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ROBERT WILLETT
President and CEO
Kettering Medical Center
Kettering, Ohio

Kettering Medical

Center just concluded its 25th anniversary year with a magnificent Thanksgiving celebration of music and fellowship at the Kettering church.

Later that week, during Thanksgiving vacation, I walked through the "studentless" hallway connecting Kettering College of Medical Arts to the hospital, and I thought about education.

Now don't misunderstand me; KMC is correctly perceived as a place of spiritual, mental and physical healing, but equally important to our mission is education. Hundreds of Christians and non-Christians alike become acquainted with the teachings of the Adventist church through us.

KCMA, a division of Kettering Medical Center, currently has 640 students enrolled in an impressive variety of medical career fields.

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Our graduate medical education programs are second only to Loma Linda, California, University in numbers and diversity. Approximately 60 residents, representing 25 schools of medicine around the globe, are supported by the medical center.

KMC alumni can be found in 47 states, Africa, Canada and Singapore. Again, the majority of these scholars became acquainted with Adventist Christians as a result of our graduate program.

Clinical pastoral education offers graduate students from seminaries across the country, representing numerous faiths, the opportunity to work with our pastoral staff in learning how to minister to families and their sick or injured loved ones.

Beyond the formal level, forums to witness directly or indirectly through community seminars and education programs are conducted each year.

Yes, health care is our primary role, but at KMC, education is equal in importance. Through both of these avenues, we share Christ and the truths of Adventism flourish.

COVER: Meredith Herzel, a free-lance photographer in Columbia, Maryland, photographed eighth-grade quilters with their teacher this past June at the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland. The seamstresses are, from left: Jessica Enriques, art teacher Rosemary Peterson, Christina Scriven and Patricia Zavala. The quilt, which was displayed in the Takoma Park Public Library, the city's municipal building, the Sligo church and several local shops, has been tagged the "Freedom Quilt."

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BAPTIZE



The **PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE Philadelphia Boulevard church's** Prophecy Lecture series ended on Friday evening, October 20. The next day, designated Baptism Sabbath, eight people were baptized in front of a crowd of 240.

And a crowd it was. Usually, about 120 come to church each week, but on Baptism Sabbath attendance was doubled.

Pastor Barry Tryon believes that the church's ideal location had something to do with the turnout. "We're in an ideal spot in the northeast corner of Philadelphia on U.S. Highway 1, where tens of thousands of people pass every day," he said.

But members were anxious to be more than just visible. They supported the crusade with their consistent attendance four nights a week and brought their friends.

Visitors and members alike were blessed. Guests kept returning to hear the gospel message, while the meetings were a revival for the church. Tryon cited the experience of two young adults who were baptized. "They had attended church for years, but this opportunity to hear the message helped them make a decision for Jesus."

Tryon has been at the Boulevard church for just 10 months, but the congregation has already made plans to double its membership over the next five years. "We were thrilled to see our church full," he said.

Believers in the **Guttenberg, New Jersey**, area are working toward planting a new congregation following a Revelation Seminar conducted by Pastor Neftaly Ortiz and Gilberto Alvis, formerly a pastor in the Inter-American Division.

The 17 people who were baptized at the completion of the

meetings form the nucleus of the new congregation. The Guttenberg company will bring the number of new churches and companies organized in the **NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE** since 1986 to 21, for a total of 78 toward the conference goal of "90 in '90."

In the **OHIO CONFERENCE**, senior Pastor George Pangman of the **Mount Vernon Hill church** received a telephone call from Barbara Morgan several months ago. She wanted to know if he would study the Bible with her.

Barbara explained that her husband, Dennis, had been raised an Adventist but was never baptized. He quit attending church as an adult, but maintained the standards of the church. They even sent their daughter, Jennifer, to church school, and she was baptized two years ago. In the meantime, Barbara became increasingly curious to know more about the gospel Seventh-day Adventists practiced.

"The thing that attracts me to your church," Barbara told Pangman, "is its emphasis on the family involvement in the worship experience."

As Barbara took her Bible studies home, Dennis would re-study the things he had learned in his youth. "You know, he has always believed these things," Barbara said.

Together they began attending the Discovery Bible Class in the pastor's office on Sabbath mornings. Soon after, both were baptized in a private ceremony on a Sabbath afternoon.

Now Dennis goes with Marwood Hallett, Ohio Conference church ministries director, on his Sabbath appointments. "In about four weeks," he told Hallett, "I'm going to go preach in a church somewhere that doesn't have a pastor speaking on Sabbath morning."—CPC

FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



Sandra Zetino, *Burnt Mills, Potomac*. Sandra was baptized in May of 1989 because "I love God. The Lord has changed my life and helped me through many of life's traumas."



Willie McCullough, *Reading Kenhorst Boulevard, Pennsylvania*. Through anointing, Willie received victory over his drug habit. He was then baptized in May of 1989.



Shirley Dunham, *Romney Fairview, Mountain View*. After attending every meeting of Pastor Ron Patterson's crusade, Shirley was baptized with her husband, Jay, in August of 1989.



Jay Dunham, *Romney Fairview, Mountain View*. Jay was rebaptized into the Romney church at the same time his wife, Shirley, joined the congregation in August of 1989.



Candi Irven, *Williamsport, Chesapeake*. Candi and her husband decided to change their lifestyle for their children's sake. She was baptized during April of 1989.



Melissa Campbell, *Princeton, New Jersey*. A student at the Meadowview church school, Melissa was baptized with her father by Pastor Ed Keyes in June of 1989.



Chris Chandler, *Reading Kenhorst Boulevard, Pennsylvania*. Chris was baptized in May of 1989, even though that meant giving up his Saturday work as a musician.

It doesn't stop with soup!

RICHARD MOYERS



Kristin Clark, a sophomore biology major from Laurel, Maryland, tutors a student at the Piney Branch Elementary School in Takoma Park, Maryland, as part of CUC's Teach-A-Kid program. *Photos by Richard Moyers.*

When Duane Abel came to Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, he found it to be a different place than he'd imagined.

"I'd heard that CUC was in the city and that it was a good place to go to school," says Abel, a junior business major from Angwin, California, "but I was expecting a low spiritual atmosphere, a place to study

and not get too involved in religious activities."

What Duane found were active campus organizations in which students from all areas of interest take advantage of CUC's location near the nation's capital to experience the meaning of service.

"Gateway to Service" has been the college's motto for over 50 years. Outreach programs that meet community needs in Washington, D.C., give that motto new meaning.

Connecting with Children

Abel became involved in a new program called "Cuddles," an outreach to inner-city children who are patients at D.C. General Hospital. Students spend Friday nights or Sabbath afternoons holding and playing with "boarder babies," children who have been abandoned by their parents.

These babies range in age from infants to 18-month-olds, and some are strongly addicted to drugs.

CUC students also spend time

reading to, playing with or just talking to other hospitalized children.

"I'm very interested in the inner-city kids at the hospital," says Abel. "They need people to visit them, role models to look up to."

Kathy Farkash, a junior from Quakertown, Pennsylvania, whose major is elementary education, also helps children. She directs the Teach-A-Kid program, which lets CUC students tutor and form friendships with elementary school children.

Working with Prepare Our Youth, a Takoma Park-based service organization, students spend several hours a week helping kids with homework.

"A lot of children come from broken homes, and they're lonely—they want attention," says Farkash. "I first participated in Teach-A-Kid because I'm an education major and I thought it would be good experience. I tutored the kids and I loved it! It's incredible to see them open up to you."

CUC students also work with youngsters through a program called "Children's Connection." The college sponsors trips to a federal women's prison in Alderson, West Virginia, for kids whose mothers are imprisoned there. Student volunteers also spend time with the children once a month.

"It's a way of giving these kids a bit of the family they may not have at home," says program Director Carol White, a junior English major from Takoma Park.

Feeding the homeless

One of the most visible and well-known campus ministries programs is soup kitchen work. Bob Fournier, a senior theology major from Takoma Park, has been director of this program for two years.

Fournier, a former student missionary, compares his service in Thailand to his work in Washington. "On 5th and New York avenues, it's a different world," he says. "When you're there to hand out food and clothes, God speaks to you more intensely."

Fournier feels that soup kitchen work creates an environment at CUC that makes students more conscious of God. "The best thing about this school is that it's not a place where



From left: Mussie Gebregziabier, a senior computer science major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bob Fournier, a senior theology major from Takoma Park, Maryland, and Roger Hernandez, a sophomore religion major from West Reading, Pennsylvania, load food into the van for Columbia Union College's soup kitchen program.

you have to go looking for a chance to help people. The opportunities are all around us."

Over the past few years, this program was a one- or two-day-a-week project in which students volunteered

in area soup kitchens. This year CUC students started their own program run by Martha's Table, a downtown soup kitchen.

"We're taking the food to where the people live," says college Chaplain Randy Wisbey. "We're going where the need is, rather than asking them to come to us."

Using donated labor and supplies, CUC students renovated an unused kitchen in the nearby Sligo church. Student volunteers prepare sandwiches, beverages and soup or dessert in the kitchen, then use a van that was donated by the Columbia Union to transport the food to a low-income neighborhood, where they give it away from the back of the van.

Serving food to homeless people is probably the last thing most high school seniors think about when they choose a college. But more and more CUC students are being challenged to reach out and serve others.

Socks, talk and missions

For the past five years CUC students have collected socks, scarves and new thermal underwear to give to the needy.

Philip Singh, a senior social work/psychology major from Takoma Park, supervises the Coping Hotline, a counseling service offered via telephone by the Prepare Our Youth organization.

"We've dealt with everything from drug abuse and the occult to relationship problems and runaways," says Singh, whose goal is to recruit enough volunteers to run the hotline all week instead of just on weekends.

During the 1988-89 school year, six young people from CUC served as student missionaries; this year, CUC sent 20 youth overseas. That's a larger student body percentage than any other Adventist college.

Several CUC students have also spent their past three spring breaks working on construction projects in Honduras.

Richard Moyers is director of public relations at Columbia Union College.

COLUMBIA UNION**Committee sets vision for baptism of 2,300, offering of \$441,700**

The Columbia Union Committee set goals for the largest day of baptizing activity and plans to raise almost \$500,000 for a new Adventist radio station during its November meeting.

The union committee set a goal to baptize more than 2,300 people on May 19 next year. The total was determined by having the local conferences establish their own goals.

Frank Ottati, union director of evangelism, interviewed conference presidents to determine what they felt would be realistic goals. The total was 2,301.

The number is staggering. Just four years ago, the union baptized less than 3,000 people in an entire year.

But the number is also stimulating. "I get excited just thinking about this effort," said President Ron Wisbey. "This is what the church is really about."

The radio station in Italy will broadcast to all the communist countries in Europe, as well as many of the Islamic countries in the Middle East.

The goal of \$441,700 is almost twice what the union raised in 1985 for a radio station in Guam. Kermit Netteburg, communication director, presented a plan to keep information about the radio station before members.

Not only did the committee approve the plan, but the 34 members present also personally pledged to give a total of \$6,000 to the project.

In other actions, the committee voted several routine, but still large, appropriations to the local conferences:

- * \$1,233,910 to education. The money goes to the local conferences to support K-12 programs.

- * \$921,800 for evangelism. Each of the conferences decides how this money should be spent, although it must go for evangelism.

- * \$376,300 toward the Local Church Growth Fund. In several conferences, this money goes to local churches that develop new ideas for church growth.

The committee also voted to have a "Youth to Youth" convention October 16-20, 1990. Youth to Youth is a program to keep youth drug-free through peer counseling.

The North American Division will underwrite some of next year's program with a \$10,000 grant. Teenagers who attend the convention will pay a registration fee to provide the rest of the funding.

**ALLEGHENY WEST**

Nellie Harris (seated) has had a positive influence on the people who have stopped by the "Drug Awareness Booth" at a supermarket in Akron, Ohio, according to conference Communication Director Robert Lewis. Two people quit smoking after their contact with Harris and the booth. At 85 years of age, Harris enjoys meeting people and sharing publications that contain valuable information on such health topics as drug abuse, stress, how to stop smoking and AIDS.

Union Secretary Henry Wright reported that union membership topped 85,000 in September. Just three years ago, Wright said, membership was less than 80,000.

NEW JERSEY**Literature evangelists help organize new congregation**

When Joel Rodriguez and his wife, Soriada, became literature evangelists in March, not only did they begin distributing literature for Christ, but they also dreamed of planting a new church in Plainfield.

This dream became a reality on October 14 as the Plainfield Spanish company was organized by Robert Boggess, conference president, and Frank Moore, conference treasurer.

During the program, Publishing Director Eliseo Lozano presented a plaque of appreciation to the Rodriguezes that noted their role in establishing the new congregation.

Spanish Coordinator Steve Bohr then challenged the two elders and three deacons who were ordained during the celebration to service for God.

Starting with 30 members, the Plainfield Spanish company is now pursuing

strong evangelism plans with the intention of becoming an organized church by June of 1990.

Ramon Cardona is serving as pastor and Aniceto Cardona is first elder of the new congregation.

HOSPITALS**Shady Grove honors its junior volunteers**

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland, honored its junior volunteer corps in a recognition ceremony last summer.

Top honors went to Richard Ni, a junior at nearby Magruder High School, and Biren Patel, a junior from Richard Montgomery High School, both of whom donated a total of more than 200 hours of volunteer time.

All junior volunteers commit to donate a minimum of 100 hours of service.

Carol Neckar, director of volunteers, presented awards to 40 more junior volunteers for their outstanding service and dedication to Shady Grove.

"Young energy is truly high energy," said Neckar, quoting the junior volunteers' recognition theme.

TAMARA RUSSELL
Director, Public Relations



Pastor David Sanner (left) visits with Florence and Frank Borman and their son, Brian, during the fellowship luncheon after the homecoming services held in late October for the Lansdale and Souderton congregations.

PENNSYLVANIA

Homecoming draws former members, new interests

Pastor David Sanner was beaming on October 28, the date for the homecoming celebration of the Lansdale and Souderton churches.

A total of 45 guests attended the Sabbath services, but not by mere chance or quick invitations. The visitors' attendance was the result of prayer and planned outreach.

Sanner said that his personal ministries department, under the direction of Barry Galambos and Richard Nash, worked hard on the planning process.

Invitations were printed up and given out to the eight elders who headed small groups of church members. Each group

met and prayed over specific names of former members and new interests.

The members then mailed the invitations to the people they were praying for, along with a handwritten note. The mailing was followed up with a phone call and, in most cases, a personal visit as well.

Galambos said he is so excited about the homecoming that he feels it should be a yearly event.

"The members were encouraged to see some unfamiliar faces and new interests," Sanner stated. "Some people who had come through Revelation seminars but never attended church were there. And to see members who haven't come to church for a long time was definitely a positive experience."

GLORIA BENTZINGER

Associate Communication Director

HOSPITALS

State recognizes diabetes education program at KMC

The diabetes outpatient education program at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio, has been recognized for excellence by the Ohio Community Diabetes Control Program, Division of Chronic Diseases, Ohio Department of Health.

Representatives of the state diabetes group presented the award during a ceremony held October 23 at Kettering Memorial Hospital.

Deemed a "model" program by Ohio officials, the KMC diabetes education program meets the 12 state standards for recognition of quality.

These requirements include the establishment of a plan for assessing educational needs, involvement of patient and family in the educational process,

documentation of communication among members of the diabetes education team and a system for evaluation.

Kettering Medical Center has a designated diabetes unit at both its hospitals, Kettering Memorial and Sycamore.

All members of the KMC diabetes education team, including nurses and registered dietitians, are certified by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators.

KEN URSIN

Media Specialist

WORLD CHURCH

ADRA breaks ground for rehabilitation center in Armenia

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held October 16 in Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia, for a children's rehabilitation center that is being built by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

According to Haroldo Seidl, ADRA's director for institutional development, the agency was the first church-based humanitarian organization given permission by the Soviet Union for a project of this type.

The rehabilitation center will specialize in treating the children who were maimed or crippled by the earthquake that devastated Armenia on December 7, 1988.

The center will have an inpatient capacity of 70 children and be able to treat approximately 50 children daily on an outpatient basis.

In addition to the children's center, ADRA will also construct seven satellite clinics in villages within a 100-mile radius of Yerevan.

Twelve volunteers from the United States and Germany are working on the center, which is expected to be completed by next spring. Local Adventist church members have also volunteered to help with the construction.

The earthquake that struck Armenia last December was the worst in its history. Approximately 25,000 people were killed and more than 500,000 were left homeless.

Following the Soviet Union's decision to accept international assistance, ADRA immediately sent relief supplies to Armenia.

Building the children's center is part of ADRA's commitment to long-term rehabilitation following disasters.

NINA MARTINEZ

Correspondent

PENNSYLVANIA

A visit from behind the Iron Curtain

They came from the other side of the world to the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country—from behind a partially parted Iron Curtain to Reading.

A four-man delegation of Seventh-day Adventist leaders from what once would have been considered the most unlikely of places, the U.S.S.R., paused on Sabbath, October 7, while en route to the General Conference annual council in Washington, D.C., to worship with the Kenhorst Boulevard church.

Mikhail Kulakov, president for the Russian Union and head of the Soviet entourage, delivered a stirring Sabbath morning message.

"We bring our greetings, love and appreciation for your prayers and support," said Kulakov, who just three weeks earlier had attended his first conference on religious liberty. "We bring respect for the church, its organization and its leadership. We bring prayers for the success of God's work."

Harold and Rose Otis presented an exciting slide program documenting the founding of the first Adventist seminary in the Soviet Union and its related pioneer agricultural project.

The program was highlighted by com-



Russian Adventist leaders enjoy a fellowship dinner with American Adventists when the Soviets visited the Reading, Pennsylvania, Kenhorst Boulevard church.

mentary from each of the visiting leaders, whose enthusiasm was contagious and inspiring.

"The best things in this world are the love of God and the soon coming of His Son. You can feel the urgency when you look at the masses of people who are ignorant of God and have been deprived of any possibility of getting knowledge of Christ. We feel that same urgency," commented Kulakov.

This past August, changes were in-

troduced in the Soviet customs regulations that relaxed restrictions on, among other items, religious materials.

"We must take advantage of this opportunity to mobilize and provide the tools to minister to these hungry people," Otis said.

LEE SCHAPPELL

Assistant Communication Secretary

COLUMBIA UNION

New Adventist World Radio station will "Reach a Billion"

The Adventist church plans to build a short-wave radio station in Italy called Adventist World Radio-Europe to capitalize on changes occurring in the communist countries of Europe and broadcast the Adventist message.

For example, the station will broadcast into Albania, a country that previously had no Adventist presence. In addition, the station's broadcasts can be heard in the Moslem countries of the Middle East, several of which also have no Adventist presence.

The \$7 million project will be funded by two special offerings next year, one on March 10 and the other on May 19. The project is called "Reach a Billion" for the number of people in the potential listening audience.

Half of the \$7 million will be raised by the offerings in North America, with another \$2.5 million coming from international divisions of the church. Private contributions will account for the other \$1 million.

The Columbia Union's share is \$441,700, according to Treasurer Don Russell. That's about double the \$222,000 raised in 1985 for a similar offering for building a station in Guam. That station, fully operational for several years now, reaches more than 2 billion people in the Far East.

Russell said doubling the 1985 offering "will require real sacrifice from all members." Tithes and offerings have not doubled since 1985, he said, and he urged members to plan now for special offerings on March 10 and May 19.

KERMIT NETTEBURG
Visitor Editor

POTOMAC

Takoma Academy students win academic awards

Shana Visser, a sophomore at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland, is a semi-finalist in the 1990 National Merit Scholarship competition, stated Principal Harvey Bristow.

This nationwide award honors about one-half of one percent of each state's seniors who show academic ability. More than one million students took the qualifying test, but only 1,500 semi-finalists were chosen.

As a top scorer in the 1988 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, Visser now advances to the finalist level of the competition and will be considered for a merit scholarship.

Finalists chosen have the strongest credentials based upon their academic course load, its level of difficulty, grades earned, test scores, demonstrated leadership and contributions to school and community.

Visser, who lives in Beltsville, Maryland, plans a career in international relations. Her goal in life is to increase

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More, or Less?

"Can the Adventist Church Support Two North American Universities," plus nine colleges? (Oct. 5).

Yes! What can be more important to Seventh-day Adventist churches than funding quality Christian education? According to the General Conference constitution, the sole purpose of our worldwide organization is to "teach all nations the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the commandments of God." That being the case, instead of fewer schools in North America, we need more!

That does not mean duplication, nor that better efficiency cannot be achieved. But it *does* mean no red-blooded Adventist could conceive of closing one of our colleges, let alone either of our universities.

Whenever a school is closed in order to consolidate facilities, the system as a whole loses students. Despite modern methods of transportation, the majority of students attend schools near home—even at the college level.

I don't know what Akers means to imply when he writes of "the typical small college in a survival modality"! For example, Atlantic Union College is certainly small (nearly 700 FTEs), but we're proud of it! By conscious design we plan to remain below 1,000 students, because we feel we can better accomplish our unique Adventist educational mission that way. Our modality is not survival, it's salvific! Some have described us as "a bit of Harvard and a bit of heaven."

I would suggest that we not sell short our system of Adventist education. It is doing surprisingly well in difficult times. But it needs our constant attention and support.

LAWRENCE T. GERATY
President, Atlantic Union College

Akers is right: The universities are in trouble and they are becoming primarily North American Division institutions. But his suggestion of some form of consolidation of all senior colleges with the universities will not solve their problems.

Southwestern Adventist College was established by the Southwestern Union to serve its constituents. The number one reason students attend SAC is its closeness to home. This fact is also true for most other Adventist schools. The article also indicated that union conference direction of colleges might be outdated. For the past 14 years SAC has operated in the black. During this time, the board has never been asked to approve an unbalanced budget.

Rather than assuming that the se-

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Special issue, January 4—"The Church Faces the Nineties"

"Where We've Come From, Where We Are"—Winton Beaven

Looking ahead to the new decade and the new millennium:

Articles by Ralph Martin (lifestyle), E. E. Cleveland (Second Coming), Charles Sandefur (the local church), Charles Hirsch (global church), Manuel Vasquez (minorities), Madelyn Haldeman (decade of healing), Mitchell Tyner (church and society), and William Johnsson (facing the year 2000).

nior colleges follow the universities, it appears that the universities might benefit by following the senior colleges! If the two flagships are in such trouble, are we being asked to sail in a flotilla behind the *Titanic* and the *Lusitania*?

VICTOR F. BROWN
Enrollment Vice President
Southwestern Adventist College

Is increased funding the only option available? Is it true that if management could figure out how to have 15 students for each teacher instead of the present 13, the \$2 million budget "crisis" would be over? Is it true that between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on an average AU school day only 70 percent of the

classrooms are in use, and that if an eight-hour day were used that percentage of classrooms in use would drop to about 30 percent?

Akers sees one of the "only recourse presently available" as increased endowments. Is it true that the \$4 million endowment that AU does have earns less than 3 percent annual income?

In short, has the NAD's board of higher education or any other of the planning groups mentioned in the article done any major study on student teacher ratios, effective plant asset allocation, or endowment investment? Is it possible that the increase in funding called for by Akers would only add short-term money to employ teachers to teach too few students, build buildings that stand empty most of the day, or fund endowments that don't earn much interest? Is it remotely possible that another recourse presently available to Adventist education is the effective management of resources already in hand?

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As a physician, part of my job is to match a certain set of symptoms with a specific disease process. Being the Master Physician, God has given us His Word to help us with our spiritual illnesses. The church is full of financial symptoms (among many others), but unless we recognize the true disease process and effect its proper treatment, no cure is in sight. It might be more productive for our leadership and our church if, instead of assessing "new maturations" or considering "managerial changes" or worrying about "funding realignments" or the lack of "overseas students," we sought counsel in God's Word.

MARK A. ELLER, M.D.
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Clarification: the article by Dr. Akers represented a personal statement, not an official position.—Editors.

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AN IMPORTANT SERIES

Joe Engelkemier's "Independent Ministries: Should We Support Them?" on page 10 of this issue starts an important series. His four articles that will run throughout this month will answer many of the questions we hear Adventists asking.

How does the *Review* regard independent ministries and their publications?

First, we strongly support the concept behind them, as well as most of them individually. We have reservations about a small number, for reasons we will mention below.

Independent ministries have been a great strength to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Over the years they have unleashed additional energies, creativity, and funds for the mission of the church. Ellen White gave them her blessing, personally supporting the Madison school in Tennessee.

And look at their contribution to the church's mission today! Adventists of all ages are volunteering time and skills to build churches and schools through ministries like Maranatha Volunteers International and Mission Church Builders. Others are running vegetarian restaurants, like the Country Life chain in the largest cities of the world. Still others are involved in educational, healing, and printing ministries.

Most independent ministries are members of the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries. Their annual convention throbs with enthusiasm, ideas, energy—and nonstop talk. These are Adventist entrepreneurs who love the Lord and His people and who come together to share and learn about witnessing in the marketplace.

Second, we stand for a free church press. We do not agree with everything we read in the publications of independent ministries, but we support their right to go into print.

Today one can find a staggering array of unofficial Adventist publications. They range from the radical right to the radical left. Alongside some, the *Review* looks flamingly liberal; alongside others, we look like bluenosed conservatives.

The proliferation of Adventist magazines and newsletters parallels the scene in Western society, where a host of specialized publications appeals to special interest groups. But the *Review* seeks to swim against the current: we are the paper for the *whole* church, and refuse to become the voice or vehicle for any one element in the church.

Reservations

However, we cannot give our blessing to every independent ministry or its publication. When we find any of the following elements present, we think that ministry is out of line and does not deserve the support of members:

□ **When it solicits or accepts tithe.**

In our view such a course weakens the body. No matter what arguments may be brought to bear in support of the practice, including Ellen White's example, we think that the biblical principles of tithing and the unity of the church, supported by specific counsel from Ellen White herself, rule it out of court.

□ **When it is critical of the church, its leaders, and its ministers.**

The church isn't perfect, and its

leaders may make mistakes. But the Lord is head of the church, not humans, and we are to look always to Him. The church is safe in His hands. He uses weak, erring humans, just as He always has, to keep His work moving forward.

□ **When it polarizes rather than builds up.**

A few independent ministries seek to win favor and funds by putting themselves forward as the remnant of the true or "historic" Adventist Church. They alone preserve the truth; they alone give the message for this time. By inference or by explicit statement they alone can be trusted and deserve financial backing.

We say: Beware of this attitude, wherever it may be found or whatever form it may take. God hasn't raised up one man here or a little group there and given to them alone the truth for today. Yes, we must always be open, receptive to new light; and yes, we *do* need revival and reformation. But the Lord is leading out a *people*, not an offshoot; a church, not a few here and there. The vision of Revelation 7 and 14 is of a vast multitude—so great that no one can number it.

The 1988 North American Division year-end meetings voted guidelines for acceptable independent ministries. The list includes our three points above plus a number of others: the standing of leaders, theological positions, cooperative actions, use of ministerial ordination, outward in mission rather than inward, statement of mission, use of Ellen White quotations, audited financial statements, and composition of boards (see Mar. 2, 1989, *Adventist Review*).

We urge every Adventist: read Elder Engelkemier's four articles during this month. Read them carefully. Read them prayerfully. Test them by the inspired writings.

They won't give you an index of proscribed ministries or publications. But they will give you a basis for examination so you can check out any outfit that comes along.

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON



SAYING GOODBYE TO THE EIGHTIES

During the recent Annual Council session, North American Division president Charles E. Bradford reminded the church leaders that the "Adventist Church is standing at the gateway to a new decade, entering the eve of a new millennium."

In reflecting on Bradford's comments, it really boggles my mind to realize that the 1980s have passed so quickly. Just think: It's been more than 10 years since the nuclear reactor accident at Three Mile Island (Pennsylvania), the overthrow of Idi Amin in Uganda, the capture of North American hostages in Iran, and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Back in 1979 the postage stamp cost only 15 cents in North America, the average annual income for a family of four was only \$19,917, and the poverty level income for a family of four was \$7,412.

Thus far in the eighties, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has experienced staggering growth. Between December 31, 1979, and June 30, 1989, the world membership increased 80.5 percent, from 3,308,191 to 5,970,445. The estimate is for the church's membership to reach more than 6.1 million by the end of this year.

According to the latest available statistics, the church's total offerings increased from \$579,253,499 for December 31, 1979, to \$895,492,847 for December 31, 1988, an increase of 54.6 percent (1989 offering data is not available). Tithes increased by 63.5 percent for the same period, from \$353,075,613 to \$577,583,226, while total per capita giving declined from \$197.05 to \$175.32.

As we cross the threshold of the nineties, many questions arise. Will there be troubled waters or smooth sailing for the old ship of Zion? Here are a few observations.

New Opportunities

The tremendous growth of the eighties could accelerate in the nineties. According to Don Yost, director of the General Conference Archives and Statistics Department, given the church's current rate of growth the world membership should reach nearly 12 million by the year 2000. However, the church's growth may surpass even these projections.

In addition to the explosive growth in Africa, Central and South America, the Far East, and the South Pacific, I foresee many new opportunities opening for the church in countries in which growth has been slow. Political pundits, news commentators, and foreign affairs analysts unanimously agree that a democratic revolution is taking place in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. Consider the following news items reported on ABC's *Nightline*:

- East Germany opens the Berlin wall after its Politburo resigns.
- Seventy thousand demonstrators, most of them Black, called for an end to White minority rule in South Africa. The government approved the rally even though technically it violated dozens of South African laws.
- Poland is well into its new experiment with a non-Communist government, and Hungary recently voted to hold a national referendum

on when and how to elect a new president.

When you add to these events the unprecedented no-agenda summit between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and United States president George Bush, scheduled for December 2 and 3, you can see that the winds of political change are blowing.

With the institution of democratic reforms comes increased religious liberty and the easing of restrictions for our churches. This was never more true than for the Adventist Church in the Soviet Union. The initiation of Gorbachev's perestroika reforms has led to the establishment of a new seminary and to invitations to start a publishing house and establish a ministry in the country's 800 prisons and labor camps.

Another catalyst in the growth equation is the recently approved global strategy document that targets 1,800 unentered people groups for the church to reach by the year 2000 (see August 31 *Adventist Review*).

When we consider these three factors, the church's current growth rate, the implementation of global strategy, and new opportunities on the horizon, we can easily see that the potential for growth is phenomenal. But along with the new growth, new problems and challenges will confront church leaders. New concerns of financing, unity and pluralism, standards, and the role of minorities and other special interest groups will undoubtedly arise.

In its January 4 issue the *Adventist Review* will explain these concerns in a special edition. A broad spectrum of writers and commentators will offer insights into the church's future. It's an exciting time in the Adventist Church. As always, the *Review* will be there to report on the ebb and flow of change and to encourage and inspire. Let's look ahead with hope and enthusiasm as we face the nineties.

CARLOS MEDLEY

North American Leaders Challenge Constituents

North American Division leaders have voted to challenge every church member in the division to give Harvest 90, the church's five-year evangelistic thrust, number one priority in 1990.

The initiative, voted November 16 by the executive committee, urges a focus on spiritual renewal, involvement in public evangelism and small group ministries, reviving inactive members, and reclaiming former members.

As of September 30, the division recorded 136,685 accessions—representing 75 percent of the division's goal to date and 60.7 percent of its total Harvest 90 goal.

"There will never be a breakthrough in evangelism until the majority of members are involved in outreach ministries," says Charles E. Bradford, NAD president. "During the final seven months of Harvest 90 [until June 30, 1990] we are called to focus intensely on outreach ministries."



Bradford

"The power of the Holy Spirit is needed as never before," he points out. "Not that we can manipulate the Spirit, but that the Spirit can use us."

HSI Steers Through Rough Waters

Uncertainties over relocating, a new government regulation, and unexpected cash shortage has led Home Study International (HSI), the Adventist Church's official correspondence school, to tighten its fiscal belt in early November, including the reduction of its staff by eight full-time positions—from 28 to 20. The number of contact teachers, nearly 50, will be unaffected.

Even after all reductions are implemented by the board, a shortfall of approximately \$50,000 is expected by June 30, 1990. Yet Dr. Joseph Gurubatham, the new HSI president as of July, is still optimistic. He says these reverses are short-term and that HSI's main educational programs will remain essentially unaffected.

Gurubatham says HSI faced an unexpected \$47,000 shortfall from last year (ended June 30) and a significant loss of expected income from a new venture in Korea. HSI had hoped for 100 new Korean students per month, which didn't materialize because of the Korean government's unexpected relaxing of restrictions for students coming to America. HSI had been offering students a six-month intensive English language program that is now no longer required to enter an American college. That immediately dropped HSI's present and future enrollments and income there.

In addition to the Korean program, the uncertainty of HSI's moving date to the new General Conference complex caused the loss of printing revenue. A plan was in the works for HSI to perform a large part of the General Conference's printing work. But since HSI's move was delayed until December, the General Conference made other plans.

When you add to these reverses a slight downturn in enrollment, emergency repair work, and a reduction in General Conference appropriations, Gurubatham says, quick action was necessary to balance HSI's 1989-1990 budget.

In spite of the reverses, Gurubatham sees a bright future for HSI. "These problems are short-term," he says. "We still conduct programs in places where traditional colleges cannot go. And the National Home Study Council has issued its five-year reaccreditation [the highest] without stipulation. This is very unusual."

With a reduced staff Gurubatham hopes to establish a leaner operation that will weather the current enrollment downturn and serve as a nucleus to service its other ventures and even to develop new ones in the future.

NORTH AMERICA

AU Structure Slated for Demolition. The building that housed Andrews University's College Wood Products for more than 40 years is slated for demolition before year's end, reports Steve Yancey, vice president for the physical plant. The demolition was spurred by enormous renovation costs.

Yancey said the 30,000-square-foot structure would have cost \$1.5 million to renovate for storage space, and the newer 20,000-square-foot portion would have required \$1.2 million to renovate for academic use. University officials have no plans at present for the land.

Established in 1934 and closed in October 1988, College Wood Products has helped thousands of students earn money for tuition and living expenses while at Andrews.

Quiet Hour Launches New Broadcast. *New Way of Life* is the name of the new Quiet Hour radiobroadcast that began airing October 16 on 30 stations. The stations are all located in the top 50 broadcast markets in North America, reports the *Pacific Union Recorder*.

Utilizing a magazine format, the 15-minute program is designed to reach young adults. Each program features three segments—a brief health message, a testimony, and a spiritual message. Long-range plans call for the program to be airing on 100 stations by 1992.

CU Holds Teacher Commissioning Service. Columbia Union leaders conducted the North American Division's first teacher commissioning service November 9, reports Kermit Netteburg, union communication director.



Richard Osborn



Frieda Hoffer

Richard Osborn and Frieda Hoffer, the union's education director and associate director, respectively, received the commissioned ministry of teaching credential in a service during the

union committee meeting. The new credentials recognize teachers' professionalism and commitment in the way ordination recognizes pastors'.

Holding teacher commissioning services was recommended by the 1988 Nairobi Annual Council to go along with the new ministry of teaching credentials created the same year.

NAD Ingathering Report—1. As of November 11, 1989, Ingathering funds totaled \$1,661,611—\$310,109, or 15.7 percent less, than the same period last year, reports Lynn Martell, North American Division church ministries director.

Conferences with the largest dollar gain over the same period last year include Northeastern (\$40,839), Alberta (\$20,589), and Southeastern (\$15,247).

Adventist Lifestyle Noted at AHA Gathering. Dr. William P. Castelli, medical director of the Framingham Heart Study and a past chairman of the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology, praised the Adventist lifestyle during the sixty-second scientific session of the American Heart Association November 13-16 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Many people mock the vegetarian lifestyle, but I want you to look at the Seventh-day Adventists," Castelli says. "They have a fraction of the heart disease and 40 percent of the cancer rate."

In addition to Castelli, three doctors from Washington Adventist Hospital were featured on the program, says Reg Burgess, hospital spokesperson.

WORLD CHURCH

First-Ever Baptism Held in Quetta. Twenty-eight people became the first Seventh-day Adventists in Quetta, Pakistan, reports the Trans-European Division *Light*. The September 15 baptism led to the formation of the first Adventist church in that city.

The baptisms were a result of Bible schools conducted by students of Pakistan Adventist Seminary. Construction of a school building has already been started.

Revelation Series Brings Baptisms in London. Some 50 persons from 11 countries were baptized recently as a result of the Revelation Now lecture series conducted by evangelist Ron Halvorsen in London, England.

In addition to the baptism, the crusade team is following up more than 30 interest contacts, reports David Cox, an associate church ministries director of South England Conference.

To New Position. Herman J. Smit, formerly Adventist Development and Relief Agency director for the Zambia Union Mission, was recently appointed Greek Mission president by the Trans-European Division. Smit replaces Leland Yialelis, who returned to the United States after nine years of service in Greece.

FOR YOUR INTEREST

America in Prophecy—Misleading. *America in Prophecy*—a retitled edition of Ellen G. White's *The Great Controversy*—published by Charles Wheeling of Jemison, Alabama—is not endorsed by the Ellen G. White Estate, says Robert W. Olson, White Estate secretary.

"We do not believe that this is a good title for *The Great Controversy*," Olson comments. "While the book is probably accurate, except for the change of title and table of contents, I'm certain that many readers will be disappointed to find that the book is not primarily about America at all."

Temperance Tract Targets Alcohol. The North American Division (NAD) Health and Temperance Department has produced a new pamphlet entitled *The Christian and Alcohol: What'll It Be?* The booklet will be distributed in churches on December 9.

Evidence of a growing need for a strong statement on total abstinence came from the NAD-sponsored survey conducted by the Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency at Andrews University, says Stoy Proctor, NAD health and temperance director. Statistics indicated that 27 percent of those under 30 surveyed used wine on a regular basis and 15 percent were not sure of a biblical basis for total abstinence.



CHURCH CALENDAR

- Dec. 9 Health and Temperance Day Offering
- Dec. 16 World Stewardship Day
- Dec. 23 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the Southern Asia Division
- Jan. 6 Soul-winning Commitment Day
- Jan. 13 Inner City Offering
- Jan. 13 *Liberty* Magazine Emphasis begins

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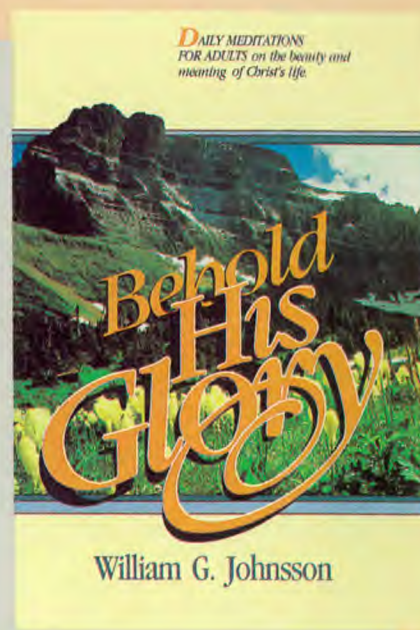
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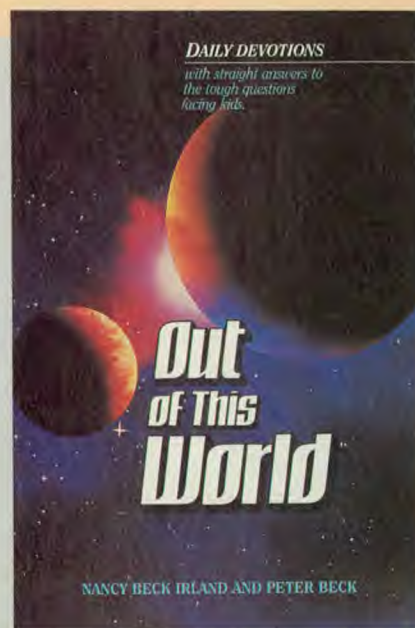


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How many requests for funds do you get in a year from independent church-related ministries? On what basis do you decide which ones to support?

During the 1980s independent ministries have proliferated—mainly in North America, but also overseas. Some of these ministries print magazines or newsletters. And many ask for financial support.

Our purpose in this article is twofold: (1) to note the Bible precedent for self-supporting and/or independent ministries, and (2) to suggest some questions to ask when you receive an appeal for funds from independent ministry groups.

Ministries that are truly self-supporting do not send out appeals for funds. Many of these are under the umbrella of the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI)—an organization that began in 1947 as the Association of Self-supporting Institutions. At that time ASI was made up of a small number of health-care and educational ministries. Today it consists of more than 600 entities in North America alone—restaurants, food factories, architects, travel agents, farmers, attorneys, printers, schools, and orphanages.

ASI operates under a constitution with regular or associate membership that is open to any faithful member not church employed. A key reason for banding together has been to learn how to witness more effectively. "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace" dominates conventions, which meet on a regional or national basis. If you

ever go to an ASI convention, you will leave with a new vision of what can be done by dedicated laypeople.

Organizations such as ASI greatly strengthen the outreach of the church. They are like Aquila and Priscilla, the tentmakers at Corinth who befriended Paul and gave him work, and who later traveled with him to Ephesus. There they had opportunity to give Bible studies to Apollos, who in turn became a strong witness for Christ (Acts 18: 1-3, 18-27). They incorporated witnessing right into their business and even found time to travel for the Lord.

Christ's "Go and make disciples"

FIRST OF FOUR PARTS

QUESTIONS TO ASK
BEFORE WE GIVE



INDEPENDENT
MINISTRIES:
SHOULD WE
SUPPORT THEM?

BY JOE ENGELKEMIER

command (Matt. 28:19, 20)* takes in all believers. Pastors alone can never reach more than a tiny fraction of even the unchurched people of the world—a group that in the United States alone exceeds 100 million people. Ellen White puts the challenge like this: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 352).

Apparently some of the prophets supported themselves during their ministries. Daniel's paycheck, for example, must have come from the government for which he worked, first in Babylon, then in Medo-Persia.

At various times during his ministry Paul worked with his own hands to provide for his necessities (1 Cor. 4:12). At Corinth he did some tentmaking (Acts 18:1-3).

At Thessalonica he "worked night and day" so as to not be a burden to that congregation (2 Thess. 3:7-9). Ellen White's *Acts of the Apostles* has an entire chapter about Paul as a self-supporting worker (pp. 346-358).

One time the disciples met a man who had been driving out demons in Christ's name. "We tried to stop him," they told Jesus, "because he is not one of us." Jesus replied: "Do not stop him, for whoever is not against you is for you" (Luke 9:49, 50).

During the later years of her life Ellen White encouraged Ed Sutherland and Percy Magan to start Madison College—a self-supporting school that spawned many other such schools, espe-

cially in the southern United States. These ministries did much to hasten the growth of Adventism in that region. Madison also produced many strong denominational leaders.

Over the past 20 years I have had opportunity to get acquainted with more than a dozen independent ministries. Almost half of some 15 Weeks of Prayer that I have conducted have been at self-supporting schools, such as Little Creek and Laurelbrook. I also served for several years on the board of an independent college. I have admired the self-sacrifice and devotion that I have found at these schools.

Difficulties and Dangers

Some Adventists have formed independent ministries that are not under the umbrella of ASI. An increasing number of these seek funds from church members.

Independent ministries sometimes attract a few folk who are critical of the church and its leaders. Another danger is the ever-present human tendency to become too independent. About 1893 a certain Brother S apparently looked at the weaknesses in church members and leaders, and convinced himself that God had given him a message to take people out of the church and into his group.

Ellen White wrote extensively about this group (see "The Remnant Church Not Babylon" in *Testimonies to Ministers*). She mentions that he and his followers had printed pamphlets that "were scattered abroad everywhere" (p. 23).

"Without my consent," she said, "they have made selections from the Testimonies, and have inserted them in the pamphlet they have published, to make it appear that my writings sustain and approve the position they advocate" (*ibid.*, p. 32). She added: "In times past many others have done this same thing, and have made it appear that the Testimonies sustained positions that were untenable and false" (*ibid.*, p. 33).

Similar unbalanced use of the writings of Ellen White has been carried out again and again, and will no doubt continue.

Deciding About Fund Appeals

How then should you decide whether or not to contribute funds to an independent ministry?

Let's return to the man whom the disciples tried to stop. When Jesus said "Do not stop him," He added this test: "Whoever is not against you is for you." This "for you" suggests support for the body of Christ backed by loyalty to its chosen leaders. Would Brother S have passed this test? Would the men who rebelled against Moses—Korah, Dathan, and Abiram—have passed it?

Jesus climaxed His warnings in Matthew 7:15-20 about false religionists with this related test: "By their fruit you will recognize them" (verse 20).

We evaluate pastors by their fruit. We test administrators, employees, and teachers the same way. Should we not do the same with appeals for funds?

Here are a few questions you should ask:

■ Does the ministry win people to Christ? Through the years, has it produced loyal Seventh-day Adventists?

About 10 years ago a church administrator suggested this test: "If an independent ministry actively works to bring people into the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church, that ministry is safe to support. If not, watch out—particularly if it draws followers to itself rather than to the church."

The Voice of Prophecy began as an independent ministry, as did other media programs. I, both my brothers, and my sister all became Seventh-day Adventists through the Voice of Prophecy. As children growing up on an Oklahoma farm, we had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. But through the Voice of Prophecy's correspondence course, all four of us were eventually baptized into this church. No one needs to convince us of the

Voice of Prophecy's fruitfulness.

In my limited teaching experience at Andrews University, I have encountered student after student who came into the church through *It Is Written* and other media ministries. I need no convincing that these organizations deserve whatever financial support we can give.

■ What is the spirit of the ministry?

Do you find the compassion of Christ in the ministry and in its publications and letters? Does it have a redemptive attitude toward people who fall into sin? Does it demonstrate loyalty to church leadership?

■ Does the ministry cooperate with denominational leaders in the conference and union in which it operates?

This relates to the "Whoever is not against you is for you" test drawn from Christ's words in Luke 9:50.

Ellen White noted that "there have ever been individuals of independent minds who have claimed that they were right, that God had especially taught, impressed, and led them. . . . These draw away from the body, and each one is a separate church of himself" (*Testimonies*, vol. 3, pp. 428, 429).

Is it possible that men of a similar temperament will arise and, while professing loyalty to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, actually work to become the above-mentioned "separate church"? Could they convince themselves that the denomination is being rejected by God and that they are called to lead a faithful few into Canaan?

■ Does the Bible get priority in the publications of the ministry?

If the ministry sends out letters or publishes a journal, check its material on this point. I have received letters and seen articles and editorials in journals in which Ellen White gets quoted 5 to 10 times more frequently than the Bible. Note what she said about this tendency:

"The Testimonies are not to take the place of the Word. . . . Let all prove their positions from the

Scriptures and substantiate every point they claim as truth from the revealed Word of God" (*Evangelism*, p. 256).

The preceding was directed to those making public presentations. But even in publications primarily for Seventh-day Adventists, shouldn't the Bible get first priority? We can draw good insights and many practical applications from the writings of Ellen White, but shouldn't every message or editorial be built solidly on the Bible?

■ **Does the ministry have a record of financial openness and integrity?**

Are the books of the ministry open to audit by someone from the conference office or from an outside firm? Could you, if you chose, ask for and get a financial statement that shows the sources and disbursement of the funds that it handles?

■ **Does the ministry strengthen the spirit of unity within the church?**

The leaders at one of the independent colleges in the United States tell people, "We want to be known because of what we are for, not by what we are against."

Paul wrote most earnestly about the need for unity. He urged that "there should be no division in the body" (1 Cor. 12:25). Almost all of 1 Corinthians 12 and the first half of Ephesians 4 are about unity in the body of Christ.

"Press together! Press together! Press together!" Again and again this message came to the church through Ellen White. In the context of one such statement, she said: "God wants His people to counsel together, to be a united church, in Christ a perfect whole. . . . No one

company is to form a confederacy, and say, 'We are going to take this work, and carry it on in our own way' " (*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 374). □

*Bible texts quoted in this article are taken from the New International Version.

Next week: Should we send tithe to an independent ministry?



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

JUST ONE PIECE

BY KAREN NUESSELE

Boy, something sure smells good in here," Jessie exclaimed, tossing her books on the counter. "What are you doing?" she asked, peering around Mother's shoulder.

"I'm making gingerbread, and Mac is helping me," Mother said, eyeing Mac's bent-over head. "We're making something special."

"What?" Jessie asked.

"You'll have to wait and see," Mac said softly, flashing a toothless grin. "It's a surprise."

Jessie smiled. Mac loved surprising people. Sometimes he'd leave little notes or packages in unexpected places. Or he'd do one of Jessie's chores as a special present. And sometimes he even tried be-

ing extra quiet for Mother as a surprise.

Jessie studied Mac's work. Mac was cutting a set of lines across the brown spicy dough Mother had carefully rolled out.

"May I have a taste?" Jessie asked.

"No, Jessie. You'll mess up my secret."

"But there's always dough left over. Just a little piece?"

Mac just shook his head.

Jessie looked at Mom, but Mom shook her head too as she popped the gingerbread pans into the oven.

A little piece wasn't asking for much, Jessie thought. Sure looks like they have made plenty.

After everyone had left the kitchen, Jessie hung around until

the pans came out of the oven. Positive that no one would really mind if she had one little piece, she carefully broke off one of the carefully squared pieces.

"Oh, dear!" Mac groaned later as he put the pieces of his gingerbread house together.

Hearing him, Jessie charged into the kitchen and almost groaned herself. In the wall of the gingerbread house was a big hole. No amount of candy canes, Lifesavers, or icing could hide it.

"What could have happened?" Mac asked. "I marked the dough so carefully." Tears ran down his cheeks, and his eyes met Mother's. Mother glanced at Jessie. The pans and ingredients were already put away. It was too late to make more dough. The surprise was ruined.

Jessie knew what had happened. Just one piece of gingerbread was just one piece too many. How was she ever going to explain her actions to Mac? He had told her no. She had ignored him and eaten just one piece.



A FRAID TO GET MARRIED; IRREVERENCE IN CHURCH

Many of my married friends tell me they are not happy. I would like to have a mate, but frankly I am afraid. I realize that trial marriage isn't biblical, but it seems to work better. Which is worse—living together in torment or trying marriage out to make sure?

Your premise is incorrect; trial marriage does not work better. University of Wisconsin researchers recently reported that 38 percent of couples who lived together before marriage divorced within 10 years, compared with 27 percent of those who married without previous cohabitation. Other studies show a divorce rate up to 80 percent higher for couples who live together before marrying.

A number of factors have influenced marital customs in the United States: the rising economic status of women, increased mobility of the population, and changing attitudes regarding sex outside marriage. None of these justifies trial marriages. True, the Christian who marries scripturally does not know that the relationship will succeed; but obviously, neither does the individual who marries unscripturally (that is, after a trial run). In any case, moral purity should never be sacrificed in the name of marital security.

The most practical index or checklist for courtship and mate selection that I know of appears on pages 435-463 of *Messages to Young People*. The same volume also outlines the ways in which divine guidance comes to our aid. God leads through: 1. The study of His Word. Bible study sharpens the perceptions, enhancing the ability to choose. 2. The arrangement of circumstances. God

structures events in ways that suggest His will. 3. The voice of the Holy Spirit. Those who ask receive impressions that are in reality the direction of the Spirit. (See *Messages to Young People*, p. 156.)

No one can be sure his or her marital choice will work, one reason being that good people sometimes turn bad. However, when one follows the above principles before marriage, the probability of happiness afterward is maximized for a number of reasons: 1. He or she who follows godly principles during courtship will likely continue to do so after marriage. Such principles work better than any others. 2. A couple whose courtship is guided by Christian standards are more likely to bring into their marriage a regard for each other's morality. 3. The man or woman who has followed godly principles can depend on the Lord to bless the union or, should a break come, sustain in subsequent decisions.

The irreverence in my church alarms me. When, for instance, did we start clapping in God's sanctuary? I know times have changed, but isn't this going too far?

The sanctuary of the house of God should be a place of solemn activity and demeanor. Habakkuk's admonition "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2:20) remains in force. Although we see no mercy seat, no Shekinah before which to bow, the sanctuary is still a special meeting place for God and His people.

I know of no scriptural injunction against clapping in church. To the contrary, I can think of some scrip-

tures that appear to encourage responses of praise that include hand-clapping (Ps. 47:1; 2 Kings 11:12; Isa. 55:12). Whether these verses refer to divine worship is debatable.

What is not debatable is that we observe in our day an obvious lack of a sense of wonder and awe for transcendent reality. This decline in respect for the holy owes much to the rising tide of materialism, secularism, and scientism.

Another reason for the decline in reverence may be found in the liberalized use of church property, especially the sanctuary. Structural design sometimes contributes to this misuse of the place of divine worship, but stricter rules regarding the programs allowed would do much to foster respect for God and His meeting place.

A further cause of irreverence: failure to enforce rules. Deacons, deaconesses, and ushers must be especially alert in this regard. Of course, this is not their job only, but the task of all members. Especially must parents set the right example and by watchful care help maintain a worshipful atmosphere.

Ellen White suggests the following postures in the house of God. Upon entering, worshipers should keep quiet and devote any waiting time to study or meditation. During the service, worshipers should listen as if hearing God's voice through His delegated servants. As the worshipers leave the sanctuary, they should not stop to visit or chat, lest they lose the blessing gained. (See *Testimonies*, vol. 5, pp. 492-494.)

None of this should suggest a cold, joyless worship pattern. Irreverence shows disrespect for God and rudeness toward others. However, "joy of the Holy Ghost" (1 Thess. 1:6) is natural for the redeemed. Our worship should be characterized by neither looseness and common demeanor nor aloofness and frigidity.

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WHAT TO BUY KIDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Practical tips on how to tell children "I love you."

BY NOELENE JOHANSSON

Christmas is the time when the Christian world remembers and celebrates the best Gift of all time and the greatest Giver. What better time is there for

us to grow as gift-givers?

My happiest memories of Christmas giving center on children. For me Christmas is not half the fun if I don't shop for a child. And because gifts for children convey important messages, I'm planning my gifts with special care this Christmas.

The best message a gift can convey is "I love you." It is our hope that our children know they are loved. But on Christmas morning they look for subtle, tangible expressions of that love. They value the gift that expresses a unique "I love you."

Soft, cuddly toys express love to small children. Older children may discover our message in an unexpected gift of value—something they wanted but didn't think we

knew about. We don't need to break the bank to express love. If we have only \$4, buy something tiny but well worth \$4.

Give Self-esteem

Most children like to receive special items of clothing at Christmas. Something unexpected, something that is being worn by other kids their age, something that makes them feel good wearing it. With the gift add a comment of appreciation such as "this matches your hair [or the blue in your eyes]."

We can also give children self-esteem by the way we respond when we receive Christmas gifts from them! The only cost is our effort: "Thank you for your gift to me; I'll treasure it always." Children

also judge whether or not we value their gifts by what we do with them. So give that self-made object of art a treasured space on the coffee table or refrigerator.

Share True Values

Toy stores are full of expensive toys. But many expensive gifts convey doubtful values.

Strolling through a Toys R Us store, I met a boy named Reuben and his mother. Eight-year-old Reuben was shopping the Nintendo aisle. A Nintendo action set costs \$100. According to the label, the package contains a "control deck, a zapper-like gun that operates up to 16 feet from the TV screen with realistic accuracy, and two computer games."

Reuben now has 14 Nintendo games; eight of them cost \$50 each. "After they've been out for a while," Reuben's mother explained, "the price drops." Some of the earlier games are now only \$30. As I left, Reuben was trying to persuade his mom to purchase either Bad Dudes for \$50 or a newer game at \$60.

"Nintendo," one Toys R Us manager reported, "is at the top of the Christmas list for children aged 4 through teens."

Checking out the three aisles of dolls, I noticed that the famous Cabbage Patch dolls are available for less than \$20 this year. Only two or three Christmases ago people were prepared to pay up to \$150 for this "hot" item.

As wise gift-givers we should encourage children to recognize the hysteria that sometimes develops for hot toys. They are often overrated and overpriced. We can help

kids see gifts for more than the status value or an expensive brand name.

Give Creativity

Every child deserves to receive a toy for Christmas. But most American children receive far more toys than they need. Many toys sit untouched; they interested the chil-

ios with their friends. Kids from 4 to 14 could work together, fencing their farms and schools, driving animals and people from one end of the living room to the other.

Barbie dolls are popular. But if you supply everything for the Barbie doll down to changes of clothes and the car to drive the doll in, what is left for the imagination? Kids often

have more fun with a simple doll and scraps of cloth to make their own clothing. Given pieces of carpet, felt, wood scraps, and plastic, they can paint, staple, and glue these things together to make their own houses, furniture, and clothing.

Creative children do not need paint-by-number sets or even coloring books. Your money is better spent on large sets of crayons and pads of large-size drawing paper from an art supply store. Providing quality materials encourages children to greater creativ-

ity. We purchased thick sable brushes (the best watercolor brushes available) and pans of high-quality transparent watercolors. These materials with high-quality paper helped our kids enjoy many a Friday night and Sabbath afternoon. The pictures they produced were worth keeping.

Children enjoy making their own pictures; nothing seems impossible to draw. But if they come to rely on

Evaluating Christmas Toys

Popular this year, but . . .

1. **Nintendo**, for ages 4-14 (\$100 for action sets; \$30 to \$60 for individual games). Owning this game is like owning a video arcade.
2. **GI Joe** and accessories, for ages 4-15. Giving these toys is like giving packaged warfare.
3. **Micro and micromicro train sets**. Check with your children. Are they really interested? Use creatively in conjunction with other toys.
4. **Makeup dolls**. With so many beautiful dolls to choose from why draw attention to makeup?
5. **Miniature dollhouses** (about \$30). Plan to combine creatively with other toys.
6. **Radio-control cars** (the Porsche model costs \$100; rechargeable battery packs add another \$30). Kids who earn part of the money for such toys tend to look after them better.

Less expensive but longer lasting:

1. **Lego** blocks.
2. **Basketball** backboard and hoop (\$40).
3. Good quality **baseball mitts** (less than \$20).
4. **Microscopes** (\$20-\$80).
5. **Refractor telescope** (\$160, but more lasting value than radio-control toys).

All-time best buy:

Jet Flyer gliders (kids put them together; 69 cents each). Every child needs several.

dren more while still wrapped! So be a creative shopper. Take time to walk the aisles of a toy store, looking to see which toys can combine with ones a child already has.

For instance, a Lego set combined with a toy barn or stable, plastic animals, and tiny cars can provide hours of creative play. Our children enjoyed such toys for years. Sabbath afternoons they built mission stations, creating imaginative scenar-

coloring pictures that are already drawn, they may feel inhibited when asked to draw something original.

Give Experiences

Our children grew up in India, where few toys were available in the stores. So we bought sports equipment at Christmas—baseball mitts, softballs, bats, basketballs, table tennis sets, and tennis rackets (not all in one Christmas!). The fun of helping them learn to play these games lasted for years.

Some parlor games help children develop creativity, learn social skills, and at the same time provide a great family activity. Pictionary, for instance, tests creative skills and provides hours of fun. Also available is a junior set and a set that can be played with clay instead of paper and pencil. So consider selecting a

We don't have to break the bank to say "I love you."

family parlor game when shopping this Christmas.

I remember feeling impatient to introduce my children to some of the fun experiences that I had enjoyed as a child. But whenever I gave a game or book before they were really ready for it, we all felt disappointed. I learned it is better to give gifts that are appropriate to the age level.

Anticipation Is a Gift Too

In our enthusiasm to buy gifts, we adults need to restrain our-

selves and not deprive children of the gift of anticipation. Remember the joy and agony of waiting for Christmas? Children who have not waited in anticipation tend not to appreciate the toys they are given. So don't buy an electric train for a 3-year-old. When your child is ready for an electric train, he'll let you know.

Gifts That Last

A great American adage says "You get what you pay for." How true when buying toys. Check toys

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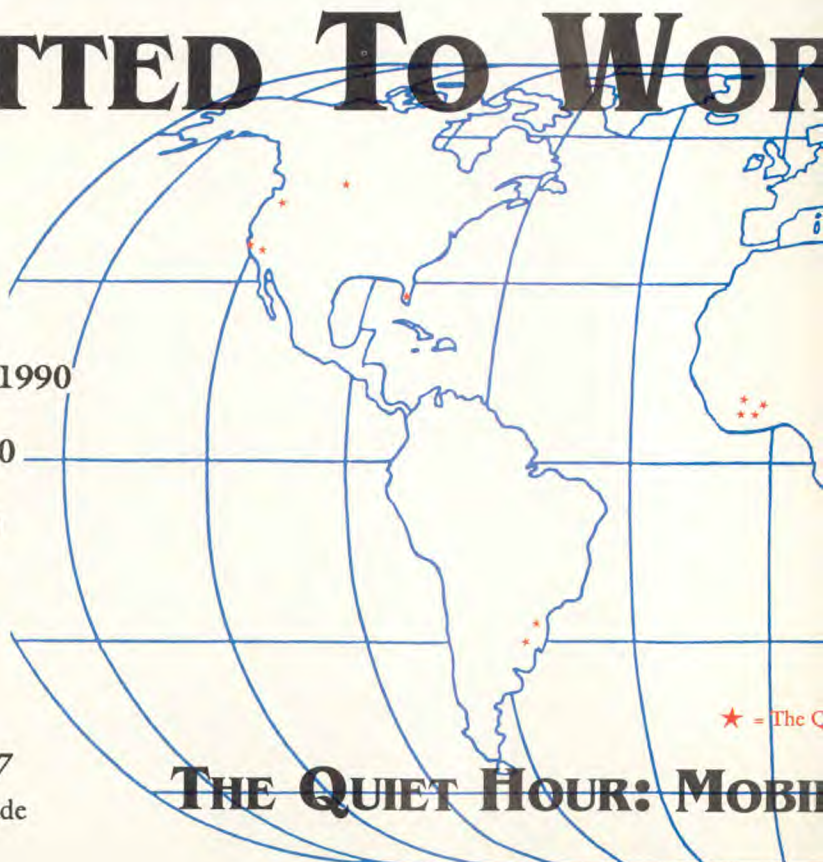
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for strength and durability. Go for reputable name brands that have stood the test of time. Metal or wooden toys often last better than their plastic counterparts.

Be wary of toys that are advertised on children's TV shows. Ask other parents which toys get played with most. Children need to learn not to take TV advertising at face value.

Sports equipment and table games that can be played with adults are gifts that last for years.

Spiritual Gifts

And don't forget that some of the gifts that make a big impression and last the longest are available from your Adventist Book Center. For instance, does your child have a Bible? Even cradle roll children enjoy having their own children's picture Bible to carry to Sabbath

school. School-age children can use two Bibles—one for home and one for school. One Bible recommended for children 10 years of age or younger is the *International Children's Bible* by Word Publishing. It has pictures and a third grade reading level.

Books such as the Panda series make enjoyable reading for Sabbath and family worship. They will be appreciated for years.

Your ABC may also have Christian videos for Sabbath viewing. Avoid the Hanna-Barbera Bible stories; they trivialize the Bible account, treating it no more seriously than Greek mythology. Other Christian videos carry a more spiritual message. Younger children will love *The Best of Guide* and *My Bible Friends*.

Go to extra lengths to wrap religious gifts so that they look the most

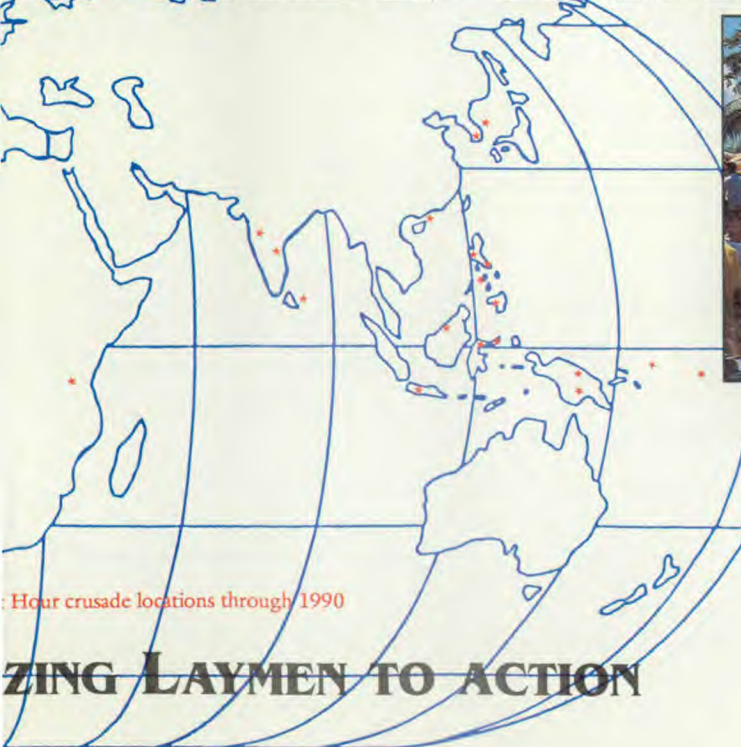
appealing and mysterious under the tree.

It is not too late to look over your gift list for the children in your life. Think of their needs and plan the messages that your gifts should convey. Help children avoid materialism and to "eagerly desire the greater gifts" of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:31, NIV). After all, "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17, NIV). □



Noeline Johnson is children's ministries coordinator for the North American Division Church Ministries Department.

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HE'S COMING! HE'S COMING!

Watching for the Second Advent

BY ALLEN I. ATRILL

When we were young, many of us looked up to somebody—a favorite aunt perhaps, an uncle, a grandmother, a grandfather. They did nice things for us, entertained us, gave us gifts and things. We felt at ease with them; we enjoyed their presence.

My uncle Jim was such a person to me. As early as 5, I can remember him coming to visit us on our farm in northern British Columbia, Canada. Every visit was a big event! And though I remember very few details about his life, those visits—perhaps four or five times a year—are fresh with me. Whatever time he came, it was always the most wonderful time of the year!

We children cherished every moment to be with Uncle. About six feet tall and completely bald, he laughed easily and heartily, all 210 pounds of him. He loved us, and we loved him! Having no children of his own (he never married), he must have enjoyed those visits as much as we did.

A Memorable Visit

One of Uncle Jim's visits stands out in my mind. Somehow we kids always managed to discover ahead of time that he would come on a certain day and even at a certain hour. We'd usually be all through with our chores in plenty of time. We'd tidy up our rooms, get all

washed up, and put on clean clothes. Nothing was left to do when he arrived.

We lived in a very small log house in what seemed like the middle of nowhere—Mother and Father and 12 of us children. An upstairs floor was divided into several small bedrooms, and there was a window fac-

**I wanted to be
at the upstairs
window
watching. And
I wanted to be
the first to see
him come!**

ing north just at the top of the stairs.

From this window one could see for miles and miles—or so it seemed to a child of 6 or 7. From this window, too, one could see the turn in the road as it went by our place to cut through the sand hill to the west and disappear from sight in the distance.

It was also at this sand hill that a truly watchful eye could see Uncle

Jim for the first time, a speck in the distance, walking toward our house (he did not own a car). Just past the sand hill he would disappear into the dip of the road, lost to our view. When he reappeared near the turn in the road near our house, his features would be clearer, and we would look for the big canvas bag, filled with all kinds of goodies, slung over his shoulder.

How we vied for the best position at the lookout window! What a let-down when we had to leave our post to attend to some unfinished chore! And sometimes, however anxious we were to see him, distractions got in the way! How well I remember the time when it was my luck to be the first to see him!

At first I couldn't believe my eyes. I blinked and looked again. Yes, it's moving. Yes, it's walking. It's wearing dark clothes like Uncle wears. "It's him! It's him! Uncle Jim is coming! There he is! He's coming!" I would yell for everyone to hear. "I'm sure it's him! I can see his bald head. I can see his dark suit. He has a canvas bag over his shoulder. It's Uncle Jim, all right. Hey, Mom, can we go to meet him? Can we, please?"

And oh, the joy when he arrived! Chocolate bars and bags of peanuts, books and cards, puzzles and crayons, and everything to make our eyes go pop! Yes, when Uncle Jim would come, it was always a big event. I wanted to be at the upstairs window watching. And I wanted to be the first to see him come!

Another Visit

I am no longer a child, and I no longer look forward to the coming of my uncle Jim. In fact, he's long since passed away. But I am now looking forward to the coming of my Saviour, Jesus Christ. And what a coming that will be!

As Jesus left His disciples, they stood gazing intently into the sky. "Suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been

taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10, 11).*

The day of His coming will bring joy to many, as my uncle's coming brought joy to us. But it will also be a day of distress for many others. As He said Himself: "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the

divert my attention from His coming. But I find that prayer and the study of the Word of God bring my focus back to where it ought to be.

I want to see my Jesus when He first appears as a little dark cloud in the eastern sky, no bigger than a person's fist. I want to hear the beautiful music of trumpets and horns and harps that will accompany Him at His coming. What a difference from

an overwhelming excitement will take over my person. Of all the sights that have left a lasting impression on my mind—like the first time I saw a Pierce-Arrow automobile, or an airplane right up close, or seven acres of ripe strawberries in a field, or a full moon on a clear night in July—not one of these, nor all of them put together, would ever be able to equal the sheer joy, the awesome wonder, of seeing Jesus, my Saviour, coming in the clouds of heaven. Think of the beauty, the splendor, the array of colors, and the millions upon millions of angels in His train.

I Wouldn't Miss It

As Jesus comes closer, the angels are everywhere, but my eyes are transfixed on Him. I don't want to move, yet I find myself jumping up and down! This is where I want to be and no place else. I wouldn't miss for anything one split second of this wonderful, wonderful event!

And as in my childhood glee, I think I'd yell again—now for the whole world to hear: "He's coming! He's coming! Jesus Christ is coming just like He said He would, with all the gifts He promised, and He's going to take me home with Him!"

And His "canvas bag" of gifts will open to my excited gaze: a heavenly mansion, immortality, and a place with Him forever! I want to be ready for the coming of my Saviour. I'm looking toward the eastern sky. I know neither the day nor the hour, but I'm keeping constant vigil at the "upper window." □

*Bible texts quoted in this article are taken from the New International Version.



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earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And He will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other" (Matt. 24:30, 31).

Just as disruptions and distractions overcame me as a child, so they also arise in my later years to

the awful sounds of planes and guns and cars and trucks and trains and ships.

And there will be singing, to which the most beautiful here on earth—which sometimes sends tingles up and down our spines—cannot compare. I shall witness that great event for which untold millions have waited long. An unbelievable excitement will run throughout my body;



Allen I. Atrill, a truck driver, writes from Grand Centre, Alberta, Canada.

Church Works in Narcotics Education

Marks 35 years of providing temperance materials to youth.

For more than 35 years the community and the Seventh-day Adventist Church have been served by Narcotics Education, Inc. (NEI)—a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting wellness and drug prevention in North America. NEI exists because drug education seminars, stop-smoking programs, nutrition courses, and

training seminars. Today NEI is recognized as one of the leading publishers and distributors of materials for drug education and other health matters. In recent years the United States Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), and the White House have endorsed NEI.



The efforts of the Narcotics Education, Inc., staff have brought *The Winner*, *Listen*, and *The Health Connection* catalog to national prominence.

cooking schools don't operate themselves. They need resources. NEI has those resources.

NEI produces and distributes educational materials and conducts

By Laurie Lee Wilson, who served as editorial assistant for Listen magazine when she wrote this article.

This past June a letter from Barbara Bush congratulated NEI on its thirty-fifth anniversary. "It is wonderful to know that you are getting out important warnings about drug use in a way that is interesting and attractive for young people to read," she commented regarding NEI's drug education magazines, *The Winner* and *Listen*. "Education is the key to so many social problems in our country. . . . Your publications can contribute in a significant way toward this goal of educated youth," she continued. Her handwritten postscript read, "You are doing such important work."

That statement reiterates the thinking of OSAP, which awarded \$150,000 to NEI last year for community-based drug prevention programs. NEI chose eight community groups through which to operate. Four of them are directed by Seventh-day Adventists: Community Crusade Against Drugs, Mi-

ami, Florida; Prepare Our Youth, Washington, D.C.; *Listen* Community Crusade Against Drugs, Galt, California; and Ambassadors for Life, Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. Each of these organizations has a board of directors made up from and responsible to the community. Through the programs, thousands of copies of *The Winner* and *Listen* went into those eight communities. NEI also conducted teacher-training seminars in the affiliate communities to help them utilize the magazines in the classroom.

Miami Police Involved

Another vote of confidence came last year from the Metro-Dade Police Department in Miami, Florida. To finance a drug education program designed around materials from NEI, the Law Enforcement Trust Fund granted \$61,527 to the Community Crusade Against Drugs of South Florida, Inc. (CCAD). The program outlined by CCAD for 15 local schools combined *Listen* and *The Winner* magazines, their teaching guides, a teacher training seminar, and other educational materials.

But NEI hasn't always enjoyed popular respect, according to Leilani Proctor, director of marketing and development. "Although the philosophy of its leaders was very farsighted in the 1950s, very few schools purchased our materials in the past," she explains. For many years circulation of its magazines was restricted almost entirely to underwritten subscriptions. But that situation has begun changing. Now, with NEI's higher profile, schools order the magazines through their districts. In the past couple years, Proctor says,



Leilani Proctor, director of marketing and development, holds Barbara Bush's letter of congratulations to Narcotics Education, Inc. Executive director DeWitt S. Williams examines the description of Narcotics Education, Inc., materials in the U.S. Department of Education's drug education resource book. Accountant Ed Baber holds a free *Winner* information flier.

public schools have begun to order our publications with their own money.

Industry recognition has added another element. "It used to be we had to search out products to distribute," Proctor remembers. "Now a lot of people ask us to dis-

tribute their products." NEI will not distribute material advocating "responsible use" of drugs, a message popular for many years. It has always endorsed the Adventist philosophy of not using nonmedicinal drugs. As a result, producers change their materials to conform to NEI standards. That saves development costs, "but it's still our message," Proctor adds.

The U.S. Department of Education finally realized that the responsible-use stance doesn't work and has begun to proclaim a nonuse message.

From Stress to Sex

NEI also carries a variety of up-to-date materials on health in general, with topics ranging from nutrition and exercise to stress management and sexually transmitted diseases. But its primary focus remains preventing the use of alcohol and other drugs.

"It's an organization that's meeting a tremendous need," says DeWitt Williams, executive director of NEI. "We're in a drug-saturated culture. The need is even greater now than when NEI started 35 years ago."

NEI operates as a nonsectarian organization so it can reach the largest possible audience, a crucial factor

for a self-supporting entity. Schools have been a special target because of the emphasis on educating young people. But government agencies and public schools do not order materials from church-related organizations.

Because of their common message, NEI works closely with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. NEI serves as the distribution center for health and temperance materials for the North American Division (NAD), according to Stoy Proctor, division Health and Temperance Department director. NEI carries materials produced by NAD or the General Conference as well as materials from other producers. "Without NEI, we'd be floundering looking for materials. It has done the looking for us, collecting the best materials in the world," he believes.

That collection includes audiovisuals, books, pamphlets, posters, and specialty items on five topics: alcohol, illegal drugs, health education, life-skills development, and tobacco. NEI's free product catalog, *The Health Connection*, is organized into those five sections for easy reference. A toll-free number (1-800-548-8700) provides convenient access to dependable health education materials.



Left: Curtis Lim, Service and Supply Department manager, prepares to box a quantity order of the Vacation Bible School issue of *The Winner* magazine. ● Top: NEI reaches youth of all ages with its anti-drug magazines. ● Right: The friendly voice of Alzada Hill greets Narcotics Education, Inc., customers on the toll-free order line: 1-800-548-8700.



Division Seeks to Involve Every Member in Ministry

Provides 100 organizations, publications, programs, for churches.

As the North American Division (NAD) grows, it receives new responsibilities.

Each year, world representatives gather for the church's Annual Council. At that time items that affect the world church, recommendations scheduled to go to the quinquennial General Conference session, and the annual budget are discussed and voted.

During the remaining months of the year after Annual Council, the divisions have year-end meetings that handle matters affecting their territory. This year, the NAD year-end meeting began the evening Annual Council closed.

In preparation for this session, NAD officers and the nine union conference presidents decided that the theme for their 1990 gathering would be "The Church Is for Ministry."

Everyone a Minister

Division personnel agree that every church member must participate in the ministry of the church. Being a Seventh-day Adventist means more than sitting in church every week. Completion of the church's commission depends on each member's participation in its activities.

The NAD Church Ministries Department has produced a series of pamphlets describing the activities of diligent members, entitled *My Ministry Matters*. As we all accept and use the gifts given to us, the gospel commission will be completed.

Recently pastors and members in Spokane, Washington, decided that

their ministry matters. In cooperation with the NAD United Marketing Taskforce, the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference developed a program to minister to Spokane and the surrounding community.

Under the direction of Kermit Netteburg, chairman of the United Marketing Taskforce, they produced a series of TV spots. Marketing studies indicated that personal testimonies provide the most effective means of making the community aware of the church.

Walter Arties and Warren Judd of the Adventist Media Center in Thousand Oaks, California, produced spots that featured Adventists telling their own story. Connie LaJoie, director of Transda, the Media Center's in-house agency, arranged for buying time on the major TV stations in Spokane.

Meanwhile, Ed Schwisow, communication director of the North Pacific Union, and Bryce Pascoe, ministerial director of the Upper Columbia Conference, worked with pastors and members to develop a unified outreach program.

Each church, in cooperation with the others, has taken on its own ministry to the community. These include such outreaches as the Breathe-Free stop-smoking programs, public evangelistic meetings, and child-care centers. Members have given strong support to the programs, as together they work to alert Spokane to the soon-coming Saviour. The first spots appeared on television September 18. The churches expect to conduct several major evangelistic meetings next March.

Spokane members and pastors are test-marketing this cooperative pro-

gram. The results will be available to other cities wishing to conduct a similar outreach.

The North American Division has spent considerable time encouraging conference personnel and pastors to involve every member in ministry. We encourage each Adventist who wishes to see the church complete its task, and who has any new ideas for reaching the community, to develop these ideas and put them into operation. Each conference departmental director will offer assistance to churches and members with their witnessing programs.

All Kinds of Ideas

Today more than 100 organizations, publications, and programs are available for use in NAD churches. If you sit in your church unable to find something to do, why not try working with one of these organizations, publications, or programs? Look at a few of the ways the NAD Church Ministries, Education, and Health and Temperance departments are helping you.

The NAD Church Ministries Department has developed and produced *Teen Plus*, a folder filled with ideas and programs for Sabbath school teachers of teens. These folders contain materials that provide teachers with pre-lesson, lesson, and after-lesson activities that teenagers enjoy. Noelene Johnsson, the producer, says of Bible-learning activities, "They aren't done when they're over." That is the kind of learning that *Teen Plus* is striving for!

So if you have teenagers in your church, and the Lord has given you a burden to help them, NAD Church Ministries has available for you this valuable help.

By Owen A. Troy, communication director, North American Division.

Does your church have a problem financing its church school? You are not alone, and the NAD Education Department wants to be of service. To help finance church schools, the NAD Education Department, in cooperation with the Review and Herald Publishing Association, has provided a book to sell: *He Taught Love*. Containing 12 chapters from *Christ's Object Lessons*, it has been sold by students in some conferences with outstanding results.

Gilbert Plubell, NAD director of education K-12, has arranged with the publishing house for all schools wishing to participate to purchase the books at the same discounted price. A small school ordering a few books will not be penalized because it cannot sell as many as a school with many students.

A training video has been produced for schools and is available for purchase from the Education Department. It will be given to all schools ordering 500 or more books. Profit from sales will be applied directly to the school.

Creation Education

Recently Marion Hartlein, associate director of the NAD Education Department, has been introducing teachers to the new Bible textbooks *Into His Likeness*, for grades 5 and 6. To combat the strong promotion of evolution, the department has recently completed *The Earth: Origins and Early History*, a new biology supplement for the elementary schools. This valuable book will help develop a strong creationism foundation in our children. The NAD Education Department constantly works to improve the way your children are taught.

Several organizations are working with the NAD Health and Temperance Department to assist you and your church. The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses provides an opportunity for SDA nurses to share mutual concerns. At their annual convention this year they studied ways to over-

come the national nursing shortage. Fewer students are taking nursing, which contributes to the shortage. Elizabeth Sterndale, NAD Health and Temperance director for nursing, reports that the convention voted \$50,000 for nursing scholarships to encourage more nursing students.

The Nursing Council, an organization made up of chief nurses of each SDA hospital, the deans or chairpersons of college nursing

schools, and representatives of the Adventist Health Systems (AHS) have discussed problems facing the nursing profession. The council has recommended that AHS/U.S. introduce a leadership college to teach the SDA philosophy of health care.

To get involved and to get help in ministry, contact your pastor or local conference departmental director, and you will find that your ministry matters.

Needed: People for the Hour

God's eternal plan provided for increased knowledge to be available in our day. "God intrusts men with talents and inventive genius, in order that His great work in our world may be accomplished. The inventions of human minds are supposed to spring from humanity, but God is behind all. He has caused that the means of rapid traveling shall have been invented, for the great day of His preparation" (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 409).

That time is now! God has given us the money, the message, and tools. The great need now is for people—for you!

The cry in every church, every church-run institution, and every self-supporting organization is for people who can be effective Word spreaders and burden bearers, who can give a meaningful answer to Christ's call "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isa. 6:8).

How can we, on a broad scale, successfully match the personnel needs of Christ's work with the people who wish to serve Him?

It wasn't possible six months ago. But through the cooperation

of the North American Division and ASI Missions, Inc. (a Seventh-day Adventist laymen's organization that developed and funded *Happiness Digest*, the popular *Steps to Christ* version that has now sold more than 8 million copies), a plan has been designed to bring the work and the workers together!

Combining computer technology and the Adventist Personnel Network application supplied by ASI Missions, Inc., it is now possible to fulfill the yearning that all Christians have to answer their Saviour's call to service.

If you've been longing to become more involved in service as a paid worker or as a lay volunteer in a conference or a self-supporting ministry, turn to the application in the center of this *Adventist Review*. Prayerfully fill it out and send it to Adventist Personnel Service, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904-1608. Take your first step toward expanded mission service!

Harold J. Lance is president of Outpost Centers, Inc., a training center for self-supporting missions.

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Harry Baerg's new three-volume reference shows you these beasts as



When the KJV refers to a coney, it means this small mammal that climbs rocks with feet that work like suction cups.



Moses instructed the head of each Hebrew household to use a "bunch of hyssop" to apply blood to the doorposts.



Elephants served as engines of war in ancient times. It took a little wine to get them in a fighting mood.

well as all the other plants and animals mentioned in the Bible. Each one bursts onto the page in a full-color painting, followed by its natural history.

Baerg is committed to accuracy. He guides you around imprecise and mistaken Bible translations to show you the plant or animal referred to by the original author.

How to Cook a Grasshopper

The descriptions of these plants and animals include fascinating details about their place in Bible times. For example, some grasshoppers were clean to eat, according to Leviticus—and if you want to know, Baerg tells how they were

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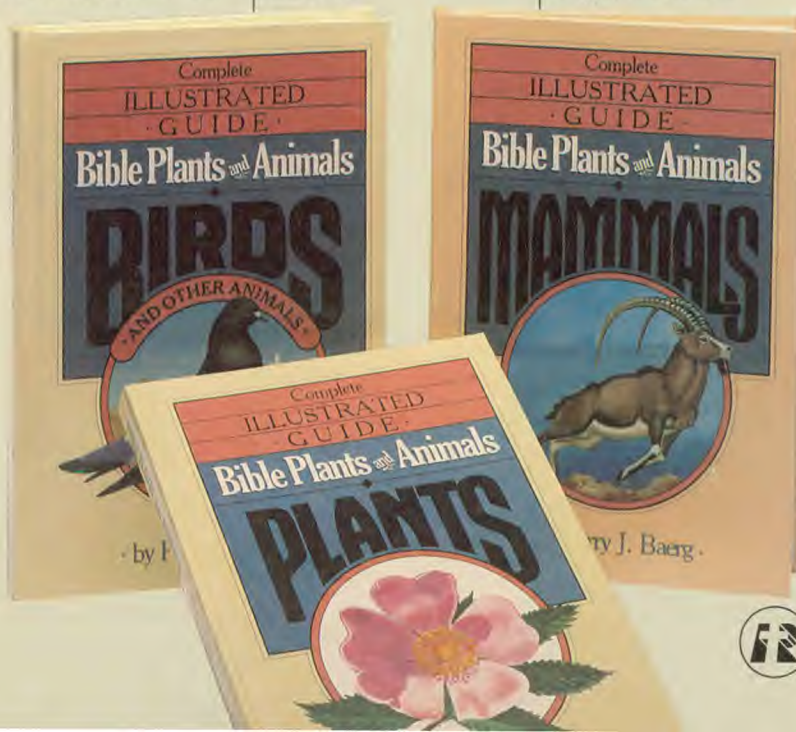
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THE LOMA LINDA REPORT



The proton beam accelerator will be housed in phase two of the South Wing complex now under construction.

LLUMC's new cancer treatment center nears completion

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Loma Linda University Medical Center's new cancer treatment facility are tentatively set for late spring of 1990.

This new \$40 million project — half of which has already been funded by a United States congressional appropriation — will bring to Loma Linda the most advanced established technology available today for the treatment of certain types of cancer.

Headed by James M. Slater, MD, chairman of Loma Linda University School of

Medicine's department of radiation sciences, the new cancer treatment and research center will feature a unique 250-million electron-volt proton accelerator called a synchrotron. This device has been designed by Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (America's largest high-energy physics research laboratory) in cooperation with the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories located in Berkeley, California.

Utilizing proton particle beams to bombard and destroy cancer cells, the accelerator will leave many deadly tumors with little chance for survival.

The culmination of years of research

and advancements in technology will enable cancer specialists to create a beam of energy, then focus it so exactly that less than a minute's exposure will destroy a cancerous tumor buried deep inside a patient's body.

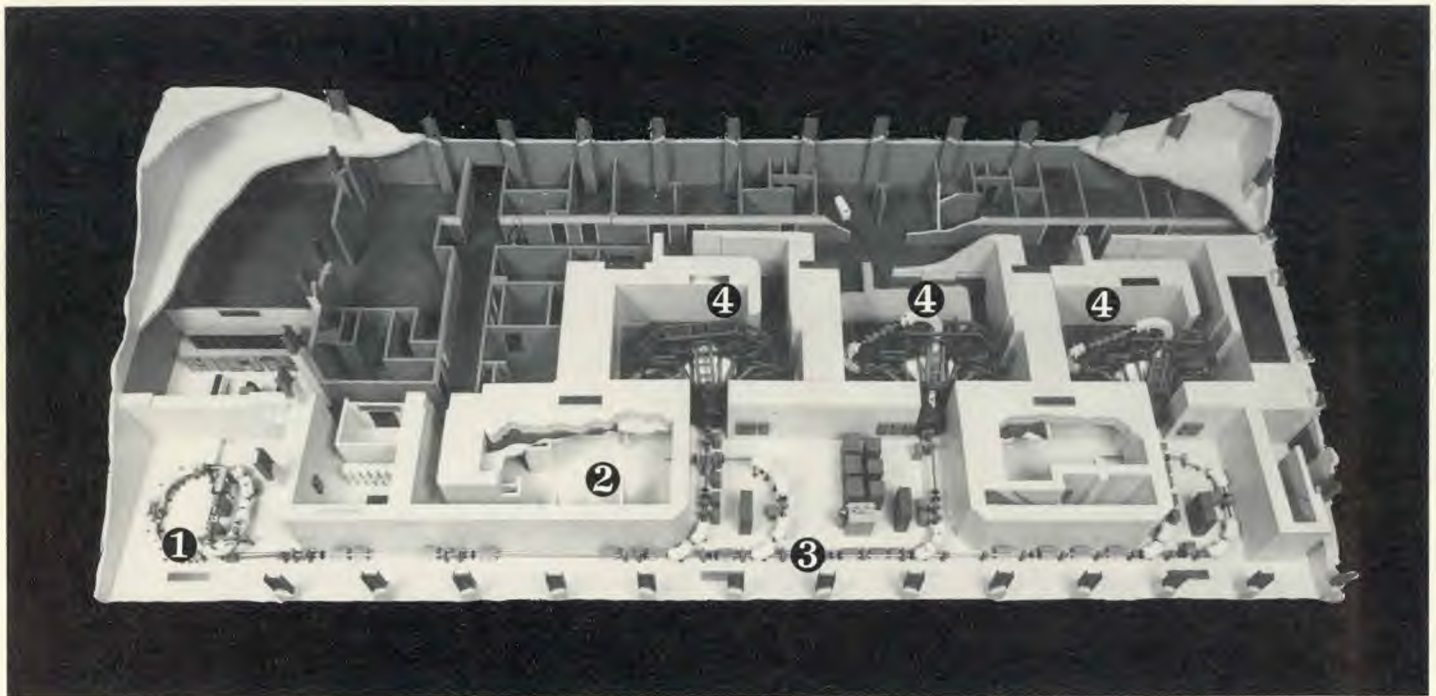
Like other forms of cancer radiation treatment such as X-rays and cobalt beams, the proton beam destroys cancerous cells through a process called ionization, which damages the structures within the cell to the extent that they can no longer survive.

The advantage of the proton beam over other forms of cancer treatment is that the proton beam can be controlled more accu-

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"FULFILLING THE VISION"

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1: Accelerator 2: Stationary beam 3: Beam transport system 4: Treatment room / Gantry

rately — and thus avoid damaging healthy tissue. Radiation treatment can harm healthy organs. With the more conventional radiotherapy, most of the radiation [the beam that kills the cancer cells] is absorbed near the surface of the patient's body and decreases as it nears the cancer located inside the body.

Normal tissue in the path of the beam can also be injured. Conventional radiation also passes through the tumor and affects the normal tissue behind the cancer site.

The proton beam accelerator will dramatically reduce these damaging factors. The proton beam enters the body at a very low absorption rate — thus not damaging the healthy tissue surrounding the cancerous tumor. The beam's energy increases sharply at a specific point, called the Bragg Peak, giving that point [in this case, the cancerous tumor] the highest concentration of radiation.

Not only is the dose to normal tissues sharply reduced, but the energy of the proton beam completely dissipates at the end of the Bragg Peak, causing no damage to normal tissues beyond the cancerous tumor.

The new cancer treatment facility will be housed in three floors of a new wing currently under construction at the Medical Center.

In three of the wing's rooms, patients will be placed in the center of a three-story gantry — a ferris-wheel-type device — that will rotate a guidance system and aim it at any part of the body. A fourth room will have a fixed guidance system for the treatment of eye and brain tumors and a fifth room will be for research.

The synchrotron is about 60 feet in circumference and 20 feet in diameter and will be housed in a room with 15-foot-thick steel-reinforced concrete walls to capture any leakage of radiation — although such an event is unlikely.

This new piece of equipment should greatly improve cancer treatment because the current rate of those being cured with radiation is too low and the side effects are too severe.

Because the machine can eliminate a cancer tumor in seconds and patients can return to work or other activities immediately afterward, the Medical Center

is expecting much interest in the new treatment. It is expected that up to 100 patients can be treated each day in the new center.

The Medical Center began planning for the facility in 1970 by forming an international team of researchers and scientists to coordinate its development.

As early as 1946, the proton beam was considered to be a more effective means of treating cancer and other non-malignant growths. In succeeding years, extensive research has established the scientific validity and clinical soundness of the use of the proton beam for cancer treatment.

Building the cancer treatment center is another expression of the commitment at Loma Linda University Medical Center . . . "to make man whole."

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Down-Home America to Host 1990 GC Session

Adventists will make history in historic Indiana.

Just seven months away from the next General Conference session, we want to make you all aware of the opportunity we have to introduce our international family to what North America is all about.

Considered a part of the Old Northwest Territory and held by France early in the eighteenth century, Indiana was relinquished to England in 1763. Later, England annexed the territory to Quebec. After the Revolutionary War, however, Vincennes became the capital of the new Indiana Territory, which included Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and parts of Michigan and Minnesota.

Indiana became the nineteenth state in 1816, when its present boundaries were determined. Indianapolis became the capital in 1825.

President Abraham Lincoln figures in the state's history and is memorialized in the preservation of the farms where he, the sixteenth president, lived from 1816 to 1830. Indiana is also remembered as the state that sent almost more volunteers than the Union Army could use during the Civil War.

Today Indiana is farm and fac-

tory, metals and manufacturing, corn and coal. Thus, its people symbolize much of what is typically American—in both geography and temperament.

As far as the church is concerned, Joseph Bates is believed to be the first Adventist to visit Indiana on a scouting tour in 1849. John N. Andrews is said to have stopped there in 1851, and John N. Loughborough, somewhere in between.

The first church organized at Salem Center in 1861; the first series of tent meetings was conducted near South Bend in 1864; the first meeting house was built in 1868 at North Liberty; and the first camp meetings

were held in 1870 at Tipton and Fairfield. All members were considered members of the Michigan Conference.

In September of 1872 the five constituent churches convened a business meeting and voted their own organization.

During the rest of the century, preaching was carried on in more than 300 recorded places. The few workers with scanty budgets were stoned three times in Kempton, had charts stolen in Wolf Lake, and spent four days in debate at Farmersburg.

As early as 1893 some prefaced their meetings with cooking demonstrations in Priam, and in 1888 one group held children's meetings in the afternoon in order to attract adults in the evening.

The Indianapolis church was organized in 1888, and Ellen White spoke there the next year.

Boggs town Manual Training Academy was established in 1902, though the name became Beechwood Manual Training Academy in 1905. Its first class of 11 members graduated in 1908. However, the more centrally located property at Cicero was purchased in 1919.

The horse-and-buggy generation of Advent-

Special Air Fares to Indianapolis

Discounted air fares have been negotiated with three airlines for attendees traveling to the Indianapolis General Conference session.

These rates are available by calling the following airlines directly, MTS Travel, or other travel agencies.

The official airlines and their respective numbers:

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By Neal C. Wilson, president, General Conference.

ists doubled their membership every 10 years during those days—a rate of growth not matched until the 1930s.

Church growth advanced again during the Depression, when Indianapolis members operated a penny-a-dish cafeteria, serving 611 persons on Thanksgiving Day, 1932. From there they developed a multifaceted evangelism of preaching crusades, radio programs, Bible study classes, Vacation Bible Schools, and youth camps.

Herald to Hoosiers

The year 1990 will again give us opportunity to call the attention of 5.5 million Hoosiers (as residents of Indiana are called) to Seventh-day Adventism. It will also become the focus of our nation's membership, the focal point of the world's Adventist fellowship, as we lay initial plans for global strategy until Jesus comes. A professional growth pre-council for ministers will convene July 1-4.

Technology in the massive Hoosier Dome will make it possible to accommodate as many of the church family as would like to come. Indianapolis has a variety of multipriced hotels. Thus, even non-delegates and guests will have the opportunity to view the work of the church in the many booths representing our 10 divisions and five attached fields—displays that show the integration of department planning in the overall ministry of Seventh-day Adventists.

We invite you to plan now to be with us for the fifty-fifth business session of Seventh-day Adventists in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 5-14, 1990.

There will be much, however, in addition to the official business that must be transacted. Inspiring music, fascinating reports of remarkable progress, special features revealing God's providence, emphasis on youth involvement, incredible soul-winning experiences during Harvest 90, faith confirming spiritual messages, and much, much more!

Don't miss the blessings. We look forward to your fellowship.



David Syme and Jim Rankin discuss ADRA projects at AID headquarters in Abidjan.

Adventists Move Into Unentered Regions of Burundi

The district of Matana in the central African country of Burundi has not had, as long as anyone can remember, a single Adventist member. The 24,000 Adventist members live in only six of the 15 provinces, mainly in the province of Cibitoke. At its first constituency meeting after the new government had extended universal religious liberty, the church resolved in faith to enter at the earliest opportunity every province in the land.

When a delegation of nonmembers from Matana, seeking to know more of the Advent faith, came to mission president Silas Senkomo, he visited them in their territory to investigate the possibility of acquiring land and building a place of worship. To arrange a public meeting under trees or in homes is illegal, so he secured permission to purchase land and establish a place of worship. Following his visit a recently baptized member offered a piece of land for the erection of a simple chapel that could receive official recognition.

Early this year a group of 40 people established worship in a modest chapel in this previously unentered region. Senkomo says that it is not unusual for groups from the outlying provinces who have heard of the Adventist truth to send a delegation

to mission headquarters in the capital city of Bujumbura asking for evangelism in their district. He can only reply that there is no possibility unless land and resources to build a shelter become available.

He cites, however, the case of Rutoke on the eastern border. When the church there was closed in 1984, we had only 10 members. Now we have more than 200.

This remarkable increase came when former Central African Union president P. G. Werner and his family sent a gift to build a chapel in one of the newly evangelized areas. He reports, "The members did the best they could to bring stones for the foundation and make bricks for the walls. We used the money to pay the masons and buy sheet iron for the roof."

Now that the church has a recognized meeting place, evangelism is thriving. In addition to the baptized members, there are more than 100 in the baptismal class.

On his latest visit to the "Werner Chapel," says Senkomo, he was "snowed under," with 343 people present for the services. He baptized 35 candidates.

By Jack Mahon, communication director, Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

Alaskan Adventists Think Big

Aim to double membership

Alaskan Adventists, gathered in camp meeting and constituency session, accepted the goal of more than doubling their membership.

Expanding church membership in both metropolitan congregations and the vast outlands of the state became a challenge a year before, when Ron Watts was elected to fill a midterm presidential vacancy in the conference.

A former missionary executive and church growth and dynamics consultant, he saw a greater membership base as essential to long-term evangelistic success. The members confirmed that vision by reelecting Watts to a three-year term of office.

Also reelected were Bill Brown, secretary-treasurer; Roger Rockwell, part-time publishing director; and Bill Hinman, education director and Adventist Book Center manager.

Frank Stokes, who held conference responsibilities in church ministries, religious liberty, communications, and stewardship, announced his retirement at the session. His responsibilities have been assigned to the president and church pastors.

Mike Preas, pastor of the Juneau church, serves as government relations representative; Don Kack, pastor of the Palmer church, directs stewardship; Jim Osborne, Northside church pastor, directs personal ministries; and Clarence McKey, Fairbanks church pastor, serves as Sabbath school director.

Drafting Strategy

Gary Beck, former Adventist Book Center manager, has been called to serve in the same post in the Montana Conference.

Five delegate committees met concurrently to draft strategy on five conference issues: young adult ministries, women's ministries, reclaim-

ing former members, senior adult ministries, and native ministries.

Each moderator then presented his report to the entire delegation with a plan of action. Delegates voted to accept the reports.

"The delegates made it plain that they want the conference to act on these recommendations," said president Watts. "Many of these steps will need to take place in the local congregations, so we must work together as a church to make the needed changes called for in the reports."

Also voted at the session was a master plan for church growth, which calls for a membership of 5,000 (an increase of 150 percent) by the end of 1995.

"I sensed a unity among the delegates in making this the top priority for the future," commented Watts.

"The master plan calls for great church growth in the metropolitan, or rail belt, areas. It projects the addition of six churches, for example, in Anchorage, two more in Fairbanks, and two more for Juneau. By strengthening our metropolitan base, we build up the native work."

The plan calls for an increase of church membership in native churches from 150 to 750 in six years.

Beneath the camp meeting banner A Great Man for the Great Land Alaskans set a course of active gospel penetration. While identifying problems (lack of a native educational center; need for enhancing the ministry to former members; need for sensitivity to the role of seniors, youth, and women in the church), they chose not to detour from their main objective in addressing these issues, but to concentrate on their master plan. They aim to enhance that plan by finding solutions to issues addressed in the five sessions.



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By Ed Schwisow, communication director, North Pacific Union.

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Adventist Youth Service Volunteers Needed

Volunteers (age 18-30) to teach K-12 and conversational English, or to engage in other activities, are needed in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Taiwan, South America, and China. For more information, call (301) 680-6177, or write: Adventist Youth Service Office, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600.

Harry Vega, returning to serve as director, dental program, Montemorelos University, Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and **Joanne LaVonne (Bennett) Vega** left August 10.

Roland Wayne Woodhams, returning to serve as marketing and development director, Hongkong Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong, **Linda Gail (Simmons) Woodhams**, and four children left August 9.

Dennis Takashi Yoshioka, to serve as dean of boys, Far Eastern Academy, Singapore, **Sandra Sanae (Nakano) Yoshioka**, and two children, of Angwin, California, left July 16.

Adventist Youth Service

Leann May Williams (AU), of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, to serve as English teacher, Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School, Tai Po Old Market, New Territories, Hong Kong, left August 23.

Sharlene L. Wren (WWC), of College Place, Washington, to serve as elementary teacher, Pohnpei Seventh-day Adventist School, Kolonia, Pohnpei, Caroline Islands, left August 9.

Rhonda Damon Yates (CUC), of Powhatan, Virginia, to serve as elementary teacher, Ebeye Seventh-day Adventist School, Ebeye, Marshall Islands, left August 9.

Jodi Lynn Zachrison (WWC), of Boring, Oregon, to serve as English teacher, Palau Seventh-day Adventist School, Koror, Palau, Caroline Islands, left August 9.

To New Posts

Regular Missionary Service

Edward Thomas Perry, returning to serve as pilot/airplane mechanic, Tanzania Union, Arusha, Tanzania, **Bonnie (Page) Perry**, and two children left July 31.

John T. Reinhold, returning to serve as dentist, Swazi Dental Service, Swaziland, South Africa, and **Mary (Cervoski) Reinhold** left August 2.

Ray Lee Roth, returning to serve as coordinator, Department of Christian Ministry, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Manila, Philippines, **Beverly Betty (Christenson) Roth**, and four children left August 8.

RECOVER

For days I'd sat at my computer inputting names and addresses, creating a mailing list for a small business venture. The file in my Nutshell program bulged—1,000 names, 1,500.

Every morning I'd go downstairs, plug in Minerva (computers deserve distinguished names, and the goddess of wisdom and technical skill fit mine), and call up my file. The little animated file drawer on the screen would open, and the prompter would tell me I could add more names.

What a wonderful invention, the computer—as long as things go well. One day, 2,500 names and addresses into my task, I turned on Minerva and called up Nutshell. No hint of a problem. I typed in the file name.

Bleep, bleep, bleep, said my computer. "This file is damaged," the screen said.

Sheer Panic

Shocked and a bit fearful, I turned everything off and redid the steps. "Bleep, bleep, bleep. This file is damaged." The little graphic drawer wouldn't open. I couldn't add names, print those already there, or copy the file.

Only one reaction was justified—panic. Hours and hours of hard work lay locked and unusable in the damaged file. I read my Nutshell documentation. It suggested steps to try in response to the computer message. The book didn't tell me what to do when the recommended procedure did *not* work.

"Help!" I said to my local computer guru from whom I'd purchased the program.

"I'll stop by after work," he promised. He did.

"Bleep, bleep, bleep. This file is damaged."

"Call the company that makes the software," he said. "I can't fix it."

My rising hysteria was obvious. The customer-service technician with a Boston accent was sympathetic. "Does your version of Nutshell have the Recover program?" she asked.

"I have no idea," I said. I tried not to cry, knowing that I was the only one who was going to see the situation as desperate.

She told me what keys to hit. Nothing. I didn't have Recover.

"I'll send you the new version with Recover by overnight mail," she said. "There's a 90 percent probability your data is OK."

The next day an ordinary-looking computer disk arrived. I followed the instructions exactly. "Working," said the green letters on my screen. A minute passed, then five.

"Does it work?" my husband asked.

"I don't know yet. I don't know what it's doing. The red light blinks. It says it's working."

After what seemed like hours, the light stopped blinking and the screen went blank. I typed in the file name. The little drawer moved out of its cabinet. The data was in place—all 2,500 names and addresses, good as new. Relief is a weak word for what I felt.

Damaged File

In the calmness of later reflection, a new awareness of the grace of God and the miracle of justification and sanctification flooded over me.

I am a damaged file. By virtue of

being human, and by intentional and unintentional sins, I have rendered myself inoperable for good. No matter what I might do, I cannot repair myself. My friends, my pastor, my husband, are unable to make the needed adjustments in my locked and damaged heart.

God, however, has a ready, available, and powerful answer. Heaven has for the asking a Recover program. I don't have to wait for overnight mail. All that is necessary is for me to ask for the Holy Spirit to come and live inside me and activate the Recover program Jesus wrote on Calvary.

Slowly, damaged piece by damaged piece, He repairs my usefulness, restores my connection with heaven, and renews my trust in God's love.

Many times in the past five years I've had to use Recover on one of Minerva's files. Computer programs, like people, don't stay fixed permanently. Patiently and surely the utility program works its magic.

Each day I need the Holy Spirit's repairing, healing, reorganizing touch on the damaged files of my life. He has never failed me.

Of course, that's what the documentation promises: "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." □



Betty Gibb is a free-lance writer living in Columbia, Missouri.

BY BETTY GIBB

SCENARIO 42

"The Intern"

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
financial investments and under-
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.

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

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



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

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.



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.

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.



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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friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Bristow reported that two black students, Nadine Mottley of Loma Linda, California, and Michael Palmer of Columbia, Maryland, are semi-finalists in the 1990 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Other black students at Takoma Academy who earned commendations under the program were John Patterson Grant, Leanne Johnson, Glenda Lee, Jocelyn Martin and Edward McIver. They represent the highest-scoring black students in a designated geographic region made up of several states.

Some 90,000 black students across the country took the PSAT/NMSQT and were evaluated in the current achievement program.

Mottley and Palmer are now eligible to compete for finalist status. They will be judged upon their academic performance at the school, performance on the Scholarship Aptitude Test and extraordinary accomplishments.

Mottley not only uses her own brain, but also plans to be a neurosurgeon and study other people's brains for the rest of her life!

Palmer intends to major in business. "I like studying finance," he said, "and I plan to be an attorney in corporate law."

"I'm encouraged to see that TA students benefit from our scholarship program. It is evident that the academy is stimulating intellectual growth," Bristow commented.

RUSSELL ARGENT
Educational Consultant

HOSPITALS

Hackettstown Hospital participates in radon study

Hackettstown, New Jersey, Community Hospital is participating in a new study of lung cancer and radon conducted by the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the New Jersey State Department of Health, according to HCH Cancer Registrar Irene Bennett.

The objective of this case-control study is to evaluate the relationship of radon, and particularly radon and smoking together, to lung cancer. The project will focus on the five New Jersey counties with the highest radon levels.

Cases will be identified from New Jersey hospital pathology laboratories and medical records and from the New

REMEMBER CAMP MEETING?



Camp Meeting 1989 was a wonderful experience. The preaching. The singing. The kids' programs.

The friends you hadn't seen since last camp meeting.

The *Visitor* coloring contest.

When we printed the winners from the contest last August, we left out one winner.

She's 8-year-old Francie Bakken from the Blue Mountain Academy church in Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations, Francie!

Jersey Cancer Registry data supplied by the hospitals' cancer registrars.

Cases included in the study will be equal numbers of men and women and all houses that were residences of the subjects for two or more years from five to 30 years prior to diagnoses so complete exposure histories can be obtained for all subjects. These residences will be tested for radon levels.

Residents of study houses will receive a report on the result of the radon measurements, as well as recommendations for further testing if necessary.

BILL WEBER
Public Relations

CHESAPEAKE

Conference holds open house December 10

To celebrate the conference's 90 years of progress, Chesapeake officers are inviting all interested people to an open house on Sunday, December 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. The office is located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland.

A video presentation of the progress of the conference over those 90 years will be shown then for the first time.

Slavery was the issue when the first Adventist preacher set foot in what is now Chesapeake Conference territory, and the preacher/abolitionist was none other than Joseph Bates.

But slavery was not really on Bates'

mind, as he told the owners, "I've not only come for your slaves, but I have also come for you."

The year was 1843. The place was Kent Island. It would be about 50 years before a church would be established in the town of Rock Hall and even longer before the Chesapeake Conference was organized in 1899.

For the past 90 years the conference has sought to continue the enthusiasm for the gospel that Bates was always able to generate.

Early in this century, membership stood at 700, with two ordained ministers, two licensed ministers, three Bible instructors, four literature evangelists and one tent master.

Times have changed, and today membership stands at 8,000 in 50 churches. Pastors have increased to 33 and the schools from five in 1901 to 16 in 1989.

"The Lord has really blessed Chesapeake over the years," said Wayne Coulter, conference president. "We feel that a celebration of those first 90 years is in order as we bring Harvest 90 to an end next year."

"We also hope with this open house to begin a year of inspiration and renewal. In the next few months we will be shifting some of our thoughts and plans more in the direction of the people Jesus Christ has come to save. We call it our 'Investment in People' theme for 1990," Coulter said.

TOM LEMON
Communication Director

OHIO

Education department receives lead gift toward \$3 million goal

Loved ones have given a lead gift to the Ohio Conference Education Endowment Campaign to establish the Otho Eusey Memorial Worthy Student Endowment Fund.

This gift will benefit students who attend Mount Vernon Academy.

A 1931 graduate of the school, Eusey attended the MVA alumni homecoming last April with his wife. This was his first visit to the academy campus in many years.



Otho Eusey

That weekend he gave conference President Ed Motschieder a personal gift of \$25,000, asking that the money be used to help worthy potential students enroll at the academy this fall.

Eusey was born on a farm near Charm, Ohio. Several years later his mother, a single parent by then, moved to Mount Vernon so he and his younger brother could attend school there.

Times were hard, and Eusey learned the work ethic early. He worked long hours at the academy press to pay his expenses. At the same time, he learned a valuable trade.

After college, he moved to Leominster, Massachusetts, where he established the Eusey Press.

Along with his Bible, Eusey's business manuals included the book, *Christ's Object Lessons*.

The chapters on "The Lord's Vineyard" and "The Talents" served to guide him in directing his business by God's principles. He often gave copies of the book to business associates. Sales meetings and staff conferences began with Bible study and prayer.

Duncan Eva, a retired General Conference vice-president, remembers Eusey as a member who was "very earnest in encouraging our presses to be run in a sound, business-like manner. He always insisted that we produce the finest quality literature with the greatest efficiency at the lowest possible production cost."

Eusey believed in Adventist Christian education. "Our schools should be the best!" he was fond of saying.

Just five weeks after alumni homecoming, while teaching a Sabbath school lesson at the Sterling, Massachusetts,

church, he suffered a heart attack and died the next day. The testimony of his life was, "I want to be ready when Jesus comes!"

To perpetuate those ideals and prepare other Mount Vernon students for heaven, family members have established the Otho Eusey Memorial Worthy Student Endowment Fund.

JEFF WILSON

Development Director

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Adventist homecoming celebrated with Methodist members

The Huntington, West Virginia, congregation celebrated its fourth annual homecoming on October 7 with exciting fellowship with area Adventist churches and previous members.

Allen Fine, Mountain View Conference evangelist, presented the sermon during the morning worship service.

Members were especially delighted to have the United Shiloh Methodist Church choir come from Prichard, West Virginia, and share their musical talents that afternoon. Pastor Dan Shafer of the Huntington church is currently conducting a Revelation Seminar in the Shiloh Methodist church.

The exciting day of worship and praise concluded with stronger bonds of fellowship and friendship and reminders to invite more friends to come to next year's homecoming celebration.

KIM SHAFER

Communication Secretary

POTOMAC

Family life coordinator receives certification from national agency

Len McMillan, Potomac Conference's family life coordinator, was recently designated by the National Council on Family Relations as a Certified Family Life Educator.

Very few Adventists working in the family life area have earned this honor. About 500 persons in North America are certified by the NCFR.

"This designation places you among a prestigious group of exceptionally qualified and experienced family life educators," McMillan's notification letter from the council stated.

The credential denotes a proven background in nine areas: families and society, internal family dynamics, human

growth and development, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family law, family resource management, parent education and public policy and ethics.

McMillan is one of very few coordinators in North America whose primary assignment is the development and active promotion of family life.

An ordained minister who holds a Ph.D. in psychology, he is a member of the National Council on Family Relations and the National Council on the Aging, as well as an affiliate member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

PENNSYLVANIA

Telford school holds 60th anniversary reunion

The church school in Telford opened its doors during the fall of 1929 with 25 students in grades 1-9.

At least three generations of students received a Christian education at this one- and sometimes two-room school until it closed in the spring of 1961.

Seventy-six former teachers and students from all across the United States were contacted, and 43 attended a reunion at the Souderton church.

Former teachers Ethel Detwiler, Carolyn Shobe and Juanita Teets Kosow participated in the Sabbath school program. Oscar Schmidt was delighted to be able to teach his students again during the lesson study period.

A potluck following the church service enabled former friends and classmates to become reacquainted and make new friends.

The school's first teacher, Emil Messinger, a 96-year-old resident of Chunky, Mississippi, was unable to attend, but he sent a list of his first students and a letter telling how things were that first year, when his duties included "busing" some of the students, janitorial chores and tending the furnace. Half of his first students attended the reunion.

The church school was responsible for at least two marriages, and Josephine Hosking Reily, a first-year student, rejoined the Souderton congregation after attending the reunion and the church's Revelation Seminar.

The reunion ended with the former teachers and students saying goodbye after so many years of separation, vividly bringing home the longing for the greatest reunion of all: Christ's soon return to this world.

MOUNTAIN VIEW**Academy students improve campground at Valley Vista**

Students and staff members of Mountain State Academy in Pennsboro, West Virginia, recently held classes for one week in the retreat setting of Camp Valley Vista, the Mountain View Conference campground.

The students had academic classes in the morning and then worked on camp improvements in the afternoon. Evenings were used for homework, recreation and videos stressing missionary preparation.

Valley Vista Camp Steward Tim Englekemier was pleased with the work of the students. "I was impressed with the kids' outlook on life and their positive attitude toward the work we gave them to do.

"One young man kept working in the rain so he could finish his job, even after his supervisor told him he could stop!"

Principal Larry Pahl was not only pleased with the work the students did physically for the camp, but also with their spiritual unity.

"The kids worked together real well," Pahl said. "One of our purposes in coming here was to bond ourselves together as a group. I view this as the best preparation for our upcoming year of ministry to others."

The academy choir, under the direction of Dick Barron, performed several numbers for the Mountain View Conference pastors who were gathered at the camp during the same time.

ALLEGHENY WEST**Community Services workers hold annual retreat**

The Allegheny West Conference held its fourth annual Community Services retreat in Columbus, Ohio, on the weekend of September 8-10. Former conference President H.L. Cleveland was the guest speaker.

James Best, director of the conference Community Services department, along with local Community Services leaders, conducted the retreat.

The second weekend of September is reserved each year for this special retreat. Although it is primarily a time of relaxation, it is also an opportunity for workers to come together from all over the conference and share ideas.

The three federations in the Allegheny

West Conference are: Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania, Virginia/West Virginia and Southern and Central Ohio.

The following report comes from the Community Services department: articles of clothing given away, 70,436; food items/dollars donated, 36,000; worthy student scholarships, 14; drug abuse programs, 12; and teen pregnancy programs, 17.

This report reflects the work done from September of 1988 to the same month this year.

MOUNTAIN VIEW**Breathe-Free clinic helps seven to "kick the habit"**

After attending a Breathe-Free clinic, seven people successfully quit smoking and about ten have maintained contact with Pastor Rodney Davis of the Logan, West Virginia, church.

The clinic was conducted September 11-15 at Logan General Hospital. All those now free from smoking have expressed gratitude for the clinic.

Davis anticipates that 40 people will attend the next Breathe-Free program, which is planned for January of 1990.

BRENDA WRIGHT
Communication Secretary

POTOMAC**Four ministers ordained during summer ceremonies**

Four pastors in the Potomac Conference were ordained to the gospel ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during services that were held this past summer.

Rick Labate and his wife, Ruth Anne, of the Yale, Virginia, church and Paul McGraw, who pastors the Danville and Martinsville, Virginia, churches with his wife, Betty, were ordained at last summer's Potomac camp meeting.

Ruben Ramos, who with his wife, Nora, is currently at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to begin training at the theological seminary there, was ordained at the Spanish camp meeting.

Leo Ranzolin Jr., associate pastor at the Vienna, Virginia, congregation, received his certificate of ordination with wife Susan at his side at the Vienna church on September 16.

ROBBI PIERSON
Communication Director

CORRECTIONS

The story about the Columbia Union executive committee meeting that was published in the October 15 issue of the *Visitor* contained two errors.

First, it should have reported that James Clements was elected director of church ministries. He had been an associate director of that department.

Also, Bryan Breckenridge, vice president of the mid-Atlantic region of AHS/North, Eastern and Middle America, should have been reported as stating that Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., lost \$4 million in 1988.

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Evangelism '89 closes in on explosive climax

KERMIT NETTEBURG, Editor

From the southwestern hills of Virginia to the cities of Ohio, the Allegheny West Conference has produced a tremendous push for evangelism in 1989, and the Holy Spirit has produced a tremendous number of baptisms.

Tent meetings, Revelation seminars and church crusades generated a harvest of 410 souls by September. That's a 30 percent increase over 1988.

Allegheny West Ministerial Director James Best leads out in the program called "Evangelism Explosion 1989."

Every pastor was challenged to hold evangelistic crusades—and that challenge was met. The conference has dedicated extra funds for evangelism this year. The Columbia Union and North American Division supplemented these funds with money from the Superfund for Local Church Growth.



James Best (right), Allegheny West Conference ministerial director and director of "Evangelism Explosion 1989," practiced what he preached. He said every pastor should lead out in a crusade, and he did so in the Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, series. Local Elder Wallace Wilson joined Best in the baptistry of the Ethnan Temple church as 57 people were baptized.



Baptismal candidates are examined by Head Elder Carl Sanford of the Glenville church in Cleveland, Ohio. Candidates must answer "yes" to several questions about Adventist beliefs and doctrines before going into the baptistry.

1989 EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

James Best	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	57
Marvin Brown	Erie, Pennsylvania	16
Harold Cleveland	Cincinnati, Ohio	53
Buford Griffith	Dayton, Ohio	35
Henry Hope	Danville, Virginia	18
Joel Johnson	Cleveland, Ohio	21
Fredrick Russell	Akron, Ohio	11
Lawrence Shepherd	Cleveland, Ohio	26
Kenneth Washington	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	29
Herman White	Toledo, Ohio	16
Walter Wright	Columbus, Ohio	47

SPOTLIGHT ON ALLEGHENY WEST

Danville

Pastor Henry Hope's crusade in Danville, Virginia, last August demonstrates the cooperation that exists among conference personnel, pastors, lay members and the Holy Spirit.

The conference provided funding to help with costs of the "Caring Crusade." Joseph Mendinhall sowed good seeds in a Revelation Seminar prior to the crusade.

Hope spoke nightly, but depended on help from Bible worker Evelyn Smith, prayer band leader Dorothy Morton, song leader Murial Kirk, pianist Sally Hope and head usher Glenda Deshazor.

Their combined efforts produced 18 baptisms right after the crusade, with others baptized even into November.

Pittsburgh

James Best came from the conference office to the Ethnan Temple church in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, where he contributed to the "evangelism explosion" with a crusade of his own.

The 57 baptisms during the series are an important part of the 100 people the church plans to reap in 1989.

Frequently, black evangelistic campaigns are conducted in tents. Best's meetings, however, were done in a Revelation Seminar format and held in the church itself.

Dayton

The gospel tent crusade of the Ethan Temple congregation in Dayton, Ohio, featured a drug education and intervention program along with the usual doctrinal preaching.

Bette Roebuck, coordinator of the small-literature program for the Allegheny West Conference, led out during the nightly programs, which featured referral to treatment centers in addition to the lectures.

Three of the 35 people baptized specifically pointed to the help of the drug intervention program and the faithful and prayerful labors of Mrs. Roebuck and her husband, George, along with respiratory therapist Fred Willis.



Meeting rooms in hotels and schools may have replaced tents in some places, but not at the Ethan Temple congregation's crusade in Dayton, Ohio. Buford Griffith Jr., pastor of the church, led out in the series, in which 35 people were baptized.



Edgar Mimms, pastor of the Southeast congregation in Cleveland, Ohio, held his evangelistic crusade in the church, not in a tent.

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Cincinnati	5:16	5:15	5:16
Cleveland	4:57	4:56	4:57
Columbus	5:07	5:06	5:07
Jersey City	4:29	4:29	4:30
Norfolk	4:49	4:48	4:49
Parkersburg	5:04	5:03	5:05
Philadelphia	4:37	4:36	4:37
Pittsburgh	4:54	4:53	4:54
Reading	4:38	4:37	4:38
Richmond	4:52	4:51	4:52
Roanoke	5:03	5:02	5:03
Scranton	4:35	4:34	4:34
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