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### About Our Cover Photo

Judy Wright of St. Johnsbury, VT has captured the feel of a bright November day complete with a weather-beaten barn, the old wagon wheel now out of service, and the shock of corn. She used a Konica Autoreflex TC camera with Kodachrome 64 film to produce this intriguing fall picture. She enjoys the out-of-doors whether it's the ocean, gardening, or drives on old back roads. Her picture received Honorable Mention in the 1990-91 Gleaner Cover Photo Contest.

# DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU GIVE?

**I**t was the month of March when a wealthy Adventist businessman came into my office and handed me a check with his tithe as estimated for the entire year. The year had begun only three months earlier, and he had not seen the benefits of his labor. Why did he do this? Moreover, what moves an individual that is selfish by nature to respond to the needs of the church or of other people? What are the consequences of his actions? At least five elements play a part in the conviction of such a person:

1. **Ownership.** Ownership is a right inherent to a Creator responsible for bringing into existence everything in the planet (Gen. 1:1; 1:27; Ps. 24:1; Col. 1:16). These ownership rights are twofold, since we are also His by virtue of the work of redemption of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 6:16-18). Nevertheless, He gives us the power to enjoy riches (Eccl. 5:19) and the power to share our abilities and resources (1 Chron. 29:14). God has been, God is, and God will always be the Creator and life giver of the universe. As such, He is the sole rightful owner of heaven and earth. As a consequence, man never has been, is not, and never will be an owner.

2. **Management** as a delegated function, empowers the individual to serve on behalf of the owner(s), and in accordance with the parameters and privileges he designates. As dominion was given them, Adam and Eve were reminded of the ownership rights of their Creator who declared the tree of knowledge out of their realm of action (Gen. 2:16, 17).

Entrusted with resources, endowed with abilities, and given a span of time to function, man and woman came into existence after all other creative acts had taken place. (Gen. 1:26). Made responsible for all other creation as symbolized by their being placed in charge of the Garden of Eden, they were made managers of the world.

How clearly should we keep in mind that what we possess is ours only in trust, and that it will eventually be claimed by the Creator and Redeemer of our lives (Matt. 25:14-30).

3. **Relationship.** This may well be the most important element of the five, because without a living relationship with

God, none of the other preceding concepts will have an effect on the believer. It is God's desire to establish a relationship that will deepen a sense of belonging in us and will draw us to Him. It is by the work of the Holy Spirit, and as spiritual growth takes place that the bond between the human and the divine becomes stronger, and we participate with the Divine (2 Peter 1:4). As initiator and culminator of such a tie (Gen. 3:8,9; Ex. 25:8; Heb. 12:2), and as the will is surrendered constantly to God's influence, communion and friendship between the two grow even deeper, and Jesus is really made LORD in our lives (John 15:1; 1 John 4:15).

It is made clear by E. G. White that spiritual prosperity correlates with Christian liberality. As she expresses it in "Counsels on Stewardship," p. 49, "Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality." This means that if we are prosperous Christians, by maintaining an open channel of communication with God, we will be givers, and more than givers, we will be cheerful givers (2 Cor. 9:7).

4. **Motive.** Why we give is more important than the gift, since the essential point is not the gift but the giver. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses added very few new elements not already mentioned and expanded in his earlier writings in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. Why then was this book, repetitious in form, written during the last year of the author's life, if the purpose is just to repeat the laws, counsels, and ordinances? The answer is made evident in the following texts: Deut. 6:5; 7:7,8; 10:12,13; 11:1,13; 30:6,15,16. Obedience is to be only by love. In this light, the book of Deuteronomy responds to why we do things and may well be called the book of motive.

When the believer is properly and purely motivated by the love of Christ planted in the heart by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:8), that person is willing to be committed to a Christian lifestyle. Obedience is easier because life has deeper meaning and sharing in service is more joyful. As Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "If a man hasn't found something he will die for, he isn't fit to live." The motive of our giving makes our gift of real value.



5. **Character.** Money is often the acid test of our Christianity. In fact, our treatment of money may well be the most decisive test of our character. Human needs and wants are unending, and range from the most basic physiological ones to unimaginable desires for self-fulfillment. Giving or sharing of our abilities and resources are contrary to our natural desires. As E. G. White indicates in "Steps to Christ," p. 17, when man sinned "selfishness took the place of love." Giving shows what our priorities are as well as the depth of our convictions. In fact, the primary reason we ought to give tithes, offerings, and/or other gifts to the church is not to maintain the financial viability of God's work, but to exercise our love for Him and to develop the relationship of faith and trust with Him. The financial benefit to His church, (Lev. 17:5-9; Mal. 3:10; Eph. 3:10) however biblical, vital and important comes only second to the relationship between the believer and Jesus and to his growth in character.

The reason the Adventist businessman in the story decided to give as he did, was simply because he responded to the persuasive voice of the Lord. Won't you allow that voice to speak to you, too?

Try this short quiz for your own edification:

1. T F God has made us stewards of His goods on earth to test us in order to make us owners of His eternal riches.

2. T F The main reason to return tithes and to give offerings is to finance God's cause on earth.

3. T F The blessing does not come because we give, but because we love.

Answers: 1. F, 2. F, 3. T.

For further study, I recommend the book "Discoveries in Partnership" by Marvin Moore and L. E. Froom, available through the ABC.

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PASTOR REESTABLISHES ADVENTISM IN CAMBODIA

**P**astor Thy San Sam of the Cambodian S.D.A. Church in Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A., spent all of his annual leave and even took some extra leave without salary to come to Cambodia. A convert from the refugee camps in Thailand in the early 1980's, he has served as pastor of the Lowell Cambodian Church for the past two years.

Beginning with his own relatives and relatives of American Cambodian Adventists, Pastor Sam was able to have a home service with sixteen interested people the day after his arrival. Three of these were Adventists, including a layman returned from the refugee camps, Sokhai Pov, and ADRA Cambodia director, Charles Tidwell.

Pastor Sam brought in a supply of Khmer Bibles and other literature, and he used these in contacting people, holding studies in their homes and inviting them to come for studies in his hotel room. The second Sabbath he was in Phnom Penh, twenty-one people came for a quiet service in the hotel. A few of these were Christian, but the majority are Buddhists.



Adventists meet in hotel in Cambodia. Pastor Thy San Sam is in the center kneeling.

The services continued in the hotel for all of the five Sabbaths until he returned to the States on September 16. It is anticipated that the interests he has made will result in a number of baptisms soon and in the establishment of an Adventist church in Cambodia, the first since the troubles started in that country almost 20 years ago.

Charles H. Tidwell, Director ADRA Cambodia

Each month the Atlantic Union Gleaner will feature the various activities and events the conferences, institutions, organizations, churches, and members are participating in to reach "people groups" who must hear the Gospel and the hope of Christ's soon return. Let us pray, share, and give.



# FOLLOWING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE ...

## SERVING ALL PEOPLE

by Noah Bombard

**W**hat is a Humanitas Volunteer and what does one do? Four of these volunteers (formerly called Student Missionaries) have returned to A.U.C. from overseas this year. Lilla Zuill, Kathy Suckert, Ann Sturtevant, and Esther Sanchez sum up their experience in one word—“service.” In listening to them tell of their experiences we can better appreciate the diversity of jobs that fall under the title missionary.

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Bangkok, Thailand, where she taught English to students anywhere from four to sixty years old. “I was surprised that it wasn’t as primitive as I had pictured,” said Lilla. “As I drove from the airport to the mission I saw Pizza Hut and McDonald’s and regular cars and billboards. I was expecting to really leave

civilization but it wasn’t like that at all.”

Bangkok is a crowded city made up of mostly Buddhists and

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— Ann Sturtevant

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Hindus with a very small Christian influence. Although the people are not generally interested in hearing the gospel, they will come to religious meetings to learn English. “It’s sad,” says Lilla, “yet if we didn’t offer it as a free time to learn English they wouldn’t come.”

Though religious barriers often prevent outright evangelism, in countries like Thailand, sometimes people like Lilla can be more of a witness through their work. She would teach children English by playing with them and teaching them songs. Adults presented a challenge, as the same methods would not work as well.

The one thing that every volunteer faces when going to a strange land is being a foreigner. “Though there are many foreigners [there], when I first arrived I really felt like one,” Lilla says.

Being a student volunteer can be a tremendous encouragement to one’s faith, yet often many think that your spirituality will come from the mission experience. “You think about going as a student volunteer,” Lilla states, “and you get over there and you’re even busier than before. Going over will not guarantee you a closer walk with God. You have to bring some of that with you.”

Unlike Thailand, Palau has a large percentage of Christians. It is here that Kathy Suckert chose to go. Working as a librarian, she was required to do very little teaching. In a country made up of various Christian religions, the people were accepting of evangelism. “We’d get in a truck or van and we would go out and

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Kathy Suckert

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share the Bible with people,” explained Kathy. “They were really receptive and glad to talk with us.”





*Lilli Zuill with her Taiwanese and Thai students in children's class.*

Kathy found that the more she interacted with the people, the friendlier they became. In Palau, as in many places around the world, Seventh-day Adventist schools are held in high regard. "The people felt uncomfortable having an American walk through a Palauan home," said Kathy, "but when it was explained that I worked at the school, there was no problem, because they thought of the school as very important."

Ann Sturtevant, a nursing major at A.U.C., decided to do something quite different from the other students. Her call took

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*—Esther Sanchez*

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her to Crieff, Scotland, where she worked as a nurse's assistant in a nursing home. Her work lasted seven hours a day and consisted of taking care of patients and planning programs for them.

After work hours she would spend time hiking in the mountains or traveling with an orchestra she joined in a nearby city.

Without a large community of Adventists nearby, Ann found that getting out and meeting people on her own was a key to making friends. "That's the part of my job that bothered me," she explained. "I had to work most weekends and that was when most of the social activities took place."

After finishing her year in Scotland, Ann, who already has an associate degree, is now continuing her nursing education at A.U.C.

Esther Sanchez, heading toward the Adventist school where she was to teach in Ecuador, describes her first impressions: "As we began to ride up into the mountains, I thought, where in the world am I? I felt like I was really at the end of the earth."

The school at which Esther taught was located in Santo Domingo, a poverty-stricken part of Ecuador. Some families were fortunate enough to be able to send their children there. "Other children," Esther says, "worked hard themselves to pay the tuition."

"Often children in the streets would be hanging off my arms," she said. "There was one time, I walked out and there was this lady who had just given birth on the street and there was the baby right there on newspaper . . . I kept looking at her wondering, what can I do? How can I help her?"

At Christmastime Esther and her children went to other schools to give out clothing and toys. She asked her class to bring what they could. "Some of these kids were very poor, but everybody brought something." Together they washed, mended, and wrapped their presents. "Our kids were so excited," she says, "to watch these other

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children receive their first Christmas presents ever in their lives. When it came to helping people, I found the kids were very responsible."

Oddly enough, Esther does not consider herself to be a real missionary. "There was another teacher in an Indian village way up in the mountains, about my age, working voluntarily, who taught four or five grades all by herself. Now *that* woman I consider a real missionary!"

While there are many different ways that a volunteer functions, they all involve following Christ's example of serving people. Whether taking the gospel to those who have not heard, or as serving the community, here is an Example we can all follow.



# HUNDREDS ATTEND OAKVIEW SCHOOL INAUGURATION IN YONKERS

**A**cknowledging the quality education that children of Oakview Preparatory School will be receiving, Henry J. Spallone, Mayor of Yonkers, cited what they would learn of the things of God as vitally important in these troubled times.



*Conference Education Superintendent David Cadavero led in the dedication of the Oakview School faculty (l. to r.): Marlene Romeo - grades 1 and 2; Karohn Corrodus - grades 3 and 4; Helen Meade - principal and kindergarten teacher.*

Philip Sica, Trust Services and Church Development Director of Greater New York Conference (at microphone), led out in an impressive round of ceremonies formally inaugurating the school on Sunday, August 25. Between

four and five hundred persons turned out for festivities that began in the schoolyard with precision Pathfinder marching units. The Drum and Bugle Corps of the Christian Fellowship Adventist Church in Brooklyn led the way to flag-raising and ribbon-cutting ceremonies. At the latter, local officials including then Mayor Spallone, pledged supportiveness of the Yonkers City Council, and the Police, Fire and Building departments.

Sica introduced the new school to visiting civic leaders, clergymen, and community residents filling the school's large auditorium, as "the newest members of your community." The area-wide daily newspaper had already fanned community interest in Oakview with an earlier article detailing the school project; the paper sent a reporter/photographer to cover the inauguration as well.

Oakview's facility is a spacious, neighborhood building that served earlier as a Ukrainian parochial school. Ten Adventist churches in the north Bronx-lower Westchester County area sponsor the school and have overseen the extensive renova-

tions needed to render it attractive and functional. A planning committee met and worked for two years prior to the inauguration. H. Helen Meade is principal and Dorette Anderson is board chairperson. The school is located at 29 Chestnut Street in Yonkers. For information about enrollment in the elementary program, beginning with pre-kindergarten, or in the after-school program from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., call (914) 423-7369.



*Yonkers Mayor Henry J. Spallone holds scissors and ribbon aloft after officiating at the school's ribbon-cutting ceremony.*





# RN's, LPN's - ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ASDAN?

**A**dventist nurses so often raise such questions as: What can ASDAN do for me? Why should I join? What will I get out of it?

These same questions are often posed about other professional nursing organizations—not just the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses! Persons who belong to any group soon find that rewards are reaped by how much time, interest, and energy individuals are willing to put into it. They become a part of their organization. JOIN, become active in recruiting others, and learn more about your organization! The reasons for membership will soon be clear as you participate in your organization.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Believing that the Seventh-day Adventist nurse has a special role in the church and community in fulfilling the commission to aid in the restoration of man toward the image of God, the Association of Seventh-day Nurses is committed to nurture the professional and spiritual growth of Seventh-day Adventist nurses in their territory.*

Beginning late 1990, ground work was laid to make ASDAN a strong organization. You will see and hear more about this during 1991. The bonding of Adventist RNs and LPNs and sharing common goals and beliefs are special bonuses. We are unique wherever we work, live, or relax.

tion that can make our times together enriching and nurturing experiences. We truly need to draw from the enthusiasm and vital experiences of young, newly graduated nurses, as well as the more "seasoned" nurses. As you become more involved, you will also treasure the opportunities of the Annual Spiritual Retreat, local activities, the Forum newsletter, job opportunities, project participation, and the joy of making new friends and colleagues.

**SDA NURSES—PLAN NOW FOR THE 1992 ASDAN CONVENTION IN GEORGIA!** The retreat will be held at beautiful Cohutta Springs, Georgia, from April 23 through 26, 1992. The 1991 convention was held at



Three generations of nursing directors from Parkview Memorial Hospital in Brunswick, Maine, fellowship together at the annual retreat and business meeting at St. Paul, Minnesota, in June, 1991. The nurses are (L. to R.): Betty Estbrook, Gladys Snyder, and Mary Gimbel.



Enjoying lunch together (L. to R.): Mary Gimbel, Maine; Ann May Vaughn, Oregon, Missionary to China; Elizabeth Sterndale, Executive Director ASDAN, Maryland; and Janice Ramseier, Massachusetts.



Four Medford nurses met in Brunswick—Lois Cavanaugh and Dorothy Tauro from Massachusetts and Esther James and Inez Brown from Oregon.

Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from June 14 through 18. From the 15th through the 18th the ADSAN members joined with nine other North American Christian Nurses groups totaling over 500 nurses in attendance. The theme was "JESUS CHRIST - THE HOPE OF NURSING." The ASDAN meetings prior to joining our fellow Christian nurses were an excellent forerunner for the larger program. You missed a real spiritual feast if you were not there!!!

## INFORMATION

For more specific details on the retreat and/or information on applications for ASDAN membership, contact your Regional Coordinator for the Atlantic Union Conference known as Region I. Betty J. Appleby Estabrook, RN/BSNE, R.R.1, Box 479, W. Bath, ME 04530-9751, (207) 443-2850

Health concerns and needs are greater in this contemporary age than ever before. Challenges abound! Let's join, get acquainted, share our personal and professional experiences, learn from planned or formal presentations, and reap the benefits of being together.

Each Seventh-day Adventist nurse is very special and has much to offer others. Collectively, there is a wealth of informa-



# HAPPY WITH JESUS

## WOODSTOCK, MAINE VBS, '91

by Anne Dunham

**P**icture 130 eager, expectant children with smiling faces arriving early for registration, because they cannot wait to begin, they can hardly contain themselves. Our VBS was held from Sunday, July 28, to Sunday, August 4, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to enable working members (especially the men) to assist with VBS. We had forty people assisting, many who worked all day at their jobs, then came directly to assist with VBS.

Our very competent director, Gina Poland, had a dream that we might have a VBS that was not limited by age. Last year we had a grandfather who had stayed each evening while his

grandchildren had been there, and she thought, "Why not a VBS for adults, if they wished to wait for their children?" Pastor Cabana agreed to do a Bible Study for the adults, which he took from "Steps to Christ." This grandfather, his wife, and 91-year-old mother-in-law, who was in a wheelchair, came each night and attended along with two teenagers and about five church members who came for support. Our Cradle Roll consisting of babies with their mothers was a big hit. Many brought their little ones each night, the youngest being four months old.

Meet Toby, a 14-year-old, who requested to join the adult group

after one night with the juniors. He looked up texts eagerly and was just so interested in the adult study group. He later shared with us that the first time he had ever stepped foot inside a church was the first night that he came to VBS. He never missed a night. His three sisters attended also, and they are now all attending Sabbath School and church weekly. Toby has expressed a desire to learn more about Jesus. Please pray for him!

Each night, the first thing we had was a rousing song service conducted by Joan Cannuli, and it sounded like an angel choir! There were many rounds and children's songs. The children loved it, how they loved singing about Jesus, and they sang right out so beautifully! They also sang two specials for church on Sabbath, and some numbers for the closing program! What a sight, in the front of the church, with all the children and each worker up front, with their VBS tee-shirts on singing for Jesus!

Meet Amanda, the little six-year old who came in a body cast and wheelchair, attending every night and Sabbath. She was wheeled from building to building, and carried upstairs and down by the men, and states that VBS was the highlight of her summer! Her mother also attended (and helped) each time, also her grandmother. Last year Amanda and her two brothers attended VBS as a result of their mother reading the sign advertising VBS. Amanda's mother went home from VBS and told her mom about all of those loving, caring people down there, and her mother came to see what it was all about. Amanda's grandmother has taken some Bible studies, attended Sabbath School and church with us some,

### WHAT IF...

*WHAT IF . . . that little towheaded boy, or that little red-headed girl in the third row . . . WHAT IF . . . this is their only chance to get to know Jesus . . . maybe . . . just maybe, in their whole life? WHAT IF . . . this is the only week of their life that this opportunity will come? WHAT IF . . . the only time they will ever feel the touch of Jesus is through your hands . . . through your gentle touch, that extra special "hug"? WHAT IF . . . the only time they will ever hear His voice, is through your voice? Will they hear words of love and kindness, without hint of censure, harshness, or sternness . . . as you speak gentle words of love? WHAT IF . . . the only time they ever see the smile of Jesus is through your smile . . . your cheerfulness? WHAT IF . . . that little boy, with the mischief in his eyes, will only get a glimpse of Jesus, through your care and love, each moment that he is in your care? WHAT IF . . . this might be the only chance he would ever have? Can he see Him through you, through me? As he looks at us, what will he think of Jesus? COULD IT BE . . . the very first time some of these precious children have ever stepped inside of a church? Are we expecting them to act as though they had always been coming there? COULD IT BE . . . the first time ever that some of these jewels for Jesus have ever heard about Him? COULD IT BE . . . that He has sent them here to learn about Himself, through you, through me? Am I a true ambassador for Him? Observe the eagerness, the anticipation on their faces, the expectation. COULD IT BE . . . that they might never get to read a Bible, but they will read me? WHAT IF . . . the only impression their moms and dads get of Jesus is what they go home and report about what they saw of Him in me, in you, at Vacation Bible School? WHAT IF . . . that little dark-headed boy with the three missing front teeth, or that blond girl with the sparkling eyes, becomes so excited about Jesus, that they go home with this excitement? WHAT IF . . . their parents catch this spirit of excitement and just must come to the Woodstock Church . . . to find out what these loving, caring people are all about? WHAT IF . . .*

**Father**, speak through our lips, touch through our hands, give us the grace to show your love and caring each moment that these precious ones are in our care. Give us calmness, serenity, and strength. Thank you, Father. Amen!



and we are praying that she will join our fellowship soon. Amanda gave a "thank you" card to her "helpers" in which she had printed, "For my chauffeurs: Thanks for carrying me up and down and all around. Love, Amanda."

Each night following the song service, Winnie Hodson took a different segment of the Lord's Prayer and explained it to the children, then we all repeated it in unison. By the time it was over each child knew the Lord's Prayer and the meaning of it. Our Pastor told an animal story with a "happy with Jesus" theme, dolphins and chameleon, for example. Quite a few nights people from various professions came in to explain about their work. We had a fireman,, people from a rescue service and sheriff's department, a game warden, and nurse anesthetist. Each afternoon at 5:15, those workers who were not busy with registration or elsewhere met for a season of

vice altogether at the church. Afterwards they had a picnic lunch, followed by a Bible treasure hunt. They were very good about the disappointment of the promised llama not showing up, as he couldn't be caught



*Story time.*

that morning and was spitting!

Each person who attended VBS was given a VBS tee-shirt. The staff purchased their own. The color was California blue, and on the front is a picture of a smiling Jesus, with three children and the lettering, "Vacation Bible School" on top, and under the picture, "Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church." Picture, if you can, these bright, colorful tee-shirts as the children are all lined up marching from building to building, to their classes, crafts, etc. What a beautiful sight, and as they went home and told others and invited them, the attendance grew, each night it grew!

These tee-shirts are a miracle in themselves. Let me tell you of the miracle of the tee-shirts! Last year, when the decision was made to give every boy and girl a tee-shirt, Joan Cannuli was asked to draw a picture for the front of them. She was having trouble with her neck and back, which was affecting her arms and the coordination of her hands and fingers. She kept putting off the sketch, waiting to feel better, and the deadline for the promise of delivery from the company came and went. Her sketch was to have been picked up on a Friday, and she was flat in bed on Friday

and Sabbath. She was called and told it would be picked up on Sunday, and Sunday morning she got out of bed, assembled her paper, pens, et cetera, on the table and still could not lift a pen in her hand at this time. She bowed her head and prayed that God would draw the picture for her, that if He wanted the picture to be done that He would intervene and strength would come to her hand, that her hand would be steady. She proceeded to pick up the pen, and the lines were the straightest she has ever drawn; the picture is beautiful! A true miracle!

Sunday night, the last night of VBS was the closing program to which all parents and friends were invited. Each division sang some songs, as well as the whole group, and they were shown a slide program of themselves that Larry Wilday had put together, throughout the week, as they were engaged in various activities. They were most enthusiastic to see themselves in these slides! Then parents and children proceeded to our multi-purpose building where each one's crafts were on display with a balloon attached, and refreshments were served. Darlene Hadley did an excellent job with the crafts this year.

There were two four-generation groups among the workers and those registered. Donna and Ted have expressed a desire for Bible studies and are attending Sabbath School and church with her 91-year-old mother in her wheelchair.

For follow-up, we are planning some Song Time and Story Hours on Sabbath afternoons, an adult craft and Bible study time, as well as some other activities to keep in touch with these precious souls for Jesus.

If you have discontinued VBS in your church, try again, especially for an evening one, when your whole congregation can become involved. The secret is prayer, planning, pulling together, hard work, and more prayer! Yes, hard work . . . but the results are worth it all! Please pray for us!



*Study Time.*

prayer. These prayers were answered many times over. Recess with games, pop corn and punch served each evening, and craft time was a happy time for the children, but they also loved the Bible class time. An adult craft class was enjoyed, taught by Joan Cannuli. Back to the church for the closing which was a continued story, "Secrets of the Lost Cave," by Norma Griffin.

The children and their parents were invited to Sabbath School and church; Sabbath School in the conference tent, and church ser-



# ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

## This Year's Sports Festival A Winner

Atlantic Union academy students were able to train under a national racquetball champion and record-breaking middle-distance runner at this year's Agape Sports Festival held at Atlantic Union College (AUC) September 19-22.

Michele Bush-Cuke, a 1983 NCAA record-breaking 1500-meter champion, and Laura Fen-



*Michele Bush-Cuke*

ton, a 1983 US National Racquetball champion for the women's open division conducted workshops and spoke about their experiences as Seventh-day Adventists in the world of athletics.

"She went through the same thing I'm going through," said South Lancaster Academy student Milisa Muniz of the Saturday race conflicts Bush-Cuke encountered as a Seventh-day Adventist runner. "It helped me to see how she dealt with it," Muniz added.

Greater New York Academy student Eliab Mejia said he was encouraged by Fenton to develop his skills as a tennis player during the sports festival. "She helped us to believe in ourselves and not to be discouraged," he said.

Stacy Nelson, director of the sports festival and chairman of AUC's physical education



*Laura Fenton*

department, said he thought Fenton and Bush-Cuke's presentations helped students to relate to other athletes who have put Christ first in their lives and may feel the same types of pressures as a result.

According to Nelson, 105 students attended the event.

*Christa M. Delcamp, Special Contributor*

## Contributions for Venezuela Trip

Plans are progressing on schedule for AUC's Maranatha trip to Venezuela, according to Henry Livergood, trip director, but the group is still in need of \$5,000 for its church building

fund. (See last month's GLEANER for more information about this trip.) Checks for tax-deductible contributions to this project should be made out to Atlantic Union College and marked "Venezuela Project." Mail them to AUC's Develop-

ment Office, P. O. Box 1000, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561.

Livergood said the students who will be going to Venezuela will be visiting their home churches and soliciting financial support for their transportation and other expenses.

## Enrollment Up Slightly, Despite Area's Economic Woes

Registrar Osa Canto reports 653 on-campus students registered by September 19 for the fall semester. At this time last year, 623 students had registered; the semester ended with a total 649. AUC has enrolled 231 new students, 49 of whom transferred from other colleges.

Earning their degrees off campus through the Adult Degree Program are another 84 students, and college administrators were expecting 500 or more to register for classes through the Continuing Education and Electronic Distance Learning programs

"When the fiscal climate is bad and jobs are hard to come by, people often think of going to

school to become more competitive in the job market," said Lawrence Geraty, college president.

Geraty cited several other reasons AUC's enrollment has increased: AUC's growing reputation for quality education in a New England setting; and diligent recruiting by Enrollment Management and attention to retention by faculty.

## Career Life Planning Center Open House

Students, faculty members, and community residents toured AUC's Career Life Planning Cen-

ter, in the science complex, on Tuesday evening, September 17.

The open house was designed to introduce visitors to the center's learning enrichment, career counseling, and placement services, according to Thomas

Geraty, center director. He hopes this year to develop a clearing house for community service, he said.

*Christa M. Delcamp  
Jocelyn Fay*



# BERMUDA

## **Bermuda Institute Welcomes New Principal**

On August 26, Bermuda Institute welcomed its new principal, Mr. Clayton McKnight. Mr. McKnight comes with 26 years of experience, having taught eighth grade through junior college and having worked as principal and assistant principal on the elementary and high school levels. He enjoys working with young people and is looking forward to the new school year at Bermuda Institute.

"My aim is not to revamp or tear down but enhance, facilitate, and build on the shoulders of the giants who have preceded me," he said. Mr. McKnight believes he can make a difference as a facilitator of learning, making adequate use of human resources by encouraging people to work

together harmoniously. He wishes to promote the professional growth of teachers, improve areas that need strengthening, and bridge the gap between pastors and school, between church members and school.

"Everyone, both teachers and students, should have input to achieve as much satisfaction as possible and to be enthusiastic about teaching and learning," he says. He wishes the school to be perceived as a Christian school, doing things as Christ would do them; producing thinkers and not mere reflectors of others' thoughts.

Mr. McKnight has professional and administrative certification, and holds an M.A. in history and political science, and an M.A. in educational administration.



*Clayton McKnight, new principal of Bermuda Institute.*

## **Sabbath School Evangelism Workshop Held**

Church members concerned with Sabbath school work were inspired and refreshed June 12 to 22 through the instruction of Elder Murray E. Joiner, an associate director of the General Conference Church Ministries department. Using the title "Let the Children Find Joy in Christ," he impressed upon the participants that working with the lambs of the flock is a continually changing and vibrant area of the Lord's work.

Small groups discussed and examined topics including children's attendance at Sabbath School, punctuality, thorough preparation, the role of parents

and members, and the role of the teachers in helping the children and youth to draw closer to Jesus.

Through video presentations, counsel was given concerning how to reach our teenage youth in the face of the tremendous pressures from our fast-paced world. Startling information on the impact that many of the cartoons are having on our young and older youth caused us all to give serious thought to what our young people are watching and reading.

There was something for every age level. The adult Sabbath school members were encouraged to revitalize their worship and witnessing. Through evaluations and other tests we were helped to understand how

important it is for us to daily use our spiritual gifts to the glory of God and for the spreading of the Gospel.

We were blessed in every way by Elder Joiner's years of experience, marvelous singing, and his joy of serving the Lord. His powerful sermons confirmed the promises of God to rouse us to active participation in our church, including the Sabbath school. We have been revitalized to do our best to make the Sabbath school an intrinsic part of the worship services.

*L. R. Phillips, Sabbath School Director*



# GREATER NEW YORK

## 303 Women Attend Prayer Retreat

A non-Adventist woman, invited to the Women's Prayer Retreat by an Adventist co-worker, decided to come by herself when schedule problems prevented her colleague from attending. Before she left the retreat, she shared with a committee member how much she had enjoyed all she had learned. "I can't wait to share my blessings when I get back to work," she said. "I'm so grateful to my friend for inviting me!"

May 31 through June 2, the third annual prayer retreat sponsored by Greater New York Conference was held at the King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York. Registrants were from more than 50 churches in Greater New York and five conferences in the Northeast. The main meetings were conducted in English, with some 50 women donning headphones to receive simultaneous Spanish translation via transistor radios. Women from an array of backgrounds—teenagers to 94-year-olds—dedicated the weekend as a time to

seek "Victory in Jesus." It was clear the retreat was not just directed to one type of woman, but ALL women.

It was this diversity that led the Prayer Retreat Committee, chaired by Maxine Sutherland, to prayerfully develop a program schedule with something of interest for everyone.

Speakers Rose Otis, General Conference Women's Ministries director; Hyveth Williams, pastor of the Boston Temple; and Ada Garcia-Marenko from Montemorelos University in Mexico delivered moving messages, and also counseled and joined with other leaders to conduct ten seminars on spiritual and health topics. There were prayer circles and prayer walks. Thrilling music by gifted musicians evoked joyous



Becky Dixon, Family Life director of Northern New England Conference, (on right) presented a seminar on self-esteem with her daughter, Kimberly.

responses at each meeting, including a standing ovation at the end of a mini-concert by Junelle Vance, Atlantic Union Women's Commissioner, as she closed in duet with Heather James of Amityville. **Evangelism Plays Key Role**

Through the year, retreat

committee members had prayed that the weekend would be used by God to touch the hearts of non-Adventist guests while strengthening Adventist women and their churches. Answers to prayers were seen in the increased number of women who appeared to have invited co-workers, neighbors, or relatives from other faiths, including Jewish.

Dr. Iola Brown, from another faith, reports she soothed a fellow registrant who was unhappy with her accommodations. By Sunday, they were fast friends and were planning to be in touch after returning home. In response to Hyveth Williams' invitation during the eleven o'clock hour, several women came forward to give their hearts to the Lord for the first time.

As the women returned home, refreshed by the spiritual camaraderie they had enjoyed, many expressed renewed courage and strengthened determination to seek Christ's victory daily and to share what they received with others in their churches and families.

Beverly Mazzella and Betty Cooney



Committee Chairperson and Retreat Coordinator Maxine Sutherland expresses appreciation at the conclusion of the Retreat to all who had, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, helped make the weekend a spiritual resource. With her are committee members (L. to R.) Janet McGarvie; Beverly Mazzella; Alicia Marquez; Juanita Kretschmar, Committee Sponsor; Betty Cooney; and Cida Nery.



# GREATER NEW YORK

(CONTINUED)

## **"La Voz" (Spanish Voice of Prophecy) Celebrates 45th Anniversary in the Bronx**

Two thousand five hundred members and friends from Hispanic Adventist churches throughout Greater New York gathered Sabbath afternoon, May 11, in the John 3:16 Church in the Bronx for "Festival de Esperanza," a celebration of the 45th



*Shown are Dr. Milton Peverini, speaker-director for the Spanish Voice of Prophecy program, and Elder Arturo Santos, pastor of Mott Haven Hispanic church (seated, center). With them are members of the Mott Haven church and The Heralds quartet.*

anniversary of the Spanish Voice of Prophecy radio program. Dr. Milton Peverini, speaker-director of the program, was the featured speaker, and the program's quartet, Los Heraldos del Rey sang in concert.

The afternoon service highlighted the importance of Christian motherhood. Dr. Peverini sought to convey that the better way to honor mothers is to love them. "To do that," he told the congregation, "we need God's love in our hearts." A new youth Bible course was also launched in the meeting (available to listeners of La Voz).

Dr. Peverini spoke throughout the week at the Mott Haven Church in the Bronx, with more than 325 persons attending each evening. A baptism of five persons closed the series, with some 40 persons taking their stand for the Lord for baptism at a later date. The week-long meetings were sponsored by Bronx Hispanic churches.

*Felipe Barrientos  
Reporter-Photographer*



*2,500 persons filled the Iglesia Juan 3:16 for "Festival de Esperanza."*

## **Patchogue School Celebrates 30 Years of Educating for Eternity**



*A Sunday-afternoon luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Riverhead featured an international pageant. Schoolboard Chairperson Marlene Huie (second from right, in costume) coordinated the anniversary commemoration. Luncheon speaker was Elder Tony Cirigliano, who had been baptized in the Patchogue Church.*

A spring weekend was set aside to celebrate 30 years of Christian education at the Patchogue Christian School operated by the Patchogue Adventist Church on Long Island. Students, faculty, church leaders, friends, and alumni gathered for the commemoration. David Cadavero, conference educational superintendent, the featured speaker on Sabbath, commended students for their parts on the program, calling their performance "indicative of students who take Adventist education very seriously."

He also expressed appreciation for the supportive atmosphere in which the school has thrived. "The church creates a very warm climate in general. The large amount of joint effort

that went into preparations for the weekend reveal an extensive amount of bonding among parents, students, and leaders in the Patchogue school and church."



*Under the direction of Rose Torres and accompanied by Mary Tegone, the Patchogue Christian School was exuberantly represented by its choir in church and luncheon anniversary events.*



# NEW YORK

## New York Teacher Honored with Zapara Award

Mrs. Paulette Reinhart, recipient of the 1991 Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award for the New York Conference, has had 13 years of teaching experience. She has taught in schools in the Greater New York and New York Conferences.

Mrs. Reinhart earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at



*Paulette Reinhart (left) accepting her recognition of excellence from Elder F. Lee Thompson, New York Conference President.*

California State University, Fresno, and her master's degree at Loma Linda University.

Her school board nominated her because of her professional and Christian handling of the affairs of the Rochester Bay Knoll School. Paulette has always given beyond what is expected of her. In acknowledgment of this, she received a check for \$1,000 and a plaque of recognition.

## Baptisms Follow Special Presentation

Darwin Whitman gave a special presentation regarding the Sanctuary on Sabbath, June 8, and as an appropriate climax, four persons were baptized. They invited God's presence and Spirit to come fully and completely into the sanctuary of their hearts.

Pictured with Pastor Stavenhagen (left) are Dr. Andrew King, Arry Kim, and David and Debbie Akin who are making their baptismal vows. Arry Kim spoke for the entire group when she said, "I was baptized because I wanted to be closer to my God and to the church. And I was also baptized because I love Jesus and want Him to be my Saviour!"



## Annual Clean-up Project

Young people from the New York Conference are allowed to use the waterfront facilities of Union Springs Village during the annual camp meeting time. In appreciation of this, it has become a tradition for them to spend an afternoon cleaning the



sidewalks of the small community.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held December 8, 1991, in the Union Springs Academy gymnasium, Union Springs, New York. The session is to convene at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the direction the Union Springs Academy Lakeview Farm should pursue.

Each organized church in the conference is entitled to be represented by delegates duly elected by the church in the following ratio: one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

F. Lee Thompson, President  
James Glass, Secretary

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Eckhard Hubin, Secretary



## USA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Hello, my name is Vanessa Richmond. I live in Albany, New York, but I attend school at Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York. I am glad to attend here because I feel that it is helping me to get a Christian education and to improve my relationship with God.

One of the things that I like about Union Springs Academy is the relationships I make with my friends. After a while it seems like everyone is my brother or sister. That is important to me because I always have someone to whom I can talk.

If you are looking for a school, Union Springs Academy is a great place! It has a lot of school spirit as well as enthusiasm, and the faculty and staff are always willing to help.

## A Memorable Sabbath for Syracuse Church

For two significant reasons Sabbath, July 20, will long be remembered by the Syracuse West Genesee Church members. First of all, the new church officers were set apart for their duties and responsibilities during the new officer year in a dedication service led by

Elder William Knott, the church's new pastor.

Also, Elder Dick Dale, former pastor of the church, baptized his son-in-law, Russ Striffler. Russ had been drawn by the Holy Spirit as he and his wife sought divine help for their young son, Tyler, who had been critically ill. The entire church family rejoiced to see this young couple dedicate their lives to God's purposes.



*Elder Dick Dale baptizing his son-in-law, Russ Striffler.*

## TODAY AT USA

**REGISTRATION DAY** on September 2 brought 118 students to Union Springs Academy's halls. This enrollment is a 5% increase over the '90-'91 school year. As the Union's boarding academy, an equally exciting statistic is that 43% of USA's students live outside the New York Conference.

Interestingly, USA's student body is represented by ten states and three countries, including Germany and Korea.

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**NEW STAFF MEMBERS** are contributing positively to USA's program this year. Joining the staff are:

**Mr. Mike Boyd, '90**, taking a year off of his college studies to serve as Asst. Dean of Boys.

**Mr. Kent Boyle**, English Instructor, just completed his master's degree in English after teaching two years at Dakota Adventist Academy.

**Mr. and Mrs. John and Carolyn Blizzard** recently retired from Cornell University. John is volunteering his time as an assistant in Plant Services.

**Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Diana Carter** recently joined us from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Carter is chaplain and Bible instructor and Mrs. Carter provides math instruction.

**Miss Karis Gatz, '91**, is Asst. Dean of Girls and plans to study dietetics and exercise

science at Andrews University next year.

**Mrs. Sandie Wile** is dean of girls after completing a year as asst. dean of girls. Mrs. Wile previously taught in the New York Conference.

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**If you have any questions—** Contact Mark Wile, Advancement and Development, RD #1, Box 43A, Union Springs, NY 13160, (315) 389-7314, Ext. 16

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# NORTHEASTERN

## Breath of Life Crusade Opening Night

Sponsored by the Northeastern Conference, the Breath of Life team commenced its four-week crusade the evening of August 10, 1991, to a full house at Brooklyn College's Walt Whitman auditorium. The massive crowd entering the buildings made it clear that **The Breath of**

Pastor C. E. Brooks, began the crusade series with the sermon, "Glorious Peace or Global Pieces: Nearing Armageddon—The Mother of All Battles." Over the next four weeks, various topics explored important questions of Christianity.

After the thought-provoking sermon, former New York State Senator Anna Jefferson addressed the graduates and

coming weeks. Another reputed guest included Elder Philip Follett, President of the Atlantic Union Conference, who came to show his support.

In the weeks to come, the crusade team hopes to prepare many souls for baptism. The team includes: Pastor C. D. Brooks, International Evangelist; Reginald O. Robinson, Associate Speaker; Walter E. Arties, Minis-



**Life** program is a popular one. The months of planning, preparation, and prayer for the crusade proved successful. All 2,500 seats in the main auditorium and 500 overflow seats were occupied, with approximately two thousand people still waiting to enter. The audience was comprised of **Amazing Facts** graduates, Adventists and other guests.

The **Breath of Life** program, provided by the Northeastern Conference, airs Saturdays at 6:30 a.m. on WNYW-Fox channel 5 and on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. on Black Entertainment Television. The program preaches the Adventist message to many who otherwise might not hear it. **Breath of Life** program speaker,

audience with words of encouragement. The 888 graduates, honored for successfully completing the **Amazing Facts** Bible study course, were



welcomed into the fellowship of Jesus Christ by the Northeastern Conference President, Stennett Brooks. Another graduation ceremony is expected in the up-

try Coordinator; Myrna Matthews-Haynes, Keyboard Artist; Clifford and Freddie Harris, Drug Alternative Program Directors; Pastor T. Marshall Kelly and songstress Ullanda McCullough-Innocent, Crusade Associates; Joy and the Breath of Life Quartet members; as well as Stennett Brooks, Northeastern Conference President and Crusade Coordinator; conference officers; pastors; Bible workers; lay Bible instructors from our various churches in the metropolitan area; and other staff.

Closed-circuit television was provided throughout the crusade to accommodate the overflow audience seated in the nearby campus building.

## Mamre Seventh-day Adventist Church Organized

Brooklyn Temple is the proud mother of a newly organized

church. There was great rejoicing on Sabbath June 16, 1991, when 52 people were organized as the Mamre Seventh-day Adventist Church. The group

started in 1988 and in 1989 an effort was conducted by Pastor Reginald Maxwell which added more members.



# NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

## The Forrest Ward Memorial School Celebrates 45th Year

When the doors of the Forrest Ward School opened on August 26, the school celebrated its 45th consecutive year of furnishing Christian education for area boys and girls.

Pictured are the four pupils who graduated from the eighth grade last June—Dory Davis, Jonathan Colon, Jeremy Everhart, and Todd Sweet. The graduation speaker was Mark Harris, a former teacher now active in the Drewsville, New Hampshire, church. All four pupils plan to attend Christian academies.

The school met for 43 years at 103 Burgess Road, Bennington, Vermont, at what was known as the old Guideboard School. Last year it moved to Houghton Lane,



the location of the new Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Forrest Ward Memorial was named for a former pupil who lost his life while serving his country in time of war. The school is on a peaceful ten-acre lot in a lovely location. Linda Everhart, the teacher, says plans for the new school year have shaped up well. She notes that there are still a few openings for enrollment. Ms. Everhart states that the 1991-1992 School Handbook is ready. Anyone interested in learning more about the school and pupil placement may call 1-802-442-4579 or write to Linda Everhart, c/o Forrest Ward Memorial School, Rt. 1, Box 1045, Houghton Lane, Bennington, VT 05201.

## Bath, Maine Church Holds Vacation Bible School

Many children expressed their thanks to their leader, Mrs. Kay Eaton, and to their teachers for the wonderful time they had in the Vacation Bible School. The 44 children—16 juniors, 15 kindergarten, and 13 primary—thoroughly enjoyed studying the theme, "Happy With Jesus," during the week of August 12 through 17. Sixty-three percent of the children were from non-Adventist homes.

Several parents attended the closing program on Sabbath evening, August 17, with each division presenting a part of the program. Pastor Keith Burke delighted the children again with a nature story and Tom Kohls showed the video of the school in action which he had taken during the week. Certificates were awarded to each pupil who completed the course and perfect attendance awards were given. Mrs. Eaton was presented a Bible in appreciation for her leadership.

The children were given the crafts they had made through the week to take home. An undertaking such as this would not be successful without the diligent service and caring of many people for whom the leader and pastor are grateful. The children are looking forward to another Vacation Bible School next summer.

*Doris P. Thistle, Communication Secretary*

## Christian Concert Attracts Good Crowd



On September 1 at 2:00 p.m. in Greeley Park Bandshell the second Christian concert this year was held. In July the turnout was not fantastic, but the concerts are not being given exclusively for the enjoyment of the saints, but for the spreading of the Good News to the unchurched!

The vision was shared by several artists in our area. Last month, Pam Stiles and Carolyn Brock, local Seventh-day Adven-

tists, joined with Randy Cheatum from Derry, Sue Christ from Hudson and Steve Laing.

### NEW MEETING TIME

Harrison, Maine, Church

Church Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sabbath School - 11:00 a.m.



# SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

## **Amesbury-Haverhill District on the March**

Evangelistic work in the Amesbury-Haverhill district under the leadership of Elder Steve Scholz has been both extensive and intensive during the past two years. Various types of seminars have attracted the attention of many persons and their enthusiasm for study of the Bible has been maintained.

Prophecy seminars have been held in Newburyport, Haverhill, and during prayer meeting in Amesbury, with record attendance. The Prophecy Seminar has been adapted for the home and is offered as a Bible Cor-

respondence course. So far at least 34 persons have signed up for this seminar through the mail.

Another seminar, "In the Beginning," dealing with evolution and creation was offered in Haverhill with good interest. The Prophecy seminar is an excellent soul-winning tool and they will continue to be used to help the people understand prophecy. So far there have been seven baptisms as a direct result of these seminars, with several persons studying who no doubt will be making decisions for Christ soon.

The impact of these seminars goes far beyond baptisms. Many

people have been in contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church through these seminars and seeds have been sown to bring forth fruit in due time. An interest in Bible prophecy in both churches has been revived, and a new interest for outreach ministries is seen.

There are several other seminars available on such topics as stress, child training, and grief. Many church members have given their time, talents, and dedication to these seminars and it is greatly appreciated. May the Lord bring a rich harvest of souls from the dedicated efforts of these persons.

## **Double Life-Saving Testimony!**

"Brian" went to church Sunday morning. He spoke with the priest after the service and confessed that his life seemed worthless and that he was considering ending it. The priest said he could not help him. Upon going to a second church and after speaking with a second priest that same day, the only comfort he received was to be given a small Bible with the instructions that he should read it and maybe God would help.

He then joined the other hundred and twenty or so people who were in line outside our FIRST DAY LUNCH soup kitchen as they waited for the door to open at noon. There he sat, blending well among the others in his street-tattered clothes. He enjoyed the hot meal prepared every Sunday. He was unnoticed until Carrie Jones spotted the Bible he was carrying. After some friendly conversation he revealed his two greatest struggles—not knowing why he should live and not knowing how to read his new Bible. Carrie

found the right words and the right promises to read and showed him how to find books and chapters . . . at least sufficient for him to return the next Sunday for more food and more comfort! After reading Exodus 20 he asked Carrie to read the Ten Commandments again and for the first time seemed stunned that the Sabbath was not the first day of the week!

Now "Judy" from Florida was sitting nearby and overheard some words of Scripture concerning suicide and joined the conversation. She revealed that she had not only considered it herself, but had actually tried it.

The plot thickened as Judy shared her story. She asked if Carrie knew the Adventist church on the west side over on Oak Street. She continued, "About 10 years ago I drove in behind the church Saturday morning thinking I would not be discovered until Sunday morning. After putting a hose from the exhaust pipe into the car window I went to sleep . . . that is, until I woke up in the hospital and to this day do not know how I got there!"



*Carrie Jones hears the "rest of the story."*

Well, it seems that Carrie's husband, John, arrived at church first that Sabbath morning and noticed an unfamiliar car in the parking lot. Approaching it he discovered the engine running, the hose, and Judy unconscious but not dead. He quickly got her to the hospital! Because he did not know her name he could not find her room to visit her. She disappeared from John Jones' memory . . . that is, until that Sunday over ten years later!

*Elder Frank Sarault  
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## Calendar

### SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

#### Making a Prayer Life Meaningful Seminar

Fri., Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Sab. Dec. 7, 11:00 a.m.  
Afternoon after potluck  
Catherine Taylor,  
M.S.W., Presenter  
Sterling SDA Church  
Rt. 12, 1/8 mile off I-190  
More Information:  
Gloria Harris (508)  
365-4313

### ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

#### Thayer Young Artist Competition

Sat., Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m.  
Machlan Auditorium  
(Lyceum Series)

#### NE Youth Ensemble and AUC Choir Concert

Mon., Nov. 18

Lincoln Center, NYC  
John Rutter, Conductor

#### Arthur Miller's "All My Sons"

Sat., Nov. 23, 8:00 p.m.  
Machlan Auditorium  
(Lyceum Series)

#### Family Christmas Gala Concert

Thurs., Dec. 19  
Mechanics Hall,  
Worcester, MA  
and  
Fri., Dec. 20  
St. Bartholomew's  
Church  
Park Ave. at E. 50th St.  
New York City  
John Rutter, Conductor  
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Ticket Information:  
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## Out of Union

Adventist Singles Ministries Southern Union Thanksgiving Retreat, Cohutta Springs, Chatsworth, GA—Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Join Adventist Singles in the beautiful Georgia mountains for a weekend of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship. Spiritual emphasis speakers—Chet Damron and Nels Thompson. Sat. night banquet with Gary Koepke, ventriloquist, and Sherri Tony, soloist. More information contact Carol Coppock (404) 925-4495, Marge Gantt (404) 629-7870.

## Sunset Table

### Eastern Standard Time

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Bangor, ME	3:55	3:54	3:56	4:00
Portland, ME	4:05	4:04	4:06	4:10
Boston, MA	4:12	4:12	4:14	4:18
So. Lancaster, MA	4:14	4:14	4:16	4:20
Pittsfield, MA	4:21	4:21	4:22	4:26
Hartford, CT	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:26
New York, NY	4:29	4:29	4:31	4:35
Utica, NY	4:26	4:26	4:28	4:32
Syracuse, NY	4:30	4:30	4:32	4:36
Rochester, NY	4:36	4:36	4:37	4:41
Buffalo, NY	4:42	4:42	4:43	4:47
Hamilton, BDA	5:13	5:14	5:16	5:20

## Did You Know?

**Stop the Tobacco Pushers**—People who make money exploiting the young—and finally killing them—need to be stopped. Tobacco executives know very well that 90% of smokers in the U.S. start before they are 20. So they focus on the young. They do this even though tobacco causes one-sixth of all deaths annually in this country.

Adventists have always said No to tobacco. It is time to say No not only to the product itself, but also to the industry responsible for it. Please write or call your U.S. senator to voice support for "The Tobacco Product Education and Health Protection Act of 1991," numbered s. 1088. Address your letters: Senator \_\_\_\_\_, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. 20510. If you telephone your views, reach your senator through the congressional switchboard: (202) 224-3121.

Adventists pride themselves on good citizenship. Tell your senator you support action against tobacco, the legal killer drug.

A new World Mission Center was inaugurated on October 26 at La Sierra University, Riverside, California, named after the veteran Adventist missionary, Fernando Stahl, who was one of the pioneers to the South American Continent.

Something that has been needed for decades is a jacket which can be worn by Community Service workers and volunteers during a disaster. A logo identifying the wearer to be part of the Adventist Disaster Services and Community Services of Seventh-day Adventists is prominently displayed on the back of the maroon-colored jacket. This jacket bearing our logo is the recognized symbol which will allow our workers entrance. This



is the first time Community Services has had an official disaster jacket of this nature. Pictured is the official maroon jacket with logo which may be ordered from the North American Division Distribution Center, 5040 Prescott Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68506; (402) 486-2519.



## Did You Know?

(Continued)

**Insight/Out**, the Seventh-day Adventist youth missionary magazine was on hand to greet the 15,000 teenagers, representing various Christian denominations and young people from the northeastern U.S. in the Washington Convention Center last summer to attend Youth for Christ's "D.C. '91." There was much interest in the youth magazine and many people ordered subscriptions for friends. The "Expressions of Jesus" prints and "Insight's Most Unforgettable Stories" were also popular. This is the second time **Insight/Out** has been represented at the triennial evangelistic rally.

**Ronald A. Lindsey** was recently appointed vice-president for finance for the Adventist Media Center in Newbury Park, California. Lindsey served as treasurer for the Atlantic Union Conference from November 1984 through October 1985, when he was appointed treasurer of the Eastern Africa Division in Zimbabwe. Lindsey replaces Richard N. Wilcox, who became assistant to the president in charge of Russian Affairs for the General Conference.



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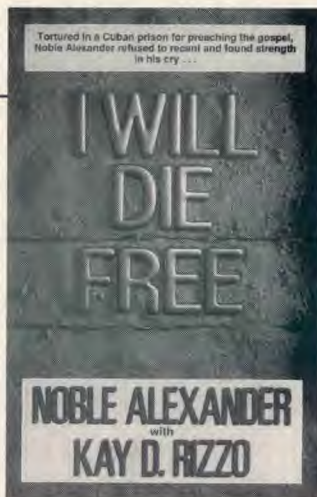
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