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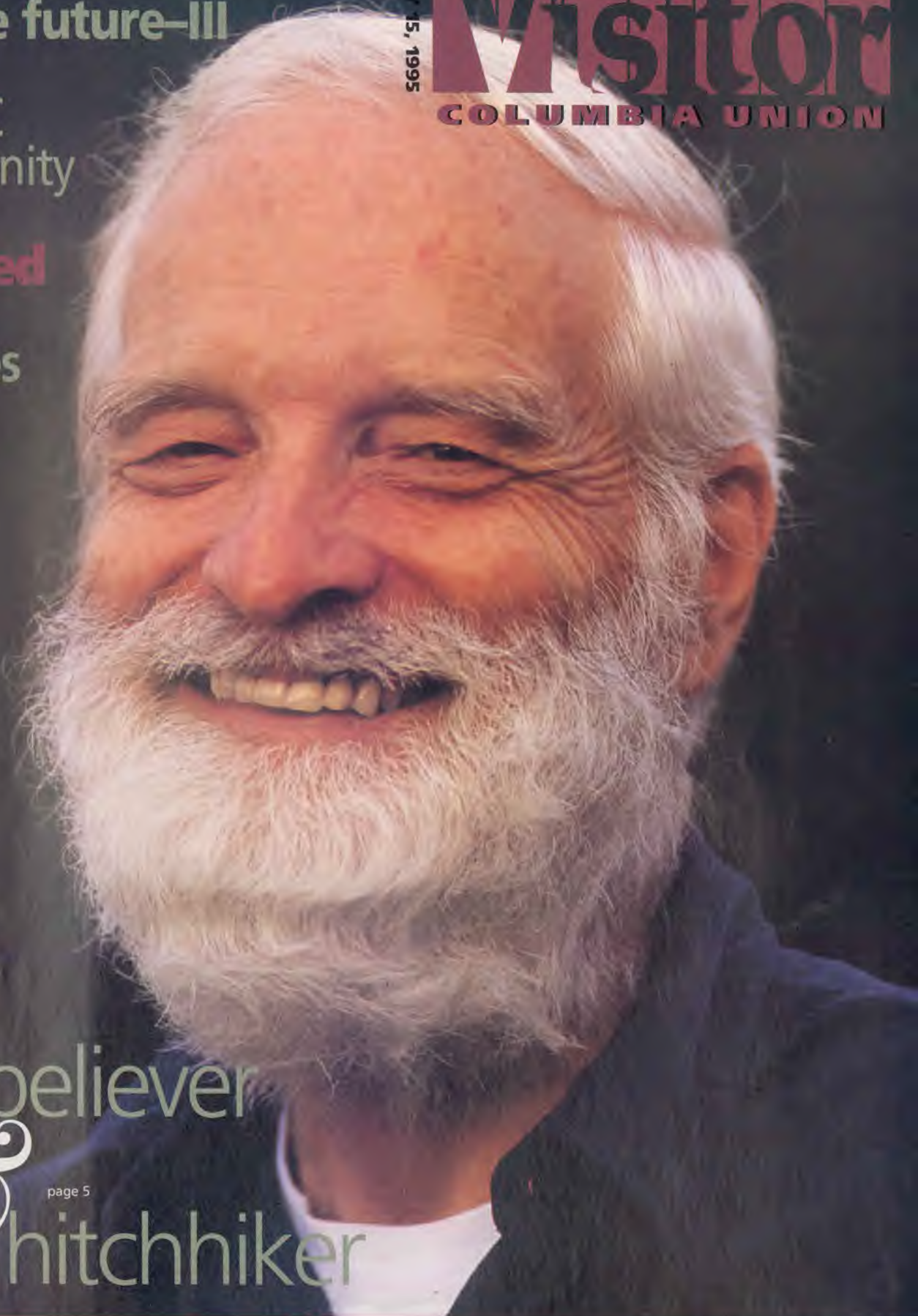
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**Linda McCabe**  
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Pain. Who needs it? It chips away at our good humor and makes even the smallest tasks seem insurmountable. Every drugstore in the land trumpets our desire to live pain-free lives, with shelves full of bottles and tubes promising quick,

soothing relief.

What would life be like without pain sensors? My dad, a paraplegic, received third-degree burns on his leg while working on a car and has experienced injuries to his feet without knowing it. He would tell you that there are times when the ability to feel pain has its advantages. Pain is the body's response to a stress, injury or trauma, and ignoring it is like unplugging your smoke alarm because it is noisy or putting tape over the trouble lights in the car because they shine in your eyes at night.

I recently read a study in which people were asked about their health. The majority of people surveyed considered themselves to be in good health, yet further questions revealed that these same people used a wide variety of medicines regularly because their bodies were telling them that something was not right. Evidently, they assumed that heartburn, constipation, headaches, lack of energy, indigestion and other assorted aches and pains were normal by-products of life.

The mind has warning symptoms, too, informing of an overload or trauma. Depression, apathy, anger, hopelessness, unrelenting guilt, relationship or family problems, a wall between self and God or just a nagging sense that something is not right can all be signs of mental and emotional pain. Mental and emotional "painkillers" such as workaholicism, food and materialism are not sold in colorful packages at the drugstore but are used by many to mask the real problems. Unfortunately, the bill for denying or ignoring pain will eventually come due—often with interest and penalties added.

God's goal for us is nothing short of a "more abundant life" in which we can "prosper and be in health." The Great Physician is ready and waiting to diagnose and treat the root causes of our pain. He even makes house calls! Now that's health assurance.

COVER: Lawrence Dee Hunt, a Bible worker from Sutton, West Virginia, attended the first men's ministry retreat in the Mountain View Conference at Valley Vista Adventist Center. At the men's retreat, Hunt shared an experience he had while driving across the country. (See the story on page 5.) The photograph is by Visitor Editor Dick Duerksen.

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- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

**Abraham Kuranga, Hamilton, Ohio.** Abraham was baptized in June of 1993 by Pastor Walter Sherman after studying the Bible with him.



**David Kuranga, Hamilton, Ohio.** David



was baptized with his twin brother in June of 1993 by Pastor Walter Sherman.

## Face 2 Face

Baptism Profiles

**Pablo Da Silva, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania.** Pablo was baptized in May of 1994 following the "Amazing Discoveries" prophecy lectures.



**Rita Carsello, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania.** Rita was baptized in May of 1994 following evangelistic meetings.



### Along the straight and narrow

Life is often difficult as we live in this time of probation. Many people come and go in our lives. There are three people who have been instrumental in helping me along the "straight and narrow" path. They are: Bernyl Mohr, pastor of the Kingston and Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, churches; Elder Kurt Schneider and Shirlee Jones of the Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, church.

It was around 1987 that Elder Schneider and Sister

Jones held a Bible study that I decided to attend.

When they began a study on Daniel and Revelation, I was finally getting answers to questions I'd had.

Now I was ravenous for truth! They supplied reading materials to back up what they taught. Elder Schneider provided me with an old set of Ellen G. White commentaries. I digested the books at fast as I received them.

It wasn't long before we combined our Bible study with Sabbath services. Pastor Mohr

Thank you



# A mama's prayer

**Lloyd Hudson**  
Point Marion, Pennsylvania

When this nation does what my mama did, then God will heal the land.

I created a serious problem in my family. We were a family of five boys, three girls and no father. We were on welfare ADC (after dad cuts-out).

Gang fighting, stealing and robbing were my thing. My mama, a Christian woman, did everything in her power to pass her God on to her children. But, for some reason, I was bent toward going my own way. Though we were poor, my mama put us in church school. I was in so much trouble there I couldn't go back after seventh grade.

I attended public school in the eighth grade when we formed our first street gang. My teachers agreed to let me out of eighth grade without passing because they didn't want me to come back. I attended an all-boys school in ninth grade. There was even

gang fighting there. I had to transfer for my own safety. After getting kicked out of the next two schools, I finally ended up in jail.

I reunited with my family when I got out of jail but went straight back to the street life.

Then it happened. I was standing 6'4" tall and on my way out to hustle. My mama said, "Don't go out. Don't you know what tonight is?" (It was Friday, and my mother was a Seventh-day Adventist.) Friday night was party night for me, "hustle time." I stood there disrespecting my mama. I was both ungrateful and resentful.

My mama stood there crying. "Would you do one thing with me before you go?" she asked. "What?" I replied. Mama said, "Would you pray with me?" I did not want to say no because I kinda respected my mother's God. I saw Him answer so many of her prayers. So I got on my

knees with my eyes opened, watching her pray.

"Father," she prayed, "You said You will be a husband to the widow. You said You'll be a father to the fatherless. You said You'll provide their needs, feed them, put clothes on their back, if I would bring them up right. Lord, I tried to train Lloyd, but he won't listen to me. He don't listen to his teachers. He don't even listen to the police. I don't know what to do with him. Take him off my hands. Just make my heart strong enough to bare it. In Jesus' name, amen." "You through?" I asked. She just stood there with her face soaked with tears flowing like a river. I got up (I wanted to stay home, but pride wouldn't let me.) and walked out to meet my friend, Charles.

Something told me to go in another direction, so I stopped to get a sandwich. When I was about to eat, a fellow came inside with fear all over his face. He cried, "Man, I'm off the streets tonight. Charles is dead." I dropped my sandwich and ran outside and down the street where I saw lights flashing. Charles was dead.

I ran home and went to church the next morning. God answered mama's prayer.

**Mitchell DiVentura**  
Dallas, Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Conference

led our services. Sister Jones provided the music. I began to feel welling up within me the desire to become part of God's remnant church.

On February 12, 1994, I became a member at the Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, church by profession of faith.

I thank God for all the brethren I know at the Nanticoke church, but I am especially thankful to the three mentioned for the love and care they've given me.

Thank you!



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# High-flying faith

For once, my love for flying kites was matched by perfect kite-flying weather. The cool ocean wind was brisk and consistent, blowing away from the waves, up

toward the grassy bluffs. The tide was out, leaving a playground of hard sand that stretched almost to Hawaii. Early evening patches of fog hung wispily just above the kites.

My family had met me at San Francisco International Airport just an hour earlier. Now we were at the ocean's edge, flying giant acrobatic kites. Jeremy's fabric sail was already playing tag with the fog, so I went over to help 10-year-old Julene with her giant dragon kite. In a few moments, we had three kites cutting figure eights, dive bombing seagulls and flinging colors at the sky.

Mom and I helped get fallen kites back into the air, encouraged Julene with her dragon and just stood back and reveled in the pleasure. It was wonderful!

There were few other people on the beach that evening, but the joggers who did come by stopped to say hello and give a whirl with the lines. All except one family of boys.

There were four of them, a father and his three sons walking down the beach in a traveling argument. Dad shouted at the youngest, called him an idiot and reached out to slap him. The boy ducked the blow, ran up a sand dune and began digging. The other two boys walked along the dunes as if looking for treasures that had been washed up by the last tide. Father kept yelling.

Julene's kite crashed, and I went over to resurrect it. As we were straightening the lines, the youngest boy came by. "Hey, have you guys seen a set of car keys?" There was fear in his voice, a fear that seemed to grow as we told him of kelp, seashells and a few crabs, "But no car keys. Sorry."

Father kept yelling. In fact, he came right over and commanded the boy to "Find the keys. NOW!" There were more descriptions of physical and emotional punishment that would come if the keys weren't found. "You've got exactly five minutes to find those keys or I'm going to ..."

"Dad," Julene said as she handed me the lines to her kite, "I don't want to fly kites anymore. OK?"

"Sure. What are you going to do?"

"I'm gonna go look for keys."

She wandered off down the beach, kicking at bunches of kelp and peering down each crab hole.

I anchored the kite and watched as three boys and a girl walked dizzily across the beach looking for a tiny set of car keys in an endless sandbox.

Father kept yelling.

Suddenly Julene was at my side again.

"Dad, Jesus knows where the keys are, doesn't He?" She wasn't asking for a response, she was telling me that she already knew the answer to the problem.

"He sure does," I answered, waiting for my daughter's next sentence.

"Then let's pray."

Together we asked God to save the little boy from a beating by helping find the keys. When we finished, Julene took my hand and walked toward the distant parking lot, each step certain, purposeful, on a direct line toward answered prayer. The keys were about halfway across the beach, one silver spike sticking straight up like a crashed kite. Julene brushed off the sand, smiled a "Thank you, Jesus," and then headed toward the still-shouting Father.

When we arrived, the boys were cringing before another angry sermon.

"Jesus found the car keys for you." Father stopped shouting and looked at the keys Julene was holding out toward him. "And Jesus doesn't want you to be mean to your boys anymore. Jesus wants you to be kind, even when the keys are lost."

Father fingered the keys as if they were gold nuggets.

His voice was strangely silent, his face twisted in disbelief. All three boys said thanks.

"OK, Dad." Julene took my hand. "Let's go fly the kite again."

*Dick Duerksen's job as the Columbia Union's vice president for creative ministries is to uncover and share God's treasures hidden in the sand. He thanks Julene for her assistance.*



In this day and age, you'll find very few people who pick up hitchhikers. But to Lawrence Dee Hunt, that is merely doing the Lord's work. Hunt, a Bible worker from Sutton, West Virginia, was driving back home following his brother's funeral in California when he had some tremendous experiences.

"I was planning to leave on Sunday," Hunt recalls. "But the Lord had other plans." An oil light postponed his trip until Monday.

After getting the car repaired, Hunt started to pass a rest area when the Lord told him to pull in. Hunt responded, "No, Lord, I don't need to pull in there. I just left Riverside. I have no need to go in there." The Lord said, "I want you to pull in there. There is someone I want you to meet." Hunt said, "Okay, Lord, if that's what it is, I will pull into the rest area."

Hunt pulled into the rest area and found a mother, grandmother and four children sitting inside a van with the hood up. They had been told they had two gas tanks, so they were trying to find the switch to the second gas tank. After looking at the manual and under the van, it was determined there was only one tank. Since it was 30 miles to the closest gas station, Hunt told her he would follow her as far as the van would go. After they had prayer, the van made it 15 miles. Hunt drove the woman the rest of the way, leaving the tearful grandmother and children in the van. The grandmother was just sure something bad was going to happen. But the woman, being a Baptist Christian, wasn't worried. After they returned with the gas, the grandmother shook Hunt's hand and introduced herself. After following them to the gas station to finish filling up with gas, Hunt left them with prayer and literature.

After helping another couple fix their leaking radiator, Hunt met his next "friend" in Flagstaff, Arizona. As he was driving through, the Lord

told him to "pull up to this exit." Hunt replied, "Lord, I don't need to gas up now. I've got plenty of gas to go on down the road." So the Lord said again, "I want you to pull up there. There is someone I want you to meet." So Hunt took the off ramp and, after finding out which gas station the Lord had in mind, Hunt found a young man. "Where are you headed?" Hunt asked him. "North Carolina," he replied. Hunt told him, "Well, you've got a ride. That is what I am here for." When they got back on the road, Hunt started telling him about the other experiences he'd had.

"If I had gone by my agenda, I would have missed all those people," Hunt said. "But I was on the Lord's agenda and was able to help all of them and give them literature."

When asked how others can become a witness for the Lord, Hunt replied, "Be willing to listen to the Lord. Become accustomed to listening to that still, small voice. Then give up your schedule for the Lord's schedule. Be willing to have an open door and say 'Okay, Lord. If that is what you want me to do, I will do it.' In doing that, you can witness to the Lord like you've never witnessed before." Hunt speaks from experience.

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TAMARA TERRY

## Following the will of the Lord





# Creating a positive vision of the FUTURE

## part 3

DICK OSBORN

**F**uturists attempt to look ahead to detect trends and changes needed to make certain that the future does not arrive ahead of schedule. The following represent some possible emphases that we should consider as a church.<sup>1</sup>

**Personal spiritual revival centered in Jesus Christ.** With a world that clamors for our attention, our priority should be placed on a personal relationship with Jesus rather than a religion centered on denominationalism or institutionalism. One purpose of a church is to enable its members to establish such a personal, grace-centered relationship. This relationship will then motivate us to become a more service-oriented church in all we do. Have you seen the bumper sticker—"Today, I will commit one random act of senseless KINDNESS ... Will you?"

**Strong personal relationships in a community of believers.** Christians are energized to carry their work into the world in which they live by establishing strong personal relationships in a believing community. As Parker Palmer writes, "Truth—wherever it may be found and in whatever form—is personal, to be known in personal relationships. ... We will find truth not in the fine points of our theologies or in our organizational allegiances but in the quality of our relationships—with each other and with the whole created world."<sup>2</sup> What good is a pure theology if we do not get along with each other? When we talk about community, we also refer to a community made up of diverse ethnic, gender, educational and economic backgrounds. With no group

in North America having a majority by 1999, we must learn how to live in a multicultural world. If we cannot learn how to get along here, what good is our religion if we have to wait for Heaven? To keep unity, the international church will need to learn how to tolerate different cultural needs while maintaining oneness on the essentials.

**Focus on the local church.** The purpose of the denomination must be centered on enabling the local church to do its job better. In the past, the local church has sometimes felt that it existed to serve the denomination. In the future, we must see every element of the structure—the General Conference, division, union and conference—as serving the local church. In turn, the local church creates a culture for its members to carry out the gospel commission. Such an emphasis does not minimize the need for a strong denominational structure.

Global mission to unreached areas is best served through the concerted efforts of many churches working through a denomination. Financial resources for poorer and smaller churches such as pastors, evangelism, church schools and community service can be provided from the combined efforts of a denomination composed of many churches. Unified programs and materials developed by the broader organization strengthen the overall efforts of the local church. A balance must be maintained between a trend toward congregationalism that is so individualistic that community is hurt in the process and denominationalism, which makes the church its servant. As part of this change, we must become less authoritarian and hierarchical in our management approaches and use the very sound scriptural prin-

ciples found in such movements as Total Quality Management and Continuous Quality Improvement.

**A balanced left-brain/right-brain program.** Our population is composed of many different types of individuals. Adventists have always been a "people of the Book"—our left brain side—which stresses religious knowledge, facts and memory verses. We have felt that if you could factually prove your case, any logical person should become a church member. In using this approach almost solely in our evangelism, we have tended to attract left brain people. However, many people are right-brain people—individuals who stress creativity, intuition and a mystical religious experience.<sup>3</sup> We should not discontinue the very important left-brain approach, but let us begin the work of discovering how we can attract and retain right-brain people.

May the Lord help us develop a shared mission that will bring a correlation between the church's mission statement and that of each member. Nothing is as powerful as a shared vision.

*Dick Osborn is the vice president of education for the Columbia Union Conference. The Visitor asked him to write about his studies in trends for the future of education and the church. If you like, you may write to the author in care of the Visitor or leave a telephone message by calling (800) SDA-7738.*

<sup>1</sup>The following authors have been particularly helpful in projecting these changes: Leith Anderson, *A Church for the 21st Century: Bringing Change to Your Church to Meet the Challenges of a Changing Society* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1992); Steve Daily, *Adventism for a New Generation* (Portland: Better Living Publishers, 1993); and Loren B. Mead, *The Once and Future Church: Reinventing the Congregation for a New Mission Frontier* (Washington, D.C.: The Alban Institute, 1991).

<sup>2</sup>Parker Palmer, *To Know As We Are Known: Education as a Spiritual Journey* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1993), pages 49-50.

<sup>3</sup>Daily, *Adventism for a New Generation*, page 36.

With no group in North America having a majority by 1999, we must learn how to live in a multicultural world. If we cannot learn how to get along here, what good is our religion if we have to wait for Heaven?



Columbia Union College may be the Gateway to Service, but it's also an open door to opportunity. Ideally situated in the nation's capital, CUC offers students practical work experience—before they graduate. With the help of the cooperative education department, students have improved their resumes with opportunities that are unique to a capital city.

From learning to write in elementary school to studying at a collegiate level, students often dream about working in their chosen profession. The cooperative education and internship possibilities at CUC allow students to test drive their dreams. These opportunities help to narrow the broad spectrum of fields that a student may pursue. For example, students studying the humanities—majors such as English, history and music—find that these work experiences give their career goals more clarity and definition.

CUC's location in Takoma Park, Maryland, near the beltway around Washington, D.C., gives students many employment and internship opportunities that are unique to the area. "Washington is the center of American government and a meeting place for the nation—a truly international city," says college President Charles Scriven. "It's also a growing hub for business and science. If you are a leader or a future leader, you need to spend time here."

Students have benefitted from many job placements that are location specific. CUC students have worked at the United States Department of Labor, the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the *Washington Times*, the Central Intelligence Agency and the White House. Other area placements include IBM, NASA, the National Institutes of Health and the Peace Corps.

This past summer, Kami Smith, junior broadcast media major, interned in the film department of Paramount 20 WDCA, a Washington, D.C., television station. "I felt really prepared for this experience," says Kami. "My work at Channel 20 made me realize that I am getting a thorough education here at CUC." Kami's internship experience reinforced her desire to pursue

a career in broadcast media.

CUC's relationship with other Adventist colleges has also proved beneficial for students. Richard Vinglas, a senior health fitness management major with a pre-med emphasis, also had a productive summer. Richard gained valuable experience when he participated in the 1994 Summer Undergraduate Research Forum at Loma Linda University in California. In association with the cooperative education department, Richard assisted Paul McMillan, a physician at Loma Linda University Medical Center, in identifying factors that cause osteoporosis.

The cooperative education department at CUC is a vital source of information for CUC students. Linda Williams, coordinator of cooperative education, makes many resources available to CUC students. In addition to helping students find internship and co-op placements, Williams also urges them to use the other resources of the co-op office—such as books, articles and a bulletin board displaying job opportunities.

By participating in the co-op program, students get actively involved in the business arena where they can begin networking. "I tell students that they can't begin networking too early," says Williams. "It becomes a very important skill once you enter the job market." Statistics show that 80 percent of the job opportunities are only available through networking.

Some students not only stay in contact with their bosses, they just stay. Many students are offered full-time employment after they complete their co-op experience.

Lyn Bartlett, vice president

for academic administration, recalls the experience of a history major who participated in co-op at CUC: "After a successful co-op experience, this student was offered a full-time job after graduation. Now, several years later, she's executive director of the organization."

The results of valuable work experience gained by Columbia Union College students through the co-op program serve as a reflection of the school's motto—the Gateway to Service. For many CUC graduates, this is not just a symbol. It is a real opening to a successful future where they can invest their knowledge and skills by serving others.

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## SKYE BARTLETT Marketable to the world



Richard Vinglas and Josue Cortes, both seniors, pose in front of the Good Samaritan Statue at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

*CUC students  
gain on-the-  
job experience  
through  
internships  
and  
cooperative  
education*



Every morning Jacquece Moore prays for wisdom, knowledge and understanding. On top of her desk she has posted the verse, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."<sup>1</sup> Her school room is her bedroom, and her only companions are the blackboard, the computer and her books. Jacquece is 14 and going to school through Home Study International. She was born with a speech impediment that slowed her down in public school as

ing more and more a personal friend to many families in the United States, HSI is taking the opportunity to reach students in many areas. Whether it is for medical reasons, violence and drugs in schools, academic problems or just because they feel their children can better learn at home, parents are turning to home schooling to do the teaching themselves.

Time magazine states that "while the national average of standardized

HSI is focusing on projects that outreach educational communities within and without the church. Some of these include the Alternative Program for Learning Enrichment (APLE) and the elementary extension program, which helps small Adventist schools to augment their program offerings; PLATO, a curriculum courseware library using CD-ROM technology, offering schools alternative modes of instruction; and a joint effort on the part of Columbia Union College, HSI and the United States Army Institute for Professional Development to provide degree programs to military personnel and their dependents.

As technology is changing education, HSI is also working on offering courses via CompuServe and the Adventist Forum. "Discussing the journeys of the Apostle Paul with students living in Greece and Turkey and taking courses with some of the best professors from the Adventist theological seminary at Andrews University are only a few of the advantages of learning from the comfort of your own home," says Alayne Thorpe, vice president for education.

If you are a teacher who is new to Adventist education, HSI can help you. In cooperation with the North American Division Department of Education, HSI offers a four-module, eight-semester-credit course entitled Orientation to Teaching in SDA Schools, specifically designed for teachers who didn't graduate from an Adventist school.

For many, staying home is very important and rewarding. Whatever the reasons may be, a child can learn independently and with confidence. The friend, classmate and teacher is mom or dad. "I have a very big responsibility before God to raise my child, and I know home schooling has helped me to reach my goals," Janet concludes.

Catia Carvalho-Mills is the assistant director of institutional advancement for Home Study International.

<sup>1</sup>Philippians 4:13

<sup>2</sup>Nancy Gibbs, "Home Sweet School," Time (October 1994), page 62.



## Learning from home

CATIA CARVALHO-MILLS

Dennis and Janet Moore—and brother Dennis Moore II—help Jacquece (right) focus on her education at home, where she excels academically through Home Study courses and builds self-confidence.

other kids made her feel self-conscious when she read aloud in class. As a result, Jacquece lost confidence and started to fall behind in many subjects.

"I believe the parent plays a very important role in a child's education," says Janet, Jacquece's mother. "Education begins and ends at home. Ever since I brought her home, Jacquece has gained independence; she is no longer afraid to talk in public. She has excelled academically, and she has become closer to Jesus."

For many of us, Home Study International is an imaginary school that missionaries' kids go to while overseas. It is that and much more. Now that home schooling is becoming

tests is in the 50th percentile, the average home schooled students register between the 65th and 80th percentiles."<sup>2</sup>

HSI has served the community through individualized instruction for more than 85 years. It is the only distance education institution in the world that offers state-approved and accredited programs for all ages. HSI offers programs at the pre-school, elementary and high school levels, and bachelor's degrees in affiliation with Columbia Union College's external degree program. In addition, Griggs University—a division of HSI—offers accredited associate of arts and bachelor of arts degrees in religion and theology primarily for the world church.



Junior high school students attending the John Nevins Andrews school in Takoma Park, Maryland, will know how to use computers in the world of work when they graduate from their school. Their principal and vice principal are making this possible by building a computer-oriented classroom.

JNA's computer room is different from standard computer laboratories, says Leroy Kuhn, JNA principal. "David Waller and the other junior high teachers have combined computer knowledge, study skills, typing and word processing skills to give students tools for entering the world of work."

The computers being used by the students were designed by Waller, vice principal, and a business consultant from Electronics Plus in Beltsville, Maryland. Once the computer accessories arrived at the school, a team of volunteer workers assembled the parts into working computers.

Waller and his wife, Amy, organized an assembly process that made it possible for the novice volunteers to build 35 computers over a long weekend. Students use 28 of the computers in their classroom.

Volunteers who built the computers included: Takoma Park Senior Pastor Mike Pionkowski; Randy Mills, associate pastor; Barbara Rodenberg, science teacher; Ruth Dunbebin, a General Conference secretary; and Clarence Dunbebin.

Each computer station has a 250-megabyte hard drive and a 3.5 inch floppy disc port. The Wallers have installed the latest editions of DOS 6.22, Windows, WordPerfect

6.1 for Windows, the *Random House Webster's School and Office Dictionary* and *Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing*.

The teachers coordinate their instruction from a teaching computer connected to a large-screen monitor. Students can see what the teacher is talking about and see the results on the TV screen. "The teachers are providing learning opportunities through visual, audio and tactile means," says Kuhn.

Besides all of this, JNA students have access in their room to a resource computer. Waller says, "The resource computer will eventually have two or three CD-ROM encyclopedias, a talking dictionary and other reference software, such as a Bible concordance and Ellen White CD-ROM."

Waller developed this approach to teaching and learning. Armed with a videotape he secured from Compaq Computers, Waller began to show others what he and his JNA colleagues could do for their students. An enthusiastic group of board members approved the idea, and Waller and Kuhn began their plans.

Kuhn and Waller divided the project according to the skills each administrator has. Leroy Kuhn designed and built the new computer desks with the help of Bert Milliken, an employee at the General Conference in nearby Silver Spring, and Paulette Ireland, school custodian. David and Amy Waller designed the computer and then recruited volunteers to build the computers. Since the volunteers had never assembled a computer, the Wallers also taught the volunteers how to install hard and floppy

## JNA joins the world of technology



CLARENCE DUNBEBIN

Barbara Rodenberg shows Jordan Pionkowski how to install a floppy drive.

drives and connect cables.

The story has not ended, however. The school plans to enlarge its program to include another computer teaching room for grades five and six when funding can be found. They plan to develop a grant proposal based on what they have already done.

Clarence Dunbebin, a frequent feature writer for the Visitor, is the Potomac Conference associate superintendent of schools. Photos are by Dunbebin.



Ruth Dunbebin and Randy Mills check to make sure the hard drive is correctly positioned.



JNA students learn the *Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing* software under David Waller's direction.



Leroy Kuhn and David Waller at the desk Kuhn designed and built.



Mike Pionkowski watches David Waller check assembled computers for flaws.



# Maranatha spreads the gospel throughout the world as it builds people through the construction of urgently needed buildings

—Mission Statement

I had no idea," Maranatha founder John Freeman says with deep emotion, "that the organization would grow to the point it has today."

John is referring to Maranatha Flights International, which he founded in 1969 and which merged with Volunteers International in 1989 to become Maranatha Volunteers International, familiar to hundreds of thousands of Adventists today. Most people shorten the name and just say "Maranatha," which means "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."



enterprising carpenter from Maryland.

If you were touring California's state capitol today, you could swing by the Metro Centre Building, owned and operated by Maranatha, and visit with Maranatha's friendly staff. But in the 1960s when John Freeman first began to dream about producing mission service opportunities for youth, his office space was very lowly.

"I was running Maranatha along with my photography business from the basement of my home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and footing all the bills for it myself. From the very

light, and Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI). The end result was Project Yellowknife, which attracted more than 125 volunteers to the Northwest Territories of Canada.

A major, strategic move to Sacramento, California, in 1989 and a merger with Robert Bainum's Vol-



unteers International, from Silver Spring, Maryland, changed the complexion of the organization once again. The Maranatha newsletter began to assume magazine proportions in an attempt to cover the multitude of volunteer activities.

Taking a giant step of faith in 1991, Maranatha's board acted on the dream of Don Noble, a businessman who became Maranatha's president in 1983, and Robert Bainum to target specific countries for intensified church and school construction, coordinating efforts with evangelistic campaigns in those countries.

As the numbers came in for the 1993-1994 fiscal year, Maranatha was grateful to report that 2,004 people—including 751 youth—volunteered for short-term mission service in a year's time. They worked on 124 projects, estimated at \$4,226,620 in value. That represents 291,803 square feet of space and 131,321 hours of labor. In one year!

"I have to say 'what truly God hath wrought,'" Freeman reported during the 18th Annual National Convention in Monterey Bay, California, "because in 25 years, Maranatha has built 1,200 buildings. Almost 28,000 volunteers have been involved. Through constructing buildings valued at over \$58 million, we have helped contribute to the finishing of the Lord's work."

Maranatha!

Tom Osborn is the public information officer for Maranatha Volunteers International.

## Maranatha: from the basement to a household word in 25 years

Top: Don Noble, Maranatha president

Right: Maranatha Volunteers International headquarters in the Metro Centre in Sacramento, California.

Above: Over the past 25 years, 28,000 people volunteered for short-term mission service with Maranatha.

Over the past 25 years, the name Maranatha has become a household word among Adventists when describing short-term mission service. An excited couple from Ohio, for example, will tell their friends that they are going on a "Maranatha trip."

beginning, I wanted to create a laymen's program—owned and run by laymen—to demonstrate what we could do to help finish the Lord's work!" said Freeman.

For the first few years, the work of Maranatha amounted to two or three projects a year and was done mostly with youth groups.

Then in 1973, there came a turning point. John worked with General Conference leader Caris Lauda, Oscar Heinrich of Mission Spot-



## COLUMBIA UNION

## Long-time educator J.P. Laurence dies

Jack Paul (J.P.) Laurence, a leader in Seventh-day Adventist education for more than 60 years, passed away on Friday, January 6, at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Born in 1911 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Laurence graduated from Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio. He then attended Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union Col-



J.P. Laurence

lege) in Takoma Park, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and English in 1933. He went on to complete master's and doctoral degrees.

After serving in a number of posts at schools across the country, he returned to MVA and spent four years as principal of his high school alma mater. During 1947, he became the principal of Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, a post he held for 33 years (the longest term ever served by an Adventist secondary education principal). In 1980, Laurence joined the staff of CUC as vice president for administration, and he continued to work there until his death.

Laurence was preceded in death by his wife in 1993. He is survived by children Earl and Ellen, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER**  
CUC Public Relations Director

## PENNSYLVANIA



Evelyn Heisey (seated down in front) celebrates her 90th birthday with more than 50 relatives who are also members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Birthday celebration reunites church family

Back in the 1940s, an unemployed man decided to sell Adventist literature. One of his customers was Evelyn Heisey, who purchased a copy of *The Great Controversy*.

As a result, Evelyn and her family joined the Harrisburg church and later became part of the Hershey congregation.

Evelyn shared her new discoveries with other relatives, and today many members of the Heisey, Weigely, Gates and Meyers families are in the Adventist church.

Over the years, many in this extended family have served their Lord as literature

evangelists, pastors, missionaries, teachers and medical personnel. Evelyn operated a natural food store for 20 years in Palmyra.

While October 22 is a solemn date for most Adventists, it's a time of rejoicing for Evelyn's family because she was born on that day in 1904. On her 90th birthday this past fall, about 50 relatives from Pennsylvania, Washington, Florida, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee gathered to celebrate.

This event was held near Laurelbrook Academy in Dayton, Tennessee, where Evelyn resides in the Laurelbrook Sanitarium care facility. Her grandchildren gave her 90 flowers in appreciation of her influence for Jesus in their lives.

## Dr. Kay's Q&amp;A

## Don't let separation cancel a family vacation



**Question:** My wife and I have separated. We have three children, 4 to 9 years of age. I had been looking forward to a two-week family vacation, but now I don't know what to do.

**Answer:** Don't let separation stop you from vacationing with your family. For many children, vacation means "family." I once asked a group of third-graders to draw a picture of a family and write what a family was. Most wrote comments like, "A family is when you go to Disneyland. A family is camping together. A family is having a picnic with ants crawling in your food."

Living apart doesn't mean the relationship is over. Separation is a time to evaluate the past and experience the present without the pressure of having to relate to each other as husband and wife so a meaningful decision can be made for the future. Depending upon your relationship with your wife, you might do a number of things.

You could ask her if she would like to join you and take the children on a joint vacation. If this is to be successful, you're going to have to each pledge a two-week truce; no arguments, no criticism and no manipulation. If you feel uncomfortable staying together, you have plenty of kids to warrant two motel rooms without questions being asked! Vacationing together could give you time to talk together without the bad memories and pressures that home represents right now. Who knows? You might discover you still like each other, and in the vacation environment it might be easier to begin courting again.

You could vacation with the kids by yourself. You might want to ask your dad or another single father to join you or take a teenage fellow along to help with the care of the children. (Taking along a new girl friend is asking for trouble with a capital T! Don't!) This is an important time for you to communicate your continued love to your children, even though your relationship with your wife may be rocky.

A time of separation is a stressful, frightening time for children because the security of their future is threatened. Plan time to listen to their fears. Reassure them. Suppress the urge to justify yourself by pointing out the sins of your wife. Don't spend all your time traveling and sightseeing. Do things your children would like to do. Make this time as pleasant as possible.

Hopefully, this season of separation won't be permanent. But if it is, a good vacation with Dad will be one of the best gifts you can give your children at this time. They need to experience "family" with you. It will help you get the message across to them that even though Mom and Dad divorce and their living conditions change, you will never "divorce" your children.

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, just write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.]



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The purposes of this meeting are to elect officers, department/association/service directors and committees, consider recommendations for amendments and revisions of the constitution and bylaws, receive reports of the organization and transact such other business that may properly come before the constituency at that time.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate

for each forty (40) members or major fraction thereof. The delegates at large shall be chosen from the conference executive committee, the credentialed employees of the conference and members of the executive committees of the Columbia Union and the General Conference who may be present.

Local churches, church boards, conference-operated institutions, departmental directors and permanent commissions, committees and boards of the conference may propose items for the agenda. Local churches may recommend members of their delegations as candidates for the various committees. Proposed recommendations and agenda items must be received by the conference secretary not later than March 1, 1995.

ROBERT W. BOGGESE, *President*  
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## OBITUARIES

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ... Therefore encourage each other with

these words,"—1 Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV. The staff of the *Columbia Union Visitor* joins the church family in expressing sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

**MARTIN, Edith M.**, born November 4, 1919, Allen, OH; died December 26, 1994, Lima, OH. She was a member of the Lima church. Survivors: daughter Ruth Decker, son John Berry and brother Joseph Walmack.

**ROSS, Zadie R.**, born September 3, 1916, Bradford County, PA; died January 7, 1995, Montrose, PA. She was a member of the Montrose church. Survivors: brothers Eugene, Ward and Elwin and sister Donna Arnold.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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| Cincinnati     | 6:17    | 6:25    | 6:32   |
| Cleveland      | 6:02    | 6:11    | 6:19   |
| Columbus       | 6:10    | 6:18    | 6:25   |
| Jersey City    | 5:33    | 5:41    | 5:49   |
| Norfolk        | 5:47    | 5:54    | 6:01   |
| Parkersburg    | 6:05    | 6:13    | 6:21   |
| Philadelphia   | 5:39    | 5:47    | 5:55   |
| Pittsburgh     | 5:57    | 6:06    | 6:13   |
| Reading        | 5:41    | 5:49    | 5:57   |
| Richmond       | 5:51    | 5:58    | 6:05   |
| Roanoke        | 6:01    | 6:09    | 6:16   |
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# Chesapeake CHALLENGE

## COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

As one reflects on the past year, there is much for which to be thankful. To God be the glory! Great things **HE HATH DONE!** We began 1994 with a little anxiety. Indicators suggested we were facing a difficult period. While our courage was high, realistically we knew there would be tremendous challenges during the year. However, the Lord knew our need and rewarded our faith to accomplish the tasks before us.

Now we look forward to 1995. I would like to share four major concerns and seek your prayers and support as we endeavor to continue the strong work here in the Chesapeake Conference.

1. **Spiritual Renewal** — This continues to be our number one objective. It's not something you demand or legislate. However, we can support the local church and the pastor by encouraging our members in their walk with the Lord. Each of us

must take it upon ourselves to spend personal time with the Lord.

Closely akin to our private devotions is our coming together collectively on Sabbaths for **Worship**. In 1994 we passed the 9,000 membership mark. However, we probably have less than 50 percent attending church on a regular basis. This year, we want to emphasize the importance of worship by increasing our active attendance in Sabbath school and church.

2. **Giving** — While the Chesapeake Conference is a leader in per-capita giving of tithes, we still face tremendous challenges in meeting all our pastoral and educational needs. In 1995, we want to encourage all our family giving units to participate in blessings of stewardship.

3. **Christian Education** — Highland View Academy belongs to all of us. It provides the opportunity for a Christian education on the high school level for our young people in a boarding environment. It also serves as a day academy for the surrounding community. We have made great strides at Highland View Academy. We're not a perfect school, but we do have dedicated Christian teachers instructing our students for a place not only in this world, but in the world yet to come. We want to make it a better school both spiritually and physically. We plan to add a full-time Bible teacher to the present staff who will provide spiritual guidance for our students. We are starting a major fund-raising project to provide financing for much-needed improvements to our physical plant. Highland View Academy is only one part of our educational system. The operation of our local elementary schools

plays a vital role in ministering to our young people.

Then, too, there is a growing desire for a day academy in the Baltimore/Washington area. We have established a study commission to give serious consideration to this need, including the possibility of a joint venture between our sister conferences in this part of our territory.

4. **Soul Winning** — This has always been a priority in Chesapeake. We rejoice over the membership growth in our conference. But we must do more in bringing kingdom growth. NET '95 is our major evangelistic project. Simultaneously, more than 20 of our churches will be conducting meetings via satellite this February. We are praying for a rich harvest of souls. Throughout the year, we will be holding other crusades and seminars in many of our churches.

These four major objectives are only part of the Chesapeake challenge. We continue to support other important special projects, such as the Annapolis church, which is determined to establish a strong Adventist presence in our state's capitol; New Life Community Church in Waldorf enlarging its services in the fastest growing part of our conference; and "Pigtown project," recently renamed "Baltimore Community Service and Outreach Center."

I am convinced, with your prayers and support, that this new year, 1995, will again be a banner year for all of us if we put the Lord first in all that we do.

### Chesapeake Challenge

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## Images of "Leadership '94"

The weekend of December 2-4, 1994, saw the largest training event for laity in the Columbia Union during the past year. Nearly 300 church leaders from the Chesapeake Conference attended seven hours of intensive training in the leadership field.

Some 13 training sessions were held, including "breakout" sessions for Pathfinder leaders, Adventurers, children's division directors, youth leaders and young adult leaders, as well as workshops for leaders of adults, such as Sabbath school superintendents, Sabbath school teachers, personal ministries leaders, community service leaders and communication directors. Featured for the first time this year were seminars for religious liberty leaders and school board members.

In addition to the workshops, plenary sessions were held with Pastor Ron Clouzet of Southern College as speaker. One of the most appreciated features of "Leadership '94" was the opportunity to network with leaders of churches around the conference. The sharing of challenges and ideas was beneficial to all participants.

Chesapeake Conference Church Ministries Director Bill McVay reminded delegates that officer training such as this takes place at several levels: 1) major conventions such as "Leadership '94", 2) area workshops for specific officers and 3) church ministries personnel accepting invitations to individual churches for sharing of ideas and training for various church officers.



Sandy Cove Lodge, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay in North East, Maryland, hosted "Leadership '94."



The large and beautiful Chesapeake Auditorium was site of plenary sessions.



The leadership and organizational skills of secretaries Kay Butler, Barbara-Lee Boyd and Linda Knutson were indispensable to the convention's success.



Dale and Faythe Breece brought inspired instruction for Adventurer club leaders.



Tom and Cheryl Smith assisted with pathfinder teen leadership training.



Reggie Woodruff, Sondra McLean and Howard Banks were among the "students" in attendance at the writer's workshop.





Pastor Willis Dagenais, Baltimore, in Ministries coordinator and conference evangelist, assists Tove with the Community services workshop.



Columbia Union Church Ministries Director Barbara Manspeakers spoke for the Sabbath morning worship.



Education Director Lon Gruesbeck presents the seminar on effective school board membership.



Women's Ministries Director Sondra McLean shares thoughts at Sabbath worship.



The general session speaker, Pastor Ron Clouzet, shared spirit-filled presentations.



Ellie Green led the seminar for Sabbath school superintendents.



Judi Rogers, Review and Herald children's ministries director, makes a presentation to children's Sabbath school leaders.



Pastor Daniel Flower of the Pocomoke/Cornerstone district shares with personal ministries leaders.



ample buffet fare was appreciated by the delegates.



The Baldrige twins, Gwynne and Lynne, concert recording artists, provided soul-stirring music.

PHOTOS BY NEVILLE HARCOTTE



## Chesapeake youth mission teams

Matthew 24:14 says: "And this gospel will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Simple enough, right? If we are to be about our Father's business, then it's time we get serving Him and telling the message. That's what Chesapeake Youth Mission Teams are all about!

Opportunities for service surround us, close at home and abroad. Over this past year, Chesapeake youth have been involved in mission service to such places as the former Russian republic of Moldova, Honduras, Baltimore City and their own home churches. In Baltimore, Pathfinders have helped to feed the homeless.

In Moldova, students helped to build churches, shared music, gave health presentations and made friends. Some of these friendships are still going on. Andre Melnichuck, now a student being sponsored by Chesapeake members at Highland View Academy, is one of these new friends. Chesapeake members are also supporting Eddie Verenthook, another new friend from Moldova, at the Russian seminary in Zaoski.

Over the past four years, Chesapeake youth have made friends, prayed, played and worked side by side with the people in the small mountain village of El Corrizal and the town of Santa Barbara in Honduras. Today a new church exists in the village of El Corrizal because of their efforts, your support and, most importantly, God's blessing!

Those who have given their spring break time to go on these trips are very thankful for the financial support of family members, friends and church members who have given generously in the past. As a team, we have all played a part in sharing the good news



The church built by the Chesapeake Youth Mission Team in the mountain town of El Corrizal.

and building leaders for today's church.

This year again Chesapeake is sponsoring a team of youth who will be assisting in the construction of a church in Santa Barbara. For 26 years, members of this small mountain town have worshipped in homes or school rooms. Now, in order to have a more effective impact in the community, they want to build a church. An elder in the church says: "If you can just help us start, I know we will be able to finish." The cost for materials is only about \$8,000. Your contribution can go a long way to make a stronger impact in Santa Barbara for the gospel of Christ. Please remember our young people in your prayers and share with them as they seek your support for their efforts to take this gospel into all the world.



Pastor Juan Lopez (second from left) with recent converts and others preparing for baptism.



Pastor Juan Lopez of Santa Barbara studying with baptismal candidates.



## West Wilmington youth rally

More than 250 youth gathered at West Wilmington church on October 29 for a day of worship and fellowship, meeting new friends and having fun. Youth and their leaders began arriving at Sabbath school time from 21 different churches and three conferences. The Towson church brought the single largest group with 50! By the worship hour, extra chairs had to be brought in to make room for all the visitors.

After an excellent potluck provided by church members and a short break, everyone gathered in the gym to receive instructions for the afternoon program--"The Jericho Road Rally." Each team had to follow directions by looking up Bible texts and going in the direction suggested by the test. Their "map" inevitably led each group to visit two "shut-in" families and a convalescent home.

To close out the Sabbath, there was a rousing song service and a concert featuring Christian musician Brett Wilson. Again, Wilmington church members were prepared to feed a crowd of hungry kids. Outside, a huge bonfire for roasting vegidogs and stay-

ing warm was waiting for the crowd. Chips, hot-dog "fixins," fruit and juice completed the meal.

But the night had just begun as everyone piled into their cars and headed for the Western YMCA for an all-night "lock-in." What did those who came to the lock-in think? "(It) was a great opportunity for all the churches to gather together as one big family....We should do this again!"--Marieann. "I hope we have another one soon!"--Steven. "Thank you for making such a fine time possible."--Stefanie. By the time morning arrived, some had slept, some had played, but all were hungry. And, one more time, Wilmington church members were ready with hotcakes, eggs and juice.

Rally organizer Jori Gomez summed up the weekend by thanking God "for having been with us to plan, organize and implement this project...and thank You for showing us that anything is possible if we ask Your help and work together as the family that we are."

**RICHARD PARKER**  
CONFERENCE YOUTH DIRECTOR





## January pastor's meeting

A three-day meeting for pastors was held at Mt. Aetna Camp January 8-11. The intense program was designed to improve the professional, educational and spiritual quality of our pastoral staff.

Dr. George Rice gave an intense biblical study on "Righteousness by Faith," heavily supported by the Spirit of Prophecy. The pastors spent time in open discussion and dialogue, which helped to clarify and reinforce the Adventist belief in this important aspect of the gospel.

Louis Torres gave excellent instruction as to the science of soul winning and decision making for baptism. His experience in evangelism and personal illustrations helped to strengthen the pastor's program for successful evangelistic crusades.

Several pastors were selected by the conference administration to receive awards for outstanding achievements in 1994. They are as follows:

- Pastor of the Year - Danny Flower
- Soul-Winning Pastors of the Four Ministeriums -
  - :Northern Dick Thomas, Sedley Johnson and Richard Fearing
  - :Southern Merrill Caviness
  - :Eastern George Wennerberg
  - :Western Tim Roosenberg
- Overall Soul-Winning Pastor - Merrill Caviness
- Multiple Staff Honor Awards -
  - Rob Vandeman, senior pastor, Spencerville
  - Steve Willsey, associate pastor, Spencerville
  - Mike Stevenson, associate pastor, Spencerville

At the conclusion of the meeting, President Wayne Coulter challenged each pastor to put the Lord first in their lives, plan a program of soul winning and nurture for each congregation.



Dr. George Rice instructing a class on "Righteousness by Faith."



Pastors Dick Thomas and Sedley Johnson receiving a top soul-winning award.



Wayne Coulter and Neville Harcombe give staff awards to pastors Rob Vandeman and Steve Willsey.





Treasurer Deryl Knutson gives an optimistic report on the finances of the conference.



Pastor David Huber announces his decision to accept the call to pastor the Cress Memorial church in Orlando, Florida.



President Wayne Coulter challenges each pastor to renewed spiritual experiences with the Lord.

## God's special gift

It was a cold and snowy day in November—the first snowfall of the year, and tomorrow would be Thanksgiving Day. The holiday was not on this young mother's mind as she prepared a basket of flowers to take to the cemetery. Tears welled in her eyes and rolled down her cheeks as she thought of her young son, laid to rest just a few weeks before, but they brought no relief. As the winter storm gathered strength, the mother watched anxiously for her husband, who was to come home early from work so they could make the trip together.

When her husband appeared, there was a warm drink awaiting him as Mother prepared to meet the angry storm. Then, together, they carried the basket to the car and began their journey to the cemetery. At the cemetery gate, they parked the car to walk the remaining distance to the grave. With their coats pulled tight to protect themselves from the wind, they carried the basket between them and began walking—slowly at first, but quicker as they saw the surprise. There on their young son's grave was a white rose in full bloom. It was a miracle!

How could that be? The thought was fleeting, but comfort came immediately. If God could cause a rose to grow and remain perfect in this weather, He can do anything. That rose told me that God is aware and understands our pain and sorrow, and He provides for the living and the dead. Joy filled my heart, as well as a peace greater than I could have anticipated. We left the basket as a sign of acknowledgment and appreciation. We talked, prayed and walked thoughtfully back to the car.

As the years pass, I think of that rose often; it comforts me and brings the peace that God has promised. That rose was God's special gift to a heartbroken mother and father.

This is not a story, it's a truth my mother has shared with me many times. One day, when Jesus comes, I hope to meet my brother for the first time. I long to share the story of the white rose with him.

**NANCY RAFF**  
BELL BRANCH CHURCH



Dover Adventurers and Pathfinders collected cans for food baskets. This Adventurer club is new this year and has already grown from 10 to 20 members! Go, Dover!



## VBS satellite workshop

Plans are underway for a March 19 satellite workshop that will air from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., in Snook Chapel at the Chesapeake Conference. Since this is a live presentation, you should plan to arrive no later than 12:45 p.m.

This workshop will introduce *Friends Forever*, the new program for 1995 and the second in the new three-year cycle.

The satellite workshop will be a real training event with a presentation from an expert, followed by an opportunity for viewers to try out the skills that were taught. Once again, viewers will have the chance to call in with their questions. Following the program, the Adventist Book Center will have a display as they did last year.

There is no charge for registration, but you will need to bring your Starter Kit with you. All leaders and VBS staff are welcome.

Please complete the registration form and send it to Carole Smith at the Chesapeake Conference no later than February 28.

## VBS SATELLITE WORKSHOP

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☐ I plan to attend.

☐ I plan to bring \_\_\_\_ (number) of my staff.

☐ I plan to stay for supper following the workshop.

Send to: **Chesapeake Conference**  
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Photos from top left:  
Candace Latta; Andy Iversen; and  
Ryan Hoover.

Photos below from left: Master  
Chef Sullivan often puts on "Hotel  
Hilton" type meals that certainly  
give variety to the food served in  
the cafeteria. Supervising the stu-  
dent crew is the job of Darla  
Sullivan and her husband, Greg,  
cafeteria director; Students sample  
the food.



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# HIGHLAND Views

## Freshmen are important, too

It doesn't take long to figure out the hierarchy of "things" at an academy, but one thing is for sure: Life would be a trifle more difficult without the freshmen.

As in most areas of life, there is an order by which events or happenings progress. It stands to reason that jobs are "earned" through experience and age. For most freshmen, that means starting at the bottom of the ladder. But in most cases, the work that the freshmen do is vital to the functioning of the academy.

Take the cafeteria, for example. Key personnel include the freshmen morning crew. For Ryan Hoover, it is the task of keeping the food preparation area 'spic and span' (clean, in other words).

While doing pots and pans is anything

but glamorous, it is vital that someone keep the cooking utensils spotlessly clean. Andy Iversen, also a freshman, does a fine job of keeping them clean. Without clean pans, the entire operation would grind to a halt.

Candace Latta is a member of the morning crew that prepares lunch—the most important meal of the day (according to the students and staff).

Measuring out frozen veg-

etables for the steam cooker is just one of the many details Candace performs every day. Not only does she get to "fix the food," she gets to eat what she helps to prepare.

But the presence of the freshmen is felt everywhere on campus: in the business office, on the grounds, in the dorms, in the gymnasium and in the administrative building. Without freshmen, it would be a different place—not a better place.





Far left: Graeme Frauenfelder.

At left: In orange wig - Sazha Magana; in yellow wig - Aimee Burgess; in black and white wig - Jen Bell.

# Under the influence

When Graeme Frauenfelder arrived on the Highland View Academy campus in October, many students and staff were skeptical as to how one more "program" could be added to the school's busy schedule. No more. Graeme has left HVA, but his influence lingers on.

Take the clown ministry, for example. Three young ladies are so excited about this ministry that they have made it their own. For Sazha Magana, this was what she had been looking for—a reason to be a Christian—and a reason to stay at HVA. This newfound part of her life has made Jesus more real and important in her life, and she wants to share her friend Jesus with others. Along with good friends Aimee Burgess and Jennifer Bell, "clowning around for Jesus" has made all the right reasons for really putting on make-up.

The puppet ministry gave another group of students a chance to use their talents. For starters, the puppets made a classroom lecture something out of Sesame Street. Instantly recognizing the familiar faces of Oscar, the Cookie Monster and Bert and Ernie can turn any ordi-

nary class into a Romper Room affair.

Just ask the Spanish II students. Singing in Spanish and mouthing the words with the muppet puppets made class an instant hit! Other classes experienced the same excitement as they were taught by the understudies of Kermit the Frog.

When the puppets put on the program in church, it was easily the most attentive, activated part of the service. Children and adults alike were mesmerized by the magic of the moment.

With strong enthusiastic backing from parents, students and staff, puppets and clowns will be around for a long time to come.

Below: The puppets go to class.

Bottom left: Kristen Strahle and Jan Anderson pose with new friends who say all the right things.

Bottom right: Tammy Watson and Jaime Seeders teach their puppets to speak in Spanish.





# From underdogs to top dogs



Winning is important to any sport. Whether it is varsity or intramurals is unimportant to the participants. The fact is, no one plays to lose.

For the intramural flag football teams, the regular season meant one thing—a second chance with the playoffs.

For K.C. Larsen's team, it would mean defending its

regular season championship. For Andy Nichols' team, it meant respectability. Losers of all its regular season games, they could change all that by winning two games in the playoffs.

Unpredictably, the teams with the best records lost their opening playoff games, leaving Nichols an open door at taking the top prize. They would have to face the league's best running back

and one of the leading quarterbacks in Bryan Faehner and David Oakley.

Yes, Nichols won and captured the "Veggie Bowl" and a pizza feed.

When it is all said and done, the games will fade away from mind very quickly. The only thing important in the end was how the game was played.

*Left: Nichols' team - back row: Tim Felix, Pat Curley, JEB Beagles; front row: Dan Wasenmiller, Andy Nichols and Richie Byrd.*

*Top: Nichols' team plans the strategy that brought them from underdogs to top dogs.*

*Above: Top dogs, Bryan Faehner's team - Bryan Faehner, David Oakley, Keith Nudd, Andy Sickler, Shaune Martin and Joe Wilkinson.*



# PAVING THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE

When the academy church was built, it did not come with a pre-paid, paved parking place (say that three times in rapid succession), but it was evident from the mud and dust that something had to be done.

Fortunately for the church and school, an anonymous benefactor thought so, too. Not only did the church parking lot get a base coat of three inches of asphalt, but so did the notorious cafeteria parking lot, paving the way for the one inch of top-grade asphalt.

Chesapeake Conference President Wayne Coulter was most pleased to see these "eyesores" corrected with 20/20 vision from an HVA supporter (and conference matching funds).

## Dates, Times & Places

**February 19**

*Career Day*

HVA Gymnasium

**February 22**

*Home Leave - 12:00 noon*

**March 1-5**

*Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament*

HVA Gymnasium

**March 10-13**

*Parent Weekend*

**March 10**

*Senior Recognition - 7:30*

HVA Church

**March 11**

*Senior Class Play - 8:00*

HVA Gym

**March 12**

*Parent/Teacher Conferences -*

*10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*

HVA Gymnasium

**March 23**

*Spring Break - 12:00 noon*



*From top to bottom: Progress behind the cafeteria.*

*A newly paved parking area for the church.*

*Pastor Wayne Coulter on the new pavement behind the academy cafeteria.*





# Dateline New Jersey

February 1995



## Christmas cantata

The Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a Christmas cantata presented by the Christian Playcare Center of Deptford, New Jersey, on December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. The cantata was newly written by Eileen Gill, center director, and presented entirely by the 50 preschool and kindergarten children. Attendance was so great that standing room only existed. Refreshments were served after the presentation.

DON LUNGREN  
Cherry Hill Press Secretary

## It was great!

On December 2-4, the New Jersey Conference sponsored its first men's retreat. It was held at Camp Bernie, nestled in the beautiful rolling, wooded hills near Port Murray in northwestern New Jersey.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Elder Marvin Wray, ministerial director of the Potomac Conference. Thirty-three men were in attendance. One wrote a note to the conference office afterwards stating, "It was one of the best Adventist groups I've ever been with." A bond was made, and all left renewed and committed to praying for each other.



The next New Jersey Conference men's retreat is scheduled for October 27-29. Dr. Richard Duerksen, *Columbia Union Visitor* editor, will be the guest speaker.

DON BAKER  
Secretariat/Ministerial Director



## What's happening around New Jersey

### February 18

NET '95 Evangelism

### February 20

Holiday - Presidents' Day  
NJ and ABC Offices Closed

### February 21

Teacher Inservice

### February 25-26

New Jersey Sabbath School Training Program

### Mar 2

NJ Constituency Organizing Committee

### Mar 4

Church Leadership with Robert Folkenberg, GC President

### Mar 4

Women's Day of Prayer

### Mar 5

ABC Open (9:00 to 2:00)

### Mar 6-11

GSA Spring Week of Prayer - David Willis

### Mar 10-12

Pathfinder/Adventurer Training Session

### Mar 12

ABC Open (9:00 to 2:00)

### Mar 12

GSA Board

### Mar 12-17

ABC Spring Sale

### Mar 14

Pastors' Meeting

### Mar 16

NJ Executive Committee Meeting

### Mar 18

Constituency Listening Session

### Mar 18

GSA - Student Association Talent Show (eve)

### Mar 19

Pastors' Wives Prayer Breakfast & Outing

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**Robert Boggess,  
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## The marks of a spirit-filled church

We are in the midst of the greatest growth period in the history of the Adventist church. Growth in the former Soviet Union, in Africa, in South America, in the Far East and even in Muslim lands is unprecedented. World events give evidence of the accuracy of Bible prophecy and suggest that we have almost reached our journey's end.

The wisdom to finish the task, the courage to stand firm in the coming test and the power for personal purity comes from the Holy Spirit. Ellen White tells us that everything, even the efficacy of the blood of Jesus, is of no avail without the Holy Spirit in our life and in our church (*The Desire of Ages*, page 671).

What are the marks of a spirit-filled church? The book of Acts in the Bible describes God's spirit-filled church as she marched triumphantly forward in that first surge of power that established the church even into the house of royalty: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayer,"—*Acts 2:42*.

Notice first their steadfast commitment. There can be no vacillation in the service of Christ. No half-hearted commitment. There can be no competition of commitments from the service of Christ because of personal differences, theological hair-splitting or pursuit of selfish ambition. The spirit-filled church will be filled with spirit-filled people who are uncompromisingly committed. We sing, "Not just a part or half of my heart, I will give all to Thee."

Now the spirit-filled church will be committed. But committed to what? The record is clear! They were committed first to the "apostles' doctrine" or the teachings of the apostles—the Word of God. The Word of God has stood at the center of every great revival that has ever been felt. It is central to faith and gives meaning and direction to the Christian experience. It is God's love letter to His bride, and without a doubt the way we treat the Word of God reflects, in a very real way, how we really treat Jesus in our lifestyle. Do we neglect study? Do we ignore holy counsel? Do we walk conscientiously contrary to His divine guidance? We can never be a spirit-filled person, and our church can not be a spirit-filled church while the Bible lies neglected and ignored. We cannot be spirit-filled until we are devoted steadfastly to the Word of God. Only the Bible can supply the guidance, the motivation and the living power to make us dynamic Christians. "I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E."

And then "fellowship." "They continued steadfastly in ... fellowship." They loved one another and spent time together caring for one another's needs, encouraging one another's faith and taking inspiration both from the other's inspiration and the services they unselfishly performed for one another. In our busy world it seems that we have almost forgotten how to care for others. We are so busy. We rush to church and rush home. We skip midweek services and AY meetings. We are so absorbed with our own little world that we lose sight of anybody else and we miss, sadly miss, the divine opportunities to be like Christ in our love for one another. Bible fellowship means love. And love takes time. It is not a passive emotion, but rather an active interaction with the lives of others for their benefit. Listen to *I Corinthians 13:4-6 (NEB)*. "Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance." Dear people, we can never be God's spirit-filled church until we learn to love like Christ.

And "prayer"—they were a praying church. They spent time in communion with God. They loved these moments of fellowship with God in the Spirit. They loved to praise Him and express to Him their great love. They were the bride and He the bridegroom. They spent time together, alone, lost in each other's love. They talked of their joys, their needs, their plans, their concerns for one another with their God. They interceded for one another with God because they loved one another. Revivals are never worked up; they are prayed down from heaven. Let us examine our prayer life. God's spirit-filled church will be a praying church and a praying people.

Now friends, these are some of the marks of the spirit-filled apostolic church. May I suggest that these marks were the reason for and not the result of the Spirit's presence? May I suggest that the mighty power of God's Spirit accompanies God's people when they are committed, uncompromisingly, to the Word of God, the fellowship of the saints and to a meaningful prayer life? Can we order our lives with these divine priorities?



# Around the Globe



*The members of the New Jersey Conference are missionary-minded people. While almost every district or church holds evangelistic meetings each year in New Jersey, preaching the Word goes beyond our borders. Nearly every year there is a "mission trip" sponsored by a youth group; young adults, Garden State Academy, etc. Sometimes one of our*

*pastors is "loaned" to another conference here in the states or "abroad" for a specified project. Other times we have "student missionaries" to other countries, and recently, we have been involved with our world church's Global Mission. For some of these projects, the "calling" organization takes care of travel expenses, etc. For volunteer services, the individual must find funding, and for the Global Mission projects, occasionally there are donations from individuals to help with the expenses. The following three stories gives an insight to how you as members of the New Jersey Conference become involved in overseas mission projects—your prayers, your support of patience and tolerance and even your financial support. It is all very much appreciated and needed by those going and those receiving. Mission trips always sound like lots and lots of fun—you know, soaking up the sun and sand in some really neat place in the world. Sometimes there is sun and sand and even a bit of fun, but these are working trips, with long hours and many souls to reach.*

**R**ecently, Neftaly Ortiz, pastor of the New Brunswick/Plainfield/Morristown (group) Spanish churches was invited to Bolivia, South America, to hold a week of prayer at the Universidad Adventista de Bolivia. He used the theme, "The Joy of Service."

Each meeting had more in attendance than the capacity of the church—which seats 800 people. Pastor Ortiz preached 19 times and conducted eight other meetings at different levels during that week! At the end of the week, 52 precious souls gave their lives to Christ, most of them young people from the school.

Also, ADRA Bolivia (our Adventist-Disaster Relief Agency in Bolivia) invited him to conduct a seminar which was titled "The Winning Attitude," to more than 90 of their professionals in that country. Two non-Adventist employees were baptized at the end of the seminar. Praise God for His goodness.

It should be noted that Pastor Ortiz has had at least 30 baptisms in his own district here in New Jersey this year, giving him more than 80 precious souls for his labor for 1994.

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

*Our second story comes from the land of Korea. We have two Korean churches here in New Jersey, and I am sure those members will be interested in the report brought to us by Sandra Covell. Sandra graduated from GSA and Andrews University and has just returned from a term of service as a student missionary in one of our English-language schools there. Sandra is the daughter of Lynn and Ruth Covell. She will be returning to Andrews this next term for post-graduate work. Welcome back Sandra!*



From top left: Uohna Antoine and Sandra Covell in front of their language institute.

A typical downtown city street.

Sandra's first middle school class.

## Dateline New Jersey

**A** week after graduating from Andrews University, I flew halfway around the globe. My destination was Taejon, South Korea. The following six months I taught English to grade-school and middle-school students at a privately owned, Seventh-day Adventist-operated English-language institute. I arrived under the title of "missionary" but wondered how teaching English to children whose parents paid tuition for it would qualify me as a missionary. I found my answer in the classroom, as well as in my extracurricular activities.

With some of the higher-level students, I used the Bible as part of the instruction. I studied the book of John with my only adult class—a small group of housewives. There was one Catholic, one Protestant, one Buddhist and one Adventist. All four were willing to learn

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# Dateline New Jersey

to pray to the same God (Jesus Christ). I sang Bible choruses and hymns with my younger students. They taught me more songs than I taught them! I taught them to pray and why they should respect Jesus' name.

They responded enthusiastically to the instruction, even if they didn't understand everything I tried to teach them. One day I was in the office preparing for class, and one of the students went skipping by the window shouting the closing prayer he'd learned at the top of his lungs.

Teaching children gave me almost guaranteed contact with their parents. By volunteering additional help to the students outside the classroom, whether coaching a student with a speech for a story-telling contest, I became acquainted with several families. They were always eager to invite us to dinner at their homes or take us out to eat. One mother drove me home every Wednesday night that her daughter, who

Uohna Antoine, the other missionary at my institute, and I conducted Friday night vespers in English at a local Adventist church. We led song services and took turns preaching. I began to learn that being a missionary was letting God give you the ability to do things you thought you could never do. I was preaching sermons that were trans-

lated concurrently. I am no theology major! I was teaching English to students who couldn't understand the majority of what I was saying, and they were learning. I was sharing my portion of God's love with non-Adventists and many non-Christian families, and they responded with kindness that could only be God-given.

Life as a missionary in a foreign country also had its normal everyday routine. To accommodate the students' school schedules, I taught a six a.m. class as well as classes in the afternoon and evening. With this schedule, I still found time for some traveling and sightseeing. When the crowded city seemed to close in on me, I'd escape on the bus to one of the nearby mountains. My Korean friends made sure that

I visited some Buddhist temples, the museums and other tourist spots.

It was my Korean friends who endeared Korea to me and allowed me to see some tangible results of my missionary efforts. Jung Eun Hee and Eun Sun taught me to cook some Korean dishes and instructed me on what was and wasn't proper Korean etiquette. They would link arms with me as we shopped and strolled downtown.

Eun Sun is now interested in coming to Andrews University to study in the ESL program. Jung Eun Hee always attended vespers and told me she read a portion of her New Testament every night before she went to sleep. For her birthday, I gave her an entire Bible, in English and Korean. Jung Eun Hee is from a non-Christian family, but from my conversations with her I know she is searching for God. I plan to keep in touch with her through correspondence Bible studies.

Despite my rich experience in Korea, I didn't need to go there to find people who need Jesus. Thus, I am not returning from service for Jesus, but to service for Jesus, hopefully with increased faith and a broadened understanding of people.

**SANDRA COVELL**  
*Student Missionary*



attended our institute, had class. I edited a proposal written by the senior researcher of a power company, who thanked me with enough cake to serve 20 people. Another mother offered to assist us at a department store where she had considerable influence. Generosity and hospitality are hallmarks of all the families with whom I became acquainted.

**Top to bottom: The end-of-the-term party. The open market in downtown Taejon. The local pastor and Sandra hosting a talent program that the students participated in. Leading the song service at Friday night vespers.**



*Our third tale is a Global Mission story from the country of Albania. Elders Robert and Thomas Boggess (his son from the Potomac Conference), at the request of the General Conference's global mission department, each held an evangelistic series in the newly-opened country of Albania. Perhaps some of you remember reading about the lady who had saved her tithe for nearly 50 years. Herb Shiroma has a book in the ABC, "Albania, Who Cares" that gives fantastic insight into what the people of Albania have endured for the past 50 years and what it is like there today.*

I am writing this report from Tirane, Albania, where I am your missionary evangelist for one month at the request of the General Conference Global Mission program.

Albania is a nation trying to be born again after 50 years of atheistic, Communist suppression. The latent influences of Islam and Orthodoxy have steeped the land in family customs that make the acceptance of the remnant message difficult (before WWII the population was 70 percent Moslem, 20 percent Orthodox and 10 percent Catholic). The rising tide of materialism makes spiritual values relatively inconsequential compared to obtaining western goods and conveniences.

Many homes are without heat. Water and electricity are sporadic. Inflation is rife, and family incomes very low—\$50-\$70 US monthly. At the same time, goods like TVs, washers and refrigerators cost about the same as in the USA. Donkeys, wagons and carts outnumber cars on some streets and roads, especially in the country and small villages. Try to imagine America 70 years ago!

Our work is developing among the youth. More than one-half of the population is under 20 years of age. Most of our local church leaders are older teenagers. Our pastoral trainees are 20-21. We have only one other ordained minister besides the mission director in the entire country. Both are foreign missionaries, one from Brazil and one from South Africa. Our membership in Albania is officially about 150, but the active

membership, like many other places in the world, is only half that. We have only one church building in the entire nation. It is a miracle church, built only last year in Korce, the city where Daniel Lewis opened the work before he was martyred in the late 1940s. Although officially all churches were closed and the Adventist church appeared to have failed during those years of persecution and suppression, a small group of individuals held onto their confidence in the Three Angels' Messages and became the core of our



this evangelistic effort and training program have brought to Albania. Democratic elections have opened the doors of religious freedom in this land for the first time in nearly a half century. Islamic and Orthodox groups are seeking to recapture the country. Please pray for this land and our believers as they seek to seize the fleeting opportunity for God and prepare the people of Albania for Jesus' Advent and eternity.

ROBERT W. BOGCESS

church when we started again in Albania in 1992.

We conducted two meetings daily via a translator. I worked in Tirane, the capital city, where we have an active membership of 35 meeting in an inadequate rented hall. Nightly attendance averaged about 100. Elder Tom Boggess from Yale, Virginia, conducted a second meeting in Durris, a village on the shore of the Adriatic sea, about 25 miles from Tirane. We have only four members in this town. Attendance there averaged 25 each night. On the last day, we conducted a baptism of 14 in a home-made baptistery. More than a dozen are preparing for baptism early in 1995.

Our people are courageous and optimistic as they embrace and proclaim the story of Jesus' love and soon return. They send their greetings and appreciation to New Jersey for the assistance



**Top to bottom: O.P. Ferreira, a missionary from Brazil (left), and Ron Edwards, mission director.**

**Pressing olive oil at home. The baptism of Xavier.**





## Garden State Academy and Tranquility Adventist school students combine to do Christmas worship service

The students from the Tranquility Adventist school and Garden State Academy combined efforts to conduct a worship service at the Tranquility Adventist church on Sabbath, December 17. The worship service was comprised of the reading of the Christmas story from Scripture by selected students, interspersed with a variety of music, which included congregational singing and choir presentations.

Although the elementary school and the academy are located next door to one another, there are not often opportunities when students from both institutions can combine their efforts to do a Christian service project. When Tranquility Pastor Brad Schleif realized that he would need to be gone for a conference-planned meeting on Sabbath, December 17, he asked the elementary school principal, Mark Walker, if he would plan a program combining the elementary school and academy students for the church service. Walker indicated that preparing a sermon might have been easier than doing a church service and combining elements from both schools at a time when schedules are very busy. Nevertheless, a program was put together that went very nicely and was a blessing to many. The Garden State Academy Chorale presented two

numbers from their Christmas cantata, and the elementary school presented two Christmas musical numbers as well. A third element, the adult choir from the Tranquility Adventist church, also shared two musical pieces that had been selected from a Christmas cantata presented the night before in the Hackettstown area. Students from both the academy and the elementary school also interspersed the reading of the Christmas story from Scripture throughout the program. An element of creativity was added into the program as the story was read throughout the church service. The morning pastoral prayer was presented at the time when Joseph was troubled by a dream that he had received from the Scripture reading. The morning offering, rather than taking place at the usual time, was conducted when the account of the wise men bringing their gifts to Jesus was read in the reading of the Christmas story. The conclusion of the program resulted in a welcome change in the way church services are usually presented and brought a blessing to all in attendance.

MARK WALKER  
Principal

## Rejoicing with the angels

Steve Wohlberg, an evangelist from Amazing Facts, conducted a series of meetings entitled, "The New World Order." In a unique presentation, he delivered the word of God in a powerful and convicting manner. Many from surrounding communities came to hear God's word, and church members as well received a transfusion of the gospel's power.

The meetings were only three-quarters of the way over when three people took

the plunge into the baptismal pool; on the closing night, an additional 16 were baptized or joined the Woodbury church by profession of faith.

Corey Schecter shared with us his moving testimony regarding his appreciation for the life-saving power of Jesus and his Jewish roots.

On October 22nd, Sara Pearce was baptized as a result of attending Steve's meetings during the Sabbath service. This last baptism brings the total to 20 as a direct result of Steve Wohlberg's meetings.

The Woodbury Seventh-day Adventist Church is not only active, but steadily growing.

RUTH MCCAUSLAND  
Correspondent

**Below: Pastor Don Bozarth baptizing Jim and Roger McCausland.**

**Bottom: Pastors Steve Wohlberg and Don Bozarth welcoming new members into the Woodbury church fellowship.**





## Pathfinder Sabbath

On November 12 the Pathfinders led out in Sabbath school and church. For Sabbath school, Joel Simone presented the mission story, and Ryan McCausland played "Love Lifted Me" on the clarinet. During the worship service, special music was presented by the Soto family and Joel Simone. Rachelle Maybrook and Sandy Butler gave presentations entitled, "Why I Am a Pathfinder." Ryan McCausland gave a presentation entitled, "What Is a Pathfinder?" Michael McGonigle, Ryan MacNeil, Amanda Simone and Adrian DiSipio took up the offering. Grace Nannay, Angie Soto and Tanya Parkinson gave verbal presentations, and Timothy Chew closed with the benediction. The future leaders of our church are being molded in the Pathfinder club.

RUTH MCCAUSLAND  
*Woodbury Correspondent*



From left: Ryan McCausland, Grace Nannay, leader, and Joel Simone on the trumpet.

## New Jersey Adventist heritage project

The history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Jersey is rich and extends back to the early beginnings of the Advent movement. It is the hope of the New Jersey Conference Administration to be able to document and capture as much as possible of the exciting his-

tory of the growth of God's work in the Garden State.

You can be a part of this New Jersey Adventist heritage project, and your help is needed! Do you have early pictures of persons, church and school buildings, etc., connected with the establishment of the Adventist work in New Jersey? Do you remember events of interest such as early evangelistic meetings, baptisms, evangelists, pastors, church organizational meetings and the beginning of schools and other anecdotal memories? Perhaps you know someone who does have a

knowledge of and/or participated in the early events of our church's past. And do you have any tangibles of the past, such as old evangelistic handbills, church bulletins, diaries, letters telling of early church events, clippings, etc.?

If you are able to help in any way in these or related areas, it will be greatly appreciated. Please call Alyce Boggess at (609) 392-7131 or write to her at the communication department of the New Jersey Conference, 2160 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08648.

## Woodbury Falcons share their faith

On October 31 the Woodbury Falcons collected canned food for the poor in Woodbury and Oaklyn, New Jersey. More than 120 cans were collected and were given to Community Services for Thanksgiving food baskets.



Young adults of New Jersey, we encourage you to attend an afternoon of fellowship, fun and instruction. I believe we need you—God's ministers—actively involved in real ministry.

We plan to include you in the overall program of the church and ask you to attend the first in a series of events that will be high-paced, hard-hitting and Holy Spirit-driven.

February 25 at Delaware Valley Junior Academy in Deptford, New Jersey, Leclaire Litchfield, the "Dare to Care" camporee speaker, will be on location to instruct, inspire and encourage you to service for Jesus.

If you have a driver's license and can drive a carload of young adults to this event, please encourage as many as you can to come. Pray for the success of this event.

If you have any questions, please call me at the conference office at (609) 392-7131.

Frank Kean, Youth/Church Ministries Director

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## New Brunswick Spanish in action

From August 27 to September 24, the New Brunswick Spanish church with their pastor, Neftaly Ortiz, and guest evangelist Luis F. Ortiz, held evangelistic meetings.

Thirteen precious souls gave their lives to Jesus in baptism by the grace of God. This was an interesting group because the average age of those baptized is 20 years old. Some of these young adults had never visited a Seventh-day Adventist church before and now, four months later, they are all actively involved in the church.

A spirit of revival was felt throughout the entire church. Praise the Lord! We thank God and the brethren for these excellent results.

NANCY ORTIZ  
Secretary/Ministerial Department



Above: Pastor Neftaly Ortiz conducting a baptism at the New Brunswick Spanish church.



Right: New members of the New Brunswick Spanish church.

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**MIKE CAULEY**  
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## Riding the tides

When the Nazi forces were retreating from North Africa before the allies, they tried to make the port unusable by sinking large barges filled with concrete across the entrance to the harbor. The allies faced quite a problem in the removal of these barges. The solution was to use great gasoline tanks, like the kind used in oil refineries. They sealed these tanks, floated them directly above the concrete barges and then chained them to the barges when the tide was out. As the tide came back in, the barges were lifted and pulled out of the sucking mud at the bottom of the bay. From that point, it was a relatively easy job to remove them.

Notice what happened. The barges were chained to the tanks. The tanks were riding and tied to the tides. The tides were responding to the great magnetic pull of the moon, which was moving in orbit around the earth. Unbelievable power. Such is the power of the tides.

This story parallels our everyday life. The tides that come our way can take us places. As the Lord brings opportunities to us, what we do with those occasions for character development, fellowship, service, etc., is up to us.

"True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them,"—*PK, page 486*.

We need God's wisdom every day to know how to take advantage of the heaven-sent opportunities that He places before us as well as discernment to discover His leading. I want to challenge you to spend some thoughtful time each day asking for the insight of the Holy Spirit to discern those opportunities to spend quality time with family and friends, build a relationship with a neighbor or someone at work that may lead to an occasion to talk about what Jesus has done for you, or dig more deeply into the Bible. Let us pray that we will not miss the openings that the Lord gives us to bless our lives.

## Dreams realized for new church building

The York Spanish company's dreams were realized on November 19 after praying for more than a year for the Lord to provide them with a church home. This was the first Sabbath they met in their newly-acquired facility. The building had belonged to the Jehovah's Witnesses and was recently remodeled and decorated. It has a sanctuary that seats 125 and a fellowship hall and classrooms in the basement.

The property was acquired for \$85,000 and is located close to the center of the Spanish population in York. This is a remarkable feat, especially in light of the fact that the company has an attendance of approximately 15.

Conference Secretary  
Mike Cauley and Treasurer

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND PENNSYLVANIA

- ▲ **FEBRUARY 19-22**  
BMA Annual Fund Phon-a-thon
- ▲ **FEBRUARY 24**  
Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday (Prayer for Educators and Youth)
- ▲ **FEBRUARY 26**  
PA Conference Committee (President Selection)
- ▲ **MARCH 4**  
NAD Women's Day of Prayer
- ▲ **MARCH 9-19**  
BMA Spring Break
- ▲ **MARCH 9-22**  
"Dominican '95" - Maranatha Trip
- ▲ **MARCH 17-19**  
PA Lay Minister Certification Course  
Blue Mountain Academy
- ▲ **MARCH 18**  
NET '95 Begins
- ▲ **MARCH 24**  
Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday
- ▲ **MARCH 24-26**  
BMA Alumni Weekend
- ▲ **MARCH 24-26**  
Pathfinder Honor Weekend  
Camp Laurel Lake
- ▲ **APRIL 22**  
PA Day of Prayer
- ▲ **MAY 7 AND 8**  
BMA Academy Days
- ▲ **MAY 26-28**  
BMA Graduation
- ▲ **JUNE 16-24**  
PA Camp Meeting

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Mo Pelley participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pastor and Mrs. Juan Lopez, along with the local elders, led the group of more than 100 people attending the ceremony through the doorway of the newly-acquired church home. A special musical program and preaching service followed, in which several area Spanish churches participated.

## Fairview hosts health festival

What does a church do when it has a new Community Services building, wants to spread the gospel in the community and wants to have a good time doing it? The Fairview Village church knows. The church hosted a Fall Health Festival on October 16 to educate local residents concerning current health issues. Members of the community—local hospitals, doctor groups, health-care businesses—were also invited to participate. The highway patrol, fire department and an ambulance ser-

vice all volunteered their services for the day.

Because of the weather dampening this outdoor event, a "HEALTHY" portion of the fair was moved indoors, and the fun continued on a smaller scale. The festival included booths for eye exams, cholesterol checks, cancer counseling, care for the elderly, nutrition, drug and family abuse, bike safety and a petting zoo for children. The Red Cross conducted a massive blood drive during the fair, collecting 146 pints of blood—the largest drive ever in that area.

Below: The food and literature booth run by the lay ministries department of the church. Pictured in the booth is church member Jim Tartaglia.



Top: Officer Delp of the Pennsylvania highway patrol in the drug awareness booth. Above: Church member Aris Anugerah and another community dentist in the dental health booth.



## South Hills update

The South Hills Church Planting Team held a Daniel Seminar last fall, conducted by Pastor Anthony Cortes. It was followed by a three-week seminar in biblical prophecy. At the commencement of each lecture, a 15-minute video projection was shown dealing with biblical archaeology. Approximately 118 people attended the meetings, which were held in two sessions at the South Hills office location. As a result, there are more than 20 good interests. Two small groups are meeting during the week, and a Friday night service called "PrimeTime" has started. This service is designed to attract the unchurched seeker, help him explore true Christianity and learn of Jesus and lead to personal Bible studies that will eventually lead him to join the Adventist fellowship.

"Our courage is renewed, and we are excited about the possibilities of this New Year," reports Pastor Cortes. "We have experienced the tremendous prejudice and antagonistic attitude towards Adventism, but we can now see a small crack in the walls of resistance. The power of the enemy cannot resist the might of God's Spirit."

Continue to pray for the Pittsburgh Project. At the South Hills of Pittsburgh, the greatest need now is for Adventist families that would

Church members served vegetarian burgers and healthy snacks and sold cookbooks and religious books.

"In addition to the church involvement in outreach and the community awareness and participation," states Ellen Hokanson, "one outcome of the fair are the many programs already being planned for the new year in the Community Services center. We also look forward to a smashing success for our 1995 Fall Health Festival."



be willing to move to the Pittsburgh area to be part of this project. Help is needed in all church-related work. If you feel called to come, seek employment in this area and be one of God's representatives in the South Hills, please call Pastor Cortes at (412) 882-1890.

## Healthy choices

Two years ago, the Waynesboro church sponsored a health seminar/cooking school led by Dane and Vicki Griffen. A spark was lit that weekend that has been fanned into a much larger health ministry in the Waynesboro/Chambersburg churches and in the hearts of Pastor Dave Woodruff and his wife, Linda.

Since that first seminar, the Waynesboro church has sponsored two health seminar/cooking schools, and the Chambersburg church also held one.

The ministry has also expanded to include the Healthy Choices Natural Foods store adjacent to the Woodruffs' home. It specializes in healthy foods not readily available in grocery stores. "This puts us in contact with many new faces—people looking for a better way of life," shares Pastor Woodruff. "God is blessing this outreach."

Lifestyle and cooking classes, such as E-Z Bread Baking, Dehydrating Made Simple, Healthy Holiday Desserts, Building a Better Breakfast, Stress Management and stop-smoking

Members of the Chambersburg church, some of whom have been attending the Lay Minister Certification Course, did the visitation for the meetings held by their pastor, David Woodruff. Several interests are being followed up.

The Laurel Lake church is mid-way through its church building program and hopes to be in by the spring. Pastor Steve Stender reports that in addition to the small work crew of three members, many volunteers have also contributed their time, including the young-at-heart campers, Seneca church members and people from the surrounding community.

classes have been held. The Woodruffs have also developed a weekend seminar entitled the "Abundant Life Weekend," which explores the relationship between the gospel and our physical health. A condensed presentation, "Eight Bible Principles of Better Health," is being considered by two non-Adventist churches in the area.

Two ideas the church is using to expand their health ministry program are the Healthy Choices Newsletter and the Healthy Choices

The Waynesburg Adventist Community Services Center prepared 14 Thanksgiving and 31 Christmas baskets for local families in need. Donations of food and toys were collected from church members and the community. A local motorcycle club also collected canned goods and toys for the center to distribute.

"Timely, helpful, practical, relevant ..." These are a few comments from the 93 people attending the Evangelism and Church Growth Class held October 21-23 and November 18-20 at BMA. This was the first of a series of classes in the Lay Minister Certification Program

sponsored by the Pennsylvania Conference and conducted by the North American Division Evangelism Institute.

Bucks County Amazing Discoveries meetings with evangelist Mark Fox resulted in 11 baptisms. Pastor Dan Francisco sums up the meetings in the words of one family that was baptized—"We're happy!"

Personal Ministries Leader Ed Varley reports that 61 people participated in the Ingathering program at the Bethlehem church, resulting in \$4,488.90 raised. Members helped by stuffing VOP cards into literature, caroling, soliciting and preparing food for fellowship meals

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Health Tip Line. The first lists upcoming classes, news, special items from the store and other helpful health-related information. The health tip line, recorded weekly, gives a five-minute message that people can call 24 hours a day.

Citing 3 John 2, Pastor Woodruff says: "We believe that the time has come to more fully understand how this desire of God's can be realized in our

own lives and then how to most effectively share it with others so that they too can enjoy the same blessing of good health."





## MORE ADVENTISTS IN ACTION

following the Saturday evening caroling. The singing bands went out into the community for 18 evenings during the Christmas season, distributing more than 10,000 pieces of literature. An Ingathering banquet was held on January 14 to celebrate the success of the program and praise God for His blessing.

Loretta Algeri beamed with happiness following her baptism at the close of evangelistic meetings held by Dean Negri at the Pittsburgh East Suburban church. Earlier that week, she had made a decision for baptism and then canceled due to fear of water. She came the last night of the meetings prepared for baptism but couldn't find the courage to tell Pastor Negri. God's Holy Spirit worked on her heart as she witnessed the four other baptisms, and following the meeting, she told the pastor of her decision.

Loretta was baptized that night and is excited about continuing her service to the Lord.

Reading Rehabilitation Hospital sponsored a "tastefully exciting" breakfast for local churches on Sunday, December 11. "Our constituents had an opportunity to view and experience our "rehab" area and attain a deeper understanding of our mission," explained Chaplain Alice Rich, coordinator of church involvement ministries.

Urged by his wife to attend the evangelistic meetings at the Indiana church in order to get the advertised free Bible for their son, a man was baptized with four others who made decisions for the Lord. Pastor Mark Dekle is currently studying with a group of his friends and his wife, who has already begun to keep the Sabbath.

## Young at heart

This past August, the Laurel Lake Camp saw a different kind of camper on its grounds. Geared for those 55 and older, the Young-at-Heart camp provided a great mini-vacation in a Christian atmosphere.

Each day was different and offered the young-at-heart a variety of things to do, such as hiking, canoeing, swimming and even jet skiing! Quieter activities included fishing, napping and rainy-day shopping trips. Pastor Bernyl Mohr led out in the worship that included Bible study, discussion and prayer. The camp also provided an opportunity for service, as several campers used their skills to provide maintenance to the camp facility and to help with the building of the new Laurel Lake church.

Evening entertainment included singing and telling stories around a campfire, wagon rides, games, crafts and visiting. Betty Bish of Erie has attended for the past five years. "Young-at-Heart Camp has given me a chance to renew old friendships as well as create new ones," she says.

Watch the *Pennsylvania Penn* for information about this year's Young-at-Heart camp.



Top: Daniel Duy was great on the diving board.

Below: Youth Director David Ferguson urges Betty Bish to bob for apples during the country fair.



## Women's Day of Prayer

Prayer breakfasts, prayer concerts and group prayer sessions. These are plans that some Pennsylvania churches will be using for the March 4 North American Division Women's Day of Prayer. For additional ideas for your church or to share what your church will be doing, write to Women's Ministry, c/o Pennsylvania Conference, 720 Museum Rd, Reading, PA 19611.

## Evangelistic meetings scheduled

This spring, several churches will be hosting evangelistic meetings in conjunction with NET '95, and an Amazing Facts meeting will be held in Leechburg. Please remember these meetings in your prayers.

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Fairview Village    | February 18 |
| Coudersport         | March 18    |
| Hillcrest/Blossburg | March 18    |
| Bucks County        | March 18    |
| Brockway            | March 18    |
| Johnstown           | March 18    |
| Leechburg           | mid-March   |



# Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

## God's majesty in science

"O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!"—*Psalm 8:9* N.A.S. Think of the energy flowing from our Creator as He forms words into molecules. He speaks again, intricately and meticulously shaping molecules into living organisms.

Chemistry students marvel that the atom does not collapse upon itself. It is not just nuclear forces that keep it from falling in, but rather it is His hand. Anatomy and physiology students contemplate the transfer of thought as neurotransmitters chemically connect. Biology students, amazed by the complexity of the cell, see its heavenly Creator and wonder at His awesome designs.

It is this wonder we hope to cultivate in our science classes, seeing Christ in every theory, organism or system; viewing His designs under the microscope; learning how everything is created.

Christ's handiwork in the insect world started our year in Biology. Students were required to collect, mount and label at least 30 species.

BMA offers many varied habitats for these curious creations! Several days were spent around the pond, fields and wooded areas collecting specimens.

Chemistry and nature go hand in hand. Sometimes it is hard to see

chemistry's importance until we pull apart the simple operations of our daily lives and see its relevance. "So I'm doing chemistry when I do my laundry?" questioned a student after seeing that

the polar water molecule attached to the polar end of the detergent molecule, whose other end was attached to the dirt on their clothing, pulled the stain out. "Yes, it's all chemistry!"

One important task in the chemistry lab is to get students to work as a team. Sharing information and discussing relationships is a valuable tool in the work place.

Students are required to complete a project each quarter. The project may be an experiment or a model of the student's interests. This requirement is designed to stimulate enthusiasm for science.

"I'm proud of my daughter's project! She was very enthusiastic about it and did a great job," commented one parent at Parent Day. The projects displayed in the gym included crystals, rockets, mold experiments and intelligence testing of gerbils.

We look forward to studying complex organisms through dissection, viewing our world through a chemist's eye and considering more of the works of His hands. We are always looking for practical applications to science. If you would like to share your science profession or hobby with us, please contact the science department at (610) 562-6505.

**ROSEMARIE BECHTEL**  
Science Instructor

Chemistry students  
Sherry Haakenson,  
David Josey and Dan  
Roelker



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## Literature evangelism update

Left to right: Mildred Brooks, Andy Van Arsdale, Ben Redding, Sherry Haakenson, leader Scott Haakenson, Jennifer Brown, Sandy Hutchinson, Shawna Schimp, Eric Nagley, Jenny Williams and Cesilia Brent.

During the first half of the 1994-95 school year, Literature Evangelist Coordinator Scott Haakenson reports average earnings of \$7.38 per hour, with the top seller averaging \$8.93 per hour.

In January, BMA's literature evangelist industry completed its second year. This work opportunity has a two-fold mission. Students can be active in spreading the gospel in the community around them and at the same time earn scholarship dollars to help fund their education.

Students in the program spend up to 15 hours a week canvassing in and around Berks County. There are two three-hour shifts each day, providing flexible work schedules.

The LEs receive 45 percent of their sales in scholarship dollars, plus incentive bonuses. But the students report they are most successful when they totally forget themselves and their needs and focus on Jesus and getting His message out to the community.

Haakenson, an alumnus of BMA, chose to take a year off from college to work at the academy. "I see this as a chance to spread the gospel, to work one-on-one with the students and to encourage them in their spiritual journey."

## A Message from the Principal

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and **on His law he meditates day and night**,"—Psalm 1:2. "I desire to do Your will, O my God; **Your law is within my heart**,"—Psalm 40:8. "The law from Your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold." "Oh, how I love Your law! **I meditate on it all day long**,"—Psalm 119:72,97.

"Whoever has My commands **and obeys them**, he is the one who loves Me,"—John 14:21.

"This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints **who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus**,"—Revelation 14:12.

Do I love the law and commandments of God? Do I meditate on them day and night? When temptations come, when challenged about what I believe, when human impulses pull too hard, are God's laws so much a part of me that His words spring to mind and I resist Satan with, "It is written ...?"

Most of us don't like talking about God's laws. We think love precludes requirements, laws and commandments. But Paul describes it as a war inside each us. (Romans 7:21-24.) The only way to win this war is to so abide in Christ that His life flows through us. (John 15:1-8.) When we abide in Him, we love Him; when we love Him, we obey Him! How better to abide in Christ than to meditate on God's laws day and night?

I MUST NOT apologize for God's law being my guide. That law is God's character, and His character is love. Since I am sinful, I cannot show Him love except as His law is written in my heart. Then His law will be the rule of my life. By God's grace, He fills me with His righteousness and I keep His law! Once I am totally committed to remaining immersed in His word and His life, crucifying my wishes, desires and inclinations daily, He will seal me. I'll be a part of His bride—His church—presented to Him without spot or wrinkle! (Ephesians 5:27.)

The alternative? "They worship me in vain; **their teachings are but rules taught by men**,"—Matthew 15:9.

"A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but **delights in airing his own opinions**,"—Proverbs 18:2.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, **'I never knew you**. Away from Me, you evildoers!'" —Matthew 7:21-23.

(Bible quotes all N.I.V., emphasis supplied.)

**STAN ROUSE**

## Parent Advisory Council elects officers



President Darrel Hutchinson during a recent PAC meeting.

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is an organization with a three-fold purpose: to facilitate communication between parents and staff, to provide an avenue for parents to be more involved in the school program and to be a valuable resource of knowledge and experience for Blue Mountain Academy.

PAC members are parents of current stu-

dents. They meet several times a school year to ask questions, discuss concerns and share ideas.

Elected officers for the 1994-95 school year are:

President: Darrel Hutchinson

4689 Beagle Drive

Walnutport, PA 18088; (610) 767-7524

Vice President: Wayne Johns

RD 1 Box 1044

Leesport, PA 19533; (610) 926-2634



Secretary: Sue Dickson  
105 Hall Road  
Shoemakersville, PA 19555; (610) 562-8708

Treasurer: Kay Allen  
RD 3 Box 3528  
Hamburg, PA 19526; (610) 562-2673

The officers encourage parents to call or write with questions, suggestions, feedback, etc. Good communication is a key to a better school program.

## Bring in the clowns

A group of students at Blue Mountain Academy wanted to begin a hospital ministry. One member of the group remembered being visited by a clown when he was in the hospital. The clown had made him laugh, and that made him feel better.

The students and their leader, Donna Rouse, began to make inquiries and phone calls. "We'd like to begin a Christian clown ministry. How do we learn to be clowns?" The Lord led them to just the right place.

There is a residential center for the mentally handicapped in Hamburg. Two ladies who work at the center knew all about being clowns and would love to teach the students. They even gave the group clown make-up for their faces.

The students learned how to dress, how to apply make-up and the significance of the white faces. To be a good clown, you have to take away the focus from yourself and concentrate on giving to others. Once in make-up, clowns do not speak. You have to learn to communicate without words. "It's a challenge," according to Sam Hutchinson. "You have to exaggerate everything you do." The group learned they could communicate very well by actions and motions, even at times when words wouldn't do.

For Jason Perez, being a clown is something he has wanted to do ever since his first visit to the circus. They make people laugh, and Jason says, "I wanted to make people laugh. As a clown, I try to make people happy." Mike Cauley says he's a cut-up anyway, so clowning comes naturally.

Karen Corbin says, "When I'm in my costume and have my clown face on, it feels like I'm someone else. I can be more outgoing." Katrina Shobe agrees, "I'm usually shy, but as a clown I can be a different person. You're allowed to do things you want to do."

The clowns have worked with mentally handicapped adults and underprivileged children. "Being a clown makes me feel warm inside because we're brightening someone else's day," says Katrina. "We take their minds off their problems

for a little while," says Mike. "We want to show the love of Jesus to all we meet," says Karen.

And isn't that what ministry is all about?

**CARON OSWALD**  
*Director of Advancement*

Pictured are clowns Sam Hutchinson and Katrina Shobe with a resident of the Hamburg Center.



## Volunteer In Profile

Bob Bowman is a retired electrician from Clearwater, Florida. He heard about Blue Mountain Academy from his friend, Russ Lawton. Lawton and his wife, Olive, were planning to partici-

pate in the "Rebuilding the Dream" volunteer project in May and stay on through the summer. They invited Bob to join them.

Mr. Bowman's son lives in Pennsylvania, an hour west of the academy, and he was planning to attend his grandson's graduation.

He decided to donate a month of his summer, working five days a week at the academy and spending weekends with his family.

With 33 years of experience, Bob provided invaluable expertise. His main focus was the rewiring of the main electrical panels in the gymnasium. He said, "I was amazed at what we did in the gym." He also updated the electrical panels in the girls' dorm, helped install wiring at the airfield, installed emergency lights in the boys' dorm and helped install new wiring in several dormitory rooms.

Bob says he'd do it again. "I really enjoyed it. There's a lot to be done, and I was meeting a need. It's also good to know I haven't entirely forgotten how to do all the work I used to do."







Melinda Possenreide with some of the young residents at the Women in Crisis Center.

## Community volunteers

Is homelessness a problem in the community around Blue Mountain Academy? That question was asked by 13 students who wanted to get involved, to make a difference in their world. They discovered a lot of need and chose to become involved with the Berks County Women in Crisis Center, a shelter for battered women.

It was the need of the children that drew them in, children who had lost everything—their dads, contact with their families and friends, their homes, their clothes and their favorite toys. "How sad it must be to feel unsafe and unsettled," said Wendy Adams, one of the student volunteers.

The shelter needed child-care volunteers in the evenings while the moms attend counseling and group therapy sessions. This was something the students could do. Choosing Wednesday nights and going by twos, these students began weekly visits.

"I just spend time playing and talking with the boys," says Joseph Destin. "It really touched me to see how young they are, too young to know what's going on, I worry about their future."

"They are in desperate need of love and attention. I can give them love and attention," says Melinda Possenreide.

"I feel I'm really helping because they need us so much," says Joey Navarro. "And I am so grateful for my parents and my home."

For Stacy Karpenko, volunteering at the shelter is a break from her schedule. "I forget about my own problems. When I leave, I have joy in my heart."

The students also give parties for the children. They decorate the center, play games, share home-baked goodies and hope the kids see another way to make a life. "I have so much," says Diana Piper. "I want to give them everything."

**CARON OSWALD**  
Service Group Sponsor

## On-campus industry update

Industry Manager Mike Mesaric reports, "We've had an excellent first half of the school year. I'm very pleased with our earnings, and I believe the second half of this year will be even better."

Students earned \$93,068 price tagging, folding and packaging various wares. The average hourly wage for the first five months was \$4.44 per hour, with the top producer earning \$9.34 per hour. The on-campus industry currently employs 87 students.

Guaranteeing work year-round, BMA's on-campus industry continues to expand. Now

in its fifth year of operation, the industry needs more space for warehousing, and a 5,000-foot expansion is under construction.

"We need to be able to backlog work

in order to keep a continuous flow. And we need a place for finished work to be housed until pick-up," explains Mesaric.

Pictured with work supervisor Paul Matthews is Annie Dembosky. A senior, Annie is one of six students who holds the position of quality control supervisor. QC's are responsible for the details of each job. Arriving before each shift begins, they set up the work areas. During the shift, they keep work stations supplied with materials, count each hour's production and assure the quality of the finished product.

The industry continues to be a blessing to our school and to our students. In addition to providing much-needed cash for school fees, the experience teaches them industry and pride in their work.



### F.Y.I.

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| February 19-22 | Annual Fund Phon-a-thon            |
| February 25    | Conference Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Day   |
| February 26    | Men's Open House/Ladies' Reception |
| March 9-19     | Spring Break                       |
|                | Mission trip to Dominican Republic |
|                | French class trip to France        |
| March 24-25    | Alumni Weekend                     |
|                | Honor Classes: '85, '75, '70, '65  |
|                | Philadelphia Academy '55, '45      |
|                | Lake Ariel Academy                 |
| May 7-8        | Academy Days                       |
| May 26-28      | Graduation Weekend                 |



**What's  
happening  
around  
Potomac**

**PEDDs Meetings**

*Capitol Spanish SDA  
Church*

February 24 and 25

**K-12 Science Fair**

*Takoma Academy*

March 5

**Academy Day**

*Columbia Union College*

March 26

**Couples' Retreat**

*Virginia Beach*

March 31 - April 2

**Alumni Weekend**

*Shenandoah Valley  
Academy*

April 14 - 15

**Alumni Weekend**

*Takoma Academy*

April 21 - 22

**Academy Days**

*Shenandoah Valley  
Academy*

April 30 - May 1

**February  
1995**

**POTOMAC CONFERENCE OF SDA**

# Potomac People



*Pastor David Gomez  
baptizing Dr. Walter  
Umana, a medical  
researcher at  
Georgetown University.*

## Looking at 1994



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*Chesapeake and Potomac conference representatives  
participated in disaster preparedness training from Larry  
Buckner, General Conference disaster coordinator, October  
22, 1994, at the General Conference headquarters cafeteria*



## Presidential predictions



Most of the pundits have long since made their predictions about 1995. Since our staff is reporting on 1994 accomplishments in this issue of *Potomac People* as well as looking ahead at 1995, I thought you might like to know what I'm expecting will happen in the year that's already well underway.

**One** of our churches, or more, will report more than 100 baptisms. That will make their pastors part of a growing, exclusive list of "Centurion" ministers worldwide. It's an accomplishment most often found in third-world countries but becoming more frequent in the North American Division.

**Several** of our churches will get serious about looking carefully at their past, present and future and will invite Dr. Larry Evans to assist them in a visioning process that will involve much of the congregation in serious church planning. Out of the hard work and serious effort will arise a new vision for the congregation. Its nurturing and outreach programs will be transformed, and the church will come alive with "owned goals" that will capture the imagination, inspire the congregation and transform the worship service.

**Many** of our churches will continue to do Ingathering and benefit by the reversion program that feeds funds into their local community outreach programs. **Some** will continue to "burn" Jasper Wayne in effigy or will have fondly forgotten the annual soliciting or caroling ritual. **A few** will experiment with an attempt to assist the North American Division in forging an alternative outreach effort that recognizes the need for Adventists to contact neighbors and friends for support of mutually beneficial "good neighbor" programs.

**All** of our churches will remain open on Sabbath mornings. The attendance at most will remain somewhat steady for the worship service, but more than we wish will struggle with Sabbath school attendance.

**All** of our churches will have available the resource services of our conference office in Staunton, Virginia. The reports in this issue of *Potomac People* give you an idea of the types of programs available. Our multi-talented staff also knows where to turn for additional resources and ideas. **Some** of our churches will call and get assistance. **Some** will complain that "no one from the office ever comes to our church."

1995 is a bright new year of promise. It can be all we want it to be. It will amount to just about how much we put into it. With God's help, our local churches and our resource office cooperating can accomplish all the above favorable predictions and more. My mother had an interesting philosophy: "It's better to have a high goal and miss it than to have no goal and achieve it." I'll be watching for news of your church during 1995. I'll be praying for high goals and great accomplishments.

**HERBERT H. BROECKEL**  
President

## Education

### New faces in teaching

The Potomac Conference welcomed 20 new teachers this year. Ten of them are featured in this issue. The remaining 10 will be featured in the March issue. All of these ministers of education are having a positive impact in our conference. We are proud of them and pleased that they have chosen to work in Potomac.

**Kathleen Cozzaglio** is the new first- and second-grade teacher at C. F.

Richards Junior Academy in Staunton, Virginia. Kathy, a graduate of Columbia Union College, comes to Potomac from Memphis, Tennessee, where she taught for the past five years. She is married to Richard

Cozzaglio, a carpenter and welder. In addition to her love for young children, Kathy enjoys traveling, reading, camping, hiking, swimming, arts and crafts and piano. She is using her musical talents to enrich the music program at her school by directing the primary grades choir.

**Robert Dornburg** is the principal and upper grades teacher for Hadley Acres School in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Bob is a graduate of Columbia Union College and has a master's degree in administration and supervision from American University in Washington, D.C. In addition to his broad range of experiences in the Mont-



**Roderick and Yvette Kerbs**

gomery County public schools, Bob has taught in the Chesapeake Conference. Bob and his wife, Juanita, attend the Damascus church. They have two adult daughters.

**Roderick Kerbs** has transferred to Tidewater Junior Academy from the



**Kathleen Cozzaglio**

Maryland area. A graduate of Columbia Union College, he teaches music and physical education. In addition to music certification, Rod is endorsed to teach K-12 elementary and junior acad-



**Richard Dornburg**



emy computer science. He is also interested in photography and snow and water skiing. Rod is married to Yvette, who also has a degree from CUC in office administration.



**Randall Koenke**

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is the new physical education instructor at Beltsville Adventist School. He comes to Potomac from Upper Columbia Academy. Randall enjoys organized sports—especially tumbling and basketball.

**Carolyn Malin**

from Wytheville, Virginia, has returned to teaching at Echo Valley School after several years of being a full-time mother and volunteer. Carolyn and her husband, Donald, have three children—Julie, Levi and Joe. Carolyn is an amateur naturalist, an outdoor sports enthusiast and an avid gardener. In addition to vegetables, she grows herbs and flowers to make arrangements and wreaths. She also spins yarn for knitting and crocheting.



**Carolyn Malin**



**Gail Melkersen**

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is also returning to teaching after a number of years as mother and business manager for her husband, Ole's, metal fabricating business. She teaches math and conducts the bell choir at the Shenandoah Valley Acad-



**Dolores Morgan and family**

emy elementary school in New Market, Virginia. Gail is a graduate of SVA and CUC. She and Ole have three children: Michael, a student at Southern College; Peggy, at SVA; and Bobby at SVA Elementary.

**Dolores Morgan**

moved from Oregon to Fredericksburg in 1992 with

her husband, Vernon, who is the flight physician for President Bill Clinton. Dolores, an experienced teacher with a master's degree, became an active school volunteer and board

member for Fredericksburg Junior Academy. At the beginning of the current school year, Doris became teacher of grades five to nine and is head teacher for the school. Her sons, Brandon and Bryan, are students at Fredericksburg.

**Randy Reece**

returns to his home state of Virginia from teaching in Arkansas. He teaches grades three to five at Roanoke Adventist Prep School. Randy

is a graduate of Southern College. He and his wife, Janna, enjoy reading, hiking, traveling and listening to music. Randy is also interested in photogra-

phy, playing guitar and writing poetry.

**Bill Ruby**

the new principal at Sligo Elementary, came to Potomac from Broadview Academy. Prior to the principalship at Broadview, Bill had a wide range of educational experiences in the Southern Union. After graduating from Southern College, Bill



**Violet Weiss**

began his career in a small, one-teacher school, later moving to the principalships of larger schools such as Avon Park, Madison and Atlanta Adventist Academy. Among Bill's many interests and strengths is the use of computers for school record-keeping. He has set up a computerized system at Sligo is serving as a pilot for Potomac and, possibly, for the Columbia Union.

**Velda Ruby**

married to Bill Ruby, teaches third grade at John Nevins Andrews School. In addition to a real love for early childhood education, Velda likes best being with and doing things for her twins, Heather and Chad, age 13. She is a graduate of Southern College.

**VIOLET WEISS**

Superintendent of Education



**Bill and Velda Ruby**



### Potomac's evangelism year—1994

**"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."**

These were the words of Francis of Assisi, the Italian monk and preacher and founder of the order of the Franciscans. The mandate Christ gave to His church projects a continuous life-

shares through the power of the Word and concludes a series of meetings by baptizing 26 persons;

... The hand of the layperson who weekly reaches through prison bars with Bible studies, expressing "I love you" to the inmate.

Every day in Potomac, faithful, dedicated and loving Seventh-day Adventist Christians are following our Lord's commission...

... The Meadowbridge church welcomes 33 new members through public evangelism.

... Potomac laypersons join with Chesapeake attending disaster preparedness training by Larry Buckner, in order to be of service to the community;

... Rondalla, the Filipino musical group, witnesses at Embassy Row in Washington, D.C., with their unique talents;

... Harrisonburg welcomes a former Mennonite minister into their fold along with others, following an evangelistic effort;

... Esther Knott, associate pastor at Sligo, holds outreach training for lay persons;

... The Georgia-Alabama flood elicits good response from Potomac churches and neighboring communities;



**From left: Ken Wilber, Potomac Conference evangelist, Nick Wolosuk, Ricky Wolosuk, Amanda Wolosuk, Agnes Wolosuk, Dale Jacobs and Mike Lawhorn, Petersburg pastor.**



**Roger Weiss**

style of witnessing. "Actions speak louder than words." If actions are visible, then words need be few.

The witnessing program in the 104 congregations of the Potomac Conference has taken many different shapes and forms...

... The doctor from Washington Adventist Hospital who prays with his patient for God's guidance in the intervention before the surgical procedure;

... The school child who, after seeing his classmate drop his sandwich on the sandy playground, went over to him and shared his own lunch with him;

... The Hispanic sister who day by day projects her sweet influence and smiles within the walls of the White House and the diplomatic corps;

... The evangelist who



**Junior-age children actively participated in the Williamsburg meetings of Tony Mavrakos, conference evangelist, and Eric Annandale, local pastor.**

... Rocky Gap reaches out into their community with the Ingathering program and is the first church to reach its goal;

... Bob and Diane Mitchell conduct disaster training sessions in Roanoke;

... The Community Services center at Silver Spring continues its services to those in need and welcomes the new director, Lisa Hollinger;

... Twenty churches are participating in Net '95 satellite evangelism.

These are but a few of the hundreds of examples from the mosaic of love projected in their respective communities by laymen and pastors in Potomac. The result? More than 1,000 new church members in 1994. *Praise His Wonderful Name!*

**ROGER WEISS**  
Director of Evangelism



## Potomac Conference Education Commission Survey

The Potomac Conference Education Commission was established to create an education program for our schools for the 21st century. As a part of this process, a special subcommittee was appointed to address the curriculum needs of the future. The survey is contained on the next few pages is designed to generate input and feedback from the Potomac Conference constituency in regards to potential curriculum goals for schools in grades K-10. The goal statements listed in the survey are organized under four key areas or domains: spiritual, mental, physical and social.

Please take a few moments to respond to this survey. Your thinking will provide the commission with valuable information. When you have completed the survey, remove it from the *Visitor* and return it to the following address: Office of Education/Curriculum Committee, Potomac Conference of SDA, 606 Greenville Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401-4804.

### Part A: General Information

Directions: Complete these questions to help us understand what various groups think.

1. Name: (Optional)

2. Age Range:

- ☐ 12-19  
☐ 20-29  
☐ 30-39  
☐ 40-49  
☐ 50-59  
☐ 60+

3. Gender:

- ☐ Male  
☐ Female

4. Status: (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Parent  
☐ Lay Member  
☐ Student  
☐ Teacher  
☐ Principal  
☐ School Board  
☐ K-10 Board  
☐ Pastor  
☐ Former Student

5. Where do you live?

- ☐ Maryland  
☐ Virginia  
☐ D.C.  
☐ Other

6. Do you have any children enrolled in church school?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

7. Approximately how many hours have you spent observing a Potomac Conference K-10 school in operation this current school year?

8. What elements will present the greatest challenge to our schools in the future? Rank these from 1-6 with 1 being the greatest challenge and 6 being the least challenging.

- ☐ The students themselves  
☐ Quality of the teaching staff  
☐ Home influences  
☐ The curriculum  
☐ Finances  
☐ Other:

9. Mark one response for each of the following two statements:

- a. The Seventh-day Adventist school system will be in trouble in the 21st century unless we make fundamental changes in the way we do business.  
☐ Strongly Agree  
☐ Agree  
☐ Disagree  
☐ Strongly Disagree
- b. The Seventh-day Adventist school system needs to be looked at holistically from a systematic approach, and the entire system (curri-

culum, instruction, policies, organizational structure, administrative roles, etc.) needs to be modified or enhanced.

- ☐ Strongly Agree  
☐ Agree

- ☐ Disagree  
☐ Strongly Disagree

10. What changes are needed? (Use another sheet of paper.)

### Part B: Goal Statements

Directions: The questions on this and the next page represent potential goals for Potomac schools (K-10) in the areas of Spiritual, Mental, Physical and Social Development. There are two scales to the right of the goal statements. The left scale (IDEAL) identifies your perception of the goal as an ideal or "what should be happening." The right scale (WHAT CURRENTLY IS) identifies how well you think our schools meet the specific goal now. Place a check mark *on both scales* for each goal statement.

| Spiritual Domain   |   | IDEAL     |           |             |               | CURRENTLY |            |           |       |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|
|  |   | Essential | Important | Unimportant | Inappropriate | Always    | Frequently | Sometimes | Never |
| UPON COMPLETION OF A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST EDUCATION, STUDENTS SHOULD EXHIBIT: |   |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |
| 1.   | A developing, transformational relationship with Christ as a result of spiritual growth, i.e. study, reflection, prayer and discussion with others.                   |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |
| 2.   | An integration of the core dimensions of faith, i.e. a trust in God's saving grace, a belief in the humanity and divinity of Jesus and integration of faith and life. |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |
| 3.   | An assurance of personal salvation.   |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |
| 4.   | The ability to explain major Christian concepts from the Scriptures alone.  |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |
| 5.   | An understanding of the history and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.  |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |
| 6.   | A belief in Ellen G. White as one who wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.   |           |           |             |               |           |            |           |       |



## IDEAL CURRENTLY

|   | Essential | Important | Unimportant | Inappropriate | Always | Frequently | Sometimes | Never |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 7. The ability to function as a Christian outside of the church environment.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 8. The ability to differentiate between moral (principles) and cultural (lifestyle) standards.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 9. Moral commitment to personal responsibility for actions.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 10. Moral commitment to life-affirming values, i.e. the welfare of others, affirmation of cultural and religious diversity.                                 |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 11. A desire to be a part of a congregation in which people support and nourish one another and give witness to their faith through acts of loving service. |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 12. What additional Spiritual Development goal(s) do you believe are essential outcomes?  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |

### Mental Domain

|  | Essential | Important | Unimportant | Inappropriate | Always | Frequently | Sometimes | Never |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Continue to pursue academic excellence through lifelong learning experiences.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 2. Produce products of quality.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 3. Exhibit mastery of the English language in speaking, reading, writing and listening skills.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 4. Show competency in mathematics, science and other content (core) skills.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 5. Demonstrate complex and creative thinking skills to analyze materials, make appropriate decisions and effectively solve problems.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 6. Be able to reason from cause to effect and make logical, independent decisions.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 7. Set realistic goals and develop pathways for achieving them.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 8. Be able to acquire useful information and have a system for organizing and using it.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 9. Be knowledgeable about personal strengths and weaknesses as they relate to personality, temperament and learning style theory and how to improve weaknesses and enhance strengths.                      |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 10. Have the skills required for entry-level jobs, such as: the ability to follow instructions, ability to improve existing skills and develop new skills and have a sense of responsibility towards work. |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |

## IDEAL CURRENTLY

|   | Essential | Important | Unimportant | Inappropriate | Always | Frequently | Sometimes | Never |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 11. Believe that work is an essential part of self-fulfillment and self-worth.        |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 12. What additional Mental Development goal(s) do you believe are essential outcomes? |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |

### Physical Domain

|   | Essential | Important | Unimportant | Inappropriate | Always | Frequently | Sometimes | Never |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. An understanding of the benefits of physical health.                                 |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 2. A commitment to healthy living.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 3. An understanding of the various physiological functions and systems of their bodies. |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 4. An understanding of the various psychological functions of their being.              |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 5. An ability to apply Christ's principles to daily living.                             |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 6. Manners, grooming and health habits appropriate to Seventh-day Adventist values.     |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 7. An awareness of the impact that personal decisions have on their lives.              |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 8. A conviction of self-worth and self-confidence                                       |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |

### Social Domain

|   | Essential | Important | Unimportant | Inappropriate | Always | Frequently | Sometimes | Never |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Have skills to achieve a level of economic well-being.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 2. Understand the money system of the family, church, community and world.  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 3. Be able to process information from their surroundings and use it to improve the quality of life in their community. |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 4. Encourage social and global change that will bring about greater social justice.                                     |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 5. Be able to use the principles of group dynamics while participating in groups as leader and follower.                |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 6. Participate in the governmental process.   |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 7. Do you believe the Social Domain should stand alone or be included in the other three Domains? Why?                  |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |
| 8. What additional Physical or Social Development goal(s) do you believe are essential outcomes?                        |           |           |             |               |        |            |           |       |



Ministerial, Stewardship, health/temperance

## Where has the time gone?

"Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, Swiftly fly the years."

Here we are again, poised on that special moment when we nostalgically look back and resolutely look ahead. How quickly the time passes! The ministerial department is already planning for meetings in 1996!

Thankfully, we have had another year with very few vacancies created. Potomac may not be a perfect conference, but one doesn't have to look far to realize that it is pretty hard to beat. There are opportunities and circumstances that do draw workers elsewhere; and when that happens, we are always grateful for the way God provides new leadership. I can say with confidence that we have an exceptionally competent, committed and professional group of pastors.

One of the reasons we have such high quality and limited turnover amongst our pastors is that the Potomac Conference has a very strong continuing education program. Each year, we give the opportunity for each pastor to be involved in one continuing education event of their choosing.

We pay registration fees and per diem and subsidize travel and lodging. This is a great incentive and encouragement to them, and as a result we are strengthened.

This past year, eight pastors made a trip to Israel and Jordan. I was privileged to be among that group. It was a life-changing trip for each of us. We saw and experienced things that made the Bible come alive for us in remarkable ways. 1994 was the second year that

this has been possible, and we are sending seven more in 1995. I hope that every pastor will have the chance to experience personal exposure to the Holy Lands.

Additionally, we fully sponsored 34 pastors to attend a two-and-a-half day leadership conference conducted by Bill Hybels and John Maxwell in the Washington, D.C., area. This was first-class material presented by two first-class leaders who filled us with enthusiasm and ideas for first-class ministry. This also is an event that will be available again in 1995. It is not one that we coordinate, but we surely can use it. Many other pastors went to other specialized training seminars in a variety of locations, and all came back enriched.

Further continuing education is given on an in-house basis. In the spring Ruth Ann Beaghan, a professional image consultant, presented a one-day seminar on professional dress and personal care. In the fall, Herman Bauman was the presenter for the Fourth Annual C.E. Bradford Lectureship Series. Pastor Bauman is president of the Arizona Conference and former chair of the religion department at AUC where he taught homiletics as well as other pastoral training classes.

One last item in the area of continuing education involves our subscription to a series of books distributed through the General Conference Ministerial Association. These books, covering a variety of subjects related



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to ministry, are made available at a reduced cost. We send each one, as it comes out, to every pastor in the field.

Continuing Education Units, or CEUs, are available by reading and doing some follow-through work. All in all, I believe our Potomac pastors are provided with excellent opportunities to grow and develop.

This department continues to send out a weekly letter of encouragement and news to the pastors. This epistle, the *VIP (Very Important Pastors)*, is up to #157 as of this writing and is certainly one of the most thoroughly read items issued from this office. It does help us all stay in touch. Each year many—though certainly not all—pastors receive a personal visit from their pastor. There are times of sharing, times of counsel and times of rejoicing as we encourage one another in the work God has called us to.

This year Arlene Taylor, a Seventh-day Adventist presenter from Napa, California, shared with us concepts related to right brain vs. left brain approaches to problem solving and challenges in ministry as well as cutting-edge stress management techniques. We will also have our spring meetings and the Fifth C.E. Bradford Lectureship Series.

Looking ahead, we probably see more pastoral movement than we have seen in the past two years; but we do expect the majority of that to be internal moves. Happily Adventist pastors are tending to stay

longer in recent years, and I believe the results of that to be positive. As Pastor Weiss, our evangelism coordinator, will report, the bottom line is seen in the 1,000+ baptisms again this year and the desire for growth expressed in the majority of our churches.

There are two additional hats that I wear, namely stewardship and health/temperance. In the area of stewardship, we are certainly happy to report a strong tithe gain for 1994. Praise be to God! Stewardship education is still a vital need in our territory, and we are thankful for some of the new seminars that have been developed recently. We are also very thankful for your faithfulness.

Health/temperance is an area in which I have a great deal of interest and background, but very little time. I have been able to do two Breathe-Free Plans in the past year for two state agencies. We do have resources and materials available, and I would be anxious to help any of our churches reach out through health-related programs.

In short, God has richly blessed our work and our workers throughout 1994; and we have nothing to fear for the future except that we forget how He has led us in the past. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

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### Family ministry alive in Potomac!

We are entering the second half of a decade even as we approach a new millennium. Drive-by shootings, drugs, divorce and moral decay are rampant in our society. However, there is an oasis of safety, which God formed in the Garden of Eden, called family. The Potomac Conference has a family life leader in three out of four of its churches and companies. Even as I rejoice over the 75 percent who are focusing on families, I must wonder about the priorities of the other 25 percent.

"Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are the 'issues of life'; and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences,"—*Adventist Home*, page 15.

Last year, our area family coordinators organized five family life conventions in various locations around the conference. Our couples alumni, of more than 800 members, sponsor three retreats each year and its own monthly newsletter, *Love Lines*. A new focus on men's ministry has reaffirmed those churches where it already existed and created resources for other churches wishing to begin. A monthly newsletter, *First Class Male*, keeps in touch with those interested in men's ministry. Women's ministry is vibrant and alive as it is led by churches such as Sligo. Women will soon have their own journal, *Women of Spirit*, edited by

Penny Wheeler at the Review and Herald.

I am often asked the question, "Is family life evangelistic?" One of my favorite authors offers an appropriate answer. "One well-ordered, well-disciplined family tells more in behalf of Christianity than all the sermons that can be preached . . . The whole neighborhood in which they live is helped, for in it they have become enriched for time and for eternity. The whole family is engaged in the service of the Master; and by their godly example, others are inspired to be faithful and true to God . . ."—*Adventist Home*, page 32. Without family, our baptisms would decrease by more than 50 percent. Sadly, we often view converts from a strong Adventist family as less desirable than converts who have already squandered half their lives "in a far country." Families are the greatest evangelistic tools in the Adventist church. Therefore, it amazes me that one out of four churches in Potomac does not have a family life leader.

According to an old cliché, *the best is yet to come*. This year, the Potomac and Carolina conferences are joining with the Columbia and Southern unions to hold the Family of God Festival June 8–11 at New Heritage USA, near Charlotte, North Carolina. This resort is owned and operated by Christians and offers both a smoke-free and alcohol-free environment. It boasts the largest water park in the east, a brand new golf course, horseback



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riding and a host of other activities. There are two major outlet malls within a mile, and Carrowinds (a major theme park) is only two miles away. Affordable accommodations vary from tent camping to the Grand Radisson Hotel.

Florence Littauer, well known for her sense of humor and ability to cross generational lines, will be the featured speaker. Designed to be family friendly, the festival will feature tracks and activities for every age, gender and marital status. There will be featured seminars for men, women, singles, couples, parents, children, teens and young adults. The Family of God Festival offers four days of family adventure, encouragement, inspiration and fun! This festival is an incredible opportunity for your family to worship, play and learn together in the beauty of New Heritage Resort. Call (800) SDA-7738 for an affordable and spiritual family vacation. For more information, contact Len or Ingrid at (703) 886-0771 or (800) SDA-1844.

Family ministries is also planning two couples, retreats in Slovakia. One is designed specifically for pastoral couples and the other a more general retreat for other couples in that conference. The Potomac Conference has sponsored many evangelistic crusades in Slovakia with gratifying results. After decades of the state having priority over

family, they need our help to establish and strengthen the family unit. In order for Potomac to send this *gift of love*, we will need your "gifts of love." The total cost of the evangelistic crusade, couples' retreats and youth outreach for Slovakia in 1995 is more than \$25,000. Your tax-deductible donation for "Slovakia '95" is greatly appreciated.

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### North Valley teacher appreciation day

The North Valley church in Roanoke held Teacher Appreciation Day on December 3. Pam Consuegra, Kent Greve, Nancy Hogan and Randy Reece are the teachers at Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School in Roanoke. Fifty students enrolled in the fall. Don



From left: Randy Reece, Kent Greve, Nancy Hogan, Pam Consuegra and Don Eckenroth, board chairman.

Eckenroth is the school board chairman.

Each teacher was given a gift and flowers and treated to a special luncheon. Roanoke Adventist Preparatory School students are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff to help prepare them for the future.

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