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EVIDENCE

by Carolyn Willis



I love watching the faces of those who ride the roller coaster. But there always tugs at the back of my mind the question “Why?” What motivates them to climb into that claustrophobic seat allowing themselves to be jerked and flung in all directions. Half the time they’re hanging upside down with their eyes clenched shut emitting ear-shattering screams of terror—while shooting through the air faster than a porsche on the autobahn. It’s an activity that you would expect only the young to participate in for surely a vigorous heart is a strict requirement. I ruefully shake my head now when I remember what motivated me, in my more mature years, to stand in line for this gut-wrenching experience.

At one point in my parenting career, I felt that it was important to encourage my son Ryan not to be afraid to try new things. I was concerned that he not be timid. After all, as a youth growing into adolescence he needed to be prepared to face life’s challenges. If I had been smart I would have recognized this as his cautious gene that he had inherited from his father and understood that this was a good thing. But since I am handicapped in this particular area I merely viewed it as distressingly diffident. I was encouraged by the comments of his Grade 8 teacher that he was his own person and wouldn’t allow himself to be pressured into something he didn’t want to do. Well, the teacher was right about that! Ryan couldn’t be begged or bribed to get on a roller coaster. And I thought that roller coasters came under the face-that-challenge category, so it became a project for me. Get Ryan on a roller coaster. I decided that I would be his impetus. Now, understand that I’ve

never enjoyed amusement rides. But I’ve staggered off many a roller coaster, alone, desperately trying to control my quivering legs and unsteady stomach to prove to my son that it really wasn’t something to be afraid of. It never worked. He could see through my intentions (and wobbly smile) every time. And then one day, in his own time, he climbed aboard and started rolling through the air with the best of them. Nothing seemed to be too hair-raising for him to try. The only problem now was that he wanted someone to ride with him. Well, his dad certainly wasn’t about to volunteer, and there were no other siblings in the family, so you know who got the dubious pleasure of tagging along. (As my husband kindly pointed out, I was the one who had said how great they were!) Well, I’ve always enjoyed the company of my son, but I will admit that it was an infinite relief when it became apparent that he preferred the company of his friends rather than his mother on these periodic outings. Now he gives me one of his slow, easy smiles when describing his latest thrill at the park telling me I

should try it—it’s really nothing to be afraid of.

This was just one of life’s little lessons that I tried to teach my son. There were many others that I hope made a much more meaningful impact on his life than this one. But my intentions were flawless.

God was so wise when He gave us children. I know how much I love my son, and the thought that God loves him so much more than his father and I simply overwhelms me. There isn’t anything I wouldn’t do for him if I felt it was in his best interests. Out of my great love for him, I was willing to go well beyond my comfort zone, and as God’s child He has done the same for me. Surely it wasn’t “comfortable” for God to come to this earth and die an agonizing death so that I would have the undeserved privilege of living forever in a perfect world. But as my Heavenly Father He continually urges me on willing me to try new and challenging things that will develop my character for Heaven. Isn’t that what life is? A training ground—a fitness centre getting us in shape for Heaven—with God as our infallible Coach. It’s kind of like taking our car to the garage for servicing. I want to take my life to God for servicing, so that with my permission He can recondition my thoughts, my actions, my motives—so that He can replace my insecurities, my pride, my selfishness with His goodness and His motives to make me into the person He desires me to be. I want to live up to His expectations. Whatever it takes, I want me and my house to find our grassy knoll in Heaven—but please, no roller coasters. ■

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The Undelivered Message

Putting A Human Face On A Heavenly Act

by David Jamieson

A devotional presented to the SDA Church in Canada National Headquarters June 9, 2001



Recently, I was on a United Airlines flight from Chicago to Toronto and I read this incredible true story in the May 20, 2001 issue of the Chicago Tribune magazine that absolutely gripped my heart, and even made me angry.

The story began on March 24, 1982. Nancy Bishop is 17-years-old and feeling the rush of opening night jitters as she takes the stage as Maria in New Trier High School's production of *West Side Story*.

Nancy throws herself into her role, performing with particular zeal, the classic *Somewhere*, a song about the search for peace, forgiveness and love in a deadly world.

May 23, 1987. Nancy is 23-years-old and getting married to Richard Langert, 26, of Oak Lawn. They had met two years ago. As the story goes, and a man must have told it, Nancy pursued Richard.

The wedding ceremony, with sisters Jennifer and Jeanne as bridesmaids, took place at the Union Church in Kenilworth, and a good friend of Nancy's sings "Somewhere" during the ceremony.

*Hold my hand and we're halfway there.
Hold my hand and I'll take you there.
Somewhere, somehow
We'll find a new way of living.
We'll find a way of forgiving.
Somewhere.*

Saturday, April 7, 1990. Nancy is 25-years-old and three months into her first pregnancy. She's a young woman who knows what she wants, and having a family is number one on her list.

It's 10 p.m. and she and Richard are returning home from dinner out with Nancy's family in downtown Chicago. There were three reasons to celebrate: her Dad's 60th birthday, the success of her first trimester of pregnancy, and she and Richard would soon be moving into a new house.

After dropping off her parents, Nancy and Richard step inside their dark townhouse and find an intruder waiting for them with a .357 magnum revolver in his hands.

He handcuffs the couple and leads them downstairs into the basement. Nancy and Richard plead for their lives and the life of their baby. They offer the intruder \$500, but he tosses the money on the floor.

He places them on the floor face

down and shoots Richard in the head. Nancy scrambles to a corner and covers her pregnant stomach, but it doesn't work; the intruder shoots her in the abdomen.

Nancy then makes a run for the stairs, but is shot in the back before she gets there. She falls and the killer leaves.

But Nancy is not done. Using her elbows, she squirms across the floor to some work tools; she starts banging an ax against the floor to attract someone's attention. After a few minutes though, she realizes that this is futile, so she drags herself back to Richard so that she will be beside him when she dies. But before she does, she dips her finger in a pool of blood and scrawls onto a box beside them the simple message she always uses to end notes and letters to people she loves: ♥ U.

Can you imagine Nancy's last moments? Her husband is dead in front of her, her baby is dead inside her, she is going to be dead in moments, but she has one final undelivered message for her family, her friends, and for us.

With the last ounce of energy and life in her, Nancy points us to the truth that people spend their whole lives searching for—that love is all that matters. There's a verse in the Bible that simply says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Close to 1,200 grieving people attended the funeral. Many were crying out in protest, wanting justice.

You see, when we deal with the story of Nancy Bishop and how she died, it makes us angry. She was

innocent, we say. And we cry out in protest against this terrible crime.

But, my friend, I think we forget that Jesus was truly "the only innocent person" whose life was cut off by an intruder. So why don't we cry out in vehement protest because of His death? Why don't we have that same sense of injustice burning in us over this death?

Nearly 2,000 years ago, God's Son was finishing his time of prayer out in the darkness of the night. He had been celebrating a supper with His new family and friends, and He knew that He would soon be going home. An intruder, a neighbour, entered the scene that night and Jesus was led away to die on Calvary's cross.

You know the story how Jesus used His last ounce of energy in concern for people. He showed concern for His mother. He showed concern for the thief on the cross. He looked at the Roman soldiers and the crowd and He cried out, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." His final message was also written in blood. ♥ U.

Sometimes we must put a human face on a heavenly act before we can truly comprehend its significance. That message that Jesus scrawled with His own blood is the most important message in all the world. It's the most beautiful message in all the world for us to help deliver. Yet it is still largely undelivered today.

Let's deliver it! ■

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All You Need Is A Friend

Getting Involved in Friendship Evangelism

by Jim Gaull

Have you heard the saying, "Perception is reality"? It's not true. Reality is not defined by how we see it. It remains constant in spite of our perception. In fact, reality is not limited to or determined by us.

It is established by God. That's why it's a challenge to keep open to truth while being wary of falsehood.

What's this got to do with making friends and being friendly for Jesus, or simply, friendship evangelism? Lots.

Before I was a Christian, I didn't know many Christians. My own perceptions of them ranged from feeling they were weird, misinformed and reclusive to being pushy, manipulative, exclusive, and self-righteous. So what did I do? I avoided them in two ways. First, I didn't go where they went. Second, if I did get near them, I was very wary, like I was near a rattlesnake.

After I became a Christian, I was surprised to learn that church people like me were encouraged to be cautious around "outsiders." This was fortified by the concept that we should, "be in the world but not of the world." It became clear to me that I was supposed to live inside a Christian force field. When I entered into unchurched territory, I had to be careful so I would not get too close to anyone or get involved in any of their events. It could wreck my bubble, my position, and maybe even my eternal life.



I accepted this teaching, to a degree, and I acted appropriately when I was with those who belonged to the church. But I also had to live with a growing awareness that, at times, I enjoyed being with outsiders more than those inside the church. At first this frightened me. I thought there was something wrong with me. Don't misunderstand. I didn't want to drink, party and do all the stuff I had done before I was a believer in Jesus. It was that I had this sense that people outside the church needed to know Christ more than many of those on the inside. Their needs were so evident to me and it was clear that God was more than able to help them.

You can understand my fear, can't you? I didn't want to get dirty and stained by the world or disappoint my fellow believers. But I also had a burning desire to help others know Jesus and what He could do for them. I lived with this tug of war for many years.

Today, I'm reconsidering my journey with God. It occurs to me that I'm not thinking the same way anymore. I have gone through a complete paradigm shift. Now I wonder if there is any more effective kind of evangelism than friendship evangelism. Really.

I am currently serving together with other believers in a church that actively seeks to make friends with people who don't know Christ. We encourage one another to bring our friends

to Jesus. We help each other do this. In fact, it's so deeply ingrained in our church's mission that we ask everyone who believes Jesus is their Master to build personal one-on-one relationships of integrity with unchurched people!

We have discovered the heart of Jesus for others and that His method of touching them works. It's both satisfying and challenging. It's helping us grow and to love. Here is how Ellen G. White* describes it in *Ministry of Healing*, page 143:

"A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental,

and spiritual, can be accomplished. Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them 'Follow Me.'

There is a need of coming close to the people by personal effort."

Is keeping people at a distance still a problem for SDA's? Is it a problem in your life and in your church? Is it normal for us to reach out with open hearts and care for others as we become their friends? Are you doing this alone or do you have a joyful sense that your church is working together with you to create a loving atmosphere where you can bring your friends who don't yet know Christ?

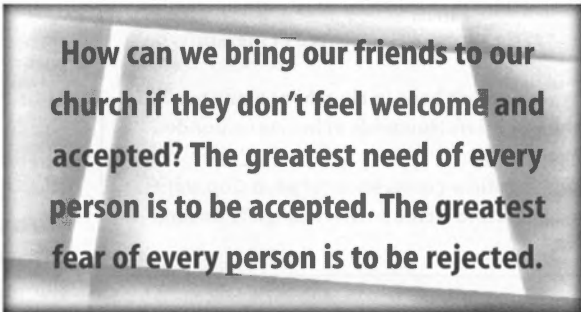
There are two very simple litmus tests for friendship evangelism. First, on a personal basis, ask yourself, "Am I forming relationships of integrity with unchurched people?" If you are not, you are not working by Christ's method alone. You may not be getting much criticism for what you aren't doing, but I suspect you sense a real disconnection from full participation with God for the salvation of others. You are just not positioning yourself so God can effectively help others through you.

The second litmus test for friendship evangelism has to do with your local church. Ask yourself and your local church leaders, "Is our church a safe place to bring our dearest friends who are seeking to know Jesus?" I wish every SDA answered with a resounding "Yes" to this question. I have found that most answer with a sad and disappointed, "No, I could not do that."

Your answer is crucial to the growth of God's kingdom. Why? How can we bring our friends to

our church if they don't feel welcome and accepted? The greatest need of every person is to be accepted. The greatest fear of every person is to be rejected. If you can say "Yes" to this question, your church is growing and seeing miracles happen in changed and changing lives. If you have to say "No" your church is not growing at best, and is probably declining—in spirit and in participation. God wants His church to flourish. If it is declining, He wants to give it new life.

This is not rocket science. We don't have to make things difficult to advance God's kingdom and help people know Jesus. What we must do is love as He loves, reach out as He reaches out, be inclusive as He is inclusive. Jesus does not reject people, they reject Him. Our reality should be based on Jesus, His life and His word. He hung out with people that were outside the church



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and outside a relationship with God. He was misunderstood by church people because they just didn't get His plan and His heart for others. Thank God Jesus didn't avoid others in spite of being misunderstood. He sought them out.

What about you? Is there anything you need to change about how you personally interact with others? Does your local church need to change how it treats all people? Do you need to turn up your thermostat to warm? Do you have a thermostat?

Are you more like Jesus or are you more like the Pharisees on this one? Are you willing to sacrifice your comfort, your means and your whole life to help others come to a

saving knowledge of Jesus? If not, you are not as Christlike as you have said and thought you were. If not, you are working against Jesus instead of for Him. Don't let that thought pass quickly. You and I could be holding up the work of Jesus. That is not okay.

Put friendship evangelism in perspective by asking yourself and your church, "How many people in my town, city, or area are *not* in church on Sabbath?" Are you satisfied with the answer? Well, I'm not either. It's not okay. We can do better!

Lost people matter to God and ought to matter to the church. This means that because God gave His best for the lost, we should too. It means our budgets should reflect more of a concern for the lost than for the found. It means we should sacrifice by being available to God in every area of our lives. It means we should work together to make sure our churches are warm and inviting. It means we love God with our all and we love our neighbour as we love our self.

What the world needs is to see a revelation of Christ's character perfectly reproduced in His people. Are you willing to join me in giving your life to serve Christ according to His method alone?

Don't say "Yes" too soon. It's going to cost you a lot. You may be misunderstood. You may be hated or rejected. You will make mistakes along the way. But consider the possibilities. You may help lead your friends to Jesus. You may work with others to build God's kingdom. What you do will have eternal results. You will be like Jesus Christ. Jump in with both feet. Follow His word, "Go and make disciples." ■

* (See also *Desire of Ages*, pp 151-153 and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp 368, 369 for balanced statements about mingling and ministering.)

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Kindling the *Ignite Canada* Flame

by Glenn Aufderhar



Gideon's forces faced overwhelming odds against the Midianites: 50 to 1. Yet the 300 Gideonites used unusual weapons—a clay jar, a ram's horn, and a torch, plus the promise of the Lord. As Adventists in Canada attempt to win a significant victory for Christ in *Ignite Canada*, the odds are even greater: 800 to 1; yet the promise of the Lord is the same, "...there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (1 Sam. 14:6).

God gave a small token of that promise in Halifax May 25 and 26 when youth and adults dedicated themselves in a candle-light service. The next day, 96 cars with teams of four plus a driver went to cover assigned territories to distribute *It Is Written* flyers, take a survey, leave a piece of literature, or have prayer.

God blessed with miracles—like one former member who hadn't been in church for many months feeling impressed by the Spirit to come and help with the visitation. Hundreds of hearts responded favorably to the visits and phone calls.

"Just a small token," said Ken Corkum, president of the Maritime Conference, "of what God wants to do all across this huge mission field of Canada between now and October 18 when *Ignite Canada* turns this country's attention to Christ."

Angels On Duty

Linda Toutsaint of Saskatoon had decided she would not become a Seventh-day Adventist. Then she called Elder Henry Feyerabend at the hospital to tell him she would be praying for him in his bout with cancer.

Feyerabend asked how she was doing spiritually. Linda replied that she was going to be baptized, but that might not make Pastor Feyerabend very happy.

She had attended the evangelistic series in Saskatoon and said she believed the Bible taught what Adventists believe, but she just couldn't see herself being included in the fellowship of the local Adventist

churches.

After the phone call, Feyerabend prayed that the Lord would be especially close to Linda in her spiritual search. Linda phoned again later and said that she had had an unusual experience.

It seemed as if she heard a voice saying "Read Ezekiel 20:12." Whether it was a dream or an audible voice, Linda decided to read the passage. She didn't know where to find the book Ezekiel so looked in the index to her Bible.

When she read the passage, she felt convicted that she must practice the truth she believed and let God work out the details.

In Regina, Christine Harvey longed for a closer walk with Jesus.

She called her former church to see if there were adult classes that would help her refresh memories dimmed since childhood. She was told that there was a special adult class starting the next day and to come down and register at 10 a.m.

While Christine was standing in line, a tall gentlemen stepped up to ask, "Do you want to know Jesus better?"

Linda indicated that was the reason she was there in line to register.

The stranger replied that she was in the wrong place and should go to the Adventist church. At the Adventist church, she learned that a series with Shawn Boonstra and Henry Feyerabend was just beginning.

At her baptism, Christine wondered if the stranger was her guardian angel. She said, "He had the whitest shoes I have ever seen."

God is giving unusual tokens of His interest in Canadians. Angels are on duty all across this country and want to help you and your church prepare for *Ignite Canada*.

From Tragedy to Triumph

The tragic loss of 229 lives in the crash of Swiss Air Flight 111 may become an agency leading many people to accept eternal life according to Glenn Aufderhar, co-ordinator for *Ignite Canada*.

"Several Adventists risked life and livelihood in the search and rescue effort following the crash," Aufderhar stated, "and one Adventist family who lost their son in the crash made

a profound impression on survivors and rescue workers.”

Events surrounding that crash off the coast of Halifax, Nova Scotia will be featured in an *It Is Written* broadcast on national television. Its premier showing will be at a convocation in Halifax inviting that community of 300,000 people to meet the *It Is Written* speakers in person. Hopefully many will return to become personal friends with loving and loveable Adventists through whom they can meet a personal Saviour.

This is one of three major entry events scheduled through the coming 15 months to build friendships and interests for the fall series to cover Canada by satellite. The series known as *Ignite Canada* here will be known as *In the Light of Revelation* when used in much of the rest of the world.

Shawn Boonstra and Henry Feyerabend have teamed up together in four highly successful crusades where the unique approach of youth and age, wit and wisdom have spanned generational and cultural diversity. More than 300,000 viewed the series live in Brazil where leaders have identified it as one of the most successful satellite events ever.

During the last series they held together in Regina, Feyerabend detected a painful growth in his left leg. It was diagnosed as a rapid growing, usually fatal form of cancer that was marginally operable. God seems to have worked miraculously. Pathology reports following surgery indicate clear margins and Feyerabend reported feeling better than he has for a long time. If that condition continues, Feyerabend and Boonstra will team preach the series from Halifax beginning October 18, 2002. If not, the series will still be successful with Boonstra and the *It Is Written* musicians.

Feyerabend and Boonstra have developed a major skill at using real life analogies to convey present truth. Boonstra is a youthful Bible student some have likened to the late



Shawn Boonstra and Henry Feyerabend in Brazil.



great HMS Richards Sr. in that he can seldom pass a book store and uses his voracious reading to enrich his Bible-based preaching.

“But the success of the series will not depend on these two dedicated evangelists,” said Orville Parchment, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. “It will depend on each of us as individual members finding a place God can use us in implementing the four phases of *Ignite Canada*,” continued Parchment.

The Four Phase approach to evangelism was refined by Brad Thorp, director of Adventist Communication Network—International of Oliver, British Columbia.

PHASE 1 includes personal and local church spiritual revival.

PHASE 2 focuses on entry events to build friendships and invite non-Adventists into the fellowship of the local church through special short events like community recognition days, concerts, and special days such as Thanksgiving.

PHASE 3 is the satellite event *Ignite Canada*.

PHASE 4 emphasizes discipleship training for all the new members, and launches the next series in the ongoing process of evangelism.

According to Aufderhar, who referred to a statistical study of the thousands of churches participating in Net '98, “Churches that have prayerfully followed a pattern like this have had a bumper harvest through the reaping phase.

Those who did not follow a sequence of evangelism often had minimal or no results.” Aufderhar concluded, “The choice is up to each individual church. Some churches actually doubled in size.”

A study done for the North American Division showed that the satellite series draws an up-scale, young professional crowd. While many will come to the Adventist church the first time during the series, that number is many times larger when Phases 1 and 2 have preceded the series.

“Baptisms occur, new members network to bring friends and relatives, and God just pours out His Spirit like He did on Gideon when revival and preparation prepared the way for the Spirit to work,” states Pastors Ishmael Ali and Jeff Potts of Winnipeg where more than 70 people were baptized in a series with Feyerabend and Boonstra. ■

Glenn Aufderhar is the director for Special Projects for the North American Division.



Everything I Needed To Know I Learned in Majuro

by Heidi Hiebert



I had no idea what I was getting into. I was expecting a bit of paradise. And it was, just in ways I didn't expect. Majuro is a part of the Marshall Islands, a group of islands in the middle of the South Pacific. Majuro atoll has its physical beauty, but the town of Delap where I was stationed to teach for one school year almost completely missed out on the beauty seen elsewhere on the island. Too visible here is the trash, the houses and shanties—one on top of the other, and if you are not careful, that is all that you will see. But you learn. You learn that there is so much more to life than the obvious external beauty. And I have found that this applies to many areas of life.

I came to Majuro last August very much attached to my cosmetic bag and hair dryer. (I *daily* blow-dried my hair straight.) I felt quite ready to be a first grade teacher and very ready to become more independent. I was in for some humbling surprises!

Let me begin by telling you that the humidity is so extreme that one cannot begin to hope for a good hair day (American style). Nor would any amount of foundation successfully hide my freckles. (The sun proved to have different plans—making

them a little more vibrant each day.) I also found that I have had a lot to learn about teaching. There were many days, in the beginning of the year, that I felt quite incompetent as a teacher. I began to seriously question my decision to be an elementary education major. However, my most significant discovery was this: Although I went to Majuro largely on a quest for independence, what I found was an even greater need for a different sort of dependence. Strangely, this discovery came with much peace.

I fell in love with my students almost instantly. They were so full of energy and bursting with creativity—finding endless entertainment in self-made games composed of rocks, sticks, and plastic pop bottles. Their enormous smiles, though cavity-filled, had the power to melt one's heart in seconds. I thought they were adorable and was having lots of fun getting to know them. However, it didn't take long for the weight of my responsibility to hit me. Standing in front of my 28 first grade students, 20 of which came from non-Christian homes, I realized that it was to be my job to introduce these young minds to their Heavenly Father. It was my responsibility to be an

example and somehow show them Jesus! This was a serious task, and I knew that I couldn't do it alone. I really had to ask myself whether or not I truly knew Jesus myself. "Am I really what I claim to be? Or am I just living up to the expectations others have for me?"

I've been a pretty good Adventist kid all my life. I went to church school, took the Bible classes, went to church every week and did my memory verses as a child. It would look like I had it all together in that area of my life. But I didn't.

You see, all of the above was just information. I "knew" about

Jesus. I "knew" that He is coming to take us home. But it all seemed distant and stale to me. I needed a working God in my life—not just a God I took out once a week or when problems came my way.

And a working God is what I found in our Heavenly Father. After much frustration and quite a bit of resentment, as a result of trying to do it on my own, I

finally decided to pass it over to Him. I quickly discovered that the days I started by laying myself and my life at His feet, went markedly smoother. I had more patience with myself and with my students. I felt a more genuine understanding and love realizing that we are all merely imperfect and quirky people in severe need of a Saviour. I know that my students could see the change in me and I believe that with God's help I became a more effective witness.

It's sad that it took so long for me to come to this point. It's sad that I only realized what kind of impact I could have as a witness for Jesus when I was standing in front of my students, even though all my life I've been standing in front of people as a professed Christian. I've wasted so much time, and likely even led others astray. I still struggle. I'm still growing, but I do plan to make a more positive impact on people's lives.

Now my adventure in Majuro has come to a close. But I'm taking some very special things



back home with me that weren't mine ten months ago. I will forever carry with me the memories. How

could I ever forget my precious first graders—Clinton's hugs, Jwayne's smiles, Katlinda's antics and contagious laughter, Spencer's tough guy visage, or Meeri's sweetness? I'll never forget the way extended families of 14 plus live in small 2-3 room "houses" quite contentedly. Nor will I ever forget the two women who begged me to take as my own their newborn baby girls

back to America in hopes that I could give them a better life. I'll never forget.

Along with these memories, I will take the important lessons I have learned (and am still learning). I've

come to see and accept myself as a freckle-faced, wavy-haired girl with strengths and weaknesses. I'm very imperfect and very human. And I need a guiding Saviour in my life. I need Him to help me develop and use my strengths and talents. I need Him to give me the strength not to give in to my weaknesses. I know that I just can't make it alone. ■

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Alberta Hosts First "Seeds Canada"

by Frank Tochtermann, President

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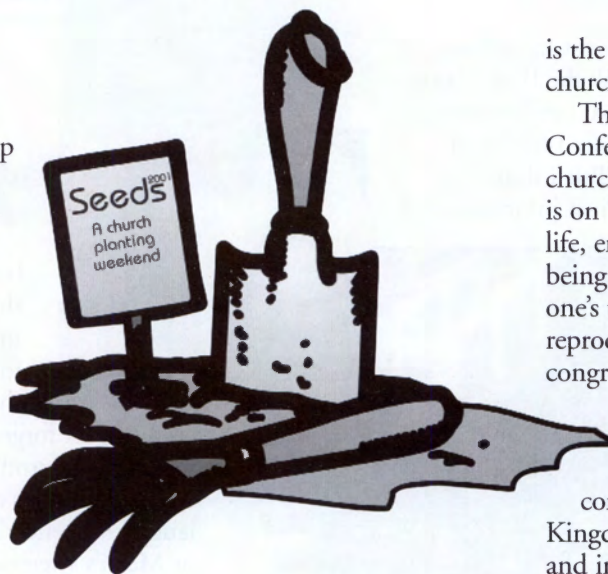
The Alberta Conference

president announces that because of the large increase in membership and number of new churches in recent months, the Alberta Conference Executive Committee is now considering creating a new conference by splitting the conference territory into two. The name of the conferences would be the North Alberta Conference and the South Alberta Conference. This is the first time since 1932 that a conference would be added to the Union, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

NOTE

The preceding NEWSFLASH has *NOT* yet been issued. It is merely wishful thinking on the part of some—to see the lost in Alberta and the Northwest Territories give their hearts to Jesus and accept the everlasting gospel as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

MOST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS have heard the oft repeated quotation from the pen of inspiration, "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the



Lord has led." It is a sobering thought to think that we would forget our origin, or the reason God called this church into existence, or the way God has grown this church into a worldwide movement of more than 13 million precious people.

From our beginnings, we have understood that the church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. God loves the lost people of this world. Therefore He has called you and me to become members of His church so that together we join with Him in reaching the lost. This

is the reason and purpose for the church.

The vision of the Alberta Conference is to grow "healthy" churches and schools. The emphasis is on "healthy." Health denotes life, energy, strength, a state of well-being, quality, the ability to perform one's tasks well, even the ability to reproduce. A healthy church is a congregation of people "alive" for Jesus Christ. Joyfully they worship, joyfully they share Jesus Christ in their communities, joyfully they see Kingdom growth in both quality and in quantity. And joyfully they multiply.

This is "the way God has led us" in the past. God has grown our denomination not just by adding new members, but by adding new congregations. We call this "church planting." It is how your congregation began. It is how the Adventist movement began. It is how the Adventist Church of today continues to flourish. We, the members of the Adventist Church must have a vision for the new frontier—to grow and plant healthy churches across Canada. We gladly welcome **Seeds Canada** to Alberta, November 2-4.



Church Planting in Alberta

At the risk of plagiarizing, let us consider a quotation from Ron Gladden: "What is our first priority in the Advent Church? Evangelism! As we focus on spreading the gospel, church planting becomes more prominent each year as a means of maximizing our efforts. Church planting is undoubtedly the hope for our church in North America."

Even though traditional evangelism

(reaping crusades) is the bread and butter of soul-winning across Canada, yet many more of us increasingly realize a definite need for alternative evangelistic outreach such as friendship evangelism, cell group evangelism, and church planting.

Church planting is not new to the Alberta Conference—many of our established churches started out as church plants. In the years 1995-2000, Alberta witnessed at least seven new groups: Calgary Southside, Gleichen, January Creek,

Mountain Sanctuary, Mirror, Morning Star, Potter's Place in North Red Deer and Tofield. Since the beginning of this year, at least one new church plant in Millwoods (Edmonton) has started and a second in Calgary is in the making. Whitecourt and St. Paul are presently being considered or targeted for church plants in the near future.

Perhaps we should raise our sights a little higher and aim for three to five new church plants per year!

by John Adams, Ministerial and Evangelism Director

Healthy Churches

Paul, writing to the Romans, wrote "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

On November 2-4, 2001, you have the opportunity to learn in practical ways how to fulfill Romans 12:2. **Seeds Canada 2001**, in conjunction with the Alberta Conference, will teach God's principles of managing the church. What the conference is doing is returning to the basics of Scripture and the writings of Ellen White.

Seeds Canada will provide continuing training into the eight principles of healthy churches voted by the constituency at the May 2001 Triennial Session. This single event has the potential of taking a good church and making it great. This seminar can take a dying church and revive it.

Wherever your church is found—from British Columbia to Newfoundland—the best money your church will spend this year will be spent sending your church board and key leaders to attend **Seeds**. Don't miss it!

by Norman Yergen, Secretary

Planting and Growing Healthy Churches

What is Seeds Canada?

It's a weekend packed full of enthusiasm and ideas for ministry, with quality general sessions and break-out seminars. You'll hear exciting stories about growing healthy churches and planting new ones. You'll experience God-focused worship, pray together, and meet people who are full of energy, motivated by the Spirit of God!

Come to **Seeds Canada**, which will be held on the campus of

Canadian University College, to share how God is working in your church and to learn how others collaborate with God in growing His Church. Bring a team from your church... the pastor plus four, or eight, or even 16 members... to **Seeds Canada**! Come to seek God's power and His guidance. Who should come? All who want to see health and growth... in your own spiritual life, in your church. **Seeds Canada** is for:

- Lay members who desire to empower their ministry;
- Pastors who want God to increase their effectiveness;
- Conference administrators who long for God to take the reins.

You'll find seminars on growing healthy churches and implementing eight quality characteristics; how to begin planting churches... both conventional and cell models, in urban and small town locations; how lay members can become more involved in ministries and church leadership; how to re-invent your Sabbath school; and creating a year-round evangelistic strategy. You can attend four out of 25 break-out seminars being offered plus general sessions. ■

- Elder Jim Gilley is the Keynote Address speaker. He is the newly-elected NAD Vice President heading up Evangelism and Global Mission.
- Russell Burrill, Director, NAD Evangelism Institute
- Ron Gladden, Church Planting Director, North Pacific and Mid-America
- Don James, Cell Church and Wholistic Small Groups, NADEI
- Eduard Schmidt, Personal Ministries, NADEI
- Ernest Young, Evangelism and Personal Ministries, NADEI
- Cynthia Burrill, Felt Needs, NADEI
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To request a SEEDS CANADA registration form, phone the Alberta Conference Evangelism Department at 403/342-5044, ext. 206 or 211.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Canadian Rates		Alberta Member Rates (subsidized)	
	(by Oct. 1)	(Basic)	(by Oct. 1)	(Basic)
Individual	\$150	\$170	\$60	\$80
Church group (fee per person) <i>Pastor or church planting leader +4 or more from same church not including those attending at spouse rates</i>	\$140	\$160	\$50	\$70
Spouse (with materials)		\$50		\$30
Spouse (NO materials)		\$35		\$25
Student	\$110	\$130	**\$20	**\$40
Student spouse (with materials)		\$40		**\$15
Student spouse (NO materials)		\$25		**\$10

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Gearing Up for the 93rd ADRA Annual Appeal

by Nadia Bettencourt

What could I say to someone who asks me the question "What charitable work does the Adventist Church do for the poor and disadvantaged?"

I would be delighted to tell them about the work of Adventist Community Services in Canada and of ADRA around the world. This question is of real consideration in the minds of people who are prospective members and donors. Sometimes we tend to view community service as an "extra" or even a waste of money. Yet, for most of our members, and even larger numbers of those we are attempting to reach, it is a fundamental test of character of our message and mission. Even before they see the clear teaching of Christ in Matthew 24-25 regarding the humanitarian work of His remnant people, the average person instinctively knows that works of compassion are the sign of a real Christian and an authentic, caring church.

That's why the ADRA Annual Appeal Campaign is so important. It is the one tradition that survives in almost every congregation and keeps alive the Adventist values of service, volunteerism, and community visibility.

In a letter from Monte Sahlin, former director of the NAD Adventist Community Services, he outlines the following five fundamental values which are involved in the ADRA Annual Appeal campaign:

Visibility—The total number of individuals who will be handed some literature during this campaign is probably greater than the combined audience of all our media ministries and the total circulation of all our missionary periodicals. Nothing gives wider visibility for the church.

Volunteerism—This is the one time each year when every member is asked to get involved. This is healthy for congregations, and demonstrates to our youth that involvement is an Adventist value.

Viable Community Service Programs—Where we have viable community service programs that meet contemporary standards, not only does the ADRA Annual Appeal totals go up, but there appears to be a higher church growth rate. The ADRA Annual Appeal is the major source of funds we have to use for these programs. Last year this portion of the AAA funds directly supported 147 projects across Canada.

Giving to a Humanitarian Cause—To ask the average Canadian to make a donation toward the needs of those less fortunate is, in and of itself, a witness to the compassion of Jesus Christ. We should never apologize for asking for money.

Witnessing—Whenever our people go out into the community, they find opportunities to pray with individuals, and invite them to seminars and Bible studies. Every year, there are a number of baptisms that happen because the first contact was made through the ADRA Annual Appeal.

Community Service Programs

In 2001, \$255,083.41 from the ADRA Annual Appeal has been allocated to Adventist Community Service Projects in churches/centres in the conferences across Canada as follows:

Alberta—\$38,326.62 in project funds

British Columbia—\$59,423.18 in project funds

Manitoba/Saskatchewan—\$18,593.32 in project funds

Maritimes—\$11,883.25 in project funds

Newfoundland—\$8,580.41 in project funds

Ontario—\$109,563.53 in project funds

Quebec—\$8,713.11 in project funds

Many of our churches across Canada offer a variety of programs through their community services department. For a full list of the churches and a description of the kinds of projects offered by each, we invite you to visit our web site at www.adra.ca.

ADRA Annual Appeal funds raised by each conference in 2000 *(Member goal \$25)*

Conference	Total Amount raised in 2000
Alberta	\$114,613.07
British Columbia	\$177,700.89
Manitoba/Saskatchewan	\$55,602.05
Maritime	\$35,536.02
Newfoundland	\$25,659.11
Ontario	\$327,642.14
Quebec	\$26,055.99
Total:	\$762,809.27

Count Your Blessings!

Here's an interesting and fun activity for anyone from kindergarten to adulthood to do one day this fall. It's called Count Your Blessings! It is more blessed to give than to receive. Yet sometimes, we don't realize how blessed we are. Try the following to add up your daily

blessings. This is a great activity to do as a family, helping your children to realize exactly how blessed they truly are. Feel free to adapt to suit your family.

Add 25¢ for everyone in your family who had at least two meals today. The average Canadian eats five times as much as people in developing countries.

Add 5¢ for every light bulb in your house.

Add up the number of years your whole family has gone to school and **add 5¢** for every year.

Add 10¢ for every hour the television was turned on today.

Add 2¢ for every liter of gas your vehicle(s) hold.

For every can of soda pop in your house, **add 5¢**. We discard 1,500 tons of steel every day in food and drink cans. Over a year, that is enough steel to make 350,000 cars.

Count all the pairs of shoes and boots in your house and **add 5¢** per pair.

If you have your own bedroom, sewing room or office at home, **add 25¢**.

Total the length of your house and **add 6¢** per meter.

Add 25¢ for every pet you own.

Add 5¢ for every electrical appliance you use today.

For every room that is carpeted, **add 25¢**.

Add 10¢ for every time you talked to someone on the telephone today.

Add 1¢ for every page of today's newspaper. Every day, it takes 40,000 trees to supply newsprint for Canada's daily newspapers.

For every electrical outlet in your home, **add 10¢**.

If you have a clothes dryer, **add 50¢**.

Add 5¢ for every pair of mittens or gloves you own.

If you are wearing clothes that have only belonged to you, **add \$1.00**.

If you have a bed of your own to sleep in, **add 25¢**. In Bombay, India, between 100,000 and 500,000 rest their heads on the pavement every night.

Add \$1.00 if you own a VCR, and \$2.00 for every computer.

For every glass of clean water you drank today, **add 10¢**. Of the six billion people living on the planet today, one in four doesn't have access to adequate drinking water.

For every can of food in your cupboard, **add 10¢**.

If you have more than one blanket on your bed, **add 25¢**.

If you have more than ten items in your fridge, **add 5¢** for every extra one.

For each glass window in your home, **add 10¢**.

For every person in your family that earns more than

20¢ per hour, **add 50¢**.

Add 25¢ for every refrigerator and/or freezer in your home.

For every book you have read or received this month, **add 20¢**.

Count up the monetary value of your blessings and put your money in the tithe envelope and mark it on the line for ADRA Canada—ADRA Annual Appeal funds.

Please pray for the 2001 Campaign.

Tens of thousands of individuals will be handed AAA literature. Thousands will have a brief conversation with one of our volunteers from a local church. Hundreds will sign up for social or health services, seminars or Bible studies. You and I can begin to pray now that the Holy Spirit will work in each of these contacts to bring men and women into a saving relationship with Christ, or at least to come to know the compassion of a merciful God. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in each community across Canada will become known and respected for their willingness to reach out to those in need regardless of their religious beliefs. They will be embraced as an important and integral part of their community. ■

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An Experience to Remember

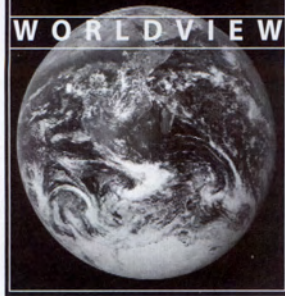
Lillian, a nurse from the Ruth SDA Church in Toronto heard the call to join the ADRA Annual Appeal Campaign. She was a bit apprehensive about going door-to-door but she prayed about it and decided to go. On the first street she knocked on a door lightly. No one answered. She knocked again, a little louder this time. When the door opened she was greeted by a toddler. She asked the small boy if his mother or father could come to the door. In his small way he indicated where his mother was. He turned around and toddled towards his mom leaving the door open. Lillian was uncertain about what to do. She called but no one came. Hesitantly she entered the house.

Dishes were stacked by the kitchen sink, laundry was piled high and the boy's mother was in bed ill. Her husband was on a business trip and it was all she could do to care for herself and her child.

Forgetting the Appeal, Lillian started doing housework for this stranger. She did dishes, laundry and even cooked a meal. Six hours later she left for home.

A couple days later she decided to check up on this mother and child again to see if they needed anything. When she got to the house she found that the husband had arrived home from his trip. He thanked her for the help she had given to his wife and son and asked her why she had originally come to the door. She explained the reason, and he responded with a cheque for \$500. He told her that she should come to his door every year and he would give her the same amount.

Lillian's first experience with the AAA Campaign turned out to be a blessing for her and the family she served. Because she demonstrated love in action many others in Ontario and overseas will be blessed by the funds she received.



IN THE WORLD

Tax Break For Private Education

by Barry W. Bussey

Ontario's provincial government has recently announced that over the next five years it will phase in a tax credit up to \$3,500/child to parents with children in private schools. A public debate has now ensued in Ontario not unlike the debate that occurred in Newfoundland during the 1995 and 1997 referenda on education.

The opponents say that giving the tax credit is catering to the rich; it will diminish public school funding; the government should not be supporting "tribalism" but rather inclusiveness within a public education for "all" children.

at the same time the parent is already looking after the education of their child? I do not think so.

Second, religious freedom. Religious freedom includes the parental right to educate children in their own religious tradition and custom. There can be no doubt that there is a need for society to maintain a public school system—many parents have no desire for a religious or private education and they must be respected. However, for many parents secular public education and its secular values is simply not acceptable. They see religious schooling as part of an

system whereby the public funds are paid directly to a religious school has the potential to weaken the school it is meant to help. When parents do not pay out of their own pocket for tuition, they are more apt to become complacent about the school, how it is run, and whether it is meeting their objectives for their child's education. It is also very important that religious schools not become reliant on government money for when government policy changes and funding ceases, a school that has relied upon government money may have to close for lack of support. Newfoundland is the perfect example where our schools closed because parents, not used to paying for tuition, did not support a private system.

Finally, let me share this statement from E.G. White, a well known writer in Adventist history, who said: "The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of his people, and it becomes those who are so deeply interested in the religious liberty question not to cut off any favors, or withdraw themselves from the help that God has moved men to give for the advancement of his cause. We find examples in the Word of God concerning this very matter" (*Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, March 23, 1911). ■

Is it fair for society to impose a tax for education at the same time the parent is already looking after the education of their child?

Personally I am of the view that this proposal has a lot of merit for at least the following reasons: First, equity. The citizens of Ontario who send their children to private Christian schools not only support the private school, but also the public. They pay the same tax rate as all of the other citizens for the public school system. Some will argue, "But that is their choice." Yes it is, and they have foot the bill for that choice. However, is it fair for society to impose a tax for education

integral web of community (i.e. family, church and school) that advocates religious principles and values.

Third, mixing of church and state. A tax credit plan helps maintain a respectable distance between the government and the private religious school. The money does not go directly to the school but to the parent. This encourages greater parental involvement in the running of the school since it allows the parent a sense of ownership. A

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LETTERS

He Lives Love

As I read Stephen Chavez's article about James E. "Johnny" Johnson ("He



Lives Love") in the June NAD *Adventist Review* it was as if Johnson and I took hands as brothers of love. Only a personal relationship with Father God and the

Lord Jesus can give a love of that depth and height and length.

I have had a void in my relationship with heaven for some time. The love that God put in my heart has been there, but I was afraid to turn it loose and let it soar. But as I write I feel as if Johnson is here by my side and he's encouraging me to write what I feel to share with others. I was always shy and afraid of groups, but God has replaced that with love and trust and confidence in Him.

I can now stand at the pulpit and tell God's flock that I love them. Those that are hurting and walking in darkness I can hold up and lead to the true light.

I pray that others may write about the love of Jesus and that their lives of love and service to God be printed in our publications for the encouragement of others. There are untold articles in our literature of sharing love and God bless them all. But Johnny Johnson's story was written for me.

—Melvin Chapman
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO

I am proud of brother James E. Johnson. I thank God for his signifi-

cant accomplishments and for his humble and forgiving spirit. He is worthy of emulation by young and old alike. Johnson's story in the *Review* delighted and inspired me. I will be repeating it to my friends and acquaintances for a long time to come. I also hope to meet him in person some day.

—Latifa F. Jabbour
COLTON, CALIFORNIA

I was deeply inspired by "Johnny" Johnson's principles of "instant forgiveness and unconditional love." I could have spared myself sleepless nights, exhausting days, and chronic illness if I had put them into practice!

—Beatrice Neall
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Spirituality in the Postmodern World

I would like to commend John B. Wong's article "Christian Spirituality in the Postmodern World" (June NAD).

I appreciate this comment: "The secular world focuses on religious neutrality and noninterference with personal belief." It is my perception also that much of "the church" at large does the same today under the guise of "tolerance." Respect is different than the modern use of the word "tolerance," which also today "affirms." I ask: Is evangelism really necessary, or are there many paths into God's presence? It is through Christ's merits alone and individual faith that we may dare come boldly into God's presence.

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"Modern spirituality" may have invaded our own church more than many dare recognize.

—**Pat Travis**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Passionate Young Adventists

Before camp meeting I had read the May 17, 2001, Cutting Edge issue of the *Review*. Now that camp meeting is over I've been trying to get caught up on my *Reviews* and just finished the May 24 AnchorPoints edition. Two stories caught my attention:

"Passionate Adventism," by Adam Rose, in the Cutting Edge; and "Driven by a Dream," by Oliver Jacques, in AnchorPoints.

The similarity was that our church work—the printing of the first *Reviews* and *Instructors*—was started by young adults in their teens, 20s, and 30s. It was their passion, their burden, to get the printed page out to believers (and would-be believers) to strengthen their faith in Adventism, the truth of the Sabbath, our Lord Jesus Christ . . . if only they could see that their dream has been fulfilled and how the printed page, and yes, our wonderful *Review*, has circled the globe!

Adam Rose's "Passionate Adventism" shows that our young adults are still passionate about the church and where it is going, how we need to be concerned and what we need to be doing in keeping our spiritual faith on track with God.

Our church is in good hands, young hands, strong hands. Young adults started the work and they can also finish it. I am a retiree, and I have faith in our young adults.

—**Martha Kinsey**

SANFORD, FLORIDA

The article "Passionate Adventism" in the May 17 *Review* was worth the subscription price of the *Review*! God bless young adults like Adam Rose, and may this tribe increase in their passion for God and the Church!

I had tears in my eyes as my 74-

year-old already passionate heart was fed. I only wish this article had been published in an NAD issue. I plan to make copies to share with youth who are special to me. It would be an act of love for the *Review* to see that all our academies and colleges, worldwide, would receive a copy of this message to read to the students—just as King Josiah read God's law to his backslidden nation Israel!

The positiveness of this article was refreshing: "We must build a culture of action, rather than a culture of criticism."

—**Velma Beavon**

DAYTON, MONTANA

Intimacy Special Issue

The recent special issue on love and intimacy (May 31, 2001) is the best I've ever read of the *Review*. The wide range of topics and writing styles made it interesting, entertaining, and helpful. I did make the "mistake" of carrying this issue with me to camp meeting and began to read it before the evening service began. Since I remember Kim Peckham from Kansas, I was eager to read this article ("My Goat-haired, Wheat-bellied Baby"). From the very first paragraph I wanted to laugh out loud (not a good idea in a serious camp meeting setting . . . what would the members think!). Reluctantly I set it aside for later.

—**Daryl Chesney**

MCDONALD, TENNESSEE

Kim Peckham's article in the special issue was the most memorable I've read in 50 years. Peckham's pay should immediately be doubled, and William Johnsson's, too, for allowing this masterpiece to get into print!

—**Reo M. Christenson**

MIAMISBURG, OHIO

This letter is in regard to the May 31 special issue of the *Review*, specifically to the magazine cover and the article "Twenty-four-Hour Closeness," by

Curtis A. Fox. My wife and I are ashamed and embarrassed for our church paper. To what length must we go to get attention and attract readers—glorify the sexual encounter with graphic words and phrases? (Sexual play, sexual arousal, sexual thoughts, ecstasy, passionate outbursts, satisfied silence, pure pleasure, aflame with passion, experience novelty, lavish . . . touching, precious intimacy . . .)

Ellen White, in *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, addresses her comments directly to the editors of the *Review and Herald*: "The articles which go to thousands of readers should show purity, elevation, and sanctification of soul, body, and spirit on the part of the writer. The pen should be used as a means of sowing seed unto eternal life" (pp. 17,18).

—**Mariane and Earl C. Mercill**
HAYFORK, CALIFORNIA

Programmed Goodness

I fear William G. Johnsson's editorial "Programmed Goodness" (Ap. 12) may be overlooked for a wave of reader interest in flashier articles about church news, daring evangelism, or end-time events.

So here goes: It is probably the most significant editorial written in a decade.

For all the print space, pulpit space, Sabbath school lesson space,

and just plain old "space" spent on theological debate, spiritual "hot potatoes," church growth strategy, and the latest organizational statistics, we have largely missed the issue for which Jesus gave 100 percent of His space: loving people. His ultimate theology, His ultimate morality. Love is His ultimate strategy. Love is His

ultimate eschatology.

"We get so busy doing good that we fail to do the best." Thank you, Elder Johnsson, for your prophetic paragraphs.

—**Alex Bryan**
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE

Dear Friends:

I want to share with you, my fellow Church members, the new direction we are taking at Adventist HealthCare.¹ Following are the five critical success factors we've established to help ensure the alignment of Adventist HealthCare with its historical, God-given mission.



Adventist HealthCare will be valued as a faith-based organization. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the sponsoring organization for Adventist HealthCare, and all of our decisions will be made consistent with the principles of the Church.



Adventist HealthCare will be the best place to work for our employees, physicians, volunteers and business partners. Health care is fundamentally a ministry and profession of service, and all who come in contact with our organization, particularly those who serve others on our behalf, should feel affirmed and valued.



Adventist HealthCare will be the safest place to receive care and deliver superior clinical outcomes. The "Adventist" name should be seen by all of our constituents as a mark of excellence, and to that end all of our health care entities will provide both safe and superior clinical care.



Adventist HealthCare will provide the most satisfying health care experience for those we serve. In caring for patients, we often have to perform procedures that are not pleasant, and some of our patients have terminal conditions. Regardless of the situation, we have the opportunity to provide an atmosphere for emotional and spiritual comfort for all of our patients.



Adventist HealthCare will be financially successful in order to have the resources to invest in the future needs of our community. In keeping with our faith-based mission, we take very seriously the charge to be responsible stewards of all of our resources.

In closing, I'd like to ask for your prayers of support and encouragement as we work collectively to fulfill Christ's healing ministry in the mid-Atlantic region.

Sincerely,

William G. Robertson
President & CEO

¹ Adventist HealthCare is the name of the corporate entity that operates a number of health care services in the mid-Atlantic region, including: Adventist Home Health Services; Hackettstown Community Hospital; Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health; Shady Grove Adventist Hospital; Washington Adventist Hospital; seven nursing centers; and a number of other health care services.

Coming Up . . .

Look for these and other articles this month in the *Adventist Review*

August 9—"Jewels of Derventa," by Jack Mahon

August 16—"A Place at the Table: Celebrating Diversity," Okera Bishop

August 23—"What I Owe to Other Churches," by Dick Rentfro

August 30—Special issue—The Adventist Experience

All That Stuff

If I had an investment portfolio to direct, I think I'd instruct my broker to put my life savings into one of those corporations that build and lease all the "U-Store" megawarehouses I see springing up across the landscape.

Talk about a growth industry. While the dot.coms crash and Silicon Valley ex-billionaires mutter to their therapists, millions of people have identified a product they both need and desire: a place to store all their stuff.

I was meditating on these things a week ago while finishing a cross-town move with my family. Eleven moves in 20 years is nowhere near a record: I have peers in ministry who can count that high in half that time. But it has been often enough to stir my soul on the average of every 1.8 years about the things that have adhered to my life. When I actually consider—even briefly—leasing one of those gray 9' x 12' garages, I can tell I'm dangerously near the edge. Imperceptibly, the stuff of my life has moved in on the spirit. The things I don't want to part with have become too large a part. It's time for corrective action.

My wife provided the useful line during this latest move. As we sat in the basement and sorted the contents of too many boxes, I watched as she examined the curios and gifts and memorabilia collected in our two decades together. Inspecting items at arm's length, she would summon something deep within her and announce, "Well, it's all going to burn up in a few years anyway." The "Give Away" and "Throw Away" piles grew steadily larger as the afternoon progressed. The things we kept—at most a third—were those that survived the prospect of that end-time conflagration. Seeing things—our things—in the light of the end made letting go of them much easier.

Our recent lesson in applied theology has yielded several welcome consequences. My back survived this move far better than the last one, and my heart has regained a critical distance from the things of my life. I'm relearning the subtle joys of closets that don't bulge and bookshelves bearing only titles I might actually read. I've discovered that the trash truck is my friend, and that empty space provides more consolation for a weary body than even an old and favorite chair.

I mention all of this important stuff because my tale isn't unique, nor is my recent revelation available only to me. The disciplined life—the Adventist life—is always in danger of being overwhelmed by things, by plows we turn back to or houses we can't let go of. The fishing boats, well laden from our years of labor, aren't easily left on the beach. The nets entangle more than fish.

*The nets entangle
more than fish.*

Our undone discipleship doesn't usually arise from unwillingness to carry the cross, but from carrying too many other things as well. We lay it down in favor of the chair, the bed, the chaise lounge, or the table, planning all the while to come back and pick it up someday. And then we discover that we've gone some miles or some years without the cross, all the while bearing what has

seemed a heavy load. Indeed, it *was* heavy, for we've missed the sense that we were doing it for Jesus.

My wife was right: seeing things in the light of a fiery end does help us estimate their real value. That which our doctrine declares will soon be reduced to ash is hardly worth building a life around, or even carrying very far. The greater breathing room achieved by simplifying our lives is space available to the Spirit, a place of freedom and contentment that overmatches even the best-decorated room.

So here's an invitation to make your move—without changing your residence. Walk through the rooms and hallways of your life with one eye fixed upon the end. What survives this scrutiny is probably worth keeping. What does not will serve to lighten your load, expand your joy, and give you means to bless the work of God.

"A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone," Henry David Thoreau wrote a century and a half ago. Here's to the Adventists who will become truly rich as we move ever closer to that day when "the elements will be dissolved with fire" (2 Peter 3:10, NSRV) and only the imperishable will remain.



God's Thousand Ways

STEPHEN CHAVEZ

Last spring I was the recipient of some cruel and unusual punishment at the hands of my local congregation. Though innocent of any crime, I was sentenced to one day of hard labor as a delegate to the conference constituency session; that's the dreaded experience of sitting through hours of reports and reviews of complicated financial statements—all under the watchful eye of a proper parliamentarian and his skillful use of General Conference-sanctioned parliamentary procedures.

One of the few items that provided any drama before the assembled delegates involved allegations that the conference Adventist Book Center (ABC) was selling the popular *Left Behind* series of "Christian" novels about the antichrist and the end-time scenario that includes the secret rapture (so-called).

When asked to comment, the ABC manager reported that yes, the ABC stocked the books; but not on the shelves where people could pick them up out of curiosity and decide, on impulse, whether to buy them. Rather, the books were kept at the customer service desk, where shoppers had to request them by name. And he related that with each book sold, the staff included a pamphlet describing the nature of Christ's second coming as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

The manager's explanation didn't seem to satisfy most of the delegates. One person stood up to the microphone and confidently declared, "God does not use error to teach truth" (I guess he hadn't read the stories of Rahab and Esther lately; nor had to wrestle with Jesus' parable about the rich man and Lazarus).

The truth is that God often uses less than perfect mediums through which to present His truth. In my travels as a Sabbath speaker, I sometimes sit in on Sabbath school classes led by well-meaning, but not particularly well-trained, teachers or class participants. In some settings I've listened not only to heresies, but damnable heresies, presented as though they were gospel.

Does that mean that willing but barely trained individuals should not teach the Sabbath school lesson in local

churches? By no means. The God we worship is able to take our feeble and sometimes mistaken notions about Him and somehow use them to build up His kingdom.

It is the worst kind of heresy to suggest that God uses only avenues we recognize and agree with to accomplish His purposes. Our omnipotent God, through the inscrutable and

mysterious workings of the Holy Spirit, can use a Stephen King novel, an MTV music video, or a Mike Myers movie (although I can't, for the life of me, figure out how) to awaken an interest in spiritual things and put seekers on the path to citizenship in His kingdom. In the book *Faith and Works* Ellen White wrote: "What is it that brings a man [woman, or child] to repentance? It is Jesus Christ. How does He bring [them] to repentance? There are a thousand ways that He may do this" (p. 64).

I always get a kick out of "scientists" who confidently explain what happened geologically 25, 50, or 100 million years ago (why can't they admit that they're just taking a wild guess?).

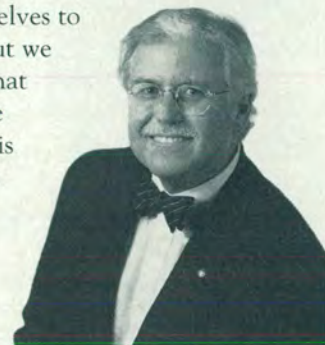
I also find it amusing to hear Christians declare that they know what precise methods God will or will not use to reveal Himself to the seekers on Planet Earth.

Our God is undeniably knowable (meaning that we know enough about Him to live lives that please Him and are consistent with His character). But He is also so far removed from our own experience that it'll take an eternity to appreciate all that He is and all that He knows.

We should be careful students of the Bible. We should dedicate ourselves to knowing and doing His will. But we should never presume to say what methods He will or will not use to put people on the path to His kingdom. Only He knows that.

The rest of us will just have to bow in reverence before His sometimes impenetrable will—and try to stay out of His way.

It is heresy to suggest that God uses only avenues we agree with.



A Growing Church in Burma

Since 1902, when Adventists began working in Burma (renamed Myanmar by the military government in 1989), most church members have come from minority ethnic groups, such as the Karen and Chin. But there's now a new vision to reach the country's majority group.

Church leaders and laypeople have started many new and creative initiatives to touch lives with the love of Jesus. The Myanmar Spiritual Foundation, started by Clif Maherly, former director of Global Mission's Buddhist Study Center, has begun worship services in a style understandable to Buddhist people. Global Mission pioneers are establishing new groups in new areas. And thanks to the generosity of a North American donor, an unprecedented initiative to build 100 new schools and 200 new churches has already begun.



BUY IT HERE: The Burmese people, like most in Buddhist countries, demonstrate a calm and peaceful spirit.



ROAD CREW: Child labor helps build and repair roads in Burma. By Western standards, most of the people live in poverty.



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NEW LIFE: The first Adventist church was established in Rangoon in 1907. Since then the church has grown to more than 20,000 Adventists, among a population of 48 million.



UNPRECEDENTED INVITATION: Church members were surprised when they received an invitation from a village for Adventist young people to come and teach the children. The people of the village are mainly army personnel, and strongly Buddhist. Security in this village is extremely high, but a group of Global Mission students responded, went to the village, and taught the children reading, writing, and arithmetic—as well as Vacation Bible School activities. More than 40 children enrolled in the program, learned songs, and listened to Bible stories. The parents were so impressed by the activities that they invited the young people to return.

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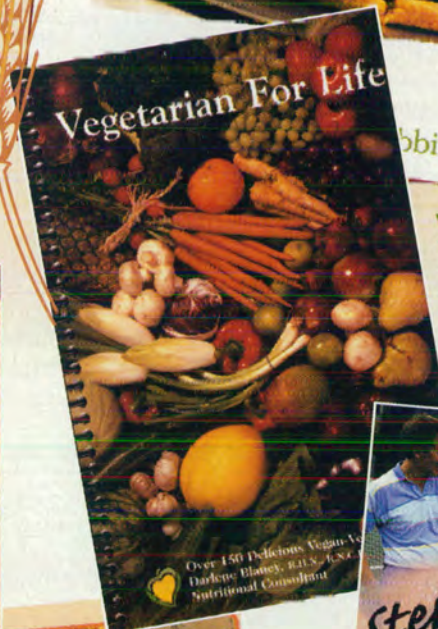
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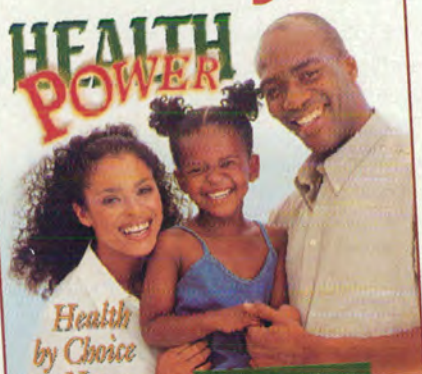


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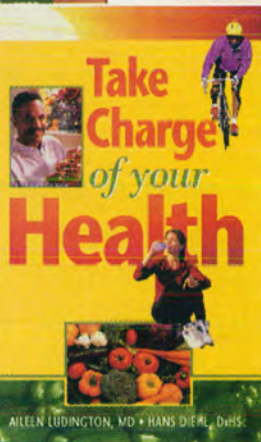
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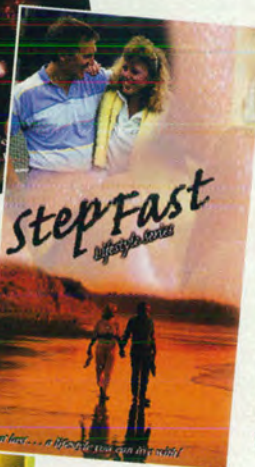
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BONNIE WALKER

The Witch



She's a witch, that's what she is," I whispered to my sister, Sue Ellen, as we hurriedly crossed to the far side of the road from Ma Schubert's tangled pathway.

"There she is, Jeni. See?" Sue Ellen clutched my arm. "She's sitting on the bench behind her gate again."

Mrs. Schubert and her black dog, Prince, had lived in the tumbledown house behind the tall lilac bushes for as long as either of us could remember. Sometimes she came to church wearing a faded yellow dress with her slip showing. She wore a straw hat that she often decorated with fresh flowers in the summer. I knew when she was coming, because she smelled of garlic. She minced down the aisle, daintily holding her skirt up just a bit with her left hand, almost as if she thought she was a princess. All the kids were afraid of her.

The old woman leaned forward to peek at us through an opening in the boards as we sidled past her house. The weather-beaten gate squeaked. A low growl sounded from behind the gate, sending us sprinting down the country road faster than we'd intended.

Even though it was stifling hot and no breezes moved the leaves as we headed home later, I could see Ma Schubert's dress and shoes again behind the gate.

"That woman is a witch. She looks like a witch, she smells like a witch, and she laughs like a witch. I'll bet she even cooks toads for supper," I told my sister.

Sue Ellen's green eyes narrowed, and her dark ponytail swung as she turned toward me. "Jeni," she whispered, "I dare you to talk to her."

I tossed my short curly hair. "I'm not scared," I said.

"We're almost there. I bet you are scared," Sue Ellen whispered.

"I am not," I said. "I'll go talk to her now. You come with me."

"OK," agreed Sue Ellen.

The gate moved a little. I grabbed Sue Ellen's hand, stepped up to the rickety entrance, and pulled the gate open. My heart pounded.

Prince growled again, but Ma Schubert held the dog's ragged collar and stared at us. She held a branch of sage in her other hand. Yep, I thought, *just like a witch. They use sage to keep off the evil spirits.*

"Hi," I squeaked. "How are you, Mrs. Schubert?"

"Well, hello. Fancy having company," the old woman cackled. Her wrinkled face made me think of dried mud cracking.

"Uh, could we . . . help you . . . with anything?" I stammered.


"As a matter of fact, you most certainly could," she answered. "Aren't you Ella's daughter? I've been wishing some soul would stop and help an old lady. I need someone to unlatch my back garden gate. These old rheumatic hands just can't budge it."


Sue Ellen and I helped open the back gate. Then I told Mrs. Schubert I'd ask our dad to oil it so it would open easier.


"You know what?" I said to Sue Ellen as we left with a bunch of sage and parsley for our mother. "Ma Schubert is just a lonely old lady. She's not a witch at all!"


Family Time


On Tuesday (or whichever day you choose), invite your family to worship God with you.

 Before worship, make an ugly-looking mask for each one in your family.

 Ask your family to put on their masks and talk about them. Are they really the persons people think they are with their masks on?

 Mention names of elderly people you know. Talk about things that might make them sad or happy. Have you seen homeless people? Do they look sad? Does Jesus care about them, too?

 Read how Peter healed a beggar (Acts 3:1-10). Plan things your family could get together for a local soup kitchen or community food bank. Then go with a parent and talk with some of the people.

 Have a circle prayer in which everyone adds one thing they're thankful for.



Bulletin Board

Literature Requests

In many areas of the world pastors and libraries don't have the resources for witnessing and studying. The following persons and institutions have requested denominational literature and would be grateful for your help. The list is for literature only. Please discourage any solicitations for funds or expensive equipment by the recipients.

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Pastor Tobias Batulayan, Banga SDA Church, Poblacion, Banga, South Cotabato 9511, Philippines: *Review*, *Signs*, *Vibrant Life*, Bibles,

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Charity de Leon, Tukuran SDA Elementary School, Tukuran, Zamboanga del Sur, 7019 Philippines: For use by her church, youth, and women's ministries departments: *Listen*, *Insight*, *Dialogue* magazines, religious music tapes and videos, books and magazines on health and women, used postcards.

Randy A. de Leon, Western Mindanao Academy, Dumingag, Zomboanga del Sur, 7028 Philippines: Master Guide and Pathfinder pamphlets, videotapes, Bibles, and youth stories.

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“I Don’t Know How to Be a Son”

How does one respond to a loving God when he’s never known love?

CHARLEEN WILLIAMS

ENRIQUE GREW UP IN a home in which abuse was the norm. Often his father would come home drunk and beat Enrique. After one beating in particular Enrique was confined to bed for two weeks while he recovered from his injuries.

At 13 years of age, fearing more beatings, Enrique went to live on the streets of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Enrique became one of thousands of children and youth who try to survive the cruel, harsh environment of crime, prostitution, violence, and abuse.

One day police picked up Enrique and delivered him to a children’s services agency. From there he came to live with us, at the Center for Abandoned Children of Drug Addiction (CERENID), a home for troubled boys from the ages of 6 to 13. At the time my husband, Howard, was the director and I was the personnel coordinator at CERENID, an ADRA project in the eastern foothills of Bolivia.

When he arrived at CERENID, Enrique trusted no one. He had a negative attitude, and he seemed to enjoy playing the bully and punching the other kids. When he was asked to do simple chores, such as making his bed, his standard response was “I don’t want to,” and that was the end of it. Every day was a test of patience on the part of the staff.

Howard and I became houseparents to a group of older boys. One afternoon, after a particularly exasperating day, I broke down in tears. “Enrique,” I said, “I know that I’m not your real mother, but I’m trying so hard to be a good mother



ALL SMILES: God used an unusual instrument to teach Enrique about love.

to you.”

“I know,” he replied. “It’s just that I don’t know how to be a son.”

When I heard that, it broke my heart; it was such an obviously honest declaration. We all knew that down deep inside, Enrique had a kind heart, but it was hidden deeply away, and we couldn’t see it.

“Enrique,” I told him, “in time you’ll know how to be a son, but for now you must ask God to help you

and try to do your part.” Then I went to my bedroom and sobbed with sorrow at the tragedy of a boy who knew so little of a parent’s love, let alone the love of his heavenly Father.

Shortly after that brief conversation Enrique came into my room. I had there a large stuffed toy duck that my daughter had given me. Enrique asked, “Can I hug the duck?”

Not really knowing what to expect, I gave Enrique permission to give the duck a hug. That was the beginning of many occasions Enrique would come in and hug the big stuffed toy. Eventually I let Enrique keep the duck on his bed. Then, was it our imagination, or was Enrique actually becoming more lovable, kind, and cooperative?

Time passed, and soon Enrique asked to be baptized. God had changed Enrique—and we had witnessed the miracle firsthand. When I saw Enrique’s smiling face break the water after his baptism, my heart swelled with joy and happiness at the thought that we serve a God who does more than we can ask or imagine.

Not long after his baptism Enrique came to me, holding the large stuffed toy duck. "I'm ready to return him now," he said. And when I reached out to take it Enrique wrapped me in a big hug. The distant, negative teen had been transformed by God's love into an affectionate follower of the Lord Jesus Christ with the help of dedicated staff—and a big stuffed duck.

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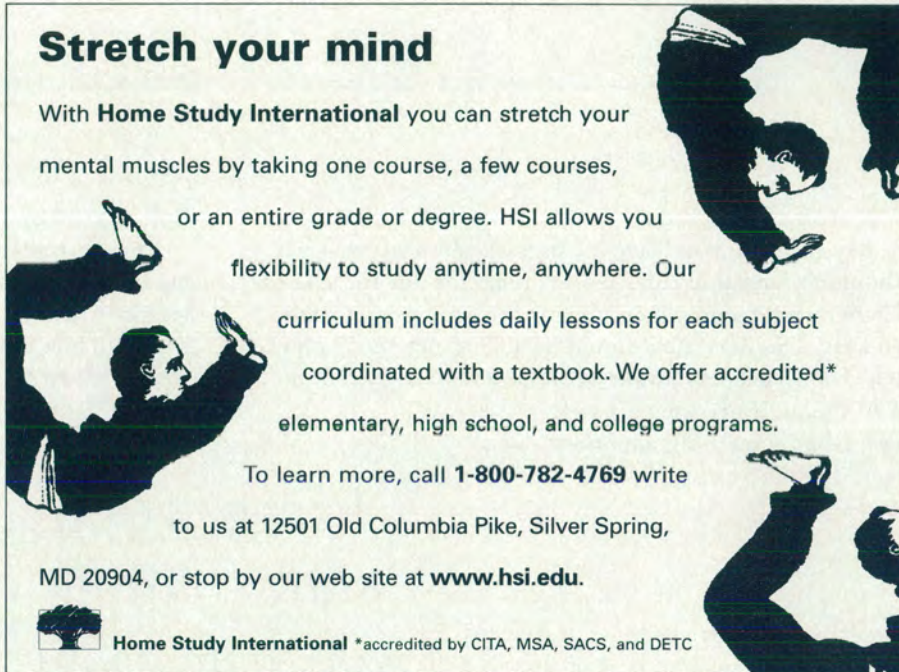
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A Matter of Priorities

My wife plans to leave me because she feels that we shouldn't have any rules in our home for our three sons. They're good young men, deacons in our congregation, and my wife says they should be able to use the computer, television, and stay awake until all hours. I say that at 11:00 p.m. everything goes off—unless it's something important, such as homework. What do you say?—JR

Dear JR:

How sad to break up a marriage over your children's bedtime. If your boys are old enough to be deacons, they're old enough to decide when to turn out the lights. Besides, who cares when they go to bed? If they have a good attitude, if they stay awake in class, help with the chores without complaining, and get their homework done, bite your tongue when you're tempted to say "It's bedtime."

Instead, I suggest you start courting your wife again. Give her three compliments a day. Ask her, "Sweetheart, what do you want from me today?" It wouldn't hurt you to bring her flowers each Friday and take her out to eat.

Make My Day

I'm married to a wonderful guy, but since we had a baby he still goes out fishing and biking with friends (which we used to do together). Now I have to stay home to take care of the baby. It would make my day if my husband would choose me above his friends, hobbies, or recreation. All I want him to say is "Honey, instead of going biking [or to a sporting event or fishing], let's do something together."—A Young Wife

Dear Young Wife:

You've said it, I've printed it, and we'll just have to wait and see if our men will read it, believe it, and make our day.

And while I'm thinking about it, do you know that one of the major needs of a husband is for a recreational companion? Get a good baby-sitter occasionally and grab your fishing pole when he grabs his.

Running Away

Our 16-year-old son was stubborn, arrogant, and unwilling to submit to parental control. He felt we were too hard on him when we required his help around the house or when we asked him to let us know where he was going and with whom. When I heard you speak at the British Columbia

women's retreat I got so many creative ideas to help heal our broken relationship, and I was eager to put them into practice. Unfortunately, while I was away he ran away from home. For four weeks we heard nothing from him. I went looking for him and did talk to him, but he wasn't interested in coming home. We no longer know where he is.

Please pray for us and the many others who are dealing with runaway children. And keep on helping parents understand their kids. If I had only known then what I know now about the importance of unconditional love and taking time to listen, perhaps things might've been different.—LP from Canada

Dear LP:

You are not alone. There are many lovely Christian parents who are like the prodigal's father waiting for the phone to ring.

You need hope. I found hope in the middle of the book of Lamentations: "Yet there is one ray of hope: his compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us [our children] from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his loving-kindness begins afresh each day. My soul claims the Lord as my inheritance; therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for him, to those who seek for him. It is good both to hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord" (Lam. 3:21-26, TLB).

Here is my prayer for you and other parents of runaways: "Father God, You know where Your children are. Heal them in Your time and fulfill Your promise in Isaiah 49:25, that You will save our children."

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GIVE & TAKE

POEM

ACID RAIN

It seems that into every life
A little rain must fall.
But have you noticed how some
folks
Just seem to get it all?

You wonder why the difference
Between the varied tests
In which some people suffer long
While others seem to rest.
And is it fair that some must weep
While others sing and dance?
Is life a sordid game of luck
That falls to random chance?
No answer comes to satisfy.
Not one appears but this:
Whoever will endure the test
Will find eternal bliss.

—Sandra Haynes, Roseburg, Oregon

ADVENTIST LIFE

My children's memory verse a few weeks ago was "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord . . . is the rock eternal" (Isa. 26:4, NIV). In repeating it back to me, their "translations" were a bit different from the original text.

My 7-year-old said:
"For the Lord is the rocky ternal."

And this is the version from my 3-year-old: "For the Lord is the rocking turtle."

—Melynie Tooley, Hagerstown, Maryland



ILLUSTRATION BY TERRY CREWS

Our 4-year-old grandson, Seth, was in the bathroom with the door open. When his mother chanced upon the open door, she stuck her head in to see if it was occupied. Taken aback by her intrusion, he loudly proclaimed, "Mom, can I please have a little prophecy!"

One never knows what will emerge from the mouths of little ones.

—Feryl Harris, Parkersburg, West Virginia



DREAM CENTER

My dream for the Adventist Church is that, in this generation, the Spanish, English, and Black churches can come together, if not for services, at least to be in one district. My dream is that we could redistrict so that the churches that are closest share pastors, rather than assign pastors only to the churches that are similar in ethnic makeup.

Our pastor has two English-speaking churches about 20 miles apart. He is very dedicated and committed, but he has to spend about 15-30 hours a week in his car. The Spanish church pastor has four churches, and so even at his "district church" they seldom see him. If my pastor had an English and a Spanish church in one city instead of

two English-speaking churches in two cities, he would have much of that travel time to spend on souls. Sharing a pastor would also make the churches more cooperative with each other.

—Paula Graham, Odessa, Texas

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Alone With God

Restoring the Silence of the Soul

GLENN SACKETT

DESERT SANCTUARY—Escalante River, Utah

PHOTOGRAPHY AS A FORM OF meditation is about a profound way of seeing. In this experience the common is transformed into uncommon, the ordinary into extraordinary.

Visually engaged, one finds ordinary time transformed into extraordinary time, experiencing the paradox of simultaneous immersion in the here and now and a sense of timelessness that includes the past, present, and future. One senses the presence of the kingdom of heaven, which, Jesus said, “is among you.” One responds as if to the invitation of the universe: “Take off your shoes and stay awhile.”

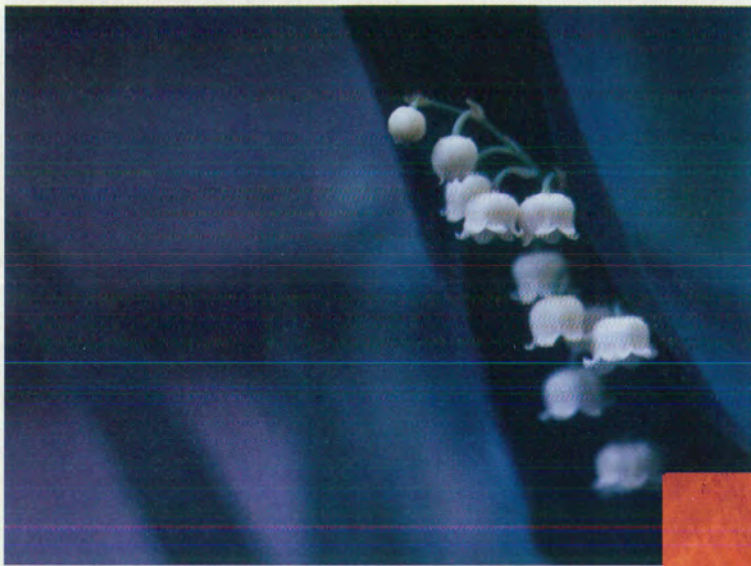
While photography has other uses and meditation other forms, these words and photographs (light writings) illuminate the intersection of these two pursuits in a way that contributes significantly to my spiritual life. This journey may occur with careful planning, as when I arise before dawn to receive the first light of the day as it reaches a particular point across the waters of the ocean (predetermined by time and compass calculations). Or unexpected beauty may arrest my attention, causing me to stop whatever I am doing to take it in, first with my eyes, and then with my camera (if I have it with me).

Picking up on my childhood relationship with photography, begun with a Kodak Brownie camera given to me by my

parents, my grandad took me into his darkroom when I was about 8. I experienced the creative magic of making prints from the invisible latent images on the film in my Brownie. A returned medical missionary, ophthalmologist, tinkerer, artist, photographer, and amateur radio builder, he had the vision and patience to teach me not only the mechanics of photography, but more important, how to “see.” Using a “frame” cut out of 8½" x 11" cardboard, he taught me to find beauty in the landscape around me by holding the frame at arm’s length to select and compose rather than just “point and shoot.” With a passion to “capture and release” beauty, by age 12 I had spent my life savings on my first single-lens reflex interchangeable lens camera.

Now 10,000 slides and several thousand prints later, I wondered, *Why haven’t I published or sold more of this work?* Then I realized that photography is, for me, an experience of meditation. It is the experience of releasing beauty, both obvious and hidden, through capturing images, that engages me spiritually. It is a living process more than an event with a product.

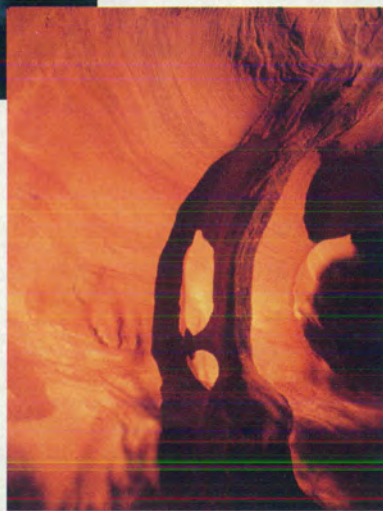
As you contemplate these photos I hope that you will enjoy the beauty released here, and yet more important, that you will “go apart” with your own mind’s eye and camera, brush, pen or pastels, search for a common bush that is “afire with God,” take off your shoes, and “rest awhile.”



CONSIDER THE LILY—Berrien Springs, Michigan

“Earth’s crammed with heaven,
and every common bush afire
with God; but only he who
sees takes off his shoes”

(Elizabeth Barrett Browning,
Aurora Leigh).



SAND BUTTRESS—Colorado National Monument

COMMON BEAUTY—Shrine Pass, Colorado



“From hours spent
alone with God He
came forth, morning
by morning, to
bring the light of
heaven to men”

(Ellen G. White,
The Ministry of Healing,
p. 52).



BESIDE STILL WATERS—Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, Hawaii



*FOR THE BEAUTY
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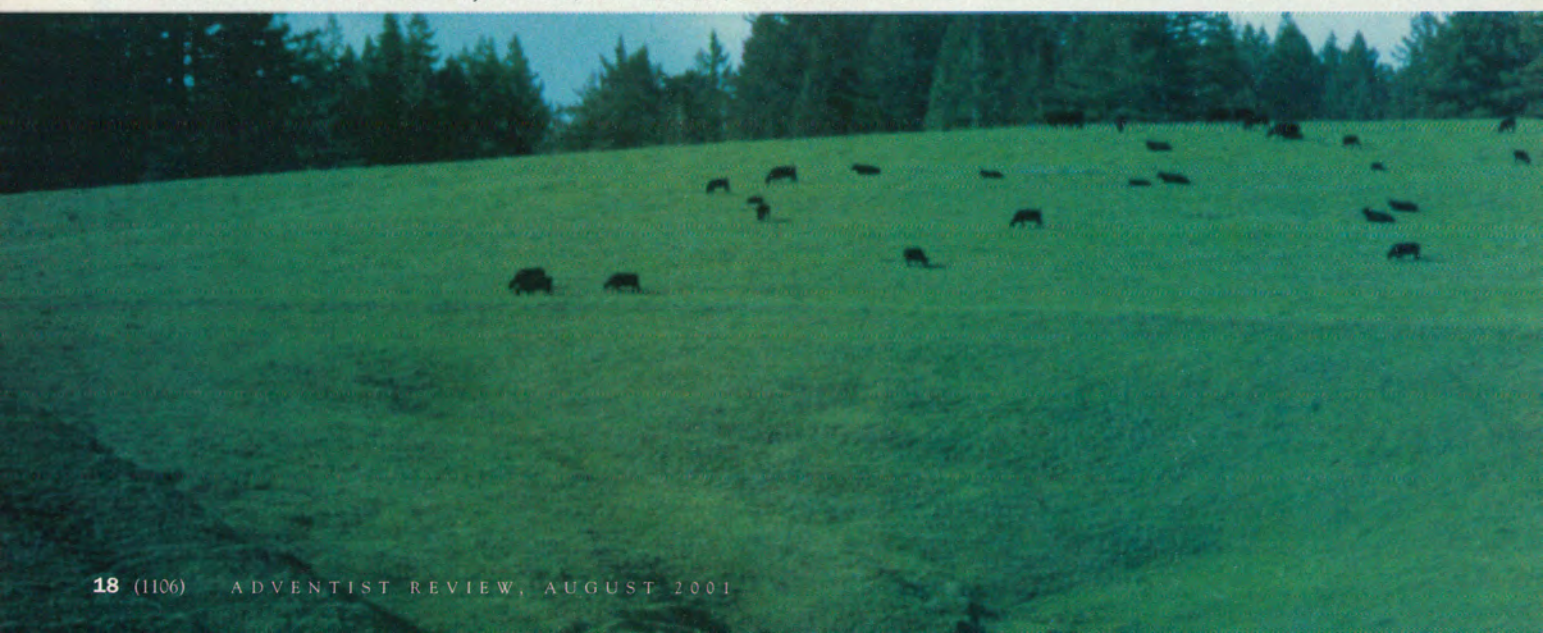
“Those who study nature cannot be lonesome.
They love the quiet hours of meditation, for they
feel that they are brought in close communion with
God while tracing His power in His created works”

(Ellen G. White, *In Heavenly Places*, p. 9).



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CATTLE ON A THOUSAND HILLS—Skyline Drive, San Francisco, California





“All day He ministered to the throngs that came to Him, and at eventide, or in the early morning, He went away to the sanctuary of the mountains for communion with His Father”

(Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 55).

MOUNTAIN MAPLE
—Mule Canyon, Utah

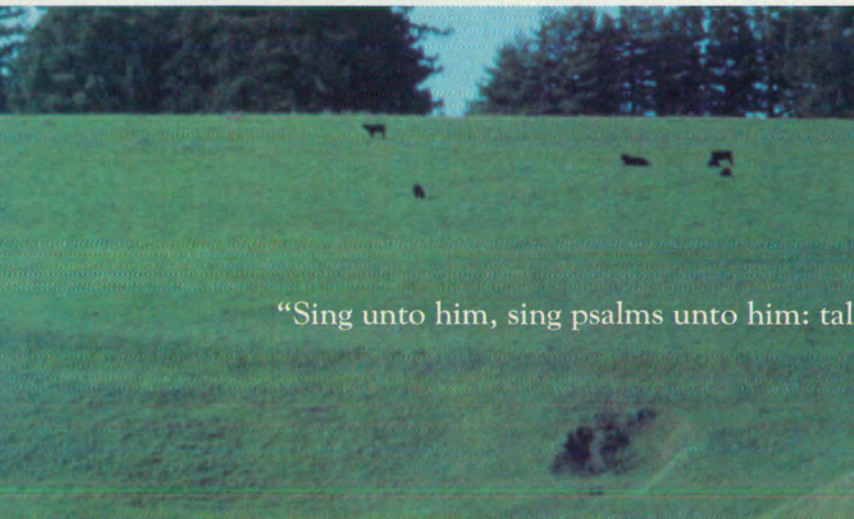
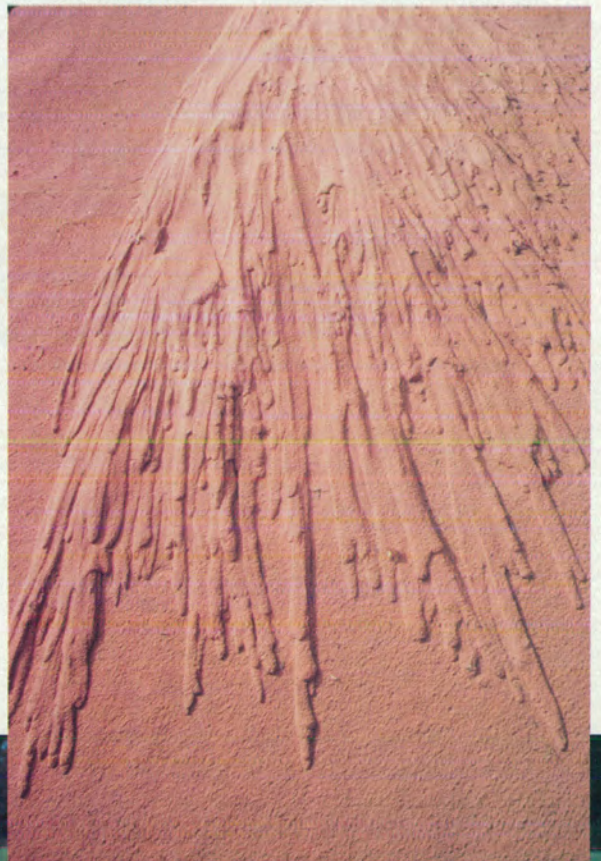


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CONSIDER THE GRASS—Shawnee Mission Park, Kansas

SAND PATTERN Coyote Wash Dune, Utah



“Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works” (Ps. 105:2).

Jesus learned “from His heavenly Father’s
library of animate and inanimate nature”
(Ellen G. White, in *Youth’s Instructor*, Sept. 1, 1873).

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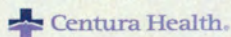
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The Gift of Rest

BY ELLA RYDZEWSKI

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested (Gen. 2:2).

THE FIRST RECORDED SABBATH symbolized a completed work. That seventh day when the Workman rested from His labors, He provided a magnificent gift for His first children and those who would follow them. He set aside a day for them not only to rest, but to rest in Him. In a special sense He would be their companion that day. As whole, completed beings, they would enjoy mental, physical, and spiritual rest together. The gift was not just for our ancestors, but something that was to continue as a sacred covenant between God and His people. After the Fall it took on new dimensions in that Sabbath also represented the rest that would finally come when humans would be restored to their Maker through Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath.

We live far from Eden now. There has never been a greater need in human history for rest. The physical laborer needs rest from grinding daily tasks. But for the modern world, it's not so much physical labor that we need to rest from as it is mental and emotional strain. Technology is today's taskmaster. First believed to save time, it has made us its slaves. We are forever in a hurry, chased not by physical predators, but stealthy ones that invade our lives, regularly get our adrenalin up, and cause disease. Rest is no longer the solution at the end of a project, a day, or a week. Pursued by clocks and calendars, we strive to do more and get more. Some view sleep as a waste of time; others can't sleep once they bed down.

We need to recognize that our bodies go through daily rhythms, often called circadian rhythms. We experience periods of low and high activity; digestive and temperature rhythms; sleep and wakefulness. The choice to ignore these biorhythms brings on tension and fatigue and unbalances the daily and weekly cycle we were designed to follow.

Our bodies thrive on regularity—meal times, rest times, bedtimes, and wake-up times. Have you ever noticed how thrashed you feel on Monday after going to bed late on the weekend? Chronic sleep loss reduces alertness and productivity and affects the immune system and hormone balance. It's a debt that can't be made up. For every hour or less

under eight, you will need an equal extra amount soon after. Most never catch up.¹

Adequate sleep is right up there with a good diet and regular exercise for a long and healthy life. Two thirds of Americans are said to suffer sleep deficits. Thomas Wehr, of the National Institute of Mental Health, believes few adults in the industrialized world know the crystal-clear sensation of being completely rested. "Perhaps we modern humans have never really known what it is to be fully awake," he says. In the sleep lab he found that the length of the natural sleep routine is a little more than eight hours. The natural rhythm begins in the evening when the pineal gland in the brain releases melatonin, the hormone that signals bedtime. This begins a relaxed state that goes through several stages of sleep, including REM or dreamtime sleep. All of these stages are necessary for mental, emotional, and physical health.²

Lack of sleep takes a toll in automobile accidents and mistakes on the job. The National Sleep Foundation attributes about 100,000 crashes a year to sleep deprivation. For sleepless workers it takes longer to do an activity correctly, plus they have impaired judgment and alertness.³

The Solution

Sleep is promoted by regular exercise (but not close to bedtime) and fixed bedtimes and rising times. Avoid late meals (no food three to four hours before bedtime), stimulants (they decrease REM sleep), exciting television programs and reading, news, and stressful situations before going to bed. Take a slow walk and warm bath. Sleep in a somewhat cool room (avoid being chilly), as dark and quiet as possible, and well ventilated.⁴ Keep a quiet mind and relaxed muscles as you lay your head on the pillow and drift into sleep with a prayer, not of petition, but of assurance. Because humans thrive on good habits, sleep will come easier if there is a set ritual at bedtime.

Sleep is not the only kind of rest we need. It is important to take relaxation breaks during the day. Even taking five to 10 minutes at a time to relax the muscles and mind and

breathe deeply brings refreshment. There are relaxation tapes available that can help us start new rest patterns.

We also need spiritual rest. Rest for the spirit must include vacations, preferably in nature. They need to be planned well in advance, with no hurried last-minute preparations. In addition, a well-balanced life needs mini-vacations during the year. Every Christian needs a periodic spiritual retreat/rest either alone or in a group to keep the whole being alive to the Spirit. Ignoring the latter may be one reason so many of us have an unenthusiastic, flagging spiritual life.

Along with all of these we especially need the weekly Sabbath rest given at our creation.

The Sabbath Rest

For me Sabbath awakens memories of being at home or school: of clean sheets, an immaculate room, soup and sandwiches for supper, and a quiet Friday night of reading. Most Sabbathkeepers carry in their minds the vision of an ideal Sabbath. It might be at a favorite church and an afternoon ride and visit. It could be Friday night candles and white linens on the table. Or a day in the mountains walking, sitting, meditating, praying, and reading. It could be ministering on the streets of the city, in a homeless shelter, or at a bedside.

Our ways of keeping Sabbath are too often constrained by circumstances, family, and social relationships. The young want to be active, even entertained. Parents want to rest. The Sabbath is made for humans, but many sacrifice their needs for other humans on that day more than any other. For the pastor it is the busiest day of the week. If it isn't the busiest day of the week for a mother, the day or two

before can be, especially if she holds a full-time job outside the home. We aren't usually able to keep Sabbath as our spiritual ancestors did thousands of or even less than a hundred years ago. In this modern world we have different responsibilities and concepts of what "rest" means. That is why it is dangerous to tell other people how they should recognize Sabbath. If they are convinced of its sacredness, they will be doing the best they can and won't need your advice; if not, it will only

the rush. It is also a time of being present for one another, hearing each other, rather than giving advice. I would suggest that neither is it a time for theological debate. We simply receive this gift of time. On Sabbath we turn in a different direction away from the world and its concerns, away from our jobs and worries. We listen to God and grow. It is a time of grace, being aware of the present, letting go of past mistakes, but holding on to the bond we hold with those who came

before. It is a time to ponder our natural world and to awaken to the possibilities in this life and the life to come. It is the temple in which we come face to face with our Creator. It is the garden where we walk with Him. It teaches us to love by contemplating the love of Christ. Christ is the center of the Sabbath.

Sabbath was made for every human being because every human being has

been created by Someone who loves them. This Creator reaches down to touch us in a special way on Sabbath; to spend time with us in celebration or in quiet contemplation. He treats us as individuals with our differing personalities and spiritual desires. He loves us unconditionally and gives this gift of Himself in time for our rest.

¹Susan Brink, "Sleepless Society," *U.S. News & World Report*, Oct. 16, 2000.

²*Ibid.*

³*Ibid.*

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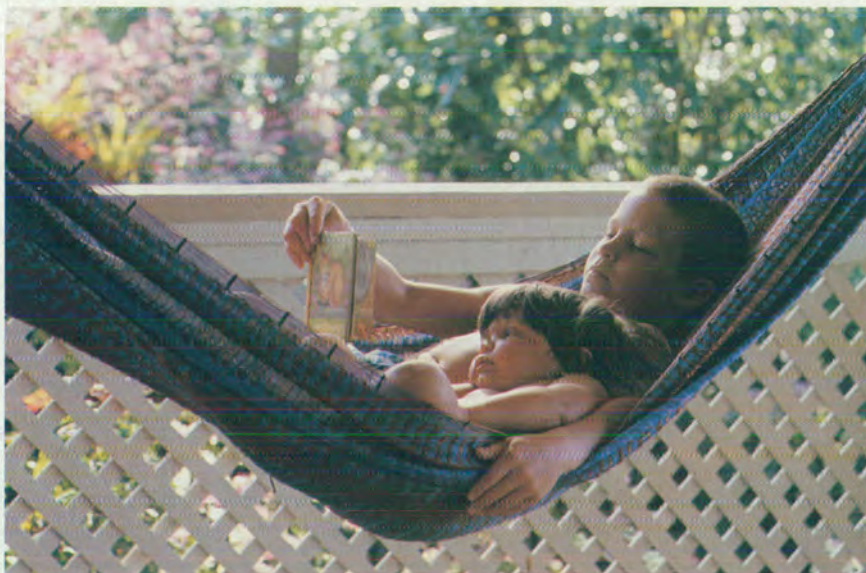


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alienate them. For the physical laborer, Sabbath will mean physical rest; for the mental worker, it will mean activity that is not mentally taxing.

The Sabbath resembles sleep in that it is a time of renewal after our work is completed. Christ slept in the tomb over Sabbath when His work had been finished. Had the disciples believed Him, it could have been a day of expectation before He arose—a day of joyful anticipation instead of mourning.

Sabbath is like a period of silence that stops the noise in our lives, inside and outside; a rest for weary minds. Silence can be practiced either sitting or walking. Sabbath can be spent in stillness or activity.

Sabbath requires a bit of planning, so that one isn't faced with "What shall we do?" We want to move slowly on the Sabbath, avoiding the noise of

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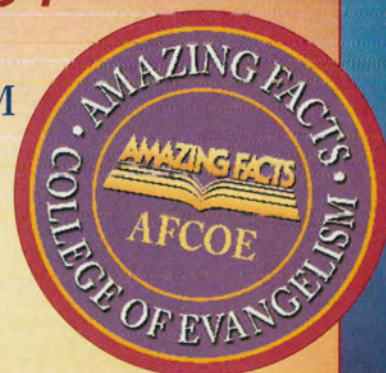
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Or maybe it starts with a flicker of light in a

world made dark by circumstances beyond yourself—a flicker of hope that your life can make sense again.

It starts with realizing that people are depending on you and that you have to do something about it.

It starts with remembering what it was like to be small and helpless, and knowing that right now is the time for you to do something.

It starts with having something to share, and knowing that right now is the best time to share it.

It starts with hope.



For nearly 100 years, Seventh-day Adventists have taken the message of Hope for Humanity to their neighbors and friends through the program now known as *Ingathering: Hope For Humanity*. Our goal is to be at the frontline of meeting human needs. In every corner of the globe the Adventist Church is working to relieve suffering, to feed the hungry, to care for the sick, and to comfort the distressed.



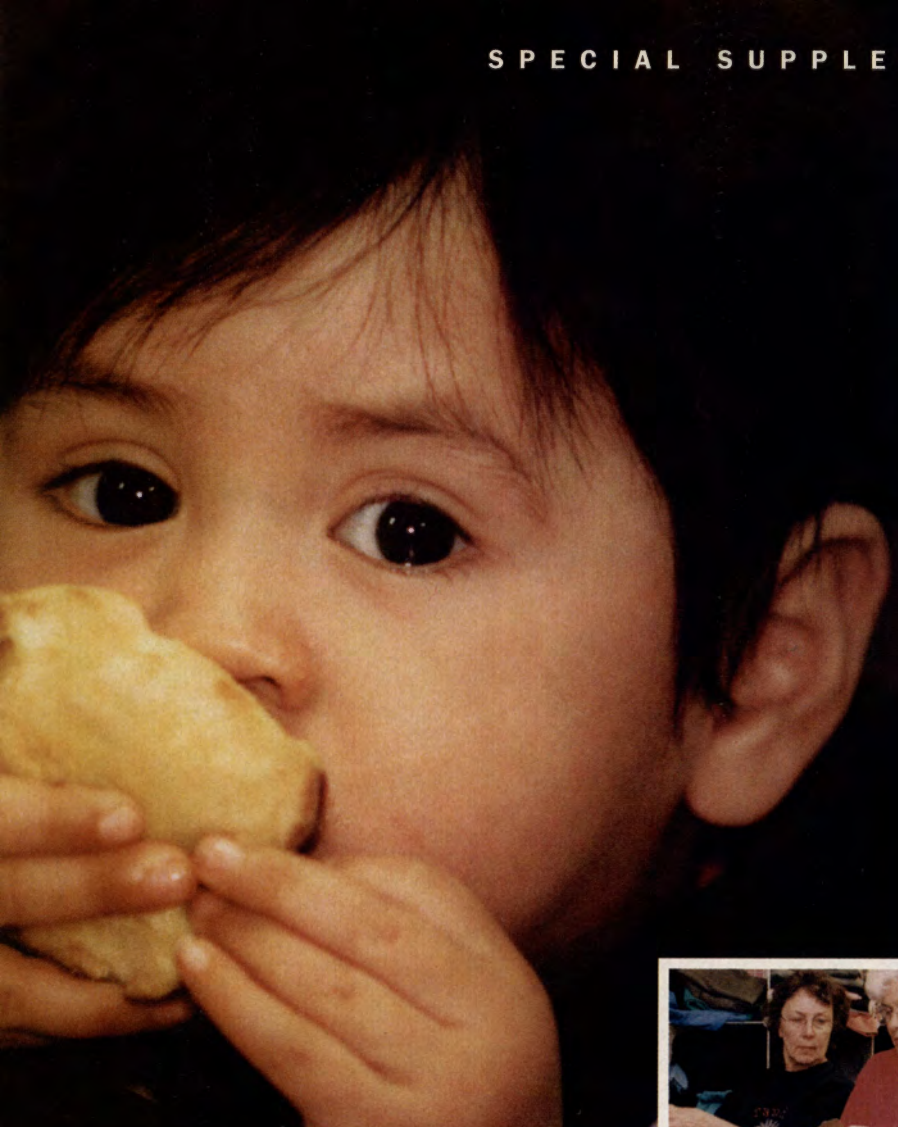
Legacy of Caring

Ingathering: Hope For Humanity is all about hope. It's about the people of the Seventh-day Adventist church believing in the difference that they can make in the world around them. After all, we are people who have experienced the power of hope in our lives first hand—through the grace of Jesus Christ. We believe that we have found the source of hope.

Ingathering: Hope for Humanity is one of the ways in which we have tried to make tangible the hope that burns within our hearts. Helping others through humanitarian assistance is one of the best ways we have found to share hope. And so, through a wide variety of ways, we have tried to be the people of hope. We look for ways to help children and families. We take to heart the needs of our cities and neighborhoods, and we try to find ways to make a difference there. We respond to human disasters. We work to stop the impact of famine and drought.

Seventh-day Adventists build schools and hospitals because we know that they are places where hope will flourish. We dig water wells and plant trees and gardens because we know that the people we help in those ways will see life in new ways—with the eyes of hope.

We know what hope looks like—we have seen it in a million faces. Hope looks great on the face of mankind. And we take seriously the task of putting it there.



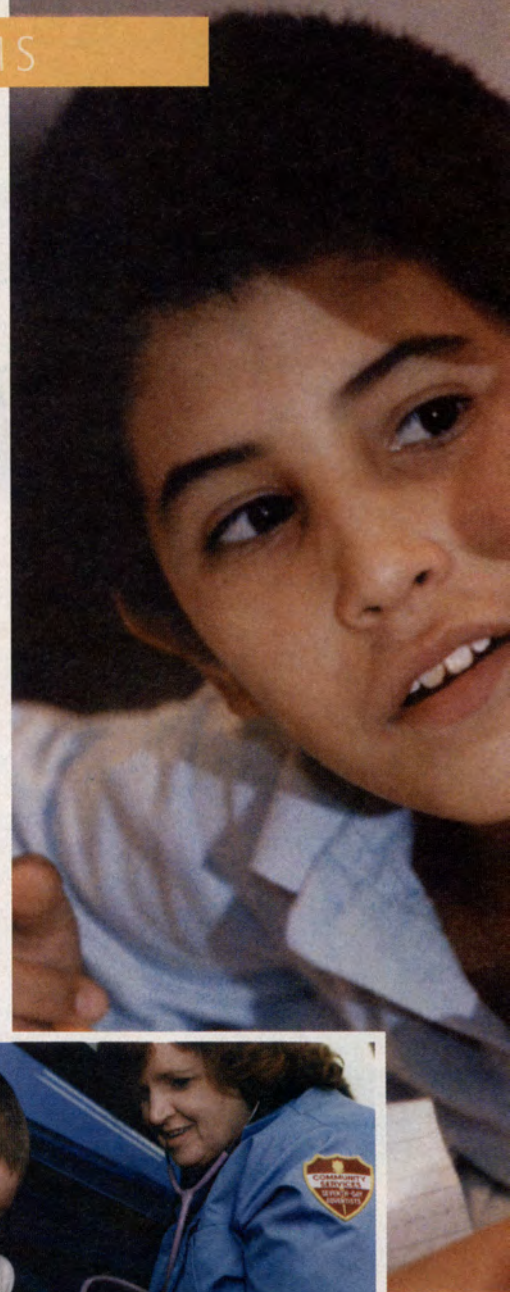
LITERACY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Hope for our Children

More than 80% of the projects sponsored or funded by *Ingathering: Hope For Humanity* benefit children. Our endeavors include support for wellness projects, literacy programs, maternal/child health initiatives, feeding programs, primary schools in developing countries, child survival initiatives in develop-

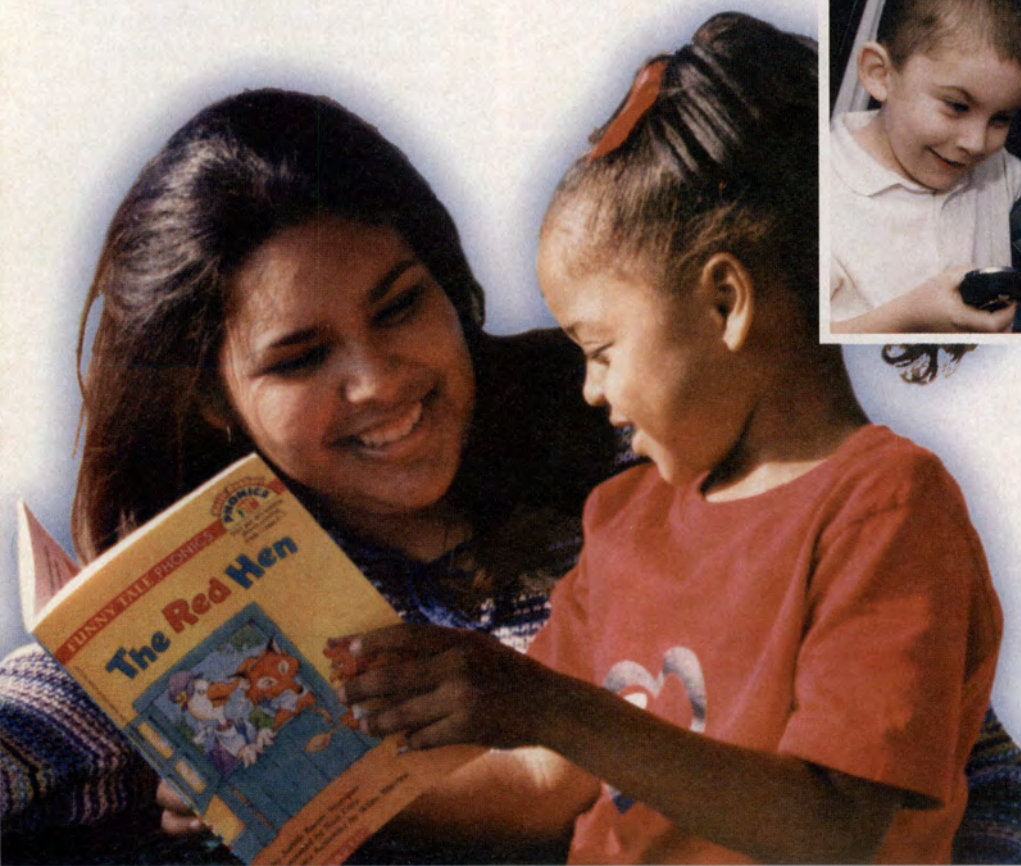
ing countries, and maternal education projects.

Throughout North America as well as around the world, we have discovered that working with children brings out the best in the communities we serve, in the families whose lives are touched, in those who provide leadership



and care in children's projects, and in the children themselves. Children help us discover what it is that makes humanity special; they are bright containers of hope and promise.

Our projects are designed to enrich and secure their lives; however, working on their behalf always enriches our own.



What Does Hope Look Like?

My New Best Friend

The friendship starts when you first sit down. You sit next to each other, with the books and papers in front of you—not across a desk from each other, or with the tutor standing over the student. Your finger marks the word on the page, or traces the shape of the number or letter if your new friend is very young. Well, sometimes even older ones don't know their letters or their numbers.

Your goal is the lesson, to teach. But the tool you will use (and treasure) is the friendship.

The book in front of you gives you a place to look, so you don't need to look at each other if one is shy. It gives you something to talk about at first, when you don't know each other very well. But the lesson only starts there.

In just a few minutes quick glances are exchanged, and the smiles soon follow. You find yourself talking about other things—things that interest your new friend and that need to be shared. Sometimes you get so involved in talking together that you have to remind yourself what you are supposed to be learning—but of course all of it is what you are sup-

posed to be learning.

You are learning about each other. About the great opportunity for two people to come from very different places and share something of common worth. About the possibility of meeting someone whose interest in you may actually change your life.

Johnny Nunez changed me. At eight years old, he couldn't say his alphabet or his numbers, couldn't write anything on the page. He wanted to learn to write his name, but a myriad of things we would call learning disabilities were stopping him.

We worked hard on that, his chubby little hand awkwardly holding the pencil, and making an absolute mess of the paper. I'm not sure if he knew the difference between the "h" and the "n" that followed it—they didn't look much different on the page. But finally, unprompted, the letters came out all in the right order, all on the same line: "J-o-h-n-n-y."

As time goes on those letters may dim in my mind's eye, and I will no longer remember the details of that sunny afternoon. But what will never dim in my mind is the smile on his face when he finally got it, or the look that he gave me in thanks and shared amazement. I have that moment etched in my mind—radiant as a gem—a paycheck from life.

What does hope look like? For the one that you help, hope looks just like you.



INNER-CITY PROGRAMS

Hope for our Cities

Sometimes hope begins with a place to go. The centers that are supported through *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* are such places. Typically, they provide food,

shelter, or clothing to the people in need in the communities they serve. Often they are places where people may receive basic medical care, job training, or help in times of crisis. But they are much more than the sum of their endeavors. They are places of hope.

These centers—many of which are in urban areas—provide a place where people can connect with each other. Here people can establish new links

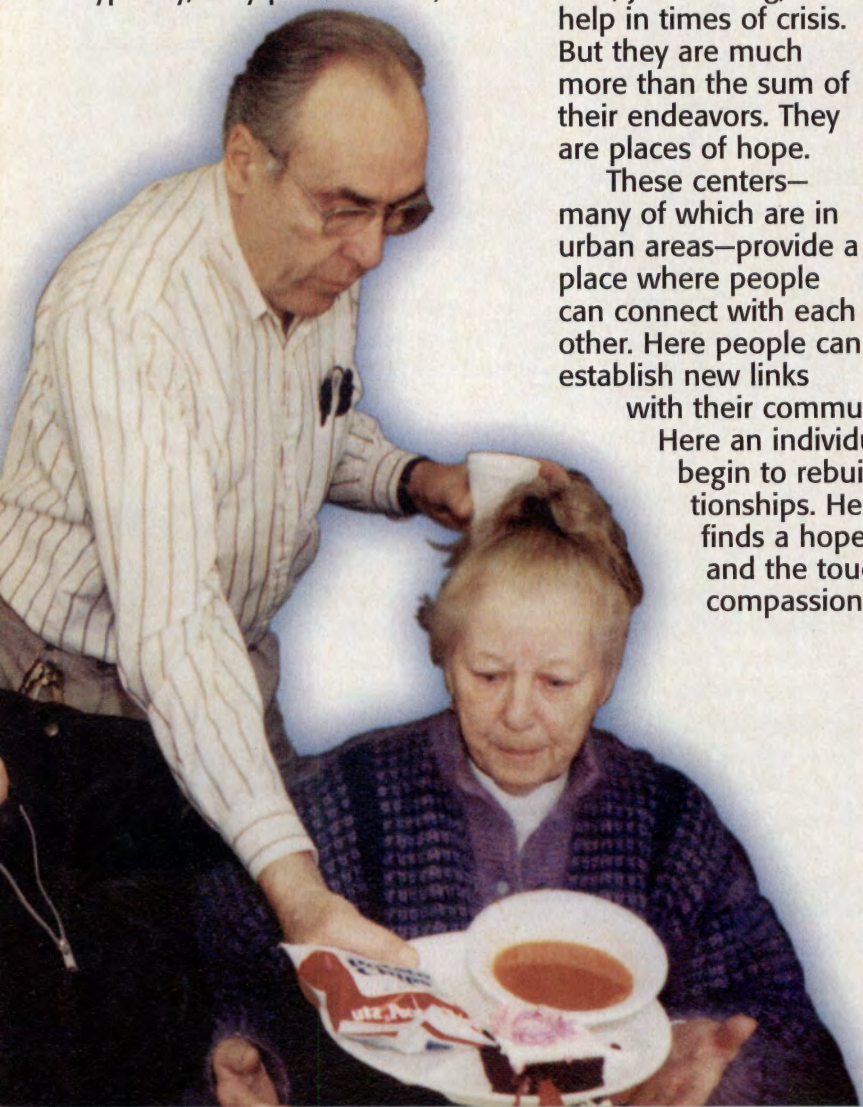
with their community.

Here an individual can begin to rebuild relationships. Here life finds a hopeful face and the touch of compassion.



By establishing places where people can gather, where meals can be shared, and where stories can be told and heard, Seventh-day Adventists are seeking to bring into clearer focus the needs of those who are often outside of our vision—those who we may not clearly see as part of our community.

In these places words like “homeless” or “poor” are replaced with words like “neighbor” and “friend.” And lives are slowly changed.



Communities of Faithfulness

Building Bridges

The projects that are supported by *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* are in partnership with Christian communities such as churches, community centers, and hospitals or clinics. While the projects are sponsored and carried out by these faith-based organizations, the care and help is given freely, without reference to religion, race, gender, or age. In fact, the organizations with which *Ingathering: Hope For Humanity* work are committed to building bridges that span the gaps that exist in the social service networks that serve our local, regional, national, and international communities.

We believe we can bridge the gap between what we know we can do and the needs that still exist. Between the places where we have been successful and the thousands of other places where the same kind of help can be effective. Between the partnerships we have made and the potential partnerships that could exist for the common good. Between the things our values compel us to do and the things we are actually doing. We take seriously the opportunity to reach out more widely and more effectively today than we did yesterday.

We believe that faith-based organizations have a distinctive voice and offer a unique perspective in the overall development of our communities. And we believe that the single most important way in which that voice can be expressed in our projects is not in preaching, but rather it is in the faithful service that we can provide, and in keeping faith with the communities we are allowed to serve.



ENRICHMENT AND INTERVENTION

Hope for our Families

What does the word "family" mean? Through

Ingathering: Hope For Humanity projects, thousands of families are helped in some way each year, and each one is a little different. Over the years we've learned something about what families need.

Families are a place of safety, so our projects provide the services young mothers and fathers need to provide a

safe environment for their children. Families are a place of nurture and growth, so our projects focus on those services that help families help themselves. Families are a place of trust, so we design programs that develop self-worth and self-sufficiency instead of dependence on external agencies or resources.

In many ways each family is like a sanctuary where relationships of trust can grow, where problems can be addressed, and where what is needed can be found. Thousands have found what they need to build a strong family through the projects of *Ingathering: Hope For Humanity*.



What Does Hope Look Like?

Hope's House, Portland, Tennessee



Hope is a haven away from abuse and pain.

Hope is a place where there's no shouting, no screaming, no doors slamming or furniture flying. Hope is a place where you can close your eyes in prayer or sleep and not worry about being harmed. Hope is a place where you can start living again.

Hope is a woman's place, a place of safety, where those who have escaped abuse are putting their lives back together. Hope is a group of people who really do know where you're coming from, and the Christian counselor who helps you believe that you can survive.

Ingathering: Hope for Humanity is all about places like this. It's about taking hope so seriously

that it actually becomes a real home, a real sanctuary. As real as the hand you hold or the troubled face of the one sitting on the edge of the bed. As real as the hurt in your city, your neighborhood. As real as the cries from across the state or from the other side of the world.

What does hope look like? For the one that you help, hope looks just like you.

DISASTER RESPONSE, COMMUNITY CENTERS

Hope for our Neighbors

The projects supported by *Ingathering: Hope For Humanity* include responding to natural and manmade disasters. They also include responding to the

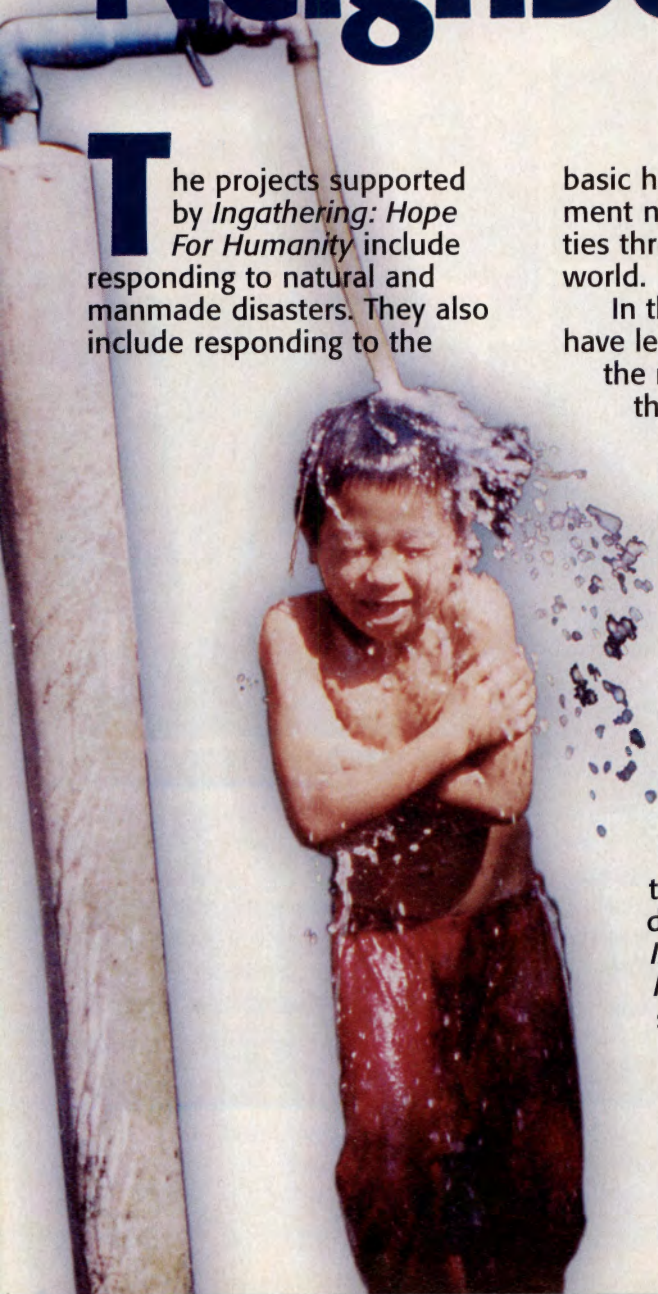
basic human development needs in communities throughout the world.

In these situations we have learned to gather the right resources for the job at hand. We have learned the importance of cooperation and connection with local networks and organizations.

In times of disaster our assistance often takes the form of temporary shelters, medical treatment, food, blankets, and technical expertise. In development projects, *Ingathering: Hope For Humanity* focuses on safe water sources, sanitation, primary health, education, mother-child health, family economics, and com-

munity development.

Across all of these various endeavors we have also learned the importance of persistence—to stay in one place until something actually gets finished. We know that those things that are broken can be made new, and that time is our partner. We know that change takes time. We will be there throughout the long process, bringing hope and stability to the people and communities we serve.



What Does Hope Look Like?

Hoisington, Kansas

Hope is finding a photo in a field.

Hope is what slowly replaces the numbness of losing everything you own in the worst tornado anyone can remember. Hope is the smile that comes slowly to your face when a total stranger comes over to give you a hug. Hope is believing that something of value might be left to retrieve.

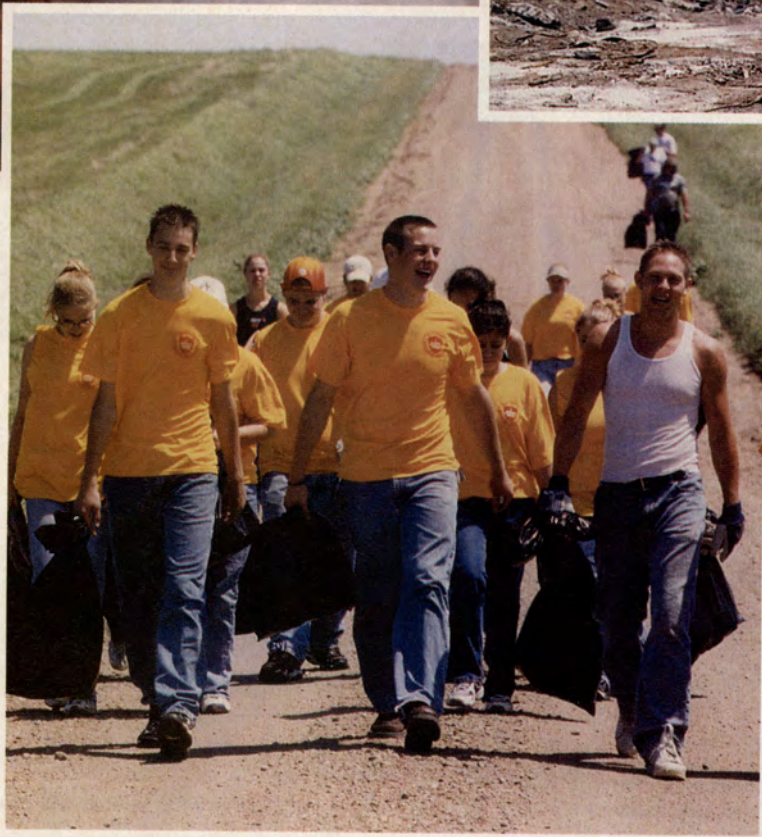
Hope is a bunch of kids from a school on the other side of the state who spend the day walking through the knee-high wheat, looking for photographs, birth certificates, old family Bibles. Hope is knowing that every little piece of a life is precious, and that your life is precious, too.

Hope is walking through the fields, keeping your eyes open for someone else's treasure.

Hope is knowing that just being there makes a difference. Hope is wearing a new yellow T-shirt that says as loudly as possible that you couldn't stop the wind but you can help stop the pain.

Ingathering: Hope for Humanity is all about places like Hoisington, Kansas. It's about taking hope so seriously that it actually becomes real. As real as a warehouse filled with food and clothes, a school bus filled with kids on a mission, an armload of groceries. As real as the tears you cry for the friends you just barely met. As real as the storm in your neighborhood, your state. As real as the storm on the other side of the world.

What does hope look like? For the one that you help, hope looks just like you.



ADVENTIST BACKGROUND AND BELIEFS

People of Hope

"In the beginning, God created" is the way the Bible begins, and in those words Seventh-day Adventists have always found the basis for their theology, their belief and value system, and the way they live their lives. It is a way of life rooted in the optimism and hopefulness of those words.

People of the Bible

Adventists believe that the Bible is the Word of God. They believe the stories of the Old Testament and follow the teachings of the Gospels. They are deeply interested in Bible prophecy, and believe that the Ten Commandments constitute a rule for life.

But most of all, Adventists believe that the Bible is a dynamic book sent from God, whose pages contain the information we need to become more like Him.

People Who Love Jesus

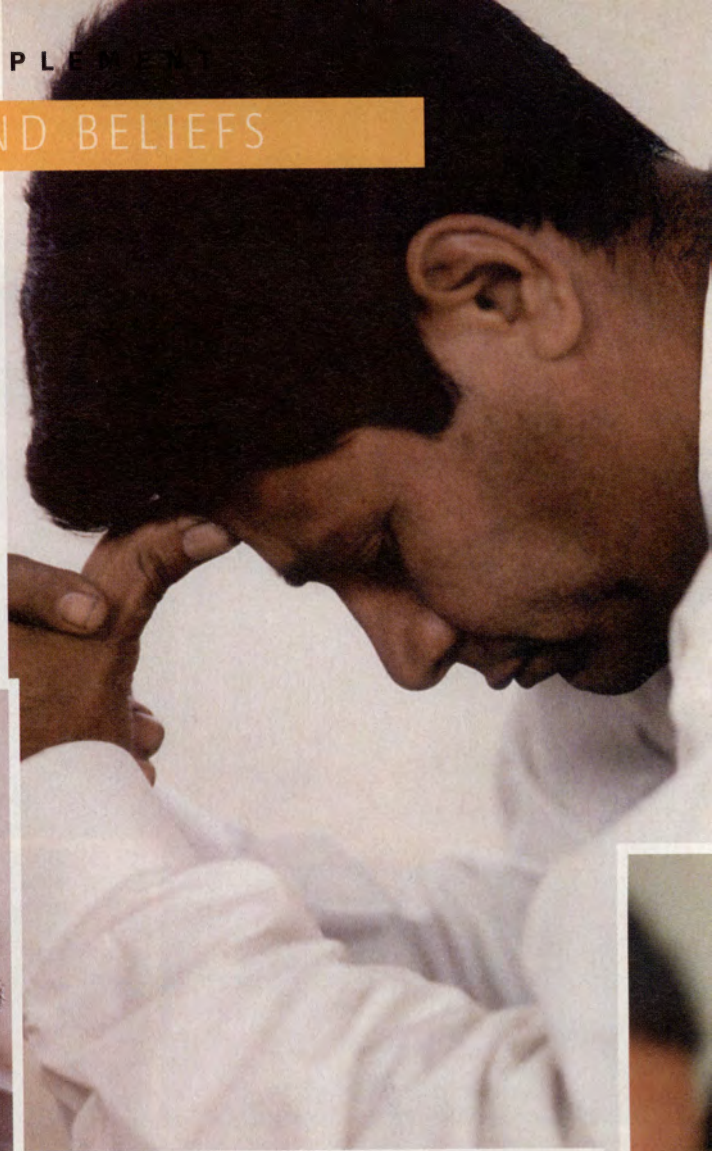
An Adventist is first and foremost a Christian. Seventh-day Adventists claim Jesus as their Savior, accept His right-

eousness as their own, and pray to Him as the Son of God and for the forgiveness of sins.

In the life and ministry of Jesus, Adventists find their role model for daily living; in the

deeds of Jesus and in the stories of his life, Adventists find the example for personal behavior as well as how we relate to one another.

Adventists will speak of the





"in-dwelling Holy Spirit," or the "mystery of the Trinity." Adventists, like Jesus, call God their Father. But at the root of our understanding of God is one special God/Man: Jesus Christ. In Him "we live and move and have our being."

People Who Seek God's Plan

The Bible says that God is love. Seventh-day Adventists believe that this divine love is expressed every single day in the way God cares for his children.

From the story of creation through the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the message of the Bible is consistent and clear: God loves each of us, and He has a specific

plan for each of our lives.

At the heart of His plan lies the opportunity for every individual to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and to know the fullness of being made "in the image of God." Adventist Christians believe in a God who, through Jesus Christ, is "reconciling the world to himself."

People Whose Lives are Changed by Grace

For a Seventh-day Adventist, no act, word, or deed is too small to be transformed by the grace of God. Adventists believe that God is concerned with the quality of human life, and that everything—the way we live, eat, speak, think, treat each other, and care for the world

around us—is part of His design and plan.

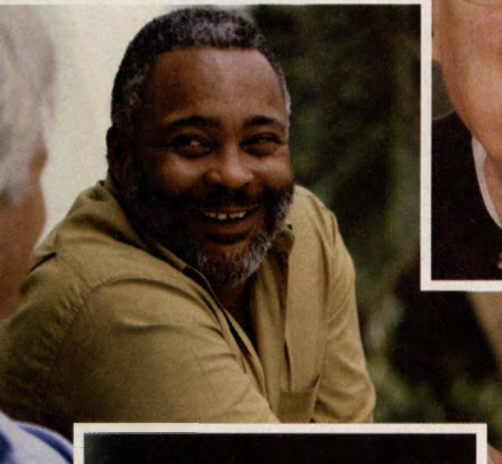
Our families, our children, our jobs, our talents, our money, and our time are all important to Him and are avenues by which He brings grace into our lives. Nothing in our lives escapes our Father's attention or care.

People Who Spend Time

Seventh-day Adventists believe that God has set aside one day each week as a symbol of the relationship He has with humanity and planet Earth. That day, affirmed in God's relationship with humanity throughout the Bible and observed by Jesus Christ himself, is the Sabbath—the seventh day of the week. Adventists "keep" the Sabbath, and we find that it profoundly impacts our understanding of the mystery of God's goodness and grace.

When we bow in worship, He is there for us. When we stop and pray, He is there for us. When we keep the Sabbath holy, He is there for us. When we read His word and think of His blessings, He is there for us.

When we gather as a church in the name of Christ, He is there for us. When we stand up against evil, He is there for us. At our birth, and at our death—at every moment in between—He is there for us. When the world will come to an end, He will be there for us. Seventh-day Adventists believe that God spends time with humanity in a personal way. And that He does it every day, every week, in every life, always.



SCOPE AND GOALS

Program Highlights

Working with local, regional, and national partners, *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* is privileged to provide resources and program support for projects throughout North America and around the world.

50% of all funds are allocated for local and state-wide projects, such as:

- Community Service Centers
- Tutoring and mentoring projects
- Health clinics and health screening programs
- Job training and placement programs
- Disaster response

10% of all funds are allocated for national disaster response and inner-city programs, such as:

- Warehousing and distribution of food and supplies
- Tutoring initiatives
- Community Service training and support

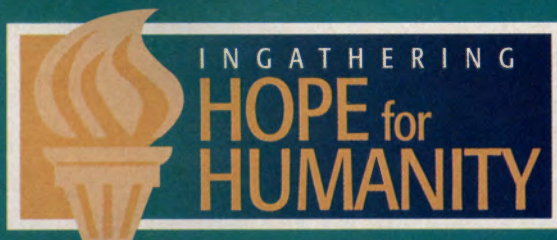
40% of all funds are allocated for international development and relief projects, such as:

- Sustainable agricultural projects
- Primary health projects
- Basic education projects
- Economic development projects
- Disaster response and preparedness

Because the administrative, management, and promotional expenses incurred by *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* are cared for by other funding resources, 100% of the money collected through donations to the annual *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* appeal and campaign is directed to program and project support.

Ingathering: Hope for Humanity takes seriously the idea of "Help for today, hope for tomorrow." In partnership with local implementing organizations, *Ingathering: Hope for Humanity* seeks to develop new and effective ways in which basic human needs may be met and communities might realize their greatest potential.





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FOR AS LONG AS WE HAVE BEEN A church, Seventh-day Adventists have understood the close relationship between physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Adventist hospitals and health-care systems touch literally thousands of lives a year.

Not every contact turns into a baptism. But each of those patients—and, by extension, their families and friends—know something about Christ's mission of compassion and mercy through the healing ministries provided by Adventist doctors, nurses, and other health-care professionals.

Throughout North America the foundational philosophy of medical care has gone from making sick people well to teaching healthy people how to stay that way, a primary component of the Adventist health message from the very beginning. On the following pages you'll catch a glimpse of some of the creative ways Adventist health-care professionals are ministering to the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—through the ministry of the Adventist health message.—*Editors.*



In a hurting world, sufferers need more than platitudes.

The Way to Soup, Soap, and Salvation

BY JANE ALLEN QUEVEDO

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$40,000? Dr. John Harvey Kellogg didn't have to think for a minute how to spend the money offered by John Wessels, a wealthy Seventh-day Adventist from South Africa. Kellogg had been praying for funds to open a medical mission in Chicago.

So, with \$40,000 in the bank, Kellogg went from Battle Creek to Chicago, the Windy City, in 1893 in search of "the dirtiest, wickedest, neediest spot" to set up a mission. He found a dirty old basement big enough to house a bathhouse, soup kitchen, and clinic.

As soon as the basement was thoroughly cleaned, painted, and equipped, men from the streets began coming in, 30 or 40 a day. Their clothes would be washed and fumigated. They'd get a hot bath and set of clean clothes if they needed them. One day a week the mission doors were open to women and children.

Close to 400 people crowded into the basement for the evening Bible class and steaming bowls of hot bean soup that they could buy for only a penny. The story is told of one man who invited a friend inside, telling him, "Here's where you get soup, soap, and salvation."

Author Caroline Louise Clough says, "This little bathhouse was like the inn on the Jericho road in Bible times, only here were hundreds of men, instead of one as in the Bible story, who had fallen among thieves. Many of them had had their hearts as well as their heads broken." At the mission the dedicated staff "patched the broken heads and limbs and asked God to heal the broken hearts."

The work of the Chicago Medical Mission grew. Soon there were a dozen or more efforts under way throughout the city, including home care of the sick and needy, jail ministry, a home for unwed mothers, dispensaries, cottage meetings, a magazine, and a rug-making industry. The missions also provided Chicago with about 2,000 street cleaners at no cost to the city.

Under the direction of Dr. David Paulson, the Chicago mission work provided the clinical division for Dr. Kellogg's medical college based in Battle Creek. Paulson later set up a home for unwed mothers in nearby Hinsdale, and in 1905 he and his wife, Dr. Mary Paulson, founded the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital.

Jane Allen Quevedo, of Oxford, Florida, is coauthoring a collection of human-interest stories from the histories of Adventist hospitals. The source for the story of the Chicago missions is His Name Was David, by Caroline Louise Clough, Review and Herald, 1955.

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“Your Baby Has a Problem”

BY BOB WOOLFORD

I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR baby has a problem.” There are no more chilling words than these to new parents. Those words signal the beginning of an unexpected journey, the beginning of life with a child who has special needs—something parents hadn’t bargained for.

But since 1976 Shawnee Mission Medical Center has provided an outreach program that offers support, therapy, and education for special children and their parents. Named for its founder, the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center has touched the lives of more than 4,000 challenged children. The center is dedicated to serving children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 6, providing a unique program that involves parents, siblings, and peer models in the process of therapeutic treatment and education. The center serves more than 100 children annually. A staff of 14 highly trained specialists in therapy and special education provide the compassion, care, and expertise to help each child reach his or her maximum potential in a school-like environment.

Lee Ann Britain started her program in 1972 in the basement of a church with a modest federal grant and a whole lot of enthusiasm. Her college training had shown her that there were no programs for children with special needs. At best they were kept at home, where parents did the best they could to help their child advance; at worst, they were confined to an institution for “safekeeping.” When her grant money ran out and her roof started leaking, but with more and more children to serve, Lee Ann knew she needed help. She explained her program and circumstance to Shawnee Mission Medical Center administrators and she found a new home. The center is a clear manifestation of the Adventist mission of service to others.

The Foundation for Shawnee Mission Medical Center, through its outreach program, has raised nearly \$4 million with its annual Tiny Tim Holiday Fantasy event. These funds help underwrite the costs of the program so that scarce

medical center resources are not diverted from direct patient care. In addition, an endowment fund is used to ensure that no child is denied service for lack of parental income.

Acclaimed as one of the finest programs of its type in the region and nation, the center attracts dignitaries of national stature to observe the program in action. Former presidential candidates Bob Dole and Al Gore have both been guests. But among the most distinguished guests was America’s “most trusted individual,” Walter Cronkite, and his wife, Betsy.

After touring the center, Cronkite commented on the work of the center at a luncheon to honor donors and friends. “To see those children, the work being done by the volunteers, and the staff, and indeed the parents . . . it’s just unbelievable what you do. The personal attention given and the devotion given is so heartening, so incredible,” he said.



AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS:
Walter Cronkite signs an autograph for a young admirer during his visit to the Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center.

And “that’s the way it is” at Shawnee Mission Medical Center’s Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center.

Bob Woolford is assistant to the chief executive officer of Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

Healing Lives, Changing Hearts

BY KEVIN EDGERTON

A strong hospital is an asset to any community. Yet today's health-care environment puts small community hospitals at a distinct disadvantage. Personnel shortages, low payments, managed care, government regulations, high-cost technology, limited access to capital, and other challenges demand resources the average community hospital simply does not have.

As a result, most small hospitals today align with large parent organizations. This has meant remarkable growth for the Orlando-based Adventist Health System (AHS)—with a corresponding strengthening of its ability to reach more people and communities, and thereby further extending the healing ministry of Christ.

In 2000 alone, five Florida community hospitals became part of the Adventist Health System family. Among them was the four-hospital Memorial Health Systems, a community owned not-for-profit system based in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Memorial's community owners chose Adventist Health System, in part for the spiritual dimension it would bring to their culture, says Rich Reiner, executive vice president of

AHS Florida Division.

From the Great Lakes to Texas to central Florida, dozens of communities trust AHS to provide the health-care services they need. The system presently consists of 35 hospitals, 25 nursing homes, and more than 80 home health agencies, as well as other business entities. While it's a privilege to serve, it is an awesome responsibility at the same time.

"If we believe Christian-based health care is the best in the world, then we have a moral obligation to ensure its future," says Terry Shaw, AHS chief financial officer. "With success come increased resources, a deeper pool of leadership talent, a broader scope of services, and an increased ability to support smaller hospitals or smaller affiliated businesses."

The concept of large organizations helping small ones is not new to Seventh-day Adventist health care. The church's large organizations have been helping small ones ever since the days of the Battle Creek Sanitarium in the 1800s. Today the concept continues through the church's health systems.

Kevin Edgerton is director of corporate communication for the Adventist Health System in Florida.

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A Lifeline of Hope

BY ROBERT E. JEPSON

ALONE TEENAGER CALLS AT 2:00 a.m. and needs someone to talk to because she says her parents won't listen. A frantic father just found a note that his only son has run away from home. A 15-year-old boy, along with his best friend, decided to leave home for New York City, but has a change of heart and wants to come home.

Hundreds of times each year these types of scenes are repeated with kids, parents, and families in Montgomery County, Maryland, an affluent but increasingly urban suburb of Washington, D.C.

Runaway kids is a problem that receives relatively little notice, but one that has a devastating impact on the lives of people in the community served by Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, a 170-bed freestanding psychiatric hospital operated by Adventist HealthCare in Rockville, Maryland.

"We view ourselves as much more than a treatment facility. Our mission involves education and the proactive treatment of behavioral health problems that exist in our community," says Craig Juengling, president of Potomac Ridge and regional vice president of Behavioral Health Services for Adventist HealthCare.

In 1991 Potomac Ridge joined forces with the Montgomery County Police Department to develop a unique public-private partnership to provide crisis intervention and ongoing treatment options for runaways and their families.

"This is a complex social issue that involves many different dynamics, including youth with potential emotional/behavioral problems, issues between a child and their family, and other relationship concerns," notes Debbie Riley, M.S., cofounder of Operation Runaway, who remains a consultant to the program. "The police pick up many of these kids, and it's a problem that is much more complex than simply returning the child to their family."

The Operation Runaway program has a toll-free number (1-800-204-8600) that anyone (a child, parent, or police) can call 24 hours a day to arrange for access to a licensed professional counselor who can provide crisis intervention. In addition, Operation Runaway operates a weekly support group meeting for kids and their family members that promotes open communication and ongoing conflict resolution.

The Operation Runaway coalition has evolved into a community-based partnership that, in addition to Potomac Ridge and the Montgomery County Police, now includes the Montgomery County Public Schools, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and several other public and private agencies. This community-based partnership is unique to the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region and to many parts of the country.

Robert E. Jepson is regional director of communications for Adventist HealthCare, which operates Seventh-day Adventist health-care facilities in Maryland and New Jersey.

Quilts Provide More Than Warmth



GOT YOU COVERED: Judith Baugh (left), pictured with Tracy Beaulieu, her hospice nurse, was the sixth Adventist Health hospice patient to receive a quilt made by Juanita Ramer.

JUANITA RAMER found a practical way to pick up the pieces after her husband, Titus, died in early 2000. She makes quilts and gives them away.

For a number of years this busy 85-year-old, who lives near Portland, Oregon, has donated quilts to the sick. After Titus died, she began making them for Adventist Health hospice patients too.

Materials for her colorful quilts are all donated, but it takes Juanita's quick needle and steady hand to create the cozy covers.

She cuts the fabric in squares and sews them together to form the quilt top. For the inside layer or filling, she uses discarded hospital blankets from the Adventist Medical Center (AMC) laundry. The backs or linings are made from used-but-still-good bedsheets. Finally she ties all three layers together with dozens of yarn knots. Lately she's begun stenciling an angel in one corner of each finished quilt. While she doesn't keep an accurate count, she figures she's made about 30.

"Our patients love the quilts," says

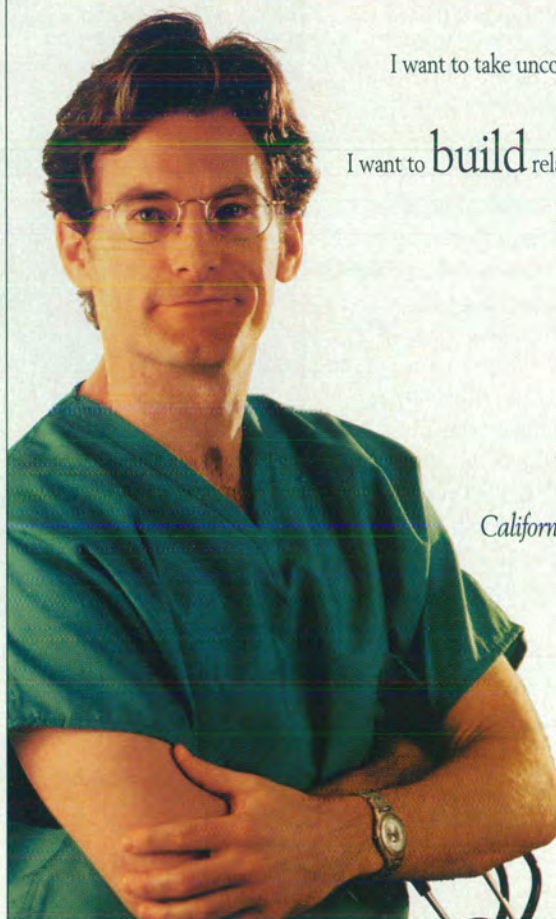
Judi Swan, hospice manager. On a recent visit to one home, the patient proudly showed her the blue pieced blanket that his caregivers had selected especially for him.

"I like to think of Juanita's quilts as an illustration of our mission," says Swan. "Hospice brings together multiple disciplines to improve our patients' quality of life. Like the quilts, we are here to provide warmth, support, and comfort in time of need."

Reported by the staff of the Adventist Health Corporate Communication Department, Roseville, California.



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Community Garden Promotes Healthy Choices

SINCE LAST FALL COMMUNITY members and employees at White Memorial Medical Center/Adventist Health (WMMC) in East Los Angeles have joined to form Proyecto Jardín ("Community Garden"). Through combined efforts they have converted a vacant half-acre lot owned by WMMC into a vegetable garden.

Robert Krochmal, M.D., a medical resident in White Memorial's family practice residency program, along with Pastor Archie Tupas, director of the Los Angeles Development and Relief Agency (LADRA), a local affiliate of Adventist Community Services, created Proyecto Jardín to be a positive influence and reveal the Creator through nature to the inner city neighborhood surrounding the 350-bed hospital.

Dr. Krochmal previously participated in a community garden in Venice, California. "The basis of the garden is nurturing the local community. Gardens foster community spirit, cultural and artistic expression, and healthy environments by building bridges among groups," says Krochmal. "By creating gardens with their own hands, young people experience deeper understandings of nature and catch a glimpse of the Creator of all things."

Creating a community garden in an urban setting provides a focal point for neighborhood beautification. It provides desperately needed space where individuals can find common ground in a safe, inspiring environment. The garden produces opportunities for children to discover freshly grown vegetables, make nourishing food choices, and feel healthy.

Vegetables are harvested on an ongoing basis. So far lettuce, corn, squash, cabbage, beets, cilantro, and tomatoes have been planted. The vegetables grown at Proyecto Jardín are shared among those who have worked in growing them.

Proyecto Jardín is coordinated by volunteers from the community, in collaboration between White Memorial, LADRA, Bridge Street Elementary School, Adventist church groups, and



AT HOME IN THE 'HOOD: Children from East Los Angeles gather weekly to help Robert Krochmal, M.D., a resident at White Memorial Medical Center, with the development of the community garden. Kids also learn about nutrition and health, and making wise food choices.

other local organizations. More than 2,500 volunteer hours have gone into the garden thus far.

"We believe that inspiring a curiosity and respect for the natural world will build healthy communities in the larger context of the health of our planet. This in turn will draw people closer to God," said Tupas.

Reported by the staff of the Adventist Health Corporate Communication Department, Roseville, California.

CHAPLAINS ARE like 7-Elevens," says Larry Huston, chaplain at Castle Medical Center/Adventist Health on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. "We never close, and we never carry more than \$20 in our pockets."



THANK HEAVEN: Chaplain Larry Huston models his ministry after Christ's earthly ministry.

Chaplain Huston works to bring light into the hospital, using Matthew 25:45 as his

milk shake from Jack-in-the-Box because "they're da bess kine." Huston got it for him.

The night before Bobbie died, Huston went to his bedside, where they talked and prayed.

I was sick and you visited me.

Many years ago Ellen White spoke of the light that was to shine forth from Adventist health centers. That mission continues today, thanks in large part to the ministry of dedicated chaplains.

Center, occupying a tiny space outside the Emergency Department entrance where he smoked cigarettes, drank coffee, and read the morning paper. He was a private person, letting only a few people into his life. Huston was one of the rare few.

"If we put together all we knew about Bobbie, it would fill about a half page, double-spaced, wide margins," says Huston.

Another time Bobbie wanted a

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model. One time that meant reading a poem to a patient coming to terms with her own death. Another it meant sitting on a beach observing every detail so he could report the whole experience to a bedridden patient who could not go to the beach himself.

Bobbie lived the last days of his life at Castle Medical

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Millions of children are growing up in single-parent homes. But that's going to change.

Turning the Hearts of the Fathers

BY RICK KAJIURA

WHEN Andre got out of prison in 1998, the first thing he wanted to do was get his son back from the adoption agency. Today Andre's eyes shine as he tells how his son lives with him and recently made the honor roll in school. "I didn't want him to go through what I went through," Andre says.

Andre is one of more than 6,000 fathers whose lives have been dramatically changed by the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization (IRFFR), an organization that is fast attracting national attention for combating fatherlessness.

For Andre, changing his life and getting his son back wasn't simple. It took hard work, many changes, and a lot of determination. "I took a finance program and learned to budget," Andre says. "I now have two credit cards. I got married and became a family man."

A Man With an Idea

Seventh-day Adventist Charles Ballard founded the



IT'S A FAMILY THING: Thomas Fulford, Jr., and his wife, Anita (center), model family values to neighborhoods where intact, nuclear families are the exception rather than the rule.

institute, as it's called by insiders, in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1982. Now headquartered in Washington, D.C., and guided by Ballard and his wife, Frances, chief operating officer of the institute and a former health-care administrator, the institute has offices in

12 cities across the U.S., with requests to expand into more cities and states. In fact, interest in the program is so great that Representative Wally Herger (R-Calif.), chair of the House Ways

and Means subcommittee for human resources, visited the institute's Washington, D.C., site in April. Herger and several key staff members spent several unhurried hours meeting institute staff and listening to fathers tell their stories. "If you can do it, that gives us all hope," Herger said. "Not just hope, but the realization that if you can do it, others can do it too."

The increased interest in fatherlessness comes as study after study shows a correlation between fatherlessness and many of society's problems. As far back as 1993 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics reported that fatherless children

have a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, suicide, poor educational performance, teen pregnancy, and criminality. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 85 percent of all children exhibiting behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes, and a National Principal's Association report says that 75 percent of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

A Case Study

Kenith and Scyretty Sandifer are the institute's managing partners in Cleveland, Ohio. They are not Seventh-day Adventists, but they are devout Christians. A couple for 20 years, they have been married for 14 of those years. A few years ago they were homeless, living with their four children in a 1985 Cadillac Seville. "I couldn't make the car payments," Kenith recalls. "So we had to stay on the move. I couldn't let them repossess the car, because I didn't know where we were going to sleep."

The Sandifers grew up in Ford Heights, Illinois, then one of the poorest communities in the nation. The only gas station closed down because of a murder, Scyretty recalls. There were two stoplights and one corner grocery, but there were three or four liquor stores and three discos, she adds. "Back then there were only two kinds of people living there," Scyretty says. "Either you did drugs or you sold drugs." The rough neighborhood took its toll. Scyretty had her first child at 16. Kenith served a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps. "I realized that was not the place for me to be," he says. "I was discharged, but my discharge was less than honorable."

Kenith floated around from job to job and started using drugs recreationally. When he got a job and had some money, his drug use increased. "I lost everything—my home, my car, my self-respect."

It was at this point that the couple decided something had to be done. Standing on the street corner, Kenith told his family, "You guys would be better off without me." Scyretty had



R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Betsy Roman (left), an outreach specialist in San Diego, consults with Manuella Almendarez, an IRFFR protégé. Because many of the staff come from dysfunctional or abusive backgrounds, everyone refers to each other as Mr., Mrs., or Ms.

another idea. "Let's get out of here," she said. The couple borrowed money for gas and headed for Milwaukee. There they met Carl and Glenda Ward, who were working for the institute. Soon they were having sessions with them, and before long they were volunteering in the Milwaukee office. It was there that they met Charles Ballard, the institute's founder, and he started telephone sessions with them. "It changed our lives. It helped our marriage. Even though we had accepted God, we still had problems. This took our marriage to another level and helped our parenting."

Kenith and Scyretty started working for the institute in 1999. In June 2000 they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to head up the institute's office there. On May 15 of this year Kenith and Scyretty were among six recipients awarded the National Service Awards by the Washington Times Foundation in Washington, D.C. It was a bitter-sweet moment for Kenith. The day before the awards ceremony his father passed away. Kenith's parents had intended to fly out for the ceremony. As Kenith was preparing to fly home, his mother told him to go to the ceremony. "Your father was so proud of you," she said. "It's what he would have wanted."

House to House

Eric and Angelia Hall, an Adventist

couple, are managing partners in the institute's Northeast Nashville office in Tennessee. They live and work in a complex they say was jokingly referred to as "Dodge City" because you had to dodge the bullets. Angelia, a trained nurse, met Ballard and started working for the institute. She remembers knocking on doors in the neighborhood in the middle of January with her 2-year-old son in a stroller and talking with mothers and fathers. Some of the young men she met would say, "I don't even know my father," or "He's dead." They had no role models, she says.

Serving as role models is a key part of the institute's success. For the most part, the institute's managing partners are married couples so they can serve as role models to other employees and the community. Employees of the institute don't work in the inner city and commute every day. They live and work in the neighborhoods they serve. They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if there is a crisis in a home. It wasn't long before Eric caught the vision and joined Angelia at the institute.

Angelia and Eric point out that the trend was to move out of the inner city to show you were a success. When doctors, lawyers, and teachers moved out, the strong, positive modeling pillars of the community weren't there anymore. Instead, drug dealers moved in. Children set goals based on other family members or friends in the neighborhood. When the positive role models lived there, they played with the doctor's kids and saw how they lived. Now their role models were dealers and pushers.

Managing partners, such as the Halls, Fulfords, and Sandifers, work with a team of outreach specialists. Each outreach specialist carries a case-load of three to five cases every month. Using creative questions, they help their clients (or protégés, as the institute calls them) look at their lives and their families to begin resolving their own issues. Institute staff members don't tell them what they need to change. Instead they help them see themselves and recognize what they

They Call Him "Mr. Ballard"

BY STEPHEN CHAVEZ

Charles Ballard's story could hardly be more dramatic. He was born in Dogwood, Alabama (now called Underwood), one of six children. His father, a coal miner, had to be institutionalized because of an emotional breakdown. The three oldest boys went to live with their grandparents, and the three youngest—including Ballard—stayed with their mother, who raised them in a single-parent home.

Ballard suffered with a severe stutter, and became a shy loner in high school. Functionally illiterate, he dropped out of school in tenth grade, and by the age of 16 he had fathered a child. Influenced by one of his older brothers, Ballard enlisted in the U.S. Army and trained to be a paratrooper.

While he was in the Army his drinking and fighting brought several brushes with the law. In 1959 he was picked out of a police lineup because his appearance resembled someone who was wanted for assault. He was tried, sentenced to three years of hard labor, and given an "undesirable discharge" from the Army.

Angry, frustrated, and full of hatred, he found his life changed when a fellow inmate came to his cell and began reading from the Bible. "I kept saying, 'Old man, I don't want to mess with you,'" he remembers. But the inmate began reading, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Ps. 103:1).

"I don't recall to this day what I did," says Ballard, "but I do recall that the next morning I felt very fresh." That was the beginning of a spiritual awakening that eventually led Ballard to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the meantime, the change in his life was so obvious to the prison staff that Ballard was released from prison after serving just eight months and 13 days of his sentence.

After being away for five and a half years Ballard went back to see the mother of his child. "I went and apologized to my child's mother for leaving," he says. In his absence the woman had done something incredibly gracious. "She kept a picture of me on the end table," he remembers. "Every morning she would tell [my son] that I was a hero, serving in the Army. And at night, before bed, she would say I was a hero. There wasn't a war going on, but she knew that telling the truth would cause my son to hate me."

When he began looking for work, Ballard's son begged to go with him. "I said, 'I can't take care of you; I can't even take care of myself.' I had a bad military discharge, a prison record, and a whole set of problems," he recalls. "But we were never homeless, we were never hungry, and we made it."

Ballard's job search led him to Oakwood College, in

Huntsville, Alabama, where he got a job working in the laundry. He was baptized, and enrolled in college. He planned to be a physical therapist, but he got a D average in all of his classes. He recalls the college dean saying, "Don't come back. You're not college material."

Rising to the challenge, Ballard became a serious student and graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in sociology. He received his master's degree from Case Western University.

While working at a community health center in Cincinnati, Ballard noticed that the babies of women who had no relationship with the fathers had a mortality rate 85 percent higher than those of women who were married or living with the fathers of their children. "I began to put together a program that included exercise, nutrition, no smoking, no alcohol, and so on," he says.

In 1978 Ballard received a grant from the Carter administration to develop a program to prevent teenage fatherhood. But in the course of nearly 10 years he realized that those who were becoming teenaged fathers had, in most cases, been fathered by teenaged fathers.

"Without knowing it, we had created a transgenerational study between fathers, grandfathers, and the infant."

Over the years the verses in Malachi 4:5, 6 have become Ballard's *raison d'être*. He sees the healing of relationships between husbands and wives, children and parents, young and

old, and rich and poor to be one of the most important activities God's people can be involved in. "The fatherhood message is the 'left arm' of the Adventist message," he maintains. "In the past we've had the health message, the 'right arm,' but we've been like a bird with a broken wing, flying around in circles."

Ballard and his Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Revitalization have been raising the nation's consciousness about the deep-seated problems related to teen pregnancy and fatherless homes. In the past five years the institute has received nearly \$11 million from the U.S. Department of Labor to establish programs to strengthen the family. Ballard and his wife, Frances, have been honored at White House ceremonies by two presidents, and their work has been profiled by CBS, CNN, and the Washington Post.

But Ballard, soft-spoken and intense, is not satisfied. "America is becoming a fatherless society," he says. "Mothers are raising children by themselves. You never see a football or basketball player on TV saying, 'Hi, Dad.' It's always 'Hi, Mom.'"

Charles Ballard is out to change that.



HIGH PROFILE: Charles Ballard (right) entertains U.S. Representative Wally Herger (R-Calif.) at one of the institute's centers in Washington, D.C.

Stephen Chavez is an assistant editor of the Adventist Review.

want to change. They call it “turning hearts.” When the heart is changed, everything else follows. The institute’s corporate vision statement, “Turning the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers,” is based on Malachi 4:5, 6.

Outreach specialists undergo an extensive training program led by founder Charles Ballard. Although not all the staff are Adventists, the program is based on biblical and Spirit of Prophecy principles of family and fatherhood. And it’s working.

One young father had seen his 6-month-old only once because he denied being the father. When outreach specialists started working with him he began voluntarily paying child support. He also started visiting and helping the mother and providing transportation for the child. When the case came to court the judge asked if he wanted to take a paternity test. “If you contest later, you will have to pay for the test yourself,” the judge said. As the young father turned to look back, his baby held out its hands and said, “Daddy.” He didn’t contest that he was the father.

“Working for the institute is one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done in my life,” Angelia says. “Even though we are working with the current generation, what we do will impact generations to come. Children look at their relationship with their fathers and treat their own children the same way.”

Closer to Home

Thomas Fulford, Jr., (pictured on page 50) is a managing partner, and his wife, Anita, is an outreach specialist for the institute’s southwest Philadelphia office. “I was raised in a good Adventist home and educated at private schools,” Fulford says. But his life spiraled downward, and he started using drugs and committing crimes to support his addiction. One day after he finished attending a Christ-centered rehab program, Fulford walked into Ballard’s office to volunteer. “I didn’t need money,” he said. “But I needed a

good environment or the money would go back into drugs.” Fulford volunteered for 60 days; after those 60 days Ballard hired him.

In May of 1995 Fulford relapsed and was back on drugs. Things went from bad to worse. Fulford was caught, convicted, and sentenced to prison for three and a half years for bank robbery.

“I would have sessions with Mr. Ballard,” Fulford recalls. “He promised



TWO BY TWO: The institute mandates mentoring relationships. Here outreach specialist Walter Smith (right) reviews progress among the families that protégé Robert Turner works with.

if I got my life together he would hire me back.” It was while he was in prison that Fulford found Christ. “Although I had been an Adventist all my life and had even been a deacon, I was never really converted,” he says. “I had a lot of time in prison. That’s when I bought into the gospel of Jesus. I got to know Him. It was a one-on-one thing with Christ. You know the verse, ‘Train up a child in the way he should go . . .’ I had all the training in me.”

When he got out of prison, Ballard did take him back. “Mr. Ballard has seen me at my worst,” Fulford says. “He didn’t pass judgment on me. He saw not what I was, but what I could be.”

Fulford was assigned to the Washington, D.C., office, where he worked as an outreach specialist going door to door. At first people are surprised that someone is knocking on their door, and a little suspicious, he

says. But the program is working. In August 2000 one of Fulford’s protégés was named Father of the Year by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Fulford describes the job’s biggest challenge: “You put yourselves out there for the people,” he says. “And some of them break your heart when they reject your help or aren’t willing to change. They don’t see the possibility in their lives.”

But many have seen the possibility in their lives, and the institute has the track record to prove it. It targets those considered hardest to serve, and it has shown startling success in helping people become productive, contributing members of society. Since 1998 the institute has achieved the highest rate of job retention among Welfare to Work providers with the U.S. Department of Labor.

When Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, conducted an independent study of the effectiveness of the institute’s program, they found that 97 percent of fathers spent more time with their children and provided more financial support. The study

also revealed that 96 percent had improved their relationship with the mother of their child or children, 92 percent had developed positive values and attitudes, 70 percent had completed 12 years of education and nearly 12 percent at least one year of college, and 62 percent are employed full-time and 11 percent part-time.

Institute founder Ballard is quick to attribute the success to God. After all, the institute is based on placing Christian married couples in disadvantaged communities around the country to model the dynamics of Christian living, bringing hope and quality of life, and reseeding neighborhoods with examples of joyful, loving, successful Christian families.

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News Notes From North America

ADVENTIST CHURCH IN CANADA

British Columbia Conference—A program for church planting in rural communities is yielding positive results. The Chimney Valley company is finding success with Bible study, cooking, and stress programs, and the addition of two literature evangelists from Canada Youth Challenge. Members who have not attended for years, and visitors, are beginning to attend services from unexpected contacts. "This is the first time we have understood God," said one visitor.

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE

Northeastern Conference—Tip Top Health Food Store, owned and operated by Helen Arnold, a member of the Victory Temple church in Buffalo, New York, was featured in an issue of the *Buffalo Challenger*, a local newspaper. The article recommended Tip Top to anyone seeking to "eat and live better."

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

New Jersey Conference—The Maranatha-Karibu church in Jersey City celebrated its first anniversary, the result of six Kenyans starting a small group where now 70 Africans band together for weekly Sabbath worship services.

Ohio Conference—Two Spring Valley Academy students were honored for service and leadership. Lisal Stevens was nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program. Andrew Stadnik won the 2001 Dayton LaSertoma Club's Youth Service Award.

Columbia Union College—Eighty-one-year-old Iris E. Royster, of Silver Spring, Maryland, graduated in this year's commencement ceremony. Royster began her college experience in 1939 at Princess Anne College, now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, but the program was canceled at the outbreak of World War II. As Royster crossed the platform to receive her diploma, one audience member shouted, "Go, Mom!"



MID AMERICA UNION CONFERENCE

Dakota Conference—A woman stopped by the Good Samaritan Center in Redfield, South Dakota, to show the quilt her family received from the center. She noticed that pieces of the quilt were from clothing her mother had worn. A year and a half prior to this her mom had died, and her clothes were donated to a secondhand store in Aberdeen, South Dakota. How they came to Redfield to be pieced into a quilt is still a mystery, and more amazing is that this particular quilt was chosen to be given to that particular family—a family who could identify every piece of the quilt and to whom it would mean so much.

Rocky Mountain Conference—Adventist Community Services of Denver celebrated 50 years of operation in June. It was founded in 1951 by Rose Gates and Pauline Hart, who began this humanitarian work in a small house. The mission of ACS has always been to help meet the needs of the disenfranchised, the poor, the homeless, and the hurting. Last year this agency assisted approximately 30,000 people through its family services program, disaster response, mobile medical van, and tutoring/mentoring.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Oregon Conference—Columbia Adventist Academy's Knowledge Bowl varsity team has for the fourth consecutive year won a divisional title. The team will not continue to state or national championships, since further competitions are held on Sabbath. However, team members are of good cheer. "Even if we never get to compete at state, we will continue to represent Christ and our school in this mind-stretching activity," said one competitor.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Northern California Conference—The Napa church received an International Web Page Award that includes recognition of major organizations, placing the Napa church in a rather elite group. Pastor Marvin Wray believes the award will draw a lot of traffic to the site, "and hopefully lead to a few converts as well." The site's address is: www.napasdachurch.com.

Central California Conference—A Visalia church Pathfinder has been selected as a member of the 2001 READ California Page Flippers Kids Advisory Council. Ten-year-old Mark Bennet was chosen from among 1,200 fourth- through sixth-grade students by the governor's Office of the Secretary for Education. When not playing his trumpet, drawing, or competing in sports, Bennet likes to read, saying, "Books can help you go places."



La Sierra University—Students are using chickens to help an Adventist elementary school and an orphanage in Trinidad, Mexico. The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) set up the Little Red Hen Project, purchasing 50 chickens and building coops for them to live in next to the school and orphanage. Now the chickens are producing about 140 eggs each week, generating 560 pesos of income per month for kids who are participating the project and learning practical business skills.

SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Georgia-Cumberland Conference—Pastor Joel DeWild, of the Thomaston and Griffin districts in

Georgia, had an amazing week. Sunday he saved a life in a restaurant by applying the Heimlich maneuver and dislodging some food from an elderly man's throat. The next day he visited an elderly member of his church and noticed her troubled breathing. He called paramedics, who arrived to find her unconscious. That Thursday he and his family had a private meeting with President George W. Bush to discuss medical-insurance needs facing families.

Southeastern Conference—Devon Carter, a fifth-grade honor roll student at Perrine Seventh-day Adventist School, won the sixty-first annual Miami-Dade-Monroe Elementary School Spelling Bee title. Out of 200 fourth and fifth graders competing for the title, Carter beat out the final 22 contestants by spelling "peripety" (a sudden or unexpected reversal of circumstances in literary work). (*Taken originally from the Miami Herald.*)

Southeastern Conference—The mayor of Apopka, Florida, recently proclaimed a Karen Flanders Day in honor of Flanders' tireless work in helping to improve the quality of life for residents in south Apopka. The same day the Mount Olive church cel-

ebrated her retirement from the Community Services Department. Orange County commissioners also gave her a proclamation for her many achievements, including the organization of the first Neighborhood Watch program, working to clean vacant lots and yards, and renovating homes for the underprivileged. The Orange County Sheriff's Department gave her the Citizen Citation Award, the highest award given to a person for community involvement.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

Southwest Region Conference—The Baton Rouge Berean church's juvenile prison ministry program was recognized by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Evelyn Edwards, who began the ministry 24 years ago, was presented a certificate by a chaplain from the Jetson Correctional Center in Baker, Louisiana, where Edwards and her associates minister every fourth Sabbath.

Compiled by Ansel Oliver from reports that recently appeared in North America's union papers.



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Volunteer-based Ministry Impacts Community

BY JENNIFER MAE BARIZO, ADVENTIST REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Ido things for people and expect nothing in return," states Yvonne Vanderhorst, volunteer director of the academic enrichment program of Prepare Our Youth, Inc. (POY), which specializes in education and counseling services to children and youth.

Her statement could be coined as the motto of POY, the non-profit organization operating out of Washington, D.C., that is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year.

Three Vanderhorst siblings—Yvonne; Stevan, executive director; and Ronnie, outreach director—make up the small full-time staff of the organization, which has ministered to more than 50,000 people in the past two decades.

In the Beginning

Organized in 1981, POY began as a tutorial service but has since expanded to include the areas of counseling, education, and outreach. According to Stevan, it is now a "full-time ministry" that provides a comprehensive response to educational, social, and spiritual needs of children, youth, and families.

Individual and family counseling

covers family- and youth-related issues such as violence prevention, substance abuse, HIV prevention education, and teen sexuality. Premarital and marital counseling, as well as parenting and management skills, are included in the ministries of POY.

It is the Vanderhorsts' belief that education can combat the causes of

Globe Trotter

As outreach director, Ronnie travels approximately 35 weeks a year. Eighty percent of this outreach time is spent conducting seminars, workshops, and Weeks of Prayer for Adventist youth in schools and churches throughout the North American Division. A sought-after public speaker, Ronnie has facilitated sensitivity, diversity, and minority relations seminars throughout the country, as well as offering training and consultation to various churches, schools, prisons, community and grassroots organizations, and corporations. He has made appearances at such academic institutions as Andrews Uni-



LOVE IN ACTION: From left to right, Stevan, Yvonne, and Ronnie Vanderhorst, three siblings who are the full-time staff of Prepare Our Youth, Inc.

juvenile delinquency and violence.

"We want to encourage youth and instill respect and responsibility in them toward their family and community," says Stevan.

"It's a ministry of health, hope, and healing," states Ronnie, who has counseled youth from various denominations. "It may not always be about religion, but it's always about relationships."

versity, Loma Linda University, Oakwood College, and Columbia Union College. National organizations such as Blacks in Government and the Urban League have featured him in annual presentations. Most recently he was the keynote youth speaker at the Florida Conference camp meeting.

Ronnie was also the keynote speaker at Baltimore Department of Human Resources' substance abuse

conference. His topic, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome), was the same topic on which he conducted a workshop at the recent Adventist youth congress in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"We have to empower youth," states Ronnie. "It is our legacy, and the act of doing so is our reward."

Yvonne, with a doctoral degree in education administration, is the tutorial director of POY and has been tutoring since her freshman year in college. "I've been tutoring for 30 years, for free," she says. She has tutored more than 1,000 children under the auspices of POY.

"I've taught the alphabet to algebra, from phonics to poetry," she notes. "It's my way of preparing children for eternity."



PREPARING YOUTH: Tanya Green and her son Edward, shown working on one of the computer tutorials, were both involved in POY.

One of Many

Yvonne is one of the many POY volunteers who tutor children and adults. Excelie Cruickshank says that four generations of the Cruickshank family have been involved in POY.

"I marvel at how much my daughter and granddaughter benefited from the

tutorials and activities that POY provided," expresses Cruickshank, the great-grandmother of Kiara Street, who was also tutored by Yvonne.

Stevan affirms that volunteers are the backbone of POY, and says there can be as many as 30 volunteers at any given time. Many are students at Takoma Academy or college students involved in the Teach-A-Kid program at Columbia Union College, in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Raven White, who is currently an office assistant in the Video Production Department at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in Silver Spring, Maryland, volunteered for Prepare Our Youth after she graduated from high school. "I praise God for this program," White says. "It

U.S. Court: CUC Can Receive State Funds

A Seventh-day Adventist college in Maryland is eligible to receive state government funding, a U.S. court ruled on June 26. The decision comes after an 11-year quest by Columbia Union College to gain funding under the Sellinger Program, a state program that distributes grants to private colleges in Maryland.

"Columbia Union College is pleased and satisfied with the results of the decision," said Randal Wisbey, president of CUC, in a statement released June 28.

Columbia Union College cannot be excluded from the Sellinger Program solely because of its religious nature, said a three-member panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. By denying a grant only on the basis of religion, "the government risks discriminating against a class of citizens solely because of faith," the court said.

Direct state funding of CUC

would not violate the United States Constitution's establishment clause "because state aid is allocated on a neutral basis to an institution of higher education which will not use the funds for any sectarian purpose," wrote Chief Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson.

CUC first applied for funds under the Sellinger Program in 1990. In 1992 state officials denied its application on the basis that CUC was "pervasively sectarian"—that the religious and secular purposes of the school were so intertwined that they could not be separated. Thus the religious purpose of CUC would inevitably be advanced by any government funding, the state argued.

However, a district court ruled in August 2000 that CUC is not fundamentally different from the religious schools that currently receive aid under the program; and so to deny CUC funding would violate the prin-

ciple of equal protection under the law.

After examining the evidence, the district court said that the Adventist Church "exerted dominance over college affairs" and that hiring and admissions preferences were given to Adventist Church members. But the court also said that the "primary goal and function of Columbia Union College is to provide a secular education even though it has a definite and strong secondary goal to teach with a 'Christian vision.'"

In CUC's June 28 statement Wisbey reaffirmed the college's commitment to its Statement of Community Ethos, saying, "We value faith in God, we celebrate the goodness of creation, the dignity of diverse peoples and the possibility of human transformation. Through worship and shared life we uphold spiritual integrity and are committed to achieving it."—*Adventist News Network*.

educates kids, and education is the key that gives youth the choice and the chance to make something of their future."

According to one volunteer, the POY tutorial program is more than tutoring. "It is about giving undivided attention to a child who might not have that luxury at home." He adds, "As a volunteer, I really feel as if I make a difference in the child's life."

Stevan sees POY as an extension of the church into the community. He quotes a passage from *The Ministry of Healing* as POY's mission statement: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'" (p. 143).

"Our motto is 'Love in Action,'" Stevan adds.

As executive director, Stevan is involved in administrative duties and fund-raising. Before cofounding Prepare Our Youth he was director of the District of Columbia's Juvenile Restitution and Diversion program.

"I had a great job with a lot of opportunity for growth, but when God called me, I had to follow Him," says Stevan.

"Our ministry is an extension of our mother's ministry to us," declares Ronnie. Yvonne adds that they nicknamed their mother "President of the National Volunteer Society" because as children they were volunteered by their mother to do everything from pulling weeds to cleaning churches in their community.

Donor Base

POY is a nonprofit organization, and the majority of its funding comes from individual donors. POY is also a

part of the United Way campaign and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which was established by the federal government in 1961. CFC is the only authorized charitable fund-raising campaign for federal employees, both civilian and military. These personnel raise millions of dollars annually through CFC to aid thousands of nonprofit organizations, such as POY.

In the two decades since its inception, POY has counseled more than 1,500 families. More than 800 children and their families have benefited from the food and toy distribution Stevan organizes annually.

"Our services are based on seeds planted, even if we don't see the fruition of the planting," says Ronnie.

According to Stevan, they have never encountered anyone beyond the reach of grace.

"There are a few weeds," Yvonne adds, "but a garden still grows."

NEWS BREAK

Reprieve for Adventist Church in Estonia

The president of Estonia has decided not to approve a law, passed by the national parliament June 13, that would have denied legal registration to religious organizations with foreign leadership. Among the groups that risked losing legal status were Jehovah's Witnesses, the Russian Orthodox Church, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and other Protestant churches.

President Lennart Meri refused to proclaim the law because it contained "disproportionate restrictions to the exercise of freedom of religion," according to a statement released June 29 by the president's press office. The press release cited the Estonian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as an example of a group that would be unfairly impacted by the law. The law was aimed at religious organizations, rather than single congregations. It would have denied registration to those groups whose administrative or economic management takes place abroad, or whose decisions need affirmation by leaders or administration abroad.

Tonu Jugar, president of the Adventist Church in Estonia, had written to President Meri asking him not to approve the law in its current form. He pointed out that

passages in the legislation were in conflict with Estonia's constitution and with international conventions of religious liberty.

Leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church were also vocal about their concerns, telling Keston News Service that the law would mean "the complete delegitimization of our church structure in that country." The law would not have affected the status of the Roman Catholic Church, which operates under a special agreement with the Estonian government brokered by the Vatican.—*Adventist News Network*.

Mission to Seven Churches in Pakistan

On June 17, Patrick Boyle, former pastor of the Stanborough Park church, Watford, England, and Borge Schantz, former head of theology at Newbold College and director of the Islamic Studies Department concluded a major evangelistic outreach in Pakistan. During the series of 12 evangelistic meetings 10 baptismal classes were held and 63 people were baptized in two separate services. A third team member was Schantz's sister, Hanne Schantz, a nurse.

The campaign, which began at the end of May, took place in seven Seventh-day Adventist churches in the semidesert area of Hyderabad, near Karachi, in the south

Storytellers

BY DICK DUERKSEN, DIRECTOR OF MISSION DEVELOPMENT, FLORIDA HOSPITAL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Périgueux, France, July 2001. "Vivid prehistoric paintings that could date to 28,000 B.C. have been found in a cave in western France. The detailed engravings stretch for hundreds of yards," officials say, "depicting people and animals, including bison and rhinoceroses."

The archaeologists are at the cave gallery, searching for tales of the past that may help us understand ourselves. Maybe knowing that our ancestors successfully battled crazed rhinos will make it easier for us to face tomorrow's downtown traffic.

Every culture has left artistic versions of their lives—stories etched in stone, baked onto pottery, woven into clothing, and carved into tools. From those we learn their diet, their fears, their values, their hopes, their religion.

Egyptian tombs and Mayan calendars remind us that time is short. Anasazi sandstone villages and Zimbabwe granite palaces remind us to be wary of the enemy.

Cambodia's Angkor Wat and China's Great Wall remind

us that the gods of earth demand more and more each day.

In the South Pacific conquered enemies become finely shrunk heads, warding off evil spirits above the beds of the victorious. Their grisly lesson is clear—our greatest strength comes from devastating others.

All of that got me thinking about modern art—the stories we are collecting, painting, engraving, manufacturing, and leaving for the future. What values do they describe and what lessons do they teach? Do they elevate individuality to divine status? Do they celebrate the powers of the cruel and murderous? Do they promise that *hope* can be found in financial achievement and *love* in beautifully tucked skin and *faith* in fear-filled worship and *success* in accumulating stuff?

I hope that somewhere in the French cave they find walls dedicated to the transforming power of grace, the beauty of kindness, and the rewards of giving. If not, we may have to paint those ourselves.

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of Pakistan. The team also conducted eight church services (one of which was a Communion service), a seminar for local church officers, a workers' meeting, a child dedication, a church dedication, and a wedding ceremony. They arranged sponsorship for three students to attend Pakistan Adventist Seminary, and for two blind children to attend a Christian school for those who are blind.

Schantz points out that Sabbathkeeping in an Islamic society can bring special problems. "Christians here are regarded as second-class citizens, and in an area of high unemployment and a low standard of living open Sabbathkeeping can have negative consequences.

"The three angels' messages have so far reached fewer than 150 of the more than 800 Christian colonies in Pakistan, where the Christians constitute only about 3 million people out of a population of 140 million," says Schantz.

Blind Bikers Trek Across Middle Tennessee

A team of blind bikers (right, above) successfully crossed 240 miles of middle Tennessee last week, arriving at Indian Creek Camp on Wednesday.

A rainstorm and a bridge outage forced the 10 visually impaired bikers to portage their bikes across a creek six miles short of the camp, but they continued on the trip,



which was sponsored by Christian Record Services and coordinated by National Camps for Blind Children.

Despite minor delays the trip was an overwhelming success, said Sonny Wilmoth, camp coordinator. "Our goal with these events is to equip young blind people with a sense of purpose and teamwork, and to give them a hands-on educational experience in nature," he added. The team biked approximately 70 miles daily.

News Notes

✓ **SAU Hosts Computing Conference.** More than 60 individuals, including web designers, information systems personnel, and ministers interested in promoting outreach through technology, attended ComputingAnd

For Your Good Health

Putting Lunch Box Bugs on Ice

Already making back-to-school plans for your kids or grandkids? Now's the time to do a little food-safety homework for your kids' school lunches. Bacteria love school-room temperatures, which allow them to multiply quickly in the presence of food and moisture. But try some of these suggestions to minimize your child's risk:

- Pack shelf-stable foods, such as canned fruit with pop-top lids, peanut butter, crackers, bottled water, single-serve packets of mayonnaise, and boxes of fruit juice. Individual hand wipes are also a good idea.
- Consider freezing bottled water, juice boxes, and even sandwiches the night before packing them for school. The added cold will offer additional protection, and the items will usually thaw completely by lunchtime.
- Preheat or prechill insulated bottles to maximize the protection they provide. Fill with piping-hot water or ice water, and let stand a few minutes.—*Children's Nutrition Research Center.*

For Your Good Health is compiled by Larry Becker, editor of Vibrant Life, the church's health outreach journal. To subscribe, call 1-800-765-6955.

AWR Letter Box

Dear friends at AWR: "I write to AWR to express my gratitude to God for being able to find this frequency in my small radio. I enjoy all the Christian music and the inspired Word of God."—**Lamiya, Israel.**

"I would like to tell you how I started listening to your precious programs. I was trying to find a station that broadcasts in Spanish. I suddenly heard the *Voice of Hope* coming in strongly and clearly. Imagine how surprised I was to find that it was broadcast from Costa Rica. I was so happy that I decided not to adjust the dial."—**Javier, U.S.A.**

"I have been blessed through your radio program. I pray God will give you more wisdom as you continue leading His sheep."—**Musa, Kenya.**

"It is a great joy for me to communicate with you. The help you have given me will broaden my knowledge for the development of my personal life."—**Mario, Guatemala.**

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NEWS BREAK

Missions.net 2001, a computing conference held recently at Southern Adventist University (SAU) in Collegedale, Tennessee.

"The conference encouraged the innovative use of computers and Internet technology in mission outreach to further the outreach of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," said Jared Bruckner, chair of the conference's program committee and associate dean of the School of Computing at SAU.

For information about ComputingAndMissions.net 2002 to be held June 26-30, 2002, call the School of Computing at Southern Adventist University at 423-238-2936 or visit the conference Web site at www.computingandmissions.net.

✓ **New Journal Highlights South Pacific History.** Under the auspices of the South Pacific Division, the first issue of the *Journal of Pacific Adventist History* has been published.

The journal, published twice yearly, will serve historians, church members, and others interested in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific islands. Content focuses on people and events involved with the establishment and development of the church in the South Pacific. To receive a copy or free subscription, send your name and address to: *Journal of Pacific Adventist History*, 1 Ebony Drive, Hamlyn Terrace,

New South Wales 2259, Australia.

✓ **Evelyn Nkhethoa**, director of Adventist women's ministries for the Lesotho Conference, coordinated evangelistic campaigns in remote unentered areas of the mountain kingdom of Lesotho, which is in the South African Union. One hundred forty-two baptisms resulted.

In one area where there were no roads, the evangelistic team carried a tent and portable public address system piece by piece to the top of a high hill to broadcast nightly meetings to more than 20 villages.

✓ **Randy Schell**, an anesthesiologist at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, is currently on "The Unforgettable Ride," a 4,300-mile trek across the United States that will raise funds for the Unforgettables Foundation, a California organization that helps area families pay for their children's funerals.

"I just want to experience the people of the United States in their little towns with the realization that I'm helping other people," said Schell.

A Redlands, California, resident, Schell began his journey May 27 in Anacortes, Washington, and plans to finish early August in Bar Harbor, Maine.

The Unforgettables Foundation is a California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation that provides funds for burial services and memorialization of deceased children of financially challenged families.

Like a Bridge

Lately I've been thinking about bridges, those conveyances that connect countries, cities, communities, and, most important, people.

Big bridges, little bridges; long and short bridges; high towering bridges, flat and low bridges; bridges that close small gaps, bridges that span great divides; bridges that are flooded in every rainstorm, bridges that rise to awe-inspiring heights above great bodies of water.

Bridge buffs will travel great distances to look at, photograph, and study the world's amazing bridges. They'll gawk at a rickety old structure that others rush past, because they know its historical significance in bridge engineering. They know the difference between deck arch and arch truss. They can recite the engineering complexities of a cantilever span versus a suspension erection. And they'll proudly state how bridge building is an old and noble profession that has left us with stupendous structures, historical landmarks, and cultural icons.

Ask anyone to name five bridges, and London Bridge and Golden Gate will no doubt make the list. And depending on geography, a variety of names from the Brooklyn Bridge (over the East River), Quebec Bridge (over the St. Lawrence River), or the Firth of Forth.

Firth of Forth? Bridge buffs know the name. The Forth rail bridge was the first major bridge to use cantilevers. It was completed in 1890, with two 1,700-foot spans over the Firth of Forth, at a stunning cost of \$15 million at the time.

I'm not a bridge buff; never was attracted to them, especially after the terrifying experience of traveling over Flat Bridge, outside Old Harbour. The adult haulers in my village used to regale the kids with stories about negotiating the passage over a submerged Flat Bridge as the swollen river overflowed its banks and sucked less fortunate drivers into the frothing, swirling currents. Needless to say, my first voyage over that tiny little bridge took on monumental proportions in my young mind.

What got me thinking about bridges was a new award handed out by the world church this year to five communicators who, through their work, build metaphorical bridges between the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the community. As Kermit Netteburg, special envoy for General

Conference president Jan Paulsen, presented me with the Bridge Award at my church last May, I was thinking: *Here's a guy who taught me the basics of journalism in 1975; whom I told then that I wanted to work someday for the Toronto Star; and who so motivated me because he, an Adventist, had worked for the secular press in Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana. He should be getting the award.*

Each of us knows people who helped us get over, who showed us the way; who, through words, action, or example, told us it's all right to pass over into the unknown, it's OK to reach across the gulf separating two ideas, two races, two religions.

Our Christian privilege is to show human beings that there is an amazing quality of life that exists on the "other side of the river." If Christ's

followers don't proclaim and live this, Jesus says, the stones will cry out (Luke 19:40).

In essence, disciples of Christ are to be bridges that promise hope—if the traveler only takes the first step. The disciple says, "I have spanned the abyss, traveled the road, and it's OK; it leads to something better, something or someone desirable and fulfilling."

It matters not if the bridge is big or small; it's the connection that counts. Most of us wouldn't get to work or church or vacation or to the mall if the small insignificant bridges decided to roll up and quit, leaving the transportation task to the architectural masterpieces and celebrated structures.

The Akashi Strait Bridge, the \$8.3 billion link between Honshu and Shikoku, Japan, is the longest suspension bridge in the world. But it's of no use if you want to get from San Francisco to Marin County.

Likewise, the bridge you build between you and your neighbor is just as significant as the one between the General Conference president and the head of another denomination, between your local church and community, between high-profile Adventists and the world.

*It's the
connection
that counts.*

Royson James is urban affairs columnist for the Toronto Star. He's also an elder and youth worker at the Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church.



My Best Friend

It was midnight, and a cool breeze was blowing through my car window as I drove home alone. After an exhausting shift at the hospital I was thankful for the peace the evening on the road provided. Now, finally, I had a few quiet moments to reflect on my day and talk to God. But why in the midst of my conversation with God, did my friend Gary come to mind?

Gary and I had met early on in college, and we had become fast friends. He was entertaining and fun to be around. Many nights he would sit in my dorm room, keeping me awake with a seemingly endless barrage of goofy jokes, finally slipping noiselessly out of the room when I would fall asleep. Gary taught me how to ride his Honda Gold Wing and then unselfishly left me the keys when he'd be out of town on a college gymnastics trip.

After college Gary and I moved to separate states on opposite ends of the country. However, just four years later we moved to the same city. It was from this point on that our friendship deepened.

For years my friend Gary had been there for me—when ever I needed him. No matter how rough things were, I knew I could count on him. He helped me fix my cars, reroof my house, and promote my business—bettering me financially. He baby-sat my son numerous times so that my wife and I could go out together. He listened to my problems and helped with solutions. When I was in a tight spot, he lent me money with no expectations as to when I should pay him back. He has been more like a brother to me than simply a friend.

When Gary went through a painful divorce, it was my turn to be there for him. Willingly I was his sounding board: I listened to, consoled, reassured, and cried with him. When he had no place to go and couldn't afford a place of his own, my wife and I let him use our guest room for almost nine months. Gary was the best guest one could imagine. Even during this difficult time he would help around our house and buy groceries. He was unobtrusive, making sure he allowed us our space and privacy. And yet he permitted us to

listen to his troubles and share in his sorrows. He let us care for him.

As I steered my car toward home I suddenly realized the depth of friendship that I had developed for this gentle, warmhearted guy. We had painstakingly built a unique and

special relationship. Then another more profound impression came to mind: *This is the depth of friendship that God desires with me.*

"But how can I love You, God," I said aloud, "in the same way I have shown my friendship to Gary? How can I know You with the same familiarity as I do Gary? I cannot see You or touch You or hear Your voice audibly."

"I tell you the truth," said a voice in my head, "inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these My brethren, you have done it to Me" (see Matt. 25:40).

It was one of those moments in life when something utterly complicated became amazingly simple: *That is how God wants us to be His friend!* By ministering to others—whether it be one's best friend, a discouraged student, a sick patient, a homeless person, or anyone in need—we are being a friend to God.

As I show compassion to my fellow humans I deepen my relationship with my Maker. For this is how He ministered to humankind when He walked the earth in the form of Jesus.

And so one day, that final day, as I look up into the sky and see His face, it will be one that I will recognize immediately, for I have seen it before in the faces of all those for whom I have cared. Without hesitation I will gaze into His eyes and say, "This, this is my Best Friend."

*We had
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built a unique
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relationship.*

Dennis Dodd is a registered nurse and lives near Chattanooga, Tennessee, with his wife and two children.

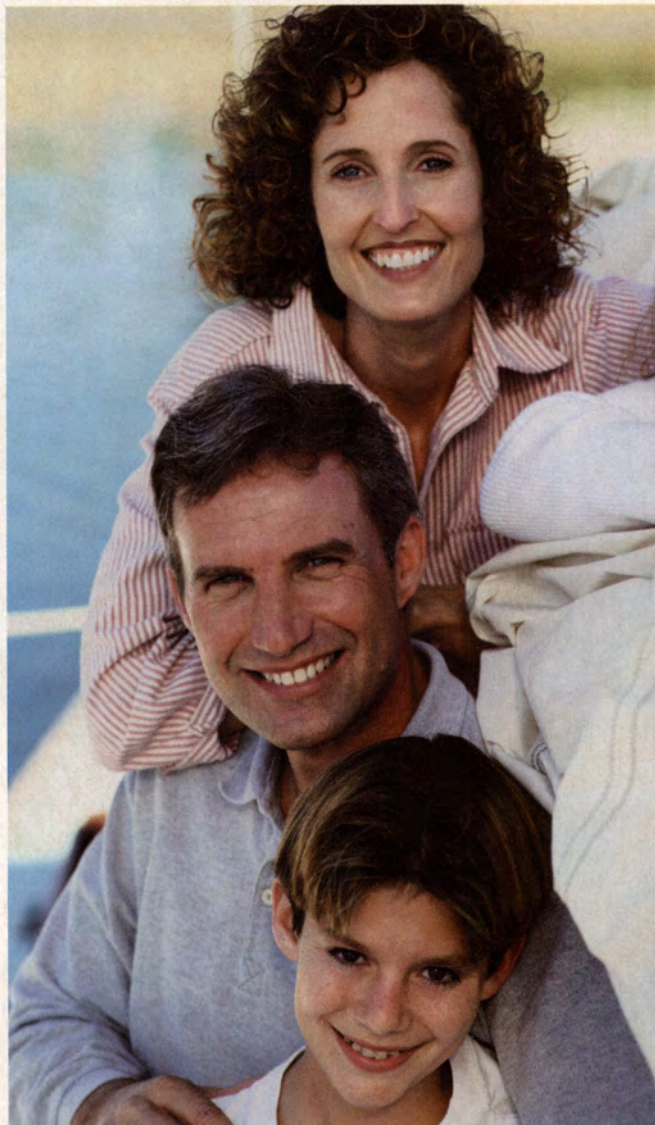


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The Lean Mean Bean

Imagine with me, if you can, a crock of yellow-eyed beans baked to perfection with a dab of molasses, a touch of salt and a slice or two of Walla Walla onion. A gustatory and olfactory delight. Gourmet foods they are, and good for us too! Let's take a closer look at these modest comestibles.

There seems to be no end to the diligence of our intrepid food scientists.

Give heed to some recent discoveries: bioflavonoids by the dozens, and phytochemicals by the hundreds. Those plant pigments that colour our fruit and vegetables, we have learned, contain gobs of the power-packed antioxidants. These are the molecules that sop up the deadly oxygen radicals. In short, these deliver plant magic that protects us from cancers, heart disease and more.

And what does all this have to do with beans? Simply this: beans fairly bulge with flavonoids. From lowly navy beans to red kidney beans and on to mottled pintos, we find in their coatings these pigmented compounds, yes, life-giving flavonoids that make up about 10 percent of bean-weight.

Nature had provided us with lots of bean varieties. They include black beans and the Great White Northern, limas, lentils and garbanzos. Lump them together as legumes and learn that they all harbor liberal amounts

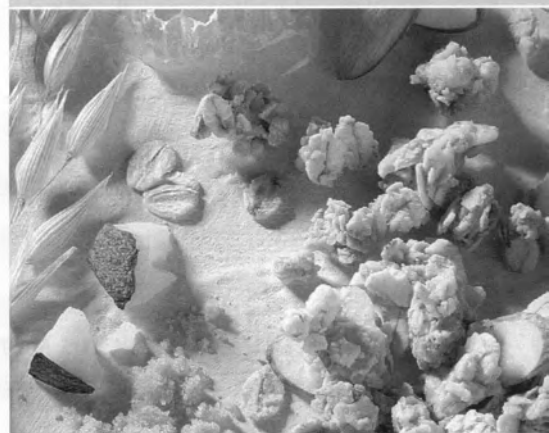
of fibre—indeed can be a significant source thereof.

And then there is the soy bean. It seems that its plaudits never end. Some would say that it is as close to a perfect food that we are likely to grow. Soy is a complete substitute for meat and milk.

Need we go on? Sure, because we mustn't forget the flip side, the "side effects." Let's use the kindest name that we can command—flatulence. Foul it is and without measurable merit. But here is the good news—it's not inescapable. The gas is generated in the intestine as an unwanted product of incomplete digestion of the carbohydrates, the raffinoses, etc. An enzyme taken with food can complete

the bean metabolism and obviate the unacceptable downside of legumes. "Beano" in drops or tablet form is the almost perfect gas control and is as close as your food store. Some bean aficionados give credence to fresh fruits and vegetables as doing a job on gas. It's worth a try.

Why is it that we Americans have shied away from these humble legumes, "the poor man's meat," as we have dubbed them? Too hard to prepare? Too gassy? Too starchy? Maybe it's a new day for beans. More and more of us are discovering that these legumes are an ideal alternative for flesh foods. Delicious, nutritious and inexpensive! You too can be "full of beans." ■



And a Side of Oats

Got a weakness for fatty foods? Pairing them up with certain whole grains may help protect your arteries. Eating a high-fat meal is hard on your arteries because fatty foods can cause your arteries to constrict. If you do indulge in a high-fat treat, however, studies show that following it with a serving of oatmeal may help keep your arteries from constricting.

Hill of Beans

If you're bored with black, navy, or red beans, don't forget to check out chickpeas. They'll fill you up with just as much fibre as many other legumes. A cup of canned chickpeas, or garbanzo beans, contains about 10 grams of fibre. To keep sodium content down, drain and rinse canned chickpeas before eating them. Adding chickpeas to your meal will help keep you feeling full longer, because high-fibre foods are digested more slowly. Toss chickpeas into rice, pasta, salads, or soups for a quick fibre fix.

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The Spirit of Cooperation, Part V

Educational Links Around the World

by Lynn Neumann McDowell

CUC is forging new agreements and creating new opportunities to make education a global experience

CUC's Ground-Breaking Agreement With European SDA Colleges Makes Studying Abroad Affordable

The Department of Modern Languages of CUC is pleased to announce new agreements with the four SDA language study programs in Western Europe that will allow CUC students direct access to language immersion programs at a new low rate.

The four schools, Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen (Austria), Saleve Adventist University (France), Instituto Adventista Villa Aurora (Italy) and Colegio Adventista de Sagunto (Spain), have agreed to work directly with CUC in the admissions process and to give CUC students financial arrangements that are substantially below present Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) rates.

"One of the statements that all the (European) presidents agreed on was that their students can't afford to study in the U.S. any more than our [Canadian] students can," says CUC Registrar Darla Devnich. "The Europeans are recognizing the importance of being able to work in a multicultural setting, especially in the large metropolitan



Education major Tey Steenberg, pictured at the SDA college in France, found his CUC French minor prepared him very well to converse with local people during CUC's French language and culture/French history study tour this May.



Associate Professor of Modern Languages Monique Auguste, pictured with French colleagues at the Colonges discussions, spearheaded the negotiations that led to agreements between CUC and the four European colleges. She and registrar Darla Devnich crafted the proposal and document that expanded CUC's language and study options to France, Italy, Austria and Spain.

centres," she says, and so they are very interested in sending students to CUC's multicultural campus for part of their education as well.

The administrative teams of the four colleges have agreed that Canadian/CUC students may (1) apply to their programs through the CUC Department of Modern Languages; and, (2) pay all financial charges through the CUC Student Finance office in Canadian dollars. Students completing all required course work and comprehensive testing of the language study program will receive academic credit by Prior Learning Assessment on their CUC transcript. This academic credit can then be used to meet specific requirements for programs offered by CUC.

"The establishing of these agreements is a fundamental change for Canadian students," says Monique Auguste, Associate Professor of Modern Languages. "Until this time, students wishing to complete second language immersion study in an Adventist setting had to apply and register through the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) program, and all tuition and fees had to be paid in U.S. dollars. The doors have now been opened wide for students to experience the language and culture of another country and to enrich their lives through study and travel outside of Canada."

These new agreements apply only to the language study programs offered by the four European colleges. CUC will be actively pursuing collaborative and reciprocal

academic agreements to allow both Canadian and European students to complete degree requirements in their program of study.

"The work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada will be enhanced through these agreements," says Devnich. "The potential for supplying bilingual pastors and teachers, as well as individual laity, is significantly increased by expanding our study agreements. In the future, CUC will be able to provide English-language study opportunities to European students which will, in turn, help to spread the Gospel through the students returning to their home countries."

Language program and financial information may be obtained through the CUC Department of Modern Languages or The Registry. ■

CUC Grad Wins Provincial Outstanding Teacher Award in Public School System



Darin Ratzlaff's hours of dedication and classroom creativity were recognized by Alberta Education when he was awarded the Edwin Parr Award for Most Outstanding First Year Teacher in the Wolf Creek School Division, one of Alberta's five public school districts.

In May, Darin Ratzlaff received the Edwin Parr award as the most outstanding first year teacher in his public school division from the Province of Alberta—one of only five such awards in the province.

While piloting a small classroom project for the public elementary school in Lacombe, Ratzlaff earned the respect of the school staff who nominated him for the award. "He's one of those exceptionally hard-working, dedicated young teachers," Donna McRae, principal of J.S. McCormick School told the Lacombe Globe reporter when Ratzlaff, who teaches Grade 2, was nominated.

CUC education students are earning reputations for above-average teaching skills even at the student teaching level, and getting jobs in the very competitive public system. Ratzlaff joins the number of CUC graduates who have been recognized for excellence in teaching, including four of the seven recipients of this year's Excellence in Teaching awards, presented to church school teachers by the SDA Church in Canada. CUC alumni Ronda Ziakris, Myrna Koronko, Stephen Lee, and Lawrence McMullen, who received the SDACC awards, all demonstrate the classroom excellence to which the CUC education department is committed. A fifth recipient in the last round of awards, Lorraine Popik, teaches at CUC's highschool, Parkview Adventist Academy. ■

In Brief



The Globe as a CUC Classroom—This summer, CUC students learned about, and to appreciate, other cultures and environments firsthand. The annual CUC/ADRA mission trip headed by Philosophy professor Dr. Tennyson Samraj, and Sociology professor Dr. Sinikka Dixon, this spring took ten CUC students to the Philippines to work on a project for tribal people. They also had the opportunity to extend their travel to other eastern countries, experiencing other old and rich civilizations. Modern Languages professor Monique Auguste and History professor Karen Bottomley led 20 students, plus 13 other interested individuals, on a two-week study Tour de France that provided a multidimensional taste of the real life of French culture and history—a vivid classroom experience most say they will never forget. A summer course in Outward Pursuits led by Paul Lehmann took students to the Sierras in California to hike the difficult Pacific Crest Trail and test their physical stamina, as well as orienteering and group problem solving.

Alumni awards honour excellence and commitment to Adventism—

This June, Roy Adams (associate editor of *Adventist Review* and CUC graduate, Class of 1966) accepted the Don F. Neufeld Medallion of Excellence at the gala alumni banquet. As the award's name suggests, the recipient demonstrates a commitment to scholarship and the furthering of the Adventist message in the spirit of the well-known Adventist author/theologian and CUC faculty member. Other alumni recognized for their achievements and spiritual commitment were Kerrie (Clouton) Kimbrow, Renate Krause, and Jason Chiakowsky.



Roy Adams, *Adventist Review* editor, CUC alumnus and award winner.

New Faces at CUC—Dr. Andrea Luxton, recently principal (president) of Newbold College in England, began her work as CUC's new Vice President of Academic Administration on July 1. Outward Pursuits expands its faculty this fall with the addition of David Delafield of Creston, B.C. who comes with broad

experience as an outdoor educator, and will be teaching OP leadership, kayaking, and other OP courses from the OP department's new offices (the former Development building). Wesley Szamko, an alumnus of CUC and currently the youth pastor for the Willowdale, Ont. church will be the new campus chaplain beginning August 1. The band will be under the able direction of Joanne Andersson who comes to the campus from Fraser Valley Adventist Academy. Larry Murrin, formerly of Calgary, is CUC's new Assistant Registrar. Rodney Eskelson recently joined the computer services department after studying and working in Calgary. Landon Ritchey returns to CUC as head of the Marketing and Enrolment Services department, bringing with him not only experience in PR and business management, but also fond memories of his years as a Physical Education

teacher at CUC. Brenda McMann joins the Student Finance staff, and Julie Grovet assumes responsibilities for student teacher practicum placement and field placement supervisor in the Education department.

Up Close and Personal—This is Lynn's last contribution to the Messenger as CUC's Director of College Relations. She takes up new challenges as Director of Planned and Major Gifts at the Adventist hospital in St. Helena, California. She is taking with her multiple copies of the CUC magazine she edited, Real Stuff, and some CUC Success Stories posters, which she plans to proudly display in her new office because she still (believe,)s in Canadian University College. ■



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"CUC gave me the confidence that I need [to be principal]."

Ronda Ziakris—B.Ed. Elementary Education, 1993; Principal, Coralwood Academy, Edmonton, Alberta; Winner of the SDACC's "Excellence in Teaching Award," Dec. 2000

Students, parents and teaching colleagues cheered Ronda when she accepted one of only eight SDACC "Excellence in Teaching Awards" presented across Canada this winter. No one would have guessed that when Ronda enrolled at CUC she wanted to be a speech pathologist.

"It's a credit to CUC that after two years in education, I was accepted to Loma Linda for something quite different [speech pathology], but chose to stay at CUC," says Ronda, citing several practical reasons for her choice. She still speaks very warmly of her advisor, Keith Leavitt.

"The program definitely got you excited to get out there and start your career," recalls Ronda. Still, she made time for many of the leadership development opportunities CUC offered. Ronda volunteered for a year as a Student Missionary in Ebeye, Marshall Islands, and served as president of the choir, treasurer of the Student Association, and president of PRIDE (a resource centre for anti-drug education); she worked part time teaching at the local church school and at the Parkview Adventist Academy office. Thanks to summer school and the co-operation of Education faculty, Ronda was still able to graduate four years from the time she began and start her career "on schedule."

Ronda's career took her first to a two-room school in the Comox Valley (complete with wood stove for heat), then to Mamawi Atosketan, the only SDA native school in Canada. During an 18-month interval with Advanced Systems (Eric Rajah's Red Deer-based computer sales and service company), she gained valuable skills in accounting and computer software, then returned to the native school before applying for the principalship of the K-9 academy with seven teachers and 94 students.

Supervising three teachers who remember her as a student teacher at Coralwood creates "some interesting dynamics" laughs Ronda, but she feels equal to the task at hand. "I feel confident in my training and the abilities I received [at CUC] to do what I'm doing." ■

■ BRITISH COLUMBIA

Chilliwack Sponsors Church in India

India is ripe for harvest. There is a great hunger for the Word of God among the people. Tens of thousands are responding to the Christian message and houses of worship are needed for the new congregations.

A request by Elder Ron Watts, president of the Southern Asia Division, was presented to the Maranatha Volunteers International for the construction of 1,000 churches. Maranatha agreed to take on the project at a cost of US\$10,000 for each church.

In September 2000, an evangelistic outreach program was conducted in the City of Ongole by a team of Maranatha Volunteers and Global Mission pioneers. Nearly 20,000 people were baptized as a result of this outreach. Wherever a congregation is raised a building is needed for them to worship in. As of May 2001, 20 churches have been completed in the Ongole area and 15 more are currently under construction. In addition to construction, fervent evangelism still continues.

Recently a program was presented on 3ABN of the work in India and their needs. Responding to this appeal, the Chilliwack SDA Church made a commitment to sponsor the building of one church. In just 12 weeks, God blessed the members by raising sufficient funds to erect one house of worship. It is now under construction and should be completed by the end of June. Thus, a gift of love will enable the new congregation to worship in their own House of God. ■

by Anna Singbell

Victoria Welcomes New Members

On May 12, 2001, three precious individuals, Robert, Bonnie and eight-year-old Zach Napora stepped into the baptismal font of the Victoria SDA Church signifying their desire to be part of God's family on earth and members of the Victoria congregation.

The first contact with the Seventh-day teaching was through the *It Is Written* broadcasts. Wanting to have more information, Bonnie phoned the

church pastor, Evert Potgieter, and was offered a Daniel Seminar study, which she accepted. Her husband Bob was equally interested, and Zach took a great liking to the pastor and his wife Lorette. Each Friday evening when they would visit for a Bible study, they would be served a tasty morsel that Zach had prepared.

The Napora's older son Benjamin attended the baptism, and we look forward to the time when he too will make a similar decision. ■

by Kathleen Piper

■ ALBERTA

Adventurer Club Family Camp-Out

The weekend of May 25-27, 2001 was a very busy and exciting weekend for 48 families and their 74 Adventurers. The 6th Annual Adventurer Family Camp-Out was held at the Foothills Camp, Alberta, with six Alberta Adventurer clubs attending.

The theme of the weekend was "Adventurers Learn to be Healthy." The children attended various centres to learn about living a healthy life. Each centre featured special learning activities on healthy food, the importance of rest and sleep, the importance of water, temperance, exercise, sunlight, and fresh air.

On Sabbath morning, Elder Frank Tochtermann, president of the Alberta Conference, spoke to the children about trusting in God. The children then met in their own clubs for prayer bands after which they made a special bookmark.

God blessed us with safety and good weather. The weekend activities were over too soon and the Adventurers reluctantly went home.

Parents and Adventurers both wait eagerly for next year's event! ■

*by Ruth Riffin, Alberta Conference
Adventurer Co-ordinator*

■ MANITOBA / SASKATCHEWAN

North Saskatchewan Spring Rally

On April 6-7, 2001, the Shellbrook SDA Church hosted its well attended spring rally with Lilo

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Lilo demonstrates her Olympic technique with the discus and shot put.



Corene Glover, pianist and Dave Moore, organist contributed their musical prowess to the rally accompanying a number of talented vocalists.



Margaret and Fred Pomrenk were happy to serve as Lilo's hosts throughout her stay.



Students surround Lilo as she takes time to sign autographs.

Ljubisic from Coquitlam, B. C. as the dynamic guest speaker. Lilo, although blind, is a world champion, gold medalist, and paralympian who drew a large crowd, including our conference president, Ken Wiebe.

The rally was held in the beautiful St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook and attracted people of many faiths who came to listen to Lilo's presentation.

The guest speaker was chosen by the North Saskatchewan Rally Committee made up of representatives from the area churches. Awareness of Lilo came through Henry Feyerabend of the *It Is Written* program. Fred and Margaret Pomrenk graciously hosted our guest and acted as her guide during her week-long stay in Parkside.



Lilo was able to capture the students' full attention as she speaks about her life experiences.

Using Lilo as an evangelistic thrust, Mr. Pomrenk approached schools in our area to accept Lilo as a motivational speaker to their students. Lilo accepted invitations from five Saskatchewan school principals including Shell Lake, Canwood, Leask, Shellbrook and Wild Rose schools. Lilo's presentation greatly motivated the students as she spoke about how she overcame her restrictive life of blindness to rise up as a world champion in the discus and shot put. Lilo, a bullied child in her school years, tells of the cruelty done to her at the

hand of classmates and other students. Through her faithfulness to the Lord, and positive thinking, she made the choices to become what she is today. This unique woman is a very timely speaker for our children growing up in these difficult times. Lilo captured the attention of the students, not only by her interesting speaking ability, but by her comical, uncanny way of showing students how to communicate with a blind person. She also didn't assume anything of her audience. She came equipped with a discus, as well as a shot put, to demonstrate to the students exactly what she does in her event in the Olympics.

Lilo brought one of her numerous Olympic medals to share with the more than 1,000 students that she won the hearts of while she toured. The students of the Wild Rose school were so taken with the speaker that they stayed late into their lunch hour to share thoughts and ask more questions, and to touch a once in a lifetime Gold Medal!

Our gracious 6'2" paralympian also took time to sign autographs for the excited students. Lilo brought gifts for every student, in every school that she spoke. She implemented a goal setting program with the students leaving them under the direction of their teachers to carry them out. The many gifts she left ranged from T-shirts to posters featuring herself and the rest of the Esteem Team that does these motivational presentations.

We were blessed throughout the rally with tremendous musical talent which included the Parkside Immanuel Lutheran Choir, Sharon Otte from Prince Albert, Sharon and Marge Lehmann from Rosthern, the Quill Lake Mixed Quartet, the Quill Lake Ladies Trio, and Randy Fehr, guitarist and vocalist. We were blessed to have as pianist Corene Glover from Prince Albert, and organist Dave Moore from the Manitoba/Saskatchewan Conference.

We enjoyed our week with Lilo, and of course we shared in a scrumptious fellowship meal, seating over 100 guests, where Lilo found herself surrounded by children. A wonderful gathering for such a small town! ■

■ ONTARIO

Bibleinfo.com Booth Big Hit at Christian Expo 2001

For the second year in a row, the Ontario Conference Communications department has sponsored a booth at the Christian Expo. Last year, the booth promoted the then upcoming Walter Pearson meetings. Although primitive in

design, this booth attracted a lot of attention as fellow exhibitors and many visitors stopped by to ask questions and inquire why we hadn't been involved in previous similar Christian gatherings. Another source of interest at last year's Christian Expo was the upcoming General Conference Session, which was held in Toronto. It seemed that many individuals had questions about what the meetings were about and some even had an interest in setting up booths there. Our volunteers handed out hundreds of Signs of the Times, invitation brochures for the Walter Pearson meetings, along with assorted ADRA materials.

This year, the emphasis was the new Bibleinfo.com program which allows individuals to access Bible information on over 300 topics from the Bible by either calling an 800 number (1-800-97-BIBLE), a local number (905-571-2156) or by visiting a website (www.bibleinfo.com). Callers also have access to a Bible Information Specialist by using the 800 number and following the voice prompts.

This year, Christian Expo was a two-day event on May 11 and 12 with approximately 120 different exhibitors. Christian ministries displays included Insight For Living, Focus on the Family, The Canadian Bible Society, WDCX Christian radio, and many more.

The Bibleinfo.com booth attracted a lot of attention. Over 2,000 flyers were handed out, including Discover Bible Course cards. A number of people picked up posters to display in their churches, workplaces, and Bible study groups. Volunteers working at this year's booth included Olev Tralla, Chris Zabzinski, Neil Holder, Matthew Feely, Kristi Feeley and co-ordinator Mark Kirkus.

The whole experience was an extremely positive one. The response of visitors to the booth was so positive and enthusiastic, it gave volunteers the

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opportunity to witness to and make contacts with many Christians from a number of denominational backgrounds. Comments shared included responses like "Fantastic idea," "This is cutting edge stuff," "How come no one has thought of something like this before?" and "Who's sponsoring this?" A new Christian radio station JOY 1250 even requested an on-air interview.

Volunteers from last year noticed a difference in the attitudes of people from last year in that they were warmer and more accepting of our presence. Last year it was quite noticeable that a number of visitors gave our booth wide berth once they saw the name Adventist attached. That was not the case this year, and we found ourselves embraced and accepted by visitors and fellow exhibitors. The volunteers at our booth enjoyed being ambassadors and witnesses for the Adventist church through this exciting outreach venture. ■

by Mark Kirkus and Dirk Zinner

Mark Kirkus is a Bible worker in the Toronto area and

Dirk Zinner is the communication director for the Ontario Conference.

Maranatha Spanish Church



Plans that started in 1997 for a third Spanish church in the Greater Toronto area culminated in the formal organization of the Maranatha Spanish Company into a full-fledged church on April 14, 2001. This was done under the direction of Derrick Nichols, president of the Ontario Conference in the presence of approximately 100 members and friends that participated in this special service.

While attending the Spanish Bet-el Church,

the burden of Brother Roman Velez was to have a church in the area where he and his family lived. A small group was brought together who shared that burden and began meeting in homes and various rental places. Over time this group has grown to approximately 50 that regularly meet at the Kingsview Village Church, 70 Kingsview Blvd., Etobicoke.

This group has had its challenges, yet they know that as they obey God, He will continue to lead them. Attendance and membership is growing as they regularly have a number of non-Seventh-day Adventists attending. A highlight on April 14 was the baptism of German Sanchez, Jose Pacheco, Lily Rodriguez and Juana Berrios. In addition, Oscar and Freddy Orellana, Tatiana Ortiz, Jose Hernandez, Gloria Maritza Viera, and Maria Dina Vanegas were also baptized and joined the Spanish Bet-el Church. ■



■ SDA CHURCH IN CANADA

Legal Notice:

ADRA, Canada Annual Meeting

The ADRA, Canada Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, November 23, 2001 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the board room of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada at 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers and board members for the coming year, to appoint an auditor, to consider possible changes to the constitution and by-laws, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the board. Each supporting constituent is invited and urged to attend.

Orville Parchment, Chair
K. Oliver Lofton-Brook, Executive Director

NB: The ADRA board members will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. after the Annual Meeting concludes.

■ NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Alberta Woman Shares Story of Forgiveness in Magazine Cover Story

Learning to forgive and love as God loves became an emotional journey for Annette Stanwick. She shares her story of coping with her brother's brutal murder in the July/August issue of *Women of Spirit* magazine.

Her anguish unleashed a wellspring of emotions—grief, betrayal, rage. “One sleepless night I tried to identify the type of person who had done this hideous thing,” Stanwick writes. “I called him Evil, Wicked, Vile, and Monster. Then in the quiet, God’s Spirit spoke. “Annette, the man who murdered Soren is deeply wounded. Annette, I love the person who murdered your brother, and I love him just as much as I love you, and just as much as I love Soren.”



Annettes love for biking provides an opportunity for friendship and witnessing with individuals who may not be receptive to a more traditional evangelistic approach.

Stanwick wrestled with God all that night, remembering text after text that told of God’s unshakeable love for all people. Over the weeks and months of soul-searching she learned that God’s grace is truly sufficient to handle the worst of this world.

Stanwick gave the final victims’ impact statement at her brother’s killer’s sentencing hearing. While acknowledging the irreversible pain the killer had caused, she also shared a message of forgiveness and God’s love. As she left the courthouse that day, she felt a true sense of freedom—a freedom she gratefully shares with *Women of Spirit* readers. “Let God take the burden of your

past,” she writes. “I pray that you will allow God’s Spirit of love to walk the healing journey with you, to fill you and transform you in ways you never thought possible, and that you will experience His freedom and His peace.”

A member of the Mountain View Community Church in Calgary, Alberta, Stanwick is a vice president at the Gimbel Eye Centre. But she has also found time to be involved in prison ministries, sharing her story with those who most need to feel forgiveness. Over a hundred prisoners have given their lives to Christ as a result. She recently joined the board of Life Line, an organization that helps prisoners and parolees find direction in their lives.

Women of Spirit is the Adventist church’s sharing magazine for women. Call 1-800-765-6955 to order, or visit www.womenofspirit.com. ■

by Tompaul Wheeler

Raj Swamidass Wins Student Health Contest

Raj Swamidass of Windsor SDA School in the Ontario Conference, won second-place (Grades 5-8) in the Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest for his computer-generated PowerPoint presentation. His presentation on the harmful effects of alcohol secured for him \$150 and a matching \$150 for his school. Jeremy Oliver and Sanjay Swamidass, also from the Windsor SDA School, won the third-place prize of \$100 for Grades 5-8 video presentations, and the school also received a matching amount.

“We found out that the school was more enthusiastic about the contest if it received a portion of the prize,” says Frank Baker, contest co-ordinator. “When we first began the program, the first-place winner would receive the entire \$500. That was often a real large prize. We discovered that there usually was a teacher or principal behind the good performance of the students. That’s why we share the prize now.”

“The decisions that students make when they are young oftentimes stick with them throughout life,” says Dr. DeWitt Williams, Health Ministries Director for the North American Division. “That’s why we have the Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest. We want young people to be thinking about healthy living. When I was young I remember signing a temperance pledge card, at a speech contest, and the decision I made then not to use alcohol or tobacco has stuck with me all my life.”

For more information about the 2001-2002 contest, contact Frank Baker at 503/252-0133. ■



Raj Swamidass

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Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Announces 2001 Conference

The second division-wide conference of the Society of Adventist Communicators will be held in Chicago, Illinois (Hinsdale area) October 4-7. The convention kicks off Thursday with a one-day crisis communication training seminar especially designed for communication directors of Adventist organizations. It includes a look at how to handle a crisis, how to address public media and Adventist members during a crisis, and guidelines for developing a crisis plan.

Thursday evening members of Adventist Editors International will gather for a dinner meeting. During the weekend, attendees will

enjoy workshops in five communication tracks, keynote speakers, a gala, media tours, networking, fellowship, a job fair, exhibits, and more.

Adventist communication professionals from North America and beyond should plan to attend, especially those involved in broadcasting, public relations, publishing, electronic media, education and health care. Also, students, freelancers, editors, teachers, specialists, administrators, producers, photographers, and small business owners.

To receive a registration packet, you must be on the mailing list. To learn about SAC and get on the mailing list visit our web site at www.nadadventist.org/sac or email SAC Registrar Irisene Douce at Idouce@southernunion.com. ■

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Karoly Nagy	Toronto Hungarian Company	Hungary
David Schwinghammer	New Life, Oshawa, Ont.	Seminary

Ducklings in Trouble, Mother Calls the Police

Following is an article sent to the Messenger by Don Sands of Oshawa. I hope that we as Christians are as clever as this duck knowing Who to call upon when we struggle with the impossible.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (Reuters)—When a family of ducklings fell down a Vancouver sewer grate their mother did what any parent would do. She got help from a passing police officer.

Vancouver police officer Ray Peterson admitted he was not sure what to make of the duck that grabbed him by the pant leg while he was on foot patrol on Wednesday evening in a neighborhood near the city's downtown.

"I thought it was a bit goofy, so I shoved it away," Peterson told the Vancouver Sun newspaper.

The mother duck persisted, grabbing Peterson's leg again when he tried to leave, and then waddling to a nearby sewer grate where she sat down and waited for him to follow and investigate.

"I went up to where the duck was lying and saw eight little babies in the water below," he said.

Police said they removed the heavy metal grate with the help of a tow truck and used a vegetable strainer to lift the ducklings to safety.

Mother and offspring then departed for a nearby pond. ■



■ Births

Lucas Michael Harold Hartley was born Dec. 14, 1999, to Gord and Charlene (Burak) Hartley of Brantford, Ont.

Morgan Grace Lehmann was born Apr. 14, 2001, to Barry and Karen (Grinde) Lehmann of Rosthern, Sask.

■ Weddings

Christine Zinner and Brian Simpson were married May 27, 2001, in Wetaskiwin, Alta., and are making their home in Edmonton. Christine is the daughter of Harold and Gisela Zinner of Wetaskiwin, and Brian is the son of Maurice Simpson of Nashville, Tenn., and Debra Balvin of Amity, Ark.

■ Obituaries

William (Bill) Chudyk was born Jan. 20, 1925, in Hazel Dell, Sask., and died May 11, 2001, in Chilliwack, Sask. Surviving: wife Mabel; one son; one daughter; sisters Mary Rocot, Tillie Malcheon, and Ella Holland.

Lillian Mazel Foulston was born May 26, 1914, and died June 6, 2001. Surviving: husband Roy; sons Murray (Margaret), Dennis (Carol), and Terry (Judy); daughter Marilyn (Hans) Wiebe; two brothers; one sister; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy (Craig) Gildersleeve was born Aug. 16, 1912, in Largs, Scotland, and died June 11, 2001, in Port Hardy, B.C. Nancy served with her husband, Clyde on the mission boat *Northern Light* for ten years on the B.C. coast, three years on the Alaskan mission boat, *Messenger III*, and three years pastoring in Yerington, Nev. Surviving: husband Clyde; son Darby (Cara) of Port Hardy; daughter Heather (Don) Chesser of Salinas, Calif.; brother Murray (Elaine) of Maui, Hawaii; sisters Gloria (Alvin) McGill of Port Hardy, and Clare (Arthur) Crooks of Craig, Alaska; and four grandchildren.

Florence Jane Gosnell was born Mar. 11, 1906, in Sutherland, Iowa, and died June 12, 2001, in Saskatoon, Sask. Florence worked as a colporteur and was employed at North York Branson Hospital in Toronto, Ont. Surviving: sister-in-law Julia Gosnell-Obana of Codette, Sask.; and niece Cheryl Gosnell of Saskatoon.

Lena Michaluk was born Dec. 27, 1905, in Western Ukraine, and died Mar. 19, 2001, in Dauphin, Man. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael, and her son, Victor. Surviving: sons Walter, Dauphin, and Archie (Carol) of Calgary, Alta.; daughter-in-law Della of Winnipeg, Man.; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Gertrude (Deck) Robison was born June 10, 1894, in Nashville, Tenn., and died June 21, 2001, in Salmon Arm, B.C. Gertrude was a charter member of the Salmon Arm SDA church which had its beginnings in her home. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilber. Surviving: sons James (Marie) Wyman, and Thomas (Nora) Wyman; 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

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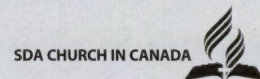
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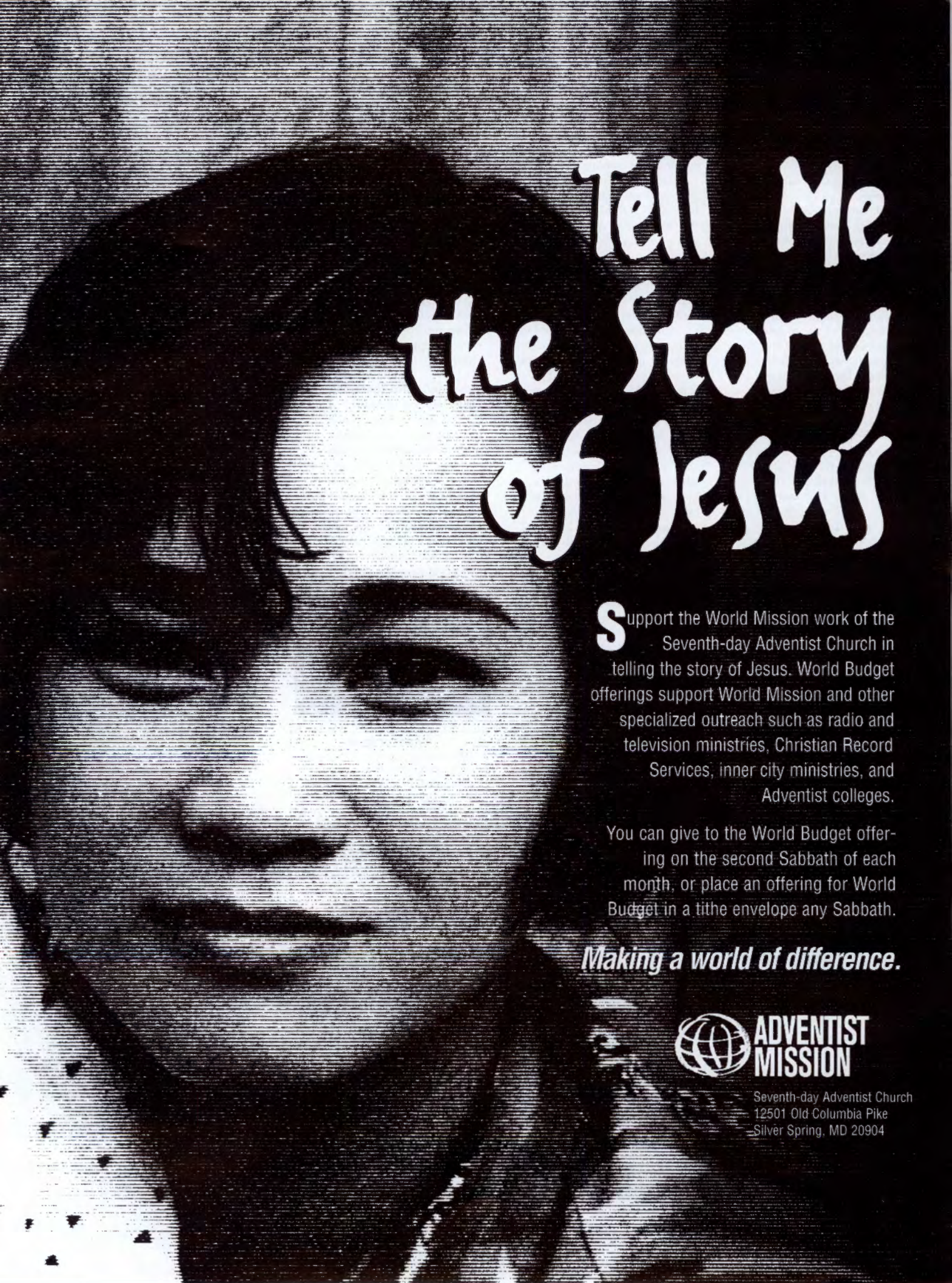
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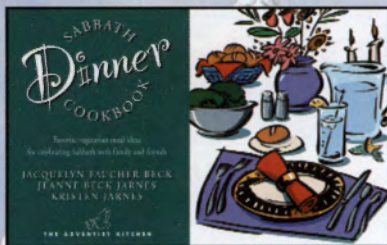
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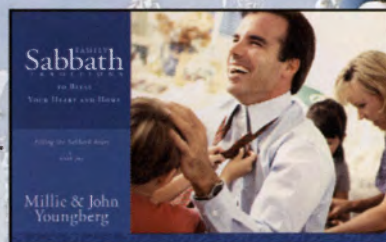
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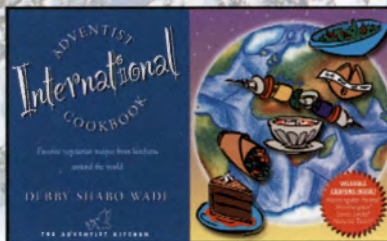
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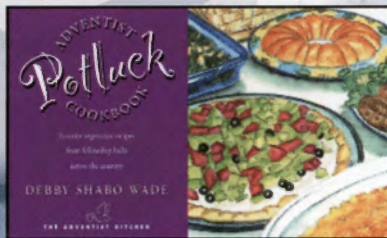
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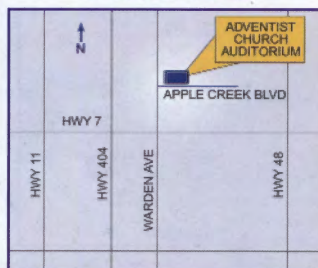
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