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Paul A. Sergio of South Bend, IN, photographed the Brandywine Creek in Niles, MI, with his Nikon 8008s camera using Fujichrome Velvia 50 film.

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## EDITORIAL



# Are You A Mouthpiece?

by Don Schneider, president  
Lake Union Conference

Jesus said: Go! Tell people! Teach them, and baptize them. What have we been doing with this command? Oh, I'm not talking about the corporate Church. This is not a discussion of how

the Adventist message is doing in new countries; nor am I seeking a global mission report. I am merely asking how things are going in the neighborhood in which you live? How well do I know my neighbors? Does he or she know that Jesus is coming? Have I told them? Have *you* told yours?

Has anyone ever said to you, "Thank you for introducing me to Jesus"? Will anyone be able to say to you in heaven, "I am here because *you* gave me the invitation"? I want to do my best to help people know about Jesus and the good news of His return. I want to do that because Jesus and I are friends. It's so wonderful knowing Him that I want *everyone* to know about Him, too, and experience the joy of serving Him. But beyond that, I recognize it is my obligation as a Christian to be a missionary for Jesus.

Some things in life simply happen, but most events require conscious effort. I challenge you to put thought and effort into the idea of being a witness for Jesus.

For several years I worked at Camp Yorktown Bay, a youth camp in Arkansas. Elder E. Frank Sherrill, who was then the conference president, would come to visit. As we walked across the campus together he would often stop, pick up an object, and say to me, "Here is an agate." It happened every few feet. The curious thing is that I never found a single agate in all the years that I was at the camp. I'm sure the reason for this was because I haven't the slightest interest in agates, and so looking for them had not been an overwhelming passion for me. Likewise, I believe some of us have never developed an interest in searching out people to invite to heaven, and so we have never looked for them. But now I'm inviting *you* to think about the people you know whom you might speak to about Jesus — people you might influence under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I think it would be good to pray: "Lord, help me to be an effective witness for you. Help me to find people who will listen to the message about Jesus." If you ask Jesus to help you find someone who will be ready to receive your witness, I believe that God will place you with the right person.

Try making a prayer list, not just of people who are missionaries in foreign fields but also those closer to home — a list of those whom you hope to influence for Jesus. Make a list of people whom you are likely to see over the next few weeks. Then ask God to help you witness to them in the most effective manner. I believe that He will direct your thoughts, words and actions.

Witnessing isn't only for a few skilled professionals. Witnessing is for *everyone*. In fact, we are *all* witnessing *all* of the time in some manner or another, whether we like it or not. The question is, then, "Am I witnessing for God, or not?"

Today, I want my witness to be positive and intentional for Jesus. Someday very soon He'll be returning. And when He does, I want to be able to look forward to meeting the people who have been brought to Jesus through my life and words. Today, let's ask God to help us be His mouthpiece wherever He needs us.



## A Tale of Two Churches

by Clinton Meharry, pastor of Wisconsin's Durand Church,  
with Laurie Herr, Wisconsin communication director



In the foreground Doris Evans, a church member from Eagle River, WI, works on a block wall of the new church in Santiago, Dominican Republic. Most of the 19 Lake Union volunteers were from Wisconsin.

When the Durand (Wisconsin) church school was built about 15 years ago, a temporary sanctuary was set up in the basement. The eventual plan was to add a permanent sanctuary on to the west side of the building.

In the fall of 1993, Durand church members talked about the need for church buildings in the Dominican Republic. By a unanimous vote, it was decided to take \$5,000 from the building fund to help sponsor a church in our adopted sisterland of the North Dominican Conference in the Dominican Republic.

Even though the present Durand sanctuary is not ideal, the members felt that the need in the Dominican Republic was much greater. Because several members in Durand expressed an interest in helping build a church in North Dominican, a mission project was organized in cooperation with the Wisconsin Conference and Maranatha Volunteers International. The project selected was in the Santiago area of the Dominican Republic.

Clinton Meharry, pastor of the Durand Church, and Ken Wright, Wisconsin Conference treasurer, were project coordinators. Elder Luis Leonor, Lake Union Vice President, also provided valuable assistance by making arrangements for lodging, transportation and food.

Altogether 19 people went on this trip to Santiago, November 20-30, 1994. Those from Durand were Clinton Meharry, Willa Hamlin (a non-Adventist), Malcolm and Dorothy Cole, and Wayne Bauer; others from Wisconsin were Kenneth Wright II and Kenneth Wright III (Madison), Dan Adels (Iron River), Robert and Mary Jean Merickel (Chippewa Falls), and

Don and Doris Evans (Eagle River); Ron Smith from Lafayette, IN; Beth Adels from Keiser, OR; Lucille Sayen from Trenary, MI; Luis Leonor from Berrien Springs, MI; Dean Soule from Michigan; and Barbara Jean Szaflarski and her son, Stephen, from Coon Rapids, MN.

One of the best parts of this trip was meeting and working with members of the local church. Every day five to 15 local volunteers helped with the church building project. They were thrilled to get a new building. The 70-member church had been meeting in a small, rented house in a very crowded section of town. They hope to double their membership within a year, now that they have more room to meet.

Local Pastor Franklin Marti has seven churches in his district of about 10 miles. Since many people in the Dominican Republic do not have cars, they like to have many smaller churches rather than one or two large ones. Four of Pastor Marti's churches still meet in small, rented houses. Every week each church will meet together on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Sabbath morning.

Durand volunteer Dorothy Cole says her personal goal in going on the trip was to see for herself how a group could build a sense of community while laying bricks and mortar. "We came

together and got the job done ... and I made some lifelong friends. I'm ready to go again!"

When the work was completed, a special service was held during which Dominican members moved into their new church. "It was very moving," says Elder Wright. Around 30 people responded that day during the service to Elder Leonor's call to accept Christ for the first time.

Will Durand ever have a new church? That remains to be seen. Before leaving for the Dominican Republic, Malcolm Cole symbolically took dirt from the Durand churchyard to mix with mortar for the Santiago church. And now in Durand there is a jar of Santiago soil, an earthly reminder of Durand's sister church.



Protecting themselves from the sun are from left, Elder Kenneth Wright II, Wisconsin Conference treasurer, and his son, Kenneth III.



## OUR GLOBAL MISSION

### Teen Leads Ingathering Campaign

**Wisconsin** — The 1994 Ingathering program at the Wausau (WI) Church was invigorated by youth leadership. When no adult would accept the responsibility of leading the Ingathering campaign, Esther Weakley, age 15, stepped up to the challenge. She directed 10 outings, covering most of Rib Mountain township, and raised nearly \$1,700.



*Esther Weakley*

*Jody Marsh,  
Wausau communication leader*

### Sky“rocketing” Ingathering

**Lake Region** — The 1994 Harvest Ingathering took on new meaning for the London Church family in Maybee, MI. Sister Teresa Rodgers, London personal ministries leader for 1994, challenged everyone to participate. She constructed a theme device using rockets and assigned members in pairs, with the goal of reaching the top.

Church member Elder Andrew Knight blasted his rocket into the third heaven, raising a triple goal. All overflow funds will be used to see that everyone living in the vicinity of the church receive the book *Steps to Christ* by mail.

*Ralph Shelton, London pastor*

### Spreading Christmas Cheer

**Michigan** — The Cadillac (MI) Community Services Center participated in “Project Christmas” at the Wexford Civic Arena in Cadillac. There were 1,389 low income people in three counties who received 3,457 articles of clothing, 50 sacks of groceries, 575 loaves of bread, pies, cakes, and over 300 copies of *Signs of the Times* and other literature. For the two days of “Project Christmas,” Dec. 16-17, 1994, Cadillac church members contributed 200 volunteer hours and served under the direction of Naomi Sluiter, Cadillac community services leader.

*Franklin Horne, Cadillac pastor*

## NEW MEMBERS

### ILLINOIS

What a thrill it was for Ray Farries, La Grange (IL) Church



head elder, to assist Pastor Marvin Brown in the baptism of Ray and Casandra Farries' three sons, **Keeley, Richmond and Corbie** (pictured); reports Alvera LaVelle, La Grange communication director. Big brother Stephan and Grand-

ma Marion looked on as the entire Farries family joined the family of God.

### MICHIGAN

As Holly (MI) Church members and Pastor Dan Towar

(left) celebrated Thanksgiving Sabbath, they also witnessed the harvest of a rededicated life in **John A. Sobczak** (right) who was rebaptized during the morning service. Born a Roman Catholic, John first heard of Seventh-



day Adventists while in the Army at Fort Gordon, GA. He was originally baptized in 1991 but acknowledges it was only a head response to the truths he had learned. Now he has embraced Jesus Christ and His righteousness, and working as a literature evangelist he desires to rededicate his heart and life to the gospel's power to save.

Bob Wilson of Lansing, MI, a part-time Bible worker, prayed for God to help him find a new Bible study. Then, on his way to a regular study, Bob providentially met **Kenneth Springer** who had just moved from Mount Pleasant, MI, three days earlier. Kenneth was finishing his master's degree in counseling, and had come to do his internship at the Commission for the Blind for the state of Michigan in Lansing. When Bob shared with Kenneth that his work included giving Bible lessons, Kenneth responded, “I just finished a series called *Good News for Today*, with Ethel Mack, an 85-year-old Adventist lady.” When Bob told him these were the lessons he





taught, both realized God had brought them together in a city of 150,000 people.

Kenneth began attending the Lansing Church with Bob and Cheryl Wilson. Kenneth was baptized last year on his birthday, Nov. 19, by Pastor Gary Thurber. When Kenneth's daughter asked him by telephone how he was planning to celebrate his birthday, he proudly answered, "By being born again with Christ in baptism."

On Dec. 3, 1994, when Michigan Evangelist Steve Vail completed a Revelation series at the Metropolitan Church in Plymouth, MI, (pictured from left) **Ruth Rudzis, Jill Holowka** and **Jackie Reno** turned their lives over to the Lord; reports Nancy Allen, Metropolitan communication secretary. We praise God for these new members, and the others who are studying and preparing for their baptism.



**Jessica Peake's** (pictured on left) first influences to follow Jesus were those received from her third and fourth grade SDA church school teacher in Hemet, CA, and her mother. Jessica was baptized Dec. 17, 1994, in the Grand Ledge (MI) Church by Pastor Terry Coursey.

**Jeanne Shephard** (right) traces her first connection with Adventists to the influences of her grandparents, uncle and his family. However, her perfectionism attitudes prevented her from feeling accepted, and she stopped attending the Adventist Church. Then Jeanne met an Adventist who invited her to attend a codependency workshop with her, as well as church service. She did and discovered the people of Grand Ledge (MI) Church to be so friendly and accepting that she felt at home. Jeanne was also baptized by Pastor Coursey on Dec. 17.

**Angela Lake** grew up attending the Long Lake (MI) Church but she was never baptized. For the past two years, however, Angela has felt a strong urge to at last be baptized. During a Cosmic Conflict crusade in Mio, MI, last fall, her two children, **Zach and Stephanie Woods** made a decision to give their youthful lives to Jesus, and they asked their mother for her permission. She fully supported their decision, and joined Stephanie in the baptismal tank a week after Zach had been baptized. Angela urges others to not wait as she did. Recognize that the desire to be baptized is the work of the Holy Spirit, and regardless of feelings of doubt and unworthiness one should not delay in making that public commitment to a changed life.

**Doug Smith** was rebaptized during a Cosmic Conflict crusade in Mio, MI, last fall. He had been away from the Lord for nine years. A marriage breakup and general discouragement had fragmented his life. However, at the urging of his grandfather, Bill Evans Sr., and his employer, Cecil "Pete" Booth, Doug decided to attend one meeting of the crusade "just to get them to quit bugging me," he says. After attending one meeting, Doug felt that Evangelist Dan Collins was "talking to me personally." God provided victory for Doug over tobacco, and Doug now rejoices in his newfound peace.

**Michael Fraser** (second from left) is introduced to the



First Flint (MI) Church by Pastor Bruce Babienco (at left) on the day of Michael's baptism, Nov. 19, 1994. Michael also asked Geri Pelky (third from left) to stand with him as she was the one who gave him Bible studies. Then Wayland Lively (right) joined the group to begin his responsibility as Michael's spiritual guardian for Michael's first year as a new Church member. Michael was reared in an Adventist home but never baptized. During his teenage years, he completely left the Church. In 1994, he was invited by his peers to attend services at a Baptist church. Michael was not satisfied. He then began attendance at First Flint with his mother, Lynn Fraser. When Mrs. Pelky learned of his interest in studying the Bible, she invited him to come to her home each Friday night for studies. Michael asked Pastor Babienco to baptize him before he had to move. Thus on Michael's final Sabbath at First Flint, having proved he had fully surrendered his heart to Christ and understood the Bible's teachings, he was baptized; reports Albert Needham, First Flint communications secretary.



# Students Teach and Preach



Senior David Hendrich (right) is giving a Bible study in the library of the Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, MI, to his classmates Kim Hill and Rob Sochor.

*Witnessing is a way of life for many at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.*

BY BRUCE BABIENCO

I had never before seen almost half of an academy's students involved in devoting their time to being used by the Holy Spirit to win people to Jesus.

Of the 270 students attending Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) in Cedar Lake, Michigan,

134 are involved in a witnessing class.

This enthusiastic group is so large that they meet on the stage

of the academy auditorium each Tuesday evening at 6:30. Led by Debra Racz, witnessing class instructor for the past three years, the students begin their weekly assignments by singing together, sharing a devotional topic, and taking time to pray for specific individuals whom they are seeking to spiritually help.

Then the students separate into their various witnessing activities:

1) To be taken by an adult church member for a personal Bible study in a local home;

2) To meet another student on campus for a Bible study — either in a classroom or the library;

3) To be trained in conducting a Revelation seminar with the help of Pastors Peter Neri or Paul Yeoman;

4) To spend time praying in an intercessory prayer group; or

5) To drive to the nearby Edmore (Michigan) Church where 14 students work with nonmember children in a "Story Hour" which includes crafts, Bible lessons, Bible videos and individual prayer with each person present.

Let me share a few comments from GLAA students who wrote about the blessings they are receiving.

"I have a Bible student this year," reports Tim, "that has really gotten into the lessons. I'm excited for him, but I think I am getting just as much, if not more, of a blessing than he is. I

Pastor Peter Neri (right) talks to students in his Revelation seminar training class about a seminar they will help conduct in Stanton, MI, this year. From left, students are Andy Sorensen, Lesli Wolfe, Shelli Heyde, January Banaag and Carlos Davela.



*Bruce Babienco is assistant to the Michigan Conference president with emphasis on communication.*



am also getting a blessing out of answering his questions. It seems like I am preparing for "the last days of earth's history."

"My witnessing experience is definitely an answer to my prayers," Terasa comments. "I am studying with a lady and her 10-year-old son. The fact that I am able to give her Bible studies at all, is proof God hears and answers prayer."

An anonymous student states that this is her first year in the witnessing class. She says that when her Bible study was arranged for by Debra, "I was scared and nervous. Then I prayed about it, and God made me all calm inside. I am glad my student asks lots of questions, for in answering them, I find I am also answering questions that I need to understand myself."

Another student describes her witnessing as "a time when she has lots of fun presenting the Bible lesson." It's that way to her because she feels she is really helping someone. She thinks it is especially exciting when she talks about heaven to her adult Bible student, because she sees the excitement in her eyes.

I asked Debra why this witnessing program has been so successful, and she expressed two reasons. First, it is the support of Principal Ray Davis and the school board who "protect" the weekly witnessing time from any other activities or programs which might interfere. Second, the big success factor is adult volunteers from local churches who provide transportation and spiritual support. Because these adults believe in the students and the witnessing projects, the program is being used by God.

"We have had an excellent year in witnessing with the children at the Edmore Church," says Melissa. "There are about eight kids [ranging in age from] eight to 12 years old. They want to know about the end of time, or about Satan and his angels, or the power of God to protect them.



*Students from the witnessing class of Great Lakes Adventist Academy stand with members of the Carson City (MI) Church. The 134-member witnessing class conducts Sabbath services for the nine church members here. One student wrote about attending this church, "The church is small and friendly, and there is a feeling of love."*

It's really cool to be able to see the difference that we are making in their young lives."

On Sabbaths, another division of the witnessing class is devoted to outreach in Carson City, Michigan. This group of students work together to support, organize and conduct the Sabbath services at the Carson City Church.

This church was to be closed sometime ago, but the interest and leadership of these students has kept the church open. I am especially glad, because my parents were married in the Carson City Church, and I consider it sort of "my beginnings."

This outreach activity led a student to write: "I enjoy going to Carson City for a couple of reasons. I like the student leadership atmosphere. I have heard several good and touching student sermons. I've been involved in the service, and you get a good feeling about actively worshipping God."

Another student added, "The church is small and friendly, and there is a feeling of love."

When I learned that Debra is not just in charge of the witnessing class and the Carson City Church, but she



*Debra Racz is instructor for the witnessing class at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, MI.*

also teaches four sections of the senior Bible class, I began to sense anew the dedication we ask of our teachers in our boarding academies. God bless them.

I don't know about you, but if I still had teenage children who needed a Christian education, and my home, church and school could not provide it, my wife and I would want to enroll them at the Great Lakes Adventist Academy — "Where friends are friends forever"... and witnessing is a way of life.



# Evangelism Via Satellite

*"The Adventist Church is on a missionary journey into the new frontier at the edge of the 21st century,"*

*says Monte Sahlin, of the North American Division.*

CONTRIBUTIONS BY BRAD THORP AND WARREN JUDD

**W**hat is the "Net '95" project? The approximately 4,632 Seventh-day Adventist congregations across North

American vary greatly in size, location and need. Modern technology has made it possible to link our churches together via satellite. We now have the capability to simultaneously communicate with our churches, train our people, and share our resources at a relatively low cost.

In an effort to use this technology to evangelize in North America, the "Net '95" program was born. Its concept: Provide first-rate programs to local churches to assist them in their efforts to effectively fulfill Christ's mission.

One potential disadvantage is the impersonal nature of television. But with proper organization on the local level and warm, friendly staff, this disadvantage is easily overcome through friendly contact, discussion groups, and personal visitation.

#### **Who will conduct the series?**

Pastor Mark Finley, speaker of the "It Is Written" telecast, will be the speaker. Pastor Charles Brooks, speaker of the "Breath of Life" telecast, will share in each presentation by answering Biblical questions.

#### **How will the evangelistic crusade work technically?**

All the events will be broadcast live from Chattanooga, Tennessee, for participation across North America.

Local audiences will be able to follow and participate with the local staff who will introduce the program and provide information, materials and, most importantly, the love and friendship that will win people to Jesus.

#### **What equipment does each church need?**

A large satellite signal reception dish, an addressable VCR, control boxes, cables to bring the signal into the auditorium, and a large-screen video projector.

#### **What happens with the equipment after "Net '95"?**

If it has been purchased by the local church, the local church will make the final decision. However, by becoming equipped for the satellite evangelistic crusade, each church will be able to utilize all of the future services of the Adventist Communication Network (ACN); a significant, on-going benefit to our churches.

#### **What is the cost of the crusade for the local church?**

Because the North American Division will pay for all production and satellite broadcast expenses, the cost to a local church will be for the satellite signal reception equipment. The Adventist Media Center has arranged a special price of approximately \$3,000 per church for this equipment. In addition, there is the cost of local advertising, a large screen video projector, and facilities if needed.

Follow-up will be done on the local level. This should include:

- 1) Personal visits
- 2) A baptismal class or "Discover Jesus" seminar

3) Fellowship activities in the homes of church members and at the church building

4) Training programs for new believers to share their faith with others and to serve Christ

#### **Who are the Lake Union "Net '95" coordinators?**

Herb Larsen for Lake Union, Ken Denslow for Illinois, John Morrison for Indiana, Loren Nelson for Michigan, and Arnold Swanson for Wisconsin.

For technical questions, call Pastor Doug Janssen on his nationwide pager at 800-920-7889; or leave a voice mail at 209-296-7964; or contact the ACN at 800-ACN-1119, extension 4.

"We estimate there are now approximately 850 churches that are satellite downlinked," says Don Gray, "Net '95" project coordinator. "Most of these will participate in 'Net '95.' It is estimated that between 900 and 1,000 meetings will be held in connection with 'Net '95' in February and March." Some churches will record the programs for viewing at a later time.

#### **Which Lake Union areas or churches are participating in "Net '95"?**

##### *In Illinois*

Alton, Aurora  
Bolingbrook, Burbank  
Chicago Yugoslavian  
Downers Grove  
Freeport  
Hinsdale  
Knoxville Avenue in Peoria  
Rockford  
South Suburban in Richton Park



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## *In Indiana*

Alexandria  
Anderson  
Cicero  
Evansville  
Frankfort  
Fort Wayne  
Greencastle  
Hammond  
Huntingburg  
Indianapolis Glendale  
Knox, Kokomo  
Lafayette, Lewis  
Logansport  
Madison  
Monticello  
Noblesville  
North Vernon  
Northwest (in Crown Point)  
Rochester  
Tell City, Terre Haute  
Wolf Lake

## *In Michigan*

Benton Harbor Fairplain  
Berrien Springs Pioneer Memorial  
Charlotte  
Coloma  
First Flint  
Marshall  
Otsego  
Petoskey  
Waterford Riverside

## *In Wisconsin*

Clearwater Lake (in Eagle River)  
Fox Valley  
Marshfield  
Milwaukee Northwest  
Rhineland  
Sturgeon Bay  
Wisconsin Academy

As of January 1995 these churches/areas were listed. Contact your local conference coordinator for others that might have recently joined.

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*Brad Thorp is a "Net '95" project coordinator in British Columbia, Canada, and Warren Judd is a "Net '95" project coordinator at the Media Center in Newbury Park, California.*

## Sermon Dates and Titles

The "Net '95" crusade, titled "Amazing Discoveries," will open February 18, with speaker Mark Finley, live in Chattanooga and beamed around North American. This full evangelistic series, "Discoveries in Prophecy" is being made available to local churches through satellite connection by the Adventist Communication Network as part of the North American Division's evangelistic initiative — "Net '95." Mark Finley, speaker for the "It Is Written" television ministry, is the primary evangelist.

### First Week:

February 18, Saturday ..... "Countdown to Eternity"  
February 19, Sunday ..... "A World in Turmoil"  
February 21, Tuesday ..... "The Time of the Beast"  
February 22, Wednesday .. "2000 and Beyond!"  
February 24, Friday ..... "Alive at the End Time"

### Second Week:

February 25, Saturday ..... "Amazing Discoveries in the Lost Cities of the Dead"  
February 26, Sunday ..... "Our Inhabited Universe"  
February 28, Tuesday ..... "Why Must Innocent People Suffer?"  
March 1, Wednesday ..... "The Bible's Longest and Most Amazing Prophecy"  
March 3, Friday ..... "Why Our Streets Have Become Unsafe"

### Third Week:

March 4, Saturday ..... "A 6000-Year-Old Remedy for Tension"  
March 5, Sunday ..... "The Greatest Religious Cover-up in History"  
March 7, Tuesday ..... "The Waco Factor: Five Ways of Identifying a Cult Leader"  
March 8, Wednesday ..... "The Real Truth About Near-Death Experiences"  
March 10, Friday ..... "The Bible's Ancient Health Secrets Revealed (Mysteries of the Mummies)"

### Fourth Week:

March 11, Saturday ..... "How to Successfully Bury the Past"  
March 14, Tuesday ..... "Why So Many Denominations?"  
March 15, Wednesday ..... "The Mystery of Revelation's Babylon Revealed"  
March 17, Friday ..... "The Search for Certainty"

### Fifth Week:

March 18, Saturday ..... "On the Edge of Tomorrow — The New World Order"  
March 21, Tuesday ..... "A Financial Secret the World Does Not Know"  
March 22, Wednesday ..... "The Mark of the Beast and The Mysterious #666"  
March 24, Friday ..... "The Holy Spirit and the Unpardonable Sin"  
March 25, Saturday ..... "Revelation's Glorious Climax"



# Walk into the

BY DON INGLISH

**A**n earnest young man named Bob requested an appointment with his pastor so that he might discuss a matter of importance which weighed heavily on his mind.

"Pastor," said Bob, "I have been studying this matter of the tithe. I've studied what the Bible has to say about it, and I've studied it in the Spirit of Prophecy. I am convicted that it is a duty that the Lord has laid upon us, but what can a man do when it simply cannot be done? Isn't God reasonable? Doesn't He understand when His people would do something if they could, but are in a position where there is no way that they can?"

"This is my position. I would be happy to tithe my income, if there were any way that I could do it, but there just simply isn't! Won't God make allowances in a case like this, and not charge me with sin?" Bob's facial expression told the pastor he was absolutely serious in all he had said.

"Well, first of all," the pastor replied, "let's talk about why you believe you cannot tithe. You're working steadily, and I would imagine that your particular line of work pays fairly well. What seems to be the problem?"

"The problem," said the young man, "is that although my income is fairly high, my outgo is just as high. Our two youngest children are not in school yet, and if my wife were to work outside the home, anything she could earn would be more than offset by the expense of day-care; and besides, both she and I want her to stay at home with the children, at least until they are in school.

"This means that for now mine is the only income. With two children in church school and the cost of everything so high, and going higher every day, there is no way that I can tithe and provide food, clothing and housing for my family at the same time. In fact, by the time the bills are paid, I don't even have a 10th of my income left; so how can I give 10 percent to the Lord's work, when it takes more than 90 percent to support my family?"

He held out a sheaf of papers. "If you care to look at some figures, you'll see that I'm not exaggerating. I've got it all down on paper; income, bills and all."

The pastor smiled and shook his head. "I don't need to see your figures, Bob. I don't doubt for a moment that they are accurate."

"Then you agree with me that God will understand that I just can't tithe, even though I really want to?"

The pastor shook his head again. "No, I didn't say that. I said I'm sure your figures are correct. If you say you don't have 10 percent of your income left after the bills are paid, I'm sure it's true. But that's not the same thing as saying you shouldn't tithe. In fact, I can tell you plainly that you definitely should tithe."

"You're not making sense, Pastor." Exasperation was clearly evident in Bob's voice. "You agree with me that I don't have 10 percent of my income left, and in the next breath you tell me that I must pay the 10 percent that you have already admitted I don't have. It can't be done."

"Actually, it can," the pastor

Take God  
at His word  
and walk  
into the water.  
You'll never know  
what blessings  
He has waiting  
for you, unless  
you take that step.



# Water

replied, "if you work it right. The Bible says 'With God, all things are possible.' Your problem is that you are starting at the wrong end."

"What do you mean, starting at the wrong end?"

"I mean you are starting to think about tithe at the end of your paycheck, when there is less than 10 percent left. The secret is to start at the beginning, when there is still a hundred percent left."

"You mean take the tithe out first, before paying the bills?" Bob shook his head decisively. "No way, Pastor. I owe that money. I can't expect my creditors to wait while I give money to the church."

"But we're not talking about giving money to the church, Bob. We're talking about tithe. The Bible says the tithe belongs to the Lord, not to the church" (Leviticus 27:30,32).

"Then you're saying I ought to make my creditors wait for their money?"

"Actually, Bob, I don't think your creditors will have to wait very long." The pastor handed his Bible to the young man. "If you will turn to the third chapter of Joshua, you will find a very interesting incident recorded in the 15th and 16th verses."

Bob found these verses and read them slowly.

"And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,) that the waters which

came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city of Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho."

"You see Bob," said the pastor, "when the priests, obeying God's command, walked right into the raging flood waters of the Jordan, the river parted for them, and the people passed over on dry ground."

"But notice — it was not until they actually stepped into the water that the flow of the river stopped. They had to exercise their faith in God, believing that He would make it possible. If they had waited on the bank for the Lord to stop the flow before they stepped in, Israel would never have crossed into Canaan."

"The Lord often works in that same way today. He tests us to see how far we trust Him. When we take Him at His word and go forward, even if we think we can't, somehow the miracle happens and the impossible becomes a reality."

The pastor took the Bible from Bob's hand and turned to another text. "Let me read another passage, Bob, this one from Malachi [3:10]:

'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, ... if I will not open ... the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.' he said quietly.

"Bob, I've been a pastor for a long time. I have known many people who took the Lord at His word and started to tithe, even when it seemed impossible. I have never known one who suffered for it or who was sorry he did it. I have to admit that I have also known some who held back, fully intending to start tithing as soon as their circumstances would allow them to. Most of them have never started. They are still waiting for that magic moment when they can afford it, but somehow the moment never comes. Time after time the moment seems to

be just around the corner, so to speak; but somehow it never quite arrives. Something always comes up at the last minute, and the magic moment moves back a little further into the future; always close, but always just a little out of reach."

Noticing his visitor's quick glance at his watch, the pastor took a small volume from the shelf beside his desk. "Before you go, Bob, there is one last statement I want you to hear. It was written, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, specifically for people who find themselves in the predicament you are in. It's found in Volume 6 of *Testimonies for the Church*, page 391:

'The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow men. He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use he is robbing the Giver. He is debtor to God for all that he has, but he becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserved fund in paying debts to human beings. "Unfaithfulness to God" is written against his name in the books of heaven.' "

The pastor laid down the book and rose with his visitor. As they shook hands at the door the pastor said, "Give the Lord a chance, Bob. Just take Him at His word and walk into the water. You'll never know what blessings He has waiting for you, unless you do."

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*Don English is director of stewardship for the Indiana Conference in Carmel, Indiana.*



*I trusted God for my problems; Mike used liquor*

# A Mother's Sorrow

BY SONDR A. GREGORY

I write this letter because I feel the need to let others know there is always hope and that God does answer prayers. No matter what trial we are going through, Jesus is with us. We are never alone.

My story starts October 12, 1993, in the Clinton County Circuit Court room. Several people are assembled to have a hearing on their case. As I sit beside my youngest son, I have time to look around. There are so many young people present.

I see a deputy sheriff sitting in a corner. He has several handcuffs lying on the table beside him. This means several young people will be going to jail today. I'm so sure one of them is my son. My stomach has turned to jelly and my heart misses a beat. I want to grab my young son and run. I think, "What am I doing here?"

My son's name is called first. As he goes forward to the defendant's table, a chill goes through me. The judge's voice sounds so cold as she talks to my son. I seem to hear the judge as if I am in a revolving tunnel.

"I sentence you to 18 months to the house of corrections of the state of Indiana." She then tells my son to go sit by the deputy.

As I say goodbye to my son Mike, he asks me to put his belongings in storage until he comes home. I think to myself, this is surely a nightmare and I am going to wake up soon. It just cannot be happening.

I leave the courtroom and feel the tears come. I don't want to cry. My son's lawyer comes to me to explain what is going to happen to my son. "If he serves nine months without getting into any trouble, he will be out on parole for another nine months. Then

he will serve his sentence in full."

That evening as my other sons, a friend and I were packing Mike's things, I had the feeling that this is what you do for a dead person, sorting through his material possessions.

Tears come. My friend reminds me that the nine months will fly by and Mike will be home.

I wonder what Mike must be feeling now. I think of other mothers whose sons are imprisoned. They go on living and seem to be all right, I tell myself, "it is just a stage of shock and things will get better."

I then ask, "How can a child who was raised a Seventh-day Adventist go so wrong?" Granted, much has happened to us since Mike was 14, but he is now 27 years old, has a good job, and his own place. Yet he is going to serve time for his third drunk driving charge. I never allowed liquor in the house. All of Mike's friends were from good homes where liquor was not allowed. So when did my son become an alcoholic?

I trusted God to solve my problems, and Mike used liquor to solve his problems. My heart ached for my son. I prayed daily for him to learn to lean on God and trust Him for Jesus felt his pain and would give him peace and understanding.

I knew Mike had strayed from God. But I believed in the saying, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

I put Mike in God's hands. I have done my best to show Mike how much I loved him, God loved him, and how Jesus had died for him.

In January, Mike was moved from the Clinton County Jail to start serving his time at the Indiana Department of Correction in Plainfield. He was given a number to

answer by. Many friends sent cards and news clippings to keep him informed. I visited and wrote him every week without fail. In each letter I put a Bible text.

In May, Mike asked me to bring his Bible. My prayers were being answered. He and some young men wanted to have Bible studies.

I talked with my church family about Mike. I had decided I would be open about Mike and I wouldn't be ashamed he had done wrong. My church never made me feel bad about my son in prison.

Mike and I now talk about God and what it is to be a Christian, and to live to help others. Mike has come a long way, yet he still has a way to go. As God is patient and long-suffering and loving to us, we are to be so with the children he has loaned us. Mike is now saying that mothers are very special people and he thanks God for giving me to him. A change from his blaming me for his drinking problem.

Through all of this I know that mothers can be strengthened by God's love to be a special person to their children. When children stray from God and from the teachings they grew up with, there is hope in God for them. I have learned that to forgive is a blessing so sweet and a joy that comes from within.

A strong faith is that God is still in control of all things. My son is in His care. As I close this letter, my heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving to God and His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for all things — the trials that help us learn and strengthen our faith, the blessings that bring a quiet inner peace, the hope that is in Jesus Christ, and the promises soon to be fulfilled.

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# Harnessing Airwaves for Good SDA Television Ministries

*Mark Finley, world evangelist and speaker for the international "It Is Written" telecast, will be a featured speaker during the "Net '95" satellite evangelism to begin this month (see story on pages 8-9).*

BY MARILYN THOMSEN

No single church in the Lake Union can seat over 16,000 people. Yet that's how many non-Adventists tune in each week in Chicago alone to watch "It Is Written." Add to that the tens of thousands who watch "Lifestyle Magazine" and "Breath of Life" and you realize the impact and importance of Adventist television ministries in the Lake Union. They reach more unchurched people each week than visit all the churches in the union combined in an entire year!

"During 1994, 'Breath of Life,' 'Faith For Today,' and 'It Is Written' mailed 13,338 pieces of Bible-based literature to viewers in the Lake Union," says Glenn Aufderhar, president of the Adventist Media Center in Newbury Park, California. "This is a vital link to the television audience, and it is only possible because of generous giving on the part of our members."

For many people, the airwaves and the mail are the only way they can contact the Adventist Church. Jeff, for example, wrote this letter.

"As I looked out of the bars, 'It Is Written' caught my attention. I was filled with anger, bitterness and disgust. My mother killed herself at age 22 by blowing her brains out. I never had a father figure in my life. I grew up alone on the streets of

Naples, Florida. I started to steal simply to get something to eat. ...

"I've lost everything in my life — my marriage, my children, my freedom — except one thing: my courage to get down on my knees and pray to God in my fear and ask Him not to let my son or daughter see a prison cell. As I watched you on 'It Is Written,' I saw a peace and happiness and love. ... Your teachings are easy to understand and I trust you. I don't trust many people. Please help me."

For some Adventist television viewers, life changes begin as soon as the program is over. One woman in California told "Faith For Today" that for 23 years she had been going to the hospital emergency room for treatment because of her husband's abuse. After watching a program on spousal abuse on "Lifestyle Magazine," she said that she "realized for the first time in my life that I have been giving him permission to treat me that way. I am responsible for my life, and with God's help I am going to change."

The annual television ministries offering, to be taken division-wide this year on February 18, contributes an important part of the budget for "Breath of Life," "Faith For Today" and "It Is Written."

"With the number of stations airing our programs growing in North American, and opportunities exploding abroad," says Aufderhar, "we're looking for the largest television offering ever to help us reach these people."

As they begin a new production year, each of the Adventist television ministries is playing a growing role in the Church's Global Mission.

"Breath of Life," which in its first 20 years has already led 12,000 people to Christ and founded a dozen churches, plans crusades in New York, Seattle, St. Louis and Phoenix.

"Faith For Today" is already producing original "Lifestyle" programs in Russia with a Russian host and audience. The program is also airing in Greece, where there are only 250 Seventh-day Adventists among this country's 10 million people.

"It Is Written's" taping days sound like a modern day of Pentecost. Associate speakers join Mark Finley on the set to produce programs in Russian, Spanish and Portuguese. And on January 1, "It Is Written" began airing in the large Philippine television market.

"With so much of the world suddenly open to Adventist evangelism, we must take advantage of these God-given opportunities right now," says Aufderhar. "Please make the largest gift you can on February 18 so that we can harness the airwaves for good."

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*Marilyn Thomsen is a freelance writer in Southern California.*



## Young Adults Learn of Mission Service Opportunities

**Andrews University** — More than 350 college students came to the Berrien Springs campus for the "Go '94" conference. During this conference attendees learn about mission service opportunities for young adults.

Students from most North American Adventist colleges and from as far away as Germany, Poland and the Philippines attended this five-day conference held Dec. 27-31, 1994. The conference theme was "Loving the World for Christ." More than 20 Adventist mission organizations were on hand during the conference to offer students information.

Clarissa Worley, a conference student coordinator, said the fellowship time that mission-minded young adults had was almost as important as the information and seminars offered. "The whole event was a spiritual high. We really felt the Holy Spirit, and we got a vision of how God sees the world," she said.

The "GO '94" conference was sponsored by the Institute of World Mission at Andrews and the world missions department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. GO conferences are held every two years and "GO '96" will again be held in Berrien Springs at Andrews. For information on mission opportunities, call the Institute of World Mission at 616-471-2522.

*Jack Stenger, newswriter*

## Seniors Attend AU Honors Retreat

**Andrews University** — More than 80 academy seniors from eight Lake Union academies attended the Andrews University Honors Retreat, Jan. 15-16, at the Indian Oak Inn in Chesterton, IN. The event, sponsored by the Andrews Honors Society, promoted the university's honors curriculum to the students.

"We were able to show the students that an honors program means more than being just a classroom leader. Our program is a way to stretch the whole college learning experience," says Raelene Brower of the Andrews enrollment management department.

Students with a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or higher were invited to the retreat which featured talks by Andrews faculty members about college programs offered at the university. Brower said the retreat also gave academy seniors the opportunity to meet potential future teachers and classmates.

*Jack Stenger, newswriter*



*The Andrews physical therapy department uses sophisticated equipment to train students to meet needs in the health-care fields.*

## PT Program Reaccredited

**Andrews University** — In November 1994 the Andrews physical therapy (PT) program on the Berrien Springs campus received reaccreditation. Its professional accrediting board gave the Andrews program the maximum reaccreditation term, eight years.

"The eight-year term indicates the quality of our program and the quality of Andrews, our supporting university," said C. William Habenicht, chairman of the physical therapy department.

Andrews has 121 students in its on-campus physical therapist program and 39 in its newly-started sister program in Dayton, OH. The Andrews physical therapy department has grown since its first program started in 1985 and was initially accredited in 1988. And for the available 94 student slots in this program for the coming school year, there are more than 500 applicants.



Besides physical therapy, other accredited professional programs at Andrews are: nursing, architecture, nutrition and medical technology.

*Jack Stenger, newswriter*

*The physical therapy program at Andrews seeks to teach students to treat patients physically and spiritually. The PT program began in 1985.*



### Mall Day For the Elderly

**Indiana Academy, Cicero** — On Nov. 22, 1994, the academy's sophomore class set out at 9:30 a.m. to go to Castleton Mall for a fun-filled day. But they were not shopping for themselves; they were helping the elderly people of Harbor Manor Nursing Home in Noblesville, IN. Don Short, Bible II teacher, volunteered the sophomore class to participate in this activity.

Students met with the nursing home residents in front of the J. C. Penny's store and then paired up with the residents. About one and one-half hours were given to shop.

Comments by the students about this exciting day were:

"It felt good to help elderly people go Christmas shopping because you could tell they appreciated it," responds Melissa Westmore.

Mike Emily stated, "It opened my eyes to a generation I never really knew and it made me feel joy and glee."

Mayumi Nakaoka, one of our three Japanese exchange students replied, "I understand it is important for old people to be helped, and the people thanked us for our kindness."

Some students thought it interesting because the elderly people had things in common with themselves, as April Burke mentioned, "The things we had in common were liking to spend lots of money and eating big, soft, salty pretzels."

The students look back at this fun-filled day and thought to themselves that they would love to do it again.

*Richelle Bolin, a sophomore at Indiana Academy*

### Silhouettes on TV

**Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, MI** — On Nov. 29, 1994, the Andrews Academy Silhouettes were taped for "Sounds of the Holidays," a television program aired on WNDU, NBC's affiliate in South Bend, IN. Under the direction of Jenelle Westerbeck, these musically-gifted students sang several festive Christmas numbers. "Hijos D'Eva," "The Gift" and "Ding Dong Merrily on High" were some of the songs taped.

The process of recording was tedious. After taping a few practices, a final taping was done. Later the best take was chosen and edited into the program. The production crew and main director seemed to really enjoy the students' contribution. And it was a good experience for the Silhouettes.

The Silhouette's performance, along with the performances of other musical groups from community high schools in the Michiana area, was featured Dec. 23 and 26.

*Jean-Paul Robertson, senior and student conductor*



One way students at Peoria (IL) Junior Academy witness is by selecting a Bible character and "preaching" the character's story at nursing homes and preschools.

### Unique Bible Labs in Peoria

**Peoria (IL) Junior Academy** — Three unique Bible Lab projects are creating enthusiasm and fellowship among the students at Peoria Junior Academy and beyond. Under the leadership of Donna Willey, Bible Labs coordinator, the students in grades two through eight are not only involved in witnessing and outreach, but they are finding ways to increase their own religious commitment.

A "Prayer Phone Chain" is used among the students when times of praise or crisis occur in their lives. If school is not in session when one student might need to tap into group prayer power, a phone call is made to a prayer tag partner and quickly a complete prayer circle is made by phone. Students are learning how to take the events of daily living to God in prayer 24 hours a day.

A novel form of witnessing is called "Bible Hero." Each student chooses a particular New Testament Bible character and writes a script explaining how the person knew Jesus. Using fabric, beards, hats and other props, the students make costumes for their chosen heroes. Now they are traveling to different nursing homes and preschools preaching the story of their selected Bible character. Uplifting Jesus to others is the focus of this Bible Lab activity.

The third way of witnessing is adopting a pen pal from the orphanage in Peoria. Students make beautiful cards to introduce themselves, tell about their hobbies, and share their favorite Bible texts. At Christmas the students met their pen pals and presented each with a gift.

Peoria students are taking their Bible Lab class seriously, and having a great time doing it.



## Students Support Ingathering

**Indiana Academy** — Ingathering, a word that normally makes many people turn the other way, was not so for 45 students at Indiana Academy.

On Saturday night, Dec. 3, 1994, students joined with members of the Indiana Cicero and Noblesville churches for an evening of caroling and Ingathering. The goal, "to reach as many families as possible with the message of Christ's soon return and help gather funds for the relief work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Krystal Fish, a freshman and one of the top solicitors for the evening, said: "Ingathering is one way of helping people in your community and around the world. It makes me feel good to know I'm helping others. By collecting money, I am able to do my part in helping those that aren't as fortunate as we are. It also makes me feel good to know that others are benefiting from my efforts. Isn't that what Ingathering is all about?"

Mario Gonzales, an exchange student from Mexico and not affiliated

with our Church, says this about his experience. "My first time Ingathering was a very good experience for me, because it is an opportunity to talk to other people and ask, if they can help, because these donations are from people, to people. In Mexico we don't do this, but I think it is a very good idea to help other people. Ingathering is your opportunity to help your brother and you can know more people. You can talk with people you have never seen in your life."

*Judy Jordan, administrative secretary at Indiana Academy*



*Krystal Fish*



*Mario Gonzales*

## Education News Notes

- **Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, MI:** More than 2,000 people packed the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Dec. 2, 1994, to experience the 22nd annual "Feast of Lights" Christmas program presented by the 309 students of Andrews Academy; reports James Lee, a sophomore at the academy. The "Feast of Lights" is a celebration of Christmas, of Christ's birth, and the events leading up to it through music and oral presentations. It is one of the ways Andrews Academy thanks the community for all their educational, financial and spiritual support. One of the highlights was special guest and alumnus Cyril Myers, now music teacher at Battle Creek (MI) Academy. Myers treated everyone with beautiful vocal and saxophone solos. The grand finale was the entire student body singing the Hallelujah Chorus. This rousing performance literally shook the rafters and left the audience speechless. It can be said that all who came seeking a Christmas blessing left with a big one.

- **Cicero (IN) Elementary School:** Students in grades one



through six presented the Christmas musical drama "Hark the Herald Angel" Tuesday evening, Dec. 20. One week earlier, students in grades seven and eight enacted the Christmas story, then played a musical selection on the tone chimes.

- **Indiana Academy, Cicero:** Students were greeted with bright eyes and smiling faces at the Kokomo (IN) Church Saturday evening, Dec. 17, 1994; reports Luciana Whitlow, an academy senior. The academy had sponsored an underprivileged children's Christmas party at the church. Twenty-five students brought gifts to the children and shared the Christmas spirit. It was a very joyous time to see the smiles on the children's faces as they unwrapped their gifts. "It lifted my spirits so much to see that I was able to bring such big smiles to the children's faces," said Ruthie Chomintra, an academy senior. "I couldn't help but smile myself." The evening was a true success, and many students are looking forward to being able to participate in it again next year. Christmas is not just the giving and getting of gifts — it is also the love that we show toward other people. As Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



## Indiana Holds A Week of Prayer

**Indiana Academy, Cicero** — Many students commented on how simple, clear and genuine the presentations were by Tony Phillips, a layman from Wisconsin, who held the Week of Prayer at the academy, Sept. 5-10. Numerous students even requested recordings of the series. "He didn't scare or entertain the students. This is exactly what the students needed," says Mike McClung, the Bible teacher. Phillips' theme was "Behold What Manner of Love."

To conclude the Week of Prayer, a community service day was held Friday. Students were asked to help at different SDA churches in central Indiana. Projects included painting a community services room, packing boxes for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, doing landscaping, and clean-up around some churches. Also, 45 students distributed a variety of books and literature to the community of Greenfield, which will be followed up by church members. Some students also did a spiritual survey in Alexandria, IN. "I feel like I received a blessing from doing the survey," comments senior Misty Coker.

*Judy Jordan, Indiana Academy registrar*

## Preparing Servants of God Since 1902

**Indiana Academy, Cicero** — On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1994, instead of having Sunday school academy students had a service day. Mike McClung, campus chaplain, had made arrangements with the Cicero Parks Superintendent Charlie Cambre. Students assisted in area parks by cutting down small trees and brush, raking leaves, and picking up rocks. They also cleaned out flower beds, painted, and put up Christmas lights in downtown Cicero.

Another group of students assisted the Cicero/Noblesville Community Service Center move from their building in Arcadia to another in Cicero. When this job was completed, the group of students helped split wood and deliver it to people in the community.

The community newspapers covered this service day as a front page story. The students received many thank you letters from local residents for their help. And each student who worked for the Cicero parks department received a certificate of appreciation. The students made a definite, positive impression on the local community.

The *Cicero Parks Ponderings*, a newsletter from the parks department, stated: "I wonder if anyone from the school realized how much they were appreciated and loved that day? I sure hope so!!!"

Peggy Georgi, a reporter for *The New Review*, stated in her article, "Indiana Academy was established in 1902 and in its 92nd year of operation, provides Christ-centered education for students in grades nine through twelve."

*Judy Jordan, Indiana Academy registrar*



*"Lord of the Hall" Jonathan Fetrick introduced Christy Pleasants as the "Lady of the Hall."*

## A Madrigal Evening

**Indianapolis (IN) Junior Academy** — Dec. 10, 1994, was a magical night in Indianapolis. Students of the academy along with the social committee of the Indianapolis Glendale Church held its first annual Madrigal Festival. The celebration was set in a traditional medieval staging, and featured a dinner, drama, costumes and music.

The academy gym was beautifully transformed into a medieval castle hall decorated with evergreen,

lighted candles and ribbons. Not only were mobile stage walls painted to look like the stone walls of a castle, but the gym scaffolding was changed into a ten-foot fireplace, complete with a lifelike fire.

Four rows of tables covered in red and white seated 120 lucky people who accepted the invitation to the feast. Eighth-grade student Jonathan Fetrick, son of Pastor Bob Fetrick of the Glendale Church, was the "Lord of the Hall" and the main character in the evening's entertainment. Tenth-grade student Christy Pleasants played the role of his wife, the "Lady of the Hall."

Dinner festivities included performances by the academy band, the academy bell choir, the elementary school choir and bell choir of grades one through six, and the Glendale Church TM Choir (TM stands for "ten-minute"; the normal amount of time for practices). Other performances included a realistic duel between Zach Howell, an eighth grader, and Greg Howell, a seventh grader; as well as a delightfully ornery jester played by ninth grader Steve Baughman.

The bill of fare included a "prime steak" and pastry main dish, potatoes, green beans, carrots, salad, bread and bread "figgye" pudding. Also created was a Wassail drink of spiced apple cider.

This event was planned and prepared by Eileen and Marshall Howell along with Neal Boger, academy principal.

One of the most interesting events of the evening wasn't even planned. A couple in the audience was found to have been engaged that day. The couple was brought before the Lord and Lady to be blessed, then to be the subjects of a toast.

*Jacque Hammonds, co-chairman of the Glendale Church social committee and a coordinator of all who helped paint, sew, organize and decorated the eventful evening*



## News Notes

- **Freeport (IL) Church Angels**, children ages five to 14,



solicited nonperishable food items last fall for distribution to the needy; reports Mary Hamon, orga-

nizer and main leader. The public's response was generous as 853 food items were received. Those participating are pictured from right (back row): Geoff Steele, Jason Beck, Josh Beck, Jan VanDerHayden, Natalie Steele, Kristin Schmid, Leader Sandi Schmid and Leader Karen Beck; from right (front row), Matte VanDerHayden, Stephen Mayer, Bryan Barkey, Michael Beck, Ben Hamon, Alissa Mayer, Bradon Schmid and Eddie Beck. Other leaders not pictured are Esther Mayer, Cherrie Steele and Leila Maschke. Not pictured is Mary Hamon.

- **Shelbyville (IN) Pathfinders** collected 1,000 cans last



October for food baskets; reports Carole Blackburn, Shelbyville Pathfinder leader. Pictured from left are Liz Plew, William Blackburn, Derrick and Danny Williamson, Lena Kopp and Jenniffer Blackburn. Not pictured

are Kelly and Naniel Shroyer and Katie Begley.

- **The Pells children** (from left Molly, age six; Katie, age



nine; and Dan, age eight) had attended VBS at the Broadview (IL) Church for many years; reports Alvera LaVelle, La Grange (IL) Church communication director. And before the Pells family moved to New Jersey in November 1993, the children were promised they could return for VBS. So in 1994 the parents drove

them from New Jersey so they could attend.

## Age No Barrier to Serving Jesus



At 95 years young, Myrtle Carmien, an elder in Frankfort (MI) Church says, "I'm getting more and more thrilled about Jesus coming again!"

**Michigan** — Born May 5, 1899, Myrtle Carmien continues to serve an aging congregation at the Frankfort (MI) Church. Since she was baptized in 1929, Carmien has served in various capacities, one as a teacher of young children. In 1988 she accepted the position of church elder. "There wasn't any man available, so I got the job," she says. In 1993 she was elected to serve as

head elder. That year she also served as the Sabbath school superintendent and Sabbath school teacher. In 1994 she continued as an elder, but not the head elder, and as a teacher.

Pastor Gordon Frase holds Carmien in high regard and says: "She is probably as strong a spiritual leader as there is. All hold a healthy respect for her knowledge of Scripture."

About her ministry, Carmien says: "I try to do the best I can. I can't do the work of younger elders in visitation but I'm still a pretty good speaker and leader. I know the Holy Spirit is using me. I've been told I still do well.

"I'm interested in sharing the worldwide work of the church with the members. When I read about what's happening around the world, I'm thrilled!"

About being a woman elder, Carmien doesn't seem to think her age is a big factor; and though she does feel men and women elders are spiritually equal, she does prefer a man to hold the office. However, she adds, "If a woman is needed she should be willing to do the job if she's capable and it's all right with her church." Adding this advice, "Be very sure to be the leader that Jesus would have you to be."

*Betty Kossick, a freelance writer in Cadillac, MI, and member*

## Women's Ministries Day

**Lake Region** — The women of Indianapolis Capitol City Church, led by Lizzie Strange, had a spirit-filled weekend together Nov. 11-12, 1994, as they explored "The Christian Woman in the 90s." Workshops covered topics on women, men and teens, as well as Christ and children. As of January 1995, the women of Capitol City have received over \$12,000 which paid for a newly tiled basement, and will cover future sanctuary/overflow carpet and church school equipment.

*Carmelita Richardson,  
Capitol City communication secretary*



## Korean Group Formed

**Wisconsin** — A group of roughly 15 Korean members has been officially organized in Waukesha, WI. For nearly a year, Korean members have met informally in Waukesha Church. Authorization to formally organize was granted by the Wisconsin Conference Executive Committee in December 1994.

Pastor Gyung-Go Kim, a Korean doctoral student at Andrews University who had been working with the group on his own, now serves voluntarily as weekend pastor and evangelist. Dr. Jae Yong Shim serves as leader.

"We've taken this first step," said Wisconsin Conference President Arnold Swanson. "Now hopefully the group will grow." Intent on soul-winning, members hope to someday see a Korean church established in the Milwaukee/Waukesha area.

*Laurie Herr, Wisconsin communication director*



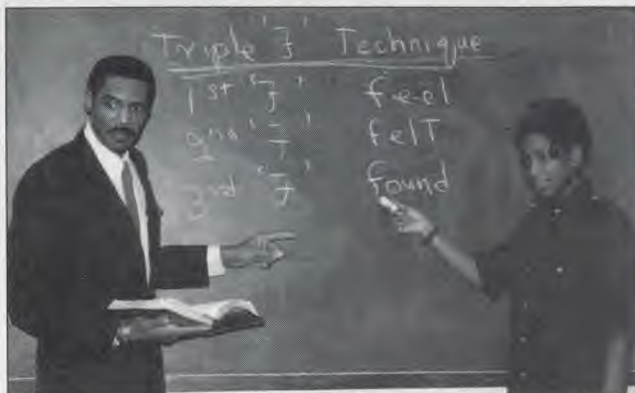
Through Evangelist Robert Wagley's (standing, left) messages, 31 people asked to be baptized and 41 accepted Christ as their Saviour during a "Festival of Faith" weekend at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI.

## Advancing God's Work

**Michigan** — Twice a year the Michigan Conference personal ministries department, directed by Elder Royce Snyman, plans a "Festival of Faith" weekend at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI. This weekend allows Lay Bible Ministers (LBM) to bring their Bible study interests to a series of decision-making meetings. Those studying should have completed the first 12 subjects of the "Good News For Today" lessons in order to attend.

On the weekend of Dec. 9-11, 1994, 195 individuals registered for that year's second festival. Attending were 64 LBM sponsors and their 43 guests, plus staff. The main speaker was Evangelist Robert Wagley who presented five dynamic messages concerning Jesus Christ and end-time prophecies. Wagley invited those who were non-Adventists to make personal decisions for Jesus Christ and baptism. Forty-one made the decision to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour, and 31 signed a decision card requesting baptism.

*Bruce Babienko, Michigan communication director*



Pastor C. A. Dunbar (left) of Bethel Church in Grand Rapids, MI, with the help of coordinator Isabelle C. Magsby (right) conducted a Bible Instructors seminar last September.

## Graduates for Jesus

**Lake Region** — On Sept. 30, 1994, 13 students directed by Dr. C. A. Dunbar, pastor of Bethel Church in Grand Rapids, MI, completed the Bible Instructors seminar. Students came from as far away as New Jersey to attend this week-long training seminar.

Instruction was given during the seminar on the tools required to prepare a Bible study, how to develop and conduct a Bible study, the psychology of decision making, and how to prepare and care for the baptismal candidate.

Those graduating included Jackie Bright, Rodolfo Tross, Julie Tross and Diane Ward, from Grand Rapids; Carol Brooks, from Idlewild, MI; and Annette Merritt, Cornetta Gordon, Pastor Everet Forsythe, Pastor Wayne Scott, Beverly Francis, Monica Walcott, Verne Melbourne, Marva Craddock and Pauline Smith, from New Jersey.

*Rudy Tross, Bethel member*

## Check Your Health

**Michigan** — The Coronary Health Improvement Project (C.H.I.P.) is coming to the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area during February and March.

C.H.I.P., a not-for-profit educational program, is a community medicine project initiated by Dr. Hans Diehl, director of the Lifestyle Medicine Institute in Loma Linda, CA. The program focuses on a marked reduction in coronary risk factors, along with substantial education in better health and appropriate lifestyle changes. Goals for the program are to markedly lower blood cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure and blood sugar levels. Secondary goals include reducing excess weight and enhancing daily exercise.

The Kalamazoo (MI) Church is host of the Kalamazoo C.H.I.P. program. John Rachor, a registered nurse, is the coordinator and can be reached at 616-685-5763 for details.



## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

### Humor Keeps the Wheels Going

**Michigan** — When Elder Hubert Moog, Michigan Conference treasurer, attended the area-wide ministers meeting, he wore a red tie which some attending pastors felt was an automatic “no” to some of their financial requests.

So in good fun and led by Elder Don Williams of the Troy (MI) Church, the pastors purchased a new green tie for Moog to signal “GO.” Pictured from left is Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president,

Moog and Williams. However, what is not showing in the picture is the red cloth Moog stuck behind the green tie. This way he could simply turn over his green tie and still give the pastors a “no.”

Humor is the oil that keeps the wheels of hard work moving!

*Bruce Babienco, Michigan communication director*



Michigan Conference officers meet with pastors from Districts 6, 8 and 12 in the youth chapel at the First Flint Church. Pictured from left: Royce Snyman, Frank Haynes, President Jay Gallimore, Loren Nelson, Fred Earles, Gary Bullard, Lyle Davis and Glenn Hill Jr.

### Officers Meet Annually with Pastors

**Michigan** — Each year, in addition to having an evangelistic workshop and a “Pastor With His Family” retreat, Michigan ministers meet in a local setting near their churches with Michigan Conference officers for spiritual instruction and ministerial fellowship.

These meaningful meetings create dynamic soul-winning zeal and offer creative ideas, which is reflected in a renewed blessing for the local church.

*Bruce Babienco, Michigan communication director*



Rick Johnson (left) congratulates Dean Whitlow, Indiana Pathfinder director, as other Indiana Pathfinder leaders look on.

### Indiana's New Pathfinder Director

**Indiana** — The Whitlow family has been actively involved in Pathfinders for many years. It's no wonder that Dean Whitlow would be involved as well after the pattern set by his father and older brothers.

For 20 years Whitlow has been involved with Pathfinding in various positions for the Anderson (IN) Pathfinder Club. His three daughters and wife are also involved in this youth ministry. In 1993, Whitlow was appointed acting Pathfinder director for the Indiana Conference. Then when Elder Rick Johnson, the new conference youth and young adult ministries director, came to Indiana he continued to use the talents of Whitlow as the official conference Pathfinder director. Whitlow received his director stars last year at a directors' meeting.

Indiana has one of the most active Pathfinder programs in North America. This is greatly due to the lay involvement of people like Whitlow.

*Rick Johnson, Indiana communication director*

### Advancements for Hispanics

**Indiana** — On Dec. 18, 1994, the Indiana Conference committee voted to organize the South Bend (IN) Hispanic congregation from company status to full church status. The formal organization of this church took place last month, Jan. 21.

Also, for the past year the Huntingburg (IN) Church had been receiving into their congregation Hispanic SDAs who were originally from El Salvador. When the group of Hispanics had grown to about 20 people, they wished to have their own services in Spanish. During a board meeting Dec. 20, 1994, the Huntingburg Church voted to organize this Hispanic group into a Branch Sabbath School.

We are thankful for the Huntingburg members — for their warmth and hospitality to these individuals whom they reached out to in their spiritual need. We are especially appreciative of Jim Feudi for both his fluency in Spanish and his willingness to help the Huntingburg Hispanic group receive spiritual nourishment.

*Carmelo Mercado, Indiana's coordinator of Hispanic development*



News Notes

• **Kobe, Japan, earthquake update:** About 170,000 people have been left homeless by an earthquake which struck in Kobe, Jan. 17. Over 3,000 people were killed and 21,000 houses and buildings destroyed. About 70 people whose homes were destroyed found shelter at the nearby Nishimiya Church, which sustained damage. At Kobe Adventist Hospital, cracks and a buckled floor are visible. However, there is concern that damage to the foundation will mean the entire hospital will have to be rebuilt. Water and gas have been cut off and the hospital is asking patients to return to their homes if possible. No casualties of hospital workers were reported.

• **California flooding:** Students of Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA, are assisting local Red Cross and community workers. The college food service has been preparing sandwiches for disaster relief workers. Some college students were able to rescue a driver whose car was swept off the highway leading to the college — at the time her car was nearly submerged. Northern California Conference reports that two rooms in the Antioch school have been flooded.

• **Ellen G. White books:** Last year 64 new books of Ellen White's writings were translated and published in a variety of languages. These new publications bring the total of Ellen White's books to 1,060, published in 145 languages.

• **Calcutta:** In 1895 the first organized work in India was begun here. The first organized church, school, clinic and printing press were all located in Calcutta. However, as the years rolled by, SDA membership shrank from a major center to only 12 members. "Today, Calcutta is a high-priority Global Mission target," says Robert S. Folkenberg, General Conference president. On Dec. 10, 1994, there were 106 people baptized in Calcutta, and now several churches are under construction.

• **Breakthrough in China:** Canadian Evangelist Dr. Victor A. Schulz just returned from Beijing and reported that after negotiations with the top leadership of the Three Self Movement, an authorization was given for a SDA evangelist to run an evangelistic series in Beijing. This is the first time such permission has been granted since 1949. And not only will authorities allow the meetings, but they offered an auditorium in which to hold the meetings.

80 YEARS AGO

*Feb. 3, 1915:* To conduct a good meeting and maintain the attendance without a preacher was the aim of our churches in the early years of our work some forty years ago. In those times we had a few churches and companies and some isolated Sabbath keepers in Indiana. Some times we had one minister within the state. This was before we had regular Sabbath school helps, so each Sabbath school was a law unto itself. WM. COVERT

*Feb. 3, 1915:* In the Harvest Ingathering for the East Michigan Conference, the amount raised was \$2,243.12. One other conference in the United States raised an equal amount. Our workers have met with excellent success as 200 have been baptized during the year.

*Feb. 3, 1915:* "Indiana Conference General Report for 1914" There have been three churches organized, one reorganized, and about two hundred [people] added to the faith. At the beginning of the year there were 62 Sabbath schools with a membership of about 1,350, and the last quarter there were 67 schools reported with a membership of 1,777. The total amount of sales of our literature was about \$20,000. From the tithe of the conference there has been between 35 and 40 per cent given for the support of the laborers outside of the conference.

*Feb. 10, 1915:* Indiana's first camp meeting was held at Tipton, Ind., October 5-11, 1870. For \$50 we were allowed the free use of five lumber shacks and one oil lamp. At that time Indiana was a mission field under the supervision of the Michigan Conference, and Elder E. B. Lane was the minister in charge. This [campmeeting] was the first visit of Elder James White and his wife to our state. Twice seventeen was the total count in membership for the entire meeting. WM. COVERT

*Feb. 10, 1915:* Cedar Lake [MI] Academy had a visit from President O. J. Graf of Emmanuel Missionary College. The tenth grade class were given opportunity to talk with the president to be put in line for attendance at E. M. C. next year. Cedar

Lake does not expect to teach any eleventh grade subjects. We shall endeavor to confine ourselves strictly to grades one to ten inclusive. The enrollment at E. M. C. is now 256. Of these 91 are above the twelfth grade and 165 in the academic department. This does not include the training school — grades one to eight — which was by far the largest enrollment in its history — 77.

50 YEARS AGO

*Feb. 13, 1945:* The year 1944 was a good year in Michigan Conference—538 persons were baptized or united with our churches on profession of faith, however, the net gain in membership was 302. The membership on December 31, 1944, was 12,216. However, the 914 members of our seven colored churches transferred with their churches to the new Lake Region Conference, leaving a membership for the Michigan Conference of 11,302 for the beginning of 1945. The tithe from the 149 Michigan churches was \$848,643.74 and \$70,826.26 was gained through Ingathering. During 1944 more than fifty church and school buildings have been completed, remodeled, repaired or redecorated at a cost of more than \$75,000.

10 YEARS AGO

*Feb. 12, 1985:* On Sabbath, one week before school started [at Menomonie, WI], Superintendent Morian Perry preached an educational sermon in the Madison [WI] Church. At the potluck afterward, a teacher came to Mr. Perry and asked for a job. Upon further checking, Grace Ivey seemed to be just the qualified teacher Menomonie was looking for. Fast-paced action moved the Iveys to Menomonie, put Grace at a teachers convention and in the classroom all within a few days. The new school has 14 pupils in one room with grades one through eight.

*Feb. 26, 1985:* A 42-member church was established in Southfield, Michigan, September 29, 1984, by Richard C. Brown, secretary, and Charles D. Joseph, president, of Lake Region Conference. This makes a total of 72 organized churches in the Lake Region Conference.



## MILESTONES

### BIRTHDAY



**Bessie Kuhl** celebrated her 95th birthday at a fellowship dinner at the Milton (WI) Church on Dec. 3, 1994.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Marilyn Kuhl of Milton, and daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Earl Peters of Green Bay, WI, helped host the event.

A Wisconsin resident for most of her life, Kuhl has been a SDA since 1925. She has four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

### ANNIVERSARIES



**Robert W. and Etta M. Patterson** of Berrien Springs, MI, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December with their children and grandchildren. The couple were married in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, on Christmas Eve 1934. The Pattersons moved to Berrien Springs in 1939. Six of their seven children are still living. The Pattersons have 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

### Harold and Jessie Schroeder



of Cambridge, WI, celebrated their golden anniversary in the Reedsburg (WI) Church with a special sermon and dinner, Oct. 29, 1994. The Schroeders have four children: Roger (Elaine) Schroeder, Harold (Carol) Schroeder Jr., Ronald (Annette) Schroeder, and Joanne (Dave) Johnson; and 10 grandchildren.

### WEDDINGS

**Christine Louise Bierman and Ronald Alan Junglas** were married Dec. 4, 1994, in Grand Rapids, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor John Fortune.

Christine is the daughter of Clarence and Delores Bierman of Spring Lake, MI. Ronald is the son of Ms. Laura Junglas and the late Norbert Junglas of Dorr, MI.

The Junglas' are making their home in Hudsonville, MI.

**Amy Lynn Fellberg and Jed Abram Florea** were married Dec. 17, 1994, in Muskegon, MI. The ceremony was performed by Paul E. Penno Sr.

Amy is the daughter of Ronald and Elaine Fellberg of Sheboygan, WI. Jed is the son of Walt Florea in Spring Lake, MI, and Sharon Jansons of Nunica, MI.

The Floreas are making their home in Spring Lake.

**April Renée Foss and Matthew Loveland** were married Dec. 18, 1994, in Pontiac, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Paul S. Howell, grandfather of the bride, assisted by Elder Michael Nickless.

April is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Foss of Pontiac. Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Loveland of Scottsdale, AZ.

The Lovelands are making their home in Phoenix, AZ.

**Phyllis Elaine Frary and George Franklin Reo** were married Dec. 11, 1994, in Alpena, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Sheldon D. H. Seltzer.

The Reos are making their home in Alpena.

**Pamela Sue McCarter and Craig Arlon Redfearn** were married Dec. 18, 1994, in Madison, WI. The ceremony was performed by Arnold Swanson.

Pamela is the daughter of Ohmer and Virginia McCarter of Cuba City, WI. Craig is the son of Richard Redfearn of Cuba City, and Linda Jackson of Benton, WI.

The Redfearns are making their home in Berrien Springs, MI.

**Cheli Plested and Jason Loucks** were married in an 18th century costume wedding on July 3, 1994, in Baroda, MI. The ceremony was performed by Craig Willis.

Cheli is the daughter of Loyala and James Colburn of Bowling Green, KY. Jason is the son of Janet and Jeff Loucks of Eau Claire, MI.

The Loucks are making their home in Berrien Springs, MI.

**Kathryn Renee Raatz and Rodney Dale Williams** were married Dec. 10, 1994, in Kalamazoo, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Ralph Williams.

Kathryn is the daughter of Jim and Doris Raatz of Waterloo, IA. Dale is the son of Ralph and Martha Williams of Walloon Lake, MI.

The Williams' are making their home in Kalamazoo.

**Ada M. Schmalfeld and John J. Dohrer** were married Nov. 25, 1994, in Brownsburg, IN. The ceremony was by Jerry Lastine.

The Dohrers are making their home in Indianapolis.

**Chrystal Wagner and Alan Cardo** were married June 5, 1994, in Flushing, MI. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Reginald Cattell.

Chrystal is the daughter of Dale and Sandra Wagner of Flushing. Alan is the son of David and Mary Cardo of Troy, OH.

The Cardos are making their home in Muscatine, IA.

### OBITUARIES

**CARLSON, Minabelle**, age 84; born May 25, 1910, in Berrien Springs, MI; died Nov. 28, 1994, in Fort Atkinson, WI. She was a member of the Oakland Church in Fort Atkinson.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Leo Mathewson, Stewart and James; 4 daughters, Joy Zuehlke, Ethel Hammon, Geri Jensen and Lucille Klingaman; 2 brothers, Otis and Berton Cray; a sister, Lila Kolbo; 20 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were by Pastor Richard Habenicht, and interment was in Oakland Cemetery, Fort Atkinson.

**CIMMERER, Florence L.**, age 96; born Oct. 7, 1898, in Clare, MI; died Dec. 9, 1994, in Clare. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant (MI) Church.

Survivors include: a son, Dean; a daughter, OnaLee Glidden; a son-in-law, Arnold Glidden; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn; a sister, Viola St. Clair; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Philip R. Colburn, and interment was in Cherry Grove Cemetery, Clare.

**CONQUEST, Mildred**, age 93; born Nov. 27, 1901, in Anamosa, IA; died Nov. 29, 1994, in Ashland, OH. She was a member of the Watertown (WI) Church.

Survivors include: a son, Cecil; 3 daughters, Norma Lee Beavon, Wilma Jean Merickel and Fonda Faye Johnson; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Richard Habenicht, and interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hartford, WI.

**ERICKSON, Toivo**, age 80; born Jan. 21, 1914, in Indiana; died Dec. 16, 1994, in Pontiac, MI. He was a member of the Troy (MI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Estella; 3 sons, Mark, Jose and Manuel; and 2 daughters, Estella Lefler and Alicia.

Services were conducted by Pastor Don Williams, and interment was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

**FITCH, Daisy Lydia (Swanson)**, age 88; born Aug. 24, 1906, in Preston, SD; died Dec. 23, 1994, in Hinsdale, IL. She was a member of the Burbank (IL) Church.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Charles Harry, William and James; 2 daughters, Helen Cali and Orpha; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Burbank Church.

**GOODFELLOW, Jack N.**, age 55; born Nov. 16, 1939, in Goodrich, MI; died Dec. 17, 1994, in Ann Arbor, MI. He was a member of the Vassar (MI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Rosemary (Monchilov); a son, Jack N. Jr.; 3 daughters, Teresa Blair, Michelle Spencer and Kathy Baska; a brother, Robert K.; and his mother, Letha B. Goodfellow.

Services were conducted by Pastor Byron C. Churchill, and inter-



ment was in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens, Saginaw, MI.

**HOLMEIDE, Margie F. (Lange)**, age 71; born May 13, 1923, in Wausau, WI; died Aug. 18, 1994, in Fredericktown, MO. She was a member of the West Central Church in Oak Park, IL.

Survivors include: a brother, Milton Lange; and 2 sisters, Esther Olson and Ruth Barnfield.

Services were conducted by Pastor William Werner, and interment was in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery, Northlake, IL.

**KOTTKE, Carl O.**, age 75; born Oct. 13, 1919, in Lena, WI; died Dec. 12, 1994, in Lena. He was a member of the Pound (WI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Lorraine; a daughter, Beverlee Mongin; and 2 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Arthur R. Miller, and interment was in Town of Lena Cemetery.

**KRANTZ, Nelson R.**, age 77; born Nov. 27, 1916, in Prescott, MI; died Nov. 22, 1994, in Holly, MI. He was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Betsy; a son, Kelvin; 5 daughters, Glenda Hubbell, Nila Alvarado, Janet Chase, Ellen Edwards and Joyce; 3 brothers; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastors Dan Towar and Boyd Lundell, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly.

**LAWRENCE, Ella**, age 84; born March 16, 1910, in Baraboo, WI; died Dec. 10, 1994, in Mauston, WI. She was a member of the Reedsburg (WI) Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Bryan and Knute; a brother, Elmer Hewitt; 3 sisters, Effie Lenihan, Iva Scharbarth and Hattie Warner; and 3 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastors Wendell Springer and Willis Graves, and interment was in Mauston.

**LOHR, Clyde R.**, age 78; born Aug. 27, 1916, in Belleville, MI; died Nov. 25, 1994, in St. Louis, MI. He was a member of the Edmore (MI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy M.; 3 daughters, Claire Gillespie, Brenda J. and Barbara A.; a brother, Donald; a sister, Celia Briggs; and 2 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastors Paul Pellandini and Hans



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Killius, and interment was in Vinewood Cemetery, Edmore.

**METZ, Harriett**, age 100; born Sept. 20, 1894, in Chicago; died quietly in her sleep, in full possession of all her unique mental qualities on Nov. 29, 1994, in Kenosha, WI. Metz was recognized by President Bill Clinton and Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson on her 100th birthday. She was a member of the Racine (WI) Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, June M. Vercellotti; 2 sons-in-law, Joseph F. Vercellotti and William Robinson; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor David Scofield, and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Racine.

**SANDRIN, Emma**, age 87; born Jan. 20, 1907, in Worden, IL; died Nov. 17, 1994, in Arpin, WI. She was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Church.

Survivors include: 2 daughters, Sandy Brewster and Juanita Wilson; 4 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Donovan Davis, and interment was in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Wisconsin Rapids.

**SHAFFER, James**, age 75; born Nov. 9, 1919, in Chicago; died Dec. 10, 1994, in Detroit. He was a member of the Warren (MI) Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Bettie; and a daughter, Penney Faulkner.

Interment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**WEBB, Hugh Stephenson Jr.**, age 69; born March 8, 1925, in Port Huron, MI; died Dec. 1, 1994, in Waterford, MI. He was a member of the Waterford Riverside Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Betty; 2 sons, S. Hugh III and Fred; 2 sisters, Janet Thayer and Barbara Loree; 3 brothers, William, Morton and Daniel; 6 grandchildren; a stepson, Steven Pyles; and 2 stepdaughters, Sandra Grignon and Lisa Bosch.

Services were conducted by Pastors Michael Nickless and Lyle Davis, and interment was in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston, MI.

## PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

### INDIANA

**Lewis Anderson** is now pastor at Muncie and Hartford City churches, replacing **Fred Troxell** who will be pastor at Washington, Bloomfield and Vincennes churches. Anderson was formerly a pastor in Minnesota. He has a master's in theology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. He and his wife, Saba, have three grown children: Jon, Eric and Gina.

**Dave Devnich** is now pastor at Hammond, Northwest (Crown Point) and Valparaiso churches, replacing **Sergio Gutierrez** who will be pastor at Indianapolis South Side and Shelbyville churches. Devnich was formerly a pastor in Illinois. He and his wife, La Verne, have four grown children: Colleen, Kim, Kirk and Kendall.

**Ronnie Hackleman**, former planned giving trust secretary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, is now trust secretary for the Indiana Conference in Carmel, IN.

**Bob Helm** is now pastor at Seymour, Bedford and Cedar Ridge Fellowship churches, replacing **J. R. Haney** who has retired to Oklahoma. Helm received a master's in theology from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. His wife is Sherrie.

**Joshua Lizarraga** is now pastor at La Porte and Michigan City churches, replacing **Dennis Altrogge** who will be a pastor in Minnesota. Lizarraga was formerly a student at the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in December 1994. He and his wife, Sherrie, have three children: Kami, age 11; Laci, age 10; and Niki, age eight.

**Diane Philpot** is now the receptionist at Indiana Conference. Her husband, Dan, is dean of boys at Indiana Academy in Cicero.

**Ruben Rivera** is now pastor at East Chicago Spanish, Indianapolis Spanish and South Bend Spanish churches. This is a new district. Rivera was formerly a lay worker in Indiana. His wife is Areli.

**Bill Stewart** is now pastor at Greencastle, Lewis and Terre Haute churches, replacing **Paul Young** who will be chaplain at a prison in Michigan City, IN. Stewart was formerly a pastor in Ohio. He and his wife, Joan, have three grown children: Cindy, Sheryl and Kim.

**Fred Troxell**, former pastor at Muncie and Hartford City churches, is now pastor at Washington, Bloomfield and Vincennes churches.

**Paul Wasmer**, former pastor at Washington, Bloomfield and Vincennes churches, is now pastor at Kokomo, Logansport and Monticello churches.

### MICHIGAN

**Gary Thurber** is now director of youth and family life for Michigan Conference in Lansing, replacing **Bill Edsell** who will be trust services officer for Michigan Conference. Thurber was formerly senior pastor at the Lansing Church. He has a master of arts in religion from Andrews University. He and his wife, Diane, will work as a team in the area of family life.

**Diane Thurber** has accepted the position as associate director of family life and will assist in coordinating family life events for Michigan Conference. Gary and Diane Thurber have two children: Ryan, age seven, and Justin, age three.



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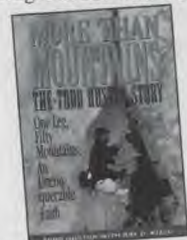


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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LAKE UNION

**Adventist Media Center offering, Feb 18.** Story on page 13.

**Feb. 28 deadline for nominations of the 1995 "Adventist Woman of the Year" awards.** Send applications to: Coordinator, Adventist Women of the Year, Association of Adventist Women, Box 7414, Langley Park, MD 20787.

**Singles: Join the Adventist Singles Ministries, March 14-30,** to Navajao, Sonora, Mexico, to hang ceilings at an orphanage and possibly finish block work at a church. Call Lorraine Hansen at 704-697-2409 for details.

**VBS workshop by satellite, March 19.** This workshop will be up to four hours in length, and four or five leadership skills will be demonstrated and taught. For details call Noelene Johnsson at 301-680-6424, or fax 301-680-6464.

**Ministries of Compassion** is a newly released handbook for Adventist Community Services, inner-city work, and service programs by

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**Using computers to give Bible studies:** The Adventist Information Ministry (AIM) in Berrien Springs, MI, which operates the 800-number service for the outreach ministries of the SDA Church in North America, has developed "Learning God's Word Through Today's Technology," a series of Bible studies that can be operated on an IBM-compatible computer. For a sample copy call 800-253-3000.

## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

**Collegiate Snow Weekend, Feb. 17-20,** is geared toward Michigan Conference college students. Adventist students, faculty and staff from Michigan colleges, including Andrews University, are invited to this very affordable event at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI. Cross-country skiing, ice skating, snowmobile riding, hay rides, food and lodging are covered by the registration fee. The snow weekend is open

to any Michigan conference member. Transportation to the camp is not provided by the university. Register by Feb. 14 through the student affairs office, call 616-471-3215.

**Andrews University alumni homecoming, April 27-30:** The theme, "Let Us Live to Make All Free," challenges us with the patriotic and religious significance. Reunions planned for the classes of 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1985. We are also organizing a reunion of families who lived in Tin Town and the Quonset Huts. And for all the leftover hippies, there will be a reunion concert of the Wedgewood Trio—a benefit for the Youth Resource Center. This theme is especially significant since this spring will be the 50th year since the end of World War II, 20 years since the end of the Vietnam conflict and the fifth year since the Persian Gulf War. Plan now to attend. For details contact Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104; phone 616-471-3591, fax 616-471-3690.

## ILLINOIS

**Chicago North Shore Church celebrates 40 years at present location, June 24-25:** The program begins Friday evening, June 24, with an evening vespers. Sabbath morning worship will feature a number of dignitaries, including former North Shore pastors and leaders. The church is located on the corner of California and Farragut avenues, one

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## INDIANA

**Legal Notice:** Notice is hereby given that the 35th triennial session of the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Indiana Academy gymnasium, Route 19, Cicero, IN, Sunday, April 30, 1995, at 10 a.m. Duly accredited delegates and delegates-at-large will be authorized to receive reports, elect a president, a secretary, a treasurer, departmental directors, and an executive committee for the ensuing three years, and to issue proper credentials and licenses, and transact other business which may properly come before the delegates. Each church will be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. The first meeting of the organizing committee will be held in the Indiana Academy chapel, Sunday, April 30, 1995, at 9 a.m.

*David Wolkwitz, president*  
*Archie Moore, secretary*

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## LAKE REGION

**Legal Notice:** Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Lake Region Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Burns Seventh-day Adventist Church, 10125 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, MI, April 23, 1995. The meeting is called for Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Financial reports will be rendered

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	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	March 3	March 10	March 17
Berrien Springs, MI	6:11	6:20	6:29	6:37	6:46	6:54
Chicago	5:17	5:26	5:35	5:43	5:51	5:59
Detroit	5:59	6:08	6:17	6:25	6:34	6:42
Indianapolis	6:15	6:23	6:31	6:39	6:46	6:54
La Crosse, WI	5:28	5:37	5:47	5:56	6:05	6:13
Lansing, MI	6:03	6:12	6:21	6:30	6:38	6:46
Madison, WI	5:21	5:31	5:40	5:49	5:57	6:06
Springfield, IL	5:29	5:37	5:45	5:53	6:00	6:07



and trustees for the Association will be elected at this meeting. The delegates from the churches in attendance at the regular triennial session of the conference comprise the constituency of the Association.

*Norman Miles, president*  
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**We need you:** Chicago Morgan Park Church will soon begin Phase I of the Morgan Park Church Center in Chicago. This will consist of a gymnasium, chapel and community center that will house facilities for child and senior adult care and other ministries. If you have knowledge, skills and an interest in planning or managing child and senior adult care, sports or music ministries and community services, or if you have skills in grant writing, accounting or finance and would be excited about being a part of the planning group for these ministries, please contact Michael McCullough, Morgan Park SDA Church, 1543 W. 110th St., Chicago, IL 60643; phone 708-957-1219, fax 708-957-5591.

## MICHIGAN

**Alumni and friends of Michigan academies meet March 4,** at Forest Lake Academy in Orlando, FL. Sabbath school 10 a.m.; worship 11:15; potluck dinner and fellowship following. Paul S. Howell, 5425 Eureka Springs Road, Tampa, FL 33610-9344; 813-626-8760.

**Spiritual retreat for women, March 31-April 1:** "Empowered by God for the 90s," will be held at the First Flint Church. Topics include: "Which Version Insures Conversion?" and "Study Helps for the Busy Woman." Mission emphasis: Christ for Cuba. Applications being sent to pastors and women's ministry representatives; or write: Women's Ministry, First Flint SDA Church, G-4285 Beecher Road, Flint, MI 48532. After March 21 registration fee increases. No telephone reservations. Supervised child care for children seven and younger. For questions call Judy at 810-235-0321 or Nancy at 810-732-3258.

**Michigan Conference communication department is compiling** a directory of all Michigan members who communicate by E-mail. Please send your information to 74617.177 (Bruce Babienco), and include your name, mailing address, phone, and E-mail information with the service you are on. Thank you.

## WORLD CHURCH

**Blue Mountain Academy homecoming, March 24-25,** in Hamburg, PA. Honor Classes are 1985, 1975, 1970 and 1965; also Philadelphia Academy 1955 and 1945 graduates, and Lake Ariel Academy graduates.

**Union College homecoming, April 6-8,** in Lincoln, NE. Honor Classes are 1935, 1945, 1955, 1970 and 1985. For reservations or more details call 402-486-2503, or contact the Union College Alumni department at 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506.

**Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the SDA Church in Newfoundland, Canada, July 24-29:** If you have worked in this field or had relatives work here, then we would like you to join us in celebrating. A 100th anniversary campmeeting will be held at the Woody Acres campground. For details contact: 100th Anniversary Committee, P.O. Box 2520, Mount Pearl, NF, A1N 4M7.

**Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the SDA Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Aug. 18-20:** To be a part of it send your name, address and number in party attending, to: 100th Reunion, 1314 Henderson Hwy., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2G 1M4. An update will be sent to you. Indicate if you will need billeting for the weekend.

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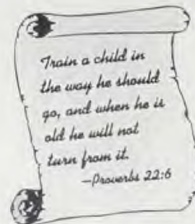
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## Lessons of a Murder

I want to share a story with you that happened recently. It so outraged and concerned me, that I decided I would share it wherever and whenever I had an opportunity. I am compelled to do this out of fear that we would miss the lessons taught us by this story.

It begins with Eric Morse, a five-year-old boy living in a housing project in Chicago. Two other boys, ages 10 and 11, lured Eric to a vacant apartment on the 14th floor of another housing project. Then the two older boys proceeded to dangle Eric by his ankles out the window and deliberately let him go. Eric plunged 140 feet to his death. Neighbors testified to hearing Eric's long fading scream as he descended.

Police investigations revealed that it was a carefully planned crime. The two older boys had executed Eric for refusing to steal candy for them. Instead, Eric reported them to his mother. In retaliation, they dropped him 140 feet to his death.

Reflecting on this senseless and brutal act, prompted me to recognize three important lessons.

1. Recognize that this is another sign of the end. In II Timothy 3:13, Paul, commenting on the last days, states, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse ..." Also, Jesus told us, "But as the days of Noah ..." (Matthew 24:37). And Moses' comment on that day was, "... every imagination of the thoughts of his [man's] heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). Indeed this story is another sign of the end.

2. Be sure you are not participating in these kinds of acts. Ask yourself, "How do I treat other people, students, peers?" You may not be dropping them from 140 feet, but your words or acts may be wounding them mortally. It has been said of Adventists that they may be vegetarians, but they sure like to eat one another! Let us deny this statement by our actions.

3. Recognize that our real purpose for existence is to preach the gospel to all the world. Until we get serious about this, we are to some degree guilty for the death of Eric. We, on the other hand, by preaching the gospel can actually stem the tide of some of these atrocities.

Young friend, we need to be about our Father's business. If we would do this, we would not have missed the lessons taught us by the senseless, brutal murder of young Eric!

*Pastor Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI*



Eric Mitra

**Eric Andrew Mitra**, age 18, is a senior at Broadview Academy in LaFox, IL. Eric is able to serve and witness to his friends and classmates as the senior class secretary, yearbook photo editor, and as an opinion editor for the academy's newspaper.

Principal David Rasmussen says: "Eric has been a great worker in the business office. He is talented and educated. I have enjoyed getting to know him as a student and a Christian man."

Born in Hinsdale, IL, April 5, 1976, to Sofronio and Dolores Mitra, Eric is a member of the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church. His family still resides in Hinsdale.

Eric likes sports, music and photography. In his spare time, he enjoys relaxing and recreational driving.

This year Eric has helped in Bible Labs and teaching Sabbath school lessons. Because of his high academic standards, citizenship and development, he is on the High Honor Roll and a member of the National Honor Society. Eric has been selected for *Who's Who Among High School Students*.

Eric's ambitions include becoming a doctor and witnessing through mission work.

**Keila Aispuro**, age 18, is a senior at Broadview Academy in LaFox, IL. Keila's academic motivation, leadership and character have made her respected among her teachers and peers. Besides maintaining honor roll grades, she is very active in extra-curricular organizations. As a Student Association officer, Keila presides over the Student Senate. She is also the public relations officer of her senior class.

Keila enjoys singing in the concert choir and participating in Sabbath services. In addition, she participated in a Maranatha project last year in the Dominican Republic. Her interests are being with friends, reading, baking and playing basketball.

Keila is the daughter of Pastor Victor and Yolanda Aispuro. Her family lives in Bolingbrook, IL. Keila is a member of the Humboldt Park Hispanic Church in Chicago.

Keila is dedicated, kind and always willing to help. She is good with children and says she would enjoy serving God as an elementary school teacher.



Keila Aispuro



## LETTERS

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### An LE Witness

One thing I enjoy as a literature evangelist is visiting non-Adventist churches. My purpose is to witness for Christ by (1) making friends, and (2) selling books to them.

So far I've been invited to show our books in four churches, held one Introduction to Bible Prophecy seminar and preached a Sunday morning sermon. In these churches, I discuss briefly the challenge of raising children today. Then I show how Christ is still the answer to all the challenges we face today. *The Bible Story, My Bible Friends, the Bible Reference Library* and *God Cares* are a few of the tools parents can use to teach their children about Christ.

I relate examples of people I know who have read *The Bible Story* set several times with their children and how that has blessed the entire family! There is a new revised *Bible Story* set and it is beautiful! Call your local literature evangelist, or contact HHES at 616-473-8300.

*Heinz J. Kowarsch,  
a literature evangelist in  
Northern Indiana*

### Indiana Academy Student Association Fundraising

The students and staff of Indiana Academy in Cicero would like to say THANK YOU to the constituents and alumni for assisting them in a successful fundraising program.

Letters were mailed to all the Indiana Conference constituents and to some members of the alumni association telling them of the projects that the Student Association would like to complete on campus. As a result of this mailing \$4,648 was raised.

The projects to be completed are restoring the bell and sign at the front of campus by adding lights for the sign and being able to once again ring the bell at the beginning and end of the Sabbath. The work has begun on the bell. Other projects include lighting the flag pole, a new drinking fountain in the administration building, and assisting with a computer network in the library.

*Julie Hughey  
student association treasurer  
Indiana Academy, Cicero*

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# Sowing the Seeds of Truth



**Above:** In three years, student literature evangelists in the ASI Youth Challenge program called on 719,000 homes, and sold over 300,000 books.



**Left:** Last year, more than 400 literature evangelists attended the Literature Evangelist Institute at Wisconsin's Camp Go Seek in Oxford.

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Wally Quedzuweit, Lake Union associate publishing director, baptized Kevin Kaufman at Camp Go Seek in Oxford, WI. Kevin became a Seventh-day Adventist because of a literature evangelist contact.



Rusty Williams (left), a Youth Challenge literature evangelist, practices his canvass with Jeff Freeman, Lake Union Youth Challenge leader.



"Canvassers proclaim the Third Angels' Message and win souls for Jesus by meeting people in their homes — a most effective ministry," says Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president.