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**Harold Otis**  
President  
Family Enrichment Resources



The church must be willing to try new things! If we only do what is comfortable, we'll get caught in a rut. As leaders, we stop growing. On the other hand, when we're willing to take calculated, prayed-over risks, the Lord enables us to accomplish things that would otherwise seem impossible!

Henry Drummond said: "Unless we undertake more than we possibly can do, we will never do all we can!" The devil would rather we take timid steps than to risk for God. From personal perspective, I can recall two specific times in my leadership when risk was called for.

The first came in 1980 when a decision was made by the General Conference to move the Review and Herald Publishing Association from Takoma Park to Hagerstown, Maryland. Today, we see proof that God's hand was leading in that risk. The Review is enjoying the most profitable years in its history.

A more recent risk in 1991 involved a decision by the Columbia Union Executive Committee to revamp our union's publishing program. That risk included the challenge of developing new products for literature evangelists. A new area of development involved videos. Developing videos was risk with a capital "R," but we were committed to present the gospel to children through a medium they will accept.

When I was a student colporteur, I read in the Spirit of Prophecy that people with financial resources not of our faith would come forward to help spread the gospel "like the leaves of autumn." In our search for funding to develop The Animated Bible Story, Family Enrichment Resources officers met a gentleman who has embraced our goals and lessened our risk considerably. A total of \$18 million of non-Adventist money has been dedicated to developing and marketing this series of 15 videos. As a result, The Animated Bible Story will be seen on infomercials across the country. When literature evangelists knock on the doors of homes anywhere in North America, families will be familiar with The Animated Bible Story—our story.

Is there risk? Yes! Are there challenging days? Yes! Is it going to be worth it? You better believe it!

May our Father in heaven continue to challenge us to "risk" for Him.

**COVER:** The illustration on the cover was created by artist Marye McKenney for the 1996 Christian Record Services/National Camps for Blind Children calendar. She used pen, ink and colored pencils. Marye feels a special closeness to CRS/NCBC because she met Jesus as a camper at "blind camp." With a contact lens in her good eye, Marye's vision is corrected to 20/1000. That means she has to be within two to three inches of the paper to see what she's drawing. "I'd get closer, but I'd have to cut off my nose to do it," she comments jokingly. "It's like trying to look through waxed paper."



**Because  
Jesus Christ is both  
our Lord and our Saviour:**

- The local church will be the central focus and the driving force of the denomination.
- The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.
- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

**Rhonda Norris, Beltsville, Potomac.** Rhonda joined the Beltsville church by baptism in December of 1994 by Pastor Craig Heinrich.



**Connie Bopp, Leechburg, Pennsylvania.** Connie joined the Leechburg church by profession of faith in January of 1995.



# Face 2 Face

Baptism Profiles

**Kay Green, Leechburg, Pennsylvania.** Kay joined the Leechburg church by profession of faith in January of 1995.



**John Godwin, Frederick, Chesapeake.** John was baptized in May of 1994 following a "Discoveries in Prophecy" series conducted by Pastor Rob von Gunten.



## Profile:

Scott Busby of Cortez, Colorado, is a house-painting contractor who paints by day and enjoys drawing cartoons on Sundays and evenings for the *Visitor* and the *Junior Guide*. He began his cartoon work by drawing editorial cartoons for the local newspaper. When he's not working his day job or drawing cartoons, he enjoys doing a little woodworking.

His wife, Anita, recently received the Zapara award for teaching in the Colorado/Wyoming Conference. He teaches art at her school once a week.

The Busbys enjoy spending their wedding anniversaries, 13 so far, at the Olive Garden restaurant. They have a 7-year-old son, Mark, who is a Chicago Bulls fan. They all attend the Cortez church where, Scott was recently ordained as an elder.



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# Then & Now

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Tick. Tick. Tick. I watched the second hand on my wrist watch move. Move slowly. Very slowly. I could almost hear the gears cranking and shifting, their mechanisms winding down to a halt as if the rust of a century knotted up their smooth, normal clip. With a belly-deep sigh and agitated scratch to my itchy elbow, I tried to sit motionless on the cushioned pew. Okay, I coached myself, pay attention. Listen. Concentrate.

Tick. Tick. Tick. Seconds later, I checked out the slow-mo time on my watch and remembered something important that I had to tell my friend. Leaning over just enough to whisper softly into her ear, I started to talk.

A few minutes later, my friend and I were engrossed in a definitely important conversation. We discussed the very important, very vital issues affecting us—including what we were going to do that Saturday night, what homework

we had, what guys we thought were attractive. As we chatted, the pastor, with one arm raised in the air and the other poised above his heart, preached the moist, nurturing gospel fertilizer our hungry, dry souls craved. Only I missed it.

One of my favorite things about the Sabbath and church is the sermon. I love to hear a "good" discourse that gives me food for thought or reminds me of the wonderful, all-encompassing love of Jesus Christ and the awesome gift He has given to His children. I praise God and thank Him for the opportunity to learn more about Him through the sermon and always get a blessing from the pastor's words.

This wasn't always the case. For years, I went through a ritual of going to Sabbath school and church (I always tried to bring a pen and paper or my *Guide/Insight* to read). I remember looking with envy at the small children playing with Color Forms or scribbling away in coloring

books. I never was allowed that pleasure. Pay attention, my parents would beg, cajole and scold me. And I tried.

That was my problem. I tried. On my own. One day, I asked the Lord to open my mind and heart and let me hear the message I needed. I started small—I'd pick out little bits of the sermon and contemplate them right then and there. I'd constantly ask myself: How do these words apply to me? And soon, I began to look forward to the sermon just so I could learn something that'd help me get closer to my Father. I hungered for the knowledge of my Father and delighted in learning it.

I still battle the urge to look over my shoulder every few minutes at the clock, but when I focus on the gospel grains the speaker is spreading, it gives me the tools to create my own window into heaven. And I like looking in on my Father God.

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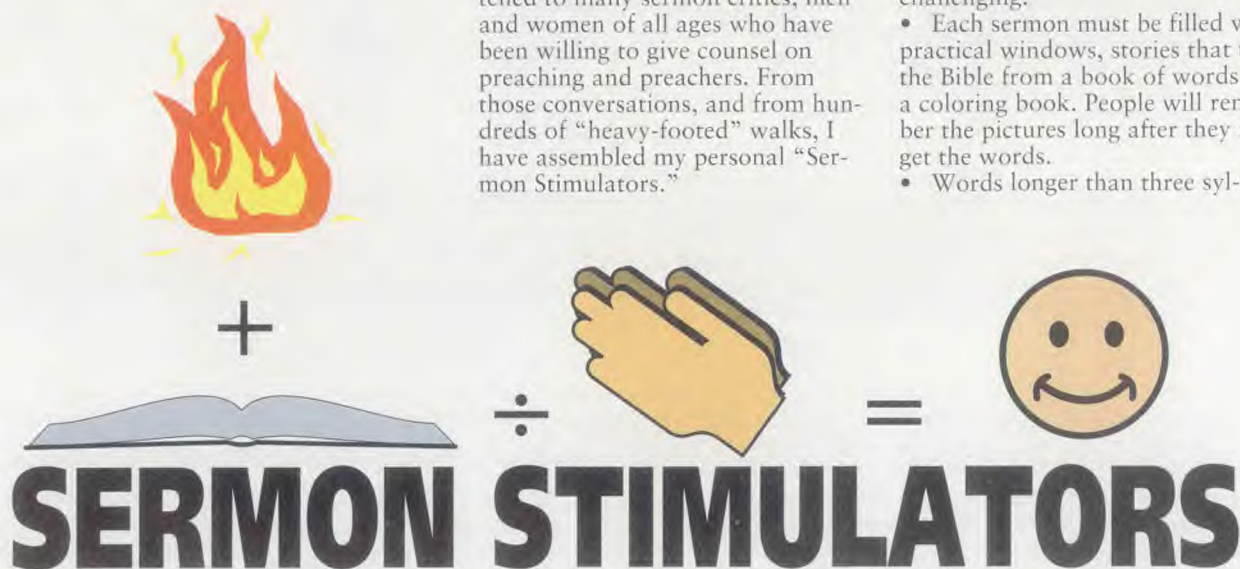
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**E**ach year, I preach from 130 to 140 sermons somewhere in the world. No, not 130 different sermons, but about 30 sermons four or five times each. Some of those are in camp meeting tents, while others are in churches, school auditoriums, summer camps, national parks or conference centers. For years, the congregation was mostly teenagers, but more often now the preaching assignment is for groups of men, pastors and their spouses, delegates to a youth congress or the adult programs at camp meetings. I love the diversity and the challenge.

Preparing and preaching an appropriate sermon is the most significant responsibility I face as an Adventist minister. In each sermon, it's my duty to listen closely to the thoughts of God, distill what I hear into words that match the needs of those who will be listening and then present those words in a way that makes it easy for each person to hear the message. The assignment is essentially the same whether the congregation is all youth, all adults, conservative, liberal, traditional or progressive. My job is to make Jesus appear irresistible.

When I listen well and when God's message touches real needs, I walk home on air. When I listen poorly and the message is mine in-

stead of God's, I walk home slowly, with lead weights in my shoes and a deep hurt in my heart. I prefer "air-walking."

Through the years, I have listened to many sermon critics, men and women of all ages who have been willing to give counsel on preaching and preachers. From those conversations, and from hundreds of "heavy-footed" walks, I have assembled my personal "Sermon Stimulators."

- Sermons must come from Scripture, not from *Newsweek*, 60 Minutes or even "Grandma's Advice." God still speaks most clearly through the words of His book. Sure, it was written long before Rush hit the airwaves, but it still speaks more directly to human hopes and needs than Ollie, Sally, Jessie, Oprah or Ricki can ever do. The Bible is the Source of Hope, Healing and Humor for the world today.

- Sermons must glue people and God together with a power that lasts all week. Preachers preach so people will live closer to God when the roof falls in Wednesday morning. Sermons that end and are forgotten at 12:15 Sabbath afternoon are useless exercises in speech-making. Sermons that ring around the table Sabbath evening and still stimulate hope on Friday are exercises in life transformation. As one old deacon told me, "I come to church here because that man says things that make it easier for me to be a Christian all week long."

- "Nice" sermons accomplish nothing. When "church door comments" include "Nice sermon, pastor," I know I've dropped the ball. Sermons must bring God near. They must stir memories of unconfessed sins, challenge commitment and

turn repentance into reality. None of that is amicable, agreeable, congenial, friendly or just plain "nice." It must be daring, demanding, confronting, inviting and pointedly challenging.

- Each sermon must be filled with practical windows, stories that turn the Bible from a book of words into a coloring book. People will remember the pictures long after they forget the words.
- Words longer than three syl-

lables are usually unintelligible to listeners. Big words often come between people and the message. If a teenager has to ask the meaning of a word, it's too complex to use in a sermon. No one should need a thesaurus in church.

- Preach to the kids and everyone will hear. Twelve-year-olds are my audience. If I preach so they can understand the message, their parents and grandparents will understand it, too.

- Each sermon must have a simple thesis statement, one that every listener can repeat from memory at the end of the service. "If your thesis requires more than one sentence or three phrases," my homiletics professor used to say, "you're trying to say too much."

- Leave some questions unanswered. A good sermon pushes people into study. Point the way and then get out of the way.

- Be real. Plastic preachers preach only plastic sermons.

There's more, but that gives you the gist of what I've learned about preaching. Now, if only I can put it into practice this Sabbath.

*Dick Duerksen, vice president for creative ministries, personifies creativity in ministry. Like all gifts, it requires effort to open.*



# Family Enrichment Resources brings gospel through doorways

CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN McCLURE

**T**housands of people in the Columbia Union, as well as the Atlantic and Pacific unions, are receiving the gospel through books and videos distributed by Family Enrichment Resources.

Part of the success of this literature evangelist program is possible because of the many products FER has available for sale. These products, which include Spanish language books on health, Sing-along videos for kids and the favorite *My Bible Friends* storybooks and cassettes, are making it even easier for literature evangelists to enter homes and share the good news of salvation.

And FER has reached out to include special language and culture groups in their product line. "There are more than 20 million people in the United States whose first language is not English," says Eliseo Lozano, director of foreign language services for FER. "We have more than 28 titles in French, 21 in Korean, 35 in Portuguese and 107 in Spanish, in addition to 49 in English. That makes the FER list of products the best in the North American Division to serve the multi-lingual community."

The blessings of God are making this a time for rejoicing with our literature evangelists as they deliver the "leaves of autumn" to thousands of interested families.

For more information or to place an order, call Family Enrichment Resources at (800) 337-4497. Credit cards are accepted. Call today and be on your way to a healthier and happier family.

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The Seventh-day Adventist message as told in *The Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, *Bible Readings for the Home* and other books on 24 videos. Features live presentations by Kenneth Cox.

### *New Testament & Psalms*

Audio cassette with narrative and music background from the Thomas Nelson Company.

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### *I Have the Power*

A series of three sing-along videos that help children understand basic values such as helpfulness, kindness and fairness. Tough values—like justice—become familiar and fun.

### *Quigley's Village*

Quigley's Village is a delightful place where children 2 to 7 years old learn Christian values. It teaches the character traits found in the *Bedtime Stories* books.

### *The Bible Story*

The 10-volume *Bible Story* will introduce your child to Adam, Eve, Noah, Moses, Abraham, David, Goliath and the apostle Paul, as well as Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the rest. The simply told, understandable stories, coupled with beautiful full-color illustrations, will keep your child fascinated for hours. Adults too will enjoy learning more about the interesting and exciting world of the Bible.

### *My Bible Friends*

Simple stories from the Bible written especially for preschoolers. Each book in the five-volume set contains four simple stories. Sticky fingerprints can easily be wiped from the colorful Mylar covers. Sound effects complement the narration on the audio cassette series.

## Products available

## SPANISH

### *Vida, Amor y sexo (Life, Love and Sex)*

Four volumes with the latest information about the family and love relationships in almost every aspect of life. More than 5,000 sets of these books were purchased in 1995.

### *Historia del Cristianismo (History of Christianity)*

Two volumes with the full story of Christianity from the early days to our time.

### *Specialty Bibles*

There are 46 different types of Bibles to suit any special needs. Nearly \$500,000 specialty Bibles were sold by Family Enrichment Resources in 1995 by Spanish, French and Filipino workers.

### *Nueva Enciclopedia de Medicina y Salud (New Encyclopedia of Health and Medicine)*

Printed exclusively by FER, these two volumes contain the most updated information in prevention. February. This is the first time the Spirit of Prophecy quotes and Bible texts have been put together in a medical set especially designed for Spanish families.

### *Medicina por las Plantas (Herbal Medicine)*

Natural remedies and procedures. Brand new in February 1996.

Charlotte Pedersen McClure is managing editor of the Visitor and associate director of communication for the Columbia Union.





# FERnotes

DICK DUERKSEN

Spending Friday evening, January 5, with the Family Enrichment Resources literature evangelists was like being immersed in grace. Each speaker recounted memories of God's miracles and praised Him for victories and challenges. The songs, greetings, handshakes, smiles and words of encouragement all pointed directly to the pleasure of partnership with God.

The evening program was dedicated to the multi-language ministry of FER. The sounds of Korean, Tagalog, Spanish, French and smatterings of English rang through the church. A choir of LEs from the Philippines sang. So did the Korean LEs. Although the words were distinctly different, the message was clearly understandable: God's grace supersedes all language barriers.

The FER multi-language program is experiencing exciting successes, especially among second-generation residents of America. Although the full variety of FER products is selling well, the "message books" always bring the greatest interest from customers. Those books, *The Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, *Bible Readings for the Home* and others, are being placed in thousands of homes across America each month.

Family Enrichment Resources, the Columbia Union literature evangelism program, is simply door-to-door conversations about God, conversations that are helping increase the population of the New Jerusalem.

Dick Duerksen is editor of the Visitor.



Above: Ronald Cho, director of the Korean LE program in FER. The Korean LEs have delivered about \$1,000,000 in sales over the past three years. Dr. Cho has developed a successful method of "health evangelism" among the Korean literature evangelists.

Left: Eliseo Lozano, assistant to the FER president, introduces Eunice Aguilar, one of the most outstanding LEs within the Filipino program. She has sold about \$40,000 during the past five months. She has accomplished this over the telephone, since she doesn't know how to drive or read a map.



The Korean LE choir during the Friday night presentation, led by the multi-lingual division within FER.



# How to improve your pastor's preaching

## The pastor's pastor lists interactive suggestions

Marvin Wray, ministerial director for the Potomac Conference, oversees the pastoring process of ministers and serves as their guide and confidant—he is the pastor's pastor. He believes that good sermons are a joint effort. "You like a pastor who can identify with your needs. Likewise, pastors appreciate critics who identify with the challenges they face," says Wray.

Wray does offer a pew-person warning, however. "Do not give even helpful criticism until at least Monday," he says. "A pastor is very vulnerable right after the sermon. Surely you can find something positive to say on the way out of church."

The following are some ways he suggests can improve your pastor's preaching.

1. Affirm everything your pastor is doing well. If the preaching is often sub-par but they used a good illustration or made a solid point, then seize the moment and let them know how effective it was.
2. If there are some oft-repeated weaknesses, such as preaching way too long or reading the sermon in an uninteresting manner, be kindly and considerately direct. Be sure you don't imply that some aspects of poor preaching mean he or she is a poor pastor or a bad person.
3. When you get down to "the real matter" on Monday, be specific about what was good or what was missing. It also helps to take one point at a time if there is more than one area that needs help. Making a good preacher is like sanctification, it is the work of a lifetime.
4. Your pastor should be provided with a book allowance of at least \$25 per month supplied by the church or, if necessary, yourself. Rarely should you choose the book for the pastor unless it is of a general nature, such as a book of illustrations.
5. Sponsor your pastor to a preaching seminar once a year. Help him or her pick a good one and provide all the expenses.
6. Subscribe to a tape-of-the-month series for preaching and/or pastoral inspiration.
7. Pray for your pastor and let him or her know that you are going to be praying before and during the sermon time.
8. Respond! A few "amens" and visible nods of the head—with eyes open—really help a preacher "get into" the sermon.
9. Let the pastor know that a good sermon makes a difference in your life for the entire week, not just until noon on Sabbath.



*Sermons are relationships—  
prepared, Spirit-driven  
preachers; "seasoned,"  
supportive listeners*

CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN MCCLURE

As a pastor's daughter growing up in various areas of Nebraska, I was well acquainted with my dad's sermons. He loved history, especially American history, and often referred in his sermons to historical events or the lives of people who had impressed him. He made the Bible come alive for me because he was a wonderful storyteller. And his practical illustrations showed me how Bible values could be applied to personal lives.

I especially remember the story of General William Dean and how he stood for his high ideals through difficulties and fear—like Daniel and Joseph. At the time, Dad was pastoring six churches—can you believe it!!!—in western Nebraska (while loving my mother and being Daddy to four children). So I heard the General Dean story six times. I used it, nearly word for word, for a writing assignment in sixth grade—and got an A. No wonder! It was already "seasoned" by the Holy Spirit, prayed over and carefully researched before I heard it the first time.

I've heard many life-applicable, inspiring, relationship-building sermons since then. In fact, I hear those kinds of sermons most Sabbaths at Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland. In my years of pew sitting, awaiting hope, spiritually needy and sin-wretched, I've heard some sermons that I wished had been better presented, shorter, quieter, inspiring or not given at all.

We asked a few pew-sitters in congregations around the Columbia Union, ministers and church leaders to tell us what they believe will help pastors—our shepherds—give us



dynamic, soul-stirring, life-changing sermons. They gave us wonderful suggestions and insights. And they told us how much they care for and want to support their pastors. Their words are practical, helpful and encouraging. "I am a member of the Dale Wright Memorial church in Germantown, Ohio," says Flonzie Wright, treasurer and communication leader for the 117-member Allegheny West church. "Elder Wayne McKnight came here in 1993, and immediately I recognized the specialness and uniqueness of his delivery."

Wright doesn't believe his sermons need improving, and she tells why. "His sermons are to the point; he stays on his subject; it is evident that he spends much time in prayer, preparation, meditation and communing with the Holy Spirit," she says. "While his sermons are not necessarily brief, he has a way of



*Preparing a sermon without a computer is unthinkable.*  
—Company CEO

building your excitement about the message to the extent you feel as though you walked with Paul, Peter, David and yes, even Jesus. He preaches about practical, everyday life situations. His sermons always have something for everyone—from the seasoned Adventist to the 'Christian babe.' We simply cannot wait until it is time for him to share the Word of God with us again."

Ruth Covell, Browns Mills English church clerk and treasurer of the 61-member congregation in the New Jersey Conference, has come to expect similar criteria. "The sermon should be Christ-centered," she says. "As it progresses, a definite theme should emerge. I enjoy personal experiences as illustrations, and it is nice to include something for the children. Thorough preparation makes a difference in whether a sermon is poor or good. Audience participation and movement by the pastor keeps the congregation interested. Repetition of a main point, thought or phrase stays with me long after the sermon—and even the speaker—is forgotten. Looking at a well-known Bible story, text or Psalm from different



perspectives always captures this listener's interest."

Beverly Gilmore, office administrator for the 500-plus member Damascus Road Community church, an evangelical Seventh-day Adventist congregation in Damascus, Maryland, in the Potomac Conference, comes to hear a mes-

### A CEO looks at the business of preaching

The chief executive officer of a large corporation, who sits in the pew as a listener, views the role of the pastor as a peer—the leader of a company whose business is church. Dale Twomley, president and CEO of Worthington Foods, Inc., in Ohio, made the following suggestions specific and actionable by the congregation.

1. **Send the pastor to annual seminars and workshops.** Like every professional, pastors need time to sharpen their skills and reload with new ideas, fresh approaches and creative challenges for the congregation. During the year, the pastor needs to attend at least two seminars or workshops—not to be included in vacation time or camp meeting.
2. **Let the pastor know you are listening.** Everyone needs reflective feedback on their work. A pastor's work is preaching. Make reflective, thoughtful comments and/or questions about the topic or sermon. Compliment when you are especially blessed by the preaching.
3. **Suggest topics and helpful materials.** The pastor surely is reading a wide range of materials in preparing for the preaching, but you can be helpful by referring the pastor to materials you have found. Ask the pastor to include topics of special interest or need for you. There is nothing like serving up a good meal that has been requested by the family!
4. **Get the pastor a computer and an online service.** Preparing a sermon without a computer is unthinkable. The word processing features are a given, but the availability of materials, dialog and information through Prodigy, CompuServe and the Internet are stimulating and very helpful.
5. **Allow the pastor time to prepare for preaching.** Sometimes the congregation wants too much time from the pastor to talk, for personal visits and running errands; let the church elders carry much of this responsibility and report back to the pastor. A good preacher needs two to three days a week to prepare a good sermon; an average preacher needs more time. Thoughtful, spiritual and stimulating preaching doesn't come easily for most preachers unless they have sufficient time to study, pray and prepare.



**TO THE PASTOR ...**

1. **Make Christ the center of your life and preaching.** Your Christ-filled life should overflow and touch the lives of your members and family. When they see Him in you, they will listen to your sermons to find out how to be more like Him.

2. **Prepare solid biblical sermons.** I go to church to be fed from the Word. Challenge my thinking. Encourage me to use my Bible. Lead me to a deeper desire to study for myself.

3. **Schedule time for personal prayer and Bible study.** Seminary may be over, but your very calling demands a deep and honest study of the Word. Your devotional life should become part of your daily existence; it will reflect in your sermons. Pray without ceasing that your mind may be filled with the things of God and not the things of this world.

**A spouse offers viewpoints from the "second row"**

Perhaps the most sensitive listener to any sermon is the pastor's spouse. Most know the joys and concerns, strengths and weaknesses of their very personal pastor. They are often the best critics and greatest supporters of the pastor. But they also love the congregation and bring a dual perspective to the interaction between the shepherd and the flock.

"Pastor's spouses are in a unique situation—they attend church every week and are married to a Seventh-day Adventist but seldom sit with their mate. And very often, when they need the shepherd, he or she is attending other sheep!" says Jean Sequeira, wife of Pastor Jack Sequeira, pastor of the Capitol Memorial church in Washington, D.C., and a much-sought-after

*I have been known to fill out the request card for a pastoral visit! —Pastor's Wife*

**TO THE CONGREGATION ...**

1. **Pray for and uphold your pastor.** Like Aaron and Hur in Exodus 17, members need to support their pastors daily. It is encouraging to know that in the everyday ups and downs of life, prayers are ascending on the pastor's behalf.

2. **Offer constructive criticism.** When you have been blessed by a sermon, give God the glory and let the pastor know. When you have questions or suggestions, let him or her know that also. Everyone can grow from Christ-like, Spirit-filled constructive criticism.

3. **Give a book from the pastor's "most wanted list."** Books are tools for ministers. Your Adventist Book Center will be happy to obtain books not in stock when you supply details such as title, author and publisher.

4. **Make suggestions for sermon topics.** Many pastors would be happy to know your needs. If he or she gives a series of sermons from books of the Bible, let them know which books you find hard to understand. Ask for Christ-centered sermons that lead to a better relationship with God, your fellow members and your neighbors.

sage of hope. "In a world filled with trauma and tragedy, in a nation where hundreds of thousands of people's economic stability is threatened repeatedly for political purposes, where the news media recounts horrific stories of 10-year-old children having children, in a land where man's inhumanity to man is too often displayed and the inhabitants live in acute awareness of the dangers that surround them—what the people need to receive from the pulpit is the authentic message of *Hope*," Gilmore says. "I am happy to report that I hear this message of hope regularly at my church, but it took the hearing of it for a couple of years before I got it!"

In the next several issues, the conversation about sermons—the preacher's responsibility and the role of the listener/participant will continue. In future issues, two pastors, two conference presidents and others will offer their suggestions for better sermons. If you would like to contribute to this subject, write to the author at the address listed on page 3, or by CompuServe E-mail at 74617,1314.

speaker around the world. "I have been known to fill out the request card for a pastoral visit!"

Sequeira tells a story that illustrates the terrorism of Satan and his workers against pastors and the people who yearn for a closer relationship with God. "I remember hearing the story about a Christian who went into a restaurant and noticed a group bowing their heads in prayer. He went over to their table and asked if he could join them. The leader welcomed him to the group. When the newcomer asked what they were doing, he was horrified to learn that they were Satanists who met every week to go through the local telephone listings and pray against the work of all the local ministers!"

"How vigilant we need to be, both as members and pastoral families!" Sequeira adds. See her tips to pastors and congregants at left.

*Making a good preacher is like sanctification, it is the work of a lifetime.*

*—Pastor's Pastor*





# PASSING the torch

Richard Klinedinst of York, Pennsylvania, retired at the end of 1994, but that hasn't changed much in his life. "I don't feel retired. I'm as busy as ever. I very rarely have times when I wake up and wonder what to do."

At the end of 20 years of ministering to the blind and deaf as a representative for Christian Record Services, Richard decided to pass on the torch to his son, David. But things didn't let up. Now Richard and David drive all over eastern Pennsylvania visiting hundreds of blind and deaf individuals. They offer friendship and tell them about the free programs Christian Record Services offers.

Why does a job that once belonged to Richard now keep both Richard and his son nearly overwhelmed? Because there are so many blind and deaf people for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to reach. "There's a large untouched area in the church that we need to fill," says Richard. Right now, he's planning to break new ground and move to new areas of Pennsylvania that haven't yet been reached. "We could use a couple other representatives," laments Richard.

But Richard goes on to say that not just anyone out for a job and a buck need apply. People who will imitate Jesus Christ are needed. "Jesus' method was to reach out to the disenfranchised—the blind and deaf and poor. Christian Record is

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*Jason Welch works in communication at Christian Record Services.*

JASON WELCH



Artist Marye McKinney draws the cover art for the *Visitor*.

## Make a difference!

Here are just a few things you can do to help the blind or the deaf in your neighborhood:

- Help your church become more user friendly for people with disabilities. Offer to become the church disability awareness secretary. You don't have to be an expert—you just need to want to get involved. Ask your pastor about it.
- Give someone a ride. Things you take for granted, like transportation, are often not so easy for blind people. It's important for blind persons to keep their independence, but buses and taxis get old. It's nice to be able to catch a ride with a friend now and then.
- Learn American Sign Language. Community colleges or local organizations for the deaf often offer classes. Or you can take lessons from a deaf friend. Volunteer your skills by being an interpreter for the deaf at local churches and around your neighborhood.
- Observe Disability Awareness Day on March 23. Assist Christian Record Services as it ministers to the blind and the deaf around the world by giving a special offering, marking "Christian Record Services" on your offering envelope on March 23 or any week of the year.



Ljiljana Ljubisic laughs with Richard Klinedinst.

- You or your church group can sponsor a blind or deaf child to camp. Sponsor them for a week (\$350) or for a day (\$50).

For more information on National Camps for Blind Children and other programs sponsored by Christian Record Services, contact Rikki Stenbakken at 4444 South 52nd Street, P.O. Box 6097, Lincoln, NE 68506-0097; (402) 488-0981.





Hamlet Canosa

## COLUMBIA UNION

## Canosa named new union vice president for education

Hamlet Canosa has been appointed the new vice president for education of the Columbia Union Conference.

When he comes to the union's office in Columbia, Maryland, on April 1, he leaves behind a similar post at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference in Calhoun, Georgia, where his responsibilities have included serving as the superintendent of schools and secretary of that conference's K-12 board of education.

Canosa has an extensive background in education, which he gained during 22 years as a classroom teacher and school administrator. A number of those years were spent at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, where he served as the school's vice principal and then principal.

A 1971 graduate of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, he is presently completing his doctor of education degree through La Sierra University in Riverside, California.

He and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 27 years and have four children who range from 26 years of age to a 9-year-old third-grade student.

Canosa replaces Dick Osborn, who recently became vice president of education for the North American Division in Silver Spring, Maryland.

**RANDY HALL**  
Visitor Assistant Editor

## COLUMBIA UNION

## New faces, new places; tasks and transfers

- Bruce Atchison is the new Adventist Community Services director for the Pennsylvania Conference. The Nanticoke resident works with local Community Services leaders and also acts as the state disaster coordinator.
- Len McMillan leaves the Potomac Conference after serving as the family ministries director there for nearly 10 years. He and his wife, Karen, move to California, where he is family life director of the Pacific Health Education Center in Bakersfield.
- Karen McMillan joins her husband, Len, in transferring from the Potomac Conference, where she was secretary to the vice president for finance, to Bakersfield, California, where she assists the nutritionist and health educator at the Pacific Health Education Center.

**RANDY HALL**  
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## POTOMAC

## Appomattox has a home on the Web

The church's elementary school in Appomattox, Virginia, is not only on the Internet, but it also has an operating home page as well.

Students have been using the Internet as a supplement to their learning tools. For example, in a recent project on home budgeting, the children were able to locate their chosen careers on various Web sites, find the details they needed and see various options for business advertising.

The pupils will soon have the chance to send electronic mail to children at an Adventist school in Brisbane, Australia.

Recently, the Appomattox school was invited to demonstrate the students' work on the Internet at the November constituency meeting at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia.

Anyone can view the first fully functioning home page on the Internet for an Adventist elementary school in America at: <http://www.catalog.com/standish/ap-po.html>, and electronic mail can be sent to the school at the following address: [Leisa@Standish.Com](mailto:Leisa@Standish.Com).

**LEISA STANDISH**  
Head Teacher

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

## Uncontrolled anger

**Question:** My husband and I disagree on how anger should be expressed. He doesn't see anything wrong with our kids slamming the doors of their rooms, throwing things and yelling "I hate you." I don't think that kids should be allowed to act this way.

**Answer:** You're both right. Now let's put it in perspective. Bottled-up anger that isn't allowed to be expressed will get worse. The result could be explosive, violent temper tantrums, revenge or even depression. So your husband is right. It is better to slam doors and scream "I hate you" than to bottle up the anger.

But you're right, too. Anger expressed with no self-control is like a boomerang. It hurts others on its way out—but can end up hurting you far more by damaging relationships. You don't want your children's uncontrolled anger to cause pain in the future. How can you teach them more acceptable ways of expressing their anger?

A lot will depend on your child's temperament. Some children impulsively express their feelings without any restraint, while others let their feelings smolder and pout. Both of these are immature reactions to anger that will have negative side-effects if allowed to continue into their adult years. That's why parents need to teach children a better way to express feelings.

The key is not to try to teach much when either you or your child is angry. That's why you might allow the slamming of a door or the yelling of hurtful words to go unchallenged for the moment. But ignoring inappropriate expressions of anger at the time doesn't mean you should be indifferent to it. Later, when tempers are cooled, talk about what happened, why and plan a better way to handle anger in the future.

Let's take door slamming. After tempers are cooled, explain: "When you get so angry you can't stand it anymore, you have to explode by slamming doors. By doing so, you're announcing 'I'm angry' in door-slamming language rather than English! Then it takes time for you to cool down and get control so what caused your angry feelings can be resolved. How'd you like to solve the problem earlier so you don't waste so much time?" Then explain how to say "I'm angry" with words before the child loses control. Problem solving can then begin immediately. Sometimes word pictures help. For example, uncontrolled anger is like a stampeding horse. It's much better to keep control than lose it and try to regain it!

When you get your child to agree to the concept, then explore ways he can become more alert to the early stages of anger so he doesn't have to explode. Role play how he can say, "I'm angry" and how you will listen and work out solutions. You can help a child by sensing when his anger is mounting, stopping immediately and giving him permission to tell you how he feels.

**[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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"Right now is the most important time parents have with their children," said Randy Maxwell, who co-edits the magazine with Glen Robinson. "We want the best of everything for our kids, and we intend for *ParentTalk* to be a practical resource to help parents out."

Maxwell brings a diverse knowledge base to the *ParentTalk* staff. He served at Pacific Press as director of advertising for three years and assistant book editor for another three years and is the author of three books.

Formerly the associate editor of *Listen* magazine for three years, Robinson also worked as an associate book editor for five years at Pacific Press and has written four books.

*ParentTalk* will cover topics related to health, values, relationships, discipline and spirituality. Beginning with its premier issue in May, the magazine will be packed full of encouragement and ideas to help parents make their own child-rearing decisions.

The publication also was created to present realistic approaches to sensitive lifestyle and spiritual issues, such as diet, prayer and the Sabbath. Objective reviews of popular videos, music and computer games will help parents to decide what their children should or should not be seeing or hearing.

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