scheduled (one this past fall and another this spring). This is what has been accomplished thus far:

- New exterior electrical panels (the old ones were a serious safety hazard)

- GFI outlets and new lights in all the bath houses
- Two additional outlets and a light switch in each cabin (eliminates extension cords for fans and air conditioners)

- New exterior lighting
- New wiring and electrical outlets at RV sites
- Grading to redirect any rain runoff and alleviate flooding

- Removal of broken drain pipe
- Concrete slabs at the water faucets outside the bath house

- Two sets of concrete steps at the central bath house

- Patched sidewalks
- Replaced the roof on the central bath house
- Patched the roof on one cabin
- Repaired soffits
- Replaced some thresholds
- Painted all thresholds

That's the good news. The bad news is that it's not all paid for yet. In addition to the materials, the electrical work was such a big job that it couldn't be done by volunteers alone. The conference has contributed \$20,000, and the lay people are funding the balance. If you can help, please mark your tithe envelope at church "Camp Meeting Renovations." Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Roger Weiss at the Potomac Conference office at (800) SDA-1844.

WENDY WOOD
Meadowbridge Church

Never on Saturday

Seven-footer Sam Randolph prays—but won't play—on his Sabbath

BY JEFF
PEARLMAN



Strangely—in a world where people say “Thou shalt not kill” and then kill—Randolph licked lips with the devil and didn’t particularly like the taste. “Temptation,” he says, “is really a test. And believe me, I have been tempted as much as anyone.”

Big-time college basketball would be great, but it would also be on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons. Colorado State’s

coaches said that schedules could be adjusted; other coaches said that if all else failed, the big guy could take the day off. But Sam Randolph, he of the 4.0 GPA and the medical-school aspirations, knows coaches on the recruiting trail will say just about anything.

Hence, he made his choice, and his choice—more or less—was God. As a junior at Columbia Union College, a 1,200-student Seventh-day Adventist school right down the street from Takoma Academy, Randolph toils in comfortable anonymity, averaging 20.8 points, 11.6 rebounds and 2.2 blocks for the Division II Pioneers. (At 5-22, Columbia Union is awful, but at least it’s awful only six days a week.) The gymnasium he plays in is less than an hour from Georgetown University, but in basketball geography, it is

Guam. So calling Randolph one of the most obscure seven-footers in the history of college basketball is no stretch.

Marty Blake, the dean of hoops scouting, has never heard of Randolph. “But Sam has an NBA future,” says Rick Murray, the Columbia Union coach and athletic director. “You look at him now, and he’s not far from what Luc Longley was when he entered the league. I’ve had eight or nine agents call. Give Sam one more season, and I really think he could be unstoppable.”

Randolph, despite only one year of serious high school competition and extremely raw skills, is more than just a big goon who boxes out. Through six camps and two summers of playing against Patrick Ewing, Othella Harrington, Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutombo at Georgetown, he “has developed something of a presence. He does not yet rebound or block shots well, but around the basket, his collection of spins, dips, ducks and turn-arounds is something out of Kevin McHale 101. And at 250 pounds, he has a bona fide NBA body.”

More important, he’s smart. He’s a voracious reader. He’s also an accomplished pianist who plays with the New England Youth Ensemble. He’s mastered the first two movements of Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano Concerto and is learning the third. He is comfortable in sports because he knows he can excel in other endeavors.

That doesn’t mean Ran-

dolph hasn’t worked hard on his game. Upon coming to Columbia Union three years ago, he had the footwork of a golf club. Then he started paying attention to NBA games, watching not just for pleasure, but also for enlightenment. Look how Alonzo Mourning dips his shoulder. See the way Shaquille O’Neal bobs, then spins. The way David Robinson defends the post.

Yet this is not really the story of a kid chasing his NBA dreams. Sure, Randolph has them from time to time, but Adventism encourages missionary assignments for its members and sees little value in competitive sports.

Before picking up a basketball for the first time, Randolph had dreams of becoming a doctor. If he doesn’t get a shot at the NBA or at European pro ball, he hopes to study medicine at Loma Linda University, an Adventist school in California. “I’m O.K. with not making a career of basketball,” he says. “I mean, it would be great. But I have higher aspirations.”

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Has Sam Randolph tasted sin? Has he licked lips with the devil? You be the judge. Randolph, who is seven feet tall, believes that God is watching over him. For a practicing Seventh-day Adventist, this means no keg parties. No premarital sex. It also means no work from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Seriously, none.

Three years ago, recruiters started popping up at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland, asking how badly Randolph wanted to play big-time college basketball. This was his ticket. The NBA likes its players tall. The NBA’s average salary is more than \$2 million per year. Sam, would you like to be in the NBA? Would you? Could you?

TA today

news you can use from Takoma Academy



TA students Sharon McCoy, Tessa Horne, Asashia Scott and Jade Griffin at the main entrance of the National Cathedral.

TA students visit “house of prayer for all people”

Students of Takoma Academy consider themselves fortunate to be so near a city that provides excitement and education. Located near Washington, D.C., Takomans frequently take field trips into the city to further their education in a particular area of study. One sophomore English class participated in this kind of activity on Wednesday, February 11. Twenty-three students and three sponsors loaded the vans and headed for the Washington National Cathedral. The National Cathedral is called “the house of prayer for all people,” but the students who visited found so much more.

For weeks before the field trip, sophomore students were studying architectural designs of cathedrals and the importance the church played in the lives of those living in the Middle Ages. Every student knew the different sections of the interior by a diagram he or she received in class, but to visit the real thing made the study of cathedrals seem rather insignificant. Awestruck by the grand design and the indescribable interior, students commented about what they had seen. They were taken in by the enormous size and the intricate detailing of the stone work. Most commented that it was an architectural wonder, while others, soaking up the spiritual essence, were disappointed to see it was reduced to tours like an everyday museum.

The students were instructed beforehand to write a paper regarding the National Cathedral and how it compares to those that were seen in class. The paper was to include comparisons, the cathedral's history and a personal reaction. Knowing what was involved in the assignment, the sophomore students wrote diligent notes during the tour, spent some time afterward sightseeing and took dozens of pictures to embellish their reports.

Takoma Academy teachers are proud of the education they provide, and taking advantage of the city nearby helps students to appreciate what they learn on a tangible

level. The sophomores felt privileged to spend their morning in such a fine structure as the National Cathedral. Understanding and appreciating things of the present fashioned out of the past is something these students will not soon forget.

Susan Gabele
English Teacher

TA students involved in Sligo Youth Day

Terry Johnsson, youth ministries pastor at the nearby Sligo church, challenged the youth by involving them in conducting the entire worship service on March 21. Pastor Johnsson began the service by introducing the youth leaders and then allowing them to take charge. Music was provided by the 100-voice Takoma Academy choir led by Jenelle Westerbeck and the Sligo Elementary Jubilee Chamber Players directed by Evonne Baasch.

From the invocation by Tayne Kim to the closing prayer by Trevan Osborn, the youth of Takoma Academy demonstrated their desire to be actively involved. The main speakers were Chris Banks, Kathy Congdon and Peter Garza, all TA juniors. They combined on a three-part sermon entitled “What's Love Got to Do with It?”

Through bulletin announcements, Pastor Johnsson made the congregation aware of future service activities being planned by the youth, such as visiting the Hospital for Sick Children, helping with the Soup Kitchen, working with neighborhood kids, preparing dinner for the homeless, developing a teen hotline, visiting shut-ins and other projects.

It is a real plus for our young people when church and school combine in the training of our youth for service. Takoma Academy is blessed to have youth pastors such as Terry Johnsson, Eugene Bartlett from the Beltsville church and Randy Mills from the Takoma Park church actively involved on our campus. They are doing a great job of “training the army of youth.”

Larry G. Kromann, Ed.D.
Principal

Adventist educators visit the White House

Three Adventist educators—Dr. Richard Osborn, NAD vice president for education, Dallas Kindopp, NAD associate director for higher education, and Dr. Larry Kromann, Takoma Academy principal—attended the Legislative Conference of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) March 17 and 18.

Part of the agenda for the first day of meetings was a visit to the White House to attend a briefing by U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley and Senior Assistant to the President for Education Mike Cohen. The main topic was the A-Plus Education Savings Account legislation currently before Congress. On the second day, a select group of 28, which included the three Seventh-day Adventist educators, met with the staff of Senator Paul Coverdell (R-Georgia), Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-Connecticut) and Repre-

sentative Frank Riggs (R-California). This meeting was followed by another meeting with House Speaker Newt Gingrich in his office.

The core of these discussions concerned the present status of various educational items before Congress and the beliefs and needs of private/parochial schools. Speaker Gingrich shared his agenda and his priorities with the group. The discussion was positive, quite pointed at times and laid a good foundation for further dialogue.

Larry G. Kromann, Ed.D.
Principal

TA goes worldwide with ADRA and Global Village

During the last three weeks of April, Takoma Academy sent four staff members and 50 students on a rotation basis each weekday to the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C., lending major support to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's Global Village project. Students and staff were core personnel, helping thousands of visitors as they toured the 10 simulated "villages" from around the world. This program has been successfully operated in cities such as Los Angeles and Paris.

Students and staff were excited about participating in the project. "I'm looking forward to Global Village to show others how to appreciate the cultures of others and, hopefully, to appreciate all the more our own culture," beamed junior Tyrone Hammonds. Marcus Giddings was equally excited when he declared, "I want to be in it! I think it's a privilege to see the way others live because I know that there are many different ways people go about their business around the world. And if we can get the President to show up, who knows what ideas might be spawned to help others and ourselves in the future!"

It was an experience the students will not forget!

DeWayne Boyer
Vice Principal

TA students relive the past during Black History Month chapel

Collette Zongo and Christopher Banks guided fellow students, faculty and staff on an exciting trip back in time during a Black History Month celebration on February 18. After hours and hours of planning, rehearsing speeches and perfecting the intricate dance steps, the participants were ready for the long-awaited day.

The students performed skits depicting the lives of prominent blacks in history, including living in the Motherland of Africa. Some of the periods covered were the slave trade, the Harlem Renaissance, the jazz era and the civil rights movement. Every skit was a mini-history lesson on the many inventions, contributions, trials and triumphs

of blacks in history. Music reflecting each era was played throughout, including performances by a choir especially formed for the program. The reading of a diary sharing the personal thoughts of a fictional woman living during each of the eras depicted provided a connective thread for the program.

Cultural dance depicting life in Africa and skits reminding us of where we were and where we are headed were performed by several students. Those who participated are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Traditionally, Black History celebrations are never complete without reviving some of the more memorable speeches of noted African-Americans. One of the most famous of all, the "I Have a Dream" speech by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was performed by Donald McKinnie.

But God's divine hand leading in the lives of black people throughout history was not forgotten. An unforgettable rendition of the poem, "God, Why Did You Make Me Black?" was performed by Orian Atkinson and Tyrone Hammonds. After chapel, many were overheard asking for copies of the poem.

Congratulations were forthcoming at the end of the program, but the students were quick to remind everyone that the performance was a team effort.

Deleana Williams
Administrative Assistant

TA principal honored in Who's Who

Lawrence Gilbert Kromann, principal of Takoma Academy, has been selected as an honored member in the 1998-99 edition of Kaleo Publications' Who's Who Among Top Executives.

Kaleo Publications recognizes Lawrence Kromann as one of the year's top executives throughout the world.

To be chosen for inclusion, candidates must have held a position of responsibility or have attained a significant achievement in their field.

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"We congratulate Lawrence Kromann on his achievements," says Lazaros Kalemis, publisher of Kaleo Publications' Who's Who Among Top Executives. "Our selection committee uses a strict criteria to choose the most distinguished professionals for inclusion in each edition."

Shenandoah Valley Academy

happenings



Former SVA Principal Dean Hunt playing in SVA's first annual golf tournament.

disappointed in not being able to play due to lack of space. Funds raised as a result of the tournament totaled more than \$15,000, which will go to help SVA raise the annual fund goal of \$100,000 for this year. One of the projects that the annual fund will support is upgrading

computer technology by installing mini-computer labs in both dormitories.

Placing first in flight A were the only ladies who played in the tournament, sisters Helen Witt Colgain and Susan Witt Ponchock, along with John Ponchock and Richard Tucker. The first-place players in flight B were New Market church pastors Rick Greve and Ron Aguilera, along with Chuck Allen and Steve Allen.

Plans for a second tournament next Alumni Weekend are already underway, and we hope to have an even greater turnout for this event.

A special "thank you" to all those who supported Shenandoah Valley Academy's first annual golf tournament, either by sponsoring the event or by being a player.

For many graduates and friends of SVA, when they hear the names Bill and Jean Strickland, they automatically think of Shenandoah Valley Academy. Bill and Jean have spent the past 39 years serving the young people in the Potomac Conference while teaching and working at SVA. In recognition of their 60 years of combined service to SVA, a retirement fund-raising brunch was held in their honor during Alumni Weekend.

Since Bill taught Spanish at SVA for more than 35 years and Jean has always had a great love for flowers, the decorations for the brunch revolved around these themes. Items of interest from the many Spanish trips that Bill and students have taken were displayed throughout the room, with pictures of some of the trips available for viewing. Flower pots decorated each table, along with Mexican sombreros and brightly colored tablecloths.

Gerald White, a former student of Bill's, led out in the program by sharing thoughts and memories of having Bill as a teacher in the early '60s. Slides were shown of various Spanish trips, including

Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Mexico and Spain. Many in the audience had participated in these trips, so it was enjoyable to go down memory lane as the slides were shown. The program continued with current and former students and staff sharing their memories of Bill and Jean. As the last slides of years past were shown and the program ended, the entire group joined in a circle and sang the school song, "Our Shenandoah!"

The brunch was a fun way to recognize the retirement of this special couple, but it was also a way in which funds were raised for SVA. The cost of attending the brunch was \$60, which represented 60 years of combined service by Bill and Jean to Shen-



Strickland retirement brunch - Bill and Jean Strickland and family

andoah Valley Academy. Over \$10,000 was raised as a result of the brunch, and we thank those who contributed to this fund.

Alumni Weekend at SVA was held April 17-19, with several new activities taking place during the homecoming celebration.

Eighty-four golfers took part in the first annual golf tournament held on Friday of Alumni Weekend. Although rain had been forecast for the day, many prayers were answered as the rain held off until Sunday; and we were blessed with a bright and sunny day for our first tournament.

Alumni participation in the tournament was great, with many of the players alumni and current or former staff of SVA. A number of local businesses not only supported the tournament as sponsors, but they sent members from their organizations to play as well. Spaces to play in the tournament filled up quickly, and several were

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Beating El Nino

The 1998 Pennsylvania Conference mission trip began at 4:30 a.m. As we loaded the buses, our thoughts were "Baja, Mexico, here we come!" Bound for the Oasis Orphanage in El Valle de la Trinidad, we were anxious to be on our



The mission trip participants were dirty but triumphant at the end of their stay in Baja.

way and excited to see what adventures God had in store for us. It was a beautiful day as we flew to San Diego, and we were able to identify the Mississippi River, Rocky Mountains and Grand Canyon as we flew over. Arriving in San Diego, we met up with Bob Overton and headed "South of the Border."

I had been in Mexico before, but never to Baja. Hence, I was not prepared for the grandeur and beauty as we drove down the Pacific Coast from Tijuana to Ensenada. Sometimes, it was hard to keep my eyes on the road because the view was so fantastic! We stopped along the way to watch as a pod of whales breached offshore. What a welcome! But God had even more beauty in store for us. The Oasis is nestled in a valley with mountains that seem to rise from the desert floor to heights over 10,000 feet. Each day, God painted different glorious pictures with His brush of

sunshine. I often remarked how I would miss these beautiful mountains when we returned home.

Arriving at the job site, we found that Service Station (our sponsoring organization) was quite a bit behind schedule. Their goal was to build about 12 houses in town for local workers. However, because of El Nino rains, only one house was started and the foundation poured for a second. Our job was to prepare more sites for their week of "March Madness," when nearly 300 people would be coming to build! They hoped we could get the foundations in and the floors poured for six sites so the next group could put up the walls.

The work was as hard as the scenery was beautiful. Lugging 110-lb. bags of cement, dumping two buckets of water, four buckets of rock and 10 buckets of sand into the mixer for each load of cement, then pushing the loaded wheelbarrows to their destination, had each of us completely worn out and ready for a shower and bed by the end of the day. Even though there was the occasional cement bag lost in the mixer and a few wheelbarrows of cement dumped at the wrong place, work went very well, and each day brought good progress. Anxious to get the first six sites completed, we picked up the pace in hopes of getting them done before we took our day off on Wednesday.



April Sweet moves wet cement on the job site.

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Fair Oaks F.O.C.U.S. meetings

As we pulled into the drive, I felt nervous excitement inside. This was a new experience for me—doing a week of prayer for people I didn't even know. The spiritual life committee of BMA had been asked to put on a F.O.C.U.S. week for Fair Oaks Elementary School in Carlisle. We eagerly agreed because it sounded like fun and would give us a chance to witness.

The Fair Oaks school was pleasant and inviting on the outside and even more appealing inside. Pastor Manente, Derrick Heisey and I entered the classroom to the smiling faces of the five students and their teacher, Linda Small. After a rousing song service, Derrick launched into his illustration of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The openness and friendly smiles of the students gave me courage for my pro-

gram the following day.

Witnessing to the students at Fair Oaks was very rewarding. They were open and attentive as we "pastors" shared our faith. "It was good for the young people to hear that other young people love God," Mrs. Small told us.

Well, Mrs. Small, I hope and pray that we were able to reach your students for God. That's what we were there for.



Carol Corbin, SA Pastor



Stan Rouse,
Principal

"Do we want to be distinct from the world?"

This paragraph really caught my attention: "When the professed people of God are uniting with the world, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden pleasures; when the luxury of the world becomes the luxury of the church; when the marriage bells are chiming, and all are looking forward to many years of worldly prosperity—then, suddenly as the lightning flashes from the heavens, will come the end of their bright visions and delusive hopes,"—E. G. White, *The Great Controversy*, pages 338, 339.

From my vantage point, this sign of the coming of Jesus is being fulfilled like never before. There are times when I wonder if we still even want to be distinct from the world.

And then I think of Blue Mountain Academy, its program and its students. Is our growing emphasis on service making a difference in how our students live their lives? Do mission trips to Mexico and Global Village help our students think more of others than themselves?

Do our classes help discourage connection with the world? Are our Bible classes helping each student lay a firm foundation on Christ? Do our English classes demonstrate a love for literature that points to Jesus instead of the world? Do our history classes show how accepting or rejecting Jesus has affected the history of nations? Does the music we teach connect them with Heaven's choirs?

We see indications of students responding to the work of the Holy Spirit. After 100 or so of our students helped the Adventist Development and Relief Agency provide Global Village for people in Washington, D.C., I heard from many sources how responsible, trustworthy and reliable the B.M.A. students were. And I praise God for how He touches their lives!

But the pull of the world is so strong! Are our families and churches helping to pull our students farther from the world? Is there more we should be doing at this school?

"Father, help us to be more than your 'professed people!' Help each of us to separate ourselves from the 'forbidden pleasures' that entice so strongly! Make us willing to sacrifice the luxury of this world and give of our means, our time and our lives to finish the work of spreading the gospel to the world. Make us homesick for You and Heaven! In Jesus' name, Amen."

BMA shares a moment with the world

For two weeks, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) demonstrated its Global Village on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Global Village goals were to increase the awareness of the basic needs for survival around the world and to encourage people to live lives of action for those in need. On five acres between the Washington Monument and the Capitol

Building, Global Village demonstrated what life is like among the poor in developing countries and closer to home.

The first section in the village included the habitats. These houses, if indeed they could



Melodie Stairs and Andie Chamberlin stamp passports.

be called that, ranged from shelters found in Africa and South America to the homeless in D.C. and other American cities. Most of the dwellings were hardly more than shacks built to protect their inhabitants from the elements. Certainly, they lacked modern conveniences that we take for granted. Tourists were encouraged to walk through these shelters to help them appreciate what they have.

One of the next exhibits dealt with water. Getting fresh water is difficult for a large portion of the world's population. ADRA has focused on this aspect because it pays such quick, rich dividends.

Once a fresh well is functioning, the health of the village improves. Drilling a well, usually by hand, is difficult. Visitors to Global Village

took turns using primitive digging tools to simulate well drilling in Third World countries. They were then encouraged to try a hand pump to experience what many people consider to be a luxury—fresh water!



Kami Munoz and Brandon Giuttari also work at passport control.

The last stop in the village was appropriately called “pack-a-box,” where visitors were given the opportunity to pack a box to be shipped to a family of four in a developing country. They were instructed to select clothes, power bars and other donated items for their “family.” It is told that one young boy, as he packed his box, realized that there were no shoes to include. After looking around and finding none, he removed his and put them in the box.

Obviously, such an undertaking as Global Village requires tremendous effort. The village utilized hundreds of volunteers to make it happen, and that is where Blue Mountain Academy students were able to help. We sent approximately 100 students in five different groups for either two or three days at a time. Our students helped in every facet of the village, including hosts, guides, security people, etc. And while they were a tremendous aid to the village, the volunteers were blessed as well. They saw different places from around the world, met thousands of people and were able to experience the truth of the verse, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Art Miller, Religious Activity Coordinator

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On Monday afternoon, it started to sprinkle, and the clouds looked ominous. Spontaneous groups gathered to ask God to hold off the rain so we could complete the floors we were working on. Arturo, one of the nationals working with us, indicated that we were going to have to quit because it was going to rain. I responded (through an interpreter) that we had prayed and that it wasn't going to rain until we were finished. God answered our prayers, and we completed the floors the next day and took our day off knowing that the six floors were ready. As a matter of fact, during our two-week trip the only rain we experienced was one Sabbath afternoon. During that time, no work was lost due to El Nino.

God blessed us with a great time with Him. As we shared and sang together, we were all lifted up and could feel His presence. It is an honor to serve such a mighty God. It is my prayer that we may soon be together in the beauty of Heaven.

Spencer Hannah, Vice-Principal



Spencer Hannah demonstrates well-drilling by hand.

Odyssey 1998

On the evening of March 12, our group of 26 took off from Newark for our bi-annual BMA European Adventure. Our destinations: Italy and Greece.

Ask any of the students their favorite place of the trip, and the overwhelming response is Florence. But there were other highlights as well. Jennifer Foulke posed with the statue of Juliet (of Shakespeare fame) in Verona; Brandon Giuttari enjoyed riding a gondola through the canals of Venice; and Jonathan Lanius was struck by the Coliseum and the Catacombs (ancient Christian burial place) in Rome. We visited Assisi in



The Europe trip participants enjoyed their two-week tour of Italy and Greece.

spite of the recent earthquake, as well as Pompeii's excavated ruins.

Samantha Fleary loved the calming effect of Sorrento, where from her hotel window she

could watch the sun set over the ocean. Sammuel Yoo enjoyed our night on the ferry and waking up to see the blue waters of the Mediterranean and the snow-capped mountains of Greece. Jerry Snell and Andrew Cupino experienced Delphi first-hand as they explored the ruins of the ancient temple.

The warmth of the Italian and Greek people impressed Stacey-Ann Bennett, and Danny Cates discovered that, contrary to the differences in our cultures, Italians and Greeks are a lot like Americans. Our tour guide, Carmine, "was the best, always willing to help us," says Priscilla Frimpong. For Dwayne Hardware and Fritzsa Gourege, it was time spent with friends and making new ones that they enjoyed most.

While the majority of the trip was relatively free from problems, we did have some moments of panic. A couple of our students are not U.S. citizens, but we had been told by the Greek Embassy in New York that they would not need visas. However, as we were boarding the ferry in Italy to cross over to Greece, one student was detained and told she wouldn't be allowed to enter Greece. They finally let her on the ship but said it was possible she wouldn't be able to get off on the other end.

That night, our group gathered for a season of prayer about the problem.

The next morning, the ship was strangely delayed in the Patras harbor. Our non-Adventist tour guide and I talked about the delay, and I mentioned that we had been praying about our problem. We decided that a Higher Power was at work, putting an agreeable passport control officer on at the noon shift change. When the time came, the officer on duty let her through.

The weather was perfect until the day before our flight home. It began raining that morning in Athens. As we had no other itinerary planned, we were free to shop and explore. Some of us visited a carpet shop in the Plaka District (the old town) and spent time talking with the very friendly shopkeeper, Anastasius, who gave us his business card.

It continued to rain into the night. We awoke the next morning to flooded streets and high winds, which brought down trees and road signs and canceled flights. After spending 12 stressful, monotonous hours in the Athens airport, we were finally able to board a flight for JFK. Unfortunately, the arrangements were made so quickly that we had no time to call ahead with our flight plans. A Greek passenger loaned us his cell phone, however, and we called the number on Anastasius' business card. He said he would be glad to call ahead for us because we were his friends.

Everything might not have gone as perfectly as planned, but now we have a friend named Anastasius in a little carpet shop in Athens, and somewhere in Italy is a tour guide who has witnessed the power of prayer.

Karyl Kramer, French Instructor

Did You Know?

Six U.S. History and three Government students, along with their teachers, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Rouse, recently spent two days visiting Jamestown and Williamsburg,



Virginia, and Washington D.C., on the history honors trip. Our time in Virginia helped us get a picture of what colonial life was like. In D.C. we visited the office of our representative, Tim Holden, Democrat, 6th District. Then we split up to tour the museums or see the monuments.

Sonya Overton '99

Gospel rally closes Week of Prayer at First church



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The Youth Week of Prayer at First church in Washington, D.C., began April 12 with guest speaker Emil Peeler from California. The theme for the week of prayer was "Gettin' It Straight in '98". Dr. Peeler's rousing and thought-provoking sermons captivated the young audience to such a degree that all were inspired and blessed. April 18 was Pathfinders Day, which closed out the week of prayer opened the "Young People for Christ Gospel Rally."

Area churches joined with First church to present this rally. The rally began with a march from Howard University to the church led by the various Pathfinder clubs in the area. Groups represented were the Metropolitan, New Life, Breath of Life, Brinklow and the Sparto-Athenian Pathfinder Club of First church. Other participants in the march were the United House of Prayer Drum and Bugle Corp, Young Steppers for Christ, First church's own Vanguard Adventurer Club, about 50 members strong in their Class A uniforms, and several other groups.

The front steps of the church were transformed into an elaborate staging area for the various participants of the program. The program was opened by its coordinator, Wayne Berry of the "Street Ministry" of First church. The rally was designed primarily for the community of Petworth, where this neighborhood has been plagued with a rash of murders, and for the community that envelops the church. Survivors of Victims of the Petworth murders, area religious leaders, government officials, city council members, a representative from the mayor's office and radio and TV stations were present at the affair.

The gospel program consisted of the various Adventist gospel groups in the area, as well as various groups from outside our region. The singing went on through the evening and into the night. The performers included the Revelation Singers, Breath of Life Gospel Choir, Capitol Hill Gospel Choir, First Church's Voice of Zion and others.

At day's end, lots of food, snacks and other delectables were sold to raise money for various programs to benefit the youth groups, both in the church and in the neighborhood. The event was a proud moment for the pastor, Dr. John Trusty.



The United House of Prayer for All People's Drum and Bugle Corp takes part in the rally.



The front of the church serves as the staging area for the program.



The Sparto-Athenian Pathfinder club of the First church lead out in the parade.

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Forgiveness in the Poconos

On a cool, crisp weekend in the first week of December 1997, several carloads and our church van full of North Philadelphia church members retreated to the Hillside Inn Resort in the Pocono Mountains of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

The surroundings were pristine and inviting. The guests were eager to arrive and full of anticipation at what was going to be a very special weekend indeed.

Sponsored by the family life department, which is headed by Elder and Sister Austin along with Brother and Sister Gillyard, Larry and Diane Smith and Pastor Hall, they really planned a super weekend for all who were fortunate enough to attend.

It was billed as Family and Friends Retreat so that weekend there were married couples, singles, family and friends together for a joyous and spirit-filled time.

Pastors William Taliaferro and Frederick Russell taught us about some of the things that will help us to survive in times like these. Taliaferro spoke to us on forgiveness. We were all very attentive and wide-eyed, listening very intently and taking in everything that he had to say on forgiveness, but then he went on to say that if someone offends you or hurts your feelings, it is up to you to approach that person and tell him or her that he or she has done so. Usually we, the offended, look for the offender to come and apologize, but we were

made to realize that we should really go to the offending person. Sometimes, people think that it is ok if we never tell

them how we feel about the situation.

Russell lectured us on what a good officer and what a good servant of the Lord should be like. He said that a good officer puts the needs of the people he serves before his own. In other words, get yourself out of the way and think about



Pastor Taliaferro and Roxanne Hall share humor during dinner.

the rest of the folk.

The mood was casual, and so was the attire that weekend. Friday evening was "get together time." Everyone was anxious to see who came. Then there was dinner. It was anticipation time, wondering if they could prepare our vegetarian fare as well as we could. They did a pretty good job!

One of the most special times was the early morning prayer service, which was optional, but those who opted not to come were the losers. We laughed, we cried, we shared some of our innermost thoughts, confident that it would stay within the confines of our room. There were tears and laughter and, oh yes, a lot of prayer. We really got to know each other better and to see each other in a different way. Those were some of the best times we have spent together as a church family outside the confines of our church house, and all praises be to God. We came away with much more than we took.

ROSA JONES-SANDERS
Communication/PR Leader



These precious souls were baptized.

Baptisms in Pennsylvania

The saints of the Mizpah and Frankford churches in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are still rejoicing over the great harvest God gave them recently when 16 precious souls were buried in the watery grave by baptism. The baptism candidates were Tamara Allen, Llewellyn Brightly, Johnnie Cartagena, Myra Freeman, Barnard Gray, Kayode Jacobs, Robin Johnson, Nathaniel Jones, Lisa Lewis, Jamie Robert, Yvonne Rowe, Thomasina Ruffin, Angelia Scott, Mary Terrell, Latoya Marie White and Bianca Young.

Many of those baptized have been attending services at Mizpah or Frankford frequently, where Andrew R. Harewood is pastor of both churches, and some have just completed Bible studies. Also among the baptized were six souls residing at the nearby Atone Resource Center, a transitional house where young women with children who, having come upon hard times and needing assistance to refocus their lives, reside from one to 18 months. The center was established in December of 1997 by Minister Wanda Harris and her husband, James, who themselves are new converts to the Adventist faith. Elder Dorothy Stephens and Lillie Thomas of the Frankford church, in conjunction with Keith Wilkerson of the Mizpah church, have been conducting Bible studies at the center.

That same day, prior to the baptism, 10 precious children were dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Harewood.

A soul-wrenching sermon about changing negatives to positives in our lives, was rendered by guest speaker Robert Patterson III, auditor of Allegheny East.

Mizpah and Frankford welcome their new family members with open arms and are looking forward to working together with them in God's vineyard.

RUTH WILKERSON
Communication Leader



A young man prepares to be dipped into the watery grave.



Members of "North Church" enjoy the Family and Friends Retreat.

Catch the

Vision

Allegheny West Conference Newsletter

Hope Crusade



October 26, 1997, was a special date for many members of the Glenville church in Cleveland,

Ohio. It was opening night for "The Voice of Hope Evangelism Crusade." Although planned for three months by producers of *The Gift of Love* radio broadcast, there was some anxiety because this crusade was being conducted solely by laymen. Heavy rain and lightning challenged our faith, but a receptive crowd was on hand to enjoy the evening's activities and hear the spirit-filled word of God preached by lay evangelist Fred Montgomery.

Night after night, they returned to sing with Dewain Hall in song service. Bible truths were emphasized by Melvin Arterberry, who conducted the quiz. Cynthia Palmer, Glen Burks, John Reynolds and Mary Means were among the soloists presenting mini-concerts before meetings. A variety of local choirs was also featured. The theme song *In His Name*, was prayerfully sung before the sermon by Allen Long.

After evangelist Montgomery had preached eight consecutive messages, he was joined by Evangelist Perry Jennings, who completed the series and raised the level of praise and worship to

higher heights. Night after night, those in attendance would seek special prayer, acknowledging their need for Christ to manifest Himself in their lives.

As our Bible workers, led by Helen Poole, interacted with our visitors through personal visits, telephone calls and prayer, it became obvious that God was preparing a rich harvest. The three-week crusade ended on Sabbath, November 15 with the 11 a.m. divine worship service. Thanks be to God for His ever abiding presence.

"The Voice of Hope Crusade" is an outgrowth of *The Gift of Love Radio Ministry* that airs every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock on WABQ, a local station in Cleveland, Ohio. The radio ministry is supported by the members of the Glenville church. The program aired initially on March 19, 1995, and has

provided more than 300 Amazing Facts Bible studies and countless prayers and words of encouragement to our listeners. As we, the members of the Glenville church, look forward to the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we plan to remain busy telling others about His love as demonstrated by His sacrifice on Calvary.

Article prepared by Allen Long, director for Gift of Love Ministries.



Lay Elder Fred Montgomery mans the radio booth for *The Gift of Love*.

Evangelist Perry Jennings preaches his message of hope to close the crusade.

Catch the
Vision

The Lord blessed the small congregation in Franklin with its first baptism for the year on February 14 when Stacy and Scott Ritchie became new members of the Adventist church.



Left to right: Scott Ritchie, Pastor Emmanuel Baldwin and Stacy Ritchie prepare to receive the right hand of fellowship after the Ritchies were baptized.



Pastor Emmanuel Baldwin has been pastoring the Franklin church since March of 1997. He offers praises to God for the new members of his church.



Left to right: Stacy and Scott Ritchie are examined for baptism by Pastor Emmanuel Baldwin as First Elder Hubert Mosby looks on.



Pastor Emmanuel Baldwin and First Elder Hubert Mosby prepare to baptize Scott Ritchie as his wife, Stacy, looks on.

Lambert Chosen Adventurer Director of the Year

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argaret "Peggy" Lambert has been chosen as "Adventurer Director of the Year" in the Allegheny West Conference. Selected by an evaluation system based on points, Peggy, as she is affectionately called, scored very high. Her club was very active, including participation in "Operation Jesus Feed," the youth ministry homeless feeding program. Pastor C. Richard Rogers presented the award to her as her club members looked on.



Margaret Lambert receives her award from Pastor C. Richard Rogers as the Adventurer club look on.

Week of Prayer held at Ross Street church

On March 1-7, Pastor Derek Adams gave his first Week of Prayer at the Ross Street church in Danville, Virginia. He was helped by the local elders, George Evan, Joe Pannell and Jimmy Myers. Sister Adams, Sister Steel and Sister T. Stokes sang beautifully.

Pastor Adams preached some very inspiring messages each night, especially on Ezekiel, chapter 37, hoping to motivate more people to do God's work.

It was said by one observer that the prayers helped to remove some of the attendees pains, so it had to be The Holy Spirit working at Ross Street.

Each night, the attendance was better. We got to see members who had not attended for some time as well as quite a few guests. Maybe the week of prayer should have lasted another week.

This story was written by Joseph Richardson, communication leader of the Ross Street church.



Pastor Derek Adams delivers his week of prayer message.

Fellowship Day in Waynesboro, Virginia

On Sabbath, March 7 members of the Waynesboro Northeast and Bethel-Staunton congregations came together to worship in the host church in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Pastor Hector Mouzon, executive secretary of the conference, was the guest speaker. Stewardship was the

theme for the day. The fellowship dinner was served after worship services.

The afternoon program's theme was "Crime Against God." Pastor Mouzon stated that God loves a cheerful giver. We are not to rob God by withholding the tithes and offerings. Let us pray that God's people will be faithful stew-

ards in providing funds to finish the work in God's vineyard so that we can all go home to live with the Lord throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Thomas Johnson Jr. is a communication leader in Waynesboro, Virginia.

True or False



any of us have used the restricted response "True or False" on numerous tests and surveys during our lifetime. This type of response implies

that there is no "gray area," and it can arouse considerable frustration if one is uncertain how to respond. Now, imagine that life and death were contingent upon such a response. Many would probably feel not only that they are on the edge, but are also going over the edge. Well, in reality, we are challenged by the third angel in Revelation 14:9 to use these simple words to respond to a complex life issue: namely, our religious experience.

Revelation 14:9 raises the issues of truth and falsehood regarding religious rituals and the objects of our worship. Does this arouse your defenses and fears? Should these mechanisms be aroused? Well, Paul predicted in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 that religious systems of our era would be marked by pretentiousness and a lack of substance. If this is the case, then careful examination of our individual religious experience is in order. We, as God-fearing individuals, are actually challenged (2 Corinthians 13:5) to respond honestly to the following example:

"My religious experience is truly acceptable to God."

Circle: True or False

It would be great to respond with "True," but that too can be responded to with "True or False." If one's response is "False," then

maybe his or her experience is merely an addiction or an outlet for addicted behaviors.

These notions demand an intense measure of introspection that may exasperate one's natural denial patterns, thus repressing the truth. And in this endeavor, we may need to broaden our understanding of addiction without diminishing the aspect of "free will."

One contemporary scholar defines addiction as a deep-seated form of idolatry. The objects of our attachments become our false gods. These are what we worship, what we attend to, where we give our time and energy, instead of love. It is a "counterfeit of religious presence," and a direct violation of the second commandment. These attachments short-circuit the flow of love, thus oppressing authentic human freedom. Consequently, our worship and gestures of love are nothing more than extended forms of slavery.

Attachments (i.e. legalism, power, control, sex, prejudices, approval dependency, toxic relationships, perfectionism, materialism, superficiality, etc.) may be at the root of problems encountered in church relations. The end result is a fragmented and dysfunctional body whose healing may require more than traditional spurts of "weeks of prayer." "So, what can we do?" "Where do we go from here?" "Will we ever be free of our attachments?" The answers are "yes" and "no." We may have to live with our imperfections until the close of probation, but we are obligated to address our discoveries.

We can begin our quest by doing the following: dealing with our denial; confronting compassionately the addicted (i.e. self); becoming



aware of God as the ultimate Healer and reaching out to Him: confessing our faults and accepting help from others; accepting forgiveness and grace, making amends and restoration; developing healing communities that foster security and openness; recognizing our worth and personal value in Christ and being willing to share with others what we have been given. "The hour of His judgement HAS come; and we need to worship Him (and Him alone), who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Revelation 14:7. Circle: "True or False!"

For information about this story, you can write Brother Medley at 602 Burton St., Danville, VA 24541; or call (804)792-4307 for inventories to help in identifying denial patterns, addictions and other information.

NEW JERSEY

Adventurer club reborn in Jersey City

After several years of inactivity, the "Angelitos de Jesus" Adventurer club has sprung to life under the direction of Virginia Albino. Exciting activities have been planned, including a very informative field trip to the nearby Liberty Science Center.

Recently, an induction service was held for 11 Adventurers and eight staff members. For the devotional, a short drama entitled "Voice of Nature" was presented. All the children actively participated in the induction service.

The youngsters were pleased to have with them on that special day three area coordinators in the conference: Luz Stella Prado, Virginia Rocha and Wagner Velez, as well as the conference Adventurer director, Doris Klopping.



Virginia Albino (front, left), director of the "Angelitos de Jesus" Adventurer club in Jersey City, helps Crystal Sanchez recite the Pledge of Allegiance while Virginia Rocha and Milly Encarcion look on from behind.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Grant funds 100 projects for Community Services

An AmeriCorps grant that's valued at about \$255,000 by the Corporation for National and Community Service has been awarded to Adventist Community Services, the United States branch of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, to initiate 100 volunteer, community-based tutoring projects for underprivileged children.

The grant funds 17 organizers for one year who meet with inner-city program coordinators, ACS center directors and youth leaders to help them start local tutoring sites. Of the 17 organizers, two will be based in each of eight local ADRA affiliate agencies across the U.S. and one in the ACS national office located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Organizers will provide training for volunteer tutors and coaching for local volunteer leaders, as well as develop collaborative relationships with public schools, local governments and other community organizations to mobilize needed resources.

The grant is renewable for two additional years based on evaluations of the first year's program. It could total as much as \$765,000 over three years.

The tutoring/mentoring initiative is a collaborative effort between ACS and YouthNet, the volunteer agency of the Adventist church within North America, which matches volunteers of all ages to service opportunities, including task force, in the division and the world field. Sandra Brown is the YouthNet national site coordinator, and John Gavin, national executive director for ADRA/ACS, is acting as program coordinator.

AmeriCorps is the national service program that allows people of all ages and backgrounds to earn assistance in paying for education in exchange for a year of service. AmeriCorps members meet community needs with services that range from housing renovation to child immunization to neighborhood policing. Currently, more than 25,000 AmeriCorps members serve in more than 430 programs across the country.

ACS, established in 1973, conducts a disaster response program under agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross. It works closely with Second Harvest, the national network of food banks, to combat hunger through 2,000 community food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding programs for the homeless. It's also a member of the National Coordinating Council for Health Screening and the Coalition for Human Needs.

In 1996, more than 7,100 ACS volunteers provided 534,355 people with \$7.5 million worth of service through family service centers; nearly 3,000 volunteers served 636,590 people through the ACS inner-city program.

BETH SCHAEFER

ADRA News and Information Officer

Dr. Kay's Q&A

Parent's trust may reflect experience



Question: My mother is extremely protective of me, and I'd never go against her, but I'm really hurt that she doesn't trust me. How can I gain her trust? I'll soon be 16.

Answer: Teens have no idea how hard it is for parents to grow up and treat their kids as grown-ups. The problem is that the longer parents live past 30, the slower their reaction time is.

Most kids grow up and are capable of taking major responsibility for their lives much more quickly than parents realize. In your mom's eyes, it was just yesterday that she was feeding you mashed bananas and changing your diapers. It takes time to get used to the idea that her "little baby" is now capable of taking care of himself. He can feed himself, do his own laundry, clean his room, get good grades and hold down a job that will pay for his personal expenses, all without any advice from the folks, but it takes the folks a number of years to catch on. You're going to have to give your mom time to get used to the idea that you can live a responsible life. In the meantime, here are some things you might try:

First, find out what your mom expects of you — and do it. Most folks don't make things clear enough to their teens. They may say, "Be in by 11 o'clock," but they don't tell you that all hell is going to break loose if you appear at 11:01. You need to know these things. They may say, "Drive carefully," but they don't tell you they're going to make you pay for the increased insurance payments if you get a couple of tickets or have an accident. It's amazing how much more responsible you'll be when you clarify your folks' expectations and meet them.

Second, ask your mom to give you a maturity test when you think you're ready to move on to the next level of trust. Determine with her what it would take to prove to her that you're ready for increased personal responsibility. These tests won't always make sense to you. Sometimes when you can keep your room neat for a month without her having to say anything, you'll have passed the test that will allow you 15 more minutes of telephone time a day. Or if you wash the car weekly and gas it up when you use it. That might be good for an extra hour of Saturday night curfew time. Other tests are more direct, like calling home if you're going to be late or doing your homework and chores before asking for a privilege.

Third, friends are always a problem for parents. They may trust you, but they can't always be sure of your friends. So when you want to do things with your friends, make it as easy as possible on your mom. Invite your friends over to meet her, take her out to eat with your friends — even if it's just to McDonald's — and make sure you pay for her. Invite her to come along on outings or introduce her to the older person in the group who'll make sure no sex, drugs, alcohol or other things that can destroy a teen's integrity, health or character will endanger you while you're out with your friends.

Finally, it really hasn't been very long ago that your mom was your age. Very likely, she'll treat you as an extension of herself. She may be afraid you'll do some of the same dumb things she did, and she'd like to spare you the pain of the consequences. Talk to your mom about this. She may be wiser than you now think.

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (423) 339-1144.]

COLUMBIA UNION

Earn class credit for taking part in NET '98

A number of educational options will be offered for NET '98 participation by students in junior high through academy and university levels, as well as pastors in Adventist seminary programs.

When participants sign in at NET '98 church sites on October 9, some will be opting to receive college credit or continuing education units (CEUs) while attending the meetings. These education options are being designed by Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan; Home Study University in Silver Spring, Maryland; the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan; and Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

If you'd like more information on obtaining college credit for taking part in this evangelistic outreach, access the NET '98 World Wide Web site at <http://www.net98.org>.

For older grade school children, home schoolers and academy students not involved with the child evangelism meetings that will run concurrently with NET '98 in many churches, NET '98 nightly study guides can be obtained by calling Seminars Unlimited at (800) 982-3344.

Arrangements are also being made for church school teachers and parents home schooling their children to obtain study guides from the NET '98 website.

BETTY COONEY
NET '98 Media Relations Coordinator

WORLD CHURCH

Adventist radio service reaches worldwide audience

The worship service at a Seventh-day Adventist church in London, England, was broadcast to a worldwide audience on Sunday, April 26. The special half-hour program was aired by the British Broadcasting Company in English, and it was carried by a myriad of local radio stations throughout the globe.

The program explained the Adventist system of worship, and several pieces of gospel music were presented by various musical groups. The speaker was Pastor Richard Holder, and the BBC announcer stated that the service came from the Adventist church at Croydon in South London. The topic in the program was

"Readiness for Christ's Return," illustrated by the parable of the 10 virgins.

This program was relayed over many channels from each of the BBC world service's two dozen shortwave stations strategically located across the world. It was carried also over a myriad of downlink AM and FM stations on all continents that are estimated to be several thousand in number. This programming was also available on several satellites and the World Wide Web. It's estimated that the BBC has a worldwide audience of 150 million listeners.

ADRIAN PETERSON
Correspondent

WORLD CHURCH

Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook gets new look

The General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland, has introduced the "New Look" *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* for 1998.

"We've been looking for ways that we can make the yearbook more reader-friendly," said William Cash, director for archives and statistics.

The new yearbook cover features the new Seventh-day Adventist Church logo, two-color text and easy tab references.

"Every year (over a five-year cycle) will feature a different accent color to help readers differentiate between the various years," Cash added.

Cash and new yearbook Editor Wesslyne Sahly have worked to convert the yearbook's computer files from text files to a database. Sahly is responsible for coordinating the gathering of informa-

tion from the world field, supervising the updating and proofreading data files.

"In addition to the printed yearbook, we also distribute the *Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook* on disk and place the text in the General Info/Facts Library of the Adventist Online Forum on CompuServe as well as the General Conference's World Wide Web site," Cash said.

The new yearbook should be available to the general public soon at ABCs.

DIXIE RODRIGUEZ
Assistant News Director, Adventist News Network

NEW JERSEY

Youth leaders receive special training

Twice a year, the New Jersey Conference Youth and Young Adult Department holds training events for all the Adventurer, Pathfinder, teen, Adventist Youth and Master Guide leaders across the state. This past February, 14 teachers offered 30 classes, which were attended by 300 leaders who came with the desire to network, learn and enjoy the fellowship.

Courses were taught for new leaders, teen leaders, advanced leaders, those who work with challenged youth and Adventist Youth personnel.

The next major youth leaders convention will be at the Tranquil Valley Youth Camp and Garden State Academy in Tranquility the weekend of August 7-9. Classes will be taught in both English and Spanish. For more information, call the conference youth and young adult department at (609) 392-7131.

CARL RODRIGUEZ
Youth Ministries Director



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Athal Tolhurst

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ANDERSON, Hubert T., born September 15, 1914, Upward, NC; died January 16, 1998, Smethport, PA. He was a member of the Derrick City, PA, church. His denominational service includes work as a conference evangelist for the Alabama-Mississippi and Georgia-Cumberland conferences as well as the Southern Union, personal ministries secretary for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and pastor for many congregations. Survivors: daughter Linda McDonald, brother Delmar and one granddaughter.

BANKERT, Cleo E., born February 7, 1914, Mt. Clinton, VA; died February 24, 1998, Hanover, PA. She was a member of the York Springs, PA, church. Survivors:

daughters Reba Sanders, Gloria Salisbury, Patsy Miller, Linda Bechtel and Sharon Sterner, sons James, Larry and Ray Smiley, 34 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

ECKENROTH, Margaret L., born August 29, 1915, Trenton, NJ; died March 15, 1998, Takoma Park, MD. She served with her husband, Melvin, in evangelistic, pastoral, educational and administrative posts in more than 40 years of service until his death in 1975, then retired from teaching in 1980. Survivors: daughters Margaret Bagrowski and Ruth Parish, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

HUGHES, Hesper, born August 5, 1925; died February 5, 1998, Dayton, OH. She was a member of the Centerville, OH, congregation.

McWILLIAMS, Helen G., born September 25, 1898, Greene Co., PA; died December 2, 1997, Smethport, PA. She was a member of the Derrick City, PA, church and was a teacher in Seventh-day Adventist schools for 50 years. Survivors: stepdaughters Virginia Giar, Ida Nelson and Katherine Newan, stepson William, brother Bill Guthrie, 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

NIELSEN, Enabeth, born February 10, 1906, Garden City, KS; died March 21, 1998, Fairfax, VA. Survivor: husband Verner.

ZABADY, Joan M., born August 22, 1932, Scranton, PA; died March 21, 1998, Scranton, PA. A member of the New England Sanitarium church, she was a teacher at the New England Sanitarium School of Nursing and later developed the nursing program at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA. Survivors: brother Robert and uncle Joseph.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Adventist librarians slate annual meeting at CUC

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Cincinnati	9:07	9:08	9:08
Cleveland	9:03	9:04	9:04
Columbus	9:03	9:04	9:04
Jersey City	8:30	8:31	8:31
Norfolk	8:27	8:28	8:28
Parkersburg	8:56	8:57	8:56
Philadelphia	8:32	8:33	8:33
Pittsburgh	8:53	8:54	8:54
Reading	8:37	8:38	8:37
Richmond	8:33	8:34	8:34
Roanoke	8:43	8:44	8:44
Toledo	9:12	9:13	9:13
Trenton	8:31	8:33	8:32
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