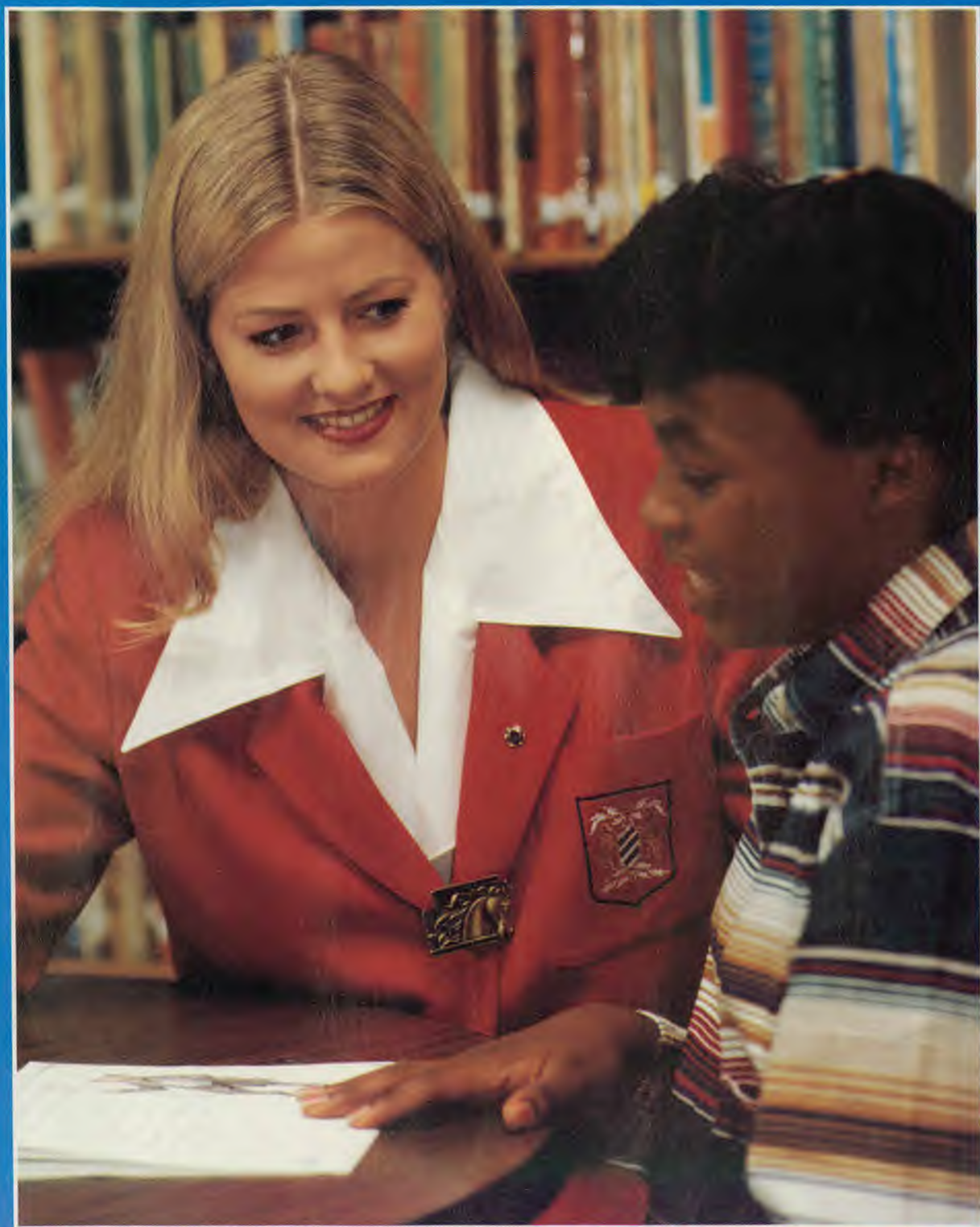


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Natasha Bell, Miss Michigan USA, an Andrews University sophomore, works as a volunteer tutor at the Fairplain Northeast School in Benton Harbor, MI. She is shown working with Courtney Warren, a fifth-grade student. Photo by Richard Dower.

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## EDITORIAL



### We Are Rich!

by Don Schneider, president  
Lake Union Conference

I'm rich. You might be surprised to hear me say that, but it really is true. I've been taking inventory, and have come to realize how really rich I am. However, you might not even be able to recognize it by my lifestyle. Let me explain.

A few weeks ago I attended a board meeting of the Christian Record Braille Foundation. This Adventist organization ministers to the deaf and the blind. When it came time to vote on the board, we were asked to vote by voice and by raising our hands at the same time. This would allow the deaf members of the board to see the voting as it proceeded, and allow the blind board members to hear the votes being cast. Each time we voted, I was reminded of how wonderful it is to see and hear.

I am a rich man — I have eyes that see, and I have ears that hear.

Just before coming to the Lake Union, my wife and I spent a month in the country of Estonia, conducting evangelistic meetings. Our group stayed in a dormitory along with 10 other people. At first I thought, we'll never eat here, the kitchen is too dirty. Later, as we became better acquainted in the city, we were so thankful that we had our own kitchen facilities where we could boil water before cooking or drinking. There was no place in the entire city where we felt it would be healthy to get a drink of water. Many countries in our world do not have clean water. In the United States, we can leave our homes and go anywhere to get a drink of water, any time we want.

I am rich — I have water to drink, all the water I want, any time I want it.

In Estonia we could not find clean rest rooms. Our dorm bathrooms were neither clean nor private. I thought upon first viewing them that I would wait until I went downtown and use the rest rooms there. But one trip downtown convinced me that I would wait until I got back to the dormitory. When I returned to the United States, I drove past gas stations with clean bathrooms, and saw rest areas along the highway with nice bathrooms — suddenly, I realized that rest rooms were available everywhere in the United States. I stood in a bathroom, looked around and prayed, "thank you Lord for such a beautiful bathroom."

I am rich — there is a bathroom wherever I need one.

While visiting the Romanian Church in Chicago, I realized that many of the congregation had risked their lives to be able to experience freedom. I was told an amusing story about two dogs meeting each other while trying to escape their oppressive country. One dog supposedly asked the other dog, "Why do you want to leave?" The other dog replied, "Just so I can bark when I want to."

I am a rich man — I have freedom. I can have opinions that are different from the opinions held by those around me, and I can express those opinions, too.

But best of all, I have been offered eternal life. And it's free. Jesus wants to give life to everyone. I have accepted His gift. I am a rich man! Please accept the gift He offers. You will be rich, too.





Pastors Steven Grabiner (back row, fourth from left) and Novosyolov Aledksandrovich (front row, fourth from left) stand with 13 adults baptized in Yakutsk, Siberia.

## Mission in Russia

by Pamela Michaels, head elder, Sabbath school secretary, personal and women's ministries director, and VBS leader at Belleville (MI) Church

"I will," responded Pamela Michaels to Pastor Steven Grabiner of Connecticut who asked her to direct the children's program during a mission trip to Yakutsk, Siberia. Eighteen-year-old Casey Fowler of Edenville, Michigan, agreed to help with the adult slide presentations. Made up of eight members, this mission team witnessed in Siberia July 5 through August 12.

Advertising was done locally by handing out boxes of crayons along with invitations. Fourteen children were present when the children's meeting started, and 50 adults attended

the opening lecture. Michaels used two sets of felts and a suitcase full of crayons donated by the Belleville Timberwolves Pathfinder Club to teach the children stories of Jesus and His truths. Attendance increased to 57 children and 75 adults, and at the end there were rich rewards. Thirty-seven children signed their names to a banner of Jesus indicating they wanted to be His children, and 13 adults were baptized.

There is a need for spiritual reading materials for the new members, especially a set of Bible commentaries. Four members speak fluent English and could translate any books or literature written in English.

Another spiritual blessing from this mission trip is that two Michigan church members have a new burning desire to continue sharing Jesus' love and witness to His saving grace.

## Just Be Available

by Tonya Hippler, a senior at Andrews Academy in Berrien Springs, MI

Seventeen people from Berrien Springs went to an orphanage house in Peretu, Romania, as a Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) youth-sponsored mission trip June 28-July 12. The group went specifically to work with the R.E.A.C.H. International orphans. R.E.A.C.H. International is a non-profit Christian organization based in Berrien Springs, MI, that provides over 15,000 children with food, shelter, love and an education. Pastor Glenn Russell, PMC youth missions director, and Pastor Gary Burns, PMC youth pastor, were co-leaders for this group.

"At first it was easy to love them, then as their true characters came oozing out, we were put to the test," says Andrews Academy sophomore Aileen Vitangcol.

These orphans are picked up mainly at the downtown Bucharest train station. They sleep in sewers and dine in dumpsters. We went to the train station and returned to the orphanage with a boy named Yonutz, who is now learning about his Father in Heaven.

The volunteers laid cement at the orphanage, installed window screens, and most importantly, loved the children.



Tonya Hippler of Berrien Springs, MI, shows love to an orphan in Romania.

The volunteers sang for vesper services, and even held an outdoor church service for over 150 gypsies. On the last weekend they helped launch an evangelistic series. There are 973 SDA churches in Romania.

Approximately four hours away in Mislea is another R.E.A.C.H. orphanage. Established since 1991, it has 17 children being molded by divine and human love.

This year Jack Mentges, Michelle Spangler, Gary Burns, Terry Hess and Michael Dixon, along with 17 children and their staff, left Romania on an incredible adventure to Utrecht, Holland. They were going to share their story with the world at the General Conference Session. After 40 hours of non-stop driving, they reached Utrecht. On Sabbath afternoon, in front of 50,000 people, orphans told the world that Jesus loves them.

"After you see the need, you easily forget yourself," remarks Andrews Academy junior Heather Schander. After all, mission is not a location, but an attitude of availability.



## Reaching Chicago's Suburbs

**Illinois** — The Naperville Mission Initiative is an evangelistic effort aimed at sharing Christ with people in the fast-growing suburbs of Chicago. This effort is designed to appeal to the unchurched and the spiritual-seeking individual. Weekly evening services will feature contemporary music, dramatic presentations, and culturally relevant biblical sermons. The goal is to foster life-changing relationships with Jesus Christ. Outside the weekly services, small groups will be formed to foster personal relationships and facilitate spiritual growth.

This initiative is one of several efforts in the Illinois Conference to establish the Seventh-day Adventist message in new communities within the next year. Anyone interested in sharing his or her creativity and enthusiasm for Christ through this unique effort is encouraged to call Bill Werner at 708-482-0834 for more details.

## Cooking Schools Still Witness

**Michigan** — The "Natural Lifestyle Cooking School" video series by Mark and Ernestine Finley is highly recommended by Lapeer (MI) Church members to precede any evangelistic crusade; reports Earl Zager, Lapeer communication secretary. This fast-paced video cooking school artfully blends the benefits of a vegetarian diet and the principles found in Scripture.

Conducted prior to the "Net '95" evangelistic series at Lapeer, church members nightly prepared food samples, and made personal contacts. One attendee will be baptized soon. Cooking school leader was Annabelle Zager.

The 24-member church in Bunkerhill, MI, had 32 people attend its cooking school which also utilized the Finley video series; reports Pat Lykins, Bunkerhill cooking school team member. The Sabbath prior to this cooking school, the church held a 24-hour prayer vigil. Results? Two members of the community requested repeat cooking schools in different public locations, and nine expressed an interest in returning for one or more other class possibilities.

Another cooking seminar was held by the Detroit Metropolitan Church Jan. 15; reports Nancy Allen, Metropolitan communication secretary. More than 150 participants attended this one-day event presented by Ellen Higgins, Natalie Weaver, Dr. Arthur Weaver and Jeanne Weaver. Quick and healthy menus were demonstrated and recipes were provided for cooking with millet.

Cooking schools continue to be a successful outreach.

## INDIANA

Pictured from left are **Carrie Malone, Mandy Malone, and Iva and Lee Edgerton**, new members of the North Vernon (IN) Church; reports Mary Ellen Perkins, North Vernon communication secretary. On Sabbath, June 24, the church group gathered near the pool in Mandy's backyard; Mandy is confined to a wheelchair, and the church baptistry was not built to accommodate a handicapped situation. So Terry and Darlene Malone invited everyone from the district to their home for the baptisms. Cousins Mandy and Carrie attended Amazing Facts meetings at North Vernon a couple of years ago.



Lee Edgerton was raised in an Adventist home, but after joining the Navy during World War II he drifted away from the Church. The Edgertons moved to Indiana, and Iva began attending Amazing Facts meetings in Columbus, IN. Afterward, Pastor Scott Tyman continued studies with the couple at their home.

## LAKE REGION

Following an eight-week Revelation seminar by Pastor Zadock Reid of the Sharon Church in Inkster, MI, 100 diplomas were awarded to attendees, and 16 people were baptized into God's kingdom; reports Iris McChristian-Allen, Sharon communication secretary. Serving as Bible worker for this seminar was Sister Reid, the pastor's wife.

**Melody Morris** (pictured left) has recently become a member of the Chicago New Life Church; reports



Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region communication director. Melody was influenced by her Sabbath school teacher, Sharone Bond (pictured right), as well as her family's worship time and her church school training. Counsel is given that at the close of every Sabbath school lesson, the teacher should give students an opportunity to rededicate themselves to Christ and/or to become members of the Church.



## MICHIGAN

Eleven-year-old **Kiana Binford** (pictured right), daughter of Rich and Rita Binford of the Escanaba (MI) Church, was baptized in the swimming pool in her backyard by Escanaba Church pastor, Oscar Montes (pictured left); reports Amy Howell, Escanaba communication secretary.



When Larry Hubbard, a SDA from Battle Creek, MI, met and married Teresa Baumeister, she was so excited about her new-found faith that she shared it with her family; reports Pastor James R. Hoffer of the Coloma (MI) Church. Teresa's sister, Julie, was the first to be baptized. The sisters are members of the Battle Creek Urbandale Church. Then their sister-in-law Laura joined the Coloma Church. Meanwhile, Teresa's parents were being significantly influenced by the ministry of the Three Angels Broadcasting Network. They were eventually baptized into the Coloma Church along with Teresa's brother Nelson. What an awesome spiritual chain



reaction. Pictured at left is **Teresa Baumeister Hubbard**, standing with her brother and sister-in-law **Nelson and Laura Baumeister**; her sister **Julie Baumeister Peterson**; and her parents, **Nels and Eva Baumeister**.

The following individuals in Michigan have been rebaptized. **Sandy Gibbs** (pictured) says: "My First Flint Church family never let me go! They telephoned my home, sent letters, cards, cookies, books, and made personal visits. I received Sabbath school quarterlies, newsletters, weekly bulletins and cassette tapes of the church services." However, what influenced Sandy the most was a women's spiritual retreat held at the church; reports Richard Green, First Flint communication secretary. "Joy, peace and happiness has filled my life since returning to church," she remarks.



**Dave Godsey** was raised in a SDA home and taught Adventist principles and values; reports Kay Collins of Kalamazoo, MI. So he conversed easily about a vegetarian diet with Kathy Smith one day in the grocery store. Kathy recognized the Holy

Spirit working in Dave's life, and invited him to attend a "Cosmic Conflict" crusade at the Ann Arbor (MI) Church where she was a member. During the crusade, he drank in the truths of God's word that once were so dear to his heart and decided to be baptized. He commented after his baptism that he could sense Jesus saying, "Welcome home, Dave."

## WISCONSIN

**Ron Wolken** (left) and **Wayne Vautier** (right) were two inmates baptized May 13 at the Oxford (WI) Prison; reports Laurie Herr, Wisconsin communication director. The two men had participated in a weekly prison Bible study led by local elders.



**DeAnna Jurisch** (left) and **Shelli Johnson** (right) were baptized June 10 by Pastor Norman Yoder (center) at the Clear Lake (WI) Church; reports Beth Nelson, Clear Lake communication leader. Both are students at Sunnyside SDA Elementary in Clear Lake. They studied with Pastor Yoder during the past school year.

**Amanda Maloney** (left) and **Cassie Johnson** (right) were baptized by Elder Ron Olney (center), Amanda's uncle, during worship services at the Clear Lake (WI) Church on Aug. 12; reports Beth Nelson, Clear Lake communication leader. Amanda and Cassie were among a group of young people who participated in weekly Bible studies during the past year with Elder Norm Britain of Clear Lake Church.



Members of Stevens Point (WI) Church were thrilled on May 6 to see **Avis Bishop** (left) baptized,

and **Harry and Carol Bergeon** (right) rebaptized; reports Pastor Donovan Davis (second from left) of the Stevens Point Church. Avis decided to attend the "Net '95" meetings in Stevens Point after learning that her 10-year-old grandson, Chad, had been attending the SDA Church. After the series, she requested baptism. The Bergeons, who had been bringing Chad to church, were unaware that he was Avis' grandson. Seeing how the Holy Spirit had led them to cross paths with Chad and Avis convicted the Bergeons to be rebaptized.





# The Graying of Our Church Presents New Challenges

BY DR. EDWARD A. POWERS

A few years ago my wife and I were visiting a close friend who was in his middle 80s. Henry had been living alone in a rather nice apartment since his wife died. Henry was three-quarters blind and had great difficulty getting around. Still, he welcomed visitors, particularly if they called ahead so that he could get cleaned up and dressed.

During our visit with Henry we told him I was going to spend a few years at a Presbyterian seminary teaching in the area of ministry with older adults. Henry said, "Great, now maybe someone will tell me what good I am."

## IN LATER YEARS, THERE ARE TWO TASKS

Henry's search is one shared by us all. Upon growing older, two tasks confront us.

1) Preparation for our physical needs: economic well-being, reasonable health, and a supportive living environment.

2) Seek to achieve some understanding of our lives and what we can contribute to others.

When faced with the many uncertainties of later life, many people focus solely on the economic, health, and relational dimensions of life but overlook the equally important issues of finding meaning and contributing to the lives of others. After all, we really don't know how many years we will live or whether we will be faced with serious health problems. We wonder if we have set aside enough money for our old age, and worry that we may be alone in the later years.

It has been suggested that the struggle for survival — the need to provide for the physical dimensions of life — has for many in modern society been replaced by the struggle for meaning. We see this among the affluent young. Despite success, good jobs, and friends, they repeatedly indicate that having a meaningful life is a primary goal. We also see this among older adults who ask, as Henry did, after the family is grown and they have retired from work, "What good am I, and what do I have to offer others?"

## FINDING MEANING IN LIFE

Personal and spiritual meaning comes from our integration with other people, with nature, and with our own sense of our finiteness. In our search for meaning we need to be continually involved in relating in positive ways to others. We need to develop an understanding of how we have lived life and how well we will prepare for our death.

Our search can be aided by many experiences: reading, listening to music, watching children, observing nature, seeing beauty, meditating, and being with or helping others. For the Christian, however, the sense of personal and spiritual meaning also comes from our integration with Jesus Christ.

## WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO TO ASSIST THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF OLDER ADULTS?

All too often we get lost in the secondary functions of church membership as we program for older



adults. We spend our energies making sure that churches have active programs for older adults — programs that provide for occasional travel, group meals, educational offerings, organizations and clubs.

Churches with a social consciousness also will provide opportunities for older adults to be of service to others, both within and outside the church family.

Such activities, however, are not the primary purpose for which God called the church into being.

Churches, above all else, must help people look beyond themselves in their search for personal meaning and some sense of transcendence.

There are a number of ways that churches can assist in the spiritual development of older members.

- Church experiences that foster continued development in knowledge and beliefs for those in their later years are group study, educational opportunities, sermons that speak to the situations in which older adults find themselves, prayer, meditation, and personal reflection.

- The inner life of older adults is advanced by public worship, by giving to and helping others, and by being involved in the rituals of the church that have special meaning to older adults. Older people need to come to terms with their own personal stories and find what makes life meaningful for them in old age.

- Older adults also need continuing involvement in the practice of religion for support, for affirmation, and for ongoing development of their beliefs. Activities that support this are public actions such as group study, attendance at worship service and acts of charity.

- Appoint an adult ministries committee in your church to review programming and activities of the church. Ask the pastor, director of Christian education, one or two session members, and several older adults in the congregation to go on a one-day retreat to explore ways the church is assisting in the development of the spiritual life of older members.

My hope is that we have, or will come to have, some understanding of what we have to offer those around us.

#### ADVANTAGES OF GROWING OLDER

Of course, not all changes that occur as we grow older are negative. Gains that come from growing old provide support for the development of spiritual life. Withdrawing from work, for example, can provide time to think, to pray, to study, and to be with others.

Some of us find that in later life we aren't as concerned about what others think about us — a very freeing feeling. When the children are grown or when we retire, we feel more open to pursue activities that we would not and could not have considered at a younger age.

It is true that people of all ages may be strong in one aspect of their spiritual life but still need assistance to develop further in other dimensions of spirituality. Spiritual well-being is not something achieved once and for all at a younger age.

Instead, we constantly must work to maintain spiritual health. This is one of the primary purposes for which God has called the church into being.

God's gift of long life brings with it gains and losses, both of which can lead to the continued development of our spirituality.

We can be like my good friend Jack. In his retirement Jack sought and found spiritual well-being. Then he discovered that just when he finally knew what he believed, there was so much more.

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The experience of  
aging presents  
new challenges.

The loss of a child  
or spouse will cause  
some to question  
their beliefs, the  
meaning of life,  
or their involvement  
in the Church.

This is multiplied  
many times over  
by the numerous  
losses encountered  
as we grow old  
and know we are  
approaching death.

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# Maranatha

## *From the Basement to a Household Word in 25 Years*

**"I** had no idea," Maranatha founder John Freeman says with deep emotion, "that the organization would grow to the point it has today." John is referring to Maranatha Flights International, which he founded in 1969 and which merged with Volunteers International

BY TOM OSBORN

*John Freeman, founder of Maranatha in 1969, worked out of his basement for over a decade, following his dream to manage an organization for Seventh-day Adventist lay people.*



in 1989 to become Maranatha Volunteers International, familiar to hundreds of thousands of Adventists today. Most people shorten the name and just say "Maranatha," which means "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

Over the past 25 years, the name Maranatha has become a household word among Advent-

tists when describing short-term mission service.

But in the 1960s when John first began to dream about producing mission-service opportunities for youth, his office space was very — *lowly*. "I was running Maranatha along with my photography business from the basement of my home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and footing all the bills for it myself. From the very beginning, I wanted to create a layman's program — owned and run by laymen — to demonstrate what we could do to help finish the Lord's work!"

For the first few years, the work of Maranatha amounted to two or three

projects a year and was done mostly with youth groups. Then in 1973 there came a turning point. John worked with General Conference official Elder Caris Lauda, Oscar Heinrich of Mission Spotlight, and Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries. The end result was Project Yellowknife, which attracted over 125 volunteers to the Northwest Territories of Canada. After that milestone, the number of building projects doubled and tripled as word of Yellowknife and Maranatha spread throughout the Adventist Church.

In 1983, John decided to make top priority his photography business and the responsibility of parenting his five daughters. Full-time leadership of Maranatha was passed to businessman Don Noble, who moved the



*Don Noble, Maranatha president since 1983, restructured the organization to meet the escalating world-wide construction needs of the SDA Church.*

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*At the time of this writing Tom Osborn was the public information officer for Maranatha Volunteers International in Sacramento, California.*



# Volunteers



*Over the last 25 years, 28,000 volunteers have been building character and enriching their Christian experience as a result of short-term mission service with Maranatha.*

organization to a 900-plus square foot rental on U.S. Highway 31. Don began restructuring the organization and laying a broader foundation of operation to accommodate the escalating world-wide construction needs of the Adventist Church.

A major, strategic move to Sacramento, California, in 1989 and a merger with Robert Bainum's Volunteers International changed the complexion of the organization once again. The Maranatha newsletter began to assume magazine proportions in an attempt to cover the multitude of volunteer activities.

Taking a giant step of faith in 1991, Maranatha's board acted on Don Noble and Robert Bainum's dream of targeting specific countries for intensified church and school construction, coordinating efforts with evangelistic campaigns in those countries.

The first beneficiary was the Dominican Republic in 1992, when 25 churches were built in 70 days by over 1,200 Maranatha volunteers. In addition, 23 more construction projects were completed worldwide that year.

In 1993, Guatemala was the recipient of 50 new churches. Seventy-five more were completed which nationals had started but were unable to finish for financial reasons. Three new schools also became landmarks of "Guatemala '93." Also during that year, Maranatha worked in Chile, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Russia and completed 10 U.S. projects.

Under the Mexico 1994-1995 program, Maranatha has begun construction on 100 new churches, completing another 100 churches, and building six new schools. Maranatha has also

begun work in Cuba. Because entry into that country is difficult for U.S. citizens, the Cuban project is using hired nationals who are supervised by Maranatha leadership. Current construction in Cuba is not primarily a volunteer endeavor.

Maranatha's plan of action to evangelize Cuba has been named the "700 Plan," which will refurbish 100 existing churches and construct or rebuild 100 "houses of light" where believers will worship.

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

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

**Maranatha!**

*The new phone number for Maranatha Volunteers International is 916-920-1900, and the new fax number is 916-920-3299.*



# Vacation Bible School

## Is It Worth It?

**P**robably the most unusual Vacation Bible School report of 1995 came from the **Williamston (Michigan) Church** — a 51-member church with no children.

Brenda Roys, VBS co-director, reports that as with many small churches, resources and volunteers for VBS tend to be meager. Prayer for God's blessings, wisdom and guidance led the prioritizing process. First objective: Minimize the competition. Find out when other area churches were holding their VBS so "we'd stand a fighting chance." The date chosen was July 17-21.

Second objective: Recruit volunteers and directors to cover all the positions. Co-directors Roys and Brenna Perry attended a VBS seminar in Michigan.

Last objectives: Obtain and stretch funds to cover the cost of the program. And find children to attend!

Advertising the program to the community played a key role. Over 700 door hangers were placed in the community, posters were hung in prominent places, and flyers for a coloring contest advertising VBS were distributed. Area newspapers and radio/television stations were contacted. Three large print newspaper ads were released. And a sign with colorful banners was strung in front of the church. Church members were working together as one.

Prayers were answered. The Michigan Conference children's ministries and education departments provided a teacher to assist with VBS.

Opening night, 10 children arrived. Night two, 17 children arrived. When the final count was tallied, 19 children attended VBS at the Williamston Church. During the family night reception on Friday, 10 Bibles were awarded to children with perfect attendance! Each child received a certificate and prizes in front of their parents. A copy of *Signs* magazine, offering 12 free issues, was put into every craft bag.

In August, a follow-up letter was sent to parents offering Bible studies along with a picture of their child(ren) at VBS. Williamston members believe God can work miracles.



Fallon DeWitt signs her name to a mural of the heavenly city during VBS in Charlotte, MI.

In **Charlotte, Michigan**, the church's youth helped conduct VBS for the fourth consecutive year; reports Rachel Whitaker, Charlotte communication secretary. Church youth taught classes, led song service, and acted in the nightly skits "Good Life Team." Thirty children attend-

ed, 14 of whom were non-Adventists.

Under the leadership of Sherry Humes, two murals were painted — one showed children playing in a clubhouse and the other depicted the heavenly city.

Humes not only encouraged the youth to participate but also solicited several businesses to contribute to VBS. The owner of Carl's Market in Sunfield donated 20 gallons of punch for snack time. The out-of-state business of Plymouth Inc. donated 10 sheets of "pearl" paper for the pearly gates of the heavenly city, and shipped them at no charge.

VBS is a popular summer event among the non-Adventists in Charlotte. One girl, Jessica, reported that she and her sisters prayed for rain all day so that their soccer game would be canceled and they could attend VBS — their prayer was answered!



The Williamston (MI) Church — a church with no children — held a VBS and 19 children attended. Some VBS assistants are pictured in back row, from left, Gordon Evans, Carrie Owens and Dorothea Amey.





VBS Coordinator Maydis Caldwell Skeete introduces Kerstan Reese as "Homie the Clown" during VBS at the Ypsilanti (MI) Church.

The Lake Region **Ypsilanti (Michigan) Church** held its VBS during the week of August 6; reports Deborah Young, Ypsilanti communication department. The theme "Jesus Is the Power!" was demonstrated by focusing on the power of Jesus as creator, protector, redeemer and healer. VBS guest speakers included representatives from the Wellness Plan, stressing health and safety; TaeKwonDo martial artists demonstrating protection techniques; and "Homie the Clown" illustrating the power of conversion through Jesus' power to save.

VBS counselors were available to talk with children about spiritual matters. Pastor Ralph Shelton, Elder Randy Skeete and Brother Bill Becton counseled with 14 VBS attendees who indicated an interest in returning for other church activities

and learning more about Christ.

The most popular feature was a VBS store, which became an excellent motivator for attendance and participation. Children received a predetermined number of stars for punctuality, inviting a friend, participation in class, prayer during VBS, and other activities. The stars were redeemable for VBS dollars which were used to purchase items from the store on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Store items such as school supplies, personal stationery items, toys and books were available for purchase.

VBS Coordinator Maydis Caldwell Skeete and over 15 VBS helpers enthusiastically participated in this program that supported an average attendance of 55 church and community children.

#### **The South Bend (Indiana) First Church** held its VBS

June 19-23; reports Ann Charles, First Church communication secretary. The theme focused on family celebration. Children learned how God wants us to get along in our families through singing songs, listening to Bible stories, making

crafts, and playing games.

The setting for our family celebration was a city. In the Town Hall community members came in to talk to the kids about important things that families need to know. A firefighter discussed fire safety and the importance of having a family fire escape plan. Policemen who work in drug education discussed the importance of choosing the right friends and of handling responsibility. Also, the children received a toothbrush and dental floss from the dentist's office after learning how to take good care of their teeth.

Children also worked on mission

projects during VBS. In Town Hall a woman spoke about her work at a local homeless shelter. The children saw a video about what the shelter does to help homeless people. One thing the shelter provides is comfort kits for its residents. The kids got in on the act by bringing in items such as toothbrushes, combs, soap and shampoo

for these kits. They also made cheerful cards to include in each kit. The junior/earliteen group had fun having a car wash to raise money for mission projects.

**Cicero (Indiana) Church** held its VBS program in August from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every evening for a week. Each night juniors put on a play based on the theme "Friends Forever" and play-acted their club meetings that were held in a tepee club house. On Sabbath morning at the close of VBS week, the juniors also performed a skit for the adult Sabbath school.

From July 30-August 4, a spiritual, informative, and fun-packed VBS was held in the **Beloit (Wisconsin) Church**, with Melissa Briel as director and Dorothy Lewis as leader; reports Berglot Hamblin, Beloit communication leader. Eighteen non-Adventists and 24 Adventists attended.



Juniors from the Cicero (IN) Church VBS program performed skits on this year's VBS theme, "Friends Forever."



During VBS at the South Bend (IN) First Church, children learned how God wants us to get along in our families under the program's theme "Family Celebration."

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Each night in Beloit a different community friend came to teach the children about different safety vocations. A lifeguard, police officer, firefighter, two emergency medical technicians, and a Wisconsin Power and Light technician all shared their expertise, with a lot of hands-on lessons for the children. After the closing program Friday night, a bright rainbow hovered over the church.

**The Clear Lake (Wisconsin) Church** cooperated with seven area churches of other denominations in sponsoring a community VBS from August 7-11, explains communication leader Beth Nelson. This project was the result of nearly a year of planning.

Fourteen Adventist children were among the 150 who enrolled. Crafts, songs and refreshments were all geared to the theme, "Seaside with the Savior." Children visited a different "seaport" each day: Bethsaida, Capernaum, Gennesaret, Tiberias and Caesarea. Organizers felt the program was a success, and hope to make this community Bible school an annual event.

**Janesville, Wisconsin,** VBS leaders Betty Brown and Gayle Brown-Kersten report that just three days before their VBS was scheduled to begin, the church was faced with only three staff members — two in their early seventies. The group prayed, then decided, though a little discouraged, to go ahead with VBS. After combining classes, doubling and tripling up on other duties, the leaders opened their doors with a smile.

One non-Adventist woman, Darlene, brought her son the first night — but soon she was bringing more children! Not only did she bring an average of 12 children a night, she also brought two other friends as helpers. Another community friend, Bud Dowd, built the walk-through clubhouse. When the week was over, the church had a total of five non-

members helping the three staff. "All our volunteers were fabulous, and made our VBS a terrific, prayerful success," say the leaders.

**The Milton (Wisconsin) Church** congregation met in the "midst of nature" on July 15, notes communication leader Marlene Ligman. After VBS was over, the church board voted to leave up the children's backdrop so everyone could enjoy the fine work of Scott Hartman's design of this woodland scene. Hartman worked with real trees, flowing water, a tree house, and nesting birds, complete with sound effects. "It felt like you were out in nature — without the mosquitoes," says Vickie Martin, VBS leader.

"He is my friend, He is my life..." This theme song rang out as 31 young voices filled the **New London (Wisconsin) Church**, reports Christine Weber, New London communication leader. These young people, about half of whom were non-Adventists, came together for a week of fun, fellowship and learning at New London's VBS. The program, coordinated by Helene Riggs, was based on the theme, "Friends Forever," and included a genuine three-room clubhouse. Daily guests were Ralph, a polar bear puppet, and a local police officer who taught personal safety.

A packed church witnessed Friday night's graduation. That Sabbath, four non-Adventist VBS students attended New London's Sabbath school.

While that reward from holding VBS was immediate, other rewards are sometimes more delayed. New London member Karla Wilkinson says her first contact was through a VBS she had attended as a child in Barstow, California. More than 20 years later, her fond memories of that experience helped sway her decision to become an Adventist.



Up to 35 children attended Vacation Bible School at the Milton (WI) Church. The majority were non-Adventists.

**The Hylandale Church in Rockland, Wisconsin,** picked up on the new VBS theme, "Friends Forever," to advertise its program at the annual "Summerfest" parade in Bangor, Wisconsin, August 13; reports Hylandale communication leader Anita Jones. Using a club-house setting, designer Douglas Flahaut, with many eager and willing church members, built a clubhouse around a small pickup truck. The children, looking festive in T-shirts they had painted themselves, waved from the windows, roller-bladed behind, or made baskets in the hoop on the roof. Over 400 small prizes were passed out along the parade route. The Hylandale Church has sponsored a VBS every summer since 1983.

So the question, "Is Vacation Bible School worth all the work?" Just ask any child or adult who has attended VBS if they would like it to continue and they are likely to reply "yes" emphatically.

Let us all do our part in supporting the Vacation Bible School outreach. And say a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who make VBS possible.



## God Loveth A Cheerful Giver

# Your Planned Giving

BY HAROLD HOWARD

In Malachi 3:8 we are asked, "Will a man rob God?"

One's automatic response is: "Of course not. I wouldn't rob anyone, certainly not God!"

Then God himself answers the question, saying, "Yet, ye have robbed me."

Our shocked reply is: "How have we robbed you?"

God responds, "In tithes and offerings."

When one considers that everything we possess belongs to God (Psalms 24:1) and that He only requires the tithe and offerings to be returned to Him, He is very generous.

"Our heavenly Father did not originate the plan of systematic benevolence to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man. He saw that this system of beneficence was just what man needed" (*Testimonies for the Church*, volume 3, page 405).

One of God's laws for the universe is the law of consistency. One can have the assurance that the sun will rise and set at the same time as it did today, one, 10 or 100 years from today. Likewise, in our giving, God requires consistency. Each time we receive income, He requires that the tithe and offerings be set aside before any other expenditure is made. "God's requirements come first. ... Before any part of our earnings is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims" (*Testi-*

*monies for the Church*, volume 4, page 477).

Throughout the Scripture and the writings of Ellen G. White, it is made clear that the tithe is 10 percent of one's increase. Nowhere, however, are we given a precise amount that is to be given as offerings. Our natural reaction is to ask why? If to withhold either tithe or offerings is to rob God, and since He made it clear that tithe is 10 percent of our increase, why did He not tell us how much the offerings should be?

God's reason for not giving an exact amount for the offerings becomes clear from such quotations as found in:

- Matthew 10:8, "... freely ye have received, freely give."
- "God does not compel men to give. All that they give must be voluntary. He will not have His treasury replenished with unwilling offerings" (*Testimonies for the Church*, volume 3, page 393).

It is what one gives when no set amount is required that speaks of one's love for their Heavenly Father.

Impulse giving — which is giving when one is induced to give by an emotional appeal, or when one gives because everyone else is giving — has a tendency to make individuals become like Ananias and Sapphira, who promised to give, because it was the popular thing to do. That type of giving, no matter how large the gift, does not speak of a close love relationship with God.

Systematic benevolence — the regular giving of the tithe and a definite percent of one's income for offerings — is Heaven's ordained plan. It provides a steady flow of income into the Lord's treasury for the giving of the gospel message.

"I saw that in the arrangement of systematic benevolence, hearts will be tested and proved. It is a constant, living test. It brings one to understand his own heart, to see whether the truth or the love of the world predominates" (*Testimonies for the Church*, volume 1, page 221).

Paul made it clear that systematic benevolence is fair for everyone. "For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be a *supply* for your want: that there may be equality" (2 Corinthians 8:13, 14).

As we consider who really owns everything we possess, and how we shall use what is entrusted to us, let us remember, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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Harold Howard is stewardship director for the Michigan Conference in Lansing.



# Natasha Bell: Miss

## *A Contemporary Esther*

BY RICHARD DOWER

**N**atasha Bell, a freshman at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, was baptized May 30, 1995. As he baptized her at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, campus chaplain Patrick Morrison said: "Natasha, when we want to put Biblical example for a young woman to follow, it is easy to go to the Sarah's, the Rebecca's, the Priscilla's. They say something about how we want our

young people to be. But we do not often use the example of Esther, even though she was a special person, because not many have a lot in common with her. But I am suggesting you do. Your public life so far has put you in circles of people that most of us haven't met and don't know. The step that you take today is a step that will color every other decision that you make from now on,

and will affect how you approach people that the rest of us would probably not be able to. You will have the opportunity to make a testimony that I could not make. It is a responsibility. It is also saying that you need Jesus to walk with you in a special way."

On July 1, 1995, Natasha, age 20, was crowned Miss Michigan USA.

Natasha grew up in an Adventist home, attended Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and Andrews Academy, and graduated from Berrien Springs High School. Now she is a sophomore, majoring in history, with minors in geography and behavioral science, and with certification in secondary education at Andrews. She wants to teach high school history and geography.

Recently I asked her questions about her roles of being an Adventist and Miss Michigan USA.

*Q. You have grown up in an Adventist home, and have gone to Adventist schools, have you always thought of yourself as an Adventist?*

A. Not always. I was ashamed to be an Adventist during my preteen and teen years. While I was in high school, my school friends had many slang terms for Adventists, and I did not want to be a part of it. Even though I had gone to Adventist schools, I was ignorant of much of what Adventists believe, and could not stand up for it.

When I started school at Andrews University, I really learned what the Seventh-day Adventist Church was all about, and now I am very proud to say that I am an Adventist.

*Q. What was it about Andrews that made you want to be baptized?*

A. Many of the people around me considered me to be an Adventist, and when they found out that I was not, they would ask me why not. Then I took the "Life and Teachings of Jesus" class from Dr. Mark Regazzi and that really brought it around. I wanted to



*Natasha Bell, a member of the Berrien Springs (MI) Pioneer Memorial Church, says that her parents and sisters have been supportive of her throughout her life, and especially now that she is Miss Michigan USA. Photo by Richard Dower.*



# Michigan USA



Natasha Bell, Miss Michigan USA, learned to ride horses on her grandmother's ranch in Montana. She says, "Taking care of and showing my horse (K-A Fantastic, a purebred Polish Arabian), kept me out of a lot of trouble, and taught me responsibility, discipline and how to work." Photo by Richard Dower.

feel closer to Jesus, and I could not feel closer to Him until I took that final step [of baptism]. Now I feel complete.

*Q. Was there a person who influenced your decision to be baptized more than anyone else?*

A. No. It was a decision that accumulated over time. If there was somebody it would have been a relationship with someone in my life to whom Jesus was important and I saw that it made a difference to them.

*Q. Do you see yourself as a role model for other Seventh-day Adventist young women?*

A. When you have achieved something like what I have, you are a role model whether you want to be or not. People will read about me in the media and say "Oh, she is a Seventh-day Adventist."

*Q. What are your duties as Miss Michigan USA?*

A. There are no specific duties. But logically speaking, there are the duties of being a good person, of being a person who has morals and standards that are acceptable for other people, and to portray a good image to men and women. Of course, there are invitations for appearances in the community and in the state.

*Q. What kind of appearances?*

A. I will chair the diabetic charity, and do fund-raising for them. I will be doing a race against drugs with the Berrien County Sheriff's department, and going to schools to talk about drugs. There are fashion shows and things like that. I want to do things that encourage and support other people. I want to give something back.

*Q. How can you be a Christian influence to those that you meet as Miss Michigan USA?*

A. As Miss Michigan USA, people are always interested in my goals and aspirations. As we talk, I can share with them the things that are important to me.

*Q. What is the Miss Michigan USA pageant?*

A. It is a statewide pageant which leads to Miss USA and Miss Universe. When you are Miss Michigan USA, you represent the entire state and you want to show it off in the best manner with high morals and poise, and show that Michigan is a very beautiful state.

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*Richard Dower is communication director for the Lake Union Conference in Berrien Springs, Michigan.*



### Let Them Pray, Growing in His Image

**Broadview Academy, La Fox, IL** — During the 1994-1995 school year, students at Broadview began to pray together on their own time.

One group of seniors met each morning after chapel to pray for their classmates. Soon another group started in another corner of the chapel. Both groups met on a regular basis for the rest of the school year.

Then a group of freshman and sophomore men began to pray together each evening in the men's residence hall. This group varied in size from night to night, but never ceased in its intensity.

Joe Ramos, a freshman, was a leader in this group. He felt the need for a student prayer group to meet to strengthen the spiritual life of his friends and classmates. "Praying in a group brings a feeling of closeness with God and with each other," says Ramos. "To hear someone else lift you up in prayer, praying for your problems — that alone brings a blessing." This group sent Ramos out to different halls, inviting others to join them in worship.

Then a group of freshmen and sophomores assembled in the women's residence hall. This group also started meeting on a regular basis to pray for and with each other.

Dr. Jud Lake, the campus pastor, states that student prayer groups like these be encouraged to grow on campus. Lake remarks that the benefits of an active prayer life for students are immeasurable.

Please pray that our students will continue to lead and grow spiritually during this new school year — students not only here on campus, but throughout the Lake Union Conference.

*David Rasmussen, Broadview principal*

### Putting God First

**Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, MI** — The academy wants Jesus to be the center of the lives of those who work, study and visit this facility.

Because of this mission, the administration and student association (SA) have planned several activities to facilitate spiritual growth and development this school year. Such activities include special vesper programs, beach church, and a campout with a spiritual emphasis. Also, academy students are often encouraged to be found in a service-oriented mode through the efforts of the school, the SA, and the selective academy curriculum (soup kitchens, Daniel seminars, weeks of prayer, and daily school devotional time).

While not all students subscribe to the religious goals of

these activities, the goals do provide a platform for students to make positive choices and commitments to Christianity and to Seventh-day Adventism in particular.

SA officers, faculty, and the administration work closely together in this area, seeking out and praying for and with students. Through these experiences, the administration and student association believe that the spiritual atmosphere can provide encouragement, self-realization, a basis for dispelling unfair judgments against others, and a process for choosing eternal life. Their ultimate desire is that in the future, students will reflect on their academy experience and think of it as the years where they were drawn closer to God.

*Jamie Crounse, student association president*



*Doug and Glenda Hayes*

### Hayes New Principal

**Battle Creek (MI) Academy** — Doug Hayes has taken over daily operations of the academy, replacing Sunimal Kulasekere who has taken an administra-

tive position at Adelphian Junior Academy in Holly, MI.

Doug and his wife, Glenda, moved to Battle Creek from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he was serving as principal and teacher for the Sandia View Academy. He has been a principal, dean and teacher for 14 years, and has been involved in youth work for over 25 years.

The Battle Creek Academy school board noted extensive and varied skills in choosing Hayes over other candidates. Some skills included a business background, construction, plant maintenance, manufacturing, asbestos and engineering counseling in addition to education. In addition to being principal, Hayes will teach a fifth- and sixth-grade class.

"I am very optimistic and excited about the year ahead of us," states school board chairman, Dr. Robin Steely. "I believe great things are in store for Battle Creek Academy under Mr. Hayes' guidance."

After day one, Hayes commented, "I'm exhausted, but happy!"

The Hayes' have four grown children and a new grandson. The couple have an extensive collection of teddy bears and teddy bear paraphernalia. They enjoy photography, art, travel and antique motor cars.

The academy's enrollment has jumped to 222 over last year's 207. It is a coeducational preschool through the 12th grade and admits children of all races and beliefs.

*Jann Gentry, newswriter*



## The Illinois Youth Challenge

**Illinois** — Sixty-thousand Bible interest cards left in homes, over 3,700 magabooks sold and delivered, a summer sales total of \$56,500 — these are the facts that made this summer memorable for the 12 Illinois students who participated in the third "Illinois Youth Challenge" program.

As members of a group of 22 Lake Union students with five student leaders, the Illinois young people, ages 14 and up, worked for 10 weeks as house-to-house literature evangelists. Areas of work were Quincy, Rockford, and the western suburbs of Chicago. Thanks to the generosity of Broadview Academy, the suburban workers had free dormitory rooms. Other students stayed in homes of church members. Food was supplied by area churches, and donations were used for the rest of the meals.

Len Hickman, Lake Union Conference northern Illinois director for three years, says: "The most exciting part of the program is to watch the spiritual development among the students. It is rewarding to see the students lean on prayer and wait for God to work."

The 12 students were Helen Sauer, Noah and Eden Huth, of North Shore Church; Darlene Macy, Joliet; Cornelia Totpal, Chicago Romanian; Steve Bajanski, Chicago Yugoslavian; Ryan Holcomb, Rockford; Stephanie Kraner, LaGrange; Ferlin Espinal and Keila Lewis, Chicago Humboldt Park Hispanic; Eric Pannwitz, Aurora; and David Cartwright, Hinsdale.

Financial benefit to students from selling magabooks is in the form of scholarships for academy or college. As a rule of thumb, combining commission and school bonus, a student makes about 75 percent of sales as scholarship money. Hickman visits students at Broadview Academy, Hinsdale Junior Academy, and North Shore Junior Academy. In-the-field training by student leaders and a week of literature evangelist institute are part of the ten-week program.

*Marilyn J. Bauer, Illinois communication director*

## Detroit's Great Commission

**Michigan** — Youth participants of the "Detroit Youth Challenge '95" earned money for their Christian education by walking door to door and leaving Christian literature in the homes on a donational basis.

Jeff Freeman, Detroit Youth Challenge leader, declared that "every school, no matter what grade level, should have a magabook program!" This would allow kids the opportunity to witness and to get involved instead of just being "bench warmers" in the Church.

This summer's Detroit Youth Challenge was composed of



On July 8 the Detroit Youth Challenge group conducted the worship service for LaPeer (MI) Church. This group sold more than \$80,000 of SDA literature in the Detroit area this summer.

26 students, six student leaders, and an overall leader. Youth evangelists walked door to door from Sunday through Thursday. Friday was a day off. Then each Sabbath this group conducted church services for area churches. This schedule did provide two weekends off during the summer.

As student leader Michelle Ohm states: "Many people think they can't do this work because they don't have what it takes. Well, all it takes is the Holy Spirit in your heart because Philippians 4:13 states, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,' (*The New King James Version*).

"It's not that hard walking door to door because Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened,' (*ibid*). The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to do this job and the wisdom to know what to say to the people."

This summer in the Detroit suburbs, youth evangelists distributed 20,000 *Happiness Digest*, close to 1,000 new families now own devotionals, and approximately 115,000 homes were contacted. That's an average of 3,000 doors knocked on each day. Statistics say that there are 3.5 people per household; therefore, over 400,000 people in Detroit were reached this summer through the youth challenge program.

Most students make between \$2,000 and \$3,000 by the end of the summer, which is much more earnings than flipping burgers — and evangelizing is more rewarding.

Devotional books were sold to Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, and even to priests and pastors of other denominations. Some interested people have asked where they could find a Seventh-day Adventist Church to attend near them.

David Dickerson has worked other summer jobs, but he enjoys literature evangelism the most. He exclaims: "I love it! Our co-workers and leaders love the Lord. And that alone is worth doing this work; to be around fellow youth who influence me for God's kingdom. Nothing else could be better than working with God!"

David is right. With God, nothing is impossible. Keep the youth in your prayers, and in everything praise God.



This summer student leader Michelle Ohm set a new sales record.



### New Illinois Conference President

**Illinois** — Elder J. Wayne Coulter, president for 10 years of the Chesapeake Conference in Columbia, MD, has accepted the position of Illinois Conference president.

Coulter replaces James Brauer who accepted a call to the Rocky Mountain Conference in Denver, CO. Coulter has been a pastor and an evangelist in Florida and the middle America states before becoming the ministerial secretary of the West Virginia Conference. He was later elected president of the West Virginia Conference and served in that capacity for four years before being elected to lead the Maryland churches.

He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Christy, a nurse; and Todd, a sophomore in college. During Coulter's administration, the Chesapeake Conference has grown from 6,000 members to its current 10,000, and has completed a \$3 million renovation of the conference retreat center, as well as adding a new library and campus church to the conference boarding academy.

"We have accepted this call because we believe that God is leading, and therefore we are eager to join the Illinois church family," says Coulter. "We want to help invite the 11 million residents of Illinois to meet us in heaven," he adds.

*Don C. Schneider, Lake Union Conference president*



J. Wayne Coulter

### Smothers Witnesses in Grand Rapids

**Lake Region** — Ethel Footman Smothers has authored two books, *Down in Piney Woods* and *Mariah's Pond*. These two books have been well received in the Grand Rapids (MI) school system. Smothers, a member of the Grand Rapids Church, has dedicated a portion of the proceeds from her books to the Lord. She also testifies that God has healed her physical body from recent surgery. She is eager to be supportive to others who are praying for healing. We salute Smothers in her project of creative writing.

*Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region Conference communication director*



Ethel Footman Smothers



From left: Lori Bartlett, Robert Bartlett and Nicholas Clark.

### Ninety-year-old Says Investment Project A Two-Fold Blessing

**Indiana** — The words to a popular children's song, "I'm going to hide God's word inside my heart," proved to be an inspiration for an investment project. Ninety-year-old Audra Nash, a member of the Marion (IN) Church, challenged three Sabbath school children to memorize each of the memory verses for the second quarter of 1995. Nash pledged \$10 to investment for each child who could successfully recite the verses during the opening exercises of the Marion Sabbath school program. The children, Nicholas Clark, age 7; Robert Bartlett, age 7; and Lori Bartlett, age 9; were eager to take this challenge.

It was with tears in her eyes that Nash listened to these three children recite the verses in unison on July 8. Nash says: "Years ago when I taught in the children's division of our Sabbath school we encouraged Scripture memorization. I am thankful to be part of a two-fold blessing yet today — to help our investment program and to help establish God's Word in the hearts of these children."

*Mae Shaw, Marion communication secretary*

### Women's Day at Sharon Church

**Lake Region** — Special congratulations are in order to Sister Thea Collins and her corps of workers at the Sharon Church in Inkster, MI. Collins was the chairwoman for the church's Women's Day service; its theme, "Back To God's Basics — Love." All women at church this day wore black and white, signifying that God's Word is written clearly in black and white for all the world to read.

Cynthia Prime, Lake Union women's ministries director, delivered an inspiring message for the divine worship hour, and special music was rendered by Sharon soloists Sandra Edwards and Beatrice Morgan. After the service members and visitors were invited to a delicious and healthful vegetarian meal in the church's fellowship hall.

*Iris McChristian-Allen, Sharon communication secretary*



## Thomas Preaches Abroad

**Lake Region** — Pastor Samuel Thomas Jr. of the Highland Avenue Church in Benton Harbor, MI, conducted two youth rallies/revivals overseas, from May 31-June 21.

In Sydney, Australia, a city receptive to Christianity, there are 40 SDA churches. Thomas' message, "Spiritual Warfare: Victory in Christ," was targeted to baby boomers and began June 3 with a youth rally at which about 1,000 people attended. The rally was followed by a revival at the Mount Druitt-Samoan Church in Sydney. Nearly 300 young people attended the nightly revival meetings.

On June 13, Thomas traveled to Auckland, New Zealand, where he began another youth series for a group in the Papatoetoe Church which concluded with a rally of nearly 700 baby boomers. As a result of these two youth series, Thomas reports that over 50 people made a decision for baptism and rededication to Christ.

The last leg of the journey took Thomas to Nadi, Fiji, where he observed the church work from the perspective of laity.

*Elizabeth Watson, Highland communication secretary*



*Samuel Thomas Jr.*

## Region Members Broadcast to Illinois

**Lake Region** — The program is called "Truth for Today," and airs on station WBEE, 1570 AM, Sundays, from 9:30-10 p.m. This program began July 9 and will continue as funds are available. It is being sponsored by the Beacon of Joy Church and the Morgan Park Church, both in Chicago, as well as the Lake Region Conference.

A free study guide is being offered for each subject presented, and a cassette tape of each broadcast is available for a small fee.

When funds are available the staff wants to offer two books. The first is *Steps to Christ* to fulfill the need expressed by Ellen G. White in *Evangelism*, page 188: "There are many who want to know what they must do to be saved. They want a plain and clear explanation of the steps requisite in conversion ... ." The second book is *The Desire of Ages* as a New Testament complement on the life of Christ.

Supporters and contributors are needed. Interested parties can write: Truth for Today, P.O. Box 0035, Markham, IL 60426-0035.

The staff covets your prayers for this broadcast in order to further the gospel and hasten His soon coming.

*Pastor James Clements Jr., "Truth for Today" speaker*

## Michigan Conference Gets New Look

**Michigan** — This summer the conference office in Lansing was given a face-lift. "The exterior of the building has been modernized to be more compatible with the new and modern buildings recently constructed on either side of the conference office," says

**Brian Stephan**, conference undertreasurer. "It now has clean lines and a fresh, new look."

The interior offices and meeting rooms have been given better light-

ing control by replacing the drapes with mini-blinds. The office workers are thankful for the window treatment which has greatly improved their working conditions.

*Bruce Babienko, Michigan Conference communication director*



*Dr. Sylvia Barnes*

## Women Featured at Camp Meeting

**Lake Region** — The Lake Region Conference women's ministry leaders were featured during the opening session of camp meeting, June 16, in Cassopolis, MI.

In honor of 1995 being the "Year of the Adventist Woman," Dr. Sylvia Barnes, formerly of Chicago, returned home to give the keynote address. She was well received by all. Carolyn Palmer, conference women's ministries director, presented awards to all of the ladies present. The theme song was "Sisters in the Lord." The ladies led out in Sabbath school.

J. D. Parker, conference personal ministries director, interviewed a conference director about projected activities for the year. Those activities included a retreat for women and teen girls, Oct. 6-8, at the Stouffer Hotel in downtown Battle Creek, MI. For details about the retreat call 312-846-2664.



## LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

### People in Transition

• **Larry Blackmer** is now associate superintendent of education at the Michigan Conference in Lansing, replacing Dr. Ed Norton who will be teaching at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in Manila, Philippines. Blackmer was formerly principal of Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, MD. He has a master's in secondary education administration from Andrews University, and is working on a doctorate in educational administration at Andrews. He and his wife, Sandy, have a girl, Melissa, age 15.

• **Larry Yeagley**, former pastor of the Muskegon and Fremont (MI) churches, is now pastor of the Marshall and Charlotte (MI) churches.

• **Jerry LaFave**, former associate pastor of the Berrien Springs (MI) Village Church, is now pastor of the New Haven Church in Kansas City, KS.

• **Mike Troxell**, former assistant pastor at the Lansing Church, is now pastor at the Linden (MI) Church and assistant pastor at the Holly (MI) Church.

• **Mark Hughes**, former pastor in the Nevada/Utah Conference, is now assistant pastor of the Lansing Church.

• **David Kobliska**, a recent student at the Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, MI, is now pastor at Otsego (MI) Church and assistant pastor at Kalamazoo (MI) Church.

• **Gary Burns**, former youth pastor at the Berrien Springs (MI) Pioneer Memorial Church, is now pastor at Dakota Academy in Bismarck, ND.

• **Brian Hamilton** has been named Wisconsin Conference undertreasurer and corporation treasurer, replacing Richard Moore, assistant treasurer, who has accepted a call to be assistant pastor for the Madison (WI) Church. Hamilton was formerly associate treasurer in the Michigan Conference. He has a Master of Divinity degree and a bachelor's in administration from Andrews University. He and his wife, Diane, have two children: Leith, age 16, and Trent, age 15.



## Lake Union SDA Schools

**Statement of Compliance** — The Church, in all of its church-operated schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools; and makes no discrimination on the basis of race in administration of educational policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

### Illinois Conference

Beverly Hills Elementary  
Broadview Academy  
Champaign Elementary  
Downers Grove Elementary  
Elgin Elementary  
Glen Ellyn Elementary  
Hinsdale Junior Academy  
Joliet Elementary  
Lake County Elementary  
Marion Elementary  
Noble Elementary  
North Aurora Elementary  
North Shore Junior Academy  
Ottawa Elementary  
Peoria Elementary  
Quincy Elementary  
Rockford Elementary  
Sheridan Elementary  
South Suburban Elementary  
Springfield Elementary

Eau Claire Elementary  
Edenville Elementary  
Edith B. Garrett Elementary  
Escanaba Elementary  
First Flint Elementary  
Glenwood Union Elementary  
Gobles Junior Academy  
Grand Haven Elementary  
Grand Rapids Junior Academy  
Grayling Elementary  
Great Lakes Adventist Academy  
Greater Lansing Adventist School  
Hastings Elementary  
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## News Notes

- **Oklahoma City, OK:** Church members in Oklahoma have supplied children injured in the Oklahoma City bomb blast with sets of "Your Story Hour" cassettes, and offers for a free week at summer camp with trained grief counselors on hand. Your Story Hour in Berrien Springs, MI, is an interfaith radio ministry promoting character building in children through radio drama presentations. Currently Your Story Hour is aired on more than 3,000 stations worldwide.
- **Germany:** Seven first graders started their school life in the first Adventist primary school in Germany on Aug. 22. Mrs. Reinhold Schmidt, a highly-trained teacher, gave up her status as a civil servant to be the teacher and principal. German Adventists have never had Adventist primary schools, except one in Friedensau (former East Germany) which was closed in the 1950s. In recent years, several churches have begun to consider opening church schools, this in a country where there is no Christian teacher training. May God bless this venture.
- **College Place, WA:** Beginning with the 1995-1996 school year, Walla Walla College in College Place adds a SDA perspective to the global push for environmental stewardship by offering an environmental science major and an environmental studies minor. This is a first in Adventist higher education. The program, with appropriate preceding college-level studies, requires two years on the Walla Walla College campus. For details contact: Jon Cole, 204 S. College Ave., College Place WA 99324-1198; 509-527-2078.
- **Loma Linda, CA:** The Loma Linda University Medical Center's heart transplant program received approval for funding by the U.S. federal Medicare program. Loma Linda performed its first adult heart transplant in November 1985, three days after the first infant heart transplant was performed. By April 1995, 324 infants, children and adults have undergone heart transplantation at the medical center and the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.
- **Sydney, Australia:** The opening of significant extensions to the Sydney Adventist Hospital on Aug. 9, further consolidates the complex as the largest private hospital in New South Wales. This \$35 million development has expanded the hospital to enable it to provide for the needs of the community well into the next century. The hospital now houses a new operating theater suite, day surgery, and endoscopy units; a comprehensive radiology unit, a renal dialysis unit, the Avondale College School of Nursing, conference room, and a professional hospital library.

## Gender-Inclusive Ordination

**North American** — In an open letter on women's ordination addressed to Seventh-day Adventist pastors and administrators in North America, Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division, urged them to be bridge builders, to focus on mission, and pray that God will help the Church deal with the issue of gender-inclusive ordination.

His letter comes weeks after a special video report was distributed to all Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America following the world church session in Utrecht, the Netherlands. During the session, on July 5, delegates voted down a request of the North American Division to allow each world division to decide, within its own territory, whether ordination to the gospel ministry could be gender-inclusive.

Looking at the issue of ordination, McClure asks, "What now? What should be our reaction to this vote of the world church in session?" He makes three observations: First, "that North America is a loyal part of the world church" and he "would do everything in [his] power to see that this issue did not compromise that position." Secondly, he stresses "a need to keep the issue of Biblical ordination in perspective and not make of it more than Scripture does." Thirdly, McClure's letter reiterates the "process by which the world church acknowledges those who have sensed the calling of God."

Urging members and church leaders to do everything in their power to maintain the unity of the world church, McClure says, "There may be those who would challenge the session vote, as individuals or as a group, and attempt to move ahead of the world church without its approval. My appeal today is that we exercise all of the Spirit-led persuasiveness at our command so that this does not happen."

In addressing the necessary process by which a person is ordained to the gospel ministry, he states that "a commissioning or dedicatory service, even with the laying on of hands, is Biblical and affirming of the call to ministry (see Acts 13:2-4 and *Review and Herald*, July 9, 1895), yet does not violate the spirit or the letter of the vote of the General Conference session."

Following the Utrecht decision, two local congregations, one in Maryland and one in California, expressed their disappointment with the results and urged church leadership to actively pursue ways of responding to calls for gender-inclusive ordination. There are 4,645 congregations in North America with 828,978 members. Worldwide the Seventh-day Adventist Church has 8.5 million members.

McClure indicated that specific initiatives would be presented after the North American Division year-end meetings to be held, Oct. 11-13, in Battle Creek, MI. "As painful as the issue is to many," McClure concluded, "we must not allow it to splinter our unity or divert our mission."



## MILESTONES

### ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevenson

**Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevenson** of Holly, MI, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Aug. 30. They were honored by a celebration given by their family at the Webers Inn in Ann Arbor, MI, Sunday, Aug. 27. Guests were present from Wisconsin, Chicago, and various parts of Michigan.

### WEDDINGS

**Rebekah Ann Baird and Ryan Douglas Seitz** were married July 16, 1995, in Coldwater, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David W. Gotshall.

Rebekah is the daughter of Ron and Penney Baird of Union City, MI. Ryan is the son of Douglas and Cynthia Seitz of Coldwater.

The Seitzes are making their home in Coldwater.

**Jane Butler and Clarence Hardy** were married July 16, 1995, in Hinsdale, IL. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Joyce Webb.

The Hardys are making their home in Merrillville, IN.

**Rebecca Susan Carlson and David Johnson** were married Sept. 30, 1994, in Superior, WI. The ceremony was performed by Commissioner Hammond.

Becky is the daughter of Susan and Gerald Carlson of South Range, WI. David is the son of Lois and Roy Johnson of Virginia, MN.

The Johnsons are making their home in Hawthorne, WI.

**Julie A. Kiger and James R. Dronen** were married Aug. 6, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Don Dronen.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kiger of Berrien Springs. James is the son of Elder and Mrs. Don Dronen of Berrien Springs.

The Dronens are making their home in Berrien Springs.

**Martha Y. Munive and Andrew S. Jaley** were married July 23, 1995, in Hinsdale, IL. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Peyton.

Martha is the daughter of Galo and Juana Munive of Glendale Heights, IL. Andrew is the son of Babu Rao and Kamala Jaley of Glenview, IL.

The Jaleys are making their home in Glenview.

**Charity Netteburg and John Pitton** were married Aug. 13, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Les Pitton Jr.

Charity is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Netteburg of Berrien Springs. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Pitton Jr. of Fulton, MD.

The Pittons are making their home in Berrien Springs.

**Dorothy Decena Pan and Lt. j.g. Dale Dan Ramirez** were married July 2, 1995, in Lake Forest, IL. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Russ Laughlin.

Dorothy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pan of Douglassville, PA. Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan N. Ramirez of San Diego, CA.

The Ramirezes are making their home in Sicily, Italy, at the Sigonella Naval Hospital.

**Deborah Rauch and John Kalume** were married Aug. 20, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Werner Vyhmeister.

Deborah is the daughter of Frank and Hazel Rauch of Byrdstown, TN. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John

Kalume of Kinshasa, Zaire.

The Kalumes are making their home in Berrien Springs.

**Rosaiah Joy Santos and Steven Floyd Greenlaw** were married July 30, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Tony Brown and Pastor Isaias Santos Sr.

Rosaiah is the daughter of Isaias Sr. and Rosita Santos of Berrien Springs. Steven is the son of Jerry and Ramona Greenlaw of Berrien Center, MI.

The Greenlaws are making their home temporarily in Korea.

**Susie Schultz and Stephen Eastwood** were married July 30, 1995, in Hinsdale, IL. The ceremony was performed by Henrik Jorgensen.

Susie is the daughter of Kim and Diane Schultz of Orland Park, IL. Stephen is the son of Len and Pat Eastwood of Grantham, England.

The Eastwoods are making their home in Laurel, MD.

### OBITUARIES

**ELMER, Ella M.**, age 91; born Jan. 21, 1904, in Clark County, WI; died May 5, 1995, in Nampa, ID. She was a member of the Waukesha Church in New Berlin, WI.

Survivors include: a son, Walter "Bud"; 2 daughters, Doloris Knecht and Shirley Graves; 9 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by Pastor Claudio Consuegra, and interment was in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, New Berlin.

**GLINKEN, Henry E.**, age 85; born May 13, 1910, in Paterson, NJ; died July 22, 1995, in Taylor, MI. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church in Plymouth, MI.

He is survived by his 2 brothers, John J. and Robert J.

Services were conducted by Pastor Frank Haynes, and interment was in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock, MI.

**HARMAN, Ruth R.**, age 99; born Aug. 28, 1895, in Marion, IN; died Aug. 18, 1995, in Niles, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, MI.

Survivors include: a daughter, Alma Canada; 3 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandchild.

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**HOLLINGSHEAD, Gerald E.**, age 68; born Feb. 10, 1927; died July 20, 1995, in Berwyn, IL. He was a member of the Hinsdale (IL) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Lucille; a daughter, Amy Hausman; 3 sisters, Gladys Erdman, Grace Czernick and Esther Hollingshead.

Services were conducted by Pastor Birger Draet, and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL.

**HUBBELL, Alice A.**, age 73; born Aug. 28, 1921, in Kewadin, MI; died July 3, 1995, in Tecumseh, MI. She was a member of the Tecumseh Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Ervin W.; 2 sons, E. Larry and James T.; a daughter, Alice Fay Larson; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder Rodney Hyde, and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Elk Rapids, MI.

**JONES, Zelma W.**, age 76; born Aug. 27, 1918, in Grand Rapids, MI; died June 28, 1995, in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

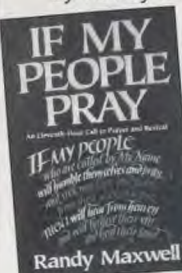
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**KEENEY, Vesta D.**, age 101; born Sept. 6, 1893, in Ingham County, MI; died Aug. 16, 1995, in St. Johns, MI. She was a member of the East Lansing University Church in Michigan.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Earl, Avery and James; a daughter, Cereda McConnell; a brother, Loren Avery; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by Pastor Roy Castelbuono, and interment was in the Rose Cemetery in Bath, MI.

**KRAUSE, Martha**, age 91; born July 15, 1904, in Germany; died Aug. 3, 1995, in Watertown, WI. She was a member of the Watertown Church.

Survivors include: 3 sons, Horst, Werner and Daniel; 4 daughters, Sabina Ersel, Ruth Raue, Esther Hartung and Margarita Indalecio; 17 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Claudio Consuegra, and interment was in Glenview Memorial Gardens, Ixonia, WI.

**LeCOUNT, Mary J.**, age 72; born March 6, 1923, in Elkhart, IN; died Aug. 10, 1995, in Ludington, MI. She was a member of the Elkhart Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, Deborah Vlaeminck; a half brother, Daniel Seales; and 3 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Harold Peggau, and interment was in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

**LOHR, Bernice**, age 56; born

March 4, 1939, in Wisconsin; died Aug. 28, 1995, in Milwaukee. She was a member of the Waukesha Church in New Berlin, WI.

Survivors include: her father, Elton Beversdorf; her brother, Robert Beversdorf; and her sister, Betty Thomas.

Services were conducted by Pastor Claudio Consuegra, and interment was in Union (WI) Cemetery.

**MILLER, Frances**, age 84; born Jan. 8, 1911, in Indianapolis; died June 16, 1995, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Marion (IN) Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne Davis.

Services were conducted by Pastor Stan Wilkinson, and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Sweetser, IN.

**MYSLANSKI, Theodore "Ted"** C., age 67; born June 6, 1928, in Ada, MI; died July 26, 1995, in Grand Rapids, MI. He was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Peggy; a son, John; a brother, Henry; 2 sisters, Bernice Lillibridge and Jean Jarvis; a grandchild; and 3 nieces/nephews.

Services were conducted by Pastor John B. Fortune, and interment was in Findlay Cemetery, Ada.

**PARRISH, Lillian M.**, age 102; born Dec. 14, 1892, in St. Austell, Cornwall, England; died July 19, 1995, in Northville, MI. She was a member of the Plymouth (MI) Church.

Survivors include: a son, George Wheeler; 3 daughters, Natalie Weaver, Shirley Hamilton and Beverly Leffler; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Victor R. Brown, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs, MI.

**PAVEY, Mildred V.**, age 86; born July 5, 1909, in Madison County, IN; died July 30, 1995, in Anderson, IN. She was a member of the Anderson Church.

She is survived by her brother, Lindy Lawson.

Services were conducted by Pastor Dan Hall, and interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson.

**SEATON, John R.**, age 70; born Feb. 7, 1925, in Flint, MI; died Aug.

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Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Don Siewert.

**SKEELS, Xema R.**, age 97; born Sept. 2, 1897, in Cleveland, OH; died July 25, 1995, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs.

She is survived by her 3 nieces, Carol Gardner, Betty Berger and Pat Gerger.

Services were conducted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, and interment was in the Washtenaw Memorial Park Cemetery, Ann Arbor, MI.

**SKELTON, Lewis H.**, age 88; born Sept. 11, 1906, in Ford County, IL; died July 24, 1995, in Middleton, MI. He was a member of the Belgreen Church in Greenville, MI.

He is survived by his wife,

Caroline.

Services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff, and interment was in the Rest Haven Memorial Gardens, Belding, MI.

**TAYLOR, Adeline**, age 69; born June 2, 1926, in Minneapolis; died June 12, 1995, in Brainerd, MN. She was a member of the Staples (MN) Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Eugene; 2 sons, Lyndon D. and Marvin; a brother, Vernon Heglund; a sister, Barbara Vernon; and 3 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastors Dennis Altrogge and Norman Yoder, and interment was in Woodlake Cemetery, Grantsburg, WI.

**VanOSDOL, Doris**, age 82; born Feb. 18, 1913, in Indianapolis; died Aug. 5, 1995, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

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Services were conducted by Pastor Sergio Gutierrez, and interment was at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for publication in the *Herald* should be sent to your local conference office. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.

### LAKE UNION

**"Voice of Prophecy" offering, Oct. 14.**

**An Adventist Heritage Camp Meeting in Battle Creek, MI, Oct. 12-15:** Sponsored by the North American Division, meetings will be held in a 6,000-seat tent on the campus of Battle Creek Academy, located at 480 Parkway Drive in Battle Creek. Schedule: *Oct. 12*, 7 p.m., heritage stories by James Nix and Mervyn Maxwell. *Oct. 13*, from 10 a.m. into the afternoon, seminars on the Sabbath and Spirit of Prophecy; 7 p.m. "The Joy of Sabbath" by Des Cummings Jr. *Oct. 14*, 9 a.m. Sabbath school, lesson study by Richard Davidson; 11 a.m. worship by Charles Bradford; 2 p.m. prayer and praise service; 4 p.m. satellite up-link program by Al McClure and Robert Folkenberg. *Oct. 15*, area self-guided tours.

**Volunteers needed** at the historic Advent Village in Battle Creek, MI, for restoration of the James and Ellen White, Deacon John White, and John Loughborough homes. In need of volunteer painters (profes-

sionals preferred), carpenters (rough and finish), fieldstone masons, plumbers, HVAC, and others. For details call Ralph at 616-963-8744, or Hilda at 616-964-4083. Volunteers can start immediately.

**Welcome Home Sabbath, Nov. 18:** Plan now for a special day at your church to "welcome home" church family members you haven't seen for a while. If you want or need help in planning, call the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center at 800-272-4664.

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

**Academy homecoming, Oct. 20-22:** Reunion classes meeting at the academy building are 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1986 and 1994. Special participants for this weekend will be Ray and Rosy (Wills) Tetz from the silver anniversary class (1971), and Greg Schaller, class of 1976. All graduates and all who have attended Andrews Academy, Andrews University Academy and Emmanuel Missionary College Academy are encouraged to attend. For more information call Charlene Vitano, alumni affairs coordinator,

at 616-471-3138.

### ILLINOIS

**Broadview Academy announces "Choralfest '95."** A sacred and secular concert to be performed Nov. 4 at 4:30 p.m.

### INDIANA

**A youth leader's training seminar, Oct. 7,** at the Anderson (IN) Church called "The Next Step." Providing fresh, practical training, great ideas, and the best resources in North America, these lessons will help eliminate the frustrating moments and make more of the good times. Choose from three tracks: youth (ages 15-18), from the perspective of the local church youth leader; collegian, learn how to start a ministry to public campuses; and young adult, shows you the ins-and-outs of starting a thriving young adult ministry or how to breathe life into your existing ministry. Three general sessions, four breakout sessions — call the Indiana Conference at 317-844-6201 for details.

**Indiana Academy homecoming in Cicero, IN, Oct. 13-14:** Honor classes are 1940, 1945, 1965 and 1970. Golf extravaganza planned for Friday, Oct. 13. Speakers include Dave Yancey (1965) and former principal Clark Willison. Marie (Thomas 1965) Jennings will be the special musical guest. For

questions call 317-345-4214. Plan early — space is limited.

**Hoosier Chapter of Adventist Singles Ministries fall retreat, Oct. 27-29,** at Camp Timber Ridge in Spencer, IN. For more information call Gina Vander Veen at 317-786-2134, or Shirley Balwinski at 317-788-1817.

### LAKE REGION

**Retreat for women and teen girls, Oct. 6-8,** at the Stouffer Hotel in downtown Battle Creek, MI. Sponsored by the Lake Region Conference women's ministries, this retreat is titled "Reflecting His Glory." For details call Carolyn Palmer at 312-846-2664.

### MICHIGAN

**Michigan alumni weekend, Oct. 13-14,** at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, MI, will be held for Adelphian, Grand Ledge, Cedar Lake and Great Lakes academies. Honor classes are 1945, 1955, 1970 and 1985. Send current names and addresses to: Alumni Association, P.O. Box 68, Cedar Lake, MI 48812-0068.

**Breath of Life Quartet to perform in Berrien Springs, MI, on Oct. 21, 6 p.m.,** at Andrews Academy in the Richard T. Orrison Chapel. This sacred concert was arranged by quartet member Reger Smith Jr. (Class of 1971). Everyone is invited to come enjoy this outstanding nationally-known quartet.

**Lake Orion-Oxford (MI) Church 25th anniversary, Oct. 21.** For details call Ginny, 810-693-0238, or Pastor Milligan, 810-628-2160.

**Women's retreat, Oct. 27-28,** in Waterford, MI. Speaker is Dorothy Eaton Watts. For details call 810-887-3367 or 517-886-1093.

### WISCONSIN

**Women's Retreat, Nov. 3-5,** at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Featured speaker is Millie Case. To register call 608-241-5235.

### WORLD CHURCH

**A centennial anniversary for the SDA church of Middletown, NY, will be held Oct. 6-8.** The church was started by colporteur

## TITHE INCOME THROUGH JULY 1995 (THIRTY-ONE WEEKS)

	1995	1994	Gain or Loss	% of Increase
Illinois	3,905,645.83	3,790,038.51	115,607.32	3.0%
Indiana	2,317,270.86	2,181,255.77	136,015.09	6.2%
Lake Region	3,843,246.82	3,486,470.04	356,776.78	10.2%
Michigan	10,127,548.22	9,893,164.26	234,383.96	2.4%
Wisconsin	<u>2,238,397.29</u>	<u>2,116,003.60</u>	<u>122,393.69</u>	<u>5.8%</u>
TOTAL	22,432,109.02	21,466,932.18	965,176.84	4.5%

## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10
Berrien Springs, MI	7:19	7:07	6:56	6:46	5:37	5:29
Chicago	6:24	6:13	6:02	5:52	4:43	4:35
Detroit	7:07	6:55	6:44	6:34	5:25	5:17
Indianapolis	6:20	6:09	5:59	5:50	5:41	5:34
La Crosse, WI	6:38	6:25	6:14	6:03	4:53	4:45
Lansing, MI	7:11	6:59	6:48	6:38	5:28	5:20
Madison, WI	6:30	6:18	6:07	5:57	4:47	4:39
Springfield, IL	6:34	6:23	6:13	6:03	4:55	4:47



# COLLEGE DAYS

Academy and high school seniors and interested transfer college students can get an inside look at Andrews University during College Days October 15 and 16. Call us.

## Sunday, October 15

- 1-3 Registration
- 2-5 Career Fair
- 7-8 Spiritual Life
- 8-11 Social Life

## Monday, October 16

- 9-10 What is Andrews University
- 10-12 Visit Academic Departments
- 1-2 Financial Aid Information
- 2-3 Applying for Admission



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work in the 1890s by George Sands. For details call 914-343-1750.

**Union College Academy and CollegeView Academy homecoming, Oct. 13-15**, in Lincoln, NE. Honor classes: 1945, 1955, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980 and 1985. For information, call 402-486-2899.

**Campion Academy homecoming, Oct. 20-21**, in Loveland, CO. Honor classes: 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1985. Guest speakers include Ted Wick (1955), and Dan Matthews from the "Faith For Today" telecast.

**Did you teach at or attend Rocky Knoll, Hudson Intermediate School or Meadowbrook Adventist Elementary** in Hudson, MA? Searching for five former teachers and 145 students. If you or someone you know has not been contacted, please notify Mary Drader, 442 Bigelow St., Marlboro, MA 01752; or call 508-568-9044 and leave a message.

**Anyone knowing Ruth Carter**, formerly of San Diego, or David White, formerly of Coronado, CA, please contact the clerk of San Diego South Bay Church, 2161 Avenida Del Mexico, San Diego, CA 92154.

**Adventist Communication Network: Oct. 4, 7:30-8:30 (ET & CT), "First Wednesday,"** news and mission reports hosted by Lonnie Melashenko. **Oct. 6, 8:30-9:30 p.m. (ET), "People of Hope/Global Mission Frontiers"** mission reports, hosted by Dick Duerksen. **Oct. 14, 2:30-4 p.m. (ET), "140th Anniversary of Adventists in Battle Creek"** is live coverage of the special Heritage Camp Meeting; speaker is Al McClure, North American Division president. **Oct. 21, 4-6 p.m. (ET),**

"Finding Congregational Renewal Through Prayer and Planning," a training workshop presented by Mark Bresee and Hyveth Williams. **Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m. (ET), "Practical Prayer Power,"** an outreach seminar presented by Ruthie Jacobsen and Randy Maxwell.

**Nov. 1, 7:30-8:30 (ET & CT), "First Wednesday,"** news and mission reports hosted by Lonnie Melashenko. **Nov. 3, 8:30-9:30 p.m. (ET), "People of Hope/Global Mission Frontiers"** mission reports, hosted by Dick Duerksen. **Nov. 11, 4-6 p.m. (ET), "Effective Ministry with Families in Your Church and Community,"** a training workshop presented by Walter and Jackie Wright. **Nov. 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (ET), "Reclaiming Roundtable,"** a town hall meeting with pastors; facilitators are Warren Nelson and Paul Richardson. **Nov. 19, 7-9 p.m. (ET), "The Disciplines of Love,"** an outreach seminar presented by Kay Kuzma and Len McMillan.

Information can change. For details call 800-ACN-1119, option 2. This is a service of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

**Closed captioning begins:** In a cooperative venture with Christian Record Services "It Is Written" began the first closed captioned telecast Sept. 24. Closed captioned is designed for the hearing impaired. It is a technology in which the words uttered by individuals on or off the screen can be read by the viewer. Call "It Is Written" for more information and future closed captioned telecasts, 805-373-7733.

**"It Is Written": Oct. 8, "Deflating Our Fears,"** Pastor Mark Finley presents practical strategies for overcoming chronic fear. A five-part series "Looking for God in All the Wrong Places" will begin on

how God reveals Himself through the Hebrew sanctuary. **Oct. 15, "The Missing Sacred Site,"** Pastor Finley talks about the one place on Earth that created a portrait of what God is like. **Oct. 22, "Dealing with Guilt — Once and For All,"** a spotless lamb is the answer to unresolved guilt. **Oct. 29, "Who's Praying for You?"** Pastor Finley shows how an article of furniture in the Hebrew sanctuary pictures the work of a remarkable Intercessor. For further details call the "It Is Written" telecast at 805-373-7733.

**"Voice of Prophecy": Oct. 1-6, "My Money, His Money"** (Sunday), followed by a music interview, "Faith First." **Oct. 8-13, "Managing for Wealth"** shows how Biblical financial principles still work (Sunday), followed by "Unconditional Surrender — Unconditional Acceptance," Lonnie Melashenko points us toward the God who accepts us as is and then transforms us into His dream, His ideal. **Oct. 15-20, "My Body, His Body, Their Body,"** explains how God has a legitimate claim on your body as do the people around you (Sunday), followed by "Amazing Grace — I," Pastor Melashenko opens up new glimpses of "More Than Amazing Grace" with each line of this classic hymn that has touched the hearts of millions. **Oct. 22-27, "Managing for Health,"** reviews basic principles that make for health (Sunday), followed by "Amazing Grace — 2" continuing with more portraits of God's priceless gift of amazing grace. For details call 805-373-7611.

## Advent Home Reopens

The Advent Home in Calhoun, TN, is accepting students. This is a residential group home for boys ages 12 to 16 with academic and behavior problems. Housing, remedial schooling, and counseling is provided.

The staff is well trained and ready to minister to the needs of hurting families. Bill and Jenny are the group home parents. Bill has a master's degree in vocational technical education, and Jenny is a registered nurse. Ruth, the school teacher, spent more than 20 years in the mission field and has a master's degree in special education. Kimberley, Joe, Blondel and Gloria are staying on but need more help.

Volunteers and staff are needed in the areas of group home parents, secretary, and an on-staff fundraiser. This ministry is located in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of the Southern Union. They accept students in the North American Division.

Application begins with a phone call. To secure placement in the Advent Home, call Blondel Senior at 615-336-5052, or fax 615-339-5986. Space is limited.





Peter Neri

## How Is Your Prayer Life?

How is your prayer life? This question and your answer to it, is more important to you and your welfare than any other question you could be asked, as this new school year begins. Let me explain.

In His inaugural address, Jesus stated to the massive crowd listening, "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Matthew 6:6, *New American Standard Bible*).

First, "But when you pray ..." is stated as opposed to verse five, "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites ..." because they pray to be seen and heard by others.

Notice that Jesus assumes that you do pray, but He wants you to do it in the best way. So He said, go into "your inner room and ... shut the door." Praying in this way will be most beneficial for you.

Secondly, Jesus uses two imperatives (commands) in verse six: "go into" and "pray." The first imperative, "go into" only underscores what was already emphasized in the first point above — the best way to pray is to "go into" your "inner room." But He adds the second imperative, "pray." It specifically commands us to pray to the Father. When you pray, do it in a secret place and pray to the Father.

Thirdly, Jesus promises that if you follow His pattern, God will repay you. This word, repay, in the Greek also means, give, pay, render, give back, return, etc. In other words, God promises that if you pray, and in this fashion, your prayer is heard and answered. Imagine, the Father, Himself, is not too busy nor too important to answer your prayer. He will repay you!

In commenting on verse six, Ellen G. White states: "The soul that turns to God for its help, its support, its power, by daily, earnest prayer, will have noble aspirations, clear perception of truth and duty, lofty purposes of action, and a continual hungering and thirsting after righteousness" (*Mount of Blessing*, page 85).

Whether you are in an Adventist school or in a public school, an active, regular prayer life following the pattern outlined in Matthew 6:6, will bring you the Father Himself as your helper and guide.

So again I ask you, how is your prayer life?

*Pastor Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI*



Andy Sorensen

**Lief Anders "Andy" Sorensen**, age 18, is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) in Cedar Lake, MI. Andy has been involved in the witnessing program for four years, a teacher for off-campus Revelation seminars, a two-time president of his class, and this year's student association president. Cindy Hall, student association sponsor, says: "Andy's decision to run for SA president was based on his desire to be a positive, spiritual influence on campus. The thing that impresses me most about Andy is that whatever he's involved in, his first concern is to do what God would want."

Andy enjoys downhill skiing, football and basketball. Fred Matusik, Aerokhanas coach, says: "Andy's three years on the gymnastic team has made him core to the team's success. He's a youth GLAA is proud to have as a leader."

Andy was born Sept. 23, 1977, in Baltimore, MD. His parents, Jan and John Steffen, live in Lawton, MI, and attend the Paw Paw Church.

Andy hasn't made a career choice yet, although he says medicine and engineering are both possibilities. There's no question about his life's ambition. Andy wants to "share God's love, so God can return sooner."

**January Alguno Banaag**, age 17, a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, was born in the Philippines Jan. 17, 1978, to Danilo and Elizabeth Banaag. The Banaags now live in Kalamazoo, MI, and are members of the Kalamazoo Church.

A member of the National Honor Society, January has served three years as vice president to her freshman, sophomore and junior classes. She's been involved four years in the witnessing program, and taught two years for off-campus Revelation seminars. Her spiritual example on campus has not been neglected as she faithfully rises early each morning for devotions. Everyone at GLAA will say that January is "always smiling."

"January is one of the most well-rounded students that I've taught," says teacher Sietie Heslop. "Physical activity, academics and spiritual life are all equally important to her."

January enjoys basketball, running, rollerblading and playing the piano. She is an excellent pianist, and is always willing to use her musical talent for others and for the Lord.

After she graduates, January plans to go to college where she will prepare to serve God as a missionary doctor.



January Banaag



## LETTERS

■ WE WELCOME LETTERS from our readers, especially those who comment directly on material published in the *Lake Union Herald*. Short letters are more likely to be published, and all letters are subject to editing for clarity or space. Please submit letters, including your name and address, to: "Letters," *Lake Union Herald*, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

### The Tobacco Issue

The initiative by President Bill Clinton on curbing tobacco use is long overdue, but it doesn't go far enough.

We have high praise for President Clinton for taking a necessary step to curb tobacco use in the United States. And the initiative by President Clinton is important because once you remove the easy access of tobacco from children, you place it in a different category. You move it from the realm of candy bubble gum and potato chips to an adult product.

Studies by the Centers for Disease Control show that 30 percent of three-year-olds and 91 percent of six-year-olds could identify Joe Camel as a symbol for smoking.

The average teenager starts smoking at 14 years of age and becomes a daily smoker before age 18. More than 80 percent of adult smokers say they tried smoking before age 18.

The Church favors a total ban on tobacco advertising. Tobacco companies lose about 8,000 people per day worldwide to tobacco. The idea that they are not targeting youth is a smoke screen. The only new target on the block is the unsuspecting children.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, each day 3,000 young people become regular smokers, and 1,000 will eventually die as a result of smoking.

However, the presidential initiative is not strong enough and leaves a loophole by not addressing all tobacco products. Children may still be able to buy tobacco and paper for making their own cigarettes.

The SDA Church has spoken out again the dangers of tobacco for more than 150 years, and continues to operate stop-smoking clinics. The Church is also affiliated with the Interreligious Coalition on Smoking OR Health, an organization that lobbied in favor of President Clinton's smoking initiative.

The General Conference announced the release of an illustrated children's book about the dangers of tobacco. Called *Farnatchi and the Mysterious Red Bag*, this book is being published in Arabic, French and English.

Smoking among young people goes beyond the boundaries of America. It is a critical international health issue.

*Thomas Neslund, General Conference health and temperance associate director, Silver Spring, MD*

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