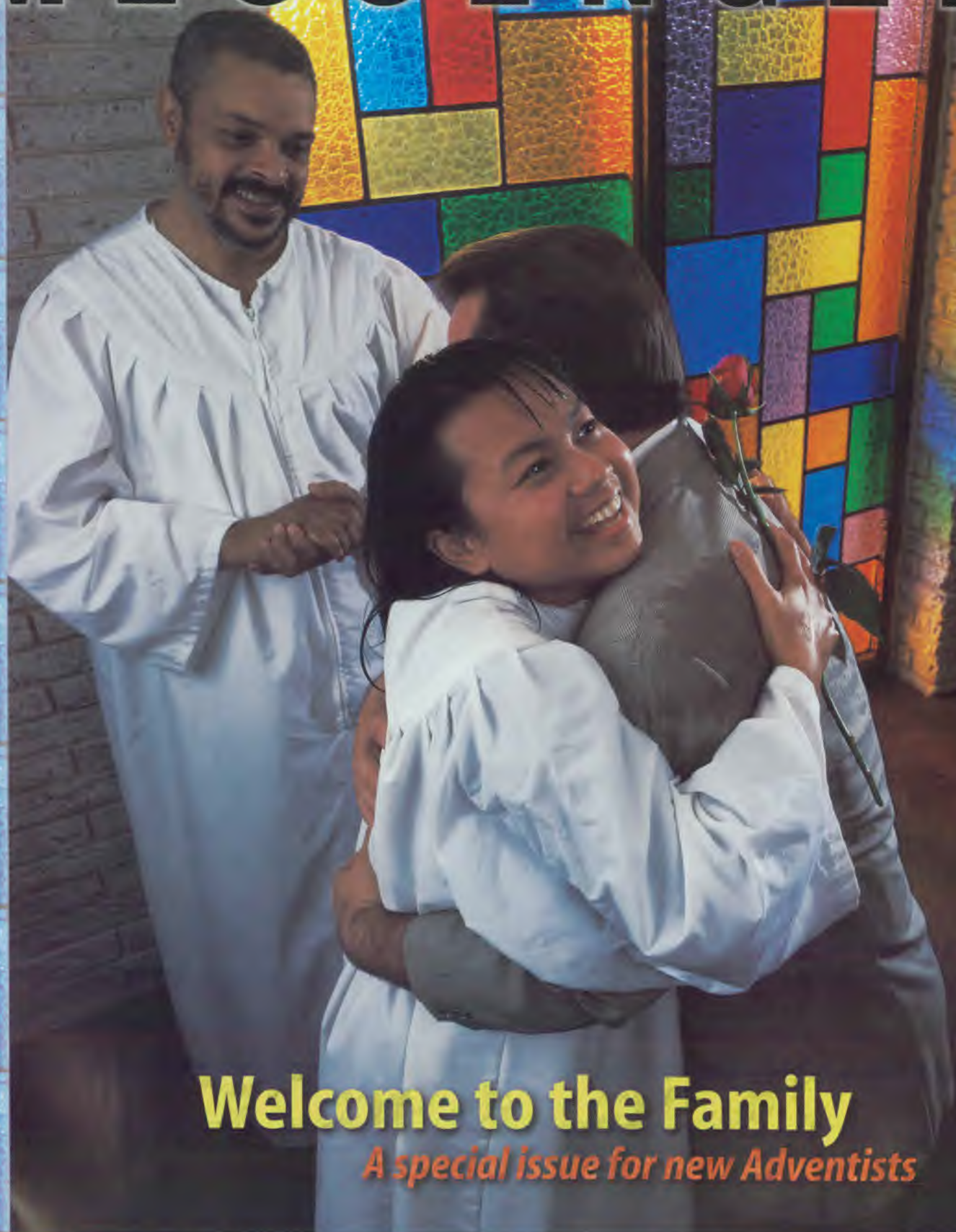


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Welcome to the Family

A special issue for new Adventists

"Follow Me"

Responding to Jesus' Invitation



**It is a heartwarming experience and a great privilege
to welcome you as a valued member
of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

Follow me" was Jesus' invitation to a group of rugged fishermen who had struggled all night and caught nothing. They were tired, discouraged, and ready to throw in the towel. Jesus saw beyond their circumstances. He saw people who needed hope, who needed a sense of direction. He encouraged them to cast their net in one more time. The result was far beyond their expectations. The net overflowed with fish. This dramatic encounter with Jesus influenced them to accept His invitation to "Follow me."
Luke 5:1-11

Matthew, a tax collector, sat at his tax booth performing his duties. Many despised him as a man of greed. Jesus saw him as someone who needed a friend. Going up to him, Jesus extended the invitation "Follow me." *Mark 2:14*

Jesus continues to extend the invitation to "Follow me." You, like the fishermen and Matthew, have chosen to accept His invitation and have followed Him in baptism. If each of you told how you encountered Jesus, the stories would be unique and most likely very interesting. Yet, the common thread that runs through each experience would undoubtedly be the awe of what God has done for each person.

Becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church may have been quite a traumatic decision for you. It may have meant going against the beliefs of family and friends. However, Jesus promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." *Hebrews 13:5* He has promised to give us peace of mind in the challenges that we face. "The peace of God, which surpasses all understand-

ing, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:7*

It is a heartwarming experience and a great privilege to welcome you as a valued member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You are now part of a family of 47,000 other Seventh-day Adventists in Canada, and of a world family of 10 million brothers and sisters from different cultures, languages, and races.

It is our hope that you have found a loving spiritual family in the local church of which you have become a member and that you have chosen to become involved in the life of the church. As you become integrated in the activities of your church family, and as you interact with others, you will notice that every member is not at the same spiritual maturity level. In times like these, please remember that God designed the church to be the place where imperfect individuals grow and develop spiritually. It's a place where the focus is on Jesus and what He wants to do for us and through us. And in the event that you are tempted to get discouraged, it might be the time for you to reach out and give a helping hand to someone who is in need of God's encouragement through your touch.

God is inviting each of us to be living billboards, advertising His ongoing love. We encourage you to keep close to Jesus. This can be accomplished by setting aside some time each day to spend with Him in prayer and Bible study. With love, as together we choose to "Follow Him." ■

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The Global Mission Challenge



Christ commissioned the church to proclaim the gospel to every language, nation, and people. In the late 1800s, the young Seventh-day Adventist Church rose to that challenge and over the next 100 years significantly established the church in North America, Inter America, South America, Europe, the southern half of the African continent, and selected countries on the Pacific rim.



(Above) Global Mission also brings the good news to unreached people in areas of North America such as Dayton, Ohio

(Left) As a result of Global Mission work in Kohtla-Jarva, Estonia, 18 people were baptized and 24 joined a baptismal class

However, by 1985 church leaders recognized that there were huge populations and areas that were completely unentered. In 1988/89, the church carefully studied its mission progress and challenge and initiated a global strategy — known as Global Mission — that was voted at the 1990 General Conference session.

What is Global Mission? It is a mission strategy directly connected to the office of the president. Its purpose is to establish Seventh-day Adventist congregations in every unentered area and among every people group in the world.

Global Mission has been charged to monitor the progress and challenge of mission and to take direct action developing and implementing plans that would establish Seventh-day Adventist churches in all unentered areas and among all unentered people groups.

China, the Middle East, India, and the former territory of the Soviet Union were named as high-priority areas. However, church divisions outside these areas were also to identify their high-priority populations and take direct action to establish churches in their unentered areas.

Global Mission was to initiate a mission volunteer program that involved lay people in planting churches. Religious study centers were to carefully develop new methods and materials for working among Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, and in urban areas. Global Mission was to communicate to the church the challenge and progress of mission.

Over the past seven years, a lot of progress has been made. More than 10,000 new churches have been established in unentered territories. This year,

more than 19,000 lay volunteers are working to plant a church. The territory comprising the former Soviet Union has, at the least, quadrupled its membership. Church membership in China is almost five times what it was in 1990. Hundreds of new churches have been established in India. Five religious study centers now operate, developing new materials and methods.

It is a thrilling thing to watch the Holy Spirit work. However, while all of this may sound good, we are just beginning to meet the challenge. God needs people who are willing to become involved in His mission. Pray that God will show you your part in Global Mission. ■

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How the Church Is Organized

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a mandate from heaven to share the everlasting gospel to every nation, state, city, and town, and all races and ages. To make this possible, the church is organized into five distinct levels of administrative structure.

Each level of the church has the same mission but different functions in carrying out the mission. The five levels of the church are: 1) the local church, 2) the local conference of churches, 3) the union conference, 4) the division, and 5) the General Conference.

The Local Church

In the chain of church organization, the local church is the most important. It is in the local church that the mission of the church is carried out. The local church is where the "rubber meets the road." It is here that fellowship, friendship, caring, worship, sharing the good news about Jesus, and making a difference in the community takes place. The concentrated effort of all levels of church organization is focused on a growing, vibrant church community.

The Local Conference

Provincial or area conferences are made up of a number of churches in their territory with the purpose of facilitating, strengthening, and coordinating the work of the church. The church is organized with a representative form of government. Local churches send representatives to constituency meetings, which in turn elect conference leaders. Lay members, pastors, and teachers serve on the conference executive board.

The Union Conference

Union conferences are the third level of church organization, which are made up of the local conferences/mission within

their territory. The Canadian Union is made up of the British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, and Maritime conferences, and the Newfoundland/Labrador mission.

The union's primary work is administrative, focusing on education, religious liberty, legal issues, and publishing. Unions coordinate and unify the emphasis of mission within the conferences.

Canada. Each member household is entitled to receive this paper by virtue of membership. If you did not receive this issue in your own mailbox, contact your church clerk to be sure your address has been forwarded to your local conference for inclusion on the Canadian Adventist Messenger mailing list.

The Division

The world church is divided into divisions — the next level of church organization. The North American Division has oversight for all the churches, conferences/missions, and unions in the United States, Bermuda, Canada, and St. Pierre et Miquelon. It has the responsibility of coordinating the division's mission projects, evangelistic efforts such as Ner '98, the media center, and health and education institutions. The divisions have representatives from unions, conferences, and churches on their division committees. The North

American Division has 875,811 church members in its territory (as of 1997).

The General Conference

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the world headquarters of the church, is located in Silver Spring, Md. It is made up of 12 divisions and attached fields with a total membership of 9,702,834 (as of 1997). The General

Conference binds the church together around the world.

The book of Acts tells how the early church was organized and how rapidly it grew because of the cooperative effort of all the church members. God has called the church today to share the gospel and prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus. God has led this church since its inception and given guidance and direction in how it should be organized to fulfil its mission. ■



(Top) Prayer is always an integral part of meetings at every level of church governance (Below) Members from local churches serve on boards and committees at various level of the church organization

Planning for accountability and binding the efforts of the church together are the union's main functions.

On this level of organization, the conferences/mission and churches are represented on boards and committees. There are 47,993 members within the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada territory (as of Dec. 31, 1998).

The magazine you are now reading is produced by the SDA Church in

The Seventh-day Adventist Church

World Statistics (1997)

Church membership	9,702,834
Additions to the church by baptism and profession of faith	744,798
World divisions	12
Union conferences and missions	90
Local conferences and missions	476
Churches	43,270
Companies*	39,641
Sabbath schools	97,602
Membership	11,435,399
Mission offerings	US\$45,648,694
Pathfinder clubs	15,350
Pathfinder club membership	563,148
Ordained ministers, active	13,243
Denominational workers	153,617
Tithe	US\$970,766,784
Tithe and offerings	US\$1,500,521,546

Health Care Institutions

Hospitals and sanitariums	159
Clinics and dispensaries	306
Nursing homes and retirement centers	95
Orphanages and children's homes	23
Airplanes and medical launches	6

Publishing

Publishing houses and branches	56
Employees	2,108
Periodicals printed	377
Literature evangelists	
Full-time	13,386
Part-time	6,089
Student	3,852
Languages used in publications	245

Global Mission

Countries of the world	230
Countries in which Adventist work is established	205
Population of the world	5,840,433,000
Population of countries where work is established	5,723,153,000
Population of countries where work is not established	117,280,000

North American Division Statistics

Membership	875,811
Churches and companies	5,076
Additions to the church by baptism and profession of faith	35,493

Tithe	US\$534,169,178
Tithe and offerings	US\$849,405,140

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (1998)

Local conferences/mission*	7
Churches and companies	371
Membership	47,993
Additions to the church by baptism and profession of faith	1,585
Tithe	US\$24,074,859
Tithe and offerings	US\$41,066,238
Nursing homes and retirement centers	9

* A company is a group of believers organized for fellowship and worship, with the objective of growing into an organized church.

* Conference addresses are listed on page 30.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church Logo

The logo is the visual identity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"The design, as a whole, is intended to reflect the spirit and character of our dynamic and growing church. However, the individual elements that form the basis of the design were carefully selected to represent the beliefs and mission of the church." — *Global Identity Standards Manual*, p. vi



Welcome to a Family of Ministries

Welcome, new member, to the great Adventist family.

Joining the Adventist church could be just the beginning of a whole new adventure in community, because the church is a close-knit community of believers. A place where people are ministered to and their needs met.

Jesus modeled a life of ministry. By feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and comforting the lonely and dispossessed, He met urgent personal needs. Then He turned around and bid the fed, the healed, and the comforted to follow Him. In your city there are some who will for a time need to be fed, nursed to better health, and comforted. A variety of ministries in your church follow Jesus' example and help meet such needs.

Adventist Community Services — which some still call "Dorcas," after the community-spirited New Testament woman known for good deeds — ministers to its neighbors and to the world through feeding and clothing programs, disaster response, immigration assistance, van ministries, tutoring, and many other programs.

One of the largest spiritual nurture ministries in the church is the Sabbath school. On Sabbath morning, each age level of the church, from the cradle to the rocker, has a program tailored to their special needs. Every member of your family will come to love Sabbath school.

Your church probably offers clubs such as Pathfinders and Adventurers for children and special events in the summer, such as day camp or Vacation Bible School.

From time to time, the family ministries committee will announce parenting seminars and other events for families. Health ministries will offer nutrition and lifestyle seminars — the result of Adventism's holistic belief that physical and mental health impact one's spiritual life. Your church offers adult ministries seminars, singles ministries nurture, women's ministries events, and the occasional men's ministries weekend.

Your congregation cannot offer all the ministries mentioned above that match you up with others of common needs and interests. So watch the bulletin board for announcements of province-wide conferences, conventions, or workshops hosted by your conference. Such events can help you discover your spiritual gifts and learn to be a good steward of both time and talents. All of these specialized ministries offer you a way to get involved in the life of your church and grow into the body of Christ.

Volunteers, dedicated to Jesus Christ and to making a difference, staff the ministries. Leaders for the ministries are chosen once a year by the nominating committee. So when someone approaches you about teaching a class of kids or sorting clothes at the community center, remember Jesus' example and treat the invitation as a call to ministry.

Training and resources are available to assist and empower you in ministry. Be sure to ask about training opportunities offered by your conference. Questions about training and resources can also be answered by calling 1-800-SDA-PLUS. A friendly operator will find the answer to any question you have. So when God opens the way for you to do something in ministry at church, don't turn it down. Getting involved will bring you satisfaction and fulfillment. You will be a partner with Jesus. You might even help write a new chapter for the modern-day book of Acts. ■

by Rose Otis, former North American Division vice-president for ministries, and current vice-president of the Texas Conference



(Above)
A small church in Lethbridge, Nfld., started a fitness center for their community



(Left) Children's Sabbath School classes are filled every week in Toronto, Ont.



Introducing ADRA

Putting Love in Action

She lives a lonely life. Her home is a tiny, two-room second-floor apartment in a run-down building. Her needs are simple, yet Mary can't afford the rising cost of food, medicine, rent, and utilities. To save what little money she has, she skimps on food. She lives in your town.

In Haiti, eight-year-old Rudy hates when it rains at night. Then the roof leaks and the floor is cold and wet, making sleep impossible. He can't go to school anymore because he has to work all day.

Born in Brazil, Juanita is five. She digs through garbage dumps for all her meals. At night, she hides as best she can to escape the death squads that seek out street kids to torture and kill them.

More than one billion people worldwide live in absolute poverty, at a level where they are unable to meet their basic needs for food, health, and security. Every day, 34,000 children under the age of five die of hunger and easily-preventable diseases. In Canada, one in four children are living below the poverty line.

How is the Seventh-day Adventist Church fighting such alarming problems?

ADRA — the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Canada — is a Seventh-day Adventist organization established specifically to respond to these overwhelming needs. Based on the Bible's teachings, ADRA values the dignity inherent in every person and believes each individual has the potential to reflect God's image. We believe that social ministering to the poor is an essential and legitimate role of Christians. It's our practical way of showing Christ's example of love to our neighbors worldwide.

As a humanitarian agency, ADRA helps to support, rehabilitate, and enhance the quality of life and well-being of developing peoples. ADRA seeks to attack the problems of poverty, hunger, homelessness, disease, and disaster in an effort to make a difference every day.

Overseas, ADRA helps underprivileged people who don't have water to drink or clothes to wear, let alone a house to live in or a means of earning an income. The gap between our lifestyle and theirs is shocking. Unlike Canada, no social programs exist to which they can appeal. They simply do not have access to life's basic necessities.

In Canada, our national program works in communities to provide daily essentials for people in need. ADRA responds with food aid and disaster relief wherever possible.

When the ice storm hit Eastern Ontario and Quebec, ADRA was there. In the aftermath of destruc-

tion caused by Hurricane Mitch, ADRA was first on the scene, bringing food, medicine, water, shelter, and assistance to thousands of victims.

We've been building medical clinics, teaching health programs, operating literacy classes, providing supplement feeding, teaching agricultural skills, and developing micro-enterprise programs around the world. The list goes on and on.

So why didn't you know about ADRA?

ADRA is committed to ensuring that 100 percent of every dollar goes to the job. Unlike other organizations which use a significant percentage of donor funds on administration and advertising, ADRA makes dollars count. As a result, no resources are available to tell the public what a great job ADRA does. ADRA is our church's best-kept secret.

How do we get the message out?

We have to rely on you. ADRA Canada is a partnership of love between you, our generous supporters, and the people who work for ADRA on four continents. Every year, the ADRA Annual Appeal is an opportunity for you to inform others about our campaign against poverty. We invite you to be a part of our national program. Get involved. Take the Disaster Preparedness and Volunteer Response training course offered by ADRA Canada at different locations across Canada this year. Teach your children how blessed they are, and make a personal sacrifice for the poor. Start at home and show your community that you really care. Only then will this partnership of love flow from you through ADRA into the world, helping whenever and wherever it can.

ADRA is where the Seventh-day Adventist Church interfaces most effectively with humanity, where a picture of God's love and compassion is most dramatically visible. ADRA's mandate is to develop and promote a ministry of meaningful humanitarian service to the underprivileged and oppressed in human society. It's a love that makes a difference in a world of need "one life at a time." This is love in action. ■



(Top) Sorting clothes at the Kelowna Adventist Community Services Center in B.C.

(Bottom) Distributing relief supplies in the Philippines after tropical storms damaged crops and homes

by Kay Bacchus,
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Religious Liberty

It's for Everyone!

Around the clock in the ideal world, newborns nurse, sleep, get changed . . . nurse, sleep, get changed. They are lovingly, fiercely, parentally protected from the real world. Every squeak, squawk, burp, and gurgle is accommodated. Immediately. No questions asked.

Through the seven-day cycle of a real-world week, spiritual newborns nurse on the word of the Lord, work/play/rest in the strength/pleasure/safety of the Lord, and continue to be changed by the Spirit of the Lord.

Of course.

And they are lovingly, fiercely, parentally protected from every problem — by the government.

I don't think so.

Look! There's a newborn (you?) with a Big Time Conflict: newfound faith versus long-held job. Issue: working on the Sabbath — sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. And here's a newborn (you again?) who, without joining a labor organization, can't work at all.

Your cry for accommodation was rejected. Immediately. You weren't even asked, "Why?" All you got was, "Don't hafta, not gonna."

Enter the Seventh-day Adventist Church's ministry of religious freedom. The Lord has commissioned the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) to help. To help you!

The PARL professionals on the staff of your union conference:

- Know the applicable national and state or provincial laws prohibiting religious discrimination — the laws providing accommodation for religious belief and practice.

- Understand the sometimes not-so-easy steps to be taken to achieve what the laws provide.

- Will recommend a course of action and, start to finish, walk with you through the whole procedure.

And because this really is a tithe-and-offering-supplied-and-supported ministry, they won't bill you a penny for all their time and expertise.

Year in and year out, the ministers, attorneys, paralegals, and office secretaries of PARL keep busy helping hundreds of Adventists — and folks of other faiths as well — find freedom in the workplace.

But that's not all. Consider what we call government relations. In Washington and Ottawa and in every state and provincial capital city, this non-partisan, non-political, never-ending program seeks to preserve religious liberty and to foster the growth of religious liberty. So we'll support good bills which would make good laws and try to block bad bills from becoming bad laws.

You too have a role in government relations — a double role, in fact.

Every January, on Liberty Sabbath, you are challenged to give liberally for religious liberty. The offering helps deliver to thought leaders everywhere the very best journal anywhere: *Liberty* — *A Magazine of Religious Freedom*.

And just about any time your state or province's legislative assembly is in session, you may be urged to help the cause of religious freedom by contacting lawmakers from your district regarding a specific bill. As a constituent, you will be listened to — with courtesy and respect.

Religious liberty has been a concern of the Seventh-day Adventist Church since its founding and organization. It's a global ministry.

At world headquarters near Washington, D.C., John Graz, a scholar and author from France and Switzerland, works as director of the General Conference department of public affairs and religious liberty and secretary general of the highly-respected International Religious Liberty Association. Clarence E. Hodges, once a high officer in the U.S. Department of State, is director of the North American Division department of public affairs and religious liberty and president of the North American Religious Liberty Association.

In New York at the United Nations (we have an office on First Avenue, directly across from the Security Council), in Geneva at the UN Human Rights Commission (we're officially recognized as a non-governmental organization), and in 207 nations of the world, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is at work for religious freedom. Not just for you who are newborn — and not just for the rest of us in the church. Religious liberty is for everyone.

In this ministry, the church relies totally on the spirit of the Lord.

The Spirit who moved on you to experience new faith, new hope, new love — to be born again.

The Spirit who empowers us to share in Christ's ultimate victory over every manifestation of the slavery of sin.

At the cross, Jesus won. Freedom won too. At the Advent, so nigh at hand, we shall win — and freedom will win again. By His grace, be there.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." *1 Corinthians 3:10* ■

by Richard Lee Fenn,
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Adventist Media Ministries

Drawing people to Christ is the ultimate goal of the three television and two radio ministries producing programs at the Adventist Media Center's (AMC) two locations in Canada and the United States.

A leader in religious broadcasting for nearly 70 years, the **Voice of Prophecy** (VOP) presents clear messages from God's Word, bringing hope to broken people and guiding Christians in daily living. Founded by H.M.S. Richards on a single Los Angeles radio station in 1929, and now directed by Lonnie Melashenko, VOP reaches contemporary society with the gospel. Focusing on God's love and heralding His soon return, VOP impacts millions worldwide with Sunday and daily radio programs, television broadcasts, Bible study courses, and public meetings.

Since 1942, **La Voz de la Esperanza** (The Voice of Hope) has touched millions of Spanish-speaking people through weekly radio programs. With director/speaker Frank Gonzalez and speaker emeritus Milton Peverini, 500 stations in 30 countries carry La Voz throughout North and Latin America and Europe.

Their Bible school distributes a full spectrum of courses on Bible doctrines, family life, health, and youth counseling in 32 branches that receive about 100,000 letters yearly. Through this ministry and several annual evangelistic crusades, the Holy Spirit wins thousands to Christ.

It Is Written (IIW) was the first religious telecast in color. This award-winning television program was founded in 1956 by George Vandeman. With IIW worldwide speaker Mark Finley — speaker/director since 1992 — the program beams around the globe, offering salvation through Christ in seven languages as well as health programs in Chinese.

It Is Written has a special role to play in Canada, where the program is hosted by speaker/director Henry Feyerabend and is specifically tailored to a Canadian audience. Canadian needs and topics are addressed, and the program can be seen virtually anywhere in the country. In Canada, the program is produced in English, French, and Portuguese.

The IIW telecast is diverse, blending on-location shoots, interviews, and footage from current events, science, and history to illustrate Scriptural truth. IIW's weekly visit to Canadian and worldwide homes is changing lives in both prisons and mansions alike. Literature is mailed free to viewers who call a toll-free number on the screen.

It Is Written also sponsors traveling evangelistic teams which conduct live evangelistic meetings and conduct seminars to train people in the science of soul winning.

In Canada, both IIW and VOP have a permanent home in the **Canadian Adventist Media Centre**, located in Oshawa, Ont. At the American Adventist Media Center, there are two more television ministries — Faith for Today and Breath of Life — in addition to IIW and VOP.

Faith For Today (FFT) has developed a television talk show to appeal to viewers who don't watch religious programming. Hosted by Dan Matthews, **Lifestyle Magazine** teaches people about healthful living. Thousands respond to viewing the program on scores of secular stations.

IIW speaker Henry Feyerabend on location at Oak Hill Cemetery in Battle Creek, Mich.



Shawn Boonstra on location at Cereal City USA in Battle Creek, Mich.

In spite of Lifestyle Magazine's unique secular approach, the very religious Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) placed the program in their lineup for free, believing the program would attract viewers who never pause to watch a religious channel. By early 1998 it had become the fifth most-watched program on TBN! FFT provides home-study materials on wellness, nutrition, marriage, parenting, and friendships.

Breath of Life (BOL) television is aimed directly at black audiences in the largest cities of North America and the Caribbean. Nevertheless, the powerful preaching of both speaker emeritus C.D. Brooks and current speaker Walter Pearson is popular with a wide variety of viewers. BOL is well-known for planting new churches.

Staff members from the media ministries often present public seminars on doctrines, wellness, marriage, parenting, and other topics that draw people into a local church. Videotaped seminars, sermons, and Bible lessons are also available, as well as recordings by the artists who provide music for the programs.

All of the Adventist Media Center ministries supply churches with lists of interested people developed through responses to the TV and radio programs and their Bible courses. Letters of invitation signed by the ministry speakers can be sent to these individuals, along with handbills advertising local meetings or seminars. Local events can also be announced at the end of broadcasts.

The Adventist Media Centers are largely donor supported, and the ministries always welcome financial gifts to help them draw people to Christ and hasten His return. ■

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Adventist Education in Canada

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Philosophy of Adventist Education

Seventh-day Adventist education formally began in Canada before the turn of the 20th century, with the establishment of an elementary school in southern Quebec. From this humble beginning, educational institutions can be found today in every province. Why has the church membership been so willing to commit such an investment to provide education for their children? The answer rests in the fundamental teachings of the church.

Adventists believe that the focus of education must comprise the whole being of mankind: the mind, the emotions, and the body. It also needs to ensure that education will remind students of their origin and their redeemer.



And yet a training in the truth of God would develop the mind, and impart secular knowledge as well; for the very foundation of true education is in the fear of the Lord. Says the psalmist, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." ¹

That education alone which brings the student into close relation with the Great Teacher is true education. The youth are to be taught to look to Christ as their guide. They are to be taught lessons of forbearance and trust, of true goodness and kindness of heart, of perseverance and steadfastness. Their characters are to answer to the words of David: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Psalm 144:12. ²

Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come. ³

Therefore, Adventist education focuses on Jesus Christ as the center of all education. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. Not only must teachers have a personal relation with Him, the curriculum is also anchored on Jesus Christ. Christian values form the basis of all Adventist curricula. Teachers attempt to integrate the knowl-

edge of Jesus Christ into every lesson and every experience involving the life of the student.

Adventist education also seeks to reach out into the community in two specific ways. The first envisions community outreach. As Christians, students can and do make a difference through community service activities. They are often found helping the homeless, adopting a grandparent, lifting a helping hand, or visiting the lonely.

The second is the sharing of this Christian philosophy with community friends, regardless of race, color, or persuasion, who are desirous of an Adventist Christian education. Seventh-day Adventist schools operate with an open enrollment policy, subject to available space, to those who are willing to follow the operational guidelines under which the schools function.

Educational Opportunities in Canada

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, through constituent-operated institutions, provides educational opportunities from kindergarten through baccalaureate education in Canada. This network of education is divided into two general classifications: boarding schools and day schools. The three boarding schools are operated under the umbrella of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada or groups of conferences, and the day schools are operated under each local conference office of education. All Adventist schools are denominationally and provincially approved and accredited.

Boarding Institutions

Canadian University College (CUC)

— Located in central Alberta, CUC has been an institution of higher education for Adventists for more than 90 years. It offers 12 accredited degrees in these areas: adventure-based counselling, behavioral science, biology, business administration, English, general studies,

history, music, outward pursuits, psychology, religious studies, and education ("degree-after" B.Ed. program accredited by Alberta and B.Ed. in partnership with Union College). It also offers master-level degrees in education and in marital and family therapy in partnership with La Sierra and Loma Linda Universities, respectively. A new minor in youth ministry broadens the scope of CUCs ministerial preparation program. Additional information is available by calling 800/661-8129 ext. 302 (Lorraine Wombold), visiting their web site at www.cauc.ab.ca, or writing to Enrollment Services, Canadian University College, 133 Maple Drive, College Heights, AB T4L 1Z5.

Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA)

— Organized as a division of Canadian University College, PAA enjoys the benefits of its connection to an institution of higher education. PAA offers a senior high school (Grades 10–12) Alberta-approved education in both the vocational and matriculation routes. Additional information is available by contacting Tony Reeves, vice principal, at 251 College Avenue, College Heights, AB T4L 2E7, phoning 403/782-3381 ext. 434, or visiting their web site at <http://paa.ab.ca/>.

Kingsway College (KC) — Located in Oshawa, Ont., KC provides a provincially-approved high school curriculum (Grades 9–12, plus Ontario Academic Courses) in both general and advanced Ontario education. KC education provides unique opportunities for student labor to assist students in meeting their financial obligations. Additional information is available by contacting Walter Wasyliuk, director of public relations, at 1200 Leland Road, Oshawa, ON L1K 2H4, phoning 905/433-1144 ext. 212, or visiting their web site at www.kingswaycollege.on.ca.

Day Schools

Each conference in Canada, through their office of education, coordinates a day school system of education. The size and scope within each conference varies to meet the expectations and support of

the local congregations. Day schools typically are operated in liaison with the local conference and in cooperation with local constituency-appointed school boards. The level of education available at each location varies according to the size and financial capabilities of these constituencies. A supporting constituency is comprised of church members from one congregation or number of congregations.

Financial Support

The financial stability of Adventist education results from a cooperative relationship between the church congregation and the student families. The local school is managed by a school board that is elected by the school constituency and is entrusted to operate the school within a balanced budget. Operating income is generated through a number of sources: annual grants from constituent congregations, tuition, and annual conference grants. In provinces where operating grants are available for parochial education, Adventist schools accept these grants.

Adventist World Education

Canadian Adventist education is part of a worldwide system of education coordinated by the education department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. General guidelines and accreditation criteria are monitored to ensure that excellence in education is available for all. Adventist educational institutions meet these criteria to maintain their accreditation, and accreditation teams visit our schools from elementary through tertiary levels on a regular basis.

For more information on an institution near you, please contact your local conference office of education or visit the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada office of education web site at <http://catnet.sdacc.org/>. ■

- 1 White, E. G., *Christian Education*, pg. 113
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Canadian Adventist Education Statistics

September 30, 1998

Alberta Conference

- 1 Academy
- 4 Junior Academies
- 7 Elementary Schools

British Columbia Conference

- 3 Academies
- 4 Junior Academies
- 17 Elementary Schools

Manitoba/Saskatchewan Conference

- 2 Junior Academies
- 3 Elementary Schools

Maritime Conference

- 1 Academy
- 1 Junior Academies
- 4 Elementary Schools

Newfoundland Conference

- 1 Academy

Ontario Conference

- 1 Academy
- 2 Junior Academies
- 9 Elementary Schools

Quebec Conference

- 1 Academy

Worldwide Education Statistics

December 31, 1997

Colleges and Universities (accredited)

Africa/Indian Ocean Division	3
Eastern Africa Division	5
Euro-Africa Division	7
Euro-Asia Division	1
Inter-American Division	9
North American Division	15
Northern Asia/Pacific Division	4
South American Division	10
South Pacific Division	4
Southern Asia Division	1
Southern Asia/Pacific Division	12
Trans-European Division	5
Southern Africa Union Conf.	1
Other	12

Secondary Academies

Accredited	385
Other	542

Elementary Schools

Total	4,364
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Worker Training Schools

Total	36
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Worldwide Totals

Students	961,948
Teachers	48,991
Schools	5,416

The Most Powerful Envelope in the World

It's wonderful to be part of a church with a worldwide mission of bringing people to Jesus.

You may be wondering how the Seventh-day Adventist Church can possibly accomplish the wide diversity of projects it supports around the world. This work is only possible because of the support of all the members through their donations of time, talents, skills, and funds. Because of its many ministries, the church has developed an excellent system for tracking how funds are received and distributed to accomplish its mission. While this tracking method is complex, it provides a process that has allowed the Adventist Church to establish churches around the world.

By now, you have undoubtedly discovered the offering envelopes that are usually located in the pockets on the back of the church pews. The tithe and offering envelope is a very important financial document on which you can indicate to your church how you wish your donations to be used.

The information on the envelope is usually divided into four sections. The first is exclusively for the donation of tithe. The second is used for local church projects such as operating expenses, local church building projects, or other local church functions as may be deemed necessary by each congregation. The third section is for your conference's activities. Some conferences divide this section up for specific projects, while others combine all conference projects under one offering. You can usually find an explanation of the specific projects for which these funds are used on either the back of the envelope or the flap. The fourth section represents donations for world missions.

The Tithe

The envelope is fairly straightforward and easy to use. The biblical principle of tithing has been adopted as a basis for returning one tenth of our income to God. Malachi 3:10 is a text that is often referred to as a biblical source of this giving principle. Tithing is a wonderful adventure in faith. Over and over people say, "I can't out give the Lord."

Tithe monies are considered sacred and are used for the financial support of ministers around the world. Adventist pastors are not dependent on whatever monies happen to be placed in the offering plate in church each week. Instead, because of the tithing system, they have a specific salary which they

can count on for budget purposes. This has been the church's way of supporting the ministry throughout the world. The tithe also pays the salaries of workers in each department at conference, union, division, and General Conference levels.

Local Church Budget

While the local church does not pay its pastor directly, it does have operating expenses. These expenses are paid for out of the local church budget as needs arise. One of the major expenses that a local church will incur, in many instances, is the operation of a Seventh-day Adventist school. Through members' donations, local churches carry the major responsibility for financing elementary and day schools associated with each church. In most instances, church schools do charge tuition to cover a portion of the expense, while some invite the entire membership to participate in the support of the school, making the school budget a line item in the church budget.

Conference Advance

The church's policy is very careful about the use of tithe. Certain expenditures are excluded from tithe use. Examples of these would be funds expended for construction costs, land purchases, and building repairs. In addition to tithe, the conference appeals for offerings which assist the local conference with its operations. These offerings are usually used for evangelism, education, youth camp projects, campgrounds, and assistance in building new churches and schools. The tithe envelope used in your conference will list the specific projects for your conference.

World Budget

The section titled World Budget on the envelope is the place where the weekly Sabbath school offering is listed. Some mem-

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Province _____ Date _____
 Postal Code _____

Tithe and Offerings

Tithe \$ _____

Local Church Offerings

Church Budget \$ _____
 Sabbath School Expense \$ _____
 Church School \$ _____
 Building Fund \$ _____
 Outreach/Evangelism \$ _____
 Capital Improvements \$ _____

Local Conference Offerings

Church & School Buildings \$ _____
 Christian Education \$ _____
 Evangelism \$ _____
 Youth Outreach \$ _____
 Conference Advance \$ _____

World Offerings

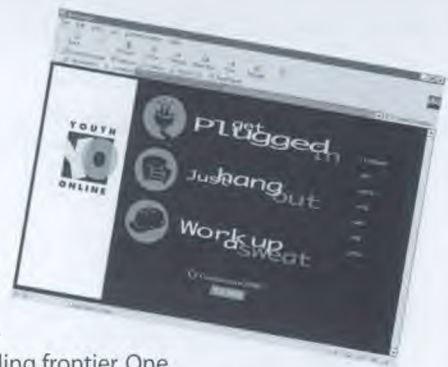
World Budget \$ _____
 Sabbath School/Missions \$ _____
 13th Sabbath \$ _____

Special Projects

..... \$ _____
 \$ _____
 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Adventists on the Internet



bers prefer to drop this offering into the offering plate anonymously each week; however, if you prayerfully plan what percentage of your income you want to devote to the world mission of the church, you can simply include that offering when you are dividing up your paycheck, making it unnecessary to remember to have the correct amount ready each Sabbath when the offering plate is passed. One advantage of using the envelope is that the donor is identified and therefore eligible for charitable donation receipts.

Additional Offerings

On most envelopes, several additional offerings are listed below World Budget. These funds are used for the establishment or maintenance of specific missions or ministries in North America and throughout the world. Each one is given special attention at some time during the year, since a large portion of their support comes from the offering given on a special day. Offerings may also be directed to these projects at any time during the year by writing the name of the mission or ministry to which you would like to restrict your donation. Materials announcing special offerings are also furnished to pastors, so that they may be distributed to members through the church bulletin or used to introduce the offering on the day that it is called for from the platform.

The next time you pick up an envelope from the back of the pew and tuck your donation into it, consider the tremendous opportunity you have to contribute through your church to help tell people that Jesus is coming. This envelope truly is an instrument used by God to provide funding to be used according to your directions, so that the gospel of the kingdom may be preached in all the world and hasten the coming of Jesus. ■

by Norman W. Klam, Treasurer,
Lake Union Conference

One study recently reported that traffic on the Internet doubles every 60 days. Seventh-day Adventists are very much a part of this exploding frontier. One way you can become better acquainted with your new church family is through cyberspace. Individual members, local churches, and church entities maintain a strong Adventist presence on the web that continues to expand. If you have Internet access, we invite you to visit some of the following sites (both private and organizational) for church news, spiritual nourishment, resource information, and training.

Adventist Association of Online Evangelism — www.aaoe.org

Adventist Church Locator — www.sdanet.org/locator/home.html

Adventist Communication Network (for Adventist satellite programming and training) — www.acnsat.org

Adventist Education — www.nadeducation.adventist.org

Adventist Health Care (a sampling of sites) — www.llu.edu & www.ahss.org

Adventist Media Center (TV and radio ministries) — www.adventistmedia.org

Adventists Online (CompuServe Adventist forum) — www.adventist.org/online

Adventist PlusLine (ministry resource information) — <http://plusline.adventist.org>

Adventist Singles Ministries (Oregon chapter) — www.teleport.com/~brothers/asm

Bible Information Line — www.bibleinfo.com

Center for Youth Evangelism (youth resources and leadership training) — www.andrews.edu/CYE

E-MALE (men's ministry resource) — www.emale.org

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (world administrative offices) — www.adventist.org

Geoscience Research Institute (questions on science and faith) — www.tagnet.org/gri

Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry (youth and family life resources) — www.lasierra.edu/hyfm

Maranatha International (mission building projects) — www.maranatha.org

North American Division (NAD) (administrative offices for North America) — <http://northamerica.adventist.org>

NAD Children's Ministries Department — www.northamerica.adventist.org/cm/

NAD Religious Liberty Department (promotes religious freedom) — www.nadfreedom.org

Pacific Press (Adventist publisher) — www.pacificpress.com

Review and Herald Publishing Association (Adventist publisher) — www.rhpa.org

Sabbath School Network (adult lesson study helps) — www.ssnet.org

SDASource (index of Adventist websites) — www.tagnet.org/SDASource

Tagnet (Adventist internet reference site) — www.tagnet.org

Three Angels Broadcasting (lay television ministry) — www.3abn.org

YouthNet (youth mission service) — www.cuc.edu/sdaorg/YouthNet

Youth Online (Adventist youth web hangout) — www.youth-online.org

As you explore these sites you'll discover links that will take you to many others. One note needs to be made. Some sites on the Internet that claim to be Seventh-day Adventist are not affiliated with our church. If you have a questions about a particular organization or website, call 800-SDA-PLUS (732-7587).

by Rich DuBose, Director of PlusLine



Adventist Laypersons Share Their Faith

by Shirley Burton, Communication Director for ASI
and retired Communication Director for the General Conference

Your new church family believes that not all ministry should be done by the paid clergy — that every member is called by God to bear witness of the heavenly Father's love.

Most active of all in this envisioned workplace witness are those who belong to ASI — men and women taking not only the name of Christian but also knitting together in Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries.

Multi-generational and cultural, ASIers take as their motto, "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace." They see marketplace ministry as more than providing unwavering integrity in business, however. And that's why manufacturers like Eastlex Machine Corporation in Lexington, Ky., have quiet religious music playing in the phone system when callers wait for the desired person. Employees of Grab-on Products in Walla Walla, Wash., may opt to brown bag at lunchtime in a video seminar room with Doug Batchelor tapes. Clients of a New York City private investigator receive paid subscriptions to Adventist publications.

An auto dealer in Allentown, Pa., provides transportation for student literature evangelists. A health club which stocks a variety of books and magazines for patrons offers seminars in nutritious eating and maintains a closed witness during Sabbath hours; it was voted #1 among Lincoln, Nebraska's, seven fitness centers. A Richmond, Que., publisher has secured places for his French and English religious publications in general bookstores.

Because ASI grew out of the self-supporting concept for Christian education and healthcare that was prominent early in the 20th century, ASI member organizations also include a half-dozen boarding high schools such as DayStar Adventist Academy near Moab, Utah, and Lifestyle Center of America at Sulphur, Okla.

Some members are committed to full-time ministry and often on a global basis — like Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), with 24-hour Adventist programming;

Maranatha Volunteers, with service orientation for building churches and schools where church growth exceeds housing needs; Outpost Centers, Inc., (OCI), which supports 100 smaller outreaches such as vegetarian restaurants and mission training schools; Adventist Frontier Missions, which pioneers Christian ministry in countries where the church has not established a presence; Adventist Singles Ministry, with its emphasis on developing an environment where unmarried members of the church may participate in outreach to a large segment of today's population; and Canvasback Missions, which encourages short-term medical assistance in Micronesia from a 71-foot sailing vessel.

At both chapter (unionwide) and international (North American Division) conventions, members are nurtured in their witness through professional and spiritual growth seminars. But the greatest inspiration comes from member testimonies, laypersons sharing with each other how Christ has inspired them to be used in faith-sharing and blessed their stewardship of time and money.

Such spiritual feasting leads some to say that "ASI is even better than camp meeting." Because there is programming for every age group, children observe that it's like having Sabbath school three times a day!

ASI members receive their joy in Jesus through telling others about Him, and they make a living through accounting, agriculture, beekeeping, broadcasting, corrections, counseling, dairying, food service, graphic arts, healing arts, lawncare, lifestyle training,

manufacturing, mining, property management, personal grooming service, and zoology. There's a category for your career, your trade, your vision — literally from A to Z.

So if you'd like to get acquainted with Adventist business or professional people in your field to stimulate your effectiveness in sharing your newfound faith, write to ASI, 1148 King St. East, Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8; call 905/433-0011; or visit the ASI web site at www.tagnet.org/asi. ■

Michael Dear, president of western Canada's ASI chapter, is a veterinarian in Richmond, B.C.



Brad Brousson and his crew at Silver Hills Bakery in Lumby, B.C., weekly bake more than 40,000 loaves of bread for Silver Hills Guest House as well as health food and major grocery stores in British Columbia and Alberta



Adventist Youth Ministry

Its History, Presence, and Vision



(Left) Youth from Toronto churches operate a brown bag lunch program for the city's homeless people

"The great Christian revolutions," said H. Richard Niebuhr, "come not by the discovery of something that was not known before. They happen when somebody takes radically something that was always there."

One hundred and fifty-five years ago, a Christian "revolution" started because a group of young people decided to do just that. They read the scriptures, and they were convinced. And that's when these youth and young adults gave life to a church that didn't mind raw truth and radical Christianity. They lived Christ unashamedly, and since then, their example has inspired millions across the world to do the same.

Now you are a part of that movement. The Seventh-day Adventist Church, even though human, has the God-driven goal to help youth experience the grace of Jesus Christ in such a way that it engages them in "dangerous" ministry. A risky goal it is, with unpredictable results. But to abandon this goal would be to shortchange God's purpose for this church.

Let's be honest. The church has at times shortchanged itself. But let's be accurate. The church is in constant motion to recapture the heartbeat of its youth. Through the years, it has been committed to nurturing, training, and empowering the young for radical discipleship. It has developed schools, programs, centers, publications, and materials that help youth live Christ unashamedly.

Take, for example, the Center for

Youth Evangelism. It is not only a resource center for youth leaders across the North American Division, it is staffed by youth and young adults themselves — a clear example of how church leadership is handing over the reigns of the church to the young. But this is only one of many examples.

All across North America, Adventist youth and young adults are creating rapid-fire changes by initiating ministries such as eXcite 98 and conneXions 99. They seek to give Generation X ownership of their church.

Giraffe University and First Serve are training volunteer and veteran youth workers for radical leadership. Giraffe University helps them carry out the "7 Principles for Youth Ministry Excellence," a curriculum for effective ministry.

YouthNet eXtreme is pushing the front lines of cutting-edge evangelism. It is a four-member team that travels the country in a truck and trailer, putting on programs for schools and churches.

Adventist Youth Service Network (YouthNet), is calling the young to become missionaries to places near and far. It represents the service center for the Adventist church.

Pathfinders, a long-time youth organization, is giving students in Grades 5 to 10 countless opportunities for learning — through arts, crafts, nature, recreation, and outreach. On any given day of the week across the world, you can find these youth involved, especially as many of them are preparing for the

Discover the Power international camporee this summer in Oshkosh, Wis.

Elementary, secondary, and college teachers are encouraging Christ-like values in their students while preparing them for a life of service. Many of them work alongside other organizations, such as Adventurers (Grades 1 through 4) and Adventist Youth (AY).

Conference youth directors also are complementing youth ministry. Many of them direct summer camps, which provide opportunities for lifelong friendships.

Youth Federations are bringing thousands of youth together to worship and be challenged to live their calling. The African American community leads out in these regional and national events.

Supporting ministries such as Adventist Frontier Missions and Piece of the Pie Ministries are mobilizing hundreds of students for missions.

The Christian revolution that young people started 155 years ago has gone a long way. The examples I gave you are just the beginning. To know more about how the church helps youth live Christ unashamedly, and to get involved in youth or young-adult ministry, contact your local church youth leader, conference youth director, or call PlusLine at 800-SDA-PLUS for contact information. You can also contact the Center for Youth Evangelism at 800-YOUTH-2-U. ■

*by William Hurtado,
Training Coordinator,
Center for Youth Evangelism*

The Adventist Advantage

Seventh-day Adventists, because of their unique lifestyle, are among the most researched groups in the world. The more than 250 scientific papers that have been published since the 1950s as the result of this research have demonstrated that Adventists live longer and suffer less from heart disease and cancer, the leading killers in Western countries, than the general population.

**Nutritious food
Exercise
Water
Sunlight
Temperate,
drug-free living
Air
Rest
Trust in divine
power**



Two studies conducted by Loma Linda University from 1960-82, involving 60,000 California Adventists, concluded that "... for all causes of death combined, Adventists were found to have death rates one-half that of the general population."¹ This explains why Adventists live longer. Why have Adventists been so blessed?

Ellen White, one of the founders of Adventism, received several visions during the mid to late 1800s, outlining health principles which, when followed, have proven to be the best formula for health and longevity. In 1905, 90 years ahead of the modern scientific knowledge available to us today, Ellen White wrote, "Tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison."² Today, the health principles that Adventists have advocated for almost a century have been scientifically verified and are being promoted by both government agencies and health organizations.

One of Adventism's unique emphases is its belief in the holistic nature of humanity. The mental, physical, social, and spiritual dimensions of human nature are not separate, but are interconnected and dependent on each other for both spiritual and physical health. The Bible teaches that our bodies are the temple of God, and that we should present them to God as "living and holy sacrifices."³ "Whatever injures the health, not only lessens physical vigor, but tends to weaken the mental and moral powers."⁴ For Adventism, a healthy lifestyle is more than a healthy choice, it's a spiritual mandate.

The Adventist lifestyle offers eight God-given gifts of health in one package.⁵ One package, because they are not individual

gifts from which to choose. We must "unwrap" all eight to enjoy maximum emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness. The name NEWSTART⁶ has been coined as an acronym for these eight natural prescriptions for health and happiness.

Adventists believe that Christ's teaching and healing ministry is an example for reaching the world today. This conviction has largely shaped the Adventist philosophy of mission. Medical missionary work is the "right arm" of the Adventist message. In 1866, at the fourth session of the General Conference convened in Battle Creek, Mich., Ellen White urged the need for a health institution where the newly-advocated health principles could be publicly demonstrated. Thus the Western Health Reform Institute, which evolved into Battle Creek Sanitarium where John Harvey Kellogg joined the staff as medical director in 1875, was established in Battle Creek in 1866.

In 1900, following instructions from Ellen White, property was purchased in Loma Linda, Calif., on which a sanitarium was established. In 1910, the College of Medical Evangelists, offering a full medical course, was established. In 1961, CME became Loma Linda University, the denomination's largest institution, offering professional curricula in medicine, dentistry, allied health professions, public health, and nursing. Thousands of health evangelists, graduates from Loma Linda, have gone around the world, establishing clinics, hospitals, and health education centers, following in the footsteps of Jesus. The church — its medical institutions, personnel, and members — has not always followed the divine counsel given to it

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more than a century ago. But when the inspired counsel has been followed, blessings have resulted, providing a healthier and happier life on this earth in addition to the blessed hope of eternal life in the earth made new. ■

¹ David C. Nieman, *The Adventist Healthstyle*, Review & Herald Pub. Assn., 1992, p. 39.

² Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1942, p. 327.

³ Romans 12:8, NAS.

⁴ White, p. 128.

⁵ See *Ministry of Healing* p. 127.

⁶ NEWSTART Health Center is operated by Weimar Institute in Weimar, Calif.

The Adventist Health Study

A vegetarian diet is recommended, although not required, by Adventism. The health visions given to Ellen White and the conviction that the original diet given to Adam and Eve before sin is God's ideal, led many of our early pioneers to adopt vegetarianism. Does it make a difference?

Researchers at Loma Linda University have been studying the health status of approximately 30,000 California Adventists over the past 25 years, making direct comparisons between vegetarians and non-vegetarians. The study is significant because it compares the health of vegetarians (predominantly lacto-ovo vegetarians) and non-vegetarians within an otherwise similar population group, reducing the chance that other diet and lifestyle factors are responsible for the health differences. Another significant fact is that Adventist non-vegetarians consume less meat and eat a more healthful diet than the typical meat eater, so the AHS compares vegetarian diets with diets of non-vegetarians whose eating habits are healthier than typical meat eaters.

The results of the AHS are particularly interesting, because they show that vegetarians have a better health profile, even compared to those who eat a prudent omnivorous diet. The Loma Linda Vegetarian Nutrition and Health Letter reports that, "The study shows that vegetarian Adventists are less likely to develop colon and prostate cancer, and vegetarian men are less likely to develop fatal heart disease. It also appears that vegetarians are at decreased risk for diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, and obesity. The effects seem to be due to both increased consumption of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, and nuts, and to lower (or no) intake of meat.

"Finally, the AHS suggests that vegetarians can expect to gain a few years in which to enjoy their good health. Vegetarian women lived, on average, two and a half years longer than their non-vegetarian counterparts. Vegetarian men gained slightly more than three years."

For more information on the Adventist Health Study, see the Loma Linda University Vegetarian Nutrition and Health Letter, October 1998, Volume I, Number 10. For a copy or a subscription to the newsletter, call 888/558-8703. ■

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NeXt Millennium Seminar speaker Dwight Nelson (right) interviews guests during a Net '98 broadcast

Making Time for a Forever Friendship

Throughout the world, a lot of people who said, "Go to meetings five nights a week for more than a month? No way! I don't have time!" were Spirit-led to do just that. How did they manage?

A businessman on the road for his company planned his work appointments to coincide with meeting sites. A Vermont family on vacation plotted their trip so they could attend meetings, making sure they could watch a tape from the local church back home if they happened to miss a meeting. Students made commitments and planned their studying in order to attend. Some combined the meetings with other events: young people attending a birthday party were treated to a night at Net '98. When a husband, wanting to reconcile with his wife, asked for a date, his wife agreed, as long as it was Net '98.

When the 27-night series ended, the overwhelming response was, "We'll miss the meetings!" Web-site visitors immediately began pleading via E-mail, "Please don't take the web site down." They wanted to catch up on meetings they had missed and retrieve materials they hadn't had time to retrieve earlier. The net98.org site will remain as long as there is interest in the on-line media and print versions of the lectures, and other features on the site, thanks to the con-

tinued support of volunteer web masters Darryl and Cheryl Hosford, the Tagnet server, and a team of volunteer on-line Bible counselors and others who have made the site possible. With participation from other countries, some materials have been made available on-line in languages other than English.

From South Africa, a woman who missed meetings because of an eye operation was so determined to finish the series she sent word she would do so "even if she had to hitchhike to get there!" Her family members drove 90 km every night and then wrote, "We'll save a lot on petrol, but will miss the meetings."

For some sites where the series was begun later than the October 9 opening broadcast, the NeXt Millennium Seminar continued a week or more after the broadcast series closed. An additional 3,000 sites throughout the world planned to conduct the series in early 1999, using VHS tapes. Individuals have continued the series as well, by watching the on-line videos of the meetings and inviting friends to visit the web site.

From Papua, New Guinea, Monica shared her feelings and those of many others expressed in hundreds of E-mails and faxes: "My heart was very much saddened as I was driving into the stadium to attend the last meeting, but as I was leaving I had this renewed aim to

make it home to heaven to shake the hands of Jesus and of every one of you. I have this feeling it will not be very long before I do."

Until that glad day, the word from fourth-generation Adventists as well as those who have been newly-baptized or are still studying is that they are not only remembering Net '98, they are sharing what they received from it. D.D.K. posted the following report on the web site message board: "For me, Net '98 is still going, because my aide is slowly watching the films I bring to work. She is very interested, but she works two jobs and has a family. Sometimes she only sees 10 or 15 minutes a day, but as we have breaks from the kids, she keeps plugging along. Yesterday she watched #7 about the Sabbath. I do not think she understands her obligation to keep it yet, but she has not rejected it either. Please continue to pray for my dear friend."

By God's grace, technology plus evangelism has once again brought exhilarating results as the Spirit blessed. Numerous churches reported that it also provided more than one fervent prayer experience as equipment malfunctioned, then came on within minutes of a broadcast. Weather threatened numerous times, but a church in Japan found that lashing a dish in place met the chal-

lenge of even a typhoon.

From Lower Sackville, N.S., buffeted by the tail end of Hurricane Mitch, Deborah Sangster wrote that her church was blessed by "three angels," men from the congregation "who took turns standing in the rain and wind to physically hold the satellite dish in place so those attending the meeting could receive the blessing of hearing the message." In Santa Rosa, Calif., a local member asked one of his employees to tape the meetings that would be shown at his church site. "She was by herself each day and was able to concentrate on each presentation," he wrote. Her baptism was scheduled for Nov. 21, 1998.

In addition to reaffirming for members that the church is a global family united in its efforts to bring the good news of salvation to the world, Net '98 was a family experience for many who attended. A baby boomer in Washington state, who had stopped attending church in her early 20s, wrote, "It was not until the NeXt Millennium Seminar that I felt I had finally found a God and a church I can really believe in. My 15-year-old son attended the meetings with me and also learned to love God, and has chosen to follow." Mother and son planned to be baptized as the series closed.

In a Kansas church, a small group had watched the seminar each evening. When the final altar call was made, wrote Flo, "only one soul came forward at our church, but what a precious soul it was — my daughter!" Couples were married during the series, then baptized together. "Computerman," a young adult who participated in a chat room hosted by speaker Dwight Nelson, requested prayer for his mother, then later wrote that she was planning to be baptized.

At San Francisco Central SDA Church, Pastor Connley Hartman wrote that Irene and Helen were sisters raised in a Russian Orthodox home. They stopped attending when they grew up

but still wanted to know more of the Scriptures. Helen moved to Texas; Irene stayed in San Francisco. "Prior to Net '98, Helen was getting acquainted with a local Adventist church in Texas," Hartman wrote. "She told her sister what she was learning, and eventually encouraged her to attend Net '98 in the church near her home." During Thanksgiving week, Helen flew to San Francisco so both could be baptized that weekend.

In Elmhurst, Ill., Pastor Frank Kean received a very welcome invitation by E-mail on the closing Sabbath of Net '98.

It was an invitation from his brother, George. He was attending the meetings at the New Market, Va., church and wanted his brother to baptize him.

When the broadcasts concluded, among the thousands taking their stand for baptism and church membership were clergy and truck drivers, prisoners and returning prodigal sons and daughters, young adults and retirees. They had found their Forever Friend. ■

*by Betty Cooney, Net '98
Communication Director*

Nonagenarians Baptized with GenX'ers in Ontario

Chaplain Bujak, I know that the Sabbath is the right day to worship God," said 95-year-old Julja Jager, the senior person among eight baptized Nov. 14 at the Heritage Green site in Ontario. Her assurance about the Sabbath dated from 1927, when she had bought a book in Germany on the 10 commandments from two men at the door. She had searched since then for a Sabbath-keeping church. In March, 1998, Jager, now in Canada, became a resident of the Heritage Green Nursing Home, where she attends every morning worship and weekly Bible Discovery Class and did not miss a single NeXt Millennium Seminar session.

The second-oldest person to be baptized was Aurelia Paroubek, 92, who does not hear a word. The church bought a TV with the closed-captioning feature so Paroubek could read Nelson's sermons, since she couldn't keep up with his rapid-fire presentations. So each message was followed up by a pastoral visit lasting from 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Nursing home chaplain Adam Bujak says, "I wore out three magic pads bringing Aurelia up to date on what she had missed. Halfway through the series, I turned to the laptop as a means of communicating the gospel. When asked if she wanted to be baptized, Aurelia's response was, 'Sure, I want to be your neighbor in heaven.'"

A third man has Parkinson's disease and was a patient in a local hospital. With a nursing shortage there, he had been losing weight, since he could not feed himself. Bujak visited him each morning at 8:30 a.m. in time to feed him breakfast. Then, he says, "I fed him spiritually by connecting my laptop to a phone line and letting him listen to the previous night's message. He just loved it. So did the other men on the ward, who asked all kinds of questions. When the therapist came in one day, she was curious about what I was doing." An explanation about NeXt Millennium Seminar at the chaplain's church led to her request the next day for the Net '98 web site address. Only eternity will reveal all the results of Net '98. ■

Special Interests in Adventism

by Elvina Wolcott, the primary consultant at PlusLine, which is the 800 number service to answer questions from local church leaders —
800/SDA-PLUS

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adventistrodders.html

The Adventist Rodders Club is an affiliation of Adventist Christians who love the Lord and who are car buffs. A newsletter is E-mailed periodically to those with E-mail addresses, and a printed mailing is done to the rest once or twice a year.

Christian Women's Pen Pal Club

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Make a new friend by joining the Christian Women's Pen Pal Club. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Web: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/
homepages/kw8t/adventis.htm

The AARA is an association of the nearly 3,000 Seventh-day Adventist amateur radio operators around the world. Dues are \$10 per year, which includes a subscription to a quarterly publication, AARA News. Send to: Paul Anderson, N4BHO, 751 Balthrop Rd., Chapmansboro, TN 37035-9002.

Maranatha Volunteers International

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A volunteer organization that sends volunteers on mission trips locally and worldwide to do various things such as build churches, schools, etc.

Adventist Contact

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Adventist Contact is an independent dating service designed exclusively for unmarried Seventh-day Adventists.

Adventist Prison Ministries Association (APMA)

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Responsible for processing English Language School teachers for Russia, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Korea, and China. Also serves as the office which receives student missionary requests from all world divisions.

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ASI is an organization of Adventist lay members who provide support and nurture for church programs from their businesses, professional offices, and/or outreach ministries.

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Regeneration Ministries (SDAXA)

PO Box 712
Coupeville, WA 98239-0712
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Seventh-day Adventists for Extinction of Addictions. Hal Gates, an attorney-turned-pastor who suffered from severe addictions in his early adulthood, directs this ministry for those who struggle with addictions.

Adventist Child Care Network

NAD Children's Ministries
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Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600
Phone: 301/680-6425
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E-mail: moyeta@nad.adventist.org

Adventist child care providers have organized a new network with a newsletter, Adventist Child Care Connections. For more information or to join the network, write to NAD Children's Ministries at the above address.

Adventist Children's Ministries Association (ACMA)

5040 Prescott Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68506
Phone: 402/486-2519 or 800/328-0525
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ACMA is a network organized by a group of about 50 children's ministries representatives from across North America. Benefits include free subscriptions to Kids Stuff and Children's Ministries News.

Adventist Marriage Encounter

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Adventist World Aviation

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YouthNet matches young people with needs and opportunities to further the worldwide mission and ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ■

How I Learned about Adventists' Religious Beliefs



I am not a Christian. I am not a Seventh-day Adventist either. Basically, I came from no religious background. Therefore, I do not have any religious beliefs. However, I study in a Seventh-day Adventist school, and I know a lot of people who are Christian or some other religion. Because of this, I have a great number of experiences about how to share one's religious beliefs with others and how someone shared their religious beliefs with me.

*by Jeremy Wu,
a Grade 9 student at
Deer Lake SDA School
in Burnaby, B.C.*

As I mentioned in the first paragraph, before I got here, I totally had no idea about any of that religious stuff. If anyone asked me about any religion, I would probably just ignore him or her and walk away. However, after my whole year of study in Deer Lake Seventh-day Adventist School, I look at religion, especially Seventh-day Adventists, in a more positive and deeper way. Also, religion has started to affect my life too.

How can I change my point of view so fast, in such a short time (one year)? Firstly, of course, because I had a good chance to look at Seventh-day Adventists closely and correctly and realized that it is an excellent religion. Also, in the past year I really found quite a few awesome examples. As I observed, some people really live their lives just trying to be good representatives for Jesus Christ and they really did it.

The best example that I can think of would be my friend, John Tilstra's family. When I first got to Canada as a newcomer and an ESL, the Tilstras really gave my family and me so much help. Also, their whole family is just too nice that I can't even

imagine it. All of them are Seventh-day Adventists, and it seriously is very important to them. Unlike some other people that I saw, they go to church and Sabbath school every Saturday, and most importantly, they mean it and really worship God and learn from it. The other thing about them is that they are always willing to help anyone who needs help.

I have gone skating, out for dinner, and to church, et cetera. As a new person in a strange New World, they gave me so much both spiritually and socially. John also helped me a lot at school. They share their religion with me, but never force me or try to push me to do or think anything. I really appreciate this and want to do the same thing if I somehow have the same chance. This is what I think is the best way to share one's religious belief with others.

How to share one's religious belief with others? I think the way the Tilstras do is fantastic. I am really glad that I have the chance to know Seventh-day Adventists better, and maybe some day I can be the one who is helping and sharing with others. ■



Inauguration/Dedication Weekend Brings Dignitaries

The weekend of Nov. 13 and 14 — packed as it was with top-quality music and representative was too good for the media to miss. The three main area newspapers, as well as the local business newspaper, including a feature on the Casavant organ, which was dedicated on Nov. 14. Here are some of the articles that were agreed to have its article reprinted here.



One president to another — Orville Parchment, president of the SDA Church in Canada and chair of CUCs board, bestowed the presidential medallion on CUCs new president, Randal Wisbey

Dr. Randal Wisbey was inaugurated as CUCs 21st president Nov. 13 at the College Heights SDA Church. The ceremony was attended by numerous dignitaries from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Town of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and teaching institutions from Canada and the United States.

Wisbey was praised by all who spoke, including Orville Parchment, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. "Dr. Wisbey has won the hearts of the students, faculty and all members of the board," Parchment said. "I believe God has provided this fine leader for this fine institution. What truly distinguishes Dr. Wisbey and what will make him a fine president is the way he exemplifies the mission of this institution. My prayer is that he continues to love that mission and continues to allow God to lead in his life."

Jamie Bird, president of CUCs student association, also expressed confidence in Wisbey's abilities to lead the college and to face the changes it faces. "As students, we feel Dr. Wisbey is the man who can lead us into the 21st century," said Bird.

Norm Wagner, former president of the University of Calgary, was the keynote speaker. His speech on circles and lines symbolized the need for change, while maintaining some tradition. "It's continuity and change," Wagner said. "Lines are what we all understand — onward and upward. Circles,

however, are neat. They are complete with no intrusions. They are entities unto themselves. The challenge for you is to take these circles and lines and blend them beautifully and courageously."

Wisbey thanked all the presenters for their kind words and appeared emotional as he took the podium. "I don't know if it's the heaviness of the moment, but I find it difficult to find an adequate way to express my thanks," he said. "I thank you for your faith in me. I am proud to be part of this group that calls itself Canadian University College. I have been asked to serve as president of this very special institution, and I am very grateful and humbled to be standing here as your president."

Wisbey said he looks forward to the challenge of bringing CUC into the next century and increasing its stature in the educational community. "We long for CUC to be an instrumental institution in the community and the province, that we can help further the work of education," he said. "CUC has the opportunity to move forward into a very bright future."

Wisbey said that today, the dreams of those who began CUC at the start of the century would be proud of all that has been worked for and achieved at the school. "We believe in honoring our past," he said. "CUC has come into its own. More than anything else today, we want to honor the dreams of those who cared for them and lived them out."

Wisbey also stressed that CUC must look to the future and to the direction they will take into the next century. "We need to recognize and embrace the future and its many opportunities," he said. "We must seize the moment. Education is rapidly changing, and CUC must recognize the ways that education will be delivered."

Wisbey says he is looking forward to working with the students at the college and watching as they make their impression on the world. "This is a good place to learn and grow," he said. "I believe our students can change the world. They will make a difference. I believe in CUC, and I am privileged and honored to serve this institution as we move into the 21st century." ■

*by Doug Wyrostok,
Lacombe Globe staff writer*



Dr. Norman Wagner, past president of the University of Calgary, delivered the inaugural address

and Media to CUC Campus

by Lynn Neumann McDowell, Director of College Relations

m government and nearly a dozen educational institutions — was an event that of the CBC and a radio station, dedicated prime space and time to coverage of the me of the highlights as seen by a photographer and The Lacombe Globe, which



representing the organ project donors, Dr. James i, of Vancouver, B.C., ad a psalm of praise at e Sabbath afternoon gan dedication



Attendees at the inauguration ceremony included the presidents of the other three private degree-granting institutions in Alberta



Music professor Jackie Schafer led a string ensemble at the Sabbath convocation service and at the organ dedication



During the organ dedication, Dr. John McDowell, VP for academic affairs, brought a message from project initiator Dr. Kenneth Logan, contained in a pipe from CUC's old organ

In Brief

WISE Students Still Seek Him — The January Week in Spiritual Emphasis was, in the words of education senior Alastair Atherton, "one of the best student-led weeks in spiritual emphasis we have had on this campus." A veteran of five student WISE weeks, Atherton's observation was supported by broad consensus. "I thought it was fantastic. Hearing their personal stories was intriguing," said Keri Martinez, a freshman education student from Edmonton, Alta. Senior theology student Andrew King capped off the week with a church service that was a careful and moving balance of spoken conviction and musical messages.



Andrew King



on Sydenham preaches while anny Demers, a CUC alumnus, translates for those students who are not yet fully bilingual

La Celebration du Sabbat Francophone

— In November, 70 individuals with French/CUC connections gathered for a day of conversation and Sabbath enjoyment masterminded by French professor Monique Auguste. The new pastor of the campus church, Ron Sydenham, who grew up in Montreal, opened the event with a sermon delivered in French. Mountains of food appeared after the Sabbath services, along with spiritual activities and games in French, organized by Nicole Paradis-Sydenham, who is secretary to the CUC registrar.

New Web Site Keeps Users "In the Know"

— CUC's most up-to-date news about events, people, alumni, chapel talks, and academics is now available on computer. The new web site, constructed by students Tim Buttler (3 secondary education), Alex Golevenko (4 religious studies), and Philip Hoyt (3 general studies) under webmaster Stephen Payne, vice president for marketing and enrolment services, was launched on February 10. Its address is www.cauc.ab.ca.



(L to R) Stephen Payne, Tim Buttler, Alex Golevenko, and Philip Hoyt

Lawrence Accepts Position as Chair of Religious Studies

— Next school year, Dr. Errol Lawrence, who teaches practical pastoral skills at CUC, will fill the position of chair of CUC's growing religious studies department. Lawrence's vision for the department can be found in the spring special edition of "In The Know," which will be mailed to Canadian Adventist households and posted on CUC's new web site. This fall, Lawrence will fill the chair left by Dr. Ranko Stefanovic, who has accepted a position at Andrews University.



Dr. Errol Lawrence

First Dean's List Reveals Surprise

One of the first initiatives of Dr. John McDowell, vice president for academic administration, was the creation of an official Dean's List to encourage academic excellence and reward students for their efforts.

A recognition of academic excellence which is posted in most institutions of higher learning, the notation "Dean's List" or "Dean's List With Honors" also appears on the transcripts of those students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or 3.75, respectively — an indication to employers and graduate/professional schools of the dedication and excellence of which the student is capable.

The incentive worked for many, including behavioral science freshman Erica Willinger, of Armstrong, B.C. "I was really pleased," says Willinger, who was one of the 35 students who earned a place on the "With Honors" list that was posted in January after the first semester grades came in. "I'm going to have to work hard to keep on that list this semester!"

"I'm surprised and pleased to see the number of students on the Dean's List," McDowell says, "particularly the number on the Honors list." A total of 63 students earned a place on the list, more than half with honors. The complete Dean's List is posted on CUC's new web site: www.cauc.ab.ca. ■

Do you know someone who should be featured as a CUC Success Story? Send us their name, phone number (and if known, their mailing and E-mail addresses), the year they received their college degree or certificate, and why you think they're outstanding. Be sure to also include your own name and phone number. Write to 235 College Avenue, College Heights, AB T4L 2E5, or call the college relations office at 800/661-8129 or E-mail the information to lmcdowel@cauc.ab.ca. If this outstanding person did not graduate from college but did graduate from high school at CUC or PAA, please contact the alumni relations office (same address and phone number) or E-mail cmsayler@cauc.ab.ca.



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"We grew up spiritually at CUC."

Ron Sydenham

B.A., Religious Studies, CUC, 1983

Senior Pastor, College Heights SDA Church

"Nicole and I came to CUC with our ears dripping from our baptisms," recalls Ron Sydenham. "It's the place that laid the foundation for our Christian experience, with great teachers like Warren Trenchard."

Nicole — whom Ron calls "the strongest point of my ministry" — recalls the shy husband she accompanied from Montreal to CUC in 1978, so intimidated by public speaking that he couldn't even say the words "thank you" to his Hudson Bay Company warehouse employees at a Christmas gathering (though he had no trouble thanking each one individually for a group gift). She recalls too the hours of practice for speech class at CUC, working to overcome a lisp.

Even for Nicole, it's hard to believe that the once shy, lisping, fresh convert now packs the largest Adventist church in Canada, holding students and seniors alike spellbound by his intelligent, energetic, and reverent sermons. "He's an awesome speaker," says Gina Rogers, a freshman from Abbotsford, B.C. "After his first sermon, everyone in the dorm was talking about him, saying, 'If you weren't in church on Sabbath, you really missed it!' Now church is really the place to be on Sabbath morning."

Yes, the CUC education and the Christian mentoring were vital in laying the foundation of his ministry, but without another vital ingredient, all the education and mentoring would have come to naught: "Every day," Nicole says, "Ron prays, 'Lord, use me.'"

Discovering a Sabbath-keeping Church

When Ella Noel was growing up in Stanhope, Nfld., she used to read the Bible to her mother and father, neither of whom could read. "Even then, as a child, I questioned why we kept the Sabbath on Sunday instead of Saturday," Ella says. Later, when she was married and her own children were growing up, Ella decided to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, as the Bible taught. Her husband and children supported her decision, but she didn't know of any church that observed the Bible Sabbath.

Lori, the youngest of Ella's five children, was a teenager when her mother began keeping the Sabbath and found it a difficult adjustment to make. "I wouldn't do any work around the house on Saturday, out of respect for Mom's beliefs," Lori says, "but I wasn't ready to keep Sabbath myself. I was active in a Sunday-keeping church."

Several years later, both mother and daughter found themselves at a crossroads in life. Ella's husband had died, and after several years of nursing him through his last illness, she says, "I was at a loss. I didn't know what God wanted me to do with the rest of my life." Meanwhile, Lori had finished university and was working as an elementary school teacher. She, too, was seeking God's will for her life. Both she and her mother were praying Lori would meet a Christian young man, but so far, that hadn't happened.

Jerry Lazarov grew up on the other side of the world from Lori Noel, in Bulgaria. There, under the communist regime, religion was strongly discouraged. "My family believed in God, but only went to church on special occasions, like Easter," Jerry says. Nine years ago, Jerry came to Canada and settled in St. John's, Nfld. He was impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of the people, as well as by how much churchgoing and religion seemed to be a part of people's lives. As Jerry settled into his new

community and started his own business — a pizza take-out — he also explored Christianity. He became active in a local Anglican church, which offered a friendly welcome to refugees like Jerry and his friends.

Jerry Lazarov and Lori Noel met in the fall of 1997 and had gone on two dates when they — along with Lori's mother, Ella — decided to attend Pastor Leo Schreven's *It Is Written* seminar, which Lori's sister had received a brochure about. "That was our third date," Lori says, "and all our dates after that were at the seminar." Just a few weeks later, they were engaged.

Ella, Lori, and Jerry are all still amazed at how clearly God's hand was leading during those months. "I feel that God led us directly to this church," Lori says. Jerry agrees: "It was God's leading that led me to meeting Lori and going to the seminar."

Ella Noel was thrilled that while her prayer for a Christian husband for her daughter was being answered, so was her lifelong desire to follow God's will as revealed in His Word. "It was so exciting to finally hear someone else preaching what we believed in!" she says.

All three were baptized during the *It Is Written* seminar, and Lori and Jerry were married in the St. John's Seventh-day Adventist church a few months later.

The *It Is Written* seminar was an exciting time for the whole St. John's church as 30 new members joined the congregation. With the dynamic Pastor Schreven gone and a new church family to adjust to, did Ella, Lori and Jerry find the transition difficult? Not at all. "We appreciated the friendliness of the people, especially Sabbath meals at church and being invited to people's homes," Lori says. "That helped us to feel that the church was a family, that we were accepted."



Ella Noel with Jerry and Lori Lazarov

They have already begun sharing their new church family with other family and friends. Ella's daughter-in-law and her children have begun attending church regularly along with Ella, Lori, and Jerry. Looking back over the past year and a half, Lori and Jerry Lazarov and Ella Noel are amazed and grateful at how God has worked in their lives to "put all the pieces together." And the St. John's church is equally grateful to the Lord for bringing this wonderful family into the congregation and giving us all an object lesson in how He can work in people's lives. ■

by Trudy J. Morgan-Cole,
Communication Secretary,
St. John's SDA Church

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Ways the Local Church Made Us Feel Comfortable:

- 1 "We felt we were given time and support to settle in," says Lori Lazarov. "We weren't made to feel inferior because of things we didn't know; we were given time to learn. There was no pressure to fit in."
- 2 "People weren't judgmental," says Ella Noel. "Going into a new church, you're not always going to be what the others are. It takes time to find your way in a new church."
- 3 "We've never felt there's a need that's not being met. If any more was being done or offered, we might have felt pressured," Lori says. "Some churches pressure you right away to get involved with everything, and I think we might have felt overwhelmed and taken a step back if that had been the case."

■ Announcements

Crawford Adventist Academy (formerly Toronto Junior Academy) invites you to join in its alumni weekend celebration, "2000 and Beyond," to be held June 4-6, 1999. Special honor will be given to the classes of 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, and 1959. All alumni, attendees, former teachers/staff, parents, and friends of Crawford Adventist Academy and Toronto Junior Academy are invited to a fun-filled, spirit-inspired alumni celebration. If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to know how you can help, please contact Elaine Bernard at 416/633-7678.

Newbury Park Adventist Academy's 51st year alumni celebration will be held April 10, 1999. Honor classes will be 1959, 1969, 1974, 1979, and 1989. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Contact Hugh Winn at 805/498-2191 for a full schedule of events.

The second annual open house for Mamawi Atsketan Native School will be held Apr. 30 - May 1, 1999. Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. on Apr. 30 and conclude following supper on May 1. All activities will be held at the school. For further information, and to notify us if you are coming, please contact the school at: Mamawi Atsketan Native School, RR 4, Ponoka, AB T4J 1R4. Phone 403/783-4362, or E-mail mamawi@telusplanet.net.

The Hamilton Mountain SDA Church will be 100 years old this summer. If you are a former member, please send your name and address to either Mrs. Marion Case, 239 Baptist Church Road, Caledonia, ON N3W 2G9, or Ivan Prouty, 351 Isaac Brock Drive, Apt. 109, Stoney Creek, ON L8J 1Y1.

Agape Temple SDA Church, meeting at 1066 Dunbarton Rd., Pickering, Ont., invites all friends and former members to a special Homecoming Sabbath, Mar. 30, 1999. Special services all day. All welcome.

The Ann Arbor SDA Church Centennial will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich., in July/Aug. 1999. For more information, give your return address plus a memory to Ann Arbor SDA Church. Fax 734/622-0578, 734/429-7838, E-mail dehall@juno.com, or phone 888/271-1351.

Former students and friends of Newbold College living in Ontario are invited to organize a Newbold chapter, the first in Canada. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, Newbold news, and planning for our GC reunion next summer. To join this 'merrie' group, send your name, address, and phone number to: Ken and Frances Schander, 25 Cloebury

Cr., Willowdale, ON M2R 1V7. E-mail kenschander@compuserve.com.

■ Births

Nathaniel Stewart Anderson was born Nov. 25, 1998, to Russ and Shannon (Kruk) Anderson of Madison, Wis.

Matthew Adam Douglas DeMerchant was born Mar. 5, 1998, to Andrew and Tracy (Gay) DeMerchant of Halifax, N.S.

Josie Marie Dick was born Dec. 5, 1998, to Ben and Grace (Doiron) Dick of Chatham, N.B.

Hope Elizabeth Dorey was born Dec. 2, 1998, to Donnie and Sandra (Atwood) Dorey of Barrington Passage, N.S.

Kaileen Elizabeth McGlade was born Apr. 6, 1998, to Rob and Tania McGlade of Maberly, Ont.

Isaac Daniel Selvin Tingley was born Nov. 26, 1998, to Paul and Rebekah (Slauwhite) Tingley of Halifax, N.S.

■ Weddings

Jill Lehmann and Jay Aitken were married Dec. 29, 1998, in Lower Sackville, N.S., and are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich. Jill is the daughter of Gus and Lea Lehmann, and Jay is the son of Jerrold and Judy Aitken.

Tracey Elaine Beanlands and Daniel Fredrick Wilson were married Dec. 20, 1998, in Halifax, N.S., and will be making their home in the Maritimes. Tracey is the daughter of Bob and Charlene Beanlands of Lower Sackville, N.S., and Daniel is the son of David and Gay Wilson of North Hatley, Que.

■ Anniversaries

Delmer and Stella Bechthold celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 29, 1998. Delmer and Stella worked nine years for the Christian Record Braille Foundation. The Bechtholds have three children: Lauren of Calgary, Alta., Lorraine Hall of Whiterock, B.C., and Jackie Gordon of Estacada, Ore.

Steve and Stana Petr. of Waterloo, Ont., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May, 1999. Steve served as a pastor/evangelist for 20 years in Europe and 20 years in Canada. The Petrs have two sons: Paul (Maryanne) of Toronto, Ont., and Daniel (Jeannie) of Keene, Tx. They have four grandchildren.

Munro and Gladys Wilson celebrated their 60th wedding

anniversary on Aug. 24, 1998, in Oakville, Ont.

■ Obituaries

Gladys M. Bebee was born Nov. 27, 1911, and died Nov. 10, 1998, in Peterborough, Ont. Surviving: sisters Rita McKay of Lindsay, Ont., and Phyllis (Elmo) Nesbitt of Orillia, Ont.

Cecil Bowmaster was born Nov. 6, 1928, in Medford, N.B., and died Nov. 27, 1998, in Perth-Andover, N.B. Cecil served as a deacon in his church for nearly 40 years. Surviving: wife Audrey; sons Robert of Oshawa, Ont., Allison (Jennifer), Carl (Kathy), Keith (Darcy), Roger, and Ronald, all of Bairdsville, N.B.; daughter Gail (David) Currie of Tilley, N.B.; brothers Delbert, Charles, Eugene, Francis, Otis, Lewis, Jerome, Brian, Ambrose, and John Jr.; sisters Dolly Foster, Lorraine Johnston, Linda Adams, and Florence Greer; half sister Pearl; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dennis Earl Chevalier was born Jan. 1, 1951, in Windsor, Ont., and died suddenly as a result of a car/pedestrian accident Jan. 17, 1999, in Sarnia, Ont. Dennis served his church as an elder, Sabbath school teacher, assistant Sabbath school superintendent, and youth leader. He was predeceased by his father, Leo Chevalier. Surviving: wife Henny of Newbury, Ont.; mother Cecile (Davidson); brother Edward of London, Ont.; and sister Linda (Ken) Maynard of Southbridge, Mass.

Marguerite (Lyons) Cox was born May 21, 1913, in Vermont, and died Aug. 27, 1998, in Stouffville, Ont. Surviving: daughters Luella Spurrell of Thornhill, Ont., and Colleen McLellan and Maureen Hartigan, both of Whitehorse, Yukon; sisters Ervena Rainville and Lila Purrington, both of Colebrook, N.H.; and five grandchildren.

Elmer George Genno was born Sept. 25, 1926, in Regina, Sask., and died Sept. 24, 1998, in Etzikom, Alta. Surviving: wife Gladys of Etzikom; son Marvin (Sharon) of Medicine Hat, Alta.; daughters Betty Bodnaruk (Jerry Woolley) of Etzikom, Fay (Ken) Cherepuschak of Sylvan Lake, Alta., and Joy Genno of Two Hills, Alta.; sister Madeline Korfman of Kelowna, B.C.; and six grandchildren.

Lilian May Handysides was born Jan. 9, 1919, in England, and died Nov. 28, 1998, in Peterborough, Ont. As a pastor's wife, Lilian worked for her church in active ministry for 46 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel J. Handysides. Surviving: son Allan (Janet) of Washington, D.C.; daughter Vernetta (Charles) Wheeler of Peterborough, Ont.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Jacob Heinrichs was born May 7, 1915, in Bateman, Sask., and died Dec. 17, 1998, in Gravelbourg, Sask. Surviving: wife Gladys; son Donald (Donna) of Shamrock, Sask.; daughters Sharon of Calgary, Alta., and Cindy (Ron) Moser of Spruce Grove, Alta.; brothers Ted (Karen) of Kelowna, B.C., Levi (Edna) of Shamrock, Menno of Kamloops, B.C., and John (Winnie) of Regina, Sask.; sister Alice Bitser of Regina; and five grandchildren.

Cyril Hodgkin was born Nov. 25, 1917, in Crowland, Ont., and died Oct. 30, 1998, in Sarnia, Ont. Surviving: wife Marguerite of Sarnia; sons John and Don; daughters Saralea McKenney and Jane Hayes; brothers Lyle and Carl; sisters Jeanie and Aileen; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Margaret Johnston died Dec. 11, 1998, in Regina, Sask., at the age of 94. Surviving: daughters Hazel Bernreiter of London, Ont., Betty Petricko of Boston, Mass., and Pat Johnston of Regina; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elmer Koronko was born Aug. 10, 1931, in Sturan, Sask., and died Jan. 17, 1999, in Fresno, Calif. Elmer pastored in Canada, Arizona, and California, and was an evangelist in Oregon. Surviving: wife Joyce; sons Kevin (Jeanne) of Sherwood, Ore., Cameron (Myrne) of Calgary, Alta., Kelly (Melody) of Aloha, Ore., and Kerry (Carmen) of Chowchilla, Calif.; brother Robert (Joan) of Edmonds, Wash.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Borden Parker Longard was born Dec. 20, 1908, in Tantallon, N.S., and died Jan. 2, 1999, in Halifax, N.S. Borden served as a church organist for more than 50 years. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Richard Miller was born Dec. 18, 1907, in Comox Valley, B.C., and died Oct. 14, 1998, in Sarnia, Ont. Richard served as a deacon in his church. He was predeceased by his first wife, Edna (Apperley) and his daughter, Joyce. Surviving: wife Ruth (Walden) of Berrien Springs, Mich.; son Ronald; stepson Howard; daughter Patricia; step-daughter Margaret; one grandchild, four step-grandchildren, and one great-step-grandchild.

Irene (Hammell) Mills was born Jan. 21, 1918, in Metcalfe, Ont., and died Jan. 16, 1999, in Ottawa, Ont. She served for several years as a church treasurer. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert. Surviving: daughters Elaine (Darrell) Eagles of Kanata, Ont., Janet (Gerrie) Leebod of Simcoe, Ont., and Kim (Jerry) Boucher of Nepean, Ont.; brothers George (Dorothy) Hammell of Manotick, Ont., Archibald (Doris) Hammell of North Bay, Ont., Andy (Dorothy) Hammell of Russell, Ont., and

Robert (Beryl) Hammell of Saul Ste. Marie, Ont.; sister Hilda Cook of Ottawa; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Robert Papineau was born Apr. 17, 1942, in Ottawa, Ont., and died Dec. 19, 1998, in Nepean, Ont. Bob was a Sabbath school teacher in the junior, earliten, and teen divisions of his church and was actively involved in prison ministries. Surviving: wife Honey; children Francine (Réal) Bernier, Christine (Bill) McAllister, and Michel (Manon) Graveline; step-children Andrew and Hannah Robb; and four grandchildren.

Leona (Halstead) Ruchotzke was born Nov. 24, 1910, in Wingard, Sask., and died Jan. 13, 1999, in Rosthern, Sask. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward. Surviving: sons James (Elaine) of Hague, Sask., Charles (Helen) of Regina, Sask.; sister Opal Shipway McDowall; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth (Pabts) Schmich was born June 1, 1896, in Kind, Russia, and died Oct. 8, 1998, in Paris, Ont. She was predeceased by her husband, Eduard, daughter, Raisa, and son, Eduard. Surviving: daughter Martha Cherkashin of Paris; sister Maria Schultz; one grandson and one foster grandson.

Andrew Schmidt was born June 7, 1896, in Russia, and died Jan. 18, 1999, in Maple Creek, Sask. Andrew was one of the charter members and builders of the Maple Creek SDA Church. Surviving: wife Merle Schmidt of Maple Creek; son Arnold of Fox Valley, Sask.; daughter Almay McCrae of Cawston, B.C.; brother Fred Schmidt of Kelowna, B.C.; 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Roland Scott was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Grenada, West Indies, and died Nov. 22, 1998, in Scarborough, Ont. Roland served as a deacon and worked in the community services department of his church. Surviving: wife Sheila Scott of Scarborough; son Jude; and daughter Rachel.

Nina Swenson was born Mar. 12, 1916, in Assiniboia, Sask., and died Jan. 28, 1999, in Assiniboia. Surviving: brother Bruce of Assiniboia, and Calvin (Betty) of Assiniboia; sister Betty (John) Keck of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Aloda (Norman) Farden of Outlook, Sask.

Paul Swierszcz was born Aug. 31, 1911, in Poland, and died Aug. 28, 1998, in Hamilton, Ont. He was predeceased by his daughter, Alice. Surviving: wife Lydia of Hamilton; sons Richard (Nellie) of Russia, Peter (Donna) of Calgary, and Henry (Gillian) of Hamilton; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John E. Tkachuk was born Dec. 19, 1915, in Samburg, Sask., and died May 15, 1998, in Prince Albert, Sask. Surviving: wife Pauline of Prince Albert; sons Gordon (Marie) of Calgary, Alta., Marvin (Lori) of Calgary, and Brian (Alesha White) of Vancouver, B.C.; daughters Laura (Ron) Friesen of Calgary, Corrine (Dave) O'Brien of Calgary, and Cheryl (Murray) Clarke of Rosetown, Sask.; brothers George (Olive) of Saskatoon, Sask., and Jim (Tina) of Toronto, Ont.; sisters Sophie (Mike) Zelensky of Prince Albert, Esther (Henry) Krol of Toronto, and Ruth Tkachuk of Toronto; and eight grandchildren.

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The Messenger Asks

Tell us about a teacher
who had an impact on your life.

There were a number of teachers who impacted me, but two stand out. One was my Grade 6 teacher, and the other my freshman composition teacher in college. The Grade 6 teacher taught me that it is possible to be kind, always, and yet very firm when necessary. She never got angry, but there were boundaries. I appreciated the security that the boundaries gave, because we could trust her to treat us fairly and with a special kindness, even when we got into trouble.

My college teacher was just simply a nice person to be around. She was pleasant, warm, and caring, and in that atmosphere it is easy to enjoy learning. Maybe the fact that I got an A in the class made her special, too!

Randy Barber
Calgary, Alta.

I can think of a teacher in my 6th grade that has left an impression on me. She was someone with a warm personal sensitivity for each of us kids. She watched over each one individually with a personal interest that was amazing. She knew which ones needed character building by discipline, and which ones would benefit more from a word of encouragement and a fresh infusion of self-esteem. She was a creative woman who illustrated life and its lessons in very creative ways. I can still remember the day she passed a rose around the class, asking the boys to look at it carefully and thoughtfully, and the girls to just pass it on to the next boy in the row, illustrating how we are to respect and see each other in real life. It was a lesson that still stands out to me. I am grateful for her and the perspective that she left me that I still refer to as an adult today.

Nancy Barber
Calgary, Alta.

Through my years of formal education, I feel fortunate to have had quite a number of teachers. Most affected me with positive memories, and a few in a more negative way — but that's life, right?

My left brain thrived on spelling, math, chemistry, and socials to a degree, and then there was English. I struggled not only with what to write but how to write it. I dreaded getting my assignments back with all the corrections highlighted in red. I could not grasp what was "right" or "wrong" until my college English class.

For what seemed like the first time for me, my teacher told me he liked what I wrote. He seemed to value my thoughts. Oh yes, a few red marks came back highlighting better punctuation or phrasing, but somehow it helped to clarify and highlight an already-appreciated part of who I was. He seemed to help bring out my best. To this day, I am motivated to use the gift of language the best I can.

I love to see students feel valued and inspired by their teachers. Instructing skill with recognition of the value of each student is an awesome combination. Only with God's spirit can minds and hearts be touched forever. God bless you, teachers.

Gwen Spangler
Red Deer, Alta.

The problem was a major one. The Adventist hospital did not have enough beds to provide adequate clinical experience for the college nursing program. To overcome this, the chairperson of the department searched out clinical placements in nearby government and private institutions.

My senior year included rotations in a nationally-renowned research institution and a lecture course on future trends in health care, taught by the chairperson. Every day, she came to class with two small books, a Bible and Ministry of Healing (for a "trends" class!) and fascinated and inspired me by demonstrating how the principles in those books were relevant to health issues of the future. It was as if she said, "Go with the best. Work in the finest institutions in the land, *and* take these principles with you. They will never change; they will never be outdated."

I'm glad the college kept the nursing department open. I'm glad I got to work in an Adventist hospital and to feel the difference in atmosphere there. I'm glad that the chairperson gave me both wings and roots.

Ann Tym
Alberta

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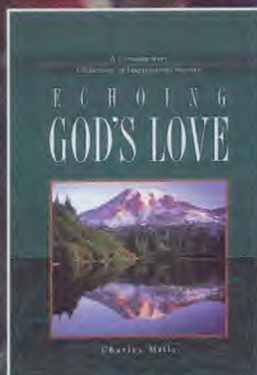
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