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WHAT IF GOD . . . ?

What If God on this very day decided that the fullness of time had come once again? I can envision a patient, long-suffering, kind, just, and loving Heavenly Father sitting on His throne and finally saying, "It is enough!" Imagine yourself reading a book that had been published at the time of the end. It is chapter seven, page twelve.

And God looked down on earth and focused His attention upon the political world. What He saw would bring tears to any eye. The most powerful nations, locked in a nuclear arms struggle, were spending more money for weapons of devastation than they spent to help eliminate drought, famine and disease.

God saw that the appointed and elected leaders of the world were not

prone to surrender pride of opinion but would treat truth as a malleable entity. The prophet Isaiah had already declared, "Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter" (Isaiah 59:14).

In the economic world God saw mankind doing everything imaginable and some things unimaginable to get money. And had His eyes gone into San Francisco's Chinatown, He would have seen a sign reading, "The lack of money is the root of all evil." God saw generations present and generations to come adversely affected by alcohol and drug abuse and the sand in the hourglass continued to drop.

And then God looked upon the earth where deafening cheers and thunderous applause mixed to lend approval to teams of men fighting for victory on the gridiron. He saw that sports had become a new species of idolatry. Christians spent more money to attend games than what they place in the offering plates in church. Attendance in churches was on a continual decline compared with the masses who packed multimillion-dollar stadiums for entertainment.

Then God looked upon the world, once cleansed by a flood in Noah's day, and saw that man was continually corrupting the land, the waters and the air. He saw valleys blanketed by dense smog and factories belching thick chimneys of smoke into the atmosphere. God saw that lakes and rivers and even the oceans were treated with contempt as careless man dumped pollutants into the waters.

And then He looked upon the food industries and saw that the animal kingdom was being rendered unfit for human consumption. He saw that human beings ate what their hearts desired and paid no attention to the laws of health.

God saw that the inhumanity of man against man had reached beyond degrees of alarm. He saw that wars were decimating young generations and that weapons capable of creating unimaginable destruction were being made by scientists to be used by rulers to conquer enemies and give them domination.

Everywhere He looked God saw suffering, starvation, death, insensitivity, greed, lust, anguish, pain, alienation, hatred, pride, agony, depression, idolatry, envy, malice, jealousy, ingratitude, covetousness, dishonesty, lying, vanity, self-worship, murder, disease, disrespect, stealing, manipulating, oppression, and all manner of evil.

And so God tried to find something good in the earth. The Lord had talked with Abraham regarding the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah. The patriarch bargained with the Lord to spare Sodom. His bargaining basis went from fifty down to ten . . . just for the sake of ten righteous people, the Lord promised to spare the city if ten could be found.

About Our Cover Photo

"Reflections" could very well be the title for this beautiful autumn picture taken by Marquise Knight of South Lancaster, MA. Marquise used an antique Exacta-Varex II camera purchased in 1957 in Munich, Germany, to capture the beauty of October in New England. The little pond is located nearly across the street from the Federated Church in Bolton, MA. Marquise's daughter Heidi is at the right and her friend Sharon Hamel in red stands on the bridge arching the pond's outlet. The picture received Honorable Mention in the 1987-88 *Gleaner* Cover Photo Contest.

What if today there were bargaining with God? How many righteous would He find in the earth? If today would be the last day on earth, if God were to say, "It is finished," who then could be saved?

Next month we'll take a very close look at the church in today's world as we continue the series—What if God . . . ?

_____ TED. T. JONES II

Spirit of Prophecy, "The Lord is soon coming. Talk it, pray it, believe it. Make it a part of the life" (*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 237). Convinced that Jesus is coming soon, that there is no time to lose, the church during Harvest 90 is responding to the mandate of Christ to go into all the world and preach and baptize.

Purpose of Harvest 90

Harvest 90 is simply a coordinated approach to evangelism in which everyone works toward the common goal of soul winning. The servant of the Lord says in *Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 221, "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."

Here in the Atlantic Union, by the grace of God, we want to reach the 35 million people in the northeast with the good news of salvation of Christ. So, when the temptation comes to fall into negative thinking that says, let's destroy every poster and handbill, close your eyes and shut your ears. Look at the other side of the coin.

Remember, Harvest 90 is not a program set up by some bungling bureaucrat to make your life miserable. It is a Christ-inspired, united soul-winning activity of God's church on earth. It is looking upon the multitudes with compassion, praying for workers for the harvest, seeking to hasten the coming of Jesus, the King of kings. It is saying in word and action, "Come, Lord Jesus."

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_____ PEDRO GELI, JR.
Atlantic Union Vice president

Guest Editorial



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

It's a gimmick; a promotional stunt; a clever way to rope people in to doing something; a pressure tactic designed to control and force people into the same activity. Personally, I am sick of it and can't stand the sound or sight of it.

These are some of the thoughts that people have expressed in regard to Harvest 90. Regardless of one's initial personal reaction, it pays to objectively look at the other side of the coin before rejecting something that has resulted in a great blessing to God's church.

To begin with, we can remind ourselves that it was Christ who, upon looking at the multitude, "had compassion upon them," and he said to "Ask the Lord of the harvest . . . to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:36-38).*

Harvest 90 is more than just a gimmick, a promotional stunt or

pressure tactic. It is a Bible-inspired, Spirit-guided, divinely organized way of reaching people for God by mobilizing God's church into a joint action for souls.

In response to Christ's command to pray for workers for the harvest, Harvest 90 serves as a rallying call, a symbol of hope and love by which millions of people have been led to a saving knowledge of Christ and have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As God's remnant church (Revelation 12:17; 14:12) we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9) to prepare a people to meet God.

The mission of the Christian church is to affirm the love of God in Christ Jesus to all mankind. As Seventh-day Adventist Christians we look for that blessed hope and that glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13). We listen to the counsel of the

EVANGELIZING OUR YOUTH

Are we allowing a rich resource of gifts for the church to remain untapped?

Junior, Earliteen, and Youth Sabbath school teachers are in an excellent position to be soul winners for Jesus! Parents have planted seeds that have been watered in Sabbath school by Cradle Roll and Primary teachers. Junior, Earliteen, and Youth teachers can reap mightily. It was my pleasure and sacred honor to lead my Sabbath school class to the baptismal font.

It was not a sudden, emotional decision for Jason Burgess (13), Lori Coolidge (16), David Landfare (12), Jeremy Landfare (14), Joey Morton (15), and Shawn Murphy (14). The decision for baptism came after nine months of doctrinal studies and weeks of soul searching.

It all started when I asked the class members when they expected to be baptized. All of them told me that when the church told them that

they were ready it would be time. I was shocked! These dear souls were waiting to be invited while the church was waiting for them to express the interest.

Since then I have talked to young people from other churches who have expressed a similar notion that baptism was by invitation only.

Without further hesitation I extended the invitation to my class to be baptized after we had studied

what baptism meant and what our church believes. The kids enthusiastically accepted the challenge and instead of doing our weekly lessons from the quarterly during Sabbath school time we did the Encounter Series, which we borrowed from Pastor Badillo.

We showed the series of twenty films on his projector and started the corresponding lesson study pamphlets in class, finishing them at

home. It was also understood that the regular Sabbath school lessons were to be done at home during the week.

After twenty weeks of doctrinal lessons we continued to meet as a class to discuss Christian values and lifestyle. We also met outside of class with the Pastor.

Then came the weeks of soul searching as one by one each student made a private decision for baptism. The stu-



Faith Beall (left rear) is pictured with her Junior-Earliteen Sabbath School class in the Hudson, Massachusetts, church, Shawn Murphy, Jason Burgess, Joey Morton, Jeremy Landfare, David Landfare, and Lori Coolidge. Gay Achilles (center rear) was also baptized that same day. Pastor Luis Badillo is in the right rear.

BY FAITH S. BEALL

dents knew that it was not a decision to be taken lightly, and so it was not an easy one for them to make. They each counted the cost and, Praise God!, they all accepted the challenge. I wonder if they could feel all the intercessory prayer being offered up on their behalf?

Their baptism ranks second only to my own as a religious high point of my life. The whole church rejoiced at their baptism, showering each one with flowers and gifts. A beautiful bakery cake was purchased and a lovely reception was held by the church for them following the service, which took place at the Framingham church.

We are back to studying the Sabbath school lesson from the quarterly, which was a bit anticlimactic after the exciting audio-visual Encounter Series, but as a class we are looking for ways to keep up the enthusiasm. One of the best moves was drafting fifteen-year-old Joey Morton to teach the Junior-Earliteen class, as there is currently no youth class for him. Joey has brought his own enthusiasm and a new approach to the job. Now my load is lighter and the whole class is brighter with another person's efforts added. The other kids have responded well to peer teaching, and in the future I may attempt a rotation of teaching responsibilities among all of the students.

They are so anxious to serve! One boy couldn't wait to get his driver's



Shawn Murphy and Jason Burgess serve the Hudson church well as Junior Deacons taking up the offering.

license so that he could come twenty miles to church to mow the lawn. I bet those are words that would thrill the heart of any head deacon. Each one who was baptized expressed to me the desire to serve as a Junior Deacon or Junior Deaconess. What an untapped well of gifts for the church! Hopefully the Nominating Committee will follow through on their desire to serve, because we all know that it is not enough to baptize new members, we must also involve them in the work of the church if we want to keep them.

I would appreciate hearing from others on ways to nurture these new church members, and I would like to remind ourselves that the greatest mission field is our own youth.

EPILOGUE: SURPRISE BAPTISM!

During the baptismal service Jack Achilles noticed that his wife was particularly nervous. He said to her, "Gay, why are you so nervous just because you are going to do the special music? Think how nervous you'd be if you were doing it for your own baptism!" Little did he know how true his words were. To his happy surprise, when the curtains parted once more for baptism, there stood his wife of many years who a year later than he followed his lead into baptism into the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jack had been baptized as result of a Daniel and Revelation Seminar and Gay had been accompanying him to the Hudson church for a year, sharing her singing talent with the church for special music before her baptism. The church was thrilled to see this couple united in baptism. They have truly been a blessed addition to the church and have been active members. Jack now serves as Head Deacon and Assistant Personal Ministries leader. Gay now serves as assistant Sabbath School Superintendent, Sabbath School Chorister, and Deaconess. Both Gay and Jack serve on the Social Committee.

Faith S. Beall is Junior-Earliteen Youth Leader in the Hudson Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hudson, Massachusetts.

It is not enough only to baptize new members, they must be involved week by week in the work of the church if we want to keep them.

BRONX FOURTH GRADERS GO WEST

All had never seen rural America and all were anxious to meet their pen pals.

Bronx-Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist School Pen Pal Day" in Kansas? That is what Mayor Jim Thurman designated May 11 in Great Bend, Kansas, as a result of a unique school field trip that began as a pen-pal, writing-skills exercise.

It all started in the fall of 1986. The children's *Weekly Reader* newspaper carried an advertisement in which it sought teachers who are interested in participating in a Writing Pal program. The fourth-grade teacher, Earline Maynard-Reid, took the idea to her class where it was gladly received. The required information was sent to *Weekly Reader* and it was not long before the group was informed that their pen pals were the fourth graders of the Riley Elementary public school, Great Bend, Kansas.

Soon the exchange of letters began. Very often the letters were accompanied by packages from both sides, containing souvenirs, drawings, paintings, and photographs of



New Yorker pen pal Ricky rides behind Kansan pen pal Trevor. Other pen pals from both groups stand by. Riding the Indian's horse was a great treat for the group.

the pupils and teachers. Earline tells the story in her own words.

I recall how the very first package of photographs from Great Bend, Kansas, brought horror to my heart. Upon passing the pictures around the class for the pupils to see, an accident occurred. One pupil who had waited his turn with great anxiety pulled the picture real hard from his seat mate. One half was left in his seat mate's hand and the other half was in his hand. The problem was that the pictures were to be returned to Kansas.

I was at a loss what explanation I could possibly give Mrs. Jacalyn

Peters, the Kansas fourth-grade teacher, to justify the damaged picture. No solution seemed reasonable or honest. The pen pals were aware that their correspondents were from a Christian school. The fear was that the torn picture would suggest "religious savages."

In an effort to offset the possibility of such a claim, I mended the torn picture and returned

them all to Kansas with an apology. However, before Mrs. Peters had a chance to reply, an idea was born in my mind. I thought it would be a great idea for my Bronx fourth graders to visit their pen pals in Kansas. This I thought would erase any negative conclusions.

A letter was sent to Kansas requesting permission to visit. The principal of that school, Mr. Steven Wolf, confirmed the request with the Bronx-Manhattan school, then wrote a proposal. This he submitted to his School District Board where it was approved. With this approval,

BY EARLINE MAYNARD-REID

transportation, accommodations, food, sightseeing and other activities were finalized.

To the amazement of the Bronx group, a letter was received from Mayor Jim Thurman of Great Bend, Kansas, welcoming the group to his city. Shortly, a letter was received from the President of the Chamber of Commerce in that city. This was accompanied by a box of fliers, maps and other information related to Kansas and Great Bend in particular. These were used to educate the pupils about the state of Kansas.

As the excitement over these two exchanges of correspondence was just about calmed, another letter arrived from Governor Mike Hayden of Kansas. He also expressed his happiness about the planned visit, wished the group a safe trip and extended a warm welcome. The principal of the Bronx-Manhattan school, Mr. H. Cruz, and the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. David Cadavero, were kept abreast of the plans and developments and both men were supportive.

As a missionary outreach and an expression of appreciation to the Kansans, the Education Department

of the Greater New York Conference under the direction of Mr. David Cadavero donated three books—*Prophets and Kings* to Mike Hayden, Kansas Governor; *The Desire of Ages* to Mayor Jim Thurman; and *Fundamentals of Christian Education* to educational leaders and the president of the Chamber of Commerce. Even the bus driver who drove the children on their field trips received *The Desire of Ages*. The recipients' names were engraved in gold on the corners of the books.

On the day of departure, eleven pupils, my husband Hugh Maynard-Reid, a parent Adela Robinson, and I were bidden farewell by Mr. Cadavero at the LaGuardia Airport. It was a very meaningful beginning for the pupils as most of them had never left home without their parents.

Upon disembarking at the Wichita Airport, Kansas, the group was surprised by the flashing light of television cameras and a banner captioned "Welcome to Great Bend, Kansas." Journalists from local newspapers and television reporters interviewed the pupils. The pupils excitedly recall how happy they were as they had never before been on television.



Mrs. Maynard-Reid (center) presents the 65-lb. cast iron seal of New York to Principal Steven Wolf (right) and teacher Jacalyn Peters of the Riley school in Kansas.

tional as well as fun filled. However, the group began and ended each day with devotion in the Holiday Inn where they stayed. It amazed those who worked with the group that Seventh-day Adventists had such a different life-style. The foods not eaten, the places not attended on the Sabbath, guarding the edges of the Sabbath were all new and impressed them.

The entire experience was most meaningful and educational. The pupils had a unique opportunity to advertise the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The television stations aired the group twice daily in their news broadcasts. This was made possible partly because NBC had cameramen who accompanied the group every day to all points of interest they visited.

Some of the citizens of Great Bend praised the pupils for their deportment saying they were not aware that pupils from New York could conduct themselves so orderly. The words "Seventh-day Adventists" were on the lips of the people for the five days of the visit.

The Sabbath school and Worship Service attended at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kansas proved to be a blessing especially to the non-Adventist pupils in the New York group. One Roman Catholic girl whose parents were not planning to register her at the Bronx-Manhattan SDA school for the next year changed their minds after their daughter returned from the Kansas trip. From Kansas the report is that the men are reading the books and the people are still talking about "the group of Adventist kids" who visited their state.

It is our desire that the books and the influence that the group left in Kansas will continue to be silent witnesses. Only eternity will reveal the full impact of this experience.

Mr. Steven Wolf, principal of the Riley Elementary school, distributed T-shirts which were prepared exclusively for both pen pal groups.

Mr. Wolf organized the program so that the pupils were exposed to the history, agriculture, science and minerals of Kansas. Every minute of each day was packed with activities that were educa-

Mrs. Earline Maynard-Reid teaches the fourth grade in Bronx-Manhattan SDA school in New York City.

TWO NEW CHURCHES IN ATLANTIC UNION OPEN

Miracles of love, sacrifice and effort.

By everyone working together harmoniously and enthusiastically, the Lord is able to accomplish many wonderful acts for us. The Geneva, New York, and the Lincoln, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist churches are no exceptions, report Donald Wright, Communication Director for New York Conference, and Pastor Frederick Bell from Lincoln, Maine.

New Geneva Church Dedicated Debt Free

It started with a dream of a number of people, among them being Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bourne of Geneva who hoped and prayed that in some way a church might be established in that city. Harry A. Rice came to Geneva and held a branch Sabbath school for a time in the 60's. Also, Pastor Nikolaus Satelmajer and Michael Pizar held meetings in 1981.

The Geneva Lake Country Company was organized at a meeting of interested church members from Geneva, Canandaigua, and nearby villages on Sabbath, July 24, 1982. Approximately 15 persons formed

the company which met every Sabbath in the First Presbyterian church of Geneva. In September 1982, Elder L. J. Tessier became the pastor of the Auburn-Geneva district and under his energetic leadership, plans were made to buy land and build a chapel.

The Penn Yan church organized on December 18, 1937, and November 9, 1983, they voted to disband and join the Geneva Company. The two groups met together for the first time on December 10, 1983, and they voted to form the Geneva Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The building program was officially launched at a banquet on Sunday evening, July 22, 1984. Four acres of land were purchased at the corner of Highways 5 and 20 and Number 9 Road in the Town of Seneca, and the groundbreaking was conducted on Sunday, April 21, 1985. Elders Satelmajer and Wright with their wives were on hand to encourage all at that time. From the very beginning they have had support from the members, friends, and the conference in this ambitious project.

The first regular service was held in the Fellowship Hall on May 10,

1986, while construction of the sanctuary continued with volunteer labor. The dedication and first service in the finished sanctuary was Sabbath, May 9, 1987, exactly one year later with Elder Norman L. Doss, New York Conference President, as speaker. During the afternoon eight precious souls were accepted into church membership either by baptism or profession of faith.

Elder Fred Thomas, Undersecretary of the General Conference, was guest speaker during the dedication service and Pastor Tessier lead out in the act of dedication. Members warmly welcomed their special guests Mr. John Malyj, Town Supervisor of Geneva who played a vital part in clearing various hurdles, and Mr. Frank Cecere, the Mayor of Geneva.

Members look forward to installing a steeple, paved parking lot, carport, and possibly a large lighted sign by the road. Many hours have been donated by members and friends to this project for God's glory.



The new Geneva, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church on Dedication day.



Elder Fred Thomas speaking during the Dedication service of the Geneva church.



Elder Frederick Bell and his wife, (center) pastor of the Lincoln, Maine, church and Elder and Mrs. Kenneth Scribner, (left) former pastor of the church, stand with some of the members in front of the new Lincoln church.

The new Lincoln, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist Church opened Sabbath, June 13, 1987.

New Lincoln Church Opens

For some years prior to March 1978 there were living in the Lincoln, Maine, area many Seventh-day Adventists who, whenever possible, attended church only after driving hundreds of miles to do so. And from Presque Isle came the minister who had to travel about 120 miles to be present with those scattered folk. However, a dramatic and important change was soon to take place.

Elder George Mills from Presque Isle met with the group to organize them in a company with the hope of someday becoming a church.

Under the active leadership of local elder Maynard (Dan) Drown, the little group grew. Having no church home to meet in, this faithful group prayed earnestly that somehow God would supply their need. Elder Bell received authorization to search for a new church site. After long and prayerful searching a 1.6-acre lot was found at a choice location, about three miles east of Interstate 95, on the Access Road leading into the town of Lincoln — a very prominent spot indeed! However, hopes began to diminish quickly when inquiry was made about the price. The owners wanted \$12,000 for it. That was a lot more money than the folk cared to pay.

With a building fund of approximately \$10,000 this purchase seemed impossible.

Knowing that nothing is impossible with God, the members prayed and looked for indications of His guidance. It wasn't long before a call from the real estate agent informed them that the land could be purchased for \$10,000. This was still too high a price for the folk to pay with their Building Fund so small. Following a church business meeting and much prayer, it was decided to offer the realtor \$7,000. A few days later the real estate agent called saying that the church could have the land for the stated price.

On July 16, 1984, earnest money was paid on the property to secure its purchase. This was a saving of \$5,000 from the original price of \$12,000. It was later learned that on this land was a septic tank and leach system worth another \$1,500 or so, making the total savings to be around \$6,500. With the land costing \$7,000 and attorney's fees of \$378, the church now had only about \$2,600 left. Who would ever have nerve enough to commence building a new church with only \$2,600?

With the \$2,600 left in the Building Fund, it was voted to approach the Northern New England Conference for a \$10,000 loan to be paid

back over an eight-year period. Pledges from the members were secured to take care of the monthly payments.

Within twenty-four months of work-bee labor, individual free labor and contributions of materials and money from as far away as Florida, Tennessee, Vermont, Massachusetts, and local residents, the church members not only put in the basement—though not finished as yet—but also the sanctuary which is almost completed. Members from surrounding Seventh-day Adventist churches such as Calais, Richmond, Dexter, Portland, Brewer, and Bangor also assisted.

To say nothing about donated materials received and valued at many thousands of dollars, plus many more thousands of dollars worth of free labor, approximately \$32,800 cash has been raised and put into this edifice to glorify God. The building, as it stands today, unfinished as it is, is evaluated to be about \$56,000, everything included, money, labor and materials.

The church members of Lincoln are thankful for the Lord's guidance in establishing a Seventh-day Adventist Church in this Maine community and to have celebrated the opening on June 13, 1987.

FOCUS ON ATLANTIC UNION

Washington, New Hampshire, Church Annual Meeting Well Attended

(1) Original chart of Bible prophecy used by William Miller stills hangs on the wall of the Washington, New Hampshire, church. (2) Congregation listens to the Sabbath school lesson discussion in the newly repainted Washington, New Hampshire, church. (3) Roadside sign tells motorists of the importance of this town to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (4) Elder Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President, spoke at two services in the Washington, New Hampshire, church at their annual gathering on August 1. An overflow audience was inspired by the day's events which included a question-and-answer session in the afternoon.



Farewell to the Pelleys



Elder Philip Follett (center) bids farewell to Rudolph Pelley, former undertreasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference, who has accepted a call to be treasurer of the Pennsylvania Conference. Mr. Pelley served the Atlantic Union for more than a year and a half and the General Conference auditing service for more than four years. Mr. Pelley's wife Diane (left) has been working in Home Health Education Services.

Outstanding Literature Evangelist Institute Held



Atlantic Union Literature Evangelists met on Atlantic Union College campus for their 1987 Institute from July 28 to August 1. Publishing Director Pete Kamilos and wife Lucille (standing) bring greetings to the literature evangelists and guests at the banquet. Seated at the main table (L. to R.): Elder and Mrs. Robert Wieland from Meadow Vista, California; Elder Ted Smith from the Southern Union Conference; Lorene and Dale Beaulieu, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer and wife; and Elder Jose Ouis Campos from Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Voice of Prophecy Message: NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

On-the-job witnessing by a Seventh-day Adventist, Bible lessons from the Voice of Prophecy, and follow-up by a pastor, Bible worker, and layman—all worked together to bring Daisy Greene and Marcia Stremper into a new relationship with Christ and membership at the Bay Knoll church in Rochester, New York.

"I always wondered about the Fourth Commandment," says Daisy. "I asked several ministers why they held services on Sunday. Some admitted that Saturday was the Sabbath, but they said they worshipped on Sunday because everyone does. But I needed proof. One minister finally told me that I asked too many questions."

The seed for her questions about the Sabbath was planted many years ago when Daisy was a child in Florida. Her mother died when she was three months old and she was raised by an older sister.

Their next-door neighbor was pianist at the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She invited Daisy to attend. Daisy was baptized there at the age of nine, but never fully understood the church's beliefs. As a child, she continued attending both the Adventist and Baptist churches for awhile, then only the Baptist church, and finally had no more contact with Adventists for several decades.

Daisy moved to Rochester in 1952. She worked at home as a beautician, did housekeeping jobs, and from 1975 to 1983 was employed in food preparation at the state hospital. Only a few weeks before taking early retirement because of a knee injury, Daisy received a Bible course enrollment card from Mrs. Bennie Haygood, a food server at the hospital and a member of the Jefferson Avenue church.

"I immediately sent the card to the Voice of Prophecy," recalls Daisy. "I enrolled in April 1983, retired in May, and in November received my diploma for the New Life course."

The Bible School sends the names of all graduates to local churches for follow-up. Pastor Trevor Delafield of the Bay Knoll church asked his father, Dick, who was visiting at the time, to call on Daisy. Percy Brown, a layman, went along. After a few visits, they asked Bill Hrovat, the church's Bible worker, to set up weekly studies with Daisy.

Marcia Stremper, a young nurse's aide at the Jewish Home in Rochester, was renting a room from Daisy at the time. She sat in on a couple of Bill's studies and enjoyed them. Marcia had been raised in the Catholic Church. "I had always wondered why I had to go to a priest to confess my sins, she says. "Why couldn't I go direct to God?"



Daisy Greene (left) joined the Bay Knoll Church in Rochester, New York, after taking a Voice of Prophecy Bible course followed by home studies with the pastor, Bible workers, and laymen. She then invited Marcia Stremper (right) to attend church with her; within eight months, Marcia also joined.

During 1984, Daisy completed the Daniel and Revelation lessons from the Voice of Prophecy while continuing to study with Bill. She was baptized on March 16, 1985.

Marcia moved to her own apartment, but kept in touch with Daisy. "I admired Daisy for her calm spirit and her ability to relate Scriptures," says Marcia. "I felt I needed something more in my own life."

Marcia began attending the Bay Knoll church with Daisy late in 1985. Upon witnessing a baptism, she decided that was what she also wanted. Bill Hrovat began studying with her in January 1986, and she was baptized five months later on June 21.

"I've learned so much about the Bible and prophecy," says Marcia. "I'm also much calmer now. It feels good to know God is in control."

Marcia now works at St. John's Home in Rochester. Daisy helps prepare meals to be delivered to shut-ins by Meals on Wheels. Both are enjoying sharing their deeper faith in Christ with others.

Bill Hrovat has returned to Atlantic Union College this fall to complete his degree. Until the church can hire another Bible worker, members will assist Pastor Delafield in following up developed interests from the Voice of Prophecy and other Adventist outreaches.

The Voice of Prophecy offering received in many churches on October 10, along with a portion of what is given to the World Budget throughout the year, will help the church's radio arm do its part in sharing the gospel message through broadcasts and Bible courses.

Eldyn Karr is Public Relations Director for the Voice of Prophecy.

BY ELDYN KARR

CHURCH IN ACTION

Atlantic Union College

Minister's Wife Finds Calling

Brenda Johnson, a petite blonde with a big smile, used to wonder how she could serve the Lord, earn some money through a career of her own, and continue her responsibilities as a minister's wife and the mother of two children. She found the answers to those questions at Atlantic Union College. Brenda, like many others, entered AUC's Adult Degree Program in January 1984.

Brenda became a born-again Christian in 1970 through Campus Crusades for Christ. They taught her how to share her faith. One of the first people with whom she shared her faith was a young man named Phil Johnson, a man destined to become her husband. Brenda led Phil to Christ, but together they struggled with doctrine for three years. In 1974 they met Jack Baker, a literature evangelist in Maine. Jack was able to clarify many things for them and they almost immediately joined the Adventist Church.

The Personal Ministries program at AUC is unlike any other. It trains men and women to become professional Bible Instructors. The emphasis, says Brenda, is on professional. Studying with theologians and pastors in AUC's theology department, Brenda prepared papers and delivered sermons. She explored the mysteries of homiletics, met the demands of clinical pastoral training, and acquainted herself with the fine art of personal evangelism. The training she received is, according to her husband, on the same level as that he received in his seminary training.

Brenda claims to have experienced a metamorphosis as she studied at Atlantic Union College. "At first I was so worried that I wouldn't be able to do the work." But as she studied, worked, and prayed, her abilities and self-confidence expanded. The papers she prepared met with

enthusiasm and approval. "The professors at AUC bent over backward to help me," she says. "I found the Adult Degree Program to be very flexible."

"The schedule was grueling," she admits. "During my practicum, I had to drive the two and a half hours from my home in New Hampshire, spend three hours a day as a chaplain at New England Memorial Hospital, give two hours of Bible studies, then drive the two and a half hours back home again."

And what has been the reward of this experience? "I feel I am doing what the Lord has called me to do," Brenda says seriously. "I minister to our congregation now as a conference-paid employee, not simply as a minister's wife who gives what time she can apart from other employment. I give Bible studies. I work with many women, counseling and studying, in a way that would be awkward for my husband to do. I am involved in training and motivating lay people to minister. And during this past year I have seen two persons baptized and three others begin attending church regularly as a result of my ministry and God's blessing."



Philip and Brenda Johnson

But not all of Brenda's ministry is active and people centered. She still spends many hours each day in study. "I feel I have to really know what I'm talking about," she explains. "When I am constantly meeting with people of all different faiths, some of them clergy, I must be clear and knowledgeable about my own beliefs." Aside from that need, Brenda seems to have developed that intellectual curiosity and spiritual hunger that characterizes true education. "I must study," she repeats. "There are so many things I want to understand. It's not easy to find the time or the place where I can study undisturbed. The parsonage is filled with so many distractions. I've found that the best place to get away from the telephone and to study where no one interrupts me is at McDonald's!"

Brenda recommends the Personal Ministries degree at AUC. "I now hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Personal Ministries," she states, having graduated on July 13, 1986. "This degree says that I am a professional in what I do. It puts me at the top of the list of conferences who are looking for women who can minister along with their male counterparts to the varied needs of the church and the community. I commend the Northern New England Conference for their vision in hiring me, a pioneer in this field. More and more conferences are beginning to see the value of team ministry, and of professionally trained Bible Instructors, whether men or women."

Those interested in earning a Bachelor's degree in Personal Ministries, may, like Brenda, take this major through the Adult Degree Program, or through the regular college program. Only those with the authorized training given at Atlantic Union College can qualify for the General Conference Internship

Called to be a Professional

which provides two years' financial assistance to the hiring conference.

Elder M. E. Kidder, in 1975, was asked to come to Atlantic Union College to develop the practical training for what has come to be called the Personal Ministries degree. Beginning with an Associate degree, the program was expanded in 1977 to include the Bachelor of Science degree. Elder Kidder, with input from the rest of the theology department, wrote the proposal that AUC submitted to the General Conference Board of Higher Education. The Board of Higher Education responded by authorizing AUC, and only AUC, at present, to train professional Bible Instructors. It was a first in Adventist higher education.

The church has always had "Bible workers," but not until AUC's development of the Personal Ministries degree had such intensive and thorough training been required or available. The Bible Instructor with a Bachelor's degree in Personal Ministries from AUC is a professional in every sense of the word.

Elder Kidder reports that the program has generally maintained an enrollment of about 10 to 15 students. Currently, 15 students are enrolled, 10 on campus and 5 in the Adult Degree Program. Men outnumber women, but more and more women, like Brenda, are awakening to the possibilities for service and the opportunity for a profession that this degree offers.

Interested persons may write to: Elder Marion Kidder, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA. 01561, or write to the Director of Admissions at the same address, or call toll free, 1-800-AUC-2030; in Massachusetts, 1-800-325-0099.

Ruth Brand
Former AUC Publicity Coordinator

The long-awaited day had finally arrived. Feeling a mixture of both sadness and relief, I kissed my younger son, Caleb, goodbye as he left for his first day of school. At last I would have some time for myself! Two days hadn't passed, however, before the reality of my situation hit home. The boys had 12 years of school ahead of them; Phil had his profession as a minister to pursue, but what about me? True, there was plenty to fill my time. I needed to bake bread, clean the basement and straighten my desk drawers. The community service ladies wanted me to help sort clothes. The flowers for the communion table needed arranging, the school fund raiser cried for my attention, and there were ten people expected for Sabbath dinner. I loved all these tasks as a mother and a minister's wife, but in my moments of honesty I had to admit I wanted to be a professional, too!

But a professional what? A nurse, teacher, business woman? These careers really held no appeal for me. I wasn't interested in anything but being in the gospel ministry. I liked sharing my faith, counseling, teaching Sabbath school, organizing banquets and weddings.

I had to admit, however, I did not want to be the church's greatest volunteer for the rest of my life. I wanted to be a professional, a specialist in ministry, a person trained and paid for my contribution.

Fearfully, but prompted by the still, small voice of God, I applied to the Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College to finish my bachelor's degree. But what would I take? In casual conversation with church members and friends I considered majoring in religion, but strictly for personal enrichment. In my own mind, however, I knew I was searching for my place as a profes-

sional in God's work. In January of 1984 I left for my first two-week session at AUC. I was very excited and very scared. It wasn't long before I met my professors. One of them, Marion Kidder of the Personal Ministries program, made a special impression by something he said during the first week. "We're looking for men and women who want to be professionals in ministry," he said. "We're looking for people who want to be personal evangelists. We're looking for a new breed of Bible worker, a person trained in biblical studies, theology, counseling, and personal evangelism. You might think about it."

Think about it! I didn't need to. Clearly God had led me to AUC and the Personal Ministries program. Over the course of the next two and one half years, my custom-designed curriculum included writing ten major papers on biblical and theological topics, a study trip to Israel, three months of Clinical Pastor Training (CPT), and homiletics. There was a lot of hands-on field work at home, too. I preached five sermons in our district and participated in several ongoing Bible studies.

Graduation came in July of 1986. By then I already had been on the job five months as a Bible Instructor in our district back in New Hampshire. The Lord had been guiding all along. The highlight of my experience came in August of that same summer when my husband baptized two of the women with whom I had been studying.

I now know that God does call women to ministry. He has called me just as clearly as He has called my husband. I would encourage other pastors' wives to dare to believe that God might be calling them, too.

Brenda Johnson

Hungarian Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Hungarian church commemorated 75 years of growth and service in Manhattan on May 16.

Joining with New York Hungarian members for the all-day celebration held at the New York Hungarian Reformed Church were members of their sister congregation in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Elder Imre Petrik, pastor of the New York-New Jersey district, lead out in the day's activities, with Bible worker Sarolta Dreschsler coordinating. Elder Igor Botansky, former pastor of the New Jersey Hungarian church, participated in the services, along with the choir of the Cleveland (Ohio)

Hungarian church, where he presently pastors. The New York Hungarian church choir also provided special music.

Speakers featured throughout the day included Elder Merlin Kretschmar, president of Greater New York Conference; Elder Robert W. Boggess, president of the New Jersey Conference; Elder John McFarlane, ministerial director of the Southwestern Union Conference; and Elder Igor Botansky. Also present and introduced to the congregation were local Hungarian pastors of other faiths.



Elder Merlin Kretschmar (left) speaking for the eleven o'clock service of the Hungarian anniversary celebration. Elder Imre Petrik served as translator.



The New York Hungarian church choir provided special music, along with the choir of the Cleveland (Ohio) Hungarian church, and numerous individual numbers.

The joyous celebration was further enriched by many excellent musical numbers, joyous prayers and fellowship. A luncheon buffet was served, and refreshments provided at the close of the day.

As aspects of the history of the congregation and its faithful witness through Hungarian newspaper columns and in radio programs were noted, leaders praised God for His leading in the work among Hungarians in the United States. A written history of the church closes with a forward look that sums up the thrust of the 75th anniversary celebration: "While learning from the past, we will continue our service to Hungarians in America and around the world with thankfulness in our hearts toward God."

Multiple Baptisms Held

Latest reports from churches in Greater New York Conference indicate that at least 69 persons have been baptized recently. The Manhattan church members are rejoicing that James Beckles, John Nayyer, Jose Quinones, and Tomas and Grace Yearbi who met Jesus during a Revelation Seminar conducted by local elder Herb Pohlka a lay evangelist from Living Springs

assisted by his fiancée Nora Arias and Pastor Gerald Mattenson were baptized.

Members from the Korean New York and Korean Pearl River churches gathered at upstate Seven Lake at the beginning of the summer for a baptismal service.

Among the candidates were Jong Chul Hong, Korean consul, his wife and three children. An Adventist

pastor in Korea had helped make the initial contact with Brother Hong by calling an Adventist friend in the area and making him aware that the Hong's were nearby. Through the friend, the consul received phone numbers for Pastor Bong Ho Kim former pastor of Korean Pearl River church, and Pastor Shin. Pastor Kim studied with the Hong family one month before his transfer to Detroit,

and Pastor Shin continued the studies for seven months prior to the baptism.

It is cause for rejoicing as four young people who have studied under the leadership of Pastor William Broadwell of the Middletown church were recently baptized having accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. Those baptized were Laura DeCarValho, Keane Tugman, Tashan Gilliam and Jerry Hill, three of whom attend the Middletown church school. All four of the young people are continuing studies to further understand their relationship with Christ.

A baptism of 18 precious souls and a Bible course graduation service were celebrated at the University Hispanic church in the Bronx. There were 103 students who completed the "Fe de Jesus" (Faith of Jesus) course. Among the baptismal candidates was Karina Murillo, an eleven-year-old girl who is deaf and mute.

Thirteen teams of University church members conducted simultaneous Revelation Seminars with initial results of 21 baptisms. One baptismal service per month is tentatively scheduled as follow-up work continues.

Five persons were baptized in a spring service at the Ebenezer church in Brooklyn, by Pastor Mattahais Patrick. Immediately following, Pastor Patrick launched a crusade that involved a sizeable army of church members as ushers and Bible Workers, with prayer bands, and other support personnel. The nightly meeting included films, health lectures as well as music and preaching. God blessed mightily and 21 precious souls gave their hearts to the Lord in baptism.

Let us all continue to press on faithfully as we look forward to a rich harvest of souls for Jesus.



Pastor Gerald Mattenson (left) and local elder Herb Poholka (right) a lay evangelist from Living Springs with two of the persons baptized, Tomas Yearbi (second left) and Jose Quinones.



Ricardo Torres, assistant pastor of the Central Manhattan Hispanic church baptizes Karina Murillo who is deaf and mute. She expressed her joyful hope that she will one day "talk with Jesus."



Pastor Broadwell with Jerry Hill on baptismal Sabbath as Jerry's mother, Mrs. Brenda Hill, looks on.



Pastor Abel Rosario with baptismal candidate and Pathfinder, Luz Denise Marin.



Some of the 16 persons baptized from the Korean New York and Korean Pearl River churches with two local elders (standing, back row) and district pastor, Elder Woo Kyun Shin (last row, center).

New Pastor at Pearl River Church

Recently the Pearl River Korean church welcomed a new pastor to lead the congregation in its renewed efforts to evangelize the Korean community in the upper New Jersey and Rockland County areas.

Pastor Hyung Bok Choi, who succeeded Pastor Bong Ho Kim, came from Brazil where he had been sent by the Korean Union Conference to serve as a missionary for the past six years. Prior to his work in Brazil, Pastor Choi served in ordained ministry for fifteen years while also devoting time and energy for many years to a broadcast ministry.

The members and leaders of the Pearl River Korean church believe that Pastor Choi's experience in media will be a real blessing in spreading the Gospel through Korean television programs and newspapers to the many Koreans living in the New York metropolitan area.

Pastor Choi and his wife, Mrs. Moon Ja Choi, have three children: Eun Suk, Eun Joo and Eun Kwan, and currently reside in New City.

Brian B. Chung

Communication Secretary



The Choi Family who will be leading in the work of the Pearl River, New York, Korean church.

VOP Visits Queens and the Bronx

Pastor and Mrs. Gordon Henderson of the Voice of Prophecy radio program visited Flushing church.

The Hendersons were in the New York City area with VOP speaker, Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., and other team members for weekend crusades conducted in the Jackson Heights and Grand Concourse churches.

Rosemarie Petschauer
Communication Secretary

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New York

Spiritual Gifts Seminar and Baptism at Cortland

Twenty-five members of the Cortland church participated enthusiastically in a Spiritual Gifts Seminar presented by Pastor Edmund Robinson, Blanche Yates, and Ronald Gadsden from the Elmira district.

Our church members were both thrilled and inspired in discovering their various temperaments and spiritual gifts potential. At the end of the seminar, they all dedicated their lives and gifts to a fully surrendered service for their Master and Lord.

On Sabbath morning, after a rousing sermon by Pastor Robinson, Pastor Stavenhagen baptized three



Left to right are Rebecca Brown, David Hawley, and Hans Hurlbutt who were baptized by Pastor Stavenhagen (right).

precious souls in the name of the triune God and into the fellowship of the church. Our three new members are David Hawley, whose first contact with the church came through the Voice of Prophecy and Rebecca Brown and Hans Hurlbutt, whose first decisions toward baptism were made at Pastor Mike Ortel's meetings at Camp Cherokee last year.

The seminar will be remembered as a spiritual feast and highlight in our church year, with the seed of the Word sown then, bearing precious fruit now to the glory of God.

Pastor Werner Stavenhagen

Birthday For New York State Adventists

The Roosevelt church will host special commemorative services on Sabbath, October 24. It was here that the New York Conference was organized on October 25, 1862, 125 years ago.

The organization was first known as the New York-Pennsylvania Conference since all churches in both states were included.

Present to help celebrate this milestone event will be Philip Follett,

Atlantic Union Conference President; Shirley Burton, General Conference Associate Communication Director; Merlin Kretschmar, Greater New York Conference President; Leonard Newton, Northeastern Conference President; Jerry Page, Pennsylvania Conference President; and the writer. Stories of development from the early days of the movement in this two-state area will be thrilling indeed! There will be special music

from Union Springs Academy.

Pastor Michael Sady and the Roosevelt members have recently refurbished the original church structure and have added a new addition which is connected by a breezeway to the original church.

Services will commence at 9:15 a.m. and continue through midafternoon. Visitors are asked to bring lunches and folding chairs.

Norman L. Doss, *President*



The Roosevelt church as it appeared in 1958 during its centenary services.



The historic pulpit from which Ellen White spoke on various occasions and where she was given visions.

Cornell Students at Ithaca SDA Church

The first time I heard from Bralee Chindapol she had just arrived on the Cornell Campus to begin her Masters program in Communications. She felt very homesick for her family in Thailand.

Before leaving home, Bralee had been baptized in our Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bangkok. Now, in her loneliness in a strange country, Bralee longed to be with members of her own faith on that first Sabbath. How happy she was to learn, through Cornell United Religious Works, that there was a Seventh-day Adventist Ministry Group on campus as well as an Adventist Student Fellowship Association that met every Sabbath evening in Anabel



Cornell University students from Thailand, Bralee Chindapol (left) and Wanchai Roujanavong.

Taylor Hall. She was delighted when I picked her up and brought her to our Ithaca church for the services. At our weekly Sabbath luncheons at the church, she became acquainted with fellow SDA students and members. What a beautiful relationship developed!

It wasn't long before Bralee had persuaded a new student (also from Thailand), Wanchai Roujanavong, to attend our Friday evening and Sabbath meetings with her. I remarked to her that he seemed very interested. "Oh yes," she replied. "I am studying the Bible with him and I pray very much that he will become a Christian!" He especially enjoyed the Bible discussions presented by

Pastor Werner Stavenhagen at the Sabbath evening student meetings and attended with Bralee regularly.

Eventually God's Holy Spirit led Wanchai to a complete acceptance of our beloved faith. He received his Masters Degree in Law and returned to Thailand this spring. There he attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bangkok and met Bralee's parents. He was baptized there on April 18, 1987. Since his return to

Thailand, Wanchai has been in regular contact with Bralee and asked her to pray that the Lord would open up a position for him in an area where there would be a Seventh-day Adventist Church. As always, our Lord has opened the door. Wanchai has accepted a position as District Prosecutor in the Province of Ubon-Ratchathani—where there *is* an Adventist Church!

The sincere Christian witness that

Bralee gave to Wanchai and her other fellow students has borne precious fruit for the Kingdom. The members of the Ithaca church are indeed privileged to be able to provide loving support to our Cornell students far from home, sometimes lonely, and often searching for salvation.

Esther Spielman
Communication Secretary

Northern New England

Bell Ringers' Tour Brings Many Blessings

Pine Tree Academy music teacher Doris Krueger for the second time has taken the Bell Ringers on a tour to South America. She can relate story after story of divine miracles, remarkable encounters with God's people and of appearances before au-

diences of all ages including the well-coiffed and elegantly attired from a vast spectrum of humanity in another continent.

Fund raising through various means was the sole source for making the trip a reality. With details of legal

entry and transit papers in order, the 16-member tour group left Kennedy Airport, New York, by 747 Pan Am jet. Ten hours later the plane touched down in beautiful Rio de Janeiro where they would spend three days.

A highlight of the trip was an ap-



The sixteen-member tour group in Rio de Janeiro: (L. to R.). Front Row: Tammie Van Arsdale, Doris Krueger, LeeAnne Sargent, Shannon Ganter, Rebecca Frost, Autumn Kalvoda, Pamela Quittmeyer. Second Row: Delores MacDonald, Andrew Lay, Sean Parker, Brendan Krueger. Third Row: Joan MacDonald, Eric Henrickson. Back Row: Brad Krueger, Michael Cushing, Benji Herrera. (Christ the Redeemer in the background).



Pine Tree Academy Bell Ringers (L. to R.): Front Row: Shannon Ganter, Doris Krueger (director), Pamela Quittmeyer. Second Row: Eric Henrickson, LeeAnne Sargent, Autumn Kalvoda, Sean Parker. Back Row: Tammie Van Arsdale, Andrew Lay, Rebecca Frost, Michael Cushing.

pearance before heavily guarded Paraguayan President Alfredo Stroessner who, for security reasons, arrived at the concert hall at an unknown time. Instead of remaining his usual five minutes he stayed for the entire concert and afterwards granted an audience to Paraguay Mission President David Vanenzuela. One of the bell numbers played was Pajaro Campana (The Bell Bird) an arrangement of a Paraguayan folk song specifically arranged for Mrs. Krueger by Ellen Jane Lorenz Porter, one of the foremost of composers and arrangers for handbells in the United States.

The remainder of their trip was spent in Argentina where they played in churches, cathedrals, parks, a hospital, an orphanage, schools, and concert halls as well as on television shows and radio programs.

The goodwill tour ended at Northern New England Camp Meeting

where the group was welcomed by a large number of waiting well-wishers at the entrance of PTA.

An interesting note is that among the letters recently received from South America is one to Mrs. Krueger from Bruno A. Raso, Director of Communications for the Buenos Aires Conference, which reads in part, "We want to express our gratitude for your professionalism, your artistic quality, your warmth, your deportment, your Christian testimony. The message of music, your facial expression, your testimony brought about a positive image of the church among the upper class that is difficult to reach. Our sincere appreciation to you and the group of students for your sacrifice and good disposition." (Translated by Olga Herrera, PTA Spanish teacher)

In How Many Hours Can You Knit a Small Sweater?



Mrs. Susan Marston (right), Director of the Portland, Maine, Community Services Center, and Mrs. Terena Holt, are holding a box of 50 knitted children's sweaters bound for overseas. They are standing in front of the Portland Center building.

Announcing the Year's Best Story

They're All Dead, Aren't They was author Joy Swift's anguished question to ambulance attendants outside her home that fateful fall evening. Only hours before they had been a happy family. Now the children had been destroyed by two violent young men.

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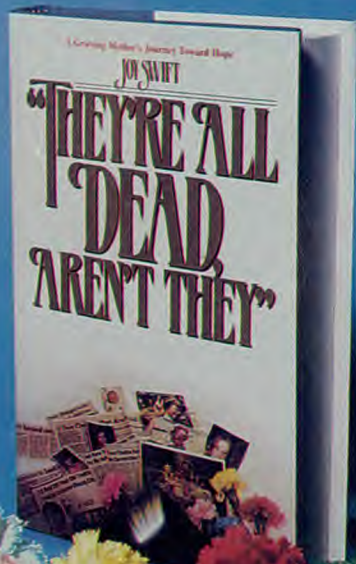
They're All Dead, Aren't They is being acclaimed across North America as one of the decade's best stories. George Vandeman writes, "I don't know when I have been more deeply moved by anyone's testimony." Author June Strong said, "The reader walks with her a dark path, breaking finally into the sunlight of hope and truth through Jesus Christ. It is an astonishing journey." And Joy's pastor, Wilbur Burton, says, "Joy Swift has one of the most heart-rending, gripping stories I have ever encountered."

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Pawtucket Church Anniversary—"A Time to Remember"

Members of the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, church celebrated the 25th anniversary of their church building at 1000 Smithfield Avenue in Lincoln, Rhode Island, on May 16. Elder Floyd Hilliard, pastor of the church from 1958 to 1965, preached the Sabbath morning sermon. Elder Hilliard and his wife Claudia traveled from Oroville, California, where they are living in retirement, for this occasion. Elder Hilliard served for 35 years in the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Before the worship service, a special program entitled "Time to Remember" was presented by Elder John Cameron, pastor of the Pawtucket church since 1978, and various members who recalled interesting events in the history of the church.

Also attending were former pastors Victor W. Collins of Sterling, Massachusetts (1939-1943), Joseph Damazo

of Frederick, Maryland (1953-1958), and W. H. Johnson of North Providence, Rhode Island (1972-1977). Elders Stanley Steiner and Charles Klatt from the Southern New England Conference were also present, as well as Dr. L. A. Senseman, former Medical Director of Fuller Memorial Hospital.

After a meal was served to over 200 members and guests in attendance, everyone enjoyed an afternoon musical program, coordinated by Don and Orletta Dealy. A choir under the direction of Orletta Dealy and guest conductor Reynir Gudmundson sang several selections. Elder Joseph Melashenko, formerly an evangelist with the Voice of Prophecy, also sang several songs. Many other musical numbers were presented throughout the day by former and present members of the church.

The day's activities were coordinated by a planning committee,

under the leadership of Gertrude Edmondson, who had worked for months to arrange this special event.

The Pawtucket Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized on October 15, 1898, with eight charter members. In 1912 when the membership had reached 55, a church was built on Central Avenue in Pawtucket which was used for the next fifty years. By the 1950's the congregation had grown to 130, and a larger building was needed.

Construction on the present building was started in 1961 under the direction of contractor George Edmondson, a member of the church. The first services in the new building were held on May 19, 1962; and after the mortgage was paid, the church was dedicated on October 31, 1970. The current membership of the church is 212.

Aare Ilves
Communication Secretary

New Leominster Spanish Pastor

We are happy to welcome to our conference worker family Elder and Mrs. Francisco Ramos. He is serving as pastor of the Leominster Spanish church and conference co-ordinator of the Medical Cadet Corps program among the Spanish churches.

Elder Ramos is a native of Puerto Rico and a graduate of Atlantic Union College class of 1966. He received a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Andrews University in 1987. During the interval he worked in the Greater New York conference as pastor and associate metro evangelist for the Atlantic Union Conference. In 1974 he returned to Puerto Rico where he was youth director and later president in the East Puerto Rico Conference and then youth director of the Antillian Union Conference.

His wife is the former Paula Lopez



Elder Francisco Ramos, new pastor of the Leominster Spanish Church, and his family.

who is also from Puerto Rico. They were married in 1969 in New York City. She is an alumna of Atlantic Union College. They have four children, Michele, 15; Francine, 13; and twin boys, Francisco, Jr., and Pedro Francisco, 4. Our prayers and best wishes are with Brother Ramos as he leads his flock in service for God.

Kelly Family Baptized



The Kelly family's baptism was held at Camp Winnekeag recently. Thomas Kelly, Sr., and his wife Mary were baptized by Elder Robert Banks and Thomas, Jr., was baptized by Elder Ron Rockey. They are members of the Lawrence, Massachusetts, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sabbath School Council Training Seminar

Training to an athlete is constant practice. Training to a school teacher is summer classes. Training to the Sabbath school worker is the Sabbath School Workshop and other special seminars.

The Sabbath School Council Training Seminar, November 6 to 8, will be a special time set apart for Sabbath school workers to come together from all over the conference to listen and learn from experts, and share ideas and plans with each other. All Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Secretaries, Adult Teachers, Youth, Earliteen/Junior, Primary, Kindergarten, and Cradle Roll leaders and teachers are invited.

The Seminar will be a Spirit-filled weekend with inspiration and instruction for all. Each group will meet with the guest instructor for the entire weekend. Elder Ron Watts, *Celebration* editor, for the Superintendents and Secretaries; Elder C. L. Brooks, General Conference Church Ministries Department, for the Adult Teachers; Elder Rick Aldridge for the Youth, Earliteen/Juniors; Dr. Donna Habenicht, Andrews University, for the Primary, Kindergarten and Cradle Roll.

Plan now to attend with as many Sabbath school officers from your church as possible. The church might want to sponsor 2 or 3 people.

Turf Change for Boston Van

The Boston van has been asked to move from Park Street to Boylston Street on the 48-acre Boston Common.

How encouraging to see people flock to the van, asking the workers for blood pressure screening, health literature and what Seventh-day Adventists believe. How different to have people come to us when we usually are searching for them. How long will these doors be open near the Boston State House? If you would like to help, contact: Boston Van Ministry, Box 1600 GMF, Boston, MA 02205.



Receptionist volunteer Lillian Hauck and her Indian Bible study interest Dorcas with a client for blood pressure screening.

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Leora DeWitt
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Registration 6:30 p.m.
Vespers 7:30 p.m.
Susan & Steve Zork
Sabbath; Oct. 10
SS 9:30 a.m.
Church 11:00 a.m.
Speaker, H. Dean Kinsey
Vespers 5:30 p.m.
Alumni Talent Program
8:00 p.m. Machlan Aud.
Sun. Oct. 11
Alumni Basketball Game
8:30 a.m. SLA Gym
All events in College Church except
where indicated.
Honor classes: 1937, 1947, 1957,
1962, 1967, 1972, 1977

GBA Alumni Homecoming Weekend

Oct. 16 & 17
Speakers Dr. Eugene Gascay '49
Dr. John Grayson '60
Headmaster Emeritus
Richard Hammond

ATLANTIC UNION

"The Book of Revelation"

An oratorio covering entire book
Premier performance
Sun; Nov. 15
Carnegie Hall, NYC
Details: Communication Dept.
Gr. NY Conf., PO Box 1029
Manhasset, NY 11030
See full announcement this page.

Church Ministries Congress

for Youth & Young Adults
May 5-8, 1988
Springfield, MA

Update

● **POWER TO COPE** Cable TV program has added a new station in New York City and now can be seen on seven stations in metropolitan New York as well as in the U.S.

● **IT IS WRITTEN** may now be seen in New York City on Channel 68 WHSE. Better known as "The Home Shopping Network," Channel 68 will carry Pastor George Vandeman's weekly messages each Sunday morning at 9:30.

● Groundbreaking ceremonies were held August 14, 1987, for the new Greater Albany church located adjacent to the Tri City Junior Academy in Cohoes, NY. Elder Norman Doss, conference president, and Pastor Ivan Blake wielded shovels along with the town supervisor for Colonie and the building contractor.

● New York Conference held its first K-12 inservice meeting this fall at Camp Cherokee. It brought together elementary and secondary teachers for the first time for planning and discussion as well as for instruction. Paul Kilgore, Atlantic Union director of education, was the speaker.

● Following the typhoon in Korea, an offering was taken in the New York Korean church in Long Island City on August 8. \$1,868 was received to aid typhoon victims. Pastor Woo Kyun Shin channeled the money through a Korean newspaper in New York City.

Announcement

"Book of Revelation" Oratorio Scheduled in NYC November 15—"The Book of Revelation," an oratorio covering the entire book, will have its premier performance on Sunday, November 15, at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Composed by Loris Tjcknavorian, a Christian who is strongly convicted by the message of Revelation, the work will be conducted by him, with the American Symphony Orchestra, four soloists, a 100-voice mixed choir and 12 extra percussion players to be positioned around the hall.

The November 15 performance of the oratorio, which has involved 10 years' research and work by the composer, will be offered in two concerts on that day, with the first beginning at 2:00 p.m. and a 1½-hour interval before the second concert, which will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. The King James Version is the basis of the oratorio, which presents the book's message without interpreting it or changing it except to place texts in the present tense.

Tjcknavorian has composed a briefer oratorio on the life of Christ, which has been performed in Europe and the U.S., and he has plans to compose two more works on biblical material: one on the book of Genesis and one on Exodus.

Seating capacity of Carnegie Hall is 2,800. For further details, contact the Communication Department, Greater New York Conference, P.O. Box 1029, Manhasset NY 11030.

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Bangor, ME	6:16	6:04	5:51	5:39	5:29
Portland, ME	6:23	6:10	5:58	5:47	5:37
Boston, MA	6:27	6:15	6:03	5:52	5:42
So. Lancaster, MA	6:31	6:19	6:07	5:57	5:47
Pittsfield, MA	6:35	6:23	6:12	6:01	5:51
Hartford, CT	6:33	6:21	6:10	5:59	5:50
New York, NY	6:39	6:27	6:16	6:06	5:57
Utica, NY	6:43	6:31	6:19	6:08	5:58
Syracuse, NY	6:47	6:34	6:23	6:12	6:01
Rochester, NY	6:53	6:40	6:28	6:17	6:07
Buffalo, NY	6:58	6:45	6:34	6:23	6:13
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	6:03	5:54	5:46	5:38	5:31

Add one minute for each thirteen miles west.
Subtract one minute for each thirteen miles east.

Out of Union

Andrews Academy Alumni Homecoming—Oct. 16 & 17. Honor classes: 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958, 1963, 1968, and 1978. Information: (616) 471-3138

Campion Academy Alumni Homecoming—Oct. 23 & 24. Honor classes: 1947, 1962, 1977, 1987. Send name and current address for Alumni Newsletter: Alumni Association, 42nd & Academy Dr., Loveland, CO 80537. Also need to update mailing list, so send current address.

Southern (Missionary) College Broom Shop Reunion—Oct. 30 during Alumni Homecoming. Sticher, buncher, pickers, shippers, all others who worked for the broom shop. Information: call or write (615) 238-2830; Southern College Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315.

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