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THE NEED FOR RAIN



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I have never lived through a drought before, but we are experiencing one now.

The Ohio landscape has had the brown appearance of southern California. The corn is not anywhere near the height it should be. Lakes are drying up and communities are facing water shortages.

Farmers have told me the drought will greatly affect them financially. They are concerned about paying their bills and how they will be able to send their children to Adventist schools in the fall. In Ohio, there is no question about it—there has been a desperate need for rain.

There also seems to be a drought on the landscape of the church, a desperate need for "rain."

People are constantly talking about the problems of the church. However, most of the things they identify as problems are merely symptoms.

The real problem is the lack of rain. Lack of faithfulness in returning tithe and giving offerings, the decrease in commitment to Christian education, the slow growth rate of most churches, the problem of inactive members—symptoms all—would vanish with the appearance of the only "rain" that can bring spiritual and numerical growth to the church: the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Wherever the need of the Holy Spirit is a matter little thought of, there is seen spiritual drought, spiritual darkness, spiritual declension and death. Whenever minor matters occupy the attention, the divine power which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in infinite plenitude,"—*Acts of the Apostles*, page 50.

The problems we usually talk about, really minor matters, are taking up time that could be better used seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is one thing to criticize; it's entirely different to try to be a part of the solution, seeking revival in one's own heart.

The good news I have for you today comes from that same quotation in *Acts of the Apostles*: "If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit."

This is a promise too precious to ignore! Let's boldly approach the Lord claiming His promise of rain.

COVER: Justin Krein, a freshman at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland, is a very successful BMX—Bicycle Moto Cross—racer. A consistent local winner, he has won the Maryland state championship and went on to take the national first-place trophy in Oklahoma City last November. Justin is planning to participate in the 1992 Olympics, when BMX racing will be phased into the international competitions, and he will go for the gold for the United States in 1996. Justin lives with his parents—mother Nancy, associate director of data processing for the Columbia Union, and stepfather Dave Lamoreaux, a piano technician. The cover photos were taken by J. Byron Logan of Williamsport, Maryland. Logan was official photographer for the Review and Herald Publishing Association for many years and is now retired.

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POTOMAC—The experience of Major General Lawrence Fuller proves that God still works in miraculous ways to lead people to His truth.

"I was a confirmed, even proselytizing, atheist," he said. The world's gods and religions made no sense to me. "Because Fuller was always an avid student of science, the more he learned, the less room there seemed to be in his life for God.

Then he went to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C., for his retirement physical examination in December of 1973. The doctors confronted him with bad news: intestinal cancer. The general was scheduled for a colostomy 48 hours later.

"It never occurred to me to pray," Fuller said. "I didn't believe there was anyone to pray to and I would probably have been too proud to pray, thinking that it would be dishonest to deny God all my life and then ask Him for help when I was in trouble."

Unable to sleep the night before his surgery, Fuller was still awake at 2 a.m., staring up at the roof of his bedroom. Then it happened.

"I saw the rafters and the roof roll back. I could see a hand coming down from the sky. The hand reached down to me lying on my back in bed. This was not a dream—I was wide awake.

"The hand went inside me and changed something in there. I immediately knew I didn't have cancer anymore. The hand went back up through the ceiling and into the sky, and then the roof closed back together. I slept for the rest of the night."

Later that morning he explained to his wife, Mary, that the cancer was gone. "I'm going down to the hospital and tell them I don't need that operation; then I'll come right home."

Naturally, the doctors were skeptical. "I'm not saying I didn't have cancer; I know I did," Fuller explained. "What I'm saying is that I don't have it anymore." The doctors felt for the growth—nothing. They took new X-rays—negative.

He went home.

A year later he returned for another examination. During the procedure, he asked the doctors if they expected to find that the growth was still there. They replied, "No; if you still had that cancer, you'd have died six months ago."

"After all this," Fuller thought, "why has God shown Himself to me? What does He want me to do? And how do I find out?" Together with his wife, he began a search for truth. Visiting several churches and devoting time to prayer led the retired couple to surrender their lives to Christ.

Years later, a non-Adventist military friend recommended that the Fullers watch the *It Is Written* television program.

At the end of the telecast one Sunday, Pastor George Vandeman invited viewers in the area to attend a Revelation Seminar that was to be held at the Silver Spring, Maryland, Adventist church. The Fullers regularly drove from Great Falls, Virginia, to attend the sessions conducted by Pastor Rob Randall.

On April 9, 1988, Fuller and his wife were received into the Silver Spring congregation. "Whatever we were before," he said, "I can now say along with Joshua: 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'"



FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



Chris Amadio, Philadelphia First, Pennsylvania. Chris's public commitment to Christ was to be baptized by conference President Jerry Page at the Pennsylvania campmeeting in June of 1988.



Melvin Stein, Baltimore First, Chesapeake. Melvin gave his life to Jesus by being baptized in December of 1987.



Maria Garzara, Capital Spanish, Potomac. Contacts with Adventism through colporteur Gustavo Arboleda and members' In-gathering appeal eventually led to Maria's baptism in July of 1988.



Tommy Benton, Williamsport, Chesapeake. Supported by his father, Tommy attended a baptismal class taught by his grandmother and was baptized by his great-grandfather in May of 1988.



Marjorie Hope-well, Pottstown Walnut Street, Allegheny East. After attending church for a year, Marjorie was baptized in July of 1988 after a Revelation Seminar held by Pastor Paul Anderson.



Aaron Imbraguglio, Baltimore First, Chesapeake. Aaron has attended Adventist schools all his life. The 11-year-old took his stand for Christ and was baptized in July of 1988.



José Luis Recinos, Capital Spanish, Potomac. Bible studies from Gustavo Arboleda led José to become a vegetarian and begin paying tithe weeks before he was baptized in July of 1988.

KEITH POTTS



Clem Dalby

“Blame It on My Mother”

vonne Vanderhorst is a secretary at the General Conference headquarters in Takoma Park, Maryland, and received a doctoral degree in education administration last June. But she is much, much more: a tutor, an advocate of the underdog, a community volunteer—and still more.

Working in the Office of Human Relations involves maintaining church unity and taking care of all minorities, including women and the handicapped, for the North American Division.

In addition, Vanderhorst helps manage the Human Relations Center for Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and helps maintain a job skills bank.

“We also take care of problems. But we try to do more in terms of conciliation. For instance, when most people are upset with the church—something that has happened in the church with one of the members or the pastor—all they want really is an apology. If you think about it in the long run, they’re not out for money or to get even.

“But sometimes, things that happen in the church or things that we do to each other involves more than just an apology. That’s where our office comes in—having a conciliation meeting, where the two parties get together and a panel listens to them.

Vanderhorst works for W.S. Banfield, director of the Office of Human Relations, and carries quite a load. “I do everything but make final decisions. Laugh if you want. You ask my boss. Sometimes he says he’s not sure who’s the boss.”

Banfield agreed. “I’m just glad to have her here. In nine out of 10 cases, Yvonne can take care of things. She has a knack for dealing with people. She knows where to go to find help. People think that because she jokes, she’s never serious. Although she’s very jovial and outspoken, she’s shy and invariably very serious.”

That joking has been part of the support that keeps Yvonne going. Her private life, if you could call it that, is full. Since college, she has taught and counseled children.

“I am just me as a result of my mother and the Lord working together. There’s nothing really that interesting about me. I just have learned how to put 27½ hours into a 24-hour day.”

“Blame it on my mother. This is a time when everybody blames somebody, right? So I might as well start out in the very beginning putting the blame on my mother.”

Yvonne Vanderhorst was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on March 30, 1949. It was in Youngstown that the volunteer spirit was instilled in her. Because both

Keith Potts, a frequent feature writer for the Visitor, works free-lance from his home in Silver Spring, Maryland.

parents were working at the time, it was up to Yvonne, her sister, Carol, and brothers Stevan and Ronnie to do the housework.

"When we were little, we used to say my mother was president of the 'National Volunteer Society'—if she could volunteer us to do something, she'd do it."

The young Vanderhorsts were volunteered to do everything from pulling weeds in a neighbor's yard to helping clean the church for Sabbath.

Yvonne remembers, "I'll say one thing for her, though; she never volunteered us for something that she wouldn't do herself. In the process, we just got in the habit of helping somebody else without expecting anything in return. We learned confidence, self-esteem and how to be independent without being selfish."

But while growing up, her life was not all work. "I had nine boys growing up around me, so I played football, basketball—you name it, we played it."



With that kind of background, Yvonne eventually reached college age and some decisions had to be made. "My mother knew I loved staying at home. If she hadn't pushed me out, and if it had been up to my father, I'd still be living at home," she recalled.

Yvonne chose Walla Walla College in Washington state, then decided to go to Columbia Union College in Takoma Park because it was closer to home.

"Going to CUC was the best thing that happened to me," she said. While there, she coached the men's basketball team. And she met Joan Angelo Adams and Ernest Plata, who operated a tutoring service. She started tutoring her freshman year and continued throughout college.

In 1971, with a degree in elementary education, her family caring and volunteer spirit continued. "For a graduation present, most people either get a new car or a trip. I got my brothers. They came to live with me and go to school," she laughingly recalled.

Yvonne taught in public schools and continued tutoring. "I found, though, that teaching was not enough to help put Stevan through school," she said. "I didn't do everything. He worked, too. The folks helped when they could, but we were responsible for the majority of his school expenses."

She moved into a two-bedroom apartment and started working at the General Conference. Yvonne also began work on a master's degree. "I finished that pro-

gram in 1975, then worked and did nothing aside from tutoring."

Yvonne keeps a busy schedule, spending evenings with children who have special needs. "On Mondays and Wednesdays I'm down at Piney Branch Elementary School in Takoma Park to tutor right after work. On Tuesdays and Fridays I help two kids who are doing everything via home study. And on Thursdays I have the neighborhood kids."

"I may spend the weekend taking them shopping or take them to the nearby Sligo Community Center to get something they need," Yvonne said. "I'm not rich by a long shot—only in blessings, as my mother says. The Lord blesses me. He gives me enough to help somebody else and then I'm broke again."

Tutoring has not been easy. Vanderhorst believes that the major problem with education is discipline. "When it comes to education and what society wants, society is reflected in kids' attitude toward education.

"In essence they are saying, 'I come first. Anything I want is more important than what you can give me. If I want to play or talk, I don't want to be bothered—I'll just sit here and ignore you, whether you're willing or not to give me some information that I really need.'"

"I look at that child and think, 'If I could only motivate you, interest you, build your self-esteem, encourage you, let you know I appreciate you—fine.'"

"I'm not the only one there," she con-

tinue," she said. "It started as a result of the tutoring. We found that these kids don't necessarily have as many learning disabilities as they have unmet needs—things happening at home, for instance."

"We went to one house just to visit. All they had in the cupboard was a can of soup. How's a kid going to study with no food in his stomach? These are not what you'd call poor kids. They are middle- and upper-middle-class kids whose parents are busy making ends meet or trying to keep up with everybody else."



With her doctoral degree, Yvonne plans to go into research. "Maybe one day I can go ahead and put my Ph.D. to use," she said.

"But if I do leave denominational employment, whatever research I do will be done in such a way that it can be incorporated into our schools. I want the research to be specifically for our schools, written or done in such a manner that the world can also use it."

The rest of her life? She has a long list of things in her future.

"When it comes to marriage," she said, "some people say I'm too choosy. I just haven't been able to find what I'm looking for. I am looking for a Christian man who loves sports. That's it. Now I find lots of men who are Christians, but none of them has been much of a man."

And I've found some who were men, but not much of a Christian, and I don't intend to go to church every Sabbath by myself."

Jesus is what holds the Vanderhorst blend together. "I was taught,

"I was taught, number one, that you put Jesus first and everything else will fall into place. And that's just the way it is."

number one, that you put Jesus first and everything else will fall into place. And that's just the way it is. Putting Him first is like putting on your underwear—you do it every morning and it just becomes a habit.

"To this day, I'm still trying to figure out what my talents are. Jesus has used me in a lot of ways," including a Bible study group that meets in her home. The neighbors come together to search out what the Lord offers and expects of them.

According to Yvonne Vanderhorst, the most important things a person can do to help prepare for the soon return of Jesus are to study, practice and tell.

"Study for yourself, practice what you preach and tell other people. You'll find it doesn't say anywhere that everybody has to be a Seventh-day Adventist in order for the Lord to come. He just said everybody has to hear." And she has found ways to tell.

Nevertheless, Vanderhorst continues her tutoring. "This September is my 21st year of tutoring—for free," she said.

Though unmarried, her family has grown. She laughs. "How many people can say they are single and have had 943 kids? I wouldn't trade it!"

And her "family" has continued to support her. "Some of the kids who started out when they were in second grade are coming back to help with the tutoring. I've even seen some baptisms as a result."

Helping kids has not been easy, but Yvonne has continued to volunteer with Prepare Our Youth.

"Prepare Our Youth is more than just

The Columbia Union plans a special Camporee for Pathfinder leaders September 16-18, Mount Union, Pennsylvania

RON STRETTER

Worship, fellowship and learning events will highlight "The Camporee without the Kids," a Pathfinder leadership convention and "planoree" sponsored by the Columbia Union.

The planoree is a weekend camping retreat for conference coordinators, local club directors and staffs on the site of the Friendship Camporee scheduled for August 7-12, 1989.

Leaders at the planoree will tour the camporee site on Sabbath afternoon, September 17.

They will see and learn about the facilities and programs planned for the anticipated 15,000 to 20,000 Pathfinders next summer. There will also be planning time by conferences for orientation and discussion.

On Sunday morning there will be a full menu of seminars and activities. Entire Pathfinder club staffs are encouraged to attend the planoree, so that the information provided in many workshops will be available to each club in planning for the Friendship Camporee.

Seminars starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 18, include:

- My Pathfinders Won't Sing!—some answers and help
- Everything You Wanted to Know about Noah's Ark but Didn't Know Who to Ask
- Orientation and Update on NAD Pathfinder Classes
- How to Lead a Pathfinder to Christ
- Menu Planning and Cooking for a Six-day Camporee
- How Your Club Can Adopt a "Special Friend" for the Camporee
- What's Working in Pathfinding Today?—idea exchange—show and tell
- How to Work with Your Pastor in Planning for a Pathfinder Baptism and the Camporee
- How to Advertise and Promote Your Club with Pictures and Articles—bring your camera
- Are You Covered?—insurance, current legal issues, travel tips
- Salesmanship and Pathfinding—raising funds through sales
- How to Recruit More Club Staff

- Getting Acquainted with the Fauna and Flora of Agape—nature hike
- How to Be a "Loved" Drill Master!
- How to Organize and Train a Drum Corps in Your Club
- Special Pathfinder Ministries: Community Service, Puppets, Clown Ministry, Deaf Signing
- Understanding the Personality Traits of Your Pathfinders
- How to Fly Like an Eagle when You Have to March with the Turkeys!—staff relations

Seminar leaders include Elbert Anderson, Elfred Lee, Norm Middag, Barbara Manspeaker, Henry Livergood, Donna Stretter, Kermit Netteburg, Frank Ottati,

Charlotte Coe, Woody Pangborn, Clyde Kinder, Floyd Murdoch, Charles Cason, Roger Wade, Chuck Case, Wes Jaster and other guests and Pathfinder specialists.

All Columbia Union Pathfinder club leaders and their entire staffs need to be present at the planoree September 16-18. Churches and members should help their leaders get to this special event.

Your conference Pathfinder director has all the information you need for the planoree. Let him know you are coming.

Ron Stretter is director of church ministries for the Columbia Union and director of the Leadership Planoree in September and the Friendship Camporee next August.



Uplink '88

Do conventional church programs leave you feeling a little empty? Do you feel that the church isn't listening to your generation, that it's tuned into a different signal?

Then *Uplink '88* is the event you need! *Uplink '88* is the first union wide weekend retreat and convention designed especially to meet your needs. Come rub shoulders and share ideas with movers and shakers like James Londis, Trina Magi, Henry Wright, Wintley Phipps and Monte Sahlin, to mention only a few of the speakers and seminar moderators. Attend dynamic, open-forum seminars to frankly discuss issues that are at the very heart of your needs. Choose from a wide variety that includes such topics as: the changing roles in today's family and how these changes affect parenting; what the lifestyle of SDAs might be like in the 90s and what issues are confronting the church forcing change; contemporary Christian ethics and theology and how they shape modern medicine, business practices and Christian relationships; Baby Boomers, the church and its mission; and networking with church leaders and peers.

Don't miss this opportunity. Come. Participate. Help make your vision of the church of tomorrow a reality today! Attend *Uplink '88* from 5 p.m. Friday to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, October 21-23, at the Hyatt Pittsburgh.

For information on seminar topics, registration and reservations, contact: Columbia Union Church Ministries, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045, or phone (301) 596-0800.



Hear the thunder!

RON M. WISBEY

great influence on my life, particularly my parents, who carefully nurtured me in the things of the Lord but always allowed me the space to make up my own mind.

I've shared this little memory, knowing that while it is very personal to me, this simple process has taken place countless times in other lives.

Unfortunately, the corporate church today faces a major problem in ministerial recruitment. We have outstanding

academic training available, but the flow of candidates has decreased over the past several years.

Many reasons can be ascribed for this. Budgets have not always been available, and conferences have not been able to hire all the eligible graduates; consequently, many young people have chosen to enter other professions.

A major deterrent is the conflict over standards and lifestyle issues and resulting tensions that young people sense within congregations as they are growing up. The youth often determine that

they will not enter a profession governed by so many varying expectations.

The church is at a crossroads, and much depends upon the quality of our trained ministry during the years ahead.

Parents, while your young people are still in the home and you gather in your family circle, hold them up to God and at the same time keep the concept of a ministerial life before them.

I would also like to submit that it is the responsibility of every congregation to encourage its most talented young people to consider the calling of ministry as a lifework.

The thunder of His power may better be described as the thunder of His calling. May God guide all of us as we attempt to encourage our young people to hear and respond to this special thunder!

Columbia Union ministers ordained in 1988

Conference	Name	Churches
Allegheny East	Gene Donaldson	Williamsburg, Virginia
		Tappahannock, Virginia
	Richard Andrew Reeves Sr.	Annapolis, Maryland
		Cambridge, Maryland
Allegheny West	Stephen A. Richardson	Pine Forge Academy, Pennsylvania
	Kirk Thompson	North Town, Pennsylvania
		Willow Grove, Pennsylvania
	George Thornton	Chester, Pennsylvania
Chesapeake	Marvin Brown	Erie, Pennsylvania
		Ashtabula, Ohio
	Ernest Runge	Meadville, Pennsylvania
		Williamsport, Maryland
Mountain View	Vincent Dandrea	Berkeley Springs, West Virginia
		Parkville, Maryland
		Essex, Maryland
	Carl Calfee	Director, Conference Sabbath School, Stewardship and Trust Services
New Jersey	Bill Davis	Newark
		Elizabeth
	Fidel Falcon	Newark Spanish
		Dover Spanish
		Irvington Spanish
	Wilson Monpremier	Maranatha French, Newark
		Elizabeth Sinai French
	Kwi Hwan Row	Trenton Korean
	Marty Thurber	Salem
		Bridgeton
	Norman Zimmerman	Mount Holly English
		Browns Mills (company)
Ohio	Mike Stadnik	Hamilton
		Middletown
Pennsylvania	David Dunn	Lebanon
		Hershey
Potomac	Tim Evans	Takoma Park, Maryland
	Jeff Taylor*	Strasburg, Virginia
		Front Royal, Virginia

*Ordination service scheduled for September 24.



Charlotte Pedersen Coe

The church was the focal point of our lives when I was a small boy growing up in an Adventist community.

It not only served the spiritual needs of our family, but also provided social and fellowship opportunities.

Central to the church was the pastor. Somehow, in my young mind, this normal human being represented God in a mighty way. I felt the thunder of God's power when the pastor opened the word and shared Christ's love for us—the congregation.

It seemed perfectly natural for me to think in terms of ministry as a life opportunity when, during baptismal class, the pastor urged us to consider the possibility.

Evidently that pastor opened the way for the Holy Spirit, because two of us in that class ultimately took up the ministry.

Over the years, other "good people" have had a

Ron M. Wisbey is president of the Columbia Union Conference.

Ohio adopts total evangelism strategy in Vision '89



Stories and photos by
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Lillian Algood (left) explains a seminar lesson to Cassandra Smith, a recipient of one of the 14,000 brochures that were mailed out by Elyria members. "I've always been interested in studying Revelation," said Smith.



Carl Rowland (right) shows assistant Ron Moore how the video method of presenting a Revelation Seminar "can offer a good alternative to television watching." This was Roland's first experience in presenting a seminar. "I enjoy it. I became interested simply by studying the Word," he said.

The people of Ohio have a vision. A vision that is becoming reality. At camp-meeting a total evangelism program for Ohio, Vision '89, was introduced.

Vision '89 places a new emphasis on reaching Ohio members and their communities, not only through public evangelistic efforts, but also through church involvement in the community and a caring nurture of current members.

Evangelism in this broad sense is defined as preparing people to meet the Lord through sowing, reaping and conserving events developed through the local church.

Ohio Conference President Ed Motschiedler explained, "When we talk about evangelism we want to talk about total evangelism, ... showing concern about our inactive members, saving our youth and children, strengthening the spiritual experiences of our active members and making strong churches where people are encouraged and strengthened for their journey to the kingdom."

Sowing ministries create awareness of the church and assist people in dealing with their needs, hopes and fears.

Carolyn J. Perrine is communication director for the Ohio Conference.

Reaping ministries explain and develop specific doctrines of the Adventist church.

Conserving ministries allow all members to enjoy fellowship, a caring atmosphere for growth and opportunities to share specific spiritual talents.

Dorothy Hart, a member of the Mount Vernon Hill church, shared how her local church is filling a need: "I have been con-

VISION '89 PARTNERSHIP

Costs per time periods for Vision '89:	For all 540 days
	For one month
	For half a month
	For one week
	For half a week
	For one day
	For half a day

Costs for Revelation seminars only:	For all 540 days
	For one month
	For half a month
	For one week
	For half a week
	For one day
	For half a day
	For one hour
	For half an hour



Mike Tomasic (left) and Nicholas Hartman study Revelation while attending Pastor Richard Rose's seminar at the Lorain-Elyria Holiday Inn. Holding five seminars in the same area at one time is a first, according to Rose. After studying 13 lessons separately in July, those interested continued studying in one large session at the Elyria church in August.



Juliette Levy (right), a private duty nurse and brand new member of the Newark church, chats with Vera Norman, her next-door neighbor. At her baptism in April, Levy told of her search as a Christian for 20 years to find a church that taught and practiced the doctrines of the entire Bible before being invited to a Revelation Seminar by Norman. Both agree it takes "strength and fortitude" to develop and maintain a relationship with Christ but feel it is well worth the effort. "Pastor Dan Towar had the love and concern I was looking for," said Levy.

tinually refreshed by the sermons given in the Hill church in the past year.

"I feel that the pastoral staff is putting a needed emphasis on the saving grace of

that God loves me unconditionally and that I am assured of salvation only through the shed blood of Jesus."

Vision '89 is more than a new definition of evangelism. Vision '89 also provides opportunities for each church member to support more involvement in the community, more public meetings and Revelation seminars, and more nurturing ministries to members in the congregation.

Vision '89 is a plan that involves sowing, reaping and conserving activities beyond those already planned and supported during 1988.

As a contributing member, you could support one day of lay training for a stop-smoking workshop in your community.

Or you might support an evangelism celebration like the one held in Cleveland in March, when more than 900 church members gathered to share and fellowship through music, message and drama.

Do you see a need for spreading God's message in your community through a Rev-

elation Seminar? In an 18-month period, only \$35.49 each month would support one week of reaching out to your community through such a seminar.

Vicki Swetnam, a Mount Vernon City church member, shares the importance of Christian love in a church body: "I became convicted on the Sabbath through a Revelation Seminar held at the YMCA and was attending church on Saturdays and teaching Sunday school in the United Methodist church on Sundays."

She continued, "What really impressed me most was the different attitude each church had toward me. The Adventists marvelled that I could keep up such a pace, but continued to love and encourage me. The Methodist pastor informed me that once I stopped attending the Adventist church, he would be willing to study with me."

"Through the love of the City church members, I was brought into the family of God," Swetnam concluded.

Each Ohio member can be a part of Vision '89. Each is blessed with special talents for the Lord. Vision '89 can provide exciting opportunities to develop those talents. Share the Vision!

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One of the participants attending John Damyanic's Revelation Seminar at Avon Lake this summer studies the seals of Revelation. Damyanic's seminar in February began an exciting ripple that resulted in five seminars being presented in the Elyria area during the summer.



Vision '89 is activity

The role of the conference in Vision '89 is an active one. The conference leaders are committed to personal involvement in making Ohio's Vision '89 successful.

They can help your local church by providing training week-ends, technical assistance, shared funding and scheduling, as well as advertising reaping efforts.

Training events for sowing ministries include "Ministering to Families," fall, 1988; "The People-helping Sabbath School," February, 1989; "What Your Sabbath School Can Do for Your Community," November, 1989; and more!

Public evangelistic crusades are a large part of the reaping events scheduled for Vision '89. Home Revelation seminars also aid in reaping the harvest.

Conserving events scheduled so far include "Evangelism Celebrations" in four major cities in Ohio, a "Divorce Support and Awareness Seminar" in October of 1988 and more!

Your role as a church member is also an active one. The Ohio Conference needs your involvement.

AHS

WYCB-AM broadcasts live from Hadley

Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., was the site of a live radio broadcast this summer. The event was a feature of the WYCB-AM morning program, the Winston Chaney Show.

Chaney and his crew broadcast from the outer lobby of the hospital's Family Health Service from 6 to 10 a.m.

Along with news, weather and traffic reports, the voices of Hadley employees were heard by an estimated 60,000 listeners.

Hospital President Albert L. Dudley discussed the background of the hospital and stressed continued commitment to the physical well-being of those in the community.

Gerald Anderson, vice president for marketing and institutional development, told listeners of the programs available from the Family Health Service.

Several employees from various departments of the hospital went on the air. Karen Jones, a registered dietitian, spoke on the nutritional needs of pregnant teens. Clover Williams, director of personnel, addressed employment needs of the hospital. Herbert Nickens and Jean Tapscott discussed the threat of AIDS in the black community.

LAWRENCE HAWKINS
Public Relations

POTOMAC

Pastors plunge into summer activities

During the summer, church members and pastors began a variety of programs throughout the conference. Pastor Marsha Frost initiated a "discovery class" in the Fairfax, Virginia, church. Participants study a different doctrine each week. This class is held particularly for interested friends, relatives and neighbors who are not members of the church.

Each person receives a scripture outline sheet and is given a chance to discuss the subject. Frost closes each study with a quiz, which motivates class members and serves as a weekly method for people to indicate their decision about the subject.

Steve Willsey, pastor of the Capital Memorial church in Washington, D.C., and members recently sponsored an 1888 centennial celebration.

The event featured Bert Haloviak, General Conference archivist, for three consecutive Sabbath school programs. His topics included "The 1888 Setting: SDA Road to Minneapolis," "Ellen White and 1888" and "The Centrality of Justification."

In the South Boston district, Pastor Garland Day held a week-long revival series in the Chase City, Virginia, church.

The programs uncovered the rich heritage

of the gospel in the Exodus story. Some of Day's sermons included "Any Bush Will Do" and "Stop Living on Manna!"

Pastor Merle Whitney writes regularly to Waynesboro, Virginia, church members, updating them on various items of interest and concern.

One letter made reference to the financial status of the church and included the previous month's itemized expenses, a report from the treasurer about that month's income and a tithe envelope.

ALLEGHENY WEST

Douthards celebrate 55th year together

Plans for celebrating the 55th wedding anniversary of Gazetta and Norris Douthard, members of the Ethan Temple congregation in Dayton, Ohio, are shaping up.

"Fifty-four years ago, we stood together in God's love and made a pledge to each other. Our wedding took place on Sunday, December 24, 1933, at 4 p.m. in Wellington, Alabama," said Douthard last December, when the couple renewed their vows in the presence of children, grandchildren, friends and fellow church members.

"Since that first day of our lives together, our relationship has been one of caring, sharing, giving and love. And through it all, God has been by our side with blessings of unspeakable joy."

The Douthards credit much of their marital success to a willingness to share and a promise from the Scriptures they have adopted as their motto: "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us,"—1 John 4:12.

CUC



Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, has purchased a new \$386,000 chiller, which is now the central air-conditioning system for all buildings on campus. The old chiller, installed in 1968, could not meet the campus's air-conditioning needs and broke down frequently. The newer, more efficient system will save the college nearly \$250,000 in energy costs over the next five years. Fred Harder (left), CUC vice president for finance, and Steve Lapham (center), supervisor of heating and cooling, receive the key to the 600-ton York centrifugal chiller from David Reed of Washington Gas Energy Systems.—RICK MOYERS

AHS

Hospital teaches weight loss, exercise

Hackettstown Community Hospital in New Jersey sponsored a weight management class during the early summer.

The two-hour sessions were held weekly in the hospital conference dining room.

The class included sound nutritional advice and instructions to help modify eating habits and reduce caloric intake. Sample menus were provided to use in developing a personalized weight-reduction plan.

An exercise program was added during the third week, with low-impact aerobics and walking to help maintain weight loss.

RICHARD HARDAWAY
Community Relations



The joy of the occasion is reflected on a child's face at the first fellowship dinner served in the newly remodeled fellowship hall of the Paterson Eastside church.

NEW JERSEY

Paterson Spanish opens fellowship center

The Paterson Eastside Spanish church inaugurated its newly remodeled fellowship room with the first fellowship dinner served in the hall.

Following a series of evangelistic meetings by Hearly Roscher, evangelist for the *Ayer, Hoy y Mañana* telecast, the Eastside congregation was organized in 1982.

Five years ago, the young church purchased an abandoned firehouse on a busy street in East Paterson. Members have steadily remodeled it into a lovely sanctuary as an evangelistic outpost. The completion of the fellowship hall was the last phase of the extensive remodeling project.

Hosted by Pastor Jose Guillen, conference President Robert Boggess and morning speaker Steve Bohr, Spanish coordinator for the conference, the entire congregation was served lunch by the pastor and church officers.

Paterson Eastside, which is located just north of Newark and New York City, has 147 members.

ROBERT W. BOGGESS
President

CUC

Graduate degree offerings shape up

Robert Burnette was appointed by President William Loveless and Joseph Gurubatham, vice president of academic affairs, four months ago to assist in bringing graduate programs to Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Burnette, chairman of the business department at CUC, recently visited Loma

Linda University in California and met with Richard Neil, director of extended programs, Ron Ruskjer, program coordinator for health administration in the school of public health, and Ignatious Yacoub, dean of the school of business, to discuss graduate affiliation.

Burnette's next step will be to write a proposal for Loma Linda, which would bring as many as 11 graduate degree programs to CUC, including a doctoral degree in health science.

Both Loma Linda and Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, would like to affiliate with CUC because of the quality of its undergraduate business program and market potential.

The target date for initiation of these programs is fall of 1989, said Burnette.

RICK MOYERS
Public Relations Director

AHS

WAH offers help in controlling chronic pain

His life is devoted to relieving chronic

Gene Eberts is staff psychologist of the new Pain Resource Center at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland.

pain, which disables more people in this country than cancer or heart disease.

Chronic pain also costs Americans over \$70 billion a year in lost working days and compensation.

Eberts finds the newest approaches to pain management exciting. "Scientists are learning that the mind and the body are not distinct," he said. "There is an intimate interaction between the two. The doctor who looks at the body or the mind alone doesn't get the whole story."

"Millions of people have never known freedom from pain. As a result, they are depressed, anxious, lose their appetite and are unable to sleep," added Eberts.

The Pain Management Program operates under rehabilitation medicine. Eberts conducts two-hour sessions on consecutive weeks as part of the program.

He teaches patients skills that they practice during class and as part of daily "homework" assignments to enable them to cope with chronic pain. Medication is gradually reduced as patients learn alternative methods of control.

Daily activity and specific exercises are increased according to each individual's needs in order to improve that patient's muscle tone.

RUSSELL ARGENT
Director of Publications

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Students practice "old-tyme" farming

Students from the Beckley, West Virginia, church school, along with their teacher, Ron Reese, visited a 19th century mountain farm being maintained by the Blue Ridge Insti-

tute at Ferrum College in Virginia.

Groups of up to 15 can visit for the day and get a "hands-on experience" by cooking their own meals over an open hearth, churning butter, weaving belts, helping with gardening chores and whittling whistles. These are only some of the many ac-

tivities, all of which are done while wearing period clothing.

At first the students experienced "barefoot freedom," but later realized just how tired and achy feet can get, especially after trekking to the spring and back for water.

The field trip came to a tasty finish with a well-earned meal of homemade egg noodles, fresh vegetables, corn bread, goat's milk and strawberry shortcake.

CHERRY LILLY
Communication Secretary



Naomi Reese, a pupil from the Beckley, West Virginia, Adventist school, practices weaving at a 19th century mountain farm.

ALLEGHENY EAST

Actors, doctors teach health lessons

People who arrived for Sabbath school at the West Philadelphia church on May 21 were greeted by costumed Bible characters. On Health and Temperance Day, Sabbath school leaders asked Methuselah's wife why her husband lived so long. Daniel discussed temperance, while Adam and Eve re-enacted their fall from a life of perfect health. John the Revelator told of the future and gave a progress report before Miriam sang of Eden restored.

Newton Holett, a pastor and clinical psychologist from Michigan, then told the congregation how failure to follow God's lifestyle pattern has led to stress and a variety of illnesses.

The answer, he said, is not suicide or drugs, but Christ.

During the afternoon, Holett was joined by a doctor and an obstetrics nurse in a panel discussion of the question, "Should the church or the school be responsible for sex education?"



Charts and posters were available, along with literature on such topics as AIDS, arthritis, teen communication and weight loss.

Blood pressure was checked, vision screened and an enterprising exterminator warned of uninvited guests for dinner if good sanitation is not practiced.

MARK FROG HARRIS
Communication Secretary

MOUNTAIN VIEW

New church school opens in Oakland

The members of the Mountaintop congregation from Oakland, Maryland, are seeing the fulfillment of their long-time dream for a church school become reality.

Under construction at the church site, the school will be open in September with Edith Buresh as teacher.

Buresh and husband James, lay pastor at Mountaintop, recently came to the Mountain View Conference from Texas. They brought both teaching and building expertise to their new posts.

A church school at Mountaintop has long been the hope and subject of prayer by many as the answer to a need for Ad-



Meredith Herzel

CHESAPEAKE

In Columbia, Maryland, Atholton Sabbath school cradle roll children helped Indian children at the LaVida Mission in Farmington, New Mexico. The sides and roof of a traditional Navajo dwelling, called a "hogan," were covered by the cradle rollers with 600 quarters. After talking each Sabbath about the family unit and how special Jesus made it, the little ones and their parents were encouraged to discuss the "extended" church family and particularly the needs of the Navajo and Hopi children. During family worship, quarters were placed in special envelopes to take to Sabbath school. The \$150 collected was used to purchase Sabbath school felts and food for the LaVida Mission.—LINDA AND VICTOR ELLIOTT

ventist education for local church youth, as well as an outreach option of Christian education for the community.

EDIE SINES
Communication Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA



Shantha Danae Seeley, adopted 3-year-old daughter of Kathleen Seeley, teacher at the Adventist school in Greenville, Tennessee, repeated the pledge of allegiance to the flag when she became an American citizen. Shantha had learned the pledge especially for the naturalization procedure in the Federal Building in Greenville, where she and 60 people took part in the citizenship ceremony on May 27. Born in New Delhi, India, Shantha is the granddaughter of Pastor Ronald and Eileen Seeley from the Altoona, Everett and Six Mile Run churches.

POTOMAC

Hispanics will add 200 new members

Hispanic Adventist church board leaders from the metropolitan Washington, D.C., vicinity met on July 30 to discuss progress in their plan to add 200 new members in 1988. Representatives from three churches and three companies reported on year-to-date baptisms. Rogelio Weiss, Hispanic coordinator, said, "Last year we baptized 107 people. This year we've already baptized 79 in six months."

Plans were also forged for upcoming evangelistic meetings to be held concurrently throughout the metropolitan Washington area.

Each Hispanic Adventist congregation in the region will simultaneously host a crusade from October 22 to December 3.

Carlos Aeschlimann, Harvest 90 coordinator for the General Conference, outlined a strategy for reaching the 200-member increase. Three evangelists will work with the pastors, 11 ad hoc committees and church members.

Participating organizations are the Alexandria, Vienna and Rockville companies and the Arlington, Capital Hispanic and Washington Spanish churches.

ISABELLE RODRIGUEZ
Communication Secretary

OHIO

Academy
presents
alumni
awards

Spring Valley Academy marked the end of its 20th year on June 4 and 5 with a graduation and the presentation of the Centerville school's first Honorary Alumni Awards.

John Wheaton, principal, and Les Neff, board chairman, presented the awards at the baccalaureate service, which was held at the Kettering church, to two people who helped the school become a reality.

George Nelson, who was also founding president of Kettering Medical Center, provided influence and encouragement in establishing the 12-grade Dayton area school, which now includes kindergarten.

"The tradition of quality education at SVA began largely because of Nelson's influence," said Wheaton.

Ross Seasily, a retired Kettering Medical Center physician, helped provide leadership, financial support and direct assistance to the school.

Seasily brought together the people who purchased the 50-acre school site and organized the building campaign, Wheaton explained.



George Nelson (left) and Ross Seasily, Spring Valley Academy's first Honorary Alumni Award recipients, share anecdotes at the senior potluck dinner following the baccalaureate service.

The Honorary Alumnus Award includes a Service to Education plaque, an honorary diploma and placement of the awardee's name and picture on the Honorary Alumni Board at the academy.

Culminating the weekend, 35 seniors graduated during the school's 19th commencement service on Sunday, June 5.

LYNDA SEIDEL
Public Relations

NEW JERSEY

Retired
friends
share the
gospel

Joe Nagy and Milovan Blagojevic have been sowing the seeds of truth for 17 years in the highly populated Newark area.

Nagy, who is 80 years of age, estimates that he and Blagojevic have sold 7,000 to 10,000 family Bibles, 50,000 Spirit of Prophecy books and more than 100 sets of *My Bible Story*.

They have also given away more than 20,000 books, such as *Steps to Christ* and *Happiness Digest*.

The men work daily, visiting from door to door. Through the years they have been thankful for assistance from friends Wally Quedzuil, John Gerhart and Roy and Bob Geddings.

They like to talk about meeting people in heaven who learned about Jesus from their visits.

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Adventist singles sponsor Friday night meetings

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Friends and family names are sought for evangelistic series

The Parsons, KS, church will hold an evangelistic series September 25 to October 15. David Merling of the archaeology department at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, will be the featured speaker. Anyone with friends or family who are living in the Parsons area is asked to send their names and addresses to Blaine Fults, 401 N. 16th, Parsons, KS 67357.

Alumni, church homecomings are scheduled

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