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A NEW LOOK AT AN OLD PROBLEM

Have you considered the causes for powerless churches today? Could it be that Satan is using a simple method that he used successfully centuries ago? Let's take a careful look at the early church.

Jesus laid the groundwork carefully for His work to be completed in the life of all mankind. He sent the Holy Spirit as His representative. The indwelling of the Spirit is essential for the new birth experience. All of these provisions were made prior to the ascension of the Saviour (John 15:16; Acts 1:8). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the disciples went forth preaching the risen Saviour (Acts 2). Now, please note the predominate characteristics manifested in these newly converted witnesses for Jesus (*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 241): 1. They rejoiced in the sweetness of the communion with the saints. 2. They were tender, thoughtful, self-denying. 3. They were willing to make any sacrifice for the truth's sake. 4. By unselfish words and deeds they strove to kindle love in others.

As they looked to Christ, they discovered that through Him the power of the Holy Spirit was available to achieve these accomplishments. This power justified the believers and in Him they found righteousness. As we look at the New Testament church in later years, a change took place. They manifested characteristics that were the opposite of those practiced earlier (*Ibid.*). Their views and focus changed: 1. They dwelt upon mistakes of others. 2. They gave place to unkind criticism. 3. They lost sight of the Saviour and His love for sinners. 4. They became more strict in regard to outward works. 5. They were more particular about the theory of faith. 6. They became more severe in their criticism and in their zeal to condemn others. 7. They were unconscious of their condition and forgot their own errors.

This is the sad picture of the condition of the early church family. They became powerless to witness for their Redeemer! Their relationship with both Christ and their fellowman was broken and they became helpless, captives of the enemy.

"Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days. Let us not make it possible for Satan to point to our church members, saying: 'Behold how these people, standing under the banner of Christ, hate one another. We have nothing to fear from them while they spend more strength fighting one another than in warfare with my forces'" (*Ibid.*, p. 240).

Could it possibly be that this is one of the power-destroying practices that the enemy is using in the churches today? Can you recall when much time and energy were spent fighting the enemy in the world; when church families were united, working, praying together for the accomplishment of their mission? It may be both surprising and enlightening to note:

"It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most; it is the evil cherished in the hearts of professed believers that works our most grievous disaster and most retards the progress of God's cause. *There is no sure way of weakening our spirituality than being envious, suspicious of one another, full of faultfinding and evil surmising*" (*Ibid.*, p. 240). [Emphasis supplied.]

The world is looking for an example of genuine Christianity. They want to see that the church has something to offer that has present value. Unfortunately, for many reasons, religion has lost much credibility with the public, but God has disclosed a method to make an impact on society.

"Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners" (*Ibid.*).

Let us not be satisfied with just taking a new look at an old problem—analyzing, describing, defining it; but let us look to Jesus our example and in Him find forgiveness and strength to do His will, to be like Him, and to love one another as He loves us. All our problems would soon be ended, if by the power of the Holy Spirit we would experience revival and reformation and focus on completing His work of presenting the Gospel to all the world.

About Our Cover Photo

Tyrone Greene caught a graphic picture of blood pressure screening on a Greater New York Conference Van. Thousands of persons in the Atlantic Union submit to such screening and many lives are saved as a result.



SLICING THE "BIG APPLE" PIE

If youth ministry is about giving Adventist young people a piece of the Adventist pie so they'll stay for dinner,* then a sizable number of Greater New York young persons may already be prayerfully making their "reservations." Willie Oliver, Conference Youth Ministries director, cites the Pathfinder program as "a major avenue in the church in which young people can prepare to take that first 'nibble' of the pie and hopefully go on to become leaders in the church." In addition to providing training and fellowship activities for school-age children, Pathfinding provides leadership and witnessing opportunities through honors classes and public activities such as the Bronx anti-drug rally and parade at the end of April.

Marching, a club hallmark, has led to precision drill teams in the Grand Concourse, Victory, Yonkers, Prospect, Central Brooklyn, and Mott Haven clubs. Chris Bramwell is State Pathfinder coordinator, with area coordinators Pastor Lloyd Scharffenberg (upstate) and Dawn Grant (Bronx). Pathfinders represent the strongest network in our church. Pathfinders' strengths in networking and leadership were evident nationally in their successful fund-raising for the first Adventist-sponsored Rose Parade float. Pathfinders have been asked to raise funds for the 1993 float.

Teen and young-adult ministry can take on an urgent tone in the New York City area, where, at times, lives may be threatened almost daily. A week-long youth evangelistic series was held this spring in Brooklyn at the Ebenezer church near a high school where a student had just been murdered. Handing out literature on Sabbath



focusing instead on providing opportunities for participation, exercise, and enjoyment with fellow believers.



Each year in November, AYBL teams from Greater New York Academy participate in the Great American Smokeout with the Van Program. Pastor James Clark, AYBL sponsor (left), coordinates the three or four teams that go out to city colleges to give demonstrations of smoking effects and answer questions about living smoke-free.

afternoon before the meetings, Ebenezer young people encountered both urgent seekers traumatized by the violence, and others seeming to cloak uneasiness with a callous indifference.

The opening sermon, entitled "Bombs, Bullets, and Blood," proved all too appropriate. Leaders and young people, returning to their homes that evening, sensing a vivid reminder of the need for daily dependence on Christ, were shocked to come upon another murder victim only a block away.

Youth federations with lay leadership bring area teens and young adults together for the blessings

and fellowship of rallies, community service, and witnessing projects such as a May 3 neighborhood clean-up program involving 200 young persons from five Bronx churches. Led by Bronx-Manhattan Federation leader, Melbourne Francis, young people distributed flyers the Sabbath afternoon before to announce the project. During the clean-up, some of them also knocked on doors offering free information on drug-free lifestyle and spiritual topics. For many young people enthusiasm runs high for the annual Bible Bowls which foster Bible study and develop poise and alertness. In 1991, Philadelphia church youth earned the privilege of representing Greater New York Conference in the national Bible Bowl.

* Elder Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president.



A record 800 Pathfinders attended the latest camporee sponsored by the Youth Ministries department in Greater New York.

Each month the Atlantic Union Gleaner features 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. So, let us pray, share, and give.

MINGLING WITH THE PEOPLE— **VAN MINISTRY** IN THE ATLANTIC UNION

Large vehicles converted and commissioned for van ministry have been rolling in the Atlantic Union for nearly two decades. Van programs function in Maine, New Hampshire, the metropolitan Boston, and New York areas, offering a range of ministries adapted to the needs of their locales.

Octogenarians Allen and Marcia Robinson of New Hampshire seem to have dedicated their retirement years to anything *but* retiring. They take their prayed-for, customized Better Health van stocked with health and temperance mate-



Along with a "Just Say No" puppet temperance presentation, the Robinsons offer "Eating for Life," a program on vegetarianism. Ministry involves them on some weekends and weekdays, and includes displays at fairs and other large events. Marcia Robinson says, "Many young fellows come along and say they have given up smoking; that makes us feel good."

rials, videos, and displays to schools, nursing homes, and libraries. Their presentations are in response to invitations resulting from newspaper ads.

Is all this activity affecting their own health? Allen's doctors may think it is: recent tests showed his blood pressure had gone down, and his eye doctor told him he didn't need new glasses. His prescription: "Keep up the good work!"

Greater Boston's van ministry stemmed from two years of praying by a group in Boston for God's wisdom in evangelizing the city, and by Rita Vital, then working on

her M.P.H. in Tennessee and seeking to learn where God wanted her to use her public-health training. This unplanned North-South prayer coalition saw their prayers answered as plans and funding came together, and an invitation was extended to Rita to direct van ministry in Boston. Screenings began in nearby Waltham, in 1986.

In addition to hypertension screening, the van carries clothes and food for the needy, and offers free literature. Yearly permits allow screenings three days a week at locations with heavy pedestrian flow in the heart of Boston, and one day in busy Harvard Square in nearby Cambridge. Other regularly scheduled screenings are in suburbs near New England Memorial Hospital, the area's Adventist health facility that funded the van's purchase.

"We have over 300 volunteers in Southern New England Conference who were trained on the van," says Vital. These make screening satellites possible at nearly a dozen outlying locations in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Volunteers come from many parts of the world, including Ruth, a secretary at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines, currently sharing her furlough with the Boston van ministry. One volunteer may take some contacts home with her to enjoy wholesome food and benefit from outdoor work. Individuals have also been taken to the Van parsonage for a glimpse of a Christian home away from the city and for Bible studies.

By God's grace, the ministry has played a part in at least 12 baptisms, according to Rita; personal prayer has been offered with thousands, and nearly 200,000 pieces of

literature distributed. At this writing, a homeless Hispanic young man named Jose is now faithfully attending the church to which he was invited. He is taking Bible studies, and sharing those studies in the shelter where he stays. He was baptized May 23 and has been bringing others to church as well.

A former Adventist young woman was rebaptized and is active in her church. The son of a pastor in Santo Domingo has come back to church. "I know my father has been praying for me. I'm tired of my life away from God," he says. Rita Vital praises God for the



Alex Pinella (left) from Venezuela who is an inner-city worker and van driver and a recent ministerial graduate from Atlantic Union College, met Oscar at the Boston Common. While attending camp meeting at Southern New England Conference campground in South Lancaster, Oscar gave his heart to the Lord.

exciting work He is doing in Boston through the van and extends an invitation to share in "an unforgettable experience."

In Maine, layman Peter Robinson revived a June through mid-September van ministry in Portland and Brunswick, after training for six months as a volunteer with the Boston program. Now beginning its fifth year, the ministry in Maine has screened more than 11,000 persons, many of them tourists. In addition to blood pressure testing, the van promotes healthful living through literature on cessation from smoking, alcohol, and caffeine. Christ-centered

literature and prayer are offered to promote spiritual health.

Don, after being invited to attend church, has been attending faithfully for a year. At 83, Dorothy came to the van feeling as if she were going to die. After talking about diet and nutrition, she accepted health literature but, as a Catholic, felt she didn't need any spiritual material.

A month later, she returned looking and feeling much better after following the recommendations she had been given. After prayer, she accepted *The Ministry of Healing and Happiness Digest*, saying, "I know God led me to this van the other day, and I'll read anything you give me!" Robert, a strict Catholic, tested hypertensive three years ago. He made the lifestyle changes suggested on the van, but wasn't interested in talking about spiritual matters. Last year, with his blood pressure continuing to test normal, he began asking questions about Adventist beliefs and requested prayer. This summer, as the van is again on the road, Peter Robinson requests readers' prayers for God's continued blessings on this work.

Eight hours' drive south of Portland, several vans ply the streets of metropolitan New York Sunday to Friday year 'round, taking blood pressure, offering health counseling, and a wide variety of health and spiritual materials, Bible studies—and food! By 1991, more than one million persons had been contacted one to one. Countless persons have surrendered their lives to Christ right on the vans. Reports come in continually by letter, phone, and via the Bible correspondence school of persons being baptized.



Peter and Harriet Robinson who minister with the Brunswick-Portland, Maine, van

Coordination of food-sharing ministry has been a major part of the ministry since 1983, with as many as 16 area churches participating. Several serve food right from the door of the churches. But on Sundays, vans take lunches prepared by the churches directly to homeless persons in the inner city. Weekdays, the food is prepared at the Van food center itself. Currently, approximately 2,500 lunches are shared each week.

Many persons receiving the food are among those who come to the three annual Christmas luncheons held at the Van Center. The loving home atmosphere and spiritual fellowship they enjoy their remains a favorite topic throughout the year. Increasingly, hungry persons request Bibles and other spiritual material as eagerly as they reach for homemade soup and sandwiches.

From the scores of students and persons of all ages regularly coming to observe and participate in Greater New York's van work, sister ministries now function in a number of cities in the United States and around the world. When Jason and other members of a youth Sabbath school class from Tennessee volunteered in a food sharing, he met a man who said, "I don't need food." Then he told them he'd been baptized when he was younger, and was sincerely seeking God's direction for his life just then. He took the presence of the van proclaiming the name "Seventh-day Adventist Community Services" as a clear indication he was to return to the church.

One man recalled attending one of the December luncheons four years earlier. He said he has not used alcohol or drugs since that time, is no longer homeless, and has a job. He and staff member Jeff talked for half an hour and had prayer together before the man left with literature on the Sabbath.

Van ministry in Greater New York began after Elder Merlin Kretschmar prayed with his wife, Juanita, (now president and Van Program director, respectively) to learn God's will for reaching New Yorkers when they first came to

the conference in 1974. "The Lord seems to have a pattern in maintaining His program," Juanita says. "We pray. He sends people and funds. And we pray for wisdom and for His Spirit. We are blessed, and very thankful, to see Him at work in this city and in people's lives."

Prayer led the Greater New York E-Van-gelism ministry to produce much of the spiritual and health-education literature that is used



Many persons receive food from vans in New York City.

not only in New York but in the other outreaches of our union, and around the United States. More than half a million items are produced and distributed yearly. Prayer has led to extensive media ministry to lend further assistance in making the millions in the New York City vicinity aware Seventh-day Adventists are sharing God's love through a whole-person ministry. Display advertisements in 14 metropolitan Yellow Pages directories have drawn thousands of phone requests for prayer, health information or seminars, church locations, and Bible studies.

The Van Program produces "Power To Cope," a television program sharing life stories of how God provides coping power. It has aired on seven New York cable systems since 1983, and on Three Angels Broadcasting satellite network and other U.S. stations. "Power To Cope" is also produced for radio, airing on Adventist World Radio in the Far East, Europe, Latin America, and sponsored on some U.S. radio stations by local churches.

Van ministry in the Atlantic Union is representing Christ and His church, mingling with the people—out where "the rubber meets the road."

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SPEAKS ABOUT

INDEPENDENT MINISTRIES

BY ROBERT S. FOLKENBERG

Dear fellow believers: I want to share a concern with you that lies close to my heart. Many of you have written or called me asking about independent ministries, and I want you to know where I stand. Is it true that the General Conference

is out to destroy independent ministries? The answer is no!

I have been told there are several hundred entities not integrally connected with the church. Almost all of these make a significant, positive contribution to the mission of the church. Many of these are affiliated with Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) and provide a wide variety of services to fellow Adventists and the public, including vegetarian restaurants, educational institutions, health care, publishing, religious radio and TV broadcasts, and orphanages. These prefer to be known as *supporting ministries* of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

One ministry supports a cadre of evangelists who are made available to church organizations around the world. Another, Maranatha Volunteers International, having overseen the construction of hundreds if not thousands of buildings for the church around the world, recently completed its largest single project ever—in the Dominican Republic, where more than 1,200 volunteers built 25 churches in 70 days!

By Their Fruits Ye Shall . . .

Organizations demonstrating by

their fruit a commitment to the mission of the church merit both the descriptives *supporting* and *ministry* as well as the appreciation and backing of church members and leaders. For these, "organizational independence" is only a matter of function and legal status, not mission. Their loyalty to the church and zeal for proclaiming present truth are indistinguishable from that of the church itself.

I recently read two compilations of Ellen White's writings dealing with "self-supporting" work and noted two characteristics: 1. "Self-supporting" is normally linked to the concept of "missionary." Independence from the church was born of the financial necessity to send families to unentered areas as missionaries, not by a mission different from that of the church.

2. "Self support" is presented in the context of unity with the church. "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 117).

The concept of an active laity and supporting ministry of the church is not only encouraged by Ellen White but found in the ex-

ample of the apostle Paul, who, by his own labor, supported himself and others as they spread the good news.

Most Are Supportive

While the vast majority of these ministries truly are supportive

and declare their loyalty to the church, a few private organizations, calling themselves "independent ministries," do not meet this standard. These point out what they see as deficiencies in the church, its members, and its leaders. Tragically, while subtly attributing these failings of a few to the church in general, they set themselves up as the guardians of historic truth and as the only trustworthy expositors of God's Word.

On this foundation of distrust they build an organization that is not accountable to any wide constituency; foments doubt, distrust, and disunity (impediments to the latter rain); diverts millions of dollars that might better have been used for gospel proclamation among the vast populations of the world that have never heard the name of Jesus; and at times even drives members from the church! (See "Poison in the Mail," *Adventist Review*, Mar. 12, 1992.)

Are there problems in the church? If so, do these failures justify the attacks by private organizations against the church?

To the first question the servant of the Lord answers, "There are evils existing in the church, and will be until the end of the world" (*Review and Herald*, Sept. 5, 1893).

It's sad but true, for I am reminded every day that the evil one is hard at work within God's remnant church.

Continued Study Needed

To achieve personal spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's message to us, we must continually study the Word and the Spirit of Prophecy. But the exaggerated individualism that characterizes today's culture must not fragment the unity needed in God's final movement.

The vast majority of our teachers, pastors, editors, elders, and other leaders are firmly committed to the messages of the three angels of Revelation 14 and the fundamental beliefs that we hold dear.

Sadly, there are a few who, following modern trends, doubt the accuracy and/or authority of Scripture, reject one or more of these fundamental beliefs (the sanctuary and related truths are among the most frequent casualties), yet insist they have the "right" to remain in positions of responsibility. To these I appeal, fall on your knees and, with Scriptures in hand, search and pray until you have peace with God. If you find you are in harmony with the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we will rejoice with you. If not, simple honesty and ethics require that you resign any appointed, elected, or employed position until you can embrace that which our church upholds as truth.

A more common weakness in the church, however, is not rejection of the truth, but rather neglect of prayer and study of the Word. In harmony with the Perth Declaration (see *Adventist Review*, Nov. 7, 1991), I plead with teachers, pastors, editors, and other leaders to preach the Word and feed the flock. Enough of salvation by psychology! We need a deeper understanding of the sinfulness of the human heart leading to repentance. Let us uplift Jesus and the cross, thus providing the sinner peace of mind, assurance of salvation in Christ, and connection to Him who is able to "keep you from

falling and to present you faultless" (Jude 24).

Let me assure you I am not calling for uniformity. There is ample room for diversity in searching the Scriptures for truth, even while demonstrating a firm faith in the fundamentals.

Attacks on the Church

Do the failures of the church justify the attacks by private organizations against the church?

No! While there are problems in the church that must be resolved, these must be settled by those loyal to the church who are entrusted with responsibility at every level of church administration, beginning at the local congregation. Self-appointed critics, whose fiscal survival depends on their ability to shift members' loyalties from the church to themselves, have conflicting interests and therefore are untrustworthy counselors to the church. Their very survival appears to depend on the mix their leaders choose between piety and doctrine on the one hand and criticism of the church on the other.

The approaches of destructive critics vary widely. One group features the sensational, shrill, tabloid approach whose attacks stimulate a sharklike feeding frenzy against the church, albeit among a narrow audience. One of these, for example, recently reported falsely that I visited the pope twice this past year! The author never even called to check the "facts." One cannot help wondering why such an erroneous report was printed. The truth is that I have never seen, met, or talked with the pope and have no reason or plan to do so. Neither has he asked for an appointment to see me!

A False Litmus Test of Orthodoxy

The mix of piety and criticism among others is more subtle. Their publications include a far higher proportion of that which is spiritual or doctrinal in nature, including reprinting of major segments of the Spirit of Prophecy. By proclaiming their convictions on a narrow list of topics, not accepted

by the body as a whole as vital to our message, they, in effect, turn acceptance of their position on these issues into a litmus test of orthodoxy. Thus they draw a pious line in the sand by leading their readers/listeners to choose whom they will trust, the church or their private organization.

Some ministries in the name of piety and preaching the straight testimony present quotations of Ellen White that encourage independent, self-supporting missionaries. At the same time they ignore the quotations calling for unity and the yielding of individual wisdom to the body of believers (*Historical Sketches*, pp. 122-125). Such behavior misrepresents spiritual counsel and gives the appearance of intellectual dishonesty. Tragically, the gullible are their lawful prey.

About these private organizations the servant of the Lord wrote: "Those who start up to proclaim a message on their own individual responsibility, who, while claiming to be taught and led of God, still make it their special work to tear down that which God has been for years building up, are not doing the will of God. Be it known that these men are on the side of the great deceiver. Believe them not. They are allying themselves with the enemies of God and the truth. They will deride the order of the ministry as a system of priestcraft. From such turn away, have no fellowship with their message, however much they may quote the *Testimonies* and seek to entrench themselves behind them. Receive them not, for God has not given them this work to do. The result of such work will be unbelief in the *Testimonies*, and, as far as possible, they will make of none effect the work that I have for years been doing. . . . Those who thus bring the work of God into disrepute will have to answer before God for the work they are doing" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 51, 52).

Attacks From Within

The church is being attacked from within by people on two ex-

tremes. One extreme undermines the authority of Scripture, our fundamental beliefs, and our distinctive end-time *message*. The other extreme, under the subtle guise of piety, attacks the structure, authority, and therefore the *mission* of the church. The church has, all too often, failed to address both attacks adequately.

Both extremes are destructive to God's expectations of His church. Both bring about disunity, an obstacle to the latter rain, and divert resources from our Lord's mission to His church. "There is a great work to be done in the world, a great work to be done in foreign lands. . . . With all the responsibility upon us to go and preach the gospel to every creature, there is a great need of men and means, and Satan is at work in every conceivable way to tie up means. . . . The money that should be used in doing the good work of building houses of worship, of establishing schools . . . , is diverted from a channel of usefulness and blessing into a channel of evil and cursing" (*Ibid.*, p. 43).

Jesus knew that the evil one would try to bring about disunity. Our Lord described the consequences of disunity when He said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand" (Matt. 12:25, NKJV). The apostolic record confirms the early church's struggle for unity.

Jesus' Plan for Unity

Jesus' divine plan to resolve differences, as described in Matthew 18:15-17, is too often ignored or forgotten. As your president, I ask your forgiveness for times when I may have skipped over any of the steps outlined in God's plan. Please pray that God will grant wisdom to those who must deal with those organizations whose activities tend to undermine either truth or mission. All church initiatives must be compassionate yet sustain the integrity of the church body.

I appeal to each pastor, Bible teacher, administrator, church

board member, and leader to uphold God's Word and the teachings of God's remnant church and, following these biblical steps, under the guidance of the Spirit, work together to keep our church unified. To all, laity and employees alike, let us cease the derogatory remarks about others and follow Jesus' plan in dealing with wrong.

If the plan described in Matthew 18 doesn't seem to fit the problem you see, consider that it may not be a problem God has given you to resolve. Trust that God, who is in charge of all things, will use those He has delegated to "right the ship." On the other hand, if a problem is within your area of responsibility, pray that God will give you the wisdom and courage to carry out *your* responsibility.

I wish each could share the burden of opportunities waiting for action. For example, the doors into one of the largest Muslim countries in the world have been flung open. Also, today we can send a large number of workers to China and the countries of the former U.S.S.R., yet sufficient resources are not available to respond to these opportunities.

Collective Selfishness or Sacrifice?

There are many reasons for this, such as collective *selfishness* instead of collective *sacrifice*. Many of us expect the church to meet so many of our felt needs, without the balancing Macedonian call from the unentered areas of the world, that we do good things to an excess! Too often resources needed to reach others with the gospel are consumed by those who already have received the good news. Another reason is diverted resources. The dollars diverted to the few private organizations whose activities lead to disunity and shifted loyalties are resources Mrs. White said would be better used for gospel proclamation.

It is indispensable that each of us, prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit, evaluate each private organization. Those whose loyalty to

the message *and* mission of the church are above reproach, whose fruit gives evidence of new souls for the kingdom, deserve our prayers and support. On the other hand, those who cause the reader or viewer, whether subtly or directly, to choose between them and the church demonstrate that they are not inspired of God.

I admit to increasing frustration in dealing with this situation. Last summer, just before standing to preach a Sabbath sermon at a Canadian camp meeting, I was handed a sheaf of bulletins from another shrilly critical editor. I shared with the congregation my frustration with these destructive critics of the church. In retrospect, I wish I had shared my convictions with more tears in my voice and the pain in my heart rather than just the frustration. This is just evidence that God is not finished with me yet.

I love this church. I believe our fundamental beliefs with all my heart. I believe the Lord's gospel commission was not a suggestion but a mandate. I believe Jesus is coming, and soon, sooner than most of us expect!

Are independent ministries of value? An organization's independence does not make it bad or good, holy or unholy! All, members, leaders, and organizations (church operated or independent) that contribute to hastening our Lord's return should be reinforced and supported, while those weakening the church and distracting from heaven's mission must be properly dealt with according to God's plan.

It hurts to see division in our churches and members deceived by attack and innuendo, when what we need is to fall at the cross with broken hearts, more concerned with sharing the good news of salvation than imposing our personal agenda and convictions on the church.

I appeal to all to "press together, press together, press together." I ask you to join hands with me in seeking the Lord and finishing the work.



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES ACCREDITATION TO THE YEAR 2000

"We're accredited into the next millennium!" smiles Dr. Susan Willoughby, chair of the sociology/social work department at Atlantic Union College. She is referring to the countless hours of research and hard work devoted to the rigorous process of accreditation which has been rewarded not once, but twice. Since its inception in 1982, the program achieved maximum initial accreditation in 1987 and most recently a re-accreditation, also for the maximum period, taking it into the year 2000.

The department has grown to include three full-time faculty in sociology/social work and two part-time faculty who teach sign language and criminal justice. Student enrollment has swelled to around 40 students.

Weekend celebrations, held April 17 to 19, applauded past accomplishments and heralded future plans. The department not only celebrated its accreditation and 10th anniversary, but also welcomed a new double major offered jointly through the theology/religion and social work departments. Celebration activities included a Black and White formal dinner on Saturday night and a unique ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday. Red ribbon was draped across the campus quadrangle linking Founder's Hall and Prescott Hall, the respective homes of the theology/religion and sociology/social work departments.

"The new double major fits into the college's mission statement, which is to reach out and serve," said Juliette Willoughby, a former



NOAH BOMBARD

Social work professors Eddie Medina and Margaret Howell-Walton look on as Dr. Susan Willoughby cuts the ribbon at the 10th anniversary celebration April 19.

social work professor. "Theology majors who are studying for the ministry will need to know about social issues in dealing with their parishioners," she added.

But their plans go beyond books and classrooms, and include working within the community in a variety of ways.

The department currently operates a small food pantry which services around 50 students and community residents each week, according to department chair, Dr. Susan Willoughby.

Freshmen social work majors, in fulfillment of an introductory class in social work, donate 20 hours per semester to a local community service organization. Seniors also spend many hours working with area organizations in their practicum.

The program offers students an excellent foundation to continue their education. "Over 35 percent of our graduates go on to receive their master in social work (MSW) degree," said Susan Willoughby.

Graduates of the social work program at Atlantic Union College have found significant places in their chosen profession. Among the alumni who attended the weekend celebrations were an AIDS counselor from New York City, a psychiatric social worker, and a probation officer, formerly director of a juvenile detention center in Bermuda.

In the words of Sylvia Stanley, a 1981 graduate from New York, "We enter to learn, we depart to serve."

Lorraine Ball, special contributor



Mark Finley, *It Is Written* associate speaker/speaker-elect and a 1967 graduate of AUC, told alumni during their recent homecoming weekend about meetings he had just conducted in the Kremlin auditorium in Moscow.

Finley said 11,000 people attended his meetings, 5,500 at each of two sessions per evening. He praised God for the high turnout at the meetings, as well as for people's positive response to his nightly messages.

BERMUDA

FIFTEEN PRECIOUS PERSONS RECENTLY BAPTIZED

On a beautiful Friday evening family and friends attended the baptism of seven students from Bermuda Institute—Nitra Tucker, Michael Lambert, Alvin Wilson, Jade Darrell, Jason Smith, and Keivon Scott—in the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church. Following the service, everyone participated in an Agape Feast in the fellowship hall in honor of the candidates. The feast had been prepared by Mrs. Janet Holder, home economics teacher at the Institute.

Bermuda Institute has been blessed by the unselfish work of Mrs. Loretta Gibbons. As one of

the Bible workers from Bermuda conference, she has been diligently holding Bible study classes through the week with more than 40 high school and elementary pupils. As a result of her efforts and support of our principal, Mr. Clayton McKnight, the teachers and



The baptism of five elementary pupils in the Southampton church

especially the parents, five elementary pupils were baptized by Pastor Carlyle Simmons, the new pastor of the Southampton church.

A few days later an 11th grade student, Antonio Regusters, and his parents were baptized by Pastor David Rogers in the Midland Heights church. It was very touching when Antonio thanked everyone for their love and support.

We thank God for His goodness and mercy in drawing these young people to Him. We welcome them and know that God will continue to pour His blessings upon them. The Holy Spirit is felt in our midst as we prepare for another baptism in a few weeks.

Frigga M. Simmons, Public Relations

WILLING WORKERS OF BERMUDA ASSIST IN MICHIGAN CRUSADE

Elder Kenneth Dunkley, Raymond Tucker, and several members of the Willing Workers of Bermuda flew to Pontiac, Michigan, to assist Evangelist Philip Willis to prepare for and conduct a four-week crusade which met Sunday through Friday evenings. Each day the band of Willing Workers visited in the city and the surrounding areas to invite people to the meetings and to meet prospective candidates for the baptismal class.

The Willing Workers cheerfully helped wherever there was a need. Everyone partici-

pated wholeheartedly and were instruments in God's hands to help save souls for God's kingdom.

In spite of the destructive winds and torrential rain ten minutes after the close of the opening meeting of the crusade, the Lord's hand was felt and realized. There were enough people present to help



Some of the candidates awaiting baptism



Elder Philip Willis (left) and Elder Kenneth Dunkley baptizing a dear sister in Christ.

hold the tent upright.

At the close of the crusade, 50 precious souls made their decision for Christ and were baptized. The Willing Workers will be assisting with another crusade in July of this year in Orlando, Florida. May the work of the Lord be brought to a close quickly.

Elder Kenneth Dunkley, leader Bermuda Willing Workers Association

GREATER NEW YORK

CHOIRS MINISTERING TO CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES

A growing number of churches in Greater New York are nurturing children through music. Choirs of children and young people are bringing joy to their churches and communities as they learn to lift their voices in songs of praise.

Among the Spanish churches, children's choirs from individual churches come together at times into a mass Metropolitan Children's Choir of some 200 voices. Led by Mrs. Elsa Segui, the mass choir has been featured in a number of annual Children's Festivals held in large auditoriums in the city.

The Spanish Broadway church has been conducting a comprehensive ministry for children that

includes months of preparatory Bible studies and practical experience in public evangelism, Ingathering, and other church activities. Some neighborhood children who were



▲ The Spanish Broadway church choir is shown at the General Conference office, where the group traveled to sing for a worship service. Their leader, Mrs. Elsa Segui, is shown with her husband, Elder Obdulio Segui, then pastor of the Broadway church and a strong supporter of children's choral ministry.



The Grand Concourse church in the Bronx has been active for some time in fostering musical activities for the young, utilizing instruments such as chimes as well as voices at times.

attracted to choir activities have also been baptized as a result of this ministry.

REVIVAL MEETINGS BEGIN THE YEAR IN BABYLON CHURCH

Babylon church members began 1992 by continuing their earnest pledge to be prepared, dedicated, and active in giving the loud cry of Revelation in the New York area.

"Looking upon Jesus," a special revival seminar, was held the first

weekend of the new year at the church. Presenting the revival messages were Carol Zarska, an American Cassette Ministries (ACM) speaker; and Michael Curzon, who is pastor of the Babylon church and also a speaker for ACM.

In addition to moving testimonies on personal tragedies, deliverance and healing, the meetings

also provided an extensive prayer ministry to participants. Members expressed gratitude for the revitalizing and renewed awareness of the importance of not neglecting the time of preparation appointed to them.

A. L. Robinson and D. Lilly, Communication Committee

LIVINGSTON SCHOOL REACHES OUT

Along with striving for excellence in their studies and conduct at the school, pupils of the Livingston Adventist Jr. Academy have been actively reaching out to the world just outside the school's doors. Each pupil has adopted a grandparent from among the residents at the Adventist Retirement Home on the campus where the school is

located in upstate New York. They visit their "grandparents" every Friday, and sometimes bowl with them at the miniature bowling alley.

Five Livingston pupils ran an 85-yard lap race on the school grounds as part of "Run for the Gold," a physical-education challenge. The event benefited the New York State Special Olympics, which provides sports training and athletic opportunities for mentally retarded children and adults.

Brief academic biographies of students Debbie Kearnes, Timothy Ware, and Brian Armstrong will appear in the 26th edition of *Who's Who in American High Schools*. Pupils in grades 5-8 recently participated in a *National Geographic* magazine questionnaire, with Darin Newcomb receiving the statewide school award for the most direct answers on the subject of geography.

Vivian Austin

NEW YORK

ROCHESTER GENESEE PARK CHURCH WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

It was a happy day at the Rochester, New York, Genesee Park Seventh-day Adventist Church when Teodor Constantinescu was received into church membership by baptism by their new pastor, Epi Rodriguez. Teodor's wife, Nina, and his sister, Cajtillya Dana, as well as Cajtillya's



brother, George Dana, and their sons, Gerard and Christopher,

were also there to see Teodor become a member. All rejoiced together during this happy occasion.

Both of these families came to the United States from Romania. Genesee Park is proud of its growing family that has such an international flavor. Many countries of the world are represented.

Robert Altman, Communication Secretary

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TODAY AT USA

Our 29th Annual Alumni Weekend—May 1 and 2—was a wonderful success. Alumni traveled from all over the United States to reminisce with their classmates and friends. More than 200 guests returned to their alma mater, many of them commenting on the friendliness of the students and the lovely appearance of the campus.

Friday evening Valerie Phillips, '72, spoke to the gathering crowd as alumni continued to arrive for the weekend. Paul Kilgore, faculty '57-

'60, shared his perspectives to a packed church during the Sabbath worship service. The final speaker for the weekend, Andrew Bourne, '82, closed the Sabbath hours with a reflective message on the memories of teachers and times at USA.

USA's alumni are its most valuable resource. Alumni are strong advocates of Christian education. In a recent study concerning alumni giving among Adventist academies, USA ranked among the top 10 academies in total voluntary support. More incredibly, USA's alumni ranked second in alumni giving!

Thank you for your continued support, alumni and friends!

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NORTHEASTERN

A TRIBUTE TO ELDER L. A. PASCHAL



During workers meeting, the staff of Northeastern Conference and members of the conference executive committee paid tribute to Elder and Mrs. Lee Andrus Paschal. Elder Paschal served as communication director more than 20 years, completing over 45 years of denominational work.

With Elder Trevor H. C. Baker, conference executive secretary, serving as master of ceremonies, the evening was filled with music as well as touching and humorous remembrances of bygone days. There were guests from the Atlantic Union Conference—Elders William McNeil and James C. Hicks, and the General Conference—Elders Richard Barron and Robert Smith.

Representatives of the many committees and boards on which Elder Paschal served as well as the conference administration

presented gifts of appreciation to Elder Paschal. Mrs. Edna Lett Williamson presented Paschal with kinte cloth, a fabric worn only by the royalty of West Africa, signifying his status as an African-American prince. To Mrs. Paschal, his princess, Williamson presented a black cameo.

In response to this tribute, Elder Paschal gave words of thanks as well as a brief history of the regional (Black) conference, and stressed the need for togetherness, regardless of cultural background.

NEWS OF NOTE

- As a result of a Revelation Seminar held in the Shiloh church in Brooklyn, New York, by Elder Owen George and Daniel Joseph as teachers, six precious souls were baptized. At least seven additional persons have requested baptism for a later date.

- During the summer of 1990,

Ruby Graves Reed, the first missionary nurse of the Emmanuel Temple in Buffalo, New York, again met Pastor Joel Awoniyi after many years at Andrews University. Pastor Awoniyi related the desperate need for Bibles in Lagos, a city in West Nigeria, Africa. Since then, Ruby has been instrumental, along with members of other churches including

Baptists and Presbyterians, in sending approximately 300 Bibles to that city.

Pastor Awoniyi wrote a letter of appreciation for the Bibles and mentioned that more than 100 precious souls have been baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He also appealed for more Bibles. People are hungry for the Word of God.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZATION

The Bronx Better Living Mission has been organized as the Hunts Point Seventh-day Adventist Church. Approximately 200 members, friends, and guests gathered for the occasion.

Patricia Langley, Bible worker in the evangelistic crusade that spawned the mission, spoke words of encouragement during the formal ceremonies. The charge was given by Pastor Norman Snipes, personal ministries direc-

tor of the conference and pastor of the Bronx church in 1983 when the crusade was held with evangelist Raymond Saunders. As a result of the crusade, there were 140 baptisms who were the beginning of the mission.

The act of organization was presided over by conference officers Stennett Brooks, president; Trevor H. C. Baker, secretary; and LeRoy Hampton, treasurer, who spoke concerning the mission structure and finances of the church respectively.

Charter members of the new

church included adding 34 names to a nucleus of the following members: Willie Gandy, Samuel Henry, Marlene McCarta, Daisy Muid, and Edward Padilla.

The solemn yet spirit-filled service concluded with an impassioned benediction by Pastor Bryant who reminded those assembled that "this day though great" was not the church's finest hour. "That," he intoned, "would come when the Bridegroom—Christ—returns to receive His bride, the church."

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

NEW EDUCATION/ SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTOR WELCOMED



Peggy Fisher assumed the responsibilities of directing the education and Sabbath school departments in March. Her

home was in New Mexico and later she received a music education degree from Southwestern Adventist College in Texas. Peggy earned a master's degree in elementary education from Loma Linda University.

She has taught every grade during her years as a teacher in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Texas, and California. She has been a dean of girls at Valley

Grande Academy in Texas; and more recently, for the past three and one-half years she has been assistant superintendent of education and director of communication in the Indiana Conference.

Peggy's hobbies include reading, crafts, counted cross-stitch, sports, and traveling. She also has an extensive Micky Mouse collection! Welcome to Northern New England, Peggy!

BAPTISM AND BABY DEDICATION HIGHLIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor Norman Deakin had the happy privilege of baptizing Roberta Griffin of Sommersworth, New Hampshire, and Ronald Pel-



Pastor Norman Deakin baptizing Roberta Griffin (left) and Ronald Pelletier.



letier of Rochester, New Hampshire, on April 4. They were warmly welcomed into the family of God and the fellowship of the Rochester, New Hampshire, Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is everyone's prayer that Roberta and Ronald will always be true soldiers of Christ.

Baby Jared Amos and his parents, Kurt and Karen, were presented to God for His blessings on their lives. Children are precious gifts from God and it is important that we gain physical, mental, and spiritual strength from Him daily in order to guide and direct our children in the paths of righteousness.



Kurt and Karen Amos presenting their baby, Jared, to Pastor Norman Deakin for the dedication.

Kurt and Karen are actively working with the youth of the Rochester church and show great interest and care in this work.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA EVANGELISM TRIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Excitement mounted at the music clinic Saturday night, April 11, as Northern New England Conference youth director, Harry Sabnani, prepared to announce the students selected to attend the August Youth Evangelism International Workshop in Prague, Czechoslovakia, with Mic Hutchinson, principal of Pine Tree Academy. More than 20 students

in grades 9 through 12 fulfilled the required criteria and submitted their essays telling why they want to attend this European workshop. Three Northern New England educators had the difficult task of reviewing the candidates. The choices were made based on the students' recommendations and the sense of mission they revealed in their essays.

Chosen were: Nicole Johnson of Norway, Maine, a student at PTA, Freeport, Maine, and Paul Meola of Harrisville, New Hampshire, a

student at Pioneer Junior Academy, Westmoreland, New Hampshire. In the event Nicole and/or Paul could not attend, alternates were also chosen. They are Maria Wheelden of Newport, Maine, and Melanie Miller of Freeport, Maine.

Northern New England Conference will subsidize \$1,000 each of the \$1,400 cost for the two winners. Both alternates are endeavoring to raise the money to attend as well. Congratulations to these worthy students!

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

WORCESTER MISSION HOLDS YOUTH REVIVAL MEETINGS

A week of youth revival meetings culminated with the Pathfinders at Camp Winnekeag. Our speaker for the week, Pastor Laurence London, a spirit-filled young man, former youth director, and presently director of music ministries for the Guyana Conference, developed the theme, "Look at Jesus." The nightly topics stirred one's soul to make a positive decision to

experience the riches found in knowing Christ. We were also blessed and uplifted from his ministry of music with his wife.

During the closing message, "He Is Alive and Well," Sabbath evening, everyone was asked to make a new commitment to the Lord. The youth were encouraged to make Jesus a part of their lives and take a firm stand for Him. Elder Mario Ceballos, Southern New England Conference youth director, delivered the Sabbath morning sermon in which he

dared the youth to be like Daniel.

The experiences gained that week always will be treasured. For those who made decisions to be like Jesus and have nothing worldly to ensnare them, may God give them the determination and desire to emulate Jesus always.

To Pastor London and his family and all those who supported this wonderful uplifting event, may God help you to let your light shine continually for Jesus' sake.

Dorothy Vassell, Church Clerk

RETIRED NEMH CHAPLAIN HONORED

On March 9 Elder Leo Poirier, who recently retired as Associate Chaplain at NEMH, was awarded the Professional Service Award by the College of Chaplains in appreciation and recognition of his outstanding professional service. The recognition came at a national meeting of the college held in Indianapolis.

Walter Kloss, director of pastoral care, said of his colleague, "A very recent contribution . . . to ministry has been his development of a program which provides

outpatient pastoral care to heart patients in the course of their rehabilitation. The program emphasizes the three-dimensional wholeness—physical, psychological, and spiritual—of the individual and the necessity for recovery to take place in all three areas of life."

A chaplain at NEMH since 1968, Poirier was honored by the hospital at a retirement party on January 22. His primary ministry over the years has been to medical and critical care patients and their families.

Poirier is a Fellow of the College of Chaplains, a member of the

American Association of Pastoral Counselors, a licensed certified social worker, and a clinical member of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Educators. He is currently serving as a chaplain at Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg, Virginia, on a part-time basis.



NEMH president Frank J. Perez (right) who attended the College of Chaplains meeting which honored Poirier, adds his own congratulations.

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**GREATER
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Camp Meetings
English
June 26-July 4
Spanish
July 10-18
French
July 26-Aug. 1

NEW YORK

Camp Meeting
July 10-18

**Camp Cherokee
Schedule**

Junior Camp
(ages 8-12)
July 12-19
Tween Camp
(ages 10-14)
July 19-26
Teen Camp
(ages 13-18)
July 26-August 2
Family Camp
August 2-9
Health Professional
Retreat
August 9-16
Singles Camp
August 19-23

**NORTHERN
NEW ENGLAND**

Camp Meeting
June 26-July 4

**Camp Lawroweld
Schedule**

Junior I (ages 9-12)
July 5-11
Junior II (ages 10-12)
July 12-18
Blind Camp
July 19-25
Teen
July 26-Aug. 1

Family
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**SOUTHERN
NEW ENGLAND**

Camp Meeting
June 19-27

**Camp Winnekeag
Schedule**

Cub/Adventurers
(ages 8-11)
June 28-July 5
Junior I
(ages 9-13)
July 5-12
Junior II/Friendship
(ages 10-13)
July 12-19
Teen Camp
(ages 13-17)
July 19-26
Family Camp
(all ages)
July 26-Aug. 2
Blind Camp
(all ages)
Aug. 2-9
Family/Sr. Citizens
Aug. 9-16
Backpacking Trip
(age 16 and older)
Aug. 9-16
Canoeing Trip
(age 16 and older)
Aug. 9-16

Wytheville Church, Wytheville Sanitarium & Hospital, Echo Valley Homecoming—July 10 & 11. Write 1600 Chapman Rd., Wytheville, VA 24382; (703) 228-4301.

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

| | July 3 | July 10 | July 17 | July 24 | July 31 |
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| Bangor, ME | 8:24 | 8:22 | 8:17 | 8:11 | 8:03 |
| Portland, ME | 8:26 | 8:24 | 8:19 | 8:14 | 8:06 |
| Boston, MA | 8:25 | 8:23 | 8:19 | 8:13 | 8:06 |
| So. Lancaster, MA | 8:27 | 8:25 | 8:21 | 8:16 | 8:08 |
| Pittsfield, MA | 8:34 | 8:32 | 8:28 | 8:22 | 8:15 |
| Hartford, CT | 8:29 | 8:27 | 8:23 | 8:18 | 8:11 |
| New York, NY | 8:31 | 8:29 | 8:25 | 8:20 | 8:13 |
| Utica, NY | 8:44 | 8:42 | 8:38 | 8:32 | 8:24 |
| Syracuse, NY | 8:48 | 8:45 | 8:41 | 8:35 | 8:28 |
| Rochester, NY | 8:54 | 8:51 | 8:47 | 8:41 | 8:34 |
| Buffalo, NY | 8:56 | 8:54 | 8:50 | 8:44 | 8:37 |
| Hamilton, Bda. (EST) | 7:29 | 7:28 | 7:25 | 7:22 | 7:17 |

Do You Know?

The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School celebrated its 50th anniversary. More than 881,600 persons have completed Bible courses from the headquarters school near Los Angeles. Graduates total 3,000,000 from 133 affiliated schools worldwide that offer courses in 60 languages. When first announced to the national radio audience of the VOP broadcast in 1942, the school was the only one of its kind. Within the first eight months, more than 60,000 persons enrolled.

The most recent expansion of the school is into Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The New Life course, studied by hundreds of thousands in English-speaking countries, is now available in the Russian language.

The VOP associate speaker, Lonnie Melashenko; his wife, Jeannie; and his parents, Joe and Anne, conducted public evangelistic meetings in Ukraine through May. The meetings were held at Borislav, near the ancestral home of the Melashenko family.

Deaths

ARCHBOLD, Georgia Adeline (nee Smith)—d. Mar. 17, 1992, Hudson, MA. Survivors include her husband, Elder Wilton R. Archbold; one daughter, Ronna Rae Archbold-Goulbourne; one brother, Cleo B. Smith; and two sisters, Margaret Westerbeck and Virginia Seauier.

BENZINGER, Leroy A., Sr.—b. Oct. 26, 1896, Mansfield, CT; d. Apr. 14, 1991, Willimantic, CT. Survivors include one son, Joseph; two daughters, Shirley and Evelyn; 17 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and 11 great great-grandchildren. His wife, Edna (Broome) Benzinger, and one son, Leroy, predeceased him.

Out of Union

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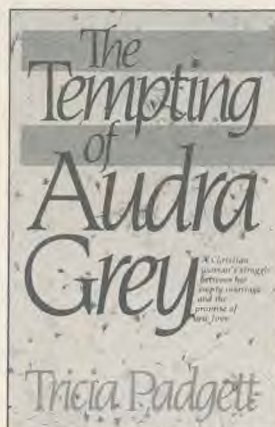
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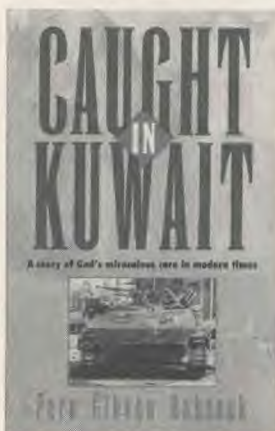
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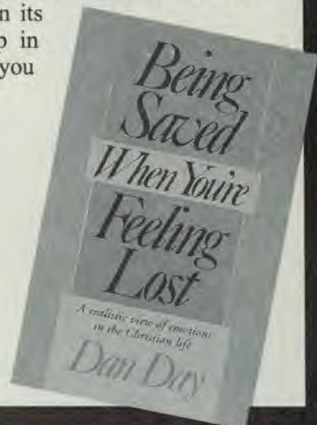
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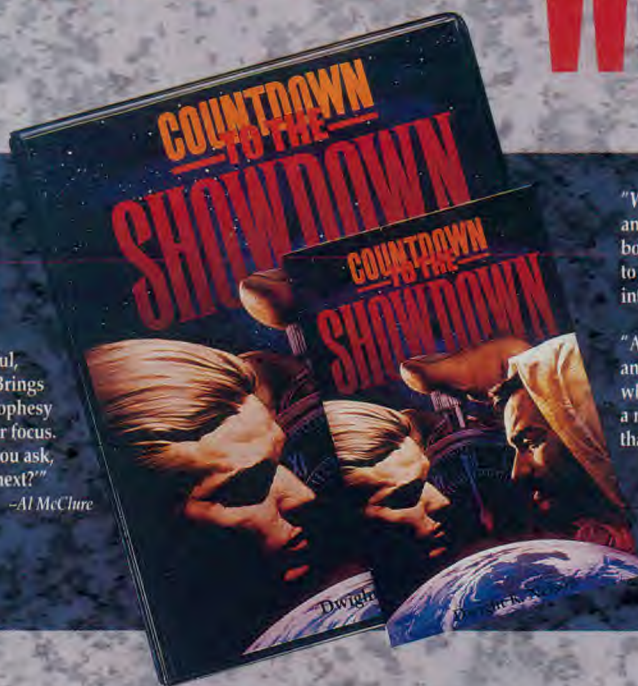


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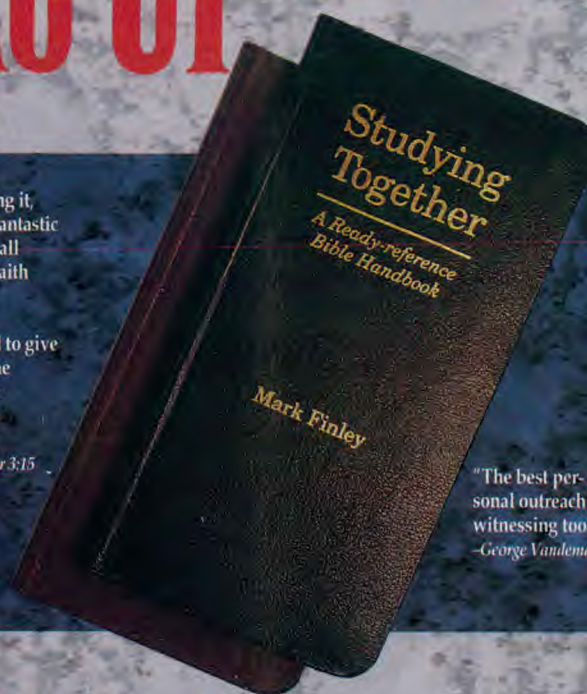
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