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ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



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A father who had taken his son to an amusement park for the first time decided to introduce him to a roller coaster. After they climbed into their seats and pulled down the safety bar, the little boy's eyes opened wide as the ride began.

The clanking noise of the roller coaster was soon drowned out by the screams and laughter of the passengers as it traveled up and down, each hill steeper than the last. The twists and turns jerked the passengers first to one side and then the other, forcing them unwillingly to rise from their seats to almost a standing position.

As the little boy clutched his father's side, he looked up with startled, questioning eyes and asked, "Are we having fun yet?"

This question could easily be asked by the citizens of contemporary society, with its fast-acting, pleasant-tasting, quick-fixing, instant-working, microwave millisecond promises of gratification and fulfillment.

The question might also be asked by the members of our church who have proudly sung, "We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right."

Christianity is by no means a "Pollyanna" adventure, and yet the testimonies of the righteous through the years have clearly indicated that they have received a joy, a peace, a satisfaction and a fulfillment that is unknown to the world.

In my own experience, I have found that unless I keep my eyes focused on Jesus, my spiritual equilibrium will fail and my life will be consumed with the greatness of the responsibility of saving this world to the loss of my own salvation and my joy in the Lord.

All of us from time to time need to be reminded that the Christian experience is intended to bring us joy and happiness. "I am come," Jesus said, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly,"—*John 10:10*.

COVER: Gerard Griffin, a layman from Frederick, Maryland, contemplates a cool fall sunset in a photograph that was taken by Dennis Crews of Myersville, Maryland.

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## BAPTIZE



**OHIO**—When John Peters and Wendy Thurston entered their names in a drawing at a booth during the Hamilton County Fair in Cincinnati, they didn't win the new family Bible being given away. Instead, they began a chain of events that led them to start new lives as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The booth, which displayed sets of the 10-volume *Bible Story* series, was erected by local literature evangelist Glen Trammell and Chris Simons, assistant publishing director for western Ohio.

After the fair ended, Trammell and Simons began contacting the hundreds of persons who had entered the drawing. When the literature evangelists visited Peters and Thurston, the couple could barely contain their excitement that "the Bible men finally got to us."

When purchasing a *Bible Story* set and one of Ellen White's books didn't satisfy their desire for knowledge about Adventism, the couple was referred by the literature evangelists to Hamilton church Pastor Mike Stadnik for Bible studies.

Peters and Thurston then attended a Revelation Seminar Stadnik conducted, at which they accepted Jesus as their Saviour. These new Adventists joined the church in baptism on the same day they were joined in matrimony.

And the effect of the LEs' fair-booth evangelism continues to grow as John Peters gives Bible studies to interested people in his community.



Wendy and John Peters (center), along with children Dusten and Amber, are flanked by the LEs whose fair-booth evangelism led them to become members of the Hamilton Adventist congregation: Chris Simons (left) and Glen Trammell. *Photo by Dawn Simons.*

"Praise God for literature evangelists like Trammell, pastors like Stadnik who follow up interests and precious members like the Peters family," Simons said.

## FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



**Bob Thompson, Trenton, New Jersey.** Bob was baptized in May of 1989 at the close of evangelistic meetings conducted by conference Ministerial Director Jim Stevens.



**Selvin Gnannakkan, Baltimore First, Chesapeake.** Fourteen-year-old Selvin was baptized with his younger sister, Angela, in February of 1989.



**Angela Gnannakkan, Baltimore First, Chesapeake.** Angela is 13 years old and was baptized in February of 1989. Her parents joined the church by profession of faith.



**John Campbell, Princeton, New Jersey.** A banker in New York City, John studied the Bible with Pastor Ed Keyes for over a year before being baptized in June of 1989.



**Vicki Miller, Rising Sun, Chesapeake.** Vicki wanted the peace of Jesus in her heart, so she decided to follow Him by being baptized in February of 1989.



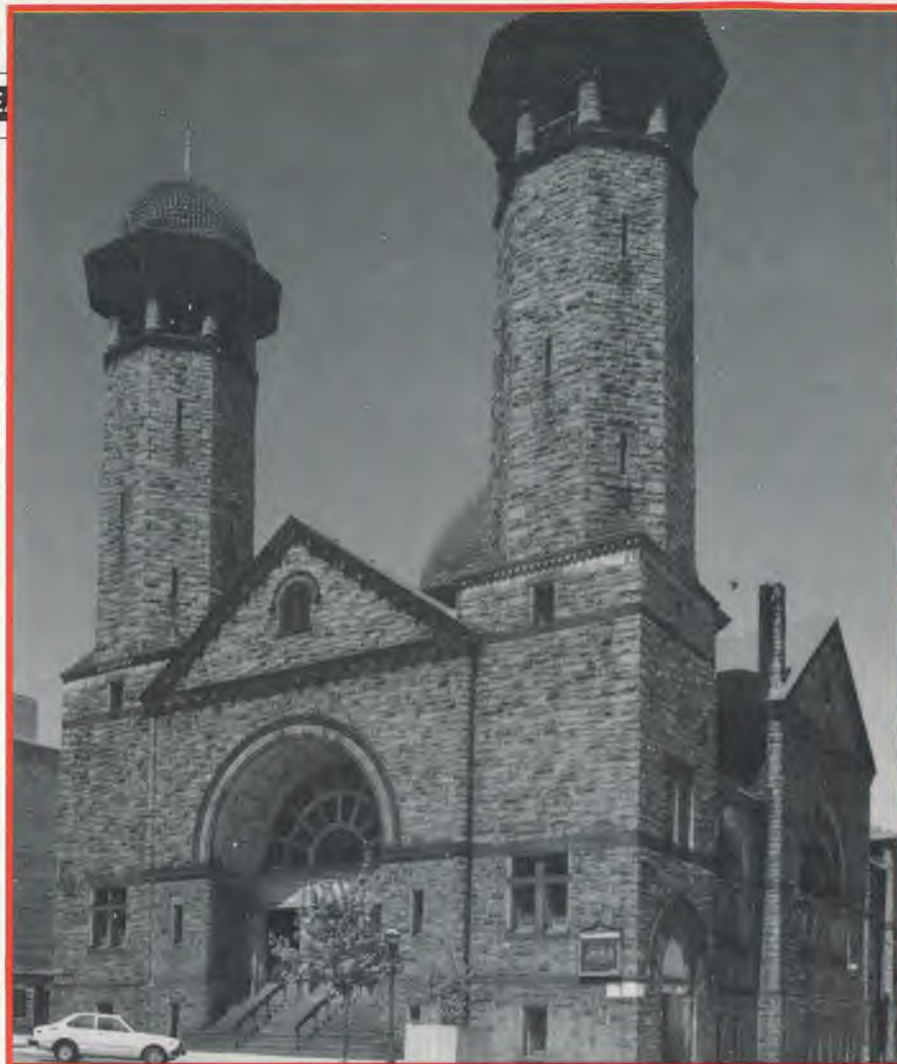
**Cindy Miller, Rising Sun, Chesapeake.** The death of a premature baby led Cindy to Bible studies and evangelistic meetings, which resulted in her baptism in February of 1989.



**Getty Major, Rising Sun, Chesapeake.** Evangelist Tom Hughes' meetings convinced Getty to be baptized during February of 1989, even though she is afraid of water.

# Historic Allegheny East church grows with youthful vitality

BETTIE BROCK



Very little keeps the eyes of Allegheny East members off the conference goal of evangelism.

Because Allegheny East has led the Columbia Union in baptisms every year this decade, the conference is now the largest in the union.

And tithe has grown right along with membership, from \$4 million in 1980 to \$8 million last year.

Not even worthwhile projects like refurbishing a 100-year-old church that's listed in the National Register of Historic Sites gets Allegheny East mem-

bers or congregations to lose their focus of reaching people who do not know Jesus or the three angels' messages.

The Berea Temple congregation in Baltimore not only held a "Real Truth" outreach last spring to evangelize the unchurched, but also launched an ambitious remodeling project to refurbish the church building.

## Refurbishing the church

The magnificent Berea Temple edifice, which was designated a national landmark in 1976, has housed a worship service every Sabbath for almost 100 years, first as home to the Baltimore Hebrew congregation.

In 1951, a group of Adventists under the direction of Pastor W.L. Cheatham

Sr. purchased the building on Madison Avenue and renamed it the Berea Temple church.

Currently under the leadership of Pastor Henry Fordham III, the church has launched a colossal renovation and restoration project.

The work will be completed in four phases. First, the lower-level auditorium and rest rooms will be totally re-conditioned.

Second, the church exterior will be refurbished by cleaning and tuckpointing the stonework and repairing and weatherizing the stained glass windows.

The third phase will upgrade the ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning, heating and electrical systems.

And fourth, the sanctuary will be restored to its original decor, albeit with modern sound and lighting systems.

The Hutchins organ also will be included in the restoration.

Members of the Centennial Restoration Committee estimate they'll need between \$2.5 and \$3.5 million. The church anticipates raising one-third of the cost through special projects and personal sacrifice for God's house. But most of the funding will come from foundations and private donors.

At the conclusion of the project in 1991, Berea Temple and the Baltimore Hebrew congregation will celebrate and rededicate the church during a centennial service.

Since the beginning of the year, the congregation has raised \$100,000.

#### Evangelizing the unchurched

Plans for restoring an historic church have not waylaid plans to spread the Adventist message, however.

Even while the fund-raising was going on, the church conducted a Real Truth

outreach last spring, closing with a big celebration.

Members of the Real Truth staff, under the direction of Gwendolyn Wither- spoon, made door-to-door contacts this past winter to pass out tracts and enroll students in the Real Truth course.

More than 500 people have enrolled this year, with 45 graduating already.

To focus attention on the church's evangelistic thrust, the staff planned three afternoon celebrations. The first one in July was so big they had to get permission from the Baltimore Department of Permits to close the 1000 block of Whitelock Street for the afternoon.

It soon became an event for all Baltimore churches. Even ministers of other denominations and their members came.

The event featured free screening for blood pressure and sickle cell anemia, drug counseling and booths with information about children's outreach, temperance, Community Services activities and Vacation Bible School.

More than 100 loaves of bread and 300 articles of clothing were given away during the celebration.

The evening program featured Baltimore's best musical talent and a message from local Elder Willie McMillan. Literature evangelists also held a drawing for a Heritage Family Bible and a Bible Story set.

The climax of the evening was the presentation of "The Judgment" by the drama club of Miracle Temple.

The well-attended affair brought the neighborhood to a standstill and residents to their porches and windows.

This was not a one-shot deal, either. Similar ventures occurred on Stricker Street and in the Westport section of Baltimore during the summer.

*Bettye Brock is communication secretary of the Berea Temple church in Baltimore, Maryland. Visitor Editor Kermit Netteburg took the picture of the church.*



The Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Maryland, honored its senior citizens for their unflinching spiritual and humanitarian outreach programs. W.W. Fordham, (center, with boutonniere) president of the Allegheny East Senior Citizens Federation, stressed "age independent" principles that should be incorporated into daily routine for a long and meaningful life. Photo by William Morgan.

## CUC

### Courses in English as a Second Language enhance CUC's outreach

In an effort to attract more international students and serve the needs of the community, Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, began offering expanded courses in English as a Second Language this fall.

Betty Howard, assistant dean for academic support programs at CUC, said that the classes are divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced tracks, including courses in conversation, grammar, reading and writing.

According to Howard, "ESL is currently an academic program, although non-students who need training in conversational English can also benefit from these courses."

Fourteen students, including people from Egypt, Puerto Rico and Taiwan, plus nine Korean students who are graduates of Home Study International, are enrolled in the program.

Gladys Decker, who has a master's degree in English as a Second Language from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, joined the CUC staff this fall as a teacher.

"This program will enrich college life by creating an increased awareness of international culture," Decker said, "and it will allow CUC to serve a new group of students and widen the college's outreach to the community."

"The cultural advantages of Washington, D.C., and its large international community make CUC an ideal place for international pupils to study," Decker added.

RICK MOYERS  
*Director, Public Relations*

## OHIO

### Support balloons for church booth at county fair

The Mount Vernon City church sponsored a booth at the local Knox County Fair in July.

"Our primary focus was a computer health-screening program," stated John Loomis, head elder for the church and leader of the project. "We offered free blood-pressure screening and computer coronary risk and health/age profiles."

"We saw much evidence of the Lord's leading. For instance, we wanted to be able to give children helium-filled balloons with our church's name and the



## HOSPITALS

Hackettstown, New Jersey, Community Hospital health educator Kimberly Squatrito (left) demonstrates the proper technique of diapering a baby to 14-year-old Carey Rushatz of Long Valley during a recent baby-sitting seminar held at the hospital. The program provides current and future baby-sitters with instruction in basic, noncertified cardiopulmonary resuscitation, fire and personal safety and what to do in case of an emergency. Participants get tips on feeding, bathing and diapering, choosing games for different age groups, developing and marketing a baby-sitting service and more, and receive certificates upon completion of the program.—BILL WEBER

phrase, 'Proud to Be Drug Free,' printed on them. The least expensive ones we could find were going to cost us \$250 for 1,000 balloons and helium.

"However, one of our members had had business dealings with someone two years ago, and when that member contacted him, he donated 2,000 printed balloons and helium, a gift worth a minimum of \$500."

More than 500 people went through the health screening and 1,000 pieces of literature were given out. A total of 100 people signed up for nutrition, weight-control, stress and stop-smoking seminars, which Pastor John Sweigart plans to begin as soon as possible.

JEANETTE PELTON  
*Communication Secretary*

## WORLD CHURCH

### Christmas cards direct attention to Christ's second coming

Encouraging people to think of Jesus' second advent as well as His first is

the goal of Christmas cards now available from the Voice of Prophecy.

The cards may be enclosed with other holiday greetings like a letter, or they might be sent alone. They are not designed, however, for mass distribution, as each card should include the sender's name and a brief personal message.

"There is no better season to become friends with Jesus than now," says the inscription on the card. "To know Him is to know that He has satisfying solutions to everyday problems."

The recipient may tear off a response card to request the New Life Bible Guides. The card promises, "In just a few minutes a day with the New Life guides and your Bible, you can discover real peace and the secret to a happy life. You will look to the future with assurance rather than fear. You will learn to really know Jesus."

The front of the card features a Clyde Provonsha painting of children caroling, as well as the theme, "Thinking of You at This Season."

On the back, a poem by H.M.S. Richards gives thanks for Christ's birth, life and death, His promise to come again and His loving presence today.

Packets of cards are free while they last by writing to: Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles, California 90053. Ask specifically for "Christmas cards." Allow four to six weeks for delivery.

ELDYN KARR  
*Director, Public Relations*

## OHIO

### Community responds to class in vegetarian cooking

The Dayton Far Hills church recently attracted 35 male and female residents from the nearby Oakwood community to a vegetarian cooking school.

Erica Nedley, a physical therapist, and Neil Nedley, a physician in internal medicine, taught the class.

Nedley gave lectures on nutrition and exercise containing spiritual lessons, and his wife demonstrated tasty vegetarian recipes to the group. Other members of the congregation assisted.

Because some members wanted the successful course to go on past its scheduled conclusion, it is currently being continued on the second Tuesday of every month under the leadership of Caroline Supensky, Jackie Evers, Kim Davis and class member Joan Miracle.

CAROLINE SUPENSKY  
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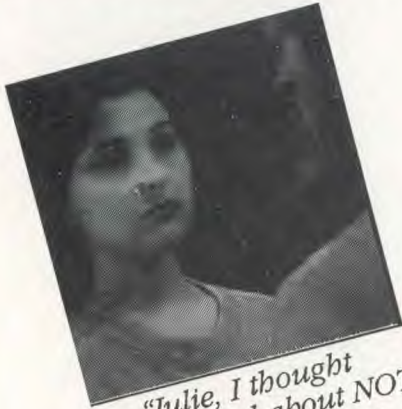


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### CHESAPEAKE

#### Adventist preaches in three Methodist churches

When vacation time arrived for Oscar Lopez, pastor of the Asbury, Cokesbury and Tome United Methodist congregations, he was unable to find someone to speak during the Sunday, July 23, services at his three churches.

Then he called his good friend, Donald Poist, a local elder with the Blythedale Adventist church in nearby Perryville, Maryland.

"The Lord impressed me to answer in the affirmative," said Poist. "This was an opportunity to witness for the Lord and let these people know something about Seventh-day Adventists and our way of life.

"Lopez had asked me to speak at his churches on two previous occasions and said that he considered my messages to be biblical and thought-provoking."

Poist's sermon, "In Pilate's Shoes," was so well received that he has been invited to preach again at these Methodist churches in the near future.

### NEW JERSEY

#### Salem church ordains first woman elder

A historic moment for members of the Salem church came when they ordained Kathryn Dickson as their first woman elder.

Pastor Marty Thurber directed the special service, at which Russell Saul, Carl Porch, Jimmy Dickson and Arik Warewick were ordained as deacons.

The ordination represents a new vitality surging through the Salem church, which has witnessed 16 baptisms over the past year.

Conference President Robert Boggess presented a challenge to both the congregation and its new officers to labor together diligently, looking forward to the finishing of the work.

### POTOMAC

#### Oxford school holds merchant's benefit auction

Who would buy a seven-foot toy alligator? Someone helping to sponsor a student on a field trip!

The Oxford Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Roanoke, Virginia,

held a "Merchant's Benefit Auction" to raise funds for an upper-grades trip to Washington, D.C.

Local merchants donated products and services that seemed to appeal to eager bidders. Church members also donated baked goods to be sold.

David Wright, auctioneer and coordinator, reported that more than \$850 was raised at the event.

JEAN MILLS

*Communication Secretary*

### WORLD CHURCH

#### Computerized Bible updated at Andrews University

"The Lamp" is a powerful Bible study tool designed for ministers, religion students, researchers and serious students of the Bible, according to Clifton Keller, the special computer services coordinator at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Available in both the King James and New International versions, the computerized Bible program incorporates such features as quick retrieval of verses by reference, word or phrase and the ability to easily transfer Scripture texts to a word processor.

Version 1.5 of "The Lamp," which is designed specifically for IBM-PC compatible computers with a hard disk and 640k memory, contains several attractive new features.

A unique spreadsheet-like search screen allows for 10 simultaneous search equations. Words found in the text may be added to a search buffer. Search lists may be viewed as single line items with target words highlighted for easy identification. Also, word searches may be performed while looking at a verse in its context.

Keller, who co-developed the software package with Robert Moon, director of the university's computer center, and Michael Dant, an Andrews graduate, stated that "The Lamp" is set apart from similar programs by its efficient use of technology.

"The entire Bible fits on four 360k floppy disks, and the text, concordance, program and indices require only three megabytes of hard disk space."

The program is already in use in a variety of settings and has become a big hit at a junior high school in Sonora, California, aiding students in research, debates, drama and devotional talks.

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## Competitive Wages

People who suggest that the only way our church can attract top talent is to offer competitive wages insinuate that those working for the church's less-than-competitive wages must be less talented than those in similar but higher-paying positions in the secular work force. They are dead wrong.

Would the Catholic Church have attracted someone better than Mother Teresa had it offered a competitive wage scale? Would men greater than David Livingstone and Albert Schweitzer have gone to Africa had the pay been higher? Undoubtedly a couple more talented than James and Ellen White could have been hired to lead and guide the early Adventist Church had the church not had such a sacrificial wage scale. Certainly someone better than Jesus Christ would have been found to save the world if only God had offered market wages and better benefits.

Great causes still attract great people who are more interested in serving others than in amassing this world's wealth.

MARK HAYNAL  
Shawnee, Kansas

## Being Adventist

"Being Adventist" (Aug. 10) repeats a dreadful sin in Seventh-day Adventism. Like several other writers in denominational magazines, Winn seems to view the baby boom generation as a monolithic group.

A large, and growing, group of people born after the terrors of World War II look at history and still see the patient, persistent hand of a God of relentless love and compassion. They look at psychology as a poor replacement for faith and trust in God and His revealed will. They view psychology as full of flawed explanations, and faulty, if not completely pagan, spiritually counterproductive guidelines for interpersonal relations.

A minority still look at Christianity as the only salvation for humanity. Christianity to them has to be done decently and in order, according to justifiable norms and standards. Min-

istry to our fellowman must follow certain criteria established and revealed by our Creator for our safety and salvation. Some are turned away by siren songs of "compassion and relevance" that have replaced spiritual truth and righteousness. Some baby boomers see that the only equality is our status as sinners. God has given guidelines for ministry within this equality of confusion.

WILLIAM C. SANDS  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

## GIVE IT AWAY

The entire November 2 issue of the *Adventist Review* will deal with homecoming. Give it to a friend or relative who no longer comes to church. Order extra copies through your ABC.

I hear Winn saying that the authoritarianism of traditional Adventist culture has left us with much rocky soil. Naturally, crop after crop of educated young adults will not plant themselves in it. They look at their forebears and see people whose preoccupation with externals prevented their maturity. These young adults want a broader vision.

Until leadership acknowledges and addresses these issues, true progress will elude us. Thousands will be baptized but not nurtured beyond spiritual infancy. Christ's advice to become as little children is germane. Little children grow up. They can't help it. How perverse, then, that our collective maturity is arrested.

R. E. COOK  
Portland, Oregon

In Winn's emphasis on meaning and the distinctive understanding Seventh-day Adventists can provide for the world, he seems to depreciate the great value that form (i.e., ritual, custom, symbols, lifestyle, etc.) has in the religious life. Form can be a unifying, validating mechanism by

which we achieve our group goals and present ourselves to others. Form channels our thoughts and actions respecting the religious meanings and beliefs we wish to cultivate. Form conveys messages to those we wish to influence.

Most social scientists would agree that behavior and attitude are mutually reinforcing. James said that "faith without works is dead." When we emphasize one side of this equation without fair treatment of the other, we distort what being an Adventist means.

To argue that the outward form of the Adventist experience is unimportant and that our cultural, social, and philosophical diversity somehow legitimates a great diversity of religious practice in Adventism is to encourage the us-versus-them situation in the church that Winn claims young people disdain.

DEAN RILEY  
Banks, Alabama

## Involvement

Early in my ministry I found it easier just to give the Bible studies and not depend on others with all their excuses (see "The Witnessing Blahs," Aug. 3). I soon discovered I had a church of sitting, tired, discouraged members, listening to about 10 minutes of the sermon and watching the clock the remaining time.

When the people bring new members into the church, they protect them as a mother does her child. The converts are nurtured and made a part of the church family. When the pastor brings the converts in, they become his converts. Soon he is transferred, and no one watches over them. They are lost to the church.

What was my great discovery as a pastor? When the people are involved in church ministry, arguments over church leadership disappear, tithe and offerings go up, concern for missions grows, greater love and fellowship fragrance the church, people are not concerned about ordination, pay increases, and all the rest. They are a happy church with a radiant and proud pastor.

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## THE BIG EVENT

**W**e each need the Big Event—something that knocks us off our feet, fills us with wonder and awe at the presence of God, and makes us feel glad to be part of His people.

A few Friday nights ago I experienced such an event. With some 15,000 other Adventists, I sat on a grassy slope at Friendship Camporee near Mount Union, Pennsylvania, and shared a moving reenactment of the Passion of Jesus. All of us present were more than spectators: so gripping was the portrayal that, caught up by the inspiration of the evening, we became participants in the closing scenes of our Lord's earthly life.

Set against the backdrop of Noah's ark—built to size—and the mountains beyond, the program featured a cast of hundreds, music, and lasers. In a spectacular conclusion Jesus ascended from the platform and was shown on the screen high above as a laser figure disappearing into infinity.

But even that wasn't the climax. Joined by other leaders on the huge stage, North American Division president Charles E. Bradford challenged the 13,000 Pathfinders and others present to a life of commitment to Jesus, to hasten the end of sin and suffering. As he lit his symbolic candle of service, 15,000 answering candles shattered the darkness; as he raised his candle, 15,000 others leaped upward.

What a start to the Sabbath! But much more of an unforgettable nature was still to come.

Sabbath morning the Pathfinders marched in by club, conference, and union for the church service. Re-

splendent in uniforms, flag-bedecked, marching to Pathfinder bands, they came, and came. For more than an hour they assembled, taking their places in front of the huge stage.

And then—the preaching. Not your ordinary sermon: John the Beloved, portrayed by Henry Wright, told about his Friend Jesus. His graphic words held the young people spellbound for 35 minutes, and when at their close he appealed for decisions to be a friend of Jesus, hundreds rose to their feet and came forward. Came? Some ran! They crowded the area, backed up; 498 signed cards for baptism.

What a sight! What evangelism!

That same afternoon, in fact, 150 youth were baptized—not those from the morning's service, but others who had prepared before the camporee.

### Lasting Impact

What an impact on young lives—and on older ones! Those who attended the Friendship Camporee will carry its memories all their days. I was present only for the activities of Friday and Sabbath, but the program moved me more than anything in my experience.

They were *Adventists*—mainly young ones—who planned and produced these programs. They were *Adventists*—mainly young ones—who showed such creativity, who worked so hard, who were so professional.

Am I proud of them? You'd better believe it!

Am I proud of my church? Yes, again.

Because in everything one fact

was patently obvious: this was a *Christian* event. It uplifted Jesus.

I'm sure the camporee cost plenty, while the expenditure of effort in planning and running the gathering must have been prodigious. But the organizers—right down to club leaders, counselors, and cooks for each club—gave themselves for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of His children. That made Friendship Camporee the Big Event.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel shared the Big Event every year. Three times they journeyed to Jerusalem—at Passover, Pentecost, and Yom Kippur. They left villages and farms, left crops and animals, left isolated hamlets. From the ends of the country they came in little bands, numbers swelling along the paths and roads, until at last they converged on Jerusalem—a huge throng gathered for worship, consecration, and celebration.

Now, because the needs of the church today constantly outstrip resources, some Adventists question the Big Event. They try to measure programs like Friendship Camporee in terms of dollars and cents. They would scale down the General Conference session, for instance, pointing out how the money saved could be used elsewhere.

And we must be good stewards of the church's funds. We should not bankrupt the church for the Big Event.

But we should factor in the Big Event in our planning and our budgeting. Pathfinders needed the Friendship Camporee. They will need other camporees. Older youth need the Big Event. So do our young adults. In fact, each segment of the church needs to be caught up in consecrated creativity and rejoicing. And the world church *needs* the GC session.

For the really BIG EVENT is coming, and soon, we believe. Jesus is coming, and what a spectacle *that* will be!

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON



# ARE WE READY TO WELCOME THEM HOME?

BY CHARLES E. BRADFORD

**W**hen they brought my first granddaughter home, I was determined to have everything ready. I had cleaned the furnace filters to make sure there was no dust in the air. I turned up the heat until it was too warm—to ensure that the baby did not catch a cold. I had stocked the refrigerator with extra milk, even though I knew the infant wasn't ready for it yet. I looked forward with great anticipation to the homecoming of this new member of the family.

## Another Homecoming

In Luke 15:11-32 God is pictured as anticipating and preparing for the return of a son who has walked away from Him. When the son returns, the father says "to his servant, 'Hurry. . . . Bring the best robe . . . and let us celebrate with a feast!'" (verses 22, 23, TEV).

I spent Homecoming Sabbath recently with a church in Los Angeles. Nonattending members had been specially invited to return to active participation in the congregation, and extensive preparations had been made for them. A superb dinner was prepared.

Many responded to the invitation, and more than 600 sat down for dinner after worship. They were not disappointed. And in addition to the missing members who returned, a man who has lived across the street from the church for more than 20 years came to visit for the first time.

Hundreds of other local churches have had or are planning to have homecoming events. The Oklahoma, Florida, Potomac, and British Columbia conferences have re-

cently held major training events for their pastors in the methods of reclaiming missing members. Scores of pastors, first elders, and other congregational leaders have written to my staff to tell about their plans.

The Holy Spirit is moving on the hearts and minds of tens of thousands of former and nonattending Adventists, wooing them back to the church. Are we ready to receive them? Research indicates that if the problems that caused the inactive member to drop out in the first place

**A man living across the street from the church for more than 20 years came to visit for the first time.**

are not resolved, they will very likely stop attending again. Are we willing to take a careful look at what it is in our congregation that causes an individual to feel that his needs are not met—that he does not receive the support and spiritual fellowship he needs? Are we willing to make changes?

I know it will take a little time to visit the nonattending member. We do not relish what we will hear. We do not want to inconvenience ourselves by doing something about it. But it is an essential element in a

caring church. When our Lord asks, "Where are the lambs I gave you?" He is asking not only about our little children, but also about our adult children—in a larger sense, those of all ages who, at one time, were drawn to the Adventist message and mission.

## An Issue to Share

The *Adventist Review* is providing a special tool to help you reach out to the nonattending members on your church books. The November North American Division issue is being written specifically for the church member who is no longer a regular attender. Every article and feature will be addressed specifically to those who are not sitting next to you in the pews on Sabbath.

You may find it speaking in somewhat different terms than those to which you are accustomed. If you are a regular attender and active in your congregation, you may feel that this issue does not "hit the spot" with you personally, but you will want to share it with those who no longer attend.

Of those households to which the monthly NAD *Adventist Review* is mailed, there are perhaps 50,000 to 100,000 in which no one is regularly in church on Sabbath. The November special issue is intended specifically for those brothers and sisters. Please join me in praying for them this month, that each one may read the special issue and that it will be used by the Holy Spirit to speak to their hearts.

*Charles E. Bradford is president of the North American Division.*

# Divided Church in Hungary Sets Date for Unity

A negotiating team composed of the Hungarian Union executive committee and a corresponding committee of the so-called Egervari group met in Budapest, Hungary, September 12-13, to seek reconciliation of the divided church.

Representing the General Conference was J. Robert Spangler, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association; Alf Lohne, retired General Conference officer; and Jan Paulsen, Trans-European Division president.

In 1975 a group of church members, which today numbers approximately 1,200, broke away from the official church in Hungary and established a separate spiritual community. The 1970s were difficult days politically in Hungary, and communication between the leaders of both sides of the divided church was difficult. The authorities considered the Egervari group an illegal organization.

However, the great changes that have taken place in several socialist countries in Europe during the past 12 months have altered the situation also in Hungary. Government officials are no longer interested in controlling church affairs. The State Office for Religious Affairs has been dissolved. When our official church voted overwhelmingly at their union constituency meeting last April to withdraw membership from the Council of Free Churches, the way was cleared for communication between the official church and the separated faction.

Approximately 30 representatives took part in the Budapest consultation, and it was clear that the time had come to make serious efforts to heal the rift dividing the Adventist family. Conditions inside the church and outside made the time ripe.

At the end of the second day, a joint declaration was signed by both the leaders of the Hungarian Union and those of the Egervari group.

The declaration begins by affirming that we believe that it is the will of the Lord that the church in Hungary should be reunited. Furthermore, the signed declaration states the intention by both sides to achieve the goal of unity by September 1990.

The document covers several sensitive matters that were considered crucial to unity.

■ When the breakaway first happened, a large number of our brothers and sisters were illegally disfellowshipped from the church. There were no biblical grounds, nor was there a basis in the *Church Manual* or *Working Policy*, for these persons to be disfellowshipped.

The declaration states that the 518 persons who were thus dealt with in 1975 will be rehabilitated and restored to regular membership within our church without submitting each name to an individual vote. It was

*By Jan Paulsen, Trans-European Division president.*

felt that inasmuch as these members had been dealt with incorrectly, they therefore should be reinstated quickly and en masse.

The two sides will now work together to compile a list, and within the next few weeks the names of these persons will be restored to the church register.

■ During the difficult years of the past, statements have been made by Hungarian church leaders that seem to suggest ecumenical relationships and positions that differ from those that we hold to as a worldwide church. In this joint declaration the union committee and the present union administration clearly distance themselves from such statements of the past that may have been out of harmony with the church's working policy regarding relationships with other Christian churches.

■ The joint declaration also contains statements to the effect that persons who are employees of the church may not at the same time accept any public/political appointments or fill other positions, publicly or privately, without the explicit approval of the union committee. The declaration acknowledges that members within our church have the liberty to express their convictions freely as long as their participation in the life, worship, and witness of the church is constructive to the church and in harmony with the 27 fundamental beliefs and our *Church Manual* and *Working Policy*. The emphasis is on constructive participation, while at the same time acknowledging individual freedom.

The declaration also acknowledges that hurt has been caused to the Adventist Church family as a whole in Hungary by both sides of the divided church. It was felt that the exercise of blaming and criticizing one another must come to an end. Both sides expressed regret for the past and asked for mutual forgiveness for the hurt that has been caused to the Adventist believers.

A small standing committee will function during the next 12 months to deal with the many practical issues that must be resolved before the merger can be completed. Such issues as properties, finances, employment of ministers, and organization of new churches must be resolved.

However, a courageous, Spirit-led step forward has been taken by both sections. The Adventist family will continue to pray that a year from now our church in Hungary will again be united in its service and witness for the Lord until He returns.

## NORTH AMERICA

**Adventist Scientists Study Geologic Record.** Thirty-eight Seventh-day Adventist scholars met in Rock Springs, Wyoming, August 11-15, to study how the famous Green River (rock) formation (pictured above) compares to the biblical flood account. The group represents the Biblical Research Institute Sci-



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ence Council and is directed by the Geoscience Research Institute of the General Conference (GRI).

The group worked together to compare geological findings in the rocks to the biblical record of the Noachian flood, reports Ariel A. Roth, GRI director.

### AU Breaks Ground for Technology Complex.

Andrews University officials conducted groundbreaking ceremonies for the new College of Technology building September 5. The ceremony represents a reversal of the July board action to delay the project.

"Board officers and other church leaders felt that additional delay could be detrimental to the university and its relationship with donors," says Andrews president Richard Leshner. "All construction costs have been raised for the project."

## WORLD CHURCH

**New Baptisms in Papua New Guinea.** More than 40,000 people attended Sabbath services during the first-ever combined camp meeting of the Eastern Highlands and Simbu missions August 18-22 near Keiya, Papua New Guinea, reports Ray Coombe, South Pacific Division communication director.

Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, preached for the closing Sabbath, and 4,557 candidates were baptized by 127 pastors in the Asaro River. Coombe says that the baptism took just over one hour to complete.

**WWC Students Build Homes in Bangladesh.** Eleven Walla Walla College students spent six weeks this past summer building 20 basic shelter units for families who had not yet recovered from the 1988 flood that left 75 percent of the country under water, reports Nina Martinez, a spokesperson for Adventist Development and Relief Agency, which sponsored the building project.

The students worked in an isolated area 60 miles southwest of Dacca, the capital of Bangladesh.

**ICPA Reaches International Audience.** The International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency will publish anti-drug and alcohol articles on a continuous basis in 16 government-sponsored police and teacher/education journals, reports Thomas Neslund, an associate General Conference Health and Temperance director and ICPA director.

The journals are expected to reach more than 1 million people in 12 countries. The articles—reprints

of those in *Listen* and other Adventist publications — will be updated and internationalized to reach readers in Africa, the Far East, South America, and the Middle East.

## FOR YOUR INTEREST

**Review Targets Missing Members.** The *Adventist Review* is preparing a special issue for missing and inactive church members. The entire November 2 issue will feature articles on the theme "Come Back—We Miss You."

"This will be an issue for members to give away," said William Johnsson, editor. "Every Adventist family has a relative or friend who is 'missing.'"

Copies of the special issue, which will be undated, will be available from the Adventist Book Centers at the following rates: single copy, \$1.35; 25-49, \$.75 each; 50-99, \$.60 each; 100-499, \$.45 each; 500+, \$.40 each.

## ALSO IN THE NEWS

**U.S.S.R. Baptists Release Membership Stats.** For the first time in its 45-year history the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UEC) has released information regarding membership in the Soviet Union, reports Religious News Service.

UEC reports 260,000 believers in Evangelical churches in the Soviet Union. This includes 15,000 unregistered and nearly 8,000 independently registered churches.

**Monk Leads Softball Team of Street People.** Brother Denys Cormier (right), a self-styled monk who runs a soup kitchen in New Haven, Connecticut, has gone to bat for the homeless by forming a softball team of street people.

"The Soupers" raise money for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen — the only soup kitchen in the area that serves evening meals, reports Religious News Service. The kitchen serves between 80 and 175 people every day.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Oct. 7 Health Emphasis Week begins
- Oct. 10 North American year-end meetings begin at General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland
- Oct. 14 Voice of Prophecy Offering
- Oct. 14 Sabbath School Community Guest Day
- Oct. 14 Community Relations Day
- Oct. 21 Spirit of Prophecy Day

BY MYRON WIDMER  
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# GC Headquarters

A pictorial tour of the newly constructed headquarters of the General Conference



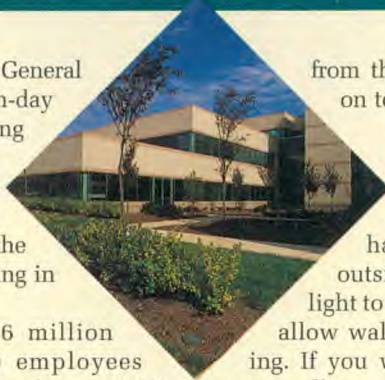
▲ The atrium contains the library and part of the visitors' center.

In 1863 the fledgling General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists—overseeing 3,500 members and 30 full-time employees worldwide—occupied several modest rooms in the Review and Herald building in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Today, with nearly 6 million members and 116,000 employees worldwide, the General Conference (GC), with its own staff of more than 650, is settling into its newly constructed headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland—a single facility that replaces six separate buildings built, remodeled, and/or added on to during the years after the church's move to Takoma Park, Maryland, in 1905.

Rising three stories above the ground, the new 300,000-square-foot brick-and-glass structure gains character inside by a dominant central atrium that allows natural light to filter through three floors of offices and the visitors' center and library housed directly below.

Surrounding the atrium lie the “open” and “closed” offices, glass-fronted committee rooms, open walkways, and a 650-seat chapel. The open offices (created with 66-inch movable walls and no doors) line corridors that intermingle with closed offices (with nine-foot doors, and windows above the seven-foot mark), occupied by leaders

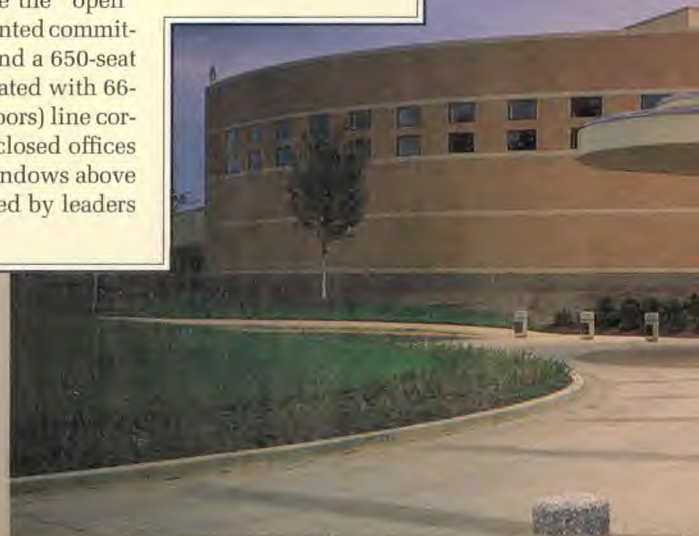


from the associate director level on to the GC president. Only four of the 762 open and closed offices have outside windows, since nearly all offices have been set back from outside walls to allow natural light to flood the corridors and to allow walkways around the building. If you were to walk around the outer walkway of the second (and largest) floor, you would walk more than a third of a mile.

Departments and services are scattered throughout the building, with the Presidential and Secretariat suites occupying a portion of the third floor, and the North American Division, Church Ministries Department, and Health Department utilizing major sections on the second floor. The *Adventist Review*



◀ Most offices are open cubicles.







◀ The auditorium serves for daily morning worship.  
 ▼ The main entrance is for visitors. Employees enter from their parking lot on the north side.

## NEW GC TRIVIA

LAND  
 ▼  
 26 acres

BUILDING  
 ▼  
 300,000 sq. ft.

BRICKS  
 ▼  
 575,000

CARPET  
 ▼  
 28,000 yds.

OFFICES  
 ▼  
 762

CONFERENCE ROOMS  
 ▼  
 23

TELEPHONES  
 ▼  
 650

COMPUTERS  
 ▼  
 425

CHAIRS  
 ▼  
 2,740

LOUNGES  
 ▼  
 3

PANTRIES  
 ▼  
 13

RESTROOMS  
 ▼  
 23

FIRST-AID ROOM  
 ▼  
 1



▲ A second-floor view of the atrium shows the three levels and some of the conference rooms.

► The General Conference president's office. Neal Wilson (left) and his assistant, Winston Clark, confer.



editorial office is on the second floor—between Publishing and Church Ministries. First floor is dominated by Treasury, Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, Home Study International, Risk Management Services, and the cafeteria.

The below-ground level is filled with support services, media production studio, vault for Archives and Statistics, the Ellen G. White Estate, and a health room (which does *not* have a sauna, Jacuzzi, or racquetball courts!). At the moment the small exercise room with nearby showers is serving as a temporary storage room for Archives until their vault passes inspection.

From first-floor monitors, security officers can view via hidden cameras all outside walls of the building, both parking lots, and major inside hallways—quite a change from having to provide safety for six separate buildings.

The completed construction of the \$30 million project comes less than two years after its groundbreaking ceremonies on September 1, 1987, and after numerous construction delays brought on by several factors, including an overabundance of rain this spring. According to Don F. Gilbert, GC treasurer, the building will be debt-free after the GC is able to sell the Takoma Park North Building and Home Study International's (HSI) building.

Latest figures released by Treasury show that of the \$30 million total cost, \$8 million is for county-imposed permits, site and road work, and county regulations, and \$22 million for the actual construction of the building, parking lots, and a required commuters' parking lot at the south end of the property. Sources for the needed money have included the sale of existing buildings and other property held by the church, specific contributions, gains on investments, and special appropriations.

Although all employees except those of HSI and Risk Management Services have now moved to the new complex, numerous facilities have not yet been completed, including the visitors' center, media production studios, and archives vault. Also, several departments are still in the process of completing their displays—the Ellen G. White Estate with their coming colorful display, for instance.

Nevertheless, the first of two open houses was planned for October 3 to coincide with the first Annual Council in the new building. A second one is planned later for the general church membership and the public.

### Opinions Vary

Reactions to the new complex from employees and visitors so far run the *expected* rainbow of opinions from "extravagant" to "representative of a worldwide church." While nicer than the 1863 and 1906 GC offices, this building is hardly extravagant. A quick check of our offices would show you that they are quite a bit smaller than our earlier ones, and the "systems" furniture of metal, cloth, and plastic laminate I'm sure won't win any awards for elegance—but possibly an award for function.

Yet this new complex exudes a certain timeless character that befits the headquarters of a growing worldwide church—a church with 4,800 schools, 658,000 students, 505 medical facilities, 56 publishing houses, and members who speak and use publications in 671 languages and dialects.

Often criticized for being too large, the General Conference is not solely a policymaking body, but in reality has become

## What Is the General Conference?

Myths and confusion often exist regarding the inner workings of the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—the General Conference (GC).

To help the unfamiliar understand what could be meant when someone speaks of the GC, here are the various administrative, departmental, and service units located at the GC headquarters. The number and diversity might surprise many, particularly those who think the GC is "nothing more than a bunch of ministers setting policies in an ivory tower."

No ivory tower this GC. It is a collection of diverse, interrelating entities that serve the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide. Remember, too, that the North American Division (NAD) also operates from the GC headquarters.

### Administration

- Presidential
- Secretariat
- Treasury

### Departments

- Church Ministries
- Communication
- Education
- Health and Temperance
- Ministerial Association
- Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
- Publishing

### In-house Support Services

- Central Delivery Service
- Duplicating
- Information Systems Services
- Mail Room
- Micrographics
- Office Supplies
- Personnel Office
- Plant Services
- Printshop
- Telecommunications

### Services

- Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries
- Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA)
- Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (NAD)
- Adventist Personnel Service
- Adventist Review* editorial offices
- Adventist World Purchasing Services
- Archives and Statistics
- Auditing Service
- Biblical Research Institute
- Home Study International
- International Health Food Association
- Office of General Counsel
- Office of Human Relations (NAD)
- Narcotics Education, Inc.
- Philanthropic Service for Institutions
- Retirement
- Risk Management Services
- Transportation
- Trust Services
- Ellen G. White Estate and Publications

through the years a *collection* of administrative units, departments, and services, including the headquarters of the North American Division, serving the worldwide church. (See accompanying box, "What Is the General Conference?") Only when one understands this does one begin to recognize what the GC really is.

### Come Visit Us

You are certainly welcome to visit the new headquarters. Tours are given from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. by the Communication Department—which would like advance notice for large groups. And the cafeteria is open Monday through Friday for both breakfast and lunch. If you would like to join us for morning worship, come to the chapel at 8:00 any workday.

So come visit us. We're five miles north of the Capital Beltway (I-495 to U.S. 29 north) at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904-6600. Our phone is (301) 680-6000; FAX, 680-6090; and telex, 440186. □

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# ON HOLY GROUND

## Preparing for the Final Thrust

BY ROSA BANKS

This article is condensed from a devotional talk presented to the General Conference Global Strategy Committee at the Cohutta Springs Adventist Center in Georgia, July 9, 1989.

*“And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here am I.*

*“God said, Do not come near; put your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground” (Ex. 3:35).*

In recent years strategic planning has become an integral part of the business process—a watchword, if you please, in corporate circles. As a consequence, many articles and books have been published to guide organizations in charting their future directions.

I would like to think that the man in our scripture, Moses, knew something about strategic planning. At least we know that he was part of a strategic plan from his birth and throughout his life. Like the segments of a well-laid plan, his life is divided into three distinct stages.

### Three Stages

During the *first 40 years* of his life he volunteered himself as a deliverer. He went out in the presence of his brethren and slew one of their oppressors, expecting that they would understand that God “by his hand [that is, Moses’ hand] would deliver them” (Acts 7:23-25).

This exaggerated opinion of him-

self had to change, for God can use only humble, dependent leadership. Accordingly, Moses spent the *next 40 years* tending sheep and, in the process, learning humility and dependence upon God.

There is something about tending sheep that does this for us. Those 40 years in Midian taught Moses such humility and filled him with such utter distrust of self that he felt unworthy to stand before Pharaoh in God’s behalf. As a shepherd, he could not have fallen any lower occupation-wise, for according to Scripture, shepherds were an abomination to the Egyptians (see Gen. 46:34).

Moses spent the *last 40 years* of his life, as someone said, “learning what God could do with a man who had learned the first two lessons.” His life was changed. Humility teaches dependence upon a power other than our own—a divine power. It was particularly during the third stage of Moses’ life—the stage of humility—that God was able to lead and direct him, and give him signs of ultimate victory.

God assures us of divine companionship and assistance. We are not to do this great task by ourselves. The text says that “Moses was educated in all the wisdom and culture of the Egyptians” (Acts 7:22), but that was not to be his strength. It does not matter how educated we

are in this business of planning; we must understand that “no human skill, no earthly power or ingenuity alone, can accomplish what is possible in cooperation with God.”<sup>1</sup>

### Important Lessons

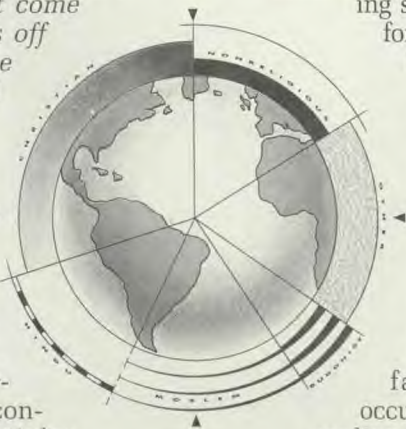
The experience of Moses at the burning bush surely teaches many lessons—lessons we may apply to the task before us even at this hour. With assistance from our own commentary,<sup>2</sup> I shall briefly make the application from a layperson’s perspective.

1. *“The angel of the Lord.* The context (Ex. 3:4-6, 14) makes it clear that this ‘angel of the Lord’ was the Lord Himself, the second person of the Godhead.”

2. *“Flame of fire.* The Hebrew text reads literally, ‘out of the midst of the bush.’ . . . The burning bush was an appropriate visible representation of the message God there imparted to Moses.” In contrast to the more noble and lofty trees (see Judges 9:15), the thornbush was a humble plant, and may be compared to us as Christians, individually and collectively. We are despised by the world and often referred to as a misguided sect—a strange and peculiar people! The fire, burning but not consuming, represents the refining process that prepares us to do the work that God has placed before us.

“But the bush was not consumed.” This means that in the chastening flame the Lord will not give us over to failure and ultimate death (see Ps. 118:18). The bush that was not consumed tells us that there is no mountain too high, no ocean too deep, and no task too difficult for the believer who has stood before the Lord *on holy ground*. The fact that the bush kept on burning is assurance enough for us that victory will be ours.

3. *Do not come near.* “As Moses approached the bush he did not expect to receive a vision, nor was he yet conscious of the presence of God.” But as “he drew near to examine ‘this great sight’ (Ex. 3:3), he was admonished to remain at a safe distance.”



We have all been summoned here on an important errand. Our stay at a safe distance from God is our recognition of the fact that we can do only so much in our human state. The plan is His, and we are just instruments that He is using to develop it. We must keep ourselves at a safe distance from Him, yet close enough to hear Him speak to us.

4. *Put off your shoes.* Shoes as we know them today were not worn during Moses' time. "Sandals" would be more appropriate. But whether shoes or sandals, they carried dust and other impurities into the homes, temples, and palaces, and thus it was considered sacrilegious to enter a clean or holy place without removing them.

And so, with this enormous task before us, let us take off our shoes—of doubt and disbelief, of exaltation and piousness, of destructiveness and selfishness—for we are standing on holy ground!

When I was a young girl growing up in Florida, there used to be one side of my house that seemed very special. It was a place to which I could go and commune with God and hear Him speak to me. No other place in that house or near it provided that sense of closeness to God for me. My greatest life decisions were made right on that spot. I guess you can say that side of the house was my Walden Pond,<sup>3</sup> for I could always find tranquillity there. Sometime later I was to learn that before our house had been erected there, a church had been located right on the site where I felt that certain specialness.

Did the fact that a church once stood there explain that closeness? Did the church make that place holy ground? No. This place where we meet today was erected by Christian people for Christian activities. But does that make this place holy ground? Nay verily!

This facility is holy ground this morning only because it is the place where the voice of God is being heard by His children. Here God will work miraculous wonders by using us all in a most dynamic way to develop a

strategic plan for His work. Friends, we can hardly imagine what God is getting ready to do for us, through us, with us, and to us as we stand before Him on holy ground!

As the cries of Israel came up through the clouds and reached the throne of God in heaven, just so our Father has seen the awful suffering of His people on this planet. He has watched their hard oppressors—those imps and agents of Satan himself. The groans of His people have filled His ears, and He can't stand it any longer. He has promised to deliver us, and soon He that shall come will come and will not tarry. And if we are faithful, we will all be numbered among the redeemed.

And so I challenge you this morning, members of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church Global Strategy Committee, and others who have come along as invitees: Take off your shoes! Don't let impurities get in the way of the heavenly vision that is ours to experience during this strategic planning session. Clear the dust from your mind, and let the mind of Christ be in you! Take off your shoes of doubt and unbelief! We are not to be defeated. Help is already here. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come" (Isa. 60:1, KJV).

If there is anything preventing the Lord from working through us this morning, let us ask Him to rid us of it so there is nothing between our soul and the Saviour. My prayer is that He will give us a new alphabet—not the ABCs we learned as children, but a new alphabet for living, one that will carry us safely through to the end of the journey. So we pray today: Give us, O Lord—

- an A to change our **attitude**;
- a B to make us **better believers**;
- a C to increase our **courage**;
- a D to make us more **determined and dedicated**;
- an E for sufficient **energy** to make the **effort**;
- an F for **freedom** from defeatist thoughts;
- a G for the **gift of genius**;
- an H that will make us proud of our Christian **heritage**;

- an I to **increase** our **intelligence**;
- a J for a **job** well done;
- a K for **knowledge** of strategic plan development;
- an L for unlimited **love** for billions of lives that we have so short a time to reach;
- an M for a great **measure** of **motivation** so we will not fall short of the goal;
- an N for **now**, because the time is now;
- an O for the glorious **opportunity** that is ours as the remnant church;
- a P for Your **promise** that You will be with us as You were with Moses in the deliverance of the Israelites;
- a Q for the answers to our **questions**, that You will reveal to us in time;
- an R for the **revelation** of Your divine will that is ours to receive even at this hour;
- an S for the message of **salvation** that we must carry to the unsaved billions on this planet;
- a T for the precious **truth** that we embrace and seek to share;
- a U for the **united** effort that this plan will bring to our church;
- an X for the **experience** of working together in this way;
- a Y for **Your** input and the part that each of us has to play;
- a Z for the **zealousness** that it takes to hold fast until the job is done.

Global Strategy Committee, take off your shoes! And let us stand before God on holy ground! □

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# CAN THE ADVENTIST CHURCH SUPPORT TWO NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES?

The church's world education leader probes an increasingly difficult question.

BY GEORGE H. AKERS

**T**he question of the viability of the church's operating two North American universities is misstated, I suspect. Perhaps it should be more accurately framed: Can the *North American Division* (NAD) afford to operate two universities? Putting the question this way acknowledges as a given that Andrews and Loma Linda universities have become North American institutions primarily serving this continent.

The restatement of the question highlights some built-in, but now outdated, enrollment and funding pattern assumptions based on the historic organizational policy of the "special relationship" between the General Conference and the North American Division, constructed years ago when this division was the General Conference (in effect) and the world divisions were dependent on the parent organization, NAD,

for heavy financial and departmental services support.

Today this is no longer true. The children have pretty well grown up and become self-sufficient. Most are busily occupied now with their own families and child rearing—including the establishment of their own division-sponsored graduate-level institutions.

Thus the new world church realities call for an honest, realistic reappraisal of our two North American universities, including the outdated assumptions born during the turn-of-the-century pioneering epoch of the Adventist Church. Already the church's Global Strategy Task Force is assessing these new maturations within the world church family and weighing responsibilities and division of labor. It may recommend the deliberate handing back to the world divisions of the church greater responsibility for the *funding* of

the work in their respective jurisdictions.

Such managerial changes envision an emancipation of the General Conference for a bold and dynamic leadership initiative in extending the work into major population groups around the world that have heretofore been unacquainted with the gospel message. If this occurs, the implications for SDA higher education sponsorship responsibility will be enormous, for central to the discussion will be the burning issue, Should each division assume sole responsibility for the operation of its own university (universities), *including North America?* The answer from several of the divisions may be a resounding "Yes! We've been doing it right along; welcome to the club, North America."

In short, church reorganization, a sensitive geopolitical complexity, is tied inherently to the question of who foots the bill for Adventist higher education—both here and abroad. Like most system decisions in management, the issue will focus on priorities. World church moneys desperately needed for world church endeavors (including higher education in several other world divisions in the days ahead) will come under serious strain and scrutiny because a significant portion traditionally has been funneled to NAD higher education institutions (where they are also desperately needed!).

## Fewer Overseas Students

Compounding the issue for North America's two universities is that fewer and fewer overseas graduate students are being sponsored by their divisions for advanced study programs in the United States, because of the heavy financial outlay. In addition, a brain drain has enervated overseas divisions for years because many professionals sent to North America for advanced study stay here, never returning home to serve the church. Consequently, the divisions now grow their own professionals *at home*, making more prudent use of the Lord's money, and ending with greater availability of indigenous national leadership.

This grow-'em-at-home approach has been with the encouragement of the world educational leadership team through the SDA International Board of

Education—in the interests of the health of the work at large throughout the world. We now have six Adventist universities in the making worldwide, with a potential of eight by the year 2000, of which Andrews and Loma Linda are but two. Several already are off to a robust start, and it is apparent by the divisions' funding and planning arrangements that division leaders are serious about ensuring quality postcollege institutions fully recognized by the nations within their territory, as well as the SDA Board of Regents.

As such continentalization of higher education opportunities for Adventist professionals abroad grows, the number coming to North America for education will in the not-too-distant future dramatically drop, again reminding us that Andrews and Loma Linda are, or will be soon, primarily North American Division institutions. Funding realignments are sure to follow, placing a greater financial responsibility on NAD. The question will burn with even greater intensity: Can the North American Division, impacted by the world field trends already well under way, afford two universities?

### Underfunding

But without question our two NAD Adventist universities already have a funding crisis. Both are seriously underfunded by approximately \$2 million a year. Both need a hefty infusion of means if they are to remain solvent and continue to field an adequate range of quality programs respondent to the needs of the church and the reasonable aspirations of our youth.

Both universities are tuition-driven, without the cushioning effect of sizable endowments enjoyed by many private colleges and universities. And increasing the tuition fees to balance the school budget is really not an acceptable solution: by making education unaffordable to our families, we effectively price ourselves out of the Christian education market. Subsidization by the parent organization and the development of large endowments are probably the only recourses presently available.

The North American Board of Higher Education, which is responsible for all college and postcollege education in

North America, is addressing the present financial crisis facing NAD colleges and seeking long-term solutions. AU and LLU are only a part of that picture, for NAD also supports *nine* colleges. The fiscal challenge is division-wide, and the system may have to be fiscally consolidated to achieve administrative coherence and unity and to receive systematic help.

Beyond funding, another cloud looms on the horizon for Andrews and Loma Linda: several North American colleges now offer master's degree programs, and others are contemplating them. These could erode, if not seriously undercut, the executive charter given by the church to Andrews and Loma Linda when they were upgraded to university status—that of being the *graduate-level* schools for the church.

Losing one's exclusive franchise abroad and at home, too, all within less than a decade, constitutes a one-two punch that could drive any institution to its knees. Our two North American Adventist universities deserve to be better protected by the system.

### Nine Colleges?

Perhaps another question needs to be asked here: Can the North American Division afford to operate *nine* undergraduate colleges in addition to two universities? Each college under a separate sponsor? Each protecting its territory, its turf?

When the new master plan for North American higher education is completed by the NAD's Board of Higher Education in 1990, it might, I suspect, be built around a new organizing principle: the Adventist University of North America with all the senior colleges sailing along in the flotilla as complements of the two flagships, Andrews and Loma Linda. The universities would become key players in a whole new cooperative scheme rather than being each other's competitors. That will require some high educational statesmanship.

Besides enrollments and funding, we need to define the differences between a *college* and a *university*, and determine whether we are committed to what a university really stands for. Universities entail a special mission focus and a *quantum leap* in operational expense.

I'm not sure our church forebears a half century ago fully understood what they were taking on when they laid the foundations for graduate-level institutions (the nuclei of our present universities) and committed our church to them. Now we must stretch our faith to believe that God will help us find the resources to help our youth survive in today's highly specialized, high-tech, high-demand age.

### Entrance-Level Education

Colleges are assigned the task of extending secondary school knowledge skills and training youth for basic admission to most service professions. But with escalating job requirements nowadays, university study is becoming the standard entrance level. Colleges also pass on the cultural heritage of humankind. For Christian liberal arts colleges, they also pass on our Christian heritage of beliefs and values. Colleges are expected to give some institutional service to society, but not anywhere near that expected of a university.

A university is expected to provide society both teaching consultants from their faculties—ones on the growing edge of their discipline—and teaching/practicing experts who are active in the field with industry or the professions. This often takes graduate professors off campus for speaking and consulting appointments, and with superstar professors, the university administration must be facilitative. This is a luxury the typical small college in a survival modality cannot support.

I'm not speaking here of a typical classroom college prof whose life is regulated by a campus bell, tied period by period to lecturing to hundreds of college undergrads on any given day. I'm speaking of mature research professors working intimately with a select *few* older undergrads. This is an expensive allocation of highly skilled faculty.

Such students are on the master's or doctoral level. They learn advanced scholarship and research skills alongside their mentors in tutorial lab relationships, often *working with them in original source materials* requiring expensive library holdings. Graduate professors spend many hours teaching doctoral students how to ready, in coherent,

crisp prose, their scholarly papers for publication, and how to get their doctoral dissertations ready for defense. It's a time-consuming final finishing process for leaders—a process that cannot be mass-produced.

The commitment and retention of able graduate faculty and the lower faculty-to-student ratio require a considerably larger staff than for colleges. The effect? A dramatic increase in expense.

Teachers too are expected to do individual research, with the effect of running up costs exponentially. And faculty who must conduct research and publish in preferred scholarly journals require periodic sabbatical leaves from campus to carry on this important work. This means the hiring of fill-in teachers on a regular basis. Again, higher expenses.

Faculty research also often requires exotic, highly sophisticated equipment

—especially in the physical sciences and technology fields.

### More Support Needed

A variety of forms of support are thus essential, including moral support from the trustees, who need to understand that research is usually a trial-and-error process and often moves glacially on a broken front. The creative, discovery process cannot flourish under the gun, and the research faculty (the special cadre of troops comprising a university, but not required of a college) need to know that their research endeavors are valued, not ridiculed.

Advanced instruction, original research and publication, and substantial service to society—these are the hallmarks of the modern university. These activities are expensive: the enterprise must be done uncompromisingly right or not at all.

Adventist education has always

meant quality with a capital Q. It has had its price tag at every level. I think we will not abandon it at the upper level, even though the price is steep.

So, can the Adventist Church support two North American universities? Yes, if we will prize them and nourish them. But they are seriously at risk, and emergency help is the call of the hour.

I am confident that God will help us find the way to finance them properly. We can't afford *not* to. The coming generation and the future of the church demand them. □



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

# DR. DUNCAN AND THE PUP

BY JANIS SHERFEY

"Oh, Lucille, look!" Jenny wailed to her friend. "Tarzan is hurt! He's holding up his right hind leg and crying!"

Tarzan was a sturdy little puppy. He and his mother, Rags, had been playing on the back porch of Jenny's home, and Tarzan had tumbled off.

"What will we do?" shouted Jenny. "Dad's gone to work, and Mom won't be home for about an hour. We have to get help!"

Then she remembered her doctor, Dr. Duncan. He was her friend. He had given Jenny shots, treated her sore eyes, and taken out her appendix. He was always so kind.

So the two girls wrapped Tarzan in their best doll blanket and carried him to Dr. Duncan's office.

"I hope his leg isn't broken," said Lucille.

"I hope not either," agreed Jenny.

At last they found the office and crossed the street.

"Whew, Tarzan, you're heavy," said Jenny.

They went in the office and found all the chairs in the waiting room filled, except for a rocker. Lucille pointed it out, and gratefully Jenny settled into the rocker, soothing Tarzan.

"Isn't that better?" she asked Tarzan.

She continued rocking her little bundle, ignoring the stares of grown-ups, curious about the dog's head peeking from the blanket. The rocking seemed to comfort Jenny, too.

A tall, pretty redheaded nurse greeted Jenny and Lucille.

"Who is the patient?" she asked.

"My dog. He's hurt," Jenny said. The nurse didn't laugh, but took them in to Dr. Duncan.

Dr. Duncan greeted the two girls and smiled after he heard of Tarzan's mishap. He carefully felt the dog's leg, stood him on his feet, and watched him limp.

"It hurts, fella, doesn't it?" Dr. Duncan observed.

Then he explained to Jenny and Lucille. "The leg isn't broken. He'll be all right," he said. "But if it continues to hurt him, put some heat on it." Dr. Duncan hugged Tarzan and patted his head before they left. Jenny and Lucille carried Tarzan back home. They told Jenny's parents about Tarzan's accident and nice Dr. Duncan.

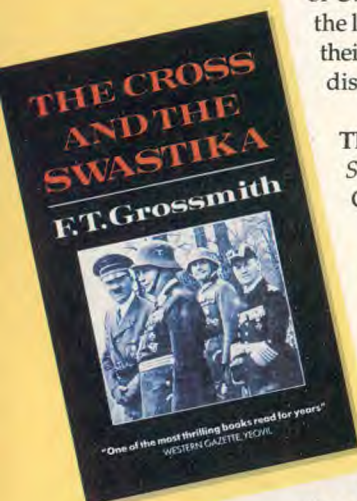
Tarzan recovered, but the two girls never forgot Dr. Duncan's kindness. And Dr. Duncan felt that the girls' appreciation was the greatest compliment ever given him.

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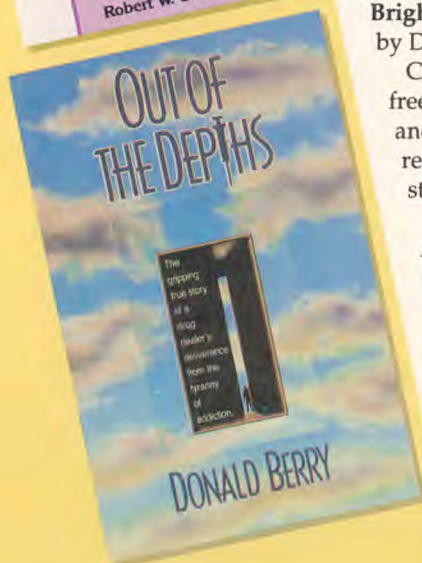
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BY CHARLES BURKEEN

# RAISING CHRISTIAN PARENTS

I used to know all about raising kids. From cradle to college it was a piece of cake. Childbirth, for example. Easy. All I had to do was wait until my wife said “It’s time.” Then I’d take her to the hospital, pace the floor a bit for effect, smile when the nurse brought in the nice cozy bundle of joy, pass out doughnuts, and go home. A few days later I would pick up my family from the hospital. Then every day after work I would hold the baby for a few minutes while Joyce fixed dinner, and that was it. No fuss; no mess. Right? Wrong.

I was born into the wrong generation. In the 1980s husbands not only go into the delivery room with their wives; they also help deliver the

Insights on guiding—  
and growing along  
with—our youth

child. We coach our wives on how to breathe and when to push. Child-birth is painful and messy. I was expecting a nice, soft, clean little baby, but the nurse handed me a rather gray, gooey thing. And it was crying. The nurse said, "There's a basin. You can wash it up." "Who, me?" I wanted to pass out doughnuts and go home.

Then there were diapers. When I was born, only mothers knew how to change diapers. But the man of the 1980s is liberated. So I changed my baby's diapers. I fed the baby. I bathed the baby. You know something? I loved it.

God could have caused people to be born full-grown, with no mess and no fuss. But He gave parents the privilege of shaping and molding a new little person into an adult. I believe He wanted us to know the joy of watching a child's first steps. He wanted us to hear a child's first words. It was also supposed to be easy. God never planned that raising children should be painful, but Satan changed that.

**I** believe we may experience something similar when we mold young people into the image of Christ. Sometimes it's painful, sometimes it's messy, but it's still a privilege. God could have said, "You were born into a Christian home. Therefore you are a Christian, and that's that." But He didn't.

God invented kids in such a way that they question, they prod, and they poke at our faith. Sometimes they rebel against it, and sometimes they reject it. When this happens, no one feels more pain than God Himself.

What shall we do?

God, through David, gives an answer: "Deliver me and rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful. Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace" (Ps. 144:11, 12, NIV).



This answer contains two important elements—first a prayer, then a promise.

### **A Prayer and a Promise**

Let's look at the promise first: "Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants." King David wrote these words in the days before modern irrigation techniques came to Israel. A well-nurtured plant 3,000 years ago was the result of great care and attention. Water to irrigate crops had to be carried either by hand or on a donkey's back, and sometimes from great distances. Well-nurtured plants were a real treasure, and so are faithful young Christians.

The promise continues: "And our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace." The historian Josephus tells us that the palaces of great men of the first century A.D. had images of beautiful women carved in the cornerstones. If we assume that this practice existed in the time of the Israelite kings, David suggests that our young women can be the cornerstones of our church.

And now for the prayer. It is significant to me that the prayer comes before the promise. If we want to see our young people prepare for heaven, we have to begin with prayer. This can be hard to do when kids look unpromising—wearing funny-looking clothes and sporting funny-looking hairdos. And they like, you know, kind of talk totally sort of funny. (I remember when "rad" was a dosage of radiation.)

When I see some kids, I forget that I'm supposed to pray. I want to tell them "You look funny" or "You don't speak correctly." But David didn't say "When we tell our kids what's wrong with them, then our sons will be like well-nurtured plants." David prayed first.

### **Actions Speak the Loudest**

David didn't even pray for his children in these verses. He prayed for himself. Don't get me wrong. I believe that we need to give young people direction in life. But the greatest influence we will have on our youth

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comes not from what we say, but from how we live our own lives.

An anti-drug ad on TV recently was right on target. A father confronts his son with a box of drug paraphernalia. "Where did you get this?" he yells. The son is silent. "Who have you been hanging around with?" The son turns away, still silent. "Who taught you how to do this stuff, anyway?" The son turns and yells, "You, dad! I learned it from you!"

Kids watch us. They listen to us. And if our words are inconsistent with our actions, they get a confusing message.

The last Playboy Club in the United States closed its doors in Lansing, Michigan, recently. For years Hugh Hefner poisoned people's minds with the philosophy that "pleasure is the highest ideal in life, and the pursuit of pleasure is the greatest good." Many today have found that his ideals eventually leave people feeling empty. The message is inconsistent with reality.

Eddie Murphy and Sylvester Stallone are wealthy movie stars, but according to one recent report, they both suffer from feelings of emptiness. Eddie Murphy said, "I feel a void. . . . I feel something's missing." The promises of this world, I think, are inconsistent with reality.

### Role Models

We have a beautiful alternative. Jesus said that He, the Son of God, the Creator of everything, loves people like you and me. When we back up Jesus' message with loving actions as Christian role models, young people are quick to respond. This message rings true. It is consistent with reality.

Now look further at David's prayer. "Deliver me and rescue me from those whose right hands are deceitful," he said. Very literal enemies were trying to kill him. I think that we face enemies who are just as real today.

As a Christian I am a foreigner in this world. If I am to be a good role model for our youth, I need the Lord

to deliver me from the deceptions of this world.

In David's time the right hand was the symbol of everything good. (Even today in the Middle East, people eat with their right hands and take out the garbage with the left.) David was saying, "Deliver me and rescue me from those who pretend to be good but are really evil." That's the problem with the messages of this world. They sound good, but in the end they are nothing but lies. Even if I could snap my fingers and experience everything this world has to offer, I could die an empty, lonely man. The first thing I want to pray for is that God will deliver me and rescue me from the deceptions of this world.

### Who's Inside?

Teenagers like to be noticed and appreciated. Now, in all honesty, I have a hard time appreciating spiked orange hair. But if I can't see beyond the outside and love the person inside, I'm in big trouble.

Have you ever thought about how twentieth-century American adults must look to the angels? I often preach in the August heat wearing a jacket with an obsolete napkin hanging from my neck. They wear the ultimate designer clothes, from the Ultimate Designer Himself. From an angel's perspective, I must look about as funny as if I had orange hair. I need to pray, "Lord, help me see beyond the outside and love teens for the persons they are inside."

Teenagers like to be heard. In my congregation we have positions for youth—on our church board, finance committee, and nominating committee. I am amazed at their valuable insights, even when they are wrong. I read a good quote the other day: "If at first you do succeed, try to hide your astonishment." I need to pray, "Lord, let me always value the opinions of others, both right and wrong, big and small."

Why do teenagers wear the same clothes, have the same hairdos, and talk the same? So they can be individuals. It doesn't matter that *they* are all the same as long as they are

different from *us*. God gives all of us the desire to make our own decisions, and that desire becomes very strong during the teenage years.

### Good Questions

Teenagers, after all, have lived with our values all of their lives. They *should* question what we stand for so they can own these values for themselves. I believe that most Seventh-day Adventist standards can withstand the questions, but if our values are presented as a list of don'ts, we can expect teenagers to reject them. I need to pray, "Lord, make my Christianity so attractive that no one can resist it."

I'll never forget the first time I walked into a Seventh-day Adventist church. I was a sight. My hair was too long. My beard was shabby. I can't describe my clothes. In fact, for years after I joined the church I wore the same tie again and again because I didn't know how to tie them.

That first Sabbath I didn't even own a tie. I walked into the church and thought, *Oh, no. Look at all the little old ladies. They'll never let me stay. I wonder what they think about me?* I never did find out. All I know is that whatever they thought, they showed me love. One of those little old ladies invited me home for dinner! And when I came back to church the next week, some of them hugged me and told me they were glad to see me.

Then I quit attending church for about two years. But the whole time something kept tugging me back. When I came back, I discovered what it was. The little old ladies. They remembered my name. They told me they missed me. They hugged me.

I haven't missed a Sabbath since. □



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# DOING OURSELVES PROUD

BY GARY M. ROSS

**W**e've struck another blow for principle. The occasion: July's World Congress on Religious Liberty. The venue: England's finest—the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. (See the related news story, p. 27.)

Meeting in the environs of Whitehall, the United Kingdom's seat of government, gave special urgency to the dialogue about church-state relations and freedom of conscience.

The conference speakers, comprising academics, church officials, and high-ranking public servants, presented thoughtful papers on religious conditions in developed and developing countries. After each presentation, the presiders, Rev. Carl Mau and Dr. B. B. Beach, entertained questions and comments from audiences. Social hours facilitated additional interaction, and a summation tied the three-day conference together. The printed proceedings, available by mid-November through the GC Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, should represent a valuable byproduct, even keep-sake, of the meeting.

## Addressing Real Life

Far from being turgid and pedantic, the papers addressed real-life environments of the religious impulse. Among the highlights:

□ Konstantin Kharchev, former chairman of the Soviet Union's Council on Religious Affairs, describing the enhanced status of believers under *perestroika* and the likely further improvements that a law on religion currently being drafted will occasion—including

permission for the religious education of children.

□ Spokesmen for Hungary and Poland acknowledging past mistakes and verifying unprecedented advances for human rights in these socialist countries, wrought in part by free-market tendencies in the economy. Under a new Hungarian law, for example, no one can "suffer any disadvantage or enjoy any advantage because of his or her religious faith."

□ Participants of a religious lib-

## The world must be made aware of the cause of religious freedom.

erty practicum on minority religions identifying the awesome discrimination still experienced by the Ahmadiyya Muslims, the Church of Scientology, the Hare Krishnas, the Bahá'ís, the Unification Church, and (to a lesser degree) the Worldwide Church of God.

## Why Bother?

Why did we take the time, energy, and money to stage this high-profile meeting? The world must be made aware of fundamental causes like religious freedom, for public opinion

changes things—as surely as do the more impersonal and abstract forces. Said Rosalynn Carter, honorary president of the International Religious Liberty Association, "History teaches us that people will not forever allow the state to control and oppress their deepest longings."

Should the sensitizing of the general public aim too high, however, this less audacious justification comes to mind: the heavy involvement of state officials in our world religious liberty conferences at least sensitizes *them*, ensuring their return home with *awareness* of the principle of religious liberty and its status in the world and, hopefully, *commitment* to bear out in their governmental functions the libertarian sentiments they themselves generally express.

Nor should one minimize the firsthand (and sometimes first) acquaintance with Adventism that the conference delegates make. For example, a member of Parliament in Nepal scarcely knew us before attending one of the regionals that IRLA sometimes hosts between the larger quinquennial world congresses.

But if we did ourselves proud this past July, it's still OK to be constructively critical about all such endeavors. Both Adventists and the general public need to know more about the sponsoring organization, the IRLA—especially its governance and its relationship to other entities of the church. Also, the criteria that determine the choice of a host city must be reexamined from time to time. Despite its many merits, London was pricey, and its media hard to attract. And as for the public indifference that challenges religious freedom advocates almost everywhere, the persistent if not profound question remains: What imaginative tactics *really* ring bells, stir hearts, and move people to act?

*Gary M. Ross is associate director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty and congressional liaison for the General Conference.*

# Volunteers: Success of the Past, Hope for the Future

**V**olunteers are not a new breed in the Adventist Church. In fact, our dependence on volunteers is greater than one might think. Imagine what would happen on Sabbath mornings if deacons refused to seat guests because of low wages? Or if Sabbath school superintendents reported their time for the quarter? What would happen if visitation teams recorded mileage for travel reimbursement? Or special music expected minimum wage?

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of every nonprofit organization," says Milton Murray, director of the General Conference office of Philanthropic Service for Institutions. "It was the heritage of volunteerism that founded our church." James White, donating his time to publish the *Present Truth*, and Abram LaRue, sponsoring his way to Hong Kong, are some of our first examples.

In an effort to network the skills of volunteers in the church, Adventist Personnel Services, based at the General Conference, has established an Adventist Talent Bank.

"Its purpose," says Willard Munger, director of Adventist Personnel Services, "is to introduce those with talents to those with needs. If an air conditioner breaks down in a church," Munger explains, "the church contacts our office to get the name of someone in the vicinity with the skill for repairing air conditioners. The volunteer repairman then does the job free."

ASI Missions, Inc., a subsidiary of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries, donated \$30,000 to Adventist Personnel Services, and is hiring a full-time person to key in data for the continuance of the Adventist Talent Bank. "We will do whatever we can to support the

*By Jackie Ordelleide, editorial assistant, Adventist Review.*

project," says Tom Zapara, chairman of ASI Missions, Inc.

And, as an added thrust, McNeilus Companies, of Dodge Center, Minnesota, has printed and donated 10,000 application forms for use by the Adventist Talent Bank.

"Volunteering allows you to meet a special kind of people," says Bessie Martella, retired nurse and volunteer drywall finisher for Mission Church Builders in the Pacific Union. After participating in 25 projects since 1981, Martella feels that she has done things as a volunteer that she would never do for pay.

"No one could pay me to work that hard," she adds. Her husband, Ed, a licensed electrician, and she both feel their work is of higher quality than that of many professionals.

And 83-year-old Chessie Harris, of Harris Home for Children, in Alabama, put her talents to work more than 35 years ago to help abused and neglected children. Having helped more than 800 children, she says, "It is my love for God that compels me to reach out to others—day by day, one step at a time." Earlier this year Harris's efforts were recognized by President Bush when he presented her with the President's Volunteer Action Award.

If you are interested in volunteering, mail in the application inserted in this *Review* for the Adventist Talent Bank and see what it will do for you. Volunteering your skills might just give you greater returns than you had expected. It will certainly be worth your time.

## GC Sets Up Skills Bank

*Info on possible employees will save time, money.*

**F**or years, finding the right personnel to staff positions in the church has been difficult. Either the employer doesn't know about possible applicants, or the applicants aren't aware of job openings. Unless employer and applicant meet, chances are they will never find each other—a loss to the church.

The General Conference officers appointed a committee to conduct a continuing study of denominational manpower resources on April 1, 1968. One year later the General Conference Committee voted to establish the General Conference Manpower Resources Service.

Later the Hewitt Research Center recommended to the General Con-

ference that a total personnel system, with a Bureau of Personnel at the GC level, be established, along with a Skills Register.

Through the years various committees expressed a need for personnel information. They repeatedly recommended a skills bank, listing people with skills willing to make a contribution to the work of the church.

In 1984 the committee appointed the Adventist Personnel Service (APS) Committee. Since that time this committee has overseen the processing of worker service record information.

The Adventist Personnel Service exists to:

- Conduct and/or coordinate

manpower studies and planning efforts for church and hospital employees.

Foster an aggressive program of human resource development to support church operations.

Provide professional personnel advice, assistance, and guidance to church officials, committees, and administrators of church organizations when requested. (APS works closely with the Office of Human Relations in this area.)

Develop and maintain a Personnel Management Information System.

### Service Records

The Personnel Management Information System will keep the service records of all workers, as well as furnish a repository for skills information on workers and others who wish to serve the church in various capacities.

The first institutions for whom service records were processed into this system were those of the Adventist Health System. This information already has been used twice, at the request of the retirement section of the GC treasury, to produce an actuarial study for the hospital retirement plan. According to Willard Munger, who works under the direction of the Adventist Personnel Service, more than 150,000 names have been listed in the service record file. This includes nearly 1 million years of service information.

The service record of every employed worker in the church is being processed into the skills bank and will be updated annually by each employing conference or institution. It gives information on the type of job held, the location of employment, etc.

Robert Dale, secretary of the North American Division, says the skills bank will include people already working for the denomination, those who wish to work for the church, and those who are willing to donate their skill and time to church programs. Calls for personnel to fill positions will be handled

more efficiently when this information becomes available. It will save time, and can save money.

While the names of employed workers will be contained in the skills bank, information about them will be available only to their employing organization. For example, a local conference worker's service information will be seen only by the local conference. If an employed worker wishes to have his name available to other conferences or institutions, he can fill out the form and submit it to the APS.

Although no promises can be made for employment, members wishing to work for the church are encouraged to fill out and send in the forms. This will make it possible for conferences and institutions to have a central location where they can look for workers with specific skills.

### Special Projects

In addition to those wishing to be employed by the church, other members are willing to offer their services for special projects. Many churches have already benefited from volunteer church-building organizations. If volunteers are listed in the skills bank, this would make it possible for churches, conferences, or institutions to find help for specific needs. These needs could range from building repair to various types of evangelism.

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) has volunteered to key in data for the church's talent bank. A computer program has been designed for this purpose. When completed, it will be possible to retrieve quickly the names of people with the desired skills and experience.

If you have not received a copy of the prospect information form, contact the Adventist Personnel Service, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600, or call (301) 680-6525.

*By Willard Munger, assistant director, Adventist Personnel Service.*

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# Retiree Tells Why He Volunteers at Hospital

I'm a volunteer at St. Helena Hospital and Health Center in California, spending 25 hours a week helping with various projects and programs there. People ask me, "Harold, why do you spend so much time volunteering? Now that you're retired, why don't you just take it easy?"

**I volunteer because Jesus said,** "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto



As a volunteer page, Harold Mosher goes to the lab to pick up blood for a patient from Edna Swen.

one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Steve was paralyzed from the neck down and unable to speak. He had so little, while I had so much. I went in to read to him and wondered, *Can I do anything else for him?* Just then the nurse brought in his lunch tray. I fed Steve, my two good hands doing what his two useless hands could not. He thanked me the only way he could, with the look in his eyes.

**I volunteer because I like helping people** when they are vulnerable, worried, and scared. It's a good feel-

*By Harold Mosher, retiree volunteer at St. Helena Hospital and Health Center, California. A former X-ray technician, he has volunteered for two years, logging 1,400 hours.*

ing to know that you're doing something for someone else.

I remember a Hispanic couple who could not speak English. They looked so bewildered and troubled. I called for an interpreter, and their eyes brightened. Such a little thing for me to do, but something that helped so much.

**I volunteer because I am a witness,** sometimes without words. I love with my eyes, care with my touch, and pray in my heart for those who cannot pray.

I remember an elderly lady who came out of the intensive care unit. Tears squeezed from beneath wrinkled lids and rolled down her cheeks. I could feel her heartache.

"Kind of tough just now?" I asked gently, trying not to embarrass her.

"Yes, my husband is in there, and he looks so bad!"

"I'll pray for him," I said as my elevator came.

The next day I saw her with a smile on her face. "He's better now!" she told me.



Sometimes Harold Mosher works at the Volunteer Courtesy Center at St. Helena Hospital & Health Center, answering the telephone and helping to coordinate the pages on duty.



Harold Mosher wheels patients to various hospital departments for tests and other services.

**I volunteer because I like belonging to a team,** supporting the work of health-care professionals. I like assisting tired, hurried nurses, extending the time of busy physicians, helping to make the Adventist Health System "the right arm of the message."

A few weeks ago the phone at our Volunteer Courtesy Center rang. "This is 4-C. We need a page with a wheelchair to take a patient to X-ray."

When I got to the room, I found that my patient was a retired Navy officer who was lecturing his nurse in colorful language about how things should be done. The nurse presented a picture of patience as she helped him get ready to leave his room.

I bent to adjust the footrests on the wheelchair. He saw the volunteer patch on my uniform. "You're a volunteer?" he barked.

"Yes."

"You work without pay?"

"Yes."

His attitude changed. From that moment on he couldn't say enough nice things about the hospital and its staff. What made the difference? I don't know for sure, but I felt like a silent witness.

Experiences like these happen every day at St. Helena Hospital and Health Center and other Adventist hospitals around the world. For me, the rewards far outweigh the time and energy I put into volunteering.



At the speakers' table (left to right), Roland Hegstad, Konstantin Kharchev, Mikhail Kulakov, B.B. Beach, Carl Mau (Lutheran), and Rabbi Arthur Schneier.

# Religious Liberty Congress Meets in London

*Delegates from 50 countries study freedom of conscience.*

**D**uring the past 40 years, millions have suffered persecution, intolerance, and discrimination because of religion and conscience. Much has been done, but still more has to be achieved. This is one reason that we have this congress," declared B. B. Beach, secretary-general of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), at the Third World Congress on Religious Liberty in July.

After Amsterdam (1977) and Rome (1984), London became host city for this third international forum. Attracting more than 200 delegates from 50 countries, the congress offered a non-denominational forum for emphasizing the importance of freedom of conscience and religion.

Chartered in 1946 in Washington, D.C., the IRLA was organized by leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to promote the principles of religious liberty worldwide. Its board includes representatives of various denominations, such as the president for 1989, Dr. Carl Mau, former general secretary

of the Lutheran World Federation. Several international religious freedom organizations, among them the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty, publisher of *Conscience and Liberty*, joined in sponsoring the London congress. The meeting enabled Adventist participants to appraise the religious liberty issues and ex-

Samson Kisekka (prime minister of Uganda), several ministers of religious affairs, members of parliament, representatives of the United Nations, religious leaders, supreme court chief justices, lawyers, and university professors. Mgr. Roland Minnerath, consultant to Cardinal Cassaroli, secretary of state of the Holy See, represented the Vatican.



Konstantin Kharchev (left), former chairman of the Council on Religious Affairs of the U.S.S.R., translated by Mikhail Kulakov (right).

change views on ways to improve church-state relations in some countries. The three-day congress provided an opportunity to acquaint participants with issues in different areas.

Representatives of numerous governments attended, including Dr.

Issues in religious liberty from the United Nations perspective were presented by John Pace, who represented the U.N. secretary-general, M. Perez de Cuellar, and by A. V. d'Almeida Ribeiro, special rapporteur on religious intolerance and Portugal's ombudsman.

## Freedom for Minorities

The London congress focused on church-state relations and freedom of conscience. One session

considered difficulties experienced by various minority denominations and religions, among them the Ahmadiyya movement, Bahá'ís, the Krishna Consciousness movement, and the Unification Church. In his opening remarks, Dr. Beach stated that one of the objectives of the in-



E.N.P. Sowah, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana.

ternational gathering was to increase sensitivity to the religious liberty rights of minorities, old and new, since the majority can usually look after itself. Even unpopular religious groups or individuals have religious liberty rights.

"It is dangerous for people concerned with human rights to overlook religious liberty," Beach explained. "Religious freedom includes or implies other human rights, such as freedom of thought, association, press, and education."

This point was emphasized by Adam Lopatka, first president of the Supreme Court of Poland, during the session on religious liberty in Eastern Europe. He referred to the 1948 U.N. Declaration on Human Rights and the 1981 U.N. Declaration on the Elimination on All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, and said that these international documents "define only the minimum range" of religious freedom. Lopatka stressed the need for continuous improvement, by signatories of the United Nations charter, in providing adequate constitutional and legal guarantees of religious freedom.

Several times during the congress a call for an international convention upholding freedom of religion or belief was heard.

### On Paper and in Practice

The London congress focused on the complexity of issues faced by both church and state. Though on paper religious freedom may be ensured, we continue to witness intolerance based on "ideological tyranny," a phrase coined by Helmut Thielecke and re-

peated at the congress by Dr. Denton Lotz, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. He stated that "modern history is replete with examples where religion based upon ideology has within it the seed of totalitarianism as much as does the secular state.

Witness the intolerance of religious fundamentalism around the world! The solution is that we must work together as Christians, Jews, Muslims, and all religions to elevate our people from the earthly human nature, which brings forth repression and tyranny, into the light of God's freedom."

As at the previous two world congresses, the London forum benefited by exposure to various models of constitutional and juridical provisions to assure freedom of religion or belief.

Participants welcomed positive developments in separation of church and state in Poland, Hungary, and the U.S.S.R. The deputy minister for religious affairs in Hungary, Barna Sarkadi-Nagy, spoke frankly about "serious errors of the near and more distant past, including discrimination against church officials and believers, and in a few cases, political trials based on false charges. These," he said, "must never be forgotten." Sarkadi-Nagy informed the congress about a new law on guarantees of freedom of conscience that will ensure a clear separation of church and state, as well as provide guarantees of free exercise of religion. On May 17 the Polish parliament voted three bills regulating church-state relations, as well as freedom of religion.

Much attention during the congress was given to the world of Islam. Khan Bahadur Khan, minister

of religious and minority affairs in Pakistan, said that Muslim law guarantees freedom of conscience, though with certain limitations.

### Freedom in Russia

Probably the greatest attention at the congress was given to the presentation by Konstantin Kharchev, former president of the Council of Religious Affairs, U.S.S.R.

"A believer is no longer an enemy," he told the participants. "A person who believes is better than a person who believes nothing. A person who has lost his convictions, his spirituality, his moral imperatives, is in a terrible state, but atheists and believers need to unite to help each other to survive," he added.

"If somebody had said that a few years ago, he would have been burned at the stake," he remarked. Kharchev, who now serves in the U.S.S.R. diplomatic service, explained his involvement in the current draft laws on guarantees of freedom of conscience in the U.S.S.R. If accepted, the laws will ensure that churches have the legal right to operate, as well as provide freedom for teaching children religion.



Dr. Samson Kisekka (left), prime minister of Uganda, was inducted as a member of the Committee of Honor of the IRLA by B.B. Beach, secretary general (right). In the middle is Adam Lopatka, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Poland.

Kharchev's contribution to freedom of religion in the U.S.S.R. was acknowledged by the IRLA, which presented a plaque that recognized his "contribution to trust between all peoples."

# SDA Musicians Attend Conference on Worship

The international conference Dimensions in Worship and Music, held in Portland, Oregon, July 11-15, attracted its largest enrollment to date, according to Connie Lysinger, coordinator. Meeting for the first time in the Northwest, this ninth convocation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Musicians' Guild (SDACMG) was hosted by the Oregon chapter.

Pastors, musicians, and worship leaders came from 15 states, Canada, and overseas to explore the meaning of worship, ways to enhance church services, and how to involve more of the congregation. The SDACMG emphasizes that church music is not a performance, but an act of worship.

Several non-Adventists attended the entire conference, and many

*By Lorraine Juberg, secretary, North Pacific Union Gleaner office.*

more from the community came to evening events such as a hymn festival and the organ concert presented by John Obetz of Independence, Missouri. Dr. Obetz, known nationally for his weekly radio-broadcast, *The Auditorium Organ*, taught a class entitled Imaginative Service Playing.

Bruce Leafblad from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, led the worship workshop. Dr. Leafblad directed the worships for Oregon Conference pastors assembled for pre-camp meeting at nearby Gladstone and for the Dimensions conference held at Portland's Sunnyside church.

## Specialists Conduct Workshops

A slate of specialists conducted a number of workshops, including Interpersonal Skills, Basic Conducting and Song Leading, Teaching Notation, Handbells and Choir

Chimes, Religious Drama, and Worship Planning, and also several clinics, including Handbell Playing, Choral Conducting, and Anthem Reading.

The five-day event concluded with Sabbath morning and afternoon presentations of creative worship, dramatized scripture, and instrumental and vocal music by conference attendees. The Sabbath morning worship speaker was Harold Lickey, retired music professor from Calistoga, California. William Ness, national president of SDACMG and minister of music at the Atlantic Union College church, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, served as organist.

The Musicians' Guild, reports Ness, is planning a meeting in connection with the 1990 General Conference session in Indianapolis, and has set its next biennial conference for 1991 in Orlando, Florida.

## Countdown to Indianapolis—3

Pastors and local elders attending the 1990 General Conference session in Indianapolis, July 5-14, will also want to attend the General Conference Ministerial Association's World Ministry Council, July 1-5.

Described as a professional meeting for ministers, the council will focus on several areas of concern for ministers, says Floyd Bresee, Ministerial Association secretary. In prior sessions, between 3,000 and 5,000 pastors participated in the plenary session and workshops.

"The sessions are primarily planned for pastors," notes Bresee. "But other church members will be cordially welcomed."

"It's important for the Adventist ministry to get together every five years so that pastors are on the same wavelength. We seek to re-

vive and renew the ministry," he explains. "Also, we make available many soul-winning ideas and tools and let people share what's working [in evangelism]."

The ministry council will be divided into plenary sessions in the morning and evening, and 38 seminars in the afternoon. The plenary sessions will include a pastors' panel in the morning that will address topics such as church discipline, the pastoral home, ministerial ethics, preaching, increasing church attendance, bringing the church alive, and the pastor/administration relationship.

The afternoon seminars will include a wide variety of professional topics in evangelism, management and administration, theology, health, and pastoral and personal issues.

The nightly sessions will feature presentations from some of the most

renowned Adventist evangelists who will discuss their evangelistic techniques. Participants will also get a sneak preview of the church's evangelistic plan for the 1990s.

"The workshops and sessions will offer participants an opportunity to sharpen skills and to network," says Rex Edwards, coordinator of ministerial continuing education at the General Conference. "We also offer continuing education credit for the seminars."

For further information, watch for the February issue of *Ministry* magazine or write General Conference Ministerial Association, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.

## Travel Information

To make hotel reservations for the 1990 General Conference session in Indianapolis, contact Janet Crowell at Travel Lite, 7152 SW. Forty-seventh St., Miami, Florida 33155, U.S.A.; or call 1-800-327-8338.

## To New Posts

### Adventist Volunteer Service

**Barry Krall**, to serve as senior dental clerkship, Adventist Dental Practice, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, of Loma Linda, California, left June 13.

**Carroll McKinley Lawson**, to serve as pastor, Irish Mission, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and **Elaine Rosalie (Ennis) Lawson**, of Loma Linda, California, left July 6.

**Wilfred Liske**, to serve as teacher, Newbold College, Bracknell, Berkshire, England, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, left June 7.

**John Lavon Nerness**, to serve as relief physician, Adventist Medical Center, Nishihara, Okinawa, Japan, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, left January 22.

**Patricia Oliver**, to serve as kindergarten teacher, Saipan Elementary School, Saipan, Mariana Islands, of Collegedale, Tennessee, left August 1, 1988.

**Douglas Dean Parks**, to serve in senior elective dental clerkship service, Hongkong Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong, of Loma Linda, California, left June 12.

**Ernest Austin Pender**, to serve as guest speaker, inauguration service, College of Nursing building, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand, of Oceanside, California, left May 17.

**Milton Edmond Peterman**, to serve as construction supervisor, ADRA/Jamaica, Mandeville, Jamaica, and **Shirley Edna (Perley) Peterman**, of Novato, California, left July 5.

**Joseph C. Simpson**, to serve as relief dentist, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan, and **Palma (Hughes) Simpson**, of Grand Junction, Colorado, left May 30.

**Ellen Naomi Waddell**, to serve as guest speaker, inauguration service, College of Nursing building, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand, of Loma Linda, California, left May 15.

**Dean I. Webb**, to serve as relief dentist, Karachi Adventist Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan, and **Harriet L. Webb**, of Beaverton, Oregon, left May 14.

**Howard Lavern Williams**, to serve as pioneer worker, North Philippine Union Mission, Manila, Philippines, **Charleen LaVonne (Albin) Williams**, and two children, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, left January 11.

**Ernest Sui Sung Zane**, to serve as relief physician, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan, and **Dorothy (Leung) Zane**, of Loma Linda, California, left May 31.

### Adventist Youth Service

**Anthony Lloyd Aalvik** (WWC), of White Salmon, Washington, to serve as builder, Bangladesh Union Mission, Dhaka, Bangladesh, left June 12.

**Jeremiah David Baptiste** (CaUC), of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to serve as conversation teacher, Seventh-day Adventist English Language Institute, Seoul, Korea, left June 12.

**Devona Ruth Berndt** (SAC), of Salem, Oregon, to serve as dietitian/cook, Roundelwood Health Center, Tayside, Scotland, left May 31.

**Luanna Jeanne Billings** (PUC), of Hayward, California, to serve in well drilling, ADRA, Thailand Mission, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 19.

**Doug Brant** (Weimar College), of Mentone, California, to serve as conversation teacher, Japan Seventh-day Adventist English Schools, Yokohama, Japan, left June 12.

**Dawn Lynn Bray** (SC), of Camden, Ohio, to serve as conversation teacher, Seventh-day Adventist English Language Institute, Seoul, Korea, left June 12.

**Lon Canaday** (WWC), of College Place, Washington, to serve as builder, ADRA, Bangladesh Union

Mission, Dhaka, Bangladesh, left June 12.

**Glenn Carter** (AUC), of Mercer, Maine, to serve as conversation teacher, English Language Schools of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 12.

**Joy H. Cha** (PUC), of Bakersfield, California, to serve as well driller, ADRA, Thailand Mission, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 19.

**Allyn Craig** (AU), of Walla Walla, Washington, to serve as teacher, Polish Spiritual Seminary, Maja, Poland, left June 13.

**Steven Michael Creitz** (UC), of Fort Smith, Montana, to serve as conversation teacher, English Language Schools of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 12.

**Sharon Dyke** (SC), of Jellico, Tennessee, to serve as conversation teacher, Seventh-day Adventist English Language Institute, Seoul, Korea, left June 12.

**Ingrid Lynn Eklund** (SC), of Hagerstown, Maryland, to serve as teacher, English Language Schools of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 12.

**Jay Gerald Fuller** (CUC), of Silver Spring, Maryland, to serve as teacher, Israel Field, Jerusalem, Israel, left July 13.

**John Fuller** (CUC), of Silver Spring, Maryland, to serve as teacher, Israel Field, Jerusalem, Israel, left July 13.

**Angela S. Gross** (AUC), of Vancouver, Washington, to serve as conversation teacher, Japan Seventh-day Adventist English Schools, Yokohama, Japan, left June 12.

**Charles David Hartman** (PUC), of Ceres, California, to serve as conversation teacher, English Language Schools of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 12.

**James Lawrence Hawkins** (WWC), of Caldwell, Idaho, to serve as builder, ADRA, Bangladesh Union Mission, Dhaka, Bangladesh, left June 12.

**Monica Sue Herron** (CUC), of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, to serve as conversation teacher, English Language Schools of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, left June 12.

**Althea Christine S. M. Ho** (AU), of Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada, to serve as teacher, John Loughborough School, London, England, left June 13.

**Howard Glenn Huntsman** (UC), of Brownwood, Texas, to serve as conversation teacher, Taiwan San Yu English Bible Center, Taipei, Taiwan, left June 12.

**Tammy Jo (Venis) Huntsman** (UC), of Oakdale, California, to serve as conversation teacher, Taiwan San Yu English Bible Center, Taipei, Taiwan, left June 12.

**Dennis Kamberg** (WWC), of College Place, Washington, to serve as builder, ADRA, Bangladesh Union Mission, Dhaka, Bangladesh, left June 12.

### Regular Missionary Service

**John William Ash III**, returning to serve as coordinator, English Language Centers, Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong, **Connie Marthell (Hartzell) Ash**, and one child left July 26.

**Jack Bruce Bohannon**, returning to serve as president, Uganda Union, Kampala, Uganda, left January 15. **Donna Jean (Weber) Bohannon** joined her husband later.

**Saleen Assad Farag**, returning to serve as health/temperance director, Eastern Africa Division, Harare, Zimbabwe, and **Grace (Anderson) Farag** left July 27.

**Charles James Griffin**, returning to serve as director, Church Ministries Department, Far Eastern Division, Singapore. **Evelyn Ruth (Moore) Griffin**, and two children left July 27.

**Monroe Alexander Morford**, returning to serve as principal, Nile Union Academy, Heliopolis, Egypt, and **Frances Jean (Osborn) Morford** left July 24.

**Cesar Augusto Puesan**, to serve as professor of business administration, Montemorelos University, Montemorelos, Nuevo León, Mexico, and

**Nercy Caridad (Frometa) Puesan**, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, left February 22.

**John Paul Stafford**, returning to serve as ministerial secretary, Rwanda Union Mission, Kigali, Rwanda, **Ruby Ann (Kruger) Stafford**, and one child left July 23.

**Carmelita Janene Troy**, to serve as lecturer, Business Department, Newbold College, Bracknell, Berkshire, England, of Adelphi, Maryland, left July 30.

**Marvin Daniel Walter**, returning to serve as pilot/ministerial secretary, Sarawak Mission, Kuching, Sarawak, **Dorothy Ellen (Hallock) Walter**, and one son left July 18.

## Prayer Circle for Evangelism

The following pastor-evangelists in the North American Division would appreciate the prayers of *Adventist Review* readers as they conduct evangelistic meetings during Harvest 90.

### CANADIAN UNION

**Victor Schulz/John Perez**, through November 30, Calgary, Alberta

### COLUMBIA UNION

**Gerald Fillman**, through November 5, Easton, Pennsylvania

**Charles Byrd**, through November 30, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania

**Greg Schaller**, through December 30, Medina, Ohio

### MID-AMERICA UNION

**James A. Cress**, through November 30, Denver, Colorado

**George L. Carpenter**, through November 30, Fort Collins, Colorado

**Dale Brusett**, through November 30, Greeley, Colorado

**John Wolfe**, through November 20, Hampton, Iowa

**David Ketelsen**, through November 20, Independence, Missouri

### NORTH PACIFIC UNION

**Arnold Scherencel**, through October 20, Rogue River, Oregon

**Cliff Walter**, through October 30, Sitka, Alaska

**John K. McGhee**, through October 31, Lincoln City, Oregon

**Ernest E. Wheeler**, through October 31, Sutherlin, Oregon

### PACIFIC UNION

**Lawrence Davidson/Lloyd Wyman**, through October 30, Oxnard, California

**Javier Soto Valle**, through October 31, Glendale, California

**Keith Hassinger**, through November 4, Canoga Park, California

### SOUTHERN UNION

**Michael Cauley**, through November 20, Asheville, North Carolina

### SOUTHWESTERN UNION

**Tim Roosenberg**, through November 20, New Iberia, Louisiana

**R. C. Williams**, through October 30, Stillwater, Oklahoma

**Robert Wood**, through October 30, Choctaw, Oklahoma

**Clarence Hoag/Robert Goranson**, through December 15, Houma, Louisiana

**Norman A. Yeager**, through November 25, Grand Prairie, Texas

Information to be included in this listing, including opening and closing dates, should be sent to your union Ministerial Association in advance of the opening date.—W. C. Scales, Jr., NAD Ministerial Association secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

# TIME TO CONSOLE, TIME TO CONFRONT

**M**atthew 23 is a chapter of the Bible I tend to avoid. It reads like a funereal litany that even scholars commonly refer to as "The Seven Woes."

For one thing, Jesus addresses it directly to someone else, scribes and Pharisees of long ago. For another, the arguments sound quaint and picky and irrelevant to me.

But the main reason I shudder to read Matthew 23 is that it's so confrontive. I like a sweet Jesus.

## A Sweet Jesus

I like Jesus better in Matthew 5 when He sonorously utters the Beatitudes. The poor in spirit, the mournful ones, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—blessed, blessed, blessed are these, Jesus says.

I like the Jesus in Matthew 6 who invites us to open our hearts to God as we would to a loving parent, and who intones the immortal words "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

I like the Jesus who keeps things simple: Listen to people; treat them as you would like to be treated. That sums up true religion, Jesus declares in Matthew 7. I like the constructive, positive tone of the golden rule.

Matthew's impressive list of Jesus' miracles also portrays Him as a man of compassion. Seamen fighting the winds and waves for their lives suddenly see a storm dissolve and find themselves becalmed at His word. A child twisted and contorted by spirits is set free at His command. A man with a maimed and useless hand reaches out at

Jesus' invitation and instantly finds his fingers limber and strong again.

## A Quiet Kingdom

With tiny parables strung together like pearls, Jesus portrays His kingdom not as a scene of clashing swords but a place full of quiet mysteries. Seeds sprout as rain falls and sun shines. Yeast permeates a lump of dough making it springy to the touch. A cache of treasure rolls up under a farmer's plow spilling sparkling silver and gold at his feet.

I like the gentle Jesus. The One who notices two sparrows sold for a

## How could a gentle Jesus utter the "Seven Woes"?

farthing or a sheep fallen into a pit. Who assures me I am not just a statistical sinner to be saved but a valuable physical person with a precisely known number of hairs on my head.

And I warm to this Man who respects children. "Take heed," He orders with flashing eyes. "Despise not one of them!" God Himself dispatches heaven's angels to monitor how we care for them. And Jesus gathers their tumbling bodies into His lap for stories, giving weary, fretted mothers an unheard-of respite.

## A Boxing Match?

By contrast, Matthew 23 seems to

portray a boxing match. Words fly like left jabs and right upper cuts, like haymakers and body blows. "Blind guides"! "Fools"! "Hypocrites"! And other terms so vivid I cannot quote them.

It is not Jesus' first encounter with those who reject His ideals, His concerns, and His theology. But it is the last one. And He makes His position exceedingly clear.

Within a few days Jesus will go to the cross, silently. He does not go, however, without making His case. That's why we have Matthew 23.

Jesus does not shy away from controversy and issues. He confronts them. He denounces poor theology, bad policies, deceitful practices, and those who mask irresponsible, self-serving ways in the name of God. As our righteous example, He demonstrates that we need much time to teach, heal, and console. But there also comes a time when we must confront.

Jesus declares His convictions. He stands His ground. Eloquently He makes a final appeal crying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings . . ."

And then, as a lamb that opens not its mouth, He goes to the cross. □



*Kit Watts is an assistant editor of the Adventist Review.*

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BY KIT WATTS

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# SCENARIO 42

## "The Intern"

**MEMO**

Name:  
**Eric Anderson**  
College:  
**Southwestern Adventist College  
Keene, Texas**

Academic Status:  
**Senior business administration  
major; Village student.**

Financial Means:  
An internship in the Dallas office of  
Merrill Lynch, the industry leader in  
writing securities; part-time job at  
La Loma Foods and Bakery in  
Keene.

Extracurricular activities:  
Plays on the Southwestern  
Knights basketball team, and  
on an intramural softball  
team; serves as a deacon at  
the Keene Seventh-day  
Adventist Church.

effective office and interpersonal communication. He also discovers he made an A on the test last Thursday.

the day's rates of exchange and "cold calls" prospective buyers about making financial investments. He also makes plans for going out the next day to research new prospect lists.

**7:17 PM** Eric goes to the gym to play basketball with his friends. The Knights' season is over, but he plans to make the team again next semester. He also reminds himself that tomorrow he has jogging class at 5:00 and a softball game at 6:30.



### TODAY IS TUESDAY

**7:31 AM** Eric walks into Business Policies right behind his professor and slides into a desk in the middle of the room. During the next hour and a half, the class studies corporate strategies and examines a case study for appeal to marketshare and quality control.

**8:59 AM** Eric arrives at La Loma. For the next hour and a half he works on employee schedules, acts as a grocery buyer, and supervises the employees on duty.

**10:42 AM** In Business Communications, Eric studies

**11:51 AM** for Dallas. During the one-hour drive, he creates telephone scenarios, envisioning the kinds of calls he might have to handle during the day, how he should handle them, and what he should do to prepare for them.

**12:54 PM** takes Eric to the Merrill Lynch offices where he works ten hours a week as an intern. He spends the afternoon making and answering telephone calls; he answers clients' questions about

**5:00 PM** back to Keene. On the way he listens to the "Wall Street Journal Report" and the commodities report, as well as Paul Harvey. He plans the rest of his evening.

**6:09 PM** Eric is starving, so as soon as he gets home he grabs some pizza. He studies a little for tomorrow's first class, Personnel Management.

**10:12 PM** Eric goes home and finishes studying.

**12:21 AM** It's been a long day, so Eric decides to go to bed early.

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## CUC

### Leland Memorial Hospital donates equipment to Columbia Union College

Two machines have been donated to the respiratory care department of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, by Leland Memorial Hospital in nearby Riverdale, Maryland.

The equipment includes a Collins pulmonary function console, which performs diagnostic studies for pulmonary functions, and an XY recorder, which records flow volume graphics.

Both machines are 12 years old. Ray Litten, director of cardiopulmonary care at Leland, said, "The older machines are better teaching tools. You have to do more things manually.

"Giving these machines to the college is just a way for Leland to show our support for the respiratory care program at CUC."

Respiratory care specialists treat patients with cardiopulmonary problems. Columbia Union College offers two- and four-year degrees in respiratory care.

RICK MOYERS

*Director, Public Relations*



## NEW JERSEY

Multiple-simultaneous baptisms are happening in America, too! At the conclusion of the spring evangelistic season celebrated at camp meeting, four pastors, with candidates lined up behind them, went to the pool at Garden State Academy in Tranquility. While hundreds watched, the pastors simultaneously led 27 people to signify their new walk with Jesus by baptism.

## WORLD CHURCH

### Fifth-grader puts the Sabbath first

"Do more with less" was the name of the challenging "Odyssey of the Mind" project, but doing the Lord's will was more important to Kevin Patterson from Blytheville, Arkansas.

"Odyssey of the Mind" is an IBM-funded extracurricular science activity challenged to elementary school students each year around the world.

Eleven-year-old Patterson, a recently baptized member of the Blytheville company, together with five classmates who attend the public Burdette Elementary School, accepted the OM challenge and went to work on it.

The goal was to design and build a structure out of balsa wood and glue, weighing no more than 15 grams and reaching no higher than eight inches tall. The structure was also required to successfully support a heavy weight.

Patterson designed the model, and his classmates helped to build it. The structure tested well in the classroom, so they decided to enter it in a regional competition in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

But Patterson refused to attend the competition because it was held on Sab-

bath. His teammates went on without him, winning first place and qualifying them for the statewide competition.

At the statewide event in Little Rock, Arkansas, 600 teams at different levels were present. Again the competition was held on Sabbath. The team once again participated without Patterson and won first place, sending them on their way to the world competition in Boulder, Colorado.

Patterson's division was scheduled to meet on Saturday, but when officials heard that he would not attend because of his Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, the date was changed to Friday.

While Patterson's team placed fifth in the world finals, he won second place for his original design, which successfully supported 247 pounds.

MELODY RETZER

*Correspondent*

## CHESAPEAKE

### HVA teacher recognized for excellence in education

One of the educators in Washington County, Maryland, who were honored during the annual Awards of Excellence banquet by the Hagerstown-Wash-

ington County Chamber of Commerce was William Bromme, a teacher at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown.

Nominations for these awards were received from teachers, principals, parents and students.

A teacher at HVA since 1986, Bromme was recognized for his work with secondary students.

"He strives to promote excellence in the performance of his students in both mathematics and music," the award indicated. "He instructs students both in class group settings and individually in piano and other instruments."

Bromme was also honored for teaching "the virtue of high-quality music in classical, sacred, popular, vocal, instrumental, solo, small group and choir."

## WORLD CHURCH

### Maranatha Flights changes name, headquarters

Maranatha Flights International has changed its name to Maranatha Volunteers International.

Effective September 1, the organization also moved its headquarters from Berrien Springs, Michigan, to Sacramento, California.

**COLUMBIA UNION**  
**Publishing department**  
**holds LE convention at**  
**Shenandoah Valley Academy**

Excitement ran high during the literature evangelist convention conducted at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, July 23-29.

After a leadership pre-council was held July 23-25, publishing officials enthusiastically greeted the LEs and their families as they arrived on Sunday.

The convention was officially opened on Tuesday evening with a keynote address by Robert Smith, North American Division publishing director.

Support from union and conference officers was evident by their presence at the annual Star Awards Banquet on Thursday night.

Union President Ron Wisbey high-

lighted the evening by rallying spirits even higher and raising sights to even greater accomplishments for God.

One of the plaques awarded for the period of July 1988 to June 1989 went to Benjamin Santiago of the Potomac Conference for top LE sales.

The Special Quality Account Maintenance Award was given to collector Mike Courey from Pennsylvania.

Highest conference sales honors went to Pennsylvania, while New Jersey received the award for having the highest percentage of gain.

Other speakers throughout the week included Dan Oakes, regional manager of the Success Motivation Institute in Frederick, Maryland, who spoke to lead-



**New Jersey Publishing Director Eliseo Lozano provided the dinner music at the literature evangelists' Star Awards Banquet on Thursday night.**

ers about renewing awareness of the God-given assets of every person; and Rudi Henning, associate publishing director of the General Conference, who brought six hours of sales instruction on how to deal with objections.

John Wilkens and Dick Thomas of the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Felix Castro of the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Nampa, Idaho, shared new subscription literature and selling tools now available for the field.

Dan Bentzinger, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Conference, and his wife, Gloria, led out in a very inspirational Friday-evening agape feast and communion service.

A gigantic cross-shaped, candle-lit, rose-decorated table for the agape feast was surrounded by 155 literature evangelists, leaders and spouses.

Steve Bohr, youth and NAD missions director of the New Jersey Conference, brought inspiration with an outstanding adult Sabbath school lesson presentation and the 11 o'clock message during the youth service.

Former union publishing directors Ed Glenz, John Mason and Cliff Okuno, all retired and living in the Columbia Union, gave morning devotions using an emphasis on the instructions and encouragement found in the book, *Colporteur Ministry*.

"Recreation was included in the daily schedule," said Nils Lee, recreation chairman and assistant treasurer of the union Home Health Education Service.

Activities included volleyball, basketball, roller skating, softball, swimming, tennis and soccer.

"We are grateful to these individuals for helping to make our time together so meaningful," said Woody Pangborn, Columbia Union publishing director.



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### NEW JERSEY

One of the Adventist pioneers who "came alive" during the New Jersey Tranquil Valley Youth Camp held at the Garden State Academy campus in Tranquility was Joseph Bates, as portrayed by camp Director Walter Dunn. The 110 campers who walked along the "Heritage Trail" that Sabbath afternoon also met staff members and assistants who acted out the stories of William Miller, James and Ellen White, Hiram Edson, Annie Smith and Hazen Foss, an early black pioneer.

### HOSPITALS

#### Leland Memorial Hospital consolidates with Shady Grove and WAH

The Adventist Health System NEMA/Mid-Atlantic Corporation requested that the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission approve the consolidation of Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale with Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville.

The Adventist Health System NEMA/Mid-Atlantic Corporation also announced that Charley Eldridge, president of Leland Memorial Hospital, had resigned as of September 5, 1989.

Bryan Breckenridge, president of Mid-Atlantic, said, "The Adventist Health System is indebted to Eldridge for his contribution to health care within the Seventh-day Adventist organization." Eldridge plans to pursue further education at the graduate level.

During the transition, Washington Adventist Hospital will oversee the man-

agement of Leland Memorial Hospital.

Ronald Marx, president of Washington Adventist Hospital, has been appointed president of Leland Memorial Hospital and will work with the management team of Warren Santander, who will serve as vice president of operations; Karen Lumb, vice president for patient care; and Edward Lawaty, vice president for finance.

Breckenridge further stated, "We are committed to the welfare of the employees and medical staff of Leland Memorial Hospital, and will do everything possible to make this as smooth a transition as possible."

### HOSPITALS

#### New owner sought for Hadley Hospital

The Adventist Health System/NEMA Mid-Atlantic Corporation has announced that it has developed a regional plan for area system hospitals under its sponsorship.

Under this plan, the Mid-Atlantic Corporation will seek a new owner for Hadley Memorial Hospital, which will continue to operate without any change in its services.

The purchase of Hadley by another owner is subject to approval by the District of Columbia Health Planning and Development Agency.

### COLUMBIA UNION

#### Adventists lose two cases in court

Court cases involving a former Seventh-day Adventist ministerial intern in Pennsylvania and the Frederick, Maryland, church have been decided.

In the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania, Larry and Leona Cottam were convicted of third-degree murder in connection with the death of their 14-year-old son, Eric.

The coroner said that Eric, who died of starvation January 4, had not eaten since November.

He and his family were reported to be on a religious fast at the time of his death. His sister, Laura, is now a ward of the court.

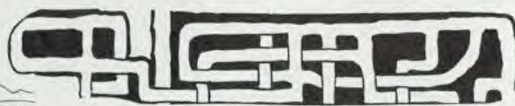
Larry Cottam had been a ministerial intern in the Pennsylvania Conference, but quit the ministry in 1985.

The Cottams, who have not yet been sentenced, plan to appeal the verdict. Third-degree murder carries a sentence of up to 20 years in jail.

In Frederick Circuit Court in Maryland, the Frederick church lost its lawsuit to halt construction of a baseball stadium immediately adjacent to the church's property.

The city has moved ahead rapidly with construction, with the Frederick Keys baseball team slated to begin play in the stadium next season.

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the range of programs that make up this multifaceted area of service.

## Musicians

The Toledo First church's "Concert Series" began four years ago. Members and visitors have enjoyed the Szezecin University choirs from Poland, the Academic Male Choir of Estonia and other choral and instrumental groups.

The series has had a great impact on both audiences and presenters. Each program is followed by an afterglow, a time for fellowship and healthful refreshments when musicians can get acquainted with their audience.

This outreach has opened the doors to people who rarely enter an Adventist church, including an Ohio Supreme Court justice, the mayor of Toledo, a county prosecutor and clergy of other faiths.

God is blessing Toledo First in this phase of Community Services.

## Home missionaries

What began as a small dream for Hattie Shobear, aided by the willing and generous support of Dr. and Mrs. Gene Swanson, the Barberton church made a reality on June 4, when the Barberton Community Services Center held its first open house.

In 1978, a few church women had a burden to help people with food and clothing. Starting with a small group and a \$50 monthly budget, the project has expanded greatly.

Just 500 people were helped in 1978. Last year more than 4,200 were helped.

**C**ommunity service, in every sense of the word, is a multifaceted outreach for the churches in Ohio that choose to incorporate counsels from Ellen White on Christian service.

From the Toledo First congregation's "Concert Series" to the "Street Beat" ministry of the Worthington and Eastwood churches in Columbus to the teddy bear received by a little girl or boy as a result of community-wide outreach by the Defiance congregation, programs in church after church in the Ohio Conference touch the heart of humanity by meeting the many needs of people living in the community.

The following four stories illustrate

This ministry has been made possible by more than 5,400 hours of assistance from volunteers they call "home missionaries."

### Sandwiches

"Street Beat" is what the young people of Columbus call their Community Services ministry to the homeless.

Beginning in April of 1988, their 135 sandwiches for homeless people each week has now amounted to a total of 11,300 sandwiches.

What an example of what Ellen White described in *Christian Service*, page 30: "The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."

### Counseling and classes

Twenty years ago, the members of the Medina church dreamed of a Community Services organization, and it began with Georgia Mann. Then Betty Ahnberg managed the center until her death in 1986, followed by Janet Kramer until she retired this past June.

Current Director Cheryl Rocco guides the volunteer staff as they serve 75 to 100 families each week.

These services include counseling, cooking and nutrition classes and emer-

*"God expects personal service from every one to whom He has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods,"—Christian Service, page 9.*

gency food, clothing and household articles.

The volunteers work in a new two-story building that is valued at \$350,000, was finished in April of 1985 and is debt free. In 1988, about 12,000 people were aided by this outreach center.

### The challenge

This is what is being done in just a few churches in Ohio. Volunteers. Service. Help.

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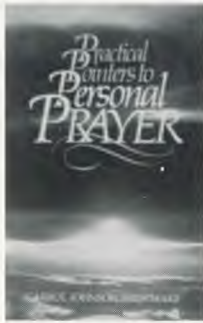
*Willis Adams is Community Services director for the Ohio Conference.*



Above: Bread covers the floor when members of the Worthington church make sandwiches for the homeless. Left: The Toledo congregation presents world-class musical groups during its concert series every year. Opposite page: Workers at the Barberton Community Services Center gave away food baskets for many years before the center's grand opening was held in June.



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**Allegheny East Conference Special Constituency Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the special constituency meeting for the Allegheny East Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, voted by the delegates at the May 17, 1987, eighth triennial session, will convene Sunday, October 22, 1989, at 10 a.m. in the Pine Forge Academy gymnasium on the academy campus in Pine Forge, PA. This meeting is specifically to present the revisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Allegheny East Conference as recommended by the constitution and bylaws committee.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof who hold membership in the local church that accredits them.

Delegates-at-large include the following: all members of the Allegheny East Conference Executive Committee; the president, secretary and treasurer of the Columbia Union, North American Division and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; all departmental directors and associate directors of the Columbia Union, North American Division and General Conference who hold membership in the Allegheny East Conference; and all employees holding ministerial or missionary credentials/licenses or commissioned ministers' credentials issued by this conference.

There will not be an organizing committee for this session.

ALVIN M. KIBBLE, *President*  
CHARLES L. CHEATHAM, *Secretary*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Requests for placing announcements and/or advertisements should be in the Visitor office four weeks before the date of issue.

**Mental health institute spotlights families in transition**

The 34th Annual Institute on Mental Health will be October 22-25 at Harding Hospital, 445 E. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085. "Families in Transition" is open to all clergy or pastoral counselors who deal with families, as well as physi-

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**Sligo Church Homecoming**

Fomer members and friends are invited to join us on Sabbath, October 21, for our Homecoming Celebration. Senior Pastor Charles Scriven will be joined by former Senior Pastors William Lovelless, M. Dale Hannah and James J. Londis in presenting the Worship message. A special Sabbath School program is planned for 9:45.

A potluck will be held after Second Service at Sligo School for everyone!

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cians, deans, teachers and any other interested persons as space permits.

**LLU dean meets with college students**


John Kerbs, associate dean of admissions for the Loma Linda, CA, University School of Medicine, will be on the campus of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, MD, November 2-3 and at Kettering, OH, College of Medical Arts on November 14. Students applying to the school of medicine for its 1990 class should arrange for an interview at that time.

**Adelphian Academy class plans 30-year reunion**

The Class of 1960 from Adelphian Academy in Holly, MI, would like to locate the following class members: Arlene Ebeling, Merton Fowler, Bonnie Haines, Terry Herr, Doloris Hogsed, Robert Judnick, Thomas Karshenski, Robert Kunkle, Barbara McGonegal, William Moore, Jan McConnell, Malcolm Rausch, Larry Ross, Nancy Rotherick, John Spencer and Ronald Stephens. Anyone who knows how to locate these persons, please contact Carol (Partlo) Lindas, 203 S. Cambridge Dr., Geneva, IL 60134; (312) 232-4554.

**Heritage Singers slate Columbia Union concerts**

The Heritage Singers will perform at the following sites this month in the union: October 11, First Baptist Church, W. Maitland Lane in New Castle, PA, 7 p.m.; October 14, First Church of the Nazarene, 522 30th St. NW in Canton, OH, 7:30 p.m.; and October 16, WPOS Christian Center, 7112 Angola Rd. in Holland, OH, 7:30 p.m.

 **Would you like to date other Seventh-day Adventists? Write: ADVENTIST CONTACT P.O. Box 5419 Takoma Park, MD 20912**

**Adventist schools announce alumni reunions**

Greater Boston Academy, October 13-15; Andrews Academy, October 20-21; Forest Lake Academy's Young Alumni Weekend/classes 1985-89, October 20-21, and homecoming weekend, March 23-24; San Gabriel Academy, April 7-8.

**OBITUARY**

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ... Therefore encourage each other with these words,"--1 Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV.

**ACKER, Charles,** born January 9, 1913, Upper Merion Township, PA; died August 16, 1989, Norristown, PA. At the time of his death he was head elder at the church in Fairview Village. Survivors: wife Mary, daughter Ginger Walters, sons David, Carl and Dan, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

Eastern Daylight Time

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20
Baltimore	6:42	6:31	6:21
Cincinnati	7:13	7:03	6:53
Cleveland	7:00	6:49	6:38
Columbus	7:06	6:55	6:45
Jersey City	6:30	6:19	6:09
Norfolk	6:41	6:31	6:22
Parkersburg	7:02	6:51	6:41
Philadelphia	6:36	6:25	6:15
Pittsburgh	6:55	6:44	6:33
Reading	6:39	6:28	6:17
Richmond	6:46	6:35	6:26
Roanoke	6:56	6:46	6:37
Scranton	6:37	6:26	6:15
Toledo	7:09	6:58	6:47
Trenton	6:34	6:23	6:12
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