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# A Dream Come True

In 1992 the General Conference Annual Conference designated 1995 as The Year of the Adventist Woman (YAW). 1995 is here! It's exciting, it's historic, it's a once-in-a-lifetime occasion! It is a year to celebrate and recognize the skills, the services, the industrious and often unrewarded efforts of the women of our church. It will be a time to look at the efforts of our predecessors and the visions of today's woman. A chance to savor their victories in Jesus and to validate our visions for a church where every member is valued for their individual worth regardless of gender.

The year will have three major areas of emphasis: spiritual, social and intellectual. To accomplish this, programs have been initiated on all levels of church life.

Illiteracy and abuse are two of the six critical challenges facing women today. We plan to help those in need by our caring and sharing.

At the North American Division level, a program was launched to help establish the Thesba N. Johnston scholarship Fund. Thesba Johnston was the first chair of the Women's Commission (1984-1989). She is devoted to raising the consciousness of churches of the role of women in the church. The scholarship will benefit women studying in Adventist institutions who are preparing for service in North America.

Other events in the NAD include:

The *Adventist Review* will have a cluster of women's articles written by Jocelyn Fay / Women's Day of Prayer—March 4 / Women's Ministries day—June 10 / Four Take Heart retreats with Janis Vance, hosted across the division

Publications for women for 1995 include:

"A Gift of Love"—women's devotional book / Christian Woman's Planning Calendar / Women of Spirit, a magazine for Adventist Christian Women written by Adventist Women coming to your homes in April / *De Mujer a Mujer*, (Woman to Woman), devotionals for and by Hispanic women

In the Atlantic Union, events will include:

Festival of Hymns coordinated by Dr. Marjorie Ness at Atlantic Union College—April 1 / Awards ceremony, Atlantic Union College / Greater New York Prayer Retreat—May 5-7 / Northern New England Conference Retreat—May 26-28 / Atlantic Union Conference Retreat and Celebration including a 200-member woman's choir and orchestra—September 29 – October 1

For further information, poster, packets and other YAW materials, please contact your union Office of Women's Ministries or your conference Women's Ministries Director.

Women's Ministries is providing a way for women to use their skills and see the development of their dreams in the Lord. Since the first issue of the woman's devotional, more than 25 women from the Atlantic Union have contributed articles. Teen retreats and mentoring sessions are increasing. Bible study and small prayer groups are being held. Four conferences have newsletters. With These Hands, a seminar to increase awareness of evangelism for the deaf, is being given across the union. Cross cultural, inter-conference telephone prayer lines are in operation. Our aim is caring and sharing. Our theme for 1995, *Come, let us celebrate, together*. In 1995, let us affirm womanhood. This is only the beginning; there is more to come.





## SEED SOWING BRINGS BLESSINGS

**T**his past summer I received a letter from Elite Lay Activities. War was declared against starvation by sending garden seeds overseas. I responded and was sent the name of a lady in Africa who needed seeds. Now where was I going to get the seeds; it was the end of the growing season. Remembering that God graciously gives a

measure of faith to every person, I began to pray about it. One day a display of seeds caught my eye at a nearby store—10 packages for \$1! I picked out 20 packages. As I was paying for them, I told the clerk about my project. He said, "Just help yourself for free." When I got home and counted them, I had 54 packages!

A few days later I saw another display of seeds. Should I ask the manager to donate some? Timidly I told him about my project. He went to the stockroom and returned with a huge box full of seeds (and I mean huge!) There must have been thousands of packages of seeds of all kinds, including flower seeds. What a thrill!

One of the ladies at my church volunteered to sort them, and

within a week she returned with them all in ziploc bags. What a blessing! Again I wrote to Elite Lay Activities and told them to send me more addresses. I soon received over 30 names and addresses. Other interested people were impressed to donate money for postage. So far I have sent out over 2000 packages of seeds to God's children around the world in Africa, East Malaysia, the Philippines, the West Indies, Ecuador, Mexico and Thailand. Letters of appreciation are beginning to come. What a thrill it is to know that, while we can't do everything, we can do something!

*Beverly Meacham  
West Bangor SDA Church*

## CHILDREN'S DAY AT MORRIS PARK; FOCUS ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Y**oung people were both ministered to and ministering in the Morris Park church's celebration of Children's Day this past fall. Special presentations were made to Beverly Mazzella, wife of former pastor, Elder Anthony Mazzella, and Theresa McDonald, originators of the church's ministry for children. The current children's ministries director, Rowena Tamayo, described the weekly services that are now serving the needs of more than 40 young persons in the church. The children's hour includes sermonettes that are moving young listeners chronologically through the Bible, with elected young persons serving as elders, deacons and deaconesses.

Messages delivered by 10-year-old Florale Vencer and 12-year-old Lindsay Peterson in the eleven o'clock hour focused on "The Good Shepherd" theme. The congregation was charmed by special songs of



Cradle Roll "lamb" participated in a Children's Day skit at the Morris Park church in the Bronx.

the Espenorio and Vencer families, and Cradle Roll children who "baaed" their way down the aisle for a skit by the Chandler family. Later, five children knelt at the front of the church, signifying their desire to be baptized. Morris Park church

has been truly blessed by those who train up children in the way they should go!

*Helene Mattenson  
Communication Leader*



# ADVENTIST TELEVISION MINISTRIES REACHES THOUSANDS IN ATLANTIC UNION

**N**o single church in the Atlantic Union can seat over 67,000 people. Yet that's how many non-Adventists tune in each week in New York City alone to watch "Lifestyle Magazine." Add to that the tens of thousands who watch "It Is Written" and "Breath of Life" and you realize the impact and importance of Adventist television ministries in the Atlantic Union. They reach more unchurched people each week than visit all the churches in the union combined in an entire year!

"During 1994, Breath of Life, Faith For Today, and It Is Written mailed 15,885 pieces of Bible-based literature to viewers in the Atlantic Union," says Glenn Aufderhar, Adventist Media Center President. "This is a vital link to the television audience, and it is possible only because of generous giving on the part of our members."

For many people, the airwaves and the mail are the only way they can contact the Adventist Church. Jeff, for example, wrote this letter.

"As I looked out of the bars, It Is Written caught my attention. I was filled with anger, bitterness, and disgust. My mother killed herself at age 22 by blowing her brains out. I never had a father figure in my life. I grew up alone on the streets of Naples, Florida. I started to steal simply to get something to eat. . . .

"I've lost everything in my life—my marriage, my children, my free-

dom—except one thing: my courage to get down on my knees and pray to God in my fear and ask Him not to let my son or daughter see a prison cell. As I watched you on It Is Written, I saw peace and happiness and love. . . . Your teachings are easy to understand and I trust you. I don't trust many people. Please help me."

For some Adventist television viewers, life changes begin as soon as the program is over. One woman in California told Faith For Today that for 23 years she had been going to the hospital emergency room

**Adventist Television  
Ministries Offering—  
February 18, 1995**

for treatment because of her husband's abuse. After watching a program on spousal abuse on "Lifestyle Magazine," she said that she "realized for the first time in my life that I have been giving him permission to treat me that way. I am responsible for my life, and with God's help I am going to change."

The annual Television Ministries offering, to be taken division-wide this year on February 18, contributes an important part of the budget for BOL, FFT, and IIW. "With the number of stations airing our

programs growing in North America and opportunities exploding abroad," says Aufderhar, "we're looking for the largest television offering ever to help us reach these people."

As they begin a new production year, each of the Adventist television ministries is playing a growing role in the church's Global Mission.

Breath of Life—which in its first 20 years has already led 12,000 persons to Christ and founded a dozen churches—plans crusades in New York, Seattle, St. Louis, and Phoenix.

Faith For Today is already producing original "Lifestyle" programs in Russia with a Russian host and audience. The program is also airing in Greece, where there are only 250 Seventh-day Adventists among the countries 10 million people.

It Is Written's taping days sound like a modern day of Pentecost. Associate speakers join Mark Finley on the set to produce programs in Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese. And on January 1, It Is Written began airing in the large Philippine television market.

"With so much of the world suddenly open to Adventist evangelism, we must take advantage of these God-given opportunities right now," says Aufderhar. "Please make the largest gift you can on February 18 so that we can harness the airwaves for good."



# CUTTING-EDGE RADIO IS VOP GOAL

## PASTORS TO BE LINKED WITH PROGRAM

**S**howing how Bible doctrines are relevant to people's felt needs is the goal—using high-tech communication advancements will be the method—as the Voice of Prophecy targets North America with cutting-edge radio messages and attention-grabbing Bible lessons.

"To use a slogan from secular radio," says Lonnie Melashenko, director-speaker of the VOP, "our presentation of God's special message for the end-time must be 'red-hot.' With so many voices and so many opinions on the air, it's not easy to captivate the restless, station-jumping audience. But I believe our Adventist message can be presented in such a compelling way that listeners will want to hear it."

One way to do that will be hard-hitting, succinct, 60-second spots. These will be designed to shape public opinion on values and issues, while also building name recognition for the Adventist church.

"We're aiming these new spots for people who have wanted to look for God but were afraid to make the start," says Tim Crosby, director of production at the VOP. "We will buy time on major secular radio stations to air them."

Innovations are also planned for the weekend 30-minute broadcast and the daily 15-minute programs. More programs will take listeners directly from current headlines into the Bible's message. A recent example is a VOP broadcast that aired just four days after Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' funeral and presented the truths of salvation and the resurrection.

Satellite transmission will enhance the delivery of such timely messages. The VOP is presently testing this method of sending programs to stations.

Linking the local Adventist pastor to the radio broadcast is another goal. Pastors will be encouraged to give announcements of activities of their churches at the end of broadcasts, and some will be invited to participate on the programs.

The Voice of Prophecy's sister broadcast, La Voz de la Esperanza (The Voice of Hope), faces the challenge of reaching the Hispanic population, which is growing eight times as fast in the U.S. as the non-Hispanic population.

"There is an even deeper and more crucial cry from Hispanic hearts now than when La Voz be-

gan in three decades. Their four days in Havana confirmed a rebirth of hope in the island nation. "The spirit of Cuban Adventists indicates that the work is going to go forward in an absolutely exciting way," says Melashenko.

A new Bible course, *Discover*, was released in North America last October. Each of the 26 lessons is contained in a 16-page booklet. Advanced computer techniques have given color photos the appearance of paintings. Plans are being formulated to offer *Discover* by computer as well as in print.

Besides covering Bible doctrines common to most Christian faiths, the course includes lessons on law and grace, the Sabbath, the sanctuary, and health. The concluding six lessons tackle "the big questions": the change of the Sabbath, the state of the dead, hell, the millennium, God's church for today, and the Three Angels' Messages.

"I've never seen a better course," says Pastor Melashenko. "It's a magnificent presentation of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs. We have the enrollment cards, the lessons, the instructors and counselors—now it's up to our members to utilize these tools and give God's message for the end-time to their community."

Your offerings for radio work received in churches and a portion of what is given to the World Budget, will assist the evangelistic ministry of the Voice of Prophecy and La Voz de la Esperanza. Your offerings are needed.



The full-color *Discover* Bible lessons are ready for use.



H. M. S. Richards, shown here in a mural created by Andrews University art professor Greg Constantine, founded the Voice of Prophecy in 1930. As the ministry observes the 100th anniversary of his birth this year, Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko build on the 65-year foundation and reputation for excellence he established.

gan in 1942," says Milton Peverini, director-speaker. "Our Adventist programs present Jesus as the world's only Hope."

Pastors Melashenko and Peverini recently visited Cuba to participate in the first Bible course graduation service to be conducted



# MARANATHA: FROM THE BASEMENT TO A HOUSEHOLD WORD IN 25 YEARS

**I** had no idea," Maranatha founder John Freeman says with deep emotion, "that the organization would grow to the point it has today."

John is referring of course to Maranatha Flights International, which he founded in 1969 and which merged with Volunteers International in 1989 to become Maranatha Volunteers International, familiar to hundreds of thousands of Adventists today. Most people shorten the name and just say "Maranatha," which means "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

Over the past 25 years, the name Maranatha has become a household word among Adventists when describing short-term mission service. An excited couple from Maine, for example, will tell their friends they are going on a "Maranatha trip."

In fact, the project may have been initiated by Mission Church Builders or through the kindness of an enterprising carpenter from New Hampshire—not the organization, Maranatha Volunteers International. How did this Maranatha name-dropping come to be?

Maranatha's statement of mission helps you see the big picture in just 18 words:

Maranatha spreads the Gospel throughout the world as it builds people through the construction of urgently needed buildings."

Simple enough and all inclusive.

If you were touring California's state capitol today, you could swing by the Metro Centre Building, owned and operated by Maranatha, and visit with Maranatha's friendly staff. But in the 1960s when John Freeman first began to dream about

producing mission service opportunities for youth, his office space was very—*lowly*.

"I was running Maranatha along with my photography business from the *basement* of my home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and footing all the bills for it myself. From the very beginning, I wanted to create a layman's program—owned and run by laymen—to demonstrate what *we* could do to help finish the Lord's work!"

For the first few years, the work of Maranatha amounted to two or three projects a year and was done mostly with youth groups.



John Freeman, founder of Maranatha in 1969

Then in 1973 there came a turning point. John worked with General Conference official Elder Caris Lauda, Oscar Heinrich of Mission Spotlight, and Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries. The end result was Project Yellowknife, which attracted over 125 volunteers to the Northwest Territories of Canada.

After that milestone, the number of building projects doubled and tripled as word of Yellowknife and Maranatha spread throughout the Adventist Church. At this point, facilitating these projects had become more than a full-time job for the number one man.

In 1983, John decided to make his photography business top priority and the responsibility of parenting his five daughters. Full-time leadership of Maranatha was passed to businessman Don Noble, who moved the organization to a 900 plus square foot rental on U.S. Highway 31.

Don began restructuring the organization and laying a broader foundation of operation to accommodate the escalating world-wide construction needs of the Adventist Church.

A major strategic move to Sacramento, California in 1989—placing the Maranatha headquarters central to its largest constituency—and a merger with Robert Bainum's Volunteers International changed the complexion of the organization once again. The Maranatha newsletter began to assume magazine proportions in an attempt to cover the multitude of volunteer activities.

Taking a giant step of faith in 1991, Maranatha's board acted on Don Noble and Robert Bainum's dream of targeting specific countries for intensified church and school construction, coordinating efforts with evangelistic campaigns in those countries.

The first beneficiary was the Dominican Republic in 1992. In the Santo Domingo '92 campaign, 25 churches were built in 70 days by



over 1,200 Maranatha volunteers. In addition, 23 more construction projects were completed worldwide that year. The onlooking community of Christian mission service organizations was amazed at what God was doing through Maranatha volunteers.

Because of this marked success, Maranatha committed to larger projects in God's name. In 1993, Guatemala was the recipient of 50 new churches. Seventy-five more were completed which nationals had started but were unable to finish for financial reasons. Three new schools also became landmarks of Guatemala '93.

Also during that year, Maranatha worked in Chile, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Russia and completed ten U.S. projects.

Now enlarge those Guatemala figures. Under the Mexico '94-'95 program, Maranatha has begun construction on 100 new churches, completing another 100 churches, and building six new schools.

The urgency of this campaign is the explosive growth of the Gospel in Mexico. For example, during the first four months of 1993, 20,000 were baptized in the South Mexico Union alone. These people need a place to worship. Our churches are already packed full, with members standing outside straining to hear.

During the same time frame, Maranatha has begun work in Cuba. Because entry into that country is difficult for U.S. citizens, the Cuban project is using hired nationals who are supervised by Maranatha leadership. Current construction in Cuba is not primarily a volunteer endeavor.

Maranatha's plan of action to evangelize Cuba has been named the "700 Plan," which will refurbish 100 existing churches and construct or rebuild 100 "houses of light" where believers will worship. In addition, 100 lay evangelism teams will work in unreached areas, 100 evangelistic campaigns will be held, 100 slide projectors will be used to present Bible studies, and 100 Bible felt sets will be used

for children's programming.

Also purchased for use in Cuba will be 100 sets of Ellen White writings translated into Spanish, 250,000 Spanish *Steps to Christ* and a 12-passenger van.

How long Cuba's "window of opportunity" will last is uncertain. What Maranatha does know is: *now*



**Don Noble, Maranatha president since 1983, restructured the organization to meet the escalating world-wide construction needs of the Adventist Church.**

is the time to work quickly for the salvation of the people of Cuba.

As the numbers came in for the 1993-94 fiscal year, Maranatha was grateful to report that 2,004 people—including 751 youth—volunteered for short-term mission service in a year's time. They worked on 124 projects, estimated at \$4,226,620 in value. That represents 291,803 square feet of space and 131,321 hours of labor. In one year!

With annual figures like these, it's no wonder Maranatha has become a household word over the last 25 years!

But the picture of Maranatha, the organization, cannot be complete without lingering a moment to view a recent scene which proved to be an inspired moment of truth. The setting was Maranatha's 18th Annual National Convention, where 600 volunteers and friends celebrated 25 years of lay service.

On the Friday evening of this celebration, warm lights illuminated the faces of many Maranatha veterans, as they worshipped pensively in their pews. Outside the

Monterey Bay Academy church, August breezes encouraged a few latecomers.

As the service moved towards the end of its first hour, the entire congregation stood to its feet and applauded as two figures moved center stage to the podium. After the applause faded reluctantly, a familiar voice was heard. Some present had not heard this voice for a over decade.

"I have to say 'what truly God hath wrought,' because in 25 years Maranatha has built 1,200 buildings. Almost 28,000 volunteers have been involved. Through constructing buildings valued over 58 million dollars, we have helped contribute to the finishing of the Lord's work." As John Freeman spoke, his wife Ida Mae stood close by his side, her countenance amplifying every word.

"And all I can say is . . .," John's voice broke and there was a brief pause. "I appreciate . . . the Lord using us, and using all of you."

## **MARANATHA MISSION TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**Azua II—February 6-15, 1995**

**To erect an urgently needed church building to replace a small, inadequate rented hall where this congregation now meets.**

**In Azua, approximate population 35,000 people, there are three congregations and only one church.**

**More information, please contact:  
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See January 1995 Atlantic Union Gleaner, p. 12.**



# MEMORIAL GIFT HELPS HOLBROOK BUILD GIRLS' DORM

**M**eeting an urgent, critical need of Holbrook Indian School, a new dormitory will be built, a gift from the McKee family in memory of their mother, Anna Ruth King McKee, wife of O. D. McKee, founder of McKee Foods Corp.

From the time she was eight years old, Ruth King demonstrated character traits that would make her a strong support to O. D. McKee during the difficult times of their entry into business in the baking industry. She graduated from Southern Junior College in the spring of 1926. Ruth and O. D. McKee were married August 4, 1928.

For many years Ruth stubbornly supported her husband, when things were not going well for him. She spent many sleepless nights wondering where money would come from to feed her children. Hiring a dependable housekeeper and babysitter, she went to work with her husband, first as business manager, later as purchasing agent, secretary and treasurer.

Through diplomatic, tight-fisted money management, all financial obligations were met, including repayment of their early loans. Together the McKees turned a Depression-days cookie business into the McKee Foods Corporation, the largest producer of snack cakes in North America. After 61 years of marriage, Ruth died in 1989 at 83 years of age.

Before her death, a tribute was made to O. D. McKee at an annual meeting of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce. Although Ruth's name does not appear in the editorial, the tribute was as much for her as it was for him.

"O. D. McKee, with the Lord's help, has seen a miracle . . . He has turned a Depression-days cookie-selling job into a thriving, large bak-

ery that offers a varied line of goods over a tremendous area . . . It took hard work. It required perseverance. It demanded devotion, determination and sticking it out through difficult days. But Mr. McKee, his family, and coworkers had what it took . . . and came out on top." In the later years before her death, Ruth told family members there was only one thing she missed in her life, and that was teaching young people. Her formal education prepared her to teach school. Instead of teaching, she supported her husband in establishing the business. It is very fitting that she is remembered through a school teaching young people.

The McKee family, children of O. D. and Ruth McKee include: Wyn Stevens (Elder & Mrs. John), Ellsworth McKee (Mrs. Sharon), Jack McKee (Mrs. Betty), and Beth Alexander (Dr. & Mrs. Jim).

The Ruth McKee Hall will be

home for 80 Indian girls, ages 6 through 20. It will have 20 rooms for grades 7 to 12 (two to a room), 10 rooms for the lower grades (four

to a room), modest apartments for the dean and her assistant, a small computer/study room, kitchenette, and a recreation room. The dormitory will replace the boys' dorm (the boys will move to the current girls' dormitory). The old boys' dorm will be used as a hall for Holbrook's mu-

sic program, and a much-needed student assembly hall.

Groundbreaking for the Ruth McKee Hall will take place on April 3, 1995. Application has been made to Maranatha Volunteers International to build the dormitory. Maranatha has been involved in the construction of a number of buildings on the Holbrook campus.

Our school for Native American students should be one in which all Seventh-day Adventists can take pride. The proposed new dormitory not only will be a fitting tribute to a wonderful woman who lovingly supported her husband, but also will be a fine addition to our campus. Students can hardly wait to move into the new facility.

Holbrook Indian School is a faith ministry receiving over 75 percent of its operating support from personal sacrificial gifts. You may wish to have a special part in this tribute to Ruth McKee, or may wish to help by giving for the operation of the school. Your gifts may be sent to Holbrook Indian School, PO Box 880, Holbrook, AZ 86025. For additional information, please contact Don Wright, principal, at (602) 524-6845, or Rachel Twing, development director, at (602) 991-6777.



Ruth McKee



Just a few of the girls from Holbrook Indian School anxious to move into the new girls' dormitory, a gift from the McKee family. The girls are (seated left to right) Tamara, Jacquetta, and Marlene; (standing) Colandra (left) and Seysh.



# A CALL TO ALL GREEKS

Several Seventh-day Adventist families of Greek descent from various places in Michigan, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Wyoming, Maryland, Illinois, the District of Columbia, California, and Canada gather each year for fellowship. Last fall they gathered in Berrien Springs for the third Hellenic Fellowship.

These annual gatherings or camp meetings have been officially organized under the auspices of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland, under the title of "Hellenic

Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists of North America." This constitutes the thirtieth group of SDA minorities existing in the North American Division.

The camp meetings meet in the home of Elly Economou, where the guests are hosted for the three-day meetings. The programs are bilingual.

Guest speakers from the General Conference included Elders Manuel Vasquez and Harold Baptiste among others, as well as professors from the SDA Theological Seminary of Andrews University. They provide inspiring, thought-provoking, and stimulating sermons.

The programs are enriched by the Sabbath school lessons in three languages and visits to both denominational and local places of current and historical significance. There are also panel discussions, choir performances, testimonies, committee meetings, fellowshiping, to name but a few of the activities.

The three main objectives of the Fellowship are: first, to discover more Seventh-day Adventists of Greek descent residing in the United States and Canada, encouraging them to join the Fellowship; second, to publicize the Greek Voice of Prophecy correspondence course; and third, to make known the availability of Greek literature in the Greek language.

Several Spirit of Prophecy books have been translated and published in Greek, among which are the following: *Steps to Christ*, *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Mount of Blessing*, *The*



Elly Economou with her SDA translated books.

*Ministry of Healing*, *The Acts of the Apostles*, *The Great Controversy*, *The Desire of Ages*, *The Story of Jesus* (Children's Adaptation), and *Messengers to Young People*. At this time *Patriarchs and Prophets* and others are being prepared for publication.

A bilingual newsletter is frequently mailed to the Fellowship members and a pamphlet entitled, "The Greek Voice" is published four times a year for outreach. If you have Greek friends to whom you would like to bring the Good News of Salvation, please notify us at one of the following addresses:

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Co-founders of the SDA Hellenic Fellowship Elder Nicholas Germanis and Dr. Elly Economou (at left) and Elder Manuel Vasquez, North American Multilingual Ministries (right).

Dr. Elly Economou  
Biblical Languages Professor  
Andrews University



# HAVE YOU GOT AN ATTITUDE?

I remember seeing a cartoon in a horseman's magazine a few years ago. The setting was the bull-riding event in a rodeo. During this event the rodeo clown is very active and very vital to the safety of the bull rider. The purpose of the clown during this event is not to entertain the audience, but rather to attract the mad bull's attention from a fallen rider to himself in order to lead the bull in another direction. In the cartoon things didn't work out as planned and the clown and the displaced rider were running side by side for dear life for the nearest fence to climb for safety with the bull right on their heels. Though both men were literally running for their lives, the clown had a smile painted on his face. The caption spoken by the rider to the clown read, "What's so funny?" When it comes to giving to God's cause, do we just have smiles painted on our faces or do we really enjoy giving. Putting it another way let me ask, Have cheerfulness and giving gotten a divorce?

Today we hear folks remark when referring to someone with a grumpy disposition, "That person has really got an attitude." Does it make any difference what our attitude is when it comes to giving? It is an interesting question because if God gets the money what difference does it make why we give it? Evidently, our attitude and/or motive in our financial relationship with God is in fact the bottom line. The reason is simple. God doesn't need the money! He wants our hearts. And He wants us to receive his promised blessings. The Word puts it this way: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as

he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6,7).

It occurs to me that one of the greatest hindrances to cheerful giving is when the giver worries about what will happen to the money he has given. "What will 'the brethren' do with it?" But isn't this backward reasoning? For one to say, "I will give money to the church if you will do this and this with it" is wrong motivation. Cheerful offerings are a response of love not a demand or an expectation. This is not to say that we should have no interest in what happens to the offering. I am only saying that it is easier to give with a cheerful spirit when we reflect on the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf and His continuing blessings to us on a daily basis.



Ellen White, when commenting on the gifts of the poor who are motivated to do something to help in God's cause, pointed out that the use of the money by those in charge is not always what the giver had in mind. God will hold them responsible not the giver. She states, "I was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus

bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver. The motive in giving is also chronicled. Those self-sacrificing, consecrated ones who render back to God the things that are His, as He requires of them, will be rewarded according to their works. Even though the means thus consecrated be misapplied, so that it does not accomplish the object which the donor had in view—the glory of God and the salvation of souls—those who made the sacrifice in sincerity of soul, with an eye single to the glory of God, will not lose their reward" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 518, 519).

May I suggest two solid reasons for cheerful giving? They are our response to the great love of God and the thrill of seeing the work of God go forward. "What can I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" All the love that men and angels are capable of exercising, sinks into insignificance in comparison with the love of God toward the human family. Calls for offerings generally mean that the work is being maintained, expanded, and doors of opportunity are being entered. This sounds like a cause for rejoicing to me. Christ is anxious to return,

the fields are white, ready to harvest. Souls are looking to heaven waiting only to be gathered in. Let's exchange our painted smiles for expressions of genuine pleasure as we cheerfully respond to God's unfailing love and the opportunities He gives to bring our offerings to Him.

Ed Reid  
Stewardship Director  
North American Division



# Atlantic Union College

## ROMANIAN NURSE FROM SISTER SCHOOL VISITS AUC

Ada Constantinescu, a nurse and teacher from the Theological Seventh-day Adventist Nursing School in Braila, Romania, visited Atlantic Union College's nursing department from September 4 to November 30. Constantinescu's stay is a continuation of the cooperative relationship between the two nursing schools.

The three-year-old Theological Nursing School has made the best of a financially limited situation. Students originally met in church basement classrooms with no windows, long boards for desks, and wood stoves for heat. This year the school was able to purchase a building that they are using in addition to their other classrooms. They are the first religious school to receive state recognition in Romania.

The Theological Nursing School has had to meet several standards in order to be recognized by the state. First, they needed a relationship with an established nursing school. To accomplish this, the new school asked the Atlantic Union College nursing department to form a partnership with them. The Atlantic Union College board's official approval of a connection with the Braila nursing school this past summer fulfilled the requirement.

"The affiliation is giving them assistance in materials and teachers," said Vera Davis, chair of the AUC nursing department. This began when Davis accepted an invitation to visit the school last January. She toured the nursing classrooms as well as the hospitals used for the students' clinical requirements. Dr. Glenys Hamilton, a former AUC nursing faculty member and adjunct professor, followed Davis'

visit with a trip to Braila in June, bringing books and teaching a five-day workshop on research.

Ada Constantinescu believes that the relationship will be valuable for the Theological Nursing School. "It [AUC] is an old school with enough experience," she commented. "Our school is very new."

"She's trying to model the Theological Nursing School after our two-year degree program," Mrs. Davis added.

Constantinescu worked hard during her stay to make the most of her opportunity. She observed teaching methods and gathered materials. She took notes in many nursing classes, traveled with students to clinicals at hospitals, and translated important sections of English textbooks.



Nursing student Roberta Bolduc (right) says goodbye to Ada Constantinescu, who visited the AUC nursing department for three months this fall.

Although busy from morning to night, Constantinescu adjusted gracefully to American culture. It helped that Romanian culture is also diverse, and that English is taught in their schools. Constantinescu had traveled to France last year, so this was not her first time abroad.

Coming to America was a very interesting experience, she said. She found American food not only enjoyable, but healthier than she was

accustomed to. "Romanian food is not very light, so it's not very healthy. The first cause of death in Romania is cardiovascular disease."

Also, since the fall of communism, the American tobacco industry has moved into Romania. Heavy advertising has caused smoking to spread quickly in the eastern European country. Constantinescu hopes to make healthy living central to the nursing education in Romania.

In response to the health needs of the community, the nursing school has responded by giving five-day stop smoking seminars as well as anti-stress seminars in public locations.

Although barriers remain to be surmounted, the Theological Nursing School is doing well. There are now 170 students enrolled, 65 percent of whom are Adventist. And the Adventist Church is growing rapidly, especially among the youth of Braila.

There remains a need for educational materials, both for teachers and students. Fortunately, the Theological Nursing School is now receiving hundreds of books that are being sent from hospitals and schools of nursing in this area, through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. Constantinescu has also obtained a VCR, and is trying to accumulate video tapes and a video camera, to help diversify the ways the Romanian nursing students can learn.

The relationship between the Theological Nursing School and AUC's nursing department will continue. There are plans for an AUC nursing instructor to visit Braila next fall, and for another Theological Nursing School instructor to possibly spend the spring of 1996 here at AUC.



# Greater New York

## NEW INSTRUMENTS DEDICATED AT HEMPSTEAD CHURCH

With God's blessings, the Hempstead church was able to purchase an organ and a grand piano this past year. To thank Him, the church had a Day of Dedication, capped by an evening recital.

At the eleven o'clock service, Holy Convocation was presented by Dr. Shelton Kilby, III, a famed educator and musician. The guest organist was Dr. Milton Haynes, whose expertise evoked heartfelt response from the congregation in songs of praise.

The afternoon's Dedication Service was presided over by Pastor



Horace Russell (left). Pastor Fred White (in pulpit), a guest from Florida, gave the dedicatory sermon, while a former Hempstead Church pastor, Elder Kenneth Harding, offered the dedicatory prayer. At the evening recital, Allen Foster presided at the organ, and



Dr. Kilby at the piano, providing a memorable occasion for all who attended.

*Ventryce B. Thomas*  
Communication Leader

## HEALTH FAIRS AROUND GREATER NEW YORK

Bronx—Shown are Living Springs workers as they gave chair massages to visitors at the September 18 Victory Church Health Fair in the Bronx. The popular feature was one of many screening and service options at the Victory fair, including blood pressure screenings done by four high school students under the direction of Evelyn Gordon-Powell. A healthful lunch prepared by Evadne James and her staff fed Fair participants and some visitors; fresh fruits donated by the Salvation Army were distributed to all who attended.

Cheryl Jones reports that several participants said they had an inspiring time with people they served, and would like to participate again soon.

Other screeners indicated they had identified several persons with medical problems and referred them for follow-up.

The fair was the result of many persons' efforts, including a number of Health and Temperance Committee members, the printing assistance by members Leslie and Maulene Pitterson, and God's blessings.

Old Westbury—On the same day, a health fair was also held by

the Old Westbury church on Long Island. The free "Health Expo" offered services and information in nearly 20 colorful booths, with health professionals participating from the congregation and community, as well as from the Van Center.

The Expo was a first for the Old Westbury church and was planned as an annual event. Lisa Heine and Evelyn Sullivan coordinated, with Patricia Brown assisting with publicity; an extended committee of church members helped with preparation and during the Expo itself.

Middletown—A full weekend dedicated to health awareness and preventive health care was scheduled at the Middletown church the last weekend of September. Speaking on Sabbath at the eleven o'clock hour for the church's "Medical Day" was Henry Ramanathan, M.D., of the Jackson Heights church. An afternoon panel dealt with various facets of "Depres-



Victory Health Fair



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sion—How It Affects Our Health and Families.” Panel participants included Dr. Ramanathan, and health professionals representing psychiatry, psychology, and nurs-

ing areas, as well as communication and pastoral concerns, all related to the topic, “Depression—How It Affects Your Health & Family.”

A health fair scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the next day featured 13 booths in the Midtown Church School. Community groups participated in the fair.

### **HISPANIC YOUTH HOLD “BLOCK PARTY FOR THE SOUL” IN UPPER MANHATTAN**

Leaders and members of the Bronx-Manhattan-Upstate Hispanic Youth Federation held a street-preaching service on Manhattan’s upper east side. Young persons, parents and friends came together to let the busy Hispanic neighborhood know Jesus can make a difference in our lives, if we’ll let Him in.

The full afternoon’s program staged between first and second avenues on East 116th Street drew the attention of passers-by and apartment dwellers alike. Windows were raised as hymns were sung or played, and pedestrians listened in-

tently when Adventist teens offered them free literature.

As young people gave their testimonies to the small crowd seated on the street, sidewalkers gazers stopped to hear them tell what God has done in their lives. The “Poecia Coreada de Dyckman,” an inspirational poetry group, spoke movingly to the audience, as did more than a half-dozen musical artists in the program’s mini-concert. On hand to greet and speak to those gathered was Elder Dionisio Olivo, Conference Youth Ministries Director. Elder James Clark, pastor and Bible teacher at Greater New York Academy, also spoke. Also on the program was local elder Eulises de la Cruz.

The “block party” with a difference was, according to one young woman who assisted with it, “worth all the effort. Some of the people we spoke with on the street were former Adventists,” Mairim Piña says, “and they said they may visit a church near them. The teams that gave out literature on the street and in the buildings found that people were interested in what they had to say and in the literature.”

Carmen Acosta, president of the Bronx-Manhattan-Upstate Hispanic Youth Federation, coordinated the event. As many as seven Hispanic churches were involved in planning the event. A second street-preaching event is being planned for the spring or summer of 1995.

### **MORRIS PARK IN ACTION**

The Morris Park church Community Services Department, under the direction of Evadne Henry and her committee, staged their first health fair for the community. The fair focused on “The Whole Person Body, Soul, and Mind,” with booths and tables set up in the church’s gymnasium and outside the church.

Among the services offered were chiropractic and podiatric care, nutritional counseling, blood pressure, hearing, and vision screening, and hydrotherapy. Exercise, massage and other natural remedies were also included. Service providers included Morris Park church mem-



**Tables at the Morris Park church health fair offered services and information for “The Whole Person—Body, Soul and Mind”**

bers, Living Springs, the Conference Van Program and Publishing Department. Jack LaLanne/Bally’s, Bronx-Lebanon and Lincoln Hospitals, professional massage therapists, doctors and the Healthy Choice Bakery also participated.

A steady flow of area residents attended. A popular table was one offering samples of vegetarian dishes, with one visitor saying, “I only eat chicken, but never tasted food as good as this before.” Some service providers from the community also visited other booths to utilize whatever service met their needs. These expressed their desire to participate again next year. The Community Services director was interviewed by a reporter from the *Bronx Times* during the fair.

Members praise God that the health fair helped build community awareness.

*Theresa McDonald  
Communication Leader*



# Bermuda

## DEAF AND BLIND MINISTRY

*An Interview with Marie Binns,  
Deaf and Blind Ministries Director,  
Bermuda Conference*

Within this last triennial, the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists established its first Deaf and Blind Ministry on a conference-wide scale. Under the direction of Sister Marie Binns, this new ministry is making great strides in reaching the deaf and blind of Bermuda with the Gospel.

In 1992, the St. Georges church led the way by conducting a workshop. Once the conference established the ministry another workshop was held in St. Georges with Thompson Kay, VP of

Christian Record Services in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Earlier this year, the Deaf Ministry section of the department brought Thompson Kay and David Trexler, also a hearing-impaired person of Christian Record Services, to Bermuda. For two weeks they met at the Devonshire church, holding seminars for both the hearing impaired and the non-hearing impaired person. At the end of the two weeks, David Trexler preached a Sabbath sermon at the Pembroke church that required translation for those who could hear. This placed the majority of the general congregation at a disadvantage that was normally reserved for the hearing impaired.



Marie Binns

Together Trexler and Kay made quite an impact with some of the hearing impaired on the island. An average of 10 hearing-impaired persons and 12 non-hearing impaired persons attended regularly. Some of these individuals are presently taking Bible studies. Amazing Facts, written in English was simplified to make reading easy and understandable. About three persons are still receiving Bible studies.

In our interview, we asked Sister Binns what are the goals of the Deaf and Blind Ministry?

"The goals of the Deaf and Blind Ministry are threefold:

1. To share the plan of salvation with the deaf and hearing impaired.
2. To provide an opportunity for us to assist them in becoming a greater part of society, and
3. To equip each church with a hearing impaired ministry."

## CPR COURSE FOR THE HEARING-IMPAIRED

During a week in October the Deaf Ministries conducted a CPR course for the hearing impaired at the Friendship Vale School in Devonshire. Each Thursday evening, Sister Marie Binns, a registered nurse, conducted the course assisted by Joycie Faison, an interpreter who nightly interpreted, Elizabeth "Libby" Burch (Midland Heights church) and Fredericka Gibbons (St. George's church) of the Medical Cadet Corp. At the end of the three-week period, three persons, Heather Paxton, Darlene Gibbons and Patrick Reid, were certified in CPR.

The course was basic CPR in which one person is taught how to do CPR on another person (adult) and unobstruct the air way in a conscious or unconscious adult.

They were also shown how to do CPR on a baby and child but not tested on this. Although the test they were given was a verbal test it can also be written and practical.

And just what is the outlook of the Deaf and Blind Ministries for 1995? "We want to certify the remaining members of the Deaf Association," said Sister Binns. "We also want to teach Basic First Aid."

Weighing heavy on her mind is the concept of having a deaf ministry in every church.



Joycie Faison



Patricia Green (left), Marie Binns (right), mannequin Sally.

"Eventually we want to have a service just for the deaf," a determined Binns stated.

One final question we asked Sister Binns: What is the most dignified manner to address a deaf person? As deaf, hearing-impaired, or what? "It is okay to call them deaf or hearing-impaired. They do not like terms such as "dumb" or "mute," was her reply.



# New York

## PLANS UNDERWAY FOR ADDITION TO TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION BUILDING AT USA

Thanks to the generosity of many people, we are very close to beginning construction of an addition to our Technology Education building. It is through equipment donations, vehicle donations, some outside printing jobs, service and cash donations that this project will be a reality.

This spring the senior class is planning to take one of their vacations to help with the construction of the addition with other volunteers.

Pictured is a 1986 Honda Accord/LX that was donated to the department by an interested con-



stituent to be repaired and sold.

If you are interested in our Technology Education program, or if you have any questions or any materials that you would like to donate, please feel free to give me a call or write a letter. Thank you all for your support and prayers for our program.

*Ron Anderson  
Technology Education Instructor  
Union Springs Academy  
(315) 889-7314*

## UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY SPONSORS K-10 TRACK-AND-FIELD DAY

Clouds were still low in the sky after two days of rainy weather. The threat of more precipitation did not dampen the spirits of elementary pupils determined to demonstrate their athletic expertise. Carefully plans had been drawn up and implemented. Track lining, sand well for broad jump, roped area for shot put and two separate obstacle courses, one for lower elementary and another for the upper grades, were among the preparations.

From a combined faculty-and-student-led worship to well-marked and student managed events, the day was rewarding. Not a single rain drop fell until the main events were finished and pupils were enjoying lunch in the recently renovated cafeteria. However, a hayride planned for younger pupils in the afternoon turned out to be a soggy event.

Objectives of enriching our elementary program and creating a bond between all in the Adventist School system, K-12, were realized.



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Broad jump under low clouds.



# Northeastern

## COMMUNION/ AGAPE FEAST AT CAPITAL CITY

Last September 24, the Family Life Department, under the leadership of Sister Ellen Rhem, arranged for Communion/Agape Feast to be held at Tri-City Junior Academy in Cohoes, New York.

Upon entering the gymnasium, families were directed to sit together. Many singles sat with "adopted" families while others sat together as a group. Visitors sat with the families who brought them. All together, approximately 200 people attended the program.

Communion began with the audience singing the hymn "At the Cross" while families washed each other's feet. It was a blessing to see mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, and other relatives and friends washing each other's feet and sharing the Gospel of Jesus. The service continued with the drinking of "wine" and eating of bread.

The Agape Feast consisted of many foods which symbolized God's love for us. Pastor Carl Ware and Elder Marlor Rhem read the following information about the food we were to eat:

### BREAD

During their wilderness journey, God provided the Israelites with "manna." In Exodus 16:14,31 it is

described as a "fine, flake-like thing, fine as hoarfrost . . ." The Israelites were instructed to go out each day and gather a portion for that day, and that day only. The exception was the sixth day, in which they were told to gather a double portion in preparation for the Sabbath. In the New Testament, Jesus spoke of this wilderness experience and the manna. In John 16:31, Jesus says, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from Heaven: but my Father giveth you the true bread from Heaven . . . I am the Bread of Life: He that cometh to me shall never hunger."

### OLIVES

Olives are a symbol of prosperity, strength and blessings. As the Hebrews ate this food, they were reminded of God's promises to them. Today we, too, can claim those promises and this food reminds us of that fact. Psalm 52:8 (NIV): "But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Hosea 14:6 (NIV) "His young shoots will grow. His splendor will be like an olive tree, his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon."

### GRAPES

Many of the Old and New Testament writers used the vine, vineyards and grapes as imagery in their

writings. In the Old Testament, the vine and vineyards are used to represent the nation of Israel. An abundance of vines and vineyards represented a sign of God's favor. The vine and the grapes associated with the vine denoted security and prosperity. (Isaiah 65:21)

### MELONS

As the children of Israel were wandering in the deserts, they longed for the cooling refreshing melons. They remembered some good times in Egypt when for a moment they had peace and could lie back and enjoy the luscious rewards of this fruit. They longed for that land that flowed with milk and honey, a land of melons and other delicious delights. Numbers 11:5 (NIV) "We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic."

Closing out the program was a Candlelight Cross Processional. A wooden cross was set up in a corner of the gym. A wreath of thorns was placed at the top of the cross and a cloth was draped across it to symbolize the death of Jesus. Everyone received a nail to put at the foot of the cross, symbolizing Jesus' forgiveness of their sins.



# Northern New England

## CHURCH SCHOOL REOPENS IN RUTLAND, VERMONT

The Rutland, Vermont, Seventh-day Adventist church is pleased to announce the reopening of its church school after being closed for four years. Doors opened on August 22, 1994, to what is now known as the Green Mountain Christian School. Teacher Ellen Busl has implemented a varied curriculum.

The children enjoyed many projects in addition to their regular studies. These included a flower gardening program which began on



Rutland, Vermont, school children with the food collected from the homes for holiday baskets.

the church property early in the summer before classes started. The pupils also raised 12 Monarch cat-

terpillars in a nine-foot cage which they built for them. The butterflies were then released to begin their migration. A canned food drive was recently conducted throughout the adjacent neighborhood. Over 200 homes were contacted.

Plans for winter include building a skating rink, a cross-country ski trail, and preparing a vegetable garden for spring. A school industry program of baking waffles and a citrus sales fundraiser are also underway.

*Ellen Busl, Teacher*

## CARING AND SHARING AT CHRISTMASTIME

On December 14, 1994, all classes for grades 9 through 12 at Pine Tree Academy came to a halt and the students met a bus carrying 18 excited, yet shy Freeport Head Start children and their four teachers. This was our second annual Head Start Christmas party. The home economics class had made stockings for each child which the Student Association filled with goodies.

The group gathered for a Christmas video. Following the video, the children were taken to the gym to play some active games. The all-time favorites were Red Light and Duck, Duck, Goose. Gifts and refreshments followed.

In the hour and an half with these children, the academy students caught a glimpse of energy, sharing, and the delight in the eyes of these children as they shared the spirit of Christmas with them.



Pine Tree Academy students share with 18 Freeport Head Start children at a Christmas party.

## FIRST BAPTISM IN AUGUSTA COMPANY

Sabbath, August 27, 1994, marked the first baptism for the Augusta, Maine, company. Marjorie Stewart took her stand for Jesus during a beautiful afternoon service at Camp Lawroweld. Nearly 100 people



were present along with an untold number of angels to witness the joyous event. Marjorie stated that after 50 plus years in the Baptist Church, she felt that she had come home to a warm and loving family.

*Deborah Lefurgy  
Communication Secretary*



# Northern New England

(Continued)

## COUPLES CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Curtis were honored for their 70th wedding anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smead celebrating their 45th anniversary at a party held for the couples, at the East Swanzey Community Center. Both couples live on Route 10, West Swanzey, New Hampshire. They are members of the Keene church.

Master of ceremonies was Gary Brodis. Entertainment featuring Lou Barber on the technics key-



Claude and Margaret Smead

board, several musical selections and poems. There was a four-tiered 70th Curtis cake in white with rose flowers and a flat 45th Smead cake in white with blue flowers. The hall and two food tables were decorated with blue, rose and white flowers, wedding bells and balloons.

There were 96 relatives and friends present from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Florida, Oregon and New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis (Lillian Haskell) were married February 29, 1924, in Corinna, Maine, in the Methodist Church parsonage. They went by sleigh on their wedding trip. Mr. Curtis was overseer of carding in a woolen mill until August of 1947, when they moved to West Swanzey where he did the same work until he retired in 1973. They have two daughters, Margaret Smead and Philla-Mae Morris; two granddaughters; five great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.



Lillian and Martin Curtis

Mr. and Mrs. Smead (Margaret Curtis) were married April 10, 1949, in the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church. They own Smead's Basket Factory. They have one daughter, Lorna, wife of Pastor Daniel Zabaleta of the Greater New York Conference, and two grandchildren.

*Margaret Smead  
Communication Secretary*

## ROCHESTER CHURCH DELIVERS THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Community Services Department of the Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church distributed 1800 pounds of food to the needy during the Thanksgiving holiday season. All told, 25 baskets of food were distributed to the needy families of Rochester.

Our thanks go to the many community services who contributed food for this worthy cause among which were: the Manchester Food Bank, Manchester Postal Workers, the Pathfinders, the Boy Scouts, and the church congregation, to name

just a few. We also salute the workers who delivered the food to the needy.



Standing by the food boxes are (L. to R.): Carmen Roberts, Vivienne Nickerson, Louise Sabol, Penni Goodale, and Geraldine Emerson.

Helping those in need is a worthy cause, and all involved may take heart in the fact that it is written,

That which we do for the least of our Brethren, we do also for Jesus. May the blessings of Almighty God be upon all who took part in this worthy cause.

*Ray Champlin  
Communication Secretary*



# Bulletin Board

## Sunset Table

Eastern Standard Time

	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31
Bangor, ME	5:26	5:35	5:44	5:53	6:02
Portland, ME	5:33	5:41	5:50	5:58	6:07
Boston, MA	5:37	5:45	5:53	6:01	6:09
So. Lancaster, MA	5:39	5:48	5:56	6:04	6:12
Pittsfield, MA	5:46	5:54	6:02	6:10	6:18
Hartford, CT	5:44	5:52	6:00	6:08	6:15
New York, NY	5:50	5:58	6:05	6:13	6:20
Utica, NY	5:53	6:02	6:10	6:18	6:26
Syracuse, NY	5:57	6:05	6:14	6:22	6:30
Rochester, NY	6:02	6:11	6:19	6:28	6:36
Buffalo, NY	6:07	6:16	6:24	6:32	6:41
Hamilton, Bda.	6:17	6:22	6:27	6:32	6:37

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Forrest L. Howe, Secretary

## The Foolishness of Preaching

Sermon Preparation will be the main theme of this year's Second Annual Bradford Lectures on Preaching held at Atlantic Union College on March 12, 1995. Elder John Nixon, of the College Church at AUC, will lecture on the topic "How to Prepare a Sermon" and Elder Miguel Cerna, a Vice President of the Southern California Conference, will lecture on "How to Train Laymen to Prepare Sermons." Each will preach a sermon during the session to illustrate the principles they use in sermon preparation.

The lectures are designed to be of practical value to the pastors and first elders of the churches of the Atlantic Union Conference. Many of the suggestions given by those who attended last year's lectures have been incorporated into this year's series. Atlantic Union College is proud to present this series and hopes that it will enrich the ministries of everyone who attends.

About 130 pastors and first elders were present last year and a greater number is expected in March.

For more information contact Dr. Ciro Sepulveda at Atlantic Union College (508) 368-2220

## "In His Image"

*Seventh Annual  
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### Registration

The Pines is located in the Catskills, approx. three hours' drive from NYC. Applications and travel details available in Greater New York churches, or write Women's Prayer Retreat, Greater New York Conference, PO Box 5029, Manhasset NY 11030-5029.

*Registration closes April 15, 1995.  
Full refund until April 5, 1995.*



## International Children's Care—A Supporting Ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Little Rosanna lives in house five at the Las Palmas orphanage in the Dominican Republic. She and her brother are the latest additions to the nearly 120 children at the orphanage. Too young to understand, at a year-and-a-half old, she seemed oblivious to the fact that her mother had abandoned her and her brother, Erculi, six months earlier. Her father, suffering from heart failure and a nervous disorder, tried to care for the children but couldn't. They lived in a very impoverished area near the Haitian border. The father's health deteriorated to the point where he could no longer care for the children. In desperation he brought them to the Las Palmas Orphanage.

Rosanna and her brother now live and grow up in house five with their new brothers and sisters and new mom and dad. Our motto at International Children's Care is, "ICC, helping orphans as though they were you." All across America, Seventh-day Adventists are helping ICC rescue abandoned and orphaned children in countries like

Guatemala, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Colombia, Romania, Thailand, and Mexico through our orphan care program.

As a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we are proud to tell you that our church is doing something for orphan children. Many people in this union are sponsoring children, thus making a difference in the lives of these precious children. Since the houseparents are Seventh-day Adventist Christians, the children are raised and educated in our church. Many are now seeking to become pastors and future leaders of our church.

Rosanna doesn't know now how close she came to being a statistic in the United Nations report on world-wide child deaths due to disease and poverty. Thanks to people like you, her name didn't show up on that list. Someday we hope Rosanna will hear her name called from another list—to receive her crown of eternal life at the hand of Jesus. This is child evangelism at its best.

March 14-30—Come with Adventist Singles Ministries to Navajoa, Sonora, Mexico.

We'll be hanging ceilings at an orphanage and possibly finishing the block work at a nearby church. Call Lorraine Hansen 1-704-697-2409 for details.

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## Wedding

Munsey-Knowles

Marsha Munsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall MacDonald of Bath, ME, and Andrew Knowles, son of Irene Knowles of Brunswick, ME, were married Novem-

ber 20, 1994. They are making their home in Durham, ME, and are employed at Digital in Augusta, ME. The ceremony was performed by Elder Erling C. Odell.

### "A New Noel"

The commemorative video of the 1994 National Christmas Eve Service as shown on ABC Television now available on video cassette. Featuring Pastor Dwight Nelson presenting the greatest story ever told, combined student and church choirs, and interviews with new Christians. The program was filmed in the Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews University Campus. Order from the NAD Distribution Center 1-800-328-0525.



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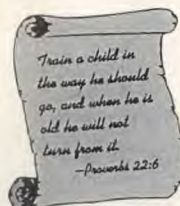
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