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Paul A. Sergio, DDS, of South Bend, IN, took this photo of a rhododendron on Fujichrome Velvia 50 film, using a Nikon 8008 camera, with a 105mm lens.

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EDITORIAL

Worship: Our Gift to God

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

Worship is our gift to our God. Because we are giving this present to Him, we want to make sure that it is what He likes.

At Christmastime, we go to the mall and purchase presents for those we love. Always, the first question must be, "What would bring her the most pleasure? What would he enjoy?" I do not give my son a new dress shirt, even though he might need one. I have given him the same Christmas gift for many years—a ticket to go downhill skiing. That is something he really enjoys.

As for me, I enjoy tools. I can make a visit to the tool section of Sears and almost start drooling. At Christmas some years ago, I gave a set of 24 screwdrivers to a man who said, "Thank you, but I already have a screwdriver." I couldn't understand. I want more—short ones, long ones, fat ones, skinny ones. But he had no interest in tools. He didn't really enjoy the gift.

When we give the gift of worship, the first question must be, "What would God enjoy?" Have you noticed that we often start by asking, "How would I like it best?" "How would our youth like it?" or "How would our older members like our Sabbath service?" The real question is, "How would God like it best?"

God does seem to be particular about worship. He told Moses to take off his shoes at the burning bush because the ground on which he was standing was holy ground. He wanted the incense offered in the tabernacle in only certain ways even saying that some fire that Nadab and Abihu used was unacceptable. They died because they worshiped the way that pleased themselves.

David prayed, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord" (*Psalm 19:14*). When I worship on Sabbath morning (and during other worships, too), I am going to sing with my whole heart, as do the angels, conscious that I sing to the glory and for the pleasure of my Saviour. I will pray, and give, and read Scripture—in fact, do all—to the glory of God. I want to be sure that my heart is bound up with my gift of worship. I want to send it with love.

Dear Jesus, Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight.

Mission Outreach in Crown Point

BY JAMES PAVELKA

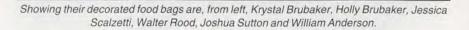
The Northwest Church in Crown Point, Indiana, has been very active during the year, following the General Conference theme of "Hands Across the World" in their outreach evangelism. The whole church family, from children to adults, have come up with several programs that have inspired a loving Christian growth experience.

Community services and adult members of the church prepared more than 250 "comfort kits" to be given to the Lake County American Red Cross and Porter County Disaster Services. Additional kits will be used by the Indiana Conference disaster van. The comfort kits were packed with personal-grooming items for adults (male and female), children, and infants. It would cost more than \$2,000 to make and provide these kits to area disaster victims, so the Lake County Red Cross really appreciated help replenishing their dwindling supply. Lillian Muldoon and Beverly Niksich conceived the idea and took responsibility for soliciting donations of funds and materials for the comfort kits among the community businesses in addition to a grant from the Anderson Foundation.

Children from the Primary division, under the direction of leaders Valerie Stouffer and Linda Sunderland, decorated the brown bags used in the Meals-on-Wheels program for Lake County. The children spent more than 10 hours embellishing the bags with a Bible scene and a Bible verse. The recipients enjoy the artwork very much. The children are planning more community-service projects in the future.

The Junior class, with leaders Leota Hainey and Maria Dougherty, were involved in a holiday food drive. The juniors wanted to distribute grocery bags in their own neighborhoods and pick them up later to make food baskets for the needy during the holiday season. They distributed more than 200 grocery bags and received almost 500 cans of food. The juniors themselves assembled boxes for delivery to five needy families that they knew personally. Adult members of the church donated fresh milk and produce to make sure that each of the five families had enough food for at least five days. The happy smiles of the families who received the baskets made the juniors feel very good about what they had done.

James Pavelka is communication leader for the Northwest Church in Crown Point, IN.



ILLINOIS

Some people say that Adventist education costs. This year three international students, enrolled at Broadview Academy (BVA) in La Fox, IL, have demonstrated how Adventist education pays.

Herman and Stella Nele, teen-age brother and sister from Angola, came to the campus for the 1995-96 school year. Their father is a governor of Luanda, Angola, and wanted his children away from the war in their country. He heard of BVA through a contact in Michigan and decided to send the young people to an Adventist school, although they had no background in the church. Maranella Carvalho, also from Angola, joined the student body at the same time. Herman, Stella, and Marvella were unacquainted with the Bible and the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

The three students attended Bible classes, dormitory worships, weekend services, and Week of Prayer meetings. Their English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, Marisol Araujo and Cathe Morse, played a significant role in helping them to understand Bible truth. Their conviction of the truth in Christ was confirmed by pastor/Bible teacher Jud Lake, who baptized Stella and Herman on May 4 and Maranella on May 18. Now Maranella's sister, Claudia, is studying to be baptized.

The parents, although not present, were supportive of Christian education and the young people's decision to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Lake reports that the ESL students' openness to spiritual things has been refreshing, and that they have been a blessing and inspiration on the campus.

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Socorro Navarro and her two daughters, Lily, age five, and Mary, age two, responded to an invitation from Socorro's aunt and sister (already church members) to visit the Wicker Park Hispanic Church on Visitor's Day in October 1989. Impressed by the friendliness that she encountered, the day's program, and the follow-up card sent by Pastor Jaime Chanaga thanking her for visiting and inviting her to return, Socorro and her daughters were in church again the next Sabbath.

Within several months Pastor Chanaga had arranged for Socorro to have Bible studies. Her husband, Jesus, had not been aware that his family had been attending church, because he worked at a famous Chicago restaurant on Saturdays. But Socorro had to tell him about the Bible studies in their home. She introduced her husband to the pastor, and although Jesus was friendly and did not object to his wife's studies, he was not receptive to the idea himself.

Socorro was baptized in October 1990.

Evangelistic meetings were scheduled for Wicker Park Church early in 1991. Socorro now told her husband about her baptism and invited him to attend the meetings with her. To her surprise, he agreed to attend.

After nearly four years of being included in the life of the church, particularly in their recreational and



Socorro and Jesus Navarro with Mary (left) and Lily (right) now worship as a family.

social activities, Jesus began Bible studies with first elder Julio Juarez and treasurer Alex Munoz. But when Jesus became convicted of the truth of his wife's church, his Sabbath work suddenly became a major problem. Through the help of his pastor and the Lord's intervention, his employer agreed to let him work on Sundays and have all his Sabbaths off.

Since his baptism in November 1995, the **Jesus Navarro** family has known the joy of worshiping together as a family.

MICHIGAN

Lacey Brinley and Jessica Salmon are "home grown" children of devoted Seventh-day Adventist families, reports Isaias Santos, pastor of the Dowagiac and Michiana Fil-Am churches. Growing up in a Sabbathschool-and-church-centered environment, they learned to love Jesus early in life. To prepare for their life's walk with Jesus, they began baptismal studies with local elder Michael Wise.

Lacey, Jessica, their families, and their church family rejoiced on January 6 when these two enthusiastic girls were baptised.

Du Wane and Carol Hutchings had been raised Seventh-day Adventists, then went in search of a happiness that they thought the world offered. But a spiritual emptiness began to gnaw at their hearts and eat away at their lives. They decided to go back to their roots, home to the truth they had once known, to see if



Carol and Du Wane Hutchings recommit their lives to Jesus.

the happiness that they sought had been there all the time.

Carol called the Dowagiac Church, where her call was answered by an answering machine. A warm, friendly voice provided her with encouragement and program and study information. She was given three options: 1) she could leave her name and telephone number and someone would call her, 2) she could contact the pastor, Isaias Santos, herself (his name and telephone number were given), or 3) she could contact a church member named Don (his telephone number was provided). The message concluded with warm wishes for God's blessings and a sincere invitation to come and join the church members for any of the meetings listed earlier. Carol telephoned the pastor.

As they earnestly studied the Bible together, Carol and Du Wane discovered something that they had not found before. Peace and spiritual renewal occurred under the leading of the Holy Spirit. They asked to renew their commitment to Jesus through baptism.

The church celebrated with a potluck after their baptism, on January 6, in the true Christian tradition of welcoming home wandering, searching souls.

An inner voice urged, "Violet, you must go!" as she read the Cosmic Conflict handbill that had just arrived at her home, reports Kay Collins, *Cosmic Conflict* correspondent. It told **Violet McDonald** that the Lapeer Adventist Church would hold a crusade. As she considered its headline, "Jesus Is the Answer to This Broken World," she reflected on her broken life and desperate search for answers. Lovingly, the Holy Spirit urged Violet to go, and her heart's response was, "Yes, Lord."

After each meeting, Violet would exit exclaiming, "I could have listened all night. I feel like shouting these truths from my rooftop. I know the Holy Spirit led me here, for I am finding answers to all my years of searching!" There also was a joyful reunion when she recognized David Rau, the local elder, whose *Revelation* seminar she had attended ten years earlier.

One night Violet wrote on her card, "Before this series, I was in so much pain and despair I wanted to just go to sleep forever. I was searching for a physician to help me end my life. Now, thanks to Jesus, I have a reason to live." After her baptism Violet radiantly smiled, "I feel like a new person. There are so many people that I want to lead to Jesus and His precious truths. There is so much work to do to reach our city for Jesus!"

John Adams, who had attended a Steve Vail crusade and had been baptized, knocked on **Freda Veen**'s door to invite her to attend a NET '95 cooking school that was being held in the Lapeer Church, reports Kay Collins, *Cosmic Conflict* correspondent.

She accepted the cooking school invitation and then came to the NET '95 prophecy series. As televangelist Mark Finley presented the messages, the church family extended their friendship to her. But her closest friendship was with Annabelle Zager. That was in April 1995, and since that time, Freda has been in church nearly every Sabbath sitting with Annabelle.

When the *Cosmic Conflict* crusade began in February 1996, Freda came nearly every evening and sat with Annabelle. So when Dan Collins, speaker, made his appeal for people to follow Jesus, Freda asked Annabelle to accompany her as she went forward.

God first led John to Freda's door, then the Lapeer Church members extended their friendship. As she listened to the Bible truths, "friendship evangelism" helped her to accept God's plans for a happy and healthful life.

Today the Lapeer church family rejoice with John and Annabelle because Freda has been baptized. Freda Veen is a new member of Lapeer church as a result of their friendship evangelism.

WISCONSIN

Visit the Oxford Church on any Sabbath morning and most likely a smiling, silver-haired gentleman will open your car door, walk you to church, and hang up your coat. Each week Ron Lord comes to church an hour early, unlocks the doors, and adjusts the lights. In winter, he shovels the sidewalks.

Raised a Catholic, Ron decided about ten years ago that he wanted to learn more about God and to find a more satisfying church, reports Oxford communication leader Ethel Summerton. Just as he was thinking about his need, a knock came at his door. There stood Everett and Isabelle Edminster with a Bible and a card from the *Voice of Prophecy*.

Ron accepted their invitation to study with them. After completing a series of studies, however, he did not yet feel ready to be baptized. Over the next several years, he continued to study and eventually sent for the *It Is Written* Bible studies. His name reached Pastor Wendell Springer, whose further studies with Ron led to Ron's baptism on July 1, 1995.

Today Ron seldom misses prayer meeting. On Sabbaths he tells the children's story and gives the mission reports. He stacks wood for single parents and has pitched in at workbees at Wisconsin's Camp Go Seek. "I love this church!" he says.



Ron Lord greets visitors with a smile at the Oxford (WI) church.



Alden Ho and J R First are part of the ministry team at the BIKE GARAGE where neighborhood youth can "hang out" and make friends in the Hinsdale Church.

Sabbath Schools Develop Creative Ministries to Reach Youth and Young Adults

HINSDALE OFFERS BIKE MINISTRY

S tereo music, air compressor, cold soda pop in the fridge does it sound like evangelism to you? The fluorescent green sign says BIKE GARAGE, and the three work stations are busy with 20-25 bikes waiting for repair. To the casual observer, it is simply a bike repair shop, but to the youth team supporting the program, it is much more.

Hinsdale, Illinois, youth pastor Alden Ho has channeled his enthusiasm for biking into a unique community ministry for the youth of the church. The basic idea was to acquire bikes in need of repair, learn the mechanical skills to put them in working order, and give them to needy individuals as a means of transportation. As a next step, the young people offer good service to customers who bring in their bikes, with an unexpected bonus. All repaired bikes are returned with selected pamphlets tied to the bike seat. The pamphlets are a prelude to NET '96 and the mission of the Bike Garage.

This is a program with many facets. Besides bike repair, there are fun rides and bike tours, providing opportunity for church youth to invite neighbor friends to join them. Opened March 28 in a two-car garage located behind the church house, it is already developing into a place where kids can hang out—not just church kids, but community kids as well. Ninth-graders Adam Wolfer and J R First are providing leadership and hospitality to customers and those who stop by just to watch.

The soda pop and music are universal attractors and add a touch of informality to the interaction among the groups who come by Monday through Thursday 3-5 p.m.

Marilyn Bauer, communication director for the Illinois Conference.

THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM

What do home Sabbath schools, basketball, and collecting yellow gumballs have in common? They're all activities of young adults in **Columbus, Wisconsin**, and surrounding areas.

"[Young people] want things to do," says Bryan Gallant, a young adult from the Wisconsin Academy Church (who called from Alaska for this interview). "If we offer better alternatives, they'll come." Bryan hastens to add that these activities are not part of "just another program" aimed solely at getting people into pews. "This is about caring about people," he states. "Our goal is to love people for Christ, and let Him work out the details.... We are building relationships, and that's where it begins." Many of these relationships start in the gym or on the ball field. Young people come from as far as 60 miles away for basketball, football, or softball. A paintball league is in the works for the summer. "We play a lot," Bryan says. "Some people come just for the sports, and that's fine."

Then there are socials—suppers, potlucks, and a recent scavenger hunt that sent people searching for yellow gumballs, a police officer's signature, and a hair from a balding faculty member. Amid the fun, relationships are fortified. There are also spiritual activities. Couples, such as Bryan and his wife Penny and Mark and Keri Stauffer of Columbus, have opened their homes for informal Sabbath schools. Those who come are welcome to continue on to church or to stay and talk.

Although this "non-program" is just beginning, it shows a lot of promise, says Kathy Bricker, personal ministries director for the Wisconsin Academy Church. "There are a few young adults [in the area] who have a vision and an interest in fellow young adults." Several parents, including Bev and Joe Muhlenbeck from Portage, Wisconsin, help iron out the details. The Muhlenbeck's son, Jeff, provides a mailing list to keep other young adults informed.

All these tools help to create a sense of community—something that Bryan sees the church as desperately needing for its young people. "The real challenge of [working with] Adventist youth is that they're sick of religion," he says. "We forget that. We just keep telling them more of what's right and what's wrong, and not meeting their needs. They want to see living examples of how God deals with people."

> Lauri Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director

CHILD EVANGELISM

Bring the Children to Jesus

BY NADINE PLATNER DOWER

reative Lake Union church members are finding ways to reach children—both their own and those from their communities—to introduce them to Jesus. Limited only by their imaginations, these members are using every conceivable activity to draw the children, with cords of love, closer to their Savior. The payoff is eternal and very much worth the price.

Here is a sample of what some of our churches are doing to help children meet Jesus.

PRAYER MEETINGS, CHOIRS, AND KIDS

Pathfinders, Vacation Bible Schools, and Adventurer clubs are all well-established activities for our children. Recently, three groups have proved once again how powerful these programs can be for witnessing to children as well as their parents.

Sally Johnson has been leading the **Dairyland Doer Pathfinders** in **Clear Lake, Wisconsin,** for 18 years. Preparing for Pathfinder fairs has

sometimes meant marching outside in coats and gloves, but recently these children began doing something that some people would say takes even more guts: they've started their own prayer meetings for kids.

Adult prayer meetings offer little for children, explains Sally, who believes church must be a "safe place" for children. Sally's son, Seth, came up with the idea of holding prayer meetings for children age ten and up. The Pathfinders, who made the project part of their Adventure honor, go door-to-door, inviting neighborhood kids to the meetings. They meet weekly at church, separately from the adults. Sixteen-year-old Seth plays the guitar, while Justin Rosen leads the songs. Bible games and a talk on health round out the meeting. "We want to show kids that they can do things for their church and still have fun," says Sally.

At the Clearwater Lake (Wisconsin) Church, Nancy Moses teaches Vacation Bible School. Last summer, seven of her eight students came from

non-Adventist families. After VBS ended, another member. Julie Burzynski, organized the group into a children's choir. The kids, most of whom attend Sabbath school. practice every week. When the children sing for church once a month, some of their parents

come too. "They feel good about themselves," says Nancy. "When people come up and tell them they've done a good job, they just eat it up."

Nancy says that all the children plan to attend VBS again this year. The older ones have been invited back as helpers. And just how did someone come up with the idea of a children's choir? "That's easy," says Nancy, "they like to sing!"

A former Adventist helped launch an **Adventurer club** in **Delavan**, **Wisconsin**. After attending a Baptist church for some time and then returning to the Delavan Church, Susie Hensel began wishing for an Adventist club for her seven-year-old son, Mark. Along with members Florence Schacht and Carol Banks, she formed a chapter of Adventurers. This spring, all 11 Adventurers—*all from non-Adventist families*—were invested.

And that's not all, Florence says. Two parents—a young couple who once said they'd never have anything to do with church—now attend their child's programs. Two Hispanic families receive Spanish copies of "Amazing Facts," sent home each week with their children; the mother and sisters of one family are now returning to church. And what about Susie who helped to start it all? At press time she planned to be baptized on her birthday, June 8. Her son, Mark, and twoyear-old daughter, Rebecca, will also be dedicated that day.

Lauri Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director

EVERYONE GOES!

Every junior and teen in the **Port Huron** (Michigan) **Blue Water**



Sally Johnson (pictured here with her daughter Shelli) encouraged the members of the Dairyland Doer Pathfinder Club of Clear Lake, WI, to start a prayer meeting for kids.

Church will be able to attend summer camp this year because of a very successful bike-a-thon, reports Doris Whiting, communication leader. The exciting news is that because their April 28 bike-a-thon raised \$1,375, a group of eight young people who have never gone to summer camp before will be attending Camp Au Sable this the Sabbath school programs.

Dawn Rayan, Cradle Roll leader, organized the children's Sabbath school divisions to present the church service by acting out a story about a village that was planning for a visit from their king. They drew a parallel between the king in the story and the life of Jesus. The church had found a



The Knoxville Avenue Church in Peoria, Illinois, highlighted children on their Visitor's Sabbath, encouraging visitors to drop in on the children's Sabbath school rooms and featuring children during the worship hour.

summer.

Parents and grandparents cheered enthusiastically as the riders completed the 10-mile course. There were riders on bikes of all sizes and types—from tricycles to mountain bikes. The bike-a-thon was such a success because it was a total church project. These church members want all their children to have the joys and blessings of going to a Christian summer camp. They believe it is a ministry that leads children to Jesus and eternal life.

SPECIAL SABBATH PROGRAMS

The **Peoria (Illinois) Knoxville Avenue Church** planned a special Visitor's Sabbath, reports Gloria Stewart, church communication leader. Special banners were made for the Sabbath school rooms. Visitors were welcomed and encouraged to visit the children's Sabbath school rooms during way to introduce Jesus in language that children could easily understand.

The **Conant Gardens Church** in **Detroit** has had two "children's

church" programs, reports Elizabeth Rapp, communication leader, where the entire church service is conducted by the children, who range in age from three to 13. Children's choirs from other area churches are invited to join them for the special occasion. In May, the guest choirs were the City Temple Cherubs from Detroit, the Ecorse (MI) Cherubs, and Children of God's Hands of Praise from Detroitarea Adventist churches. God's Kids, of the Conant Gardens Church, presented several orations. The guest speaker was Micha Logan, a student at Peterson Warren Academy.

CHURCH SUPPORT

What a powerful message our children receive when their whole church gets involved in working together to help not only adults but also children to meet Jesus. It seems obvious that any successful effort toward bringing children to Jesus must involve the whole church—not just the parents, Sabbath school teachers, and youth club directors—working together in a concerted effort to draw their children to Jesus.

Nadine Platner Dower, managing editor, compiled this story from the reports submitted by the communication leaders mentioned.



The Conant Gardens Church in Detroit invited children's choirs from several neighboring churches to join them for special "children's church" services.

Target 50,000 was the code name for the 700 public evangelistic crusades—organized by the *Voice of Prophecy* (VOP) and 120 teams of pastors and laymen from thirteen countries—conducted simultaneously throughout the Philippines. The goal was to baptize 50,000 people—1,000 for each of the 50 years that the *Voice of Prophecy* radio ministry has been actively working in the Philippines.

To prepare for *Target 50,000*, Filipino Adventists distributed 350,000 sets of Bible lessons door-to-door, returning weekly to discuss the previous topic and to leave a new study guide. Also, the 34-member Andrews University Gymnics traveled throughout the islands, promoting drug-free living and distributing 15,000 copies of *Steps to Christ* and *Desire of Ages*. Then the Bible students were invited to one of 700 locations for the public crusade meetings.

Every visiting team of laymen and pastors worked together with pastors, Bible workers, and laymen from the Philippines. With God's blessing, our Michigan teams baptized 752 people. Best of all, they returned to Michigan with a deeper commitment to save people for Jesus.

Michael Fracker, lay-preacher from Ionia, Michigan, was joined by four pastors in the Philippines and six people from North America to conduct his series in Freedom Park, Cabanatuan City. Michael's team began with a Health Expo led by Dr. Dorothy Nelson and her staff from Weimar Institute. The highlight of his series was the baptism of 20 of his wife's immediate and extended family, 100 others from the VOP study groups that had begun before he arrived, and 30 additional people who responded to the Spirit during his preaching. Michael writes, "For a layman on his first evangelistic crusade, I feel blessed and victorious."

Chuck Hanlon, pastor from Urbandale, and his team of four people went to Samal Island in the southern Philippines. During his series, the father of two sisters, ages 11

The Power of Pentecost in the Philippines

BY BRUCE BABIENCO

and 12, threatened to slit his daughters' throats if they were baptized. This was no idle threat, for he had a history of violently using his bolo knife. Chuck and his team knelt and prayed for God's wisdom and blessing, then visited the children's father. When Chuck asked if he could share some Bible passages with him, he consented. Chuck placed a Bible in the father's hands and helped him to find several texts about God's love. When Chuck asked if he wanted to invite Jesus into his life, he answered, "Yes." After reading more texts Chuck asked him, "Do you want to accept Jesus as your personal Savior?" Again the answer was "Yes!" It was incredible! The Holy Spirit had transformed this violent man into a gentle son of God. When the crusade was complete, 210 new members had been baptized.

James Hoffer, pastor in Benton Harbor and Coloma, went to the Philippine town of Patin-ay, where his work included ministering to prisoners at the local jail. Using a 50-gallon oil drum (the only large container available) in the prison courtyard, Jim baptized 67 of the prisoners-almost half of the prison population. Added to the baptisms resulting from those who came to his public services in a government installation called the "Training Center," these baptisms brought the team's total to 195. The Training Center candidates were baptized at a Sabbath service conducted at an Olympic-size swimming pool with about 1,000 district-wide church members in attendance. Each night of the series, Vera Hoffer gave a health talk before the sermon. Between 100 and 175 children also came to be

helped and educated in Bible truths by a puppet show and Vacation Bible School-type crafts.

Isaias Santos, pastor at Dowagiac and Michiana Fil Am, and a team of seven held meetings in San Jose. Aciea, in a school auditorium. Of 87 students graduated from the Voice of Prophecy Bible school, 64 came to the public crusade and joined the church through baptism. When the manager of a local steel company witnessed his mother being baptized, he decided to begin attending the Adventist church. When Isaias returned home, a young Filipino carried on the Bible studies with crusade interests, and nurtured those who had joined.

Melvin Santos, pastor in Fenton and Livingston, held a series in the convention hall of the Department of Health in Manila. Theirs was the first non-governmental group ever permitted to use the hall, which came with free security guards and air-conditioning-two blessings. The first week of his meetings, he interviewed Jesus Agad, who had been a Roman Catholic priest for 16 years. The audience, mostly Roman Catholics, listened in rapt attention as he told his story. While still a priest, he was performing Mass one day when a voice said to him, "Christ is not in the eucharist!" Yet, he stated, "the very foundation of Roman Catholic theology is the belief that during communion the eucharist becomes the actual body of Christ!"

Believing that he was being led by God, Jesus left the priesthood, and became a born-again Christian. For ten years he continued his search for truth as a member of the Church of



Melvin Santos interviewed a former Catholic priest who was led by God to seek "the true church" elsewhere. He and his wife and child were baptized in this series.



A team from Weimar Institute held a Health Expo in preparation for meetings held by Michael Frackers' team at Freedom Park.



James Hoffer's team held one of their baptisms in an Olympic-size pool in Patin-ay on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.



Jim Hoffer baptized 67 prisoners in a 50-gallon oil drum.



The Holy Spirit changed a father's heart from threatening death to his two daughters if they were baptized to giving his own heart to Jesus.



The Holy Spirit blessed each of the teams with many baptisms, such as this group of 64 baptized by Isaias Santos in Acjea.

God. Again he heard the voice, "This is not the true church. Keep searching." When he heard about the Target 50,000 crusade, he attended and learned about the seventh-day Sabbath and was convinced that he had finally found the true church. At the

close of the crusade, he and his wife and child were baptized as Seventhday Adventists in the Rizal Olympic Pool with 132 others.

Melvin speaks for all our Michigan teams when he says, "Yes, God blessed our series. It's been an expe-



Baptisms were held in whatever body of water could be found.

rience I will never forget for the rest of my life!"

Bruce Babienco, Michigan Conference assistant to the president for communication, compiled this story from the reports supplied by the team leaders mentioned.

NET '96 PROGRESS REPORT

Plans Are "Shaping Up"

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

F listed among the top participants in NET '96 with the highest percentages of churches involved in the program. The Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin conferences all have more than 40 percent of their churches planning to be on-line for the October presentation from Forest Lake Academy, near Orlando, Florida

Response to NET '96 has been unprecedented, according to Don Gray, program coordinator. The number of churches presently enrolled is 1,878, and he expects the total to reach 2,000 by fall. The final tally could show three times as many church participants, compared to the 676 congregations on line for NET '95.

An important part of NET '96 is the system of Bible correspondence schools operated by the local churches. Enrollments come in from mass mailings to local zip code areas and from members' distribution. Other enrollments arrive at the *Voice of Prophecy* headquarters in response to on-the-air promotion and from advertising in *Signs* magazine. The cards are returned to the local congregation for follow-up.

A vital innovation for NET '96 is the addition of closed captioning for the hearing impaired. A captioning stenographer, using a court-reportertype keyboard, listens to speaker Mark Finley and types out his message. The data goes on a telephone line to Orlando, where it is added to the satellite transmission. The local congregation needs a 25-inch or larger television to provide this service for their attendees.

The number of sites holding satellite crusades outside of the North American Division (NAD) will be nearly equal to the number inside the NAD-approximately 4,000 total, with 2,000 outside the NAD. The Inter-American Division has voted to help each church of 200 members or more get equipped for a series, which will account for nearly half of the offshore sites if they reach their objective. Romania expects about 150 churches on line, Germany about 150 with 60-75 in Spain and Portugal. The number in Brazil is a bit different from other areas. They have rented 54 large auditoriums. The average attendance per site in Brazil is expected to exceed the average of the other countries because of the large auditoriums. Then an additional 100 churches are probably going to be on line. Ireland is being assisted by a group from Loma Lindasome pilot churches in the British Union will be involved-but the number has not yet been determined. Mort Juberg, communication director for the NET '96 campaign

IN THE CHURCHES

Illinois — Sunday nights, cable channel 20, at 8 p.m. That's the place to catch *Orion Connection*, the Knoxville Avenue Church's televised Bible study. Opening night was Easter Sunday, Apr. 7, with Jerrett Brown, Knoxville pastor, hosting the program of panel members Michael Adair, Tom Goyins, and Gayle Brown, reports Gloria J. Stewart, Knoxville Avenue's communication leader.

Orion Connection is the result of brainstorming by church members on the best way to attract Peoria-area residents to Discover Bible School and NET '96. The idea of reaching a vast majority of people at one time and in the comfort of their own homes led to the plan of televising a Bible study. The kickoff came when groups of members distributed enrollment cards in three cities. Advertisements announcing the program time and channel were put in the local newspapers.

As program host, Pastor Brown gives an overview of the lesson before posing questions to the panel. Questions are those frequently asked by students getting acquainted with Bible study and follow a sequence similar to those listed in the Bible course lessons. Completed lessons will be mailed to the local address for correction, and contact with the Bible students will be made by the panel members as well as other church members.

Orion Connection is the Knoxville Avenue members' way of catching the spirit of NET '96 and customizing the program to fit the needs of their community.



From left: Tom Goyins, Gayle Brown, Michale Adair, Pastor Jerrett Brown of Orion Connection in the Knoxville Avenue Church, Peoria, IL.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY



Graduate Michael Amey from Lansing, MI, celebrates with his advisor, education professor Richard Orrison.

Spring Graduation 1996

"I confer on the candidates the degrees to which they are recommended."

So said Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreasen during spring graduation ceremonies, held on June 2. The event, during which more than 330 students received diplomas, marked the end of the 1995-96 school year at Andrews.

The speaker for the undergraduate commencement was Elaine Giddings, an Andrews alumna and lifelong Adventist educator. The graduate speaker was Siddhartha Shankar Ray, former ambassador of India to the United States. Both received honorary degrees.

Michael Amey from Lansing, Mich., graduated with a double major in English and German. "Graduation was a great experience, especially since my family could be there for the ceremony."

Congratulations graduates and parents! Summer graduation will be on August 4.

Student Body President Elected

Monte Berecz, a junior biology major from Berrien Springs, was elected Student Association (AUSA) president for the coming 1996-97 school year. Vice president will be Christian Bokich, a sophomore business major from Hackettstown, New Jersey.

Berecz outlined several goals that he would like to accomplish during his term as president:

- · Increase student involvement in AUSA.
- · Initiate an AUSA Sabbath ceremony.
- · Restart the campus recycling program.
- Create a "congress" structure for campus student organizations.

As president, Berecz will chair the AUSA executive committee and will sit on the University Senate, serving as a liaison between students and faculty. "I intend to be an approachable president, and I want students to talk to me and tell me their concerns," he said. "We're going to face a lot of challenges, but I know it's going to be a great year."



Christian Bokich (left) and Monte Berecz will be student body vice president and president during the coming 1996-97 school year.

Students Distribute Books

Remembering that the mission field starts at home, Andrews University students handed out more than 2,500 copies of Dwight Nelson's *The Claim* to residents of Berrien Springs during the 1995-96 school year.



Yesenia Zorrilla was one of the many students who distributed copies of "The Claim."

The idea was first conceived by the Relay Team, a campus evangelistic club. Other student groups joined the club, going door to door on Sabbaths during fall and winter until all the books were distributed. The Student Association, two Pathfinder groups, and students from the local Spanish church also helped to disperse the book, which is a contemporary examination of the life of Christ. Nelson is the senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church, the campus church.

The project was successful because so many students were involved, said Rachel Whitaker, a junior English major from Charlotte, Mich. "To let our community know about Andrews and our faith, we need to get out and meet them in some way."

Wolfhard Touchard, a reference librarian in the James White Library, serves as Relay Team sponsor. "It [*The Claim*] was the sharing book for 1995, so we thought it would be the right one to share with our community," he said.

Yesenia Zorrilla, a senior speech pathology major, said that village residents were mostly appreciative to receive the book from students.

"We told them: 'We're from Andrews and we have a book for your family that talks about God's love.' It's important that we show people in our own backyard that we care about them."

EDUCATION NEWS

Winterfest Helps Support School

Wisconsin — The Green Bay Junior Academy recently held its Winterfest and silent auction, reports Cindy Bunker. Craig Heilman, Winterfest chairperson, reports that approximately



Former Green Bay Jr. Academy student Sara Heilman clowns around with Rosalie Blumenschien a the Green Bay Junior Academy Winterfest.

\$2,600 was raised this year between the festival and silent auction. The first Winterfest and silent auction were held three years ago, said Craig. "We saw a similar program in the Santa Rosa, CA, area

when we lived there, and we brought the idea to Green Bay as a fundraiser. Winterfest is scheduled when there is not a lot going on elsewhere in the community. We found that people invite their friends and family who are not church members to join in the fun."

Patti Davis, chairperson of the silent auction committee, said that there were 106 donations to this year's auction. This compares to the first year when there were only 36 donations. Patti reports, "We had many interesting donations this year. For example, an autographed Packer football, a beautiful quilt handmade by the Green Bay Junior Academy 7th-and-8thgrade girls, an autographed University of Wisconsin-Green Bay basketball, mini vacations to local hotels, and a set of The Bible Story. Local businesses and area merchants donated many items. The silent auction raised about \$2,000 for the school." Craig adds, " Church members have donated items, too. One couple donated a romantic breakfast for two, another member donated one week at a time-share condo at the Wisconsin Dells. Other people have donated handmade items, such as needlecrafts and stained glass. Each year more people become involved."

Craig reports that planning starts early in the year. In fact, some members are already planning next year's events. Craig says, "Everyone gets involved. The students help by painting banners, painting the "Jail and Bail," and setting-up and staffing the booths, as well as cleaning up. The ring toss and the food booths are totally staffed by the students. "A portion of the profit from the food booth will help to fund 8th-grade graduation. A new program called adopt-a-booth was started this year. Volunteers find helpers and manage a booth from start to finish.

Proceeds from Winterfest and the silent auction are matched against Green Bay Junior Academy's wish list. The wish list includes such items as physical education equipment, storage cabinets, carpeting, puzzles, and other educational materials.

Student's Artwork Wins Contest

Indiana Academy (IA) — Lights Over Morse Lake, an annual 4th of July celebration in Cicero, IN, is most impressive and very well attended. This year, the Lights Over Morse



Kathy Robertson, chairperson for the Lights Over Morse Lake organizing committee, with IA student, Katrina Riley, display Katrina's award-winning design.

Lake organizing committee ran a contest in the local schools, asking students to design a new picture that will be printed on the T-shirts to be sold at the 1996 annual celebration. Ramona Trubey, IA art teacher, encouraged her students to enter the contest, and Katrina Riley, a junior, won. Kathy Robertson, chairperson for the committee, presented Katrina with a check for \$50 and submitted an article to the area newspaper about her accomplishments.



Battle Creek Band Wins Honor

Battle Creek (MI) Academy — The Battle Creek Academy Concert Band recently won second place in the high school, class-A, adjudication/competition sponsored by the St. Louis, MO, Music Festivals organization. The twenty-eight highschool students competed against bands from all across the country for the festival, held in St. Louis, MO, on Apr. 19.

Students were surprised and excited to find that they had placed second in their division. Schools were divided into divisions based on the size of their schools: class-A high schools have an enrollment of 600 or fewer; class-AA 601– 1,100; class-AAA 1,101 or more. Each band was evaluated in several areas of performance, such as balance, tone, and intonation. The adjudication was conducted by professors of music from Washington State University, St. Louis Technical University, and Missouri State University.

The band performed "His Honor," by Fillmore as edited by Fennell; "Little Concert Suite," by Alfred Reed; and Longfield's arrangement of Padilla's "El Relicario."

YOUTH NEWS



Four teams represented their Pathfinder Clubs' and conference in the first Lake Union Bible Bowl event this year: All Nations representing Lake Region, and Eau Claire, Pinedale, and Urbandale representing Michigan.

First Lake Union Bible Bowl Held

The first ever Lake Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Bowl was held April 13, in the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI, under the direction of Terry Dodge, Michigan Pathfinder director, who wrote the questions for Pathfinder Bible Bowl in 1987. Bible Bowls were originated to encourage Pathfinders to diligently study specific books of the Bible each year. In this inclusive event, depending on the level of preparation, any club could reach the first place level. A number of conferences in the North American Division are now using this Bible Bowl program, with more Pathfinder clubs participating every year. The books of study this year included *Judges* and *Ruth*, along with the introduction to these two books in the *Seyenth-day Adventist Bible Commentary*.

Each participating Pathfinder receives a Bible Bowl pin (an oil lamp on a scroll) for entering their area event. All participants on teams that scored high enough to place first, second, or third received a gold, silver, or bronze bar respectively, inscribed with "Area '96" that hangs below the Bible Bowl pin. All the teams that received gold bars were then eligible to go on to the conference event, where gold, silver, and bronze bars inscribed with "Conference '96" were awarded. Each team that won gold bars at the conference level was then eligible to go on to the union event.

Twenty-seven Michigan clubs fielded teams in their area event this year. Ten of those teams won gold bars and moved on to the conference level. Four Pathfinder clubs participated this year at the union level: All Nations, from the Lake Region Conference, and Eau Claire, Pinedale, and Urbandale, from the Michigan Conference. Three of the clubs, Eau Claire, Pinedale, and Urbandale, received first place by reaching 95% of the highest score, and received gold bars inscribed "Union '96." Other participants in this year's event included Mike Edge, Indiana Conference youth director, and Pathfinder area coordinators from the conferences in the Lake Union. More conferences will be participating in the events leading up to this union-level event next year. Plans for future years include a North American Division level Bible Bowl, where all the first-place winners from each union will be participating.

Terry Dodge, Michigan Pathfinder Director

Michigan Native Chosen to Carry Olympic Torch

Oklahoma City, OK [*ANN*] — Bill Kasper, from Ionia, MI, was chosen as one of the runners to carry the Olympic torch on its way to Atlanta for the Centennial Olympic Games.

As a junior at Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, TX, Kasper has been involved in various human-service activities, one of the criteria to be chosen as a "Community Hero" torch bearer. At Wewoka Woods Camp in Oklahoma last summer, he worked with children who were victims of the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing to help them to deal with their grief.

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Time's a-Tickin'

Wisconsin — More than 100 teens and adults visited Wisconsin Academy (WA) the weekend of May 3-4 for WA's third annual Youth Rally. LeClaire Litchfield, chaplain at Collegedale Academy, in Collegedale, TN, emphasized the weekend theme, Time's a-Tickin'.

A planning team of 12 students and WA chaplain Oliver Archer developed the theme. "We wanted to tell kids to get out there and be involved *today* for Christ," says Archer. The planning team also learned something about the power of prayer, he adds. Two weeks before the event, students began systematically praying for the guest speakers and musicians. "We had people praying from start to finish," said one student.

Lauri Herr, Wisconsin Conference communication director



LeClaire Litchfield, chaplain at Collegedale Academy, was the featured speaker at Wisconsin Academy's third annual Youth Rally.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Churches Enroll 60 in Bible Course

Illinois — Members in the Marion and West Frankfort churches are busy with the spring and summer cultivation activities for NET '96. Early this spring, the *Discover* Bible course cards were distributed door to door, followed up by spot announcements on the radio. Direct mail followed to the interest list, with the result that more than 60 nonmembers enrolled in Bible study. Arnet Mathers, pastor of the Marion church, has recruited the help of taskforce worker John Tuthill, Jr., and the willing assistance of nine church members to process the Bible study lessons and maintain contact with the original 60 enrollees. Prayer support and friendship ministry are designed to carry most of the Bible students through the entire set of lessons.

Bill Zima, Mid-America Union evangelist, is holding meetings in the Marion church during the month of July. Zima's specialty in evangelism is working with people who already know the Seventh-day Adventist message. He gives special attention to individuals who have already taken Bible studies or a correspondence course, who have attended other evangelistic meetings, who are married to an Adventist, or who were former church members. The emphasis is on inhome Bible studies with special Sabbath worship services at the 11 o'clock hour.

In September, a stress-management seminar will meet every Tuesday night in the Marion church, leading the way directly into the NET '96 meetings, with video presentations in October.

Lake Union members who have names of individuals whom Zima should include in his outreach in the Marion and West Frankfort areas are asked to contact Arnet Mathers, 503 E. Broadway Blvd., Johnston City, IL 62951, or phone (618) 983-6363.

Letting Their Light Shine

Lake Region — "He takes God with him into every surgery he performs," say Joanne Powell Lightford and Isabelle Magsby, members of the Bethel Church in Grand Rapids, MI. "Dr. Andre Jubert uses his life as a witness, letting his light shine."

Jubert says, "The power is in God's hands. God is the healer and I'm the assistant."

Jubert's accomplishments as an oncologist and general surgeon have won him recognition beyond his home church congregation. He received the Eugene Browning Medical Service Award at the 14th annual Giants Awards Banquet for his "outstanding medical contribution to Grand Rapids' African American community," which includes setting up free cancer, blood-pressure, and health-screening clinics. Jubert was not the only Bethel Church member to receive recognition. Ethel Footman Smothers is another member who was the recipient of a Giants Award. Smothers received the Ethel Coe Humanities Award in honor of her accomplishments in literature and writing. Smothers has authored two books, *Down in the Pine Woods* and *Mariah's Pond*, both depicting her childhood in Georgia.

Smothers has set up a creative writing program in the Grand Rapids Pub-



Andre Jubert and Ethel Smothers receive recognition.

lic School System, which endeavors to get middle school students interested in writing careers.

Smothers says, "I believe that the talent I have and what I do is a gift from God. He wants us to use our talents to help others. I give the Lord honor and praise for my accomplishments, and He wants to use us to help others. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

100 Years of Praise

Michigan — Sabbath, Mar. 30, the Grand Ledge Church celebrated 100 years of praise, reports Shirley Grant, church clerk, as it remembered its humble beginning on March 8, 1896, with eight charter members.

Present at the centennial festivities were three former pastors, Ben Boggess, Don Donesky, and Paul Gates who joined present pastor, Terry Coursey, in the worship service. Three hundred members and visitors filled the sanctuary to overflowing.

"An amazing sense of God's presence could be felt during this joy-filled event," remarked Linda Coursey. "It felt like more than just an ordinary 100-year celebration."

As part of the festivities, a beautiful stained-glass window was dedicated to the memory of the late Jean Scheidt. It depicts a cross with beams of glory reaching from Jesus to the world.

In the afternoon, members and former members shared their musical talents and the precious memories of their years

as part of the 100year old congregation. To close the day, the Grand Ledge Academy Four Master Quartet presented many heartwarming melodies in a vespers program full of musical memories.



Grand Ledge's four pastors and their wives at the 100-year celebration of praise, March 30, 1996. From left: Ben and Marvel Boggess, Paul and Evelyn Gates, Terry and Linda Coursey, and Jean and Don Donesky.

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Bethel Elects Their First Woman Elder

Lake Region - The Bethel Church in Grand Rapids, MI,

has passed a significant milestone, reports Rudy Tross, communication leader. Responding to the desire of many of the church women to have a female elder, the nominating committee spent time fasting and praying for the Lord's guidance. They agreed that a female elder could bring some balance to that male-dominated role in their church. Equally important, the committee felt that the



Peggy Bradberry

church was now ready to accept the change. When the committee met, without question they felt that there was only one person who could assume the position. The name of Peggy Bradberry was presented to the church, and without any objections, she was nominated and approved as the first woman elder at the Bethel Church, for the year 1996.

Ripple Effect

Illinois — Many years ago, Manuel Pastor, now assistant director for the Spanish publishing department in the Pacific Union, was training a new literature evangelist in the Illinois Conference. As they were canvasing, they came to the home of the Mesa family. Even though the family did not have much money, they were able to purchase a set of books that included *The Great Controversy, The Desire of Ages, The Bible Story* set, and a Bible. After purchasing the books, they began taking Bible studies.

The Little Village Hispanic Church, in Chicago, held a series of evangelistic meetings shortly after the Mesa family began studying the Bible. Pastor invited them to attend the meetings, and, as a result of the series, 25 people were baptized, three from the Mesa family.

Fifteen years later, Pastor returned to the area and visited with the Mesa family. They began telling him of all the family members who had joined the church as a result of his evangelistic efforts. When Manuel asked how many had joined, the answer was 47 family members! Praise the Lord for His work through our colporteurs.



Members of the Mesa family at the Little Village Hispanic Church.

Illinois Company Baptizes Three

Illinois — Since their organization almost four years ago, the 35 active members of the Beacon of Light Company, in Rockford, have made a conscious effort *not* to rely only upon the work of their pastor to bring new members into their fellowship. Under the current leadership of elder Victor Waller, the members organized and developed a cooking class to attract nonmembers. In a smooth transition, the cooking class attendees were next invited to participate in a weight-control seminar. By now the nonmembers were feeling very much at home in the little Adventist church on Bruner Street.

When a Revelation seminar was offered in the church as a follow-up to the weight-control seminar, attendance was again encouraging. At the conclusion of the prophecy study, three students made the decision for baptism, joining the company on Apr. 27.

Marvin Brown, Beacon of Light pastor, reports that new members look back with satisfaction on their early decision to participate in the cooking class and rejoice in the Bible studies that ultimately brought them to a decision for baptism.

As for Victor Waller, he too is happy with the results of the lay activities; but he is not satisfied. He is planning other opportunities to open the doors of the Beacon of Light Company to their community.

Family Life Conference Receives Enthusiastic Reception

Michigan — Approximately 250 adults attended *Families: By God's Design* held in Grand Rapids on Apr. 27. This event, hosted by Gary and Diane Thurber, Michigan Conference Family Life Directors, was sponsored by the Michigan Conference and District IV churches.

A wide variety of topics were offered. George Crumley, business manager at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, presented "God's Plan For Your Money"; Terry Coursey, pastor of the Grand Ledge Church, offered "Understanding Yourself and Others: God's Blueprint"; Don and Sue Murray, certified family life educators from Andrews University, discussed "Ten Traits of a Happy Marriage": Cleveland Henry, a special-needs counselor and student-support specialist in the Lansing Public School District, led out in "Perceptions: How We See Ourselves and Others"; and David Mayer, a specialist in emergency medicine and occupational medicine who practices in Illinois, presented "Seed R & R: Family Stress." To reach the members in the two Grand Rapids Spanish congregations, Jorge and Nibia Mayor, coordinators of Michigan Spanish Family Life, were invited to give two sessions in Spanish. Their topics were "El Culto Familiar" and "Entendiendo los Adolescentes de Hoy." A highlight of the conference was keynote speaker, Kay Kuzma, of Family Matters, who shared "Ten Traits of a Happy Family."

Child care was provided for more than 100 children who came with their parents to the conference.

Pastors Honored

Illinois — Senior pastor Dan Botabara and youth pastor Frendell Reyes of the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church were recently honored at a surprise pastors'-appreciation program, reports Grace Consignado, Hinsdale FilAm communication secretary. An "I Love My Pastor" sticker was worn by each member, and a large banner that read "In Appreciation of Our Pastors—Dan and Frendell" was displayed in the fellowship hall. Both pastors were given gift certificates, the book *The Heart of a Great Pastor*, and cards filled with signatures and messages of appreciation from the members.

"I am touched. This is the first time this has happened to me. These things are usually reserved until someone is ready to leave," Botabara exclaimed. Botabara came to Hinsdale Fil-Am Church two years ago with rich experience both in academic and pastoral ministry, having served as a district pastor for eight years and as a college professor for nine years in the Philippines. He recently conducted a successful crusade in Canada.

A "youthful pastor for our youth," according to one of the church's elders, Reyes came to Fil-Am two months ago and also serves as senior pastor of the West Central church in Oak Park. He pastored at Central Filipino in Los Angeles and at North Shore in Chicago. Last August he completed his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. "I prayed to be able to work in a church with a pastor such as Dan. I am really proud of the leaders, sponsors, and very talented kids here. It is a privilege to work with such people," Reyes said during the celebration. His coming to Fil-Am is also an answer to the prayers of the youth. Sixty-percent of the weekly attendants at Hinsdale FilAm are under 30 years of age.

Church Reads New Testament in 40 Days

Michigan — The St. Johns church received a challenge from their pastor, Eugene Amey, to read through the entire New Testament in 40 days, reports Yvonne DePaepe, St. Johns



Eugene Amey (left) and Joseph Chung told the St. Johns Church about the blessings they received from Bible reading and Scripture memorization.

communication leader. They accepted, and used two methods to achieve their goal. Some people listened to cassette recordings of a professional voice reading each Bible book; others read the Bible for themselves. During Sabbath worship services, members shared with the church family how the project blessed their personal relationship with Jesus.

Joseph Chung, a specialist in child and adolescent psychology at Riverside Hospital, was very enthusiastic about the project. He told the congregation how his daily readings contributed to his walk with Jesus. He not only read the New Testament, but also memorized portions of the Scriptures. He told how as a student at Loma Linda Medical School he was pleased to discover how easy it was to memorize medical facts. He believes that his medical course was made easier because he had become accustomed to memorizing Scripture each week as a teenager and that the habit sharpened his mind and gave him a closer relationship with Christ.



From left: Noemí Carreto and María Bahena, previous and current church treasurers, witness Randy Robinson and Ken Denslow, Illinois Conference treasurer and secretary, burning the Little Village Church mortgage papers.

Little Village Spanish Church Dedicated

Illinois — The Little Village Spanish Church of Chicago was dedicated to the Lord in a beautiful ceremony on Sabbath, Mar. 9. It was a moving experience for the more than 250 members and friends who attended the service to witness the burning of the mortgage.

The dedication sermon was presented by Wayne Coulter, Illinois Conference president, and the dedication prayer was offered by Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president. Héctor Torres, current pastor of the church, and Jaime Chanagá, Hispanic coordinator for this conference, also participated in the ceremony.

Some interesting details were shared with the attendees. A short time after being organized as a church 14 years ago, and as a result of the missionary zeal of its members, the Little Village Church organized two groups that today are the Hispanic churches of Cicero and Pilsen. Also, one of the first people baptized in the church was Gilberto Bahena, a young man who is now a Bible worker for the Indiana Conference establishing Hispanic work in Fort Wayne.



Pass It On ...

Several well-known Adventist authors live here in the Lake Union. Perhaps this selection of quotable quotes from some of their recent works will encourage you in your journey.

Choosing God's way is a choice that each of our children must make for himself or herself alone. We can do nothing to force a loving, saving relationship with our Lord. All we can do is to make it an attractive choice and gently lead in that direction.

—Donna Habenicht, author of How to Help Your Child Really Love Jesus

They (our children) need us to share our journeys with them, to let them know how we find God, how we put our trust in Him. . . . They need to trust that no matter what, they can count on us! The seeds of mature adult faith are planted very early as children relate within the family. A mother's love is vitally important! We should never underestimate our influence or significance in our children's lives.

-Cari Haus & Sue Murray, authors of Mom to Mom: Heart to Heart

Hugs are free and require very little time. The same is true of kind words, requests made in soft tones rather than curt or loud ones, and the frequent retelling of how much the children mean to you.

—Madeline S. Johnston in "How to Prepare for Adolescence," *Creative Parenting*, a newsletter for Christian parents Change in human behavior from maladaptive, selfdestructive ways to happy, satisfying living is a miracle. As counselors we have the privilege of being part of the miracle... The more completely we let God fill our lives with His Holy Spirit, the more we will overflow with the understanding, compassion, acceptance, and love that will surround and heal a troubled teenager.

-Roger Dudley, author of When Teenagers Cry, HELP!

Parenting is a dichotomy. It gives us gray hairs, but keeps us young! We have a second chance, an excuse to relive childhood songs, games, and silliness. Children put the meaning back into traditions, holidays, and family trees. I think that God enjoys each new season, century after century, knowing that new babies are experiencing their first dandelion, snowflakes, autumn leaf, or strawberry.

-Karen Spruill, author of The Making of a Mother

In life's journey, happy is the child who . . . can find guidance and support from a wise and loving father. Such a parent doesn't just tell the child in family worship what to do, but models in his own Christian lifestyle the better way and can say, "Here, son, step where I step." A strong, warm father model in childhood can save children from many of the thorns of the way.

—John and Millie Youngberg in Heart Tuning, a Guide to Better Family Worship

> Dads, we need to think seriously about what attitudes and values we are modeling for our children. They reflect us painfully well.

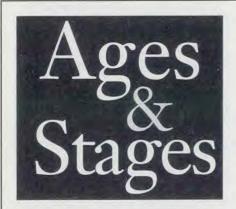
 Fred Earles in "Respecting Differences," Creative Parenting, a newsletter for Christian parents

Our children need a safe haven at home. They need security and unconditional love and an atmosphere of grace. They need loving limits. They need parents with a Bible-based worldview. They need to see meaningful, life-changing religion in the lives of the significant people around them. These

factors will play a major role in protecting our children from the dangers that surround them. We have to remember that God loves our children even more than we love them. He will work in partnership with us to help our children make it through the mine field that is their world today.

> -Nancy Gerard as part of a book review in *Creative* Parenting, a newsletter for Christian parents





"It's just a stage she's going through. It's not important." "Just ignore him and he'll forget it." That's what people may say, but the truth is that we all go through stages as we grow, and each stage is important.

For example, during the first six months of its life, a child needs to know "Is it okay for me to be here, to make my needs known and to be cared for?" Then in the next twelve months (7-18 months), she needs to find out "Is it safe for me to explore and try new things and to trust what I learn?" From about 18 months to 3 years, a child needs to explore: "Is it okay for me to learn to think for myself?"

From about three to six years, children need to learn about their uniqueness and about the consequences of their behavior. From six to about 12, children need to develop skills for getting along with others, to learn from their mistakes, to practice thinking and doing, to test their ideas and learn value options beyond their family. Beginning about 13, each child needs to know how to become a separate person with his or her own values, and still belong.

The experiences and decisions made at each developmental stage shape our ability to lead full and rich lives and to recognize and live out God's plans. When parents understand what constitutes normal development for children, they are better able to meet their own child's needs.

Editor: Cari Haus

Associate Editor: Susan E. Murray This feature page is designed as a resource. You are welcome to clip it out. The Lake Union Herald is committed to providing you with specific and helpful information that will be appropriate for various ages and developmental stages of family members. Your input is important—so let us hear what you need!

Infants

We would be surprised if we realized how often it happens. But it does, even today. People treat boys and girls differently and react differently towards them. Even if your child is a baby, now is a good time to think about "what little boys and little girls are made of." Here are a few questions to help sort out your attitudes:

- Do I hold back hugging my son just because he is a boy?
- Do I use a different tone of voice for my daughter than I would for a son, even though tenderness is comforting for both sexes?
- Do I expect different kinds of behavior from my children because of their sexes—for example, leadership and strength from a boy and more crying and "softness" from a daughter?

Remember, you are your baby's first and most important teacher!

Growing Up Years

Here are some ideas for making car trips more enjoyable:

- Stuff a pillowcase with bulky clothing; it can be used as a pillow for napping, and the clothing will be in one place.
- Make seating arrangement changeable. One adult in the back seat for all or part of the trip makes for more pleasant riding!
- Give the kids a fiveminute warning before you stop so they can put on their shoes.
- Avoid taking salty foods in the car they call for lots of drinking and then stops at restrooms!
- Have a separate water bottle for each passenger.
- Store crayons, markers, and paper or coloring books in a metal cake pan with a sliding cover. The closed top becomes a work surface.
- Take along a BIG catalog for the kids to look through.
- Give each child a bag, and set the limit that all toys they take must fit into that bag.

Think about what kind of memories you want your child to have. Keep things in perspective, recognizing that there will be tense and tired moments when traveling; but you can have a good time and collect good memories along the way!

Teens

Gary Smalley and John Trent asked people from all over the country, "What is one specific way in which you knew you had received your parents' blessings?" Here are a few responses:

- "We were often spontaneously hugged apart from completing a task or chore." "They let me explain my side of the story."
- "When my father faced a transfer at work, he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year at the same high school."
- "My mom had a great sense of humor, but she never made us kids the brunt of her jokes."

"When my dad was on a business trip, he would call and ask to talk to each of us kids."



WORLD CHURCH NEWS

ACS Response to Alaska Fires

The State of Alaska asked Adventist Community Services (ACS) to play a key role in handling a major flow of donated goods that flooded into the area north of Anchorage, where a forest fire destroyed more than 300 homes and forced thousands of families to evacuate. A warehouse facility was found in Wasilla to serve as a reception center. Operations commenced there on June 11.

The reception center was the place where truckloads of donated goods were directed by all agencies so that they could be unloaded, sorted, evaluated, and trucked to distribution centers as needed. All member agencies were welcome to access needed relief supplies through this reception center which had an inter-agency group of volunteers involved in staffing it.

Distribution centers were set up for clothing by a Latterday Saints group, for furniture by a Presbyterian group, and for grocery items by a Lutheran group. ACS disaster coordinator Leslie Lindow met with each agency and organized inter-agency cooperation to facilitate the flow of needed supplies.

Monte Sahlin

Native American Youth Congress to Be Held this Summer

Holbrook, AZ [ANN] — "Taking the Spirit to the Nations" is the theme of the first-ever Native American Youth Congress, to be held this summer at Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, AZ. Sponsored by the North American Division (NAD) and the newly formed Adventist Youth Service Network, the meetings are scheduled to begin July 18 and end July 21.

Native youth from across North America are invited to take part in the singing, special music, and seminars focusing on issues of family, high-risk behavior, parent/child communication, and much more. Native youth will also participate in several community-service projects in the town of Holbrook and a 5K Run.

Special guests will include Native Americans Dr. Don Bartlett, with his personal testimony entitled "Macaroni at Midnight," which has aired on *Focus on the Family*; Bradley Dennis, Auburn Academy, Auburn, WA, a student who is a torchbearer in the official torch relay for the Olympics; and Dan and Gina Guaboch, pastor and health educator from Canada; as well as José Rojas, director of NAD Youth Ministries.

Request information and application forms by calling (888) HIS YOUTH or writing to Native Youth Congress, P. O. Box 880, Holbrook, AZ 86025.

Rachel Terwillegar, José Rojas

Adventist Musicians Turn Down Olympic Performance

Marcellus, MI [ANN] — Two Seventh-day Adventist musicians have turned down an opportunity to perform the United States National Anthem during the Olympic Games because it falls on their Sabbath.

Jack Hoebeke and Rick Labate with J&P Music Ministries were invited to open the July 20 soccer match. Because of the popularity of soccer in many countries, this competition would be broadcast by satellite around the world.

The two were asked to take part in the Olympics after J&P Music Ministries, based in Marcellus, MI, received the "Best Remake of an Old Hymn" award by the Association of Religious Artists and Musicians of America (ARAMA) in 1995. The award was given for their arrangement "Rock of Ages Medley" from the album *Through the Country with J&P*. This unique medley was performed by Jack Hoebeke and Rick Labate.

Jack Hoebeke, along with his wife Peggy, the J&P of J&P Music Ministries, own a computer consulting company and care for six mentally challenged adults in their home. Hoebeke sang all four vocal parts, and Rick Labate, a pastor from Danville, VA, arranged the music and accompanied him on the piano and other keyboard instruments.

"It was a great honor to be asked to perform for that event and for an audience that large," said Hoebeke. But, when they learned that they were scheduled to sing on a Sabbath, Hoebeke, a lifelong Adventist, said that "there was no question that we could not and would not perform."

Hoebeke says, "There is no question that the Sabbath means more to me than any rewards that might have come from those activities." Labate echoes those sentiments. He says, "I want to dedicate my pastoral work and music to the Lord for His glory, and if any good results, I will praise Him for it."

Richard Dower

NAD Baptisms Up Almost 20 Percent

North American Division (NAD) baptisms increased last year by more than 2,000 (2,043 over 1994) to reach the highest total in the last 12 years. Baptisms totaled 36,122 in 1995. "We really praise God for his blessing," said Harold Baptiste, secretary of the NAD.

Baptiste attributed the dramatic increase to NET '95, the satellite evangelistic crusade uplinked live from Chattanooga and downlinked simultaneously in almost 700 churches throughout the division. "Baptisms increased almost 20 percent during the reporting periods of NET '95," he said.

Prospects are outstanding for even greater growth in 1996. About 2,000 churches will downlink the event this year. The NET '96 evangelistic program will originate from Orlando, starting Oct. 5. Because of that increase, the number of baptisms could reach 40,000 for 1996.

Kermit Netteburg

MILEPOSTS

ANNIVERSARIES



Cleo and Ilene Baker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in an open house reception hosted by their only child Kenneth Baker. The celebration was held Feb. 25, 1996, at the Ionia church school. The Bakers were married on Feb. 28, 1946, in the Congregational Church in Lowell, MI. They began their married life together in Saranac, MI, where Cleo farmed. Five years after they were married, they became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Later, Ilene graduated from the Hinsdale School of Nursing, and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse.



William R. and Olivet Brumfield, of Rockford, IL, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. William (Bill) married Olivet Atwood in Fort Morgan, CO, on Mar. 17, 1946, a few days after his discharge from the US Army, where he served as a sergeant in North Africa during World War II. After his discharge, they made their home in Fort Morgan, where Bill owned and operated Atwood Truck Lines from 1953 to 1967. The couple moved to Madison, WI, where Bill was director of transportation for the state of Wisconsin until his retirement in 1983. He then worked for the federal government until 1991. Olivet has been a homemaker. Bill and Olivet have always been very active in the church, and have

dedicated their lives and marriage to the Lord. They have two children (RaeNell Mittleider of Indianapolis, and John of Muscada, WI) and two granddaughters.



Gus Walter and Deirdre Johnson of Antigo, WI, celebrated their 50th anniversary Mar. 17, 1996, at an open house hosted by their children.

Gus married Deirdre Dawn Kronkright of Flint, MI, Mar. 17, 1946, in Pittsville, MI, at a ceremony conducted by Pastor Ellery J. Beal. Gus has been a general contractor, and Deirdre has been active for many years in community services.

The Johnson family includes Virginia Dockham of Coleman, WI; Greg and LaRee Johnson of Merrill, WI; and Tari-Sue and Eric Gillen of Pound, WI; 6 grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and 3 step-great-grandchildren.

BIRTHDAYS

Laura Witt of Midland, MI, cel-

ebrated her

100th birth-

day Feb. 3,

1996, with

members of

her family

and the Mid-

land Church.

Church and



family members shared memories of Laura's life: she joined the Detroit Metro Church nearly 70 years ago; has always been supportive of church ministries, providing transportation and encouragement as needed; helped with fundraising by selling *Life and Health*; in 1973 took over the business contacts of an elderly member who was no longer able to do Ingathering; made her apartment available for prayer groups and for people seeking encouragement.

Laura now resides at the Tender Care Nursing Home in Midland.

WEDDINGS

Ann Deloney and Bill Thornblad were married Feb. 14, 1996, in Benton Harbor, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor James Hoffer.

Ann is the daughter of Willie and Freddie Deloney of Benton Harbor, MI, and Bill is the son of Robert and Nona Thornblad of Brook Park, MN.

The Thornblads are making their home in Niles, MI.

Carita Mari Johanna Haggren and Jason Eric Stevens were married Feb. 11, 1996, in Northville Township, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Frank Haynes.

Johanna is the daughter of Jorma and Marketta Haggren of Finland, and Jason is the son of Jerry and Penny Stevens of Ferndale, MI.

The Stevenses are making their home in Oak Park, MI.

Nancy McLean and Daniel Garcia were married Feb. 11, 1996, in Flint, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Bruce Babienco.

Nancy is the daughter of Leland and Esther McLean of Lansing, MI, and Daniel is the son of the late Francisco and Marie Garcia, who were members of the Flint Church.

The Garcias are making their home in Davison, MI.

OBITUARIES

AVERY, Pauline M. (Houghtaling), age 88; born Feb. 5, 1908, in Bedford Township, MI; died Feb. 26, 1996, in Battle Creek, MI. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include her husband Theron, sons Jack, James, and Joseph Nay, brother John Houghtaling, sister Helen Brown, 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 3 greatgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors LaRue Cook and F. Dale Leamon, and interment was in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek. **CAMPBELL, Alma L.**, age 93; born Aug. 15, 1902, in Trenton, NJ; died Mar. 14, 1996, in Berrien Center, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI.

Survivors include her daughter Jerri Kinney, 4 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Daniel Augsburger and Rev. Norman Kinney, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

CHILD, Amy, age 91; born Nov. 29, 1904, in Sherrard, IL; died Feb. 3, 1996, in Aledo, IL. She was a member of the Aledo Church.

Survivors include her sister, Marguerite Bridger, and two nieces, Carol Kurtz and Nellie Rose Greer, with whom she lived.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dan Nelson, and interment was in Farlowe Grove Cemetery, Matherville, IL.

DAVIS, Irene, age 71; born Feb. 5, 1925, in Green Bay, WI; died Mar. 3, 1996, in Green Bay. She was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include her sons Scott and Bryan, daughter Sharon Brunette, sister Elaine Meert, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Marvin Clark, and inurnment was in Allovez Mausoleum, Green Bay.

DITTBURNER, Lila I., age 85; born Aug. 21, 1910, in Portage County, WI; died Mar. 24, 1996, in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. She was a member of the Almond (WI) Church.

Survivors include her sons Darwin and Larry, brother Earl Beggs, sister Orilla Lovejoy, 3 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Donovan Davis, and interment was in Spiritland Cemetery, Almond, WI.

DUBOIS, Kenneth, age 91; born Feb. 14, 1905, in Grand Ledge, MI; died Feb. 26, 1996, in Grand Ledge. He was a member of the Grand Ledge Church.

He is survived by his sister Marie DuBois.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Terry Coursey, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge, MI. FALL, Verda M. (Combs), age 93; born July 9, 1902, in Hazard, KY; died Mar. 17, 1996, in Battle Creek, MI. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include her sons James, Ivan, Eugene, and Kenneth, daughter Ellen Smith, brother Willard Combs, 17 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor LaRue Cook, and interment was in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek.

GARY, Louise, age 81; born Dec. 8, 1914, in Pratville, AL; died Mar. 8, 1996, in Ionia, MI. She was a member of the Ionia Church.

Survivors include her stepsons John, Herbert, Robert, and David, daughters Sharon Brantley and Sandra Spraggins, stepdaughter Sharon Ray, brother Fred Covington, Jr., sisters Ida Mae Edwards, Evelyn Harris, and Minnie Cain, 13 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff, and interment was in Trinity Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

GIARDINA, Tillie M., age 84; born May 24, 1911, in Streator, IL; died Jan. 31, 1996, in Riverside, CA. She was a member of the LaSierra University Church, Riverside, CA, after leaving the Milwaukee (WI) Central Church.

Survivors include her husband Joseph, daughters Joyce Parker, Mary Ann Maynard, and Ellen Clizbe, brothers Tom, Joseph, Sam, and John Piraino, sisters Ella Carbone, Jenny Latino, and Josephine Kirkby, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Halcyon Wilson, and interment was in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, CA.

JOHNSON, Arthur D., age 78; born Nov. 2, 1917, in Maywood, IL; died Feb. 5, 1996, in Muskegon, MI. He was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include his wife Vera, daughters Constance Lister, Lynn Collins, and Rosalyn Savory, brother Johnny, sisters Clea Barnes, Lavonn Robinson, and Mary Lang, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Joseph Lewis, Johnny Johnson, Pearo Ackles, and Doug Inglish, and interment was in Restlawn Cemetery, Muskegon, MI. JOHNSON, Harry G., age 93; born Nov. 18, 1902, in Sweden; died Mar. 16, 1996, in Indian Head Park, IL. He was a member of the Downers Grove (IL) Church.

Survivors include his sons Harry and Richard, brothers Arthur and Helge, sister Alice Lawrenceson, 2 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Walter R. Howard, and interment was in St. John's Community Church Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL.

KNOWLES, Myrtle D., age 91; born Sept. 16, 1904, in Ludington, MI; died Mar. 8, 1996, in Frankfort, MI. She was a member of the Frankfort Church.

Survivors include her sons Ray and De Veuer Wemple, and Louis, Irvin, and Troy Pritchard, daughters Fuchsia Acre and Leona Davis, 25 grandchildren, 36 greatgrandchildren, and several greatgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor George C. Messer, and interment was in Gilmore Township Cemetery, Elberta, MI. LIGMAN, Victor, age 92; born Jan. 25, 1904, in Rhinelander, WI; died Mar. 4, 1996, in Milton, WI. He was a member of the Clearwater Lake (WI) Church.

Survivors include his wife Emma, and sons Bruce and Harley.

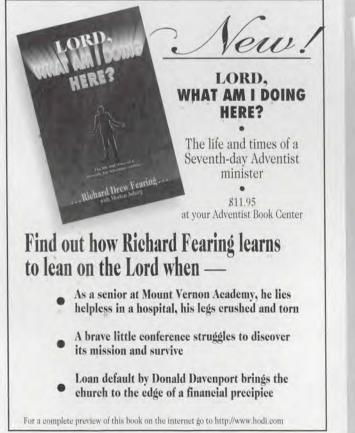
Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William J. Ochs, and interment was in Rhinelander, WI.

MANFREDINE, Mark G., age 56; born Mar. 18, 1940, in Saginaw, MI; died Mar. 30, 1996, in Ravenna, MI. He was a member of the Muskegon (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife Jean, sons Mark, William, and Lawrence, daughters Renee Mullens, Phyllis Brown, Mary Stroncheck, and Andrea Austin, sisters Linda Borns and Kathy Smith, mother Elizabeth, and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Douglas L. Inglish, and interment was in Ravenna Township Cemetery, Ravenna, MI.

MARTIN, Herbert L., age 89; born Jan. 8, 1907, in Green Bay, WI; died Mar. 20, 1996, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay (WI) Church.





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Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Marvin Clark, and interment was in Westside Moravian Cemetery, Green Bay.

MATHEWS, Amedia F., age 40; born June 26, 1955, in Chicago; died Mar. 22, 1996, in Waukegan, IL. She was a member of the Waukegan Church.

Survivors include her son Jerome, daughter Cassandra Mathews, sister Inez Shelley, and father Charles Davidson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jerry R. Coyle, and interment was in Lincoln Cemetery, Blue Island, IL.

PETTES, Delores, age 71; born Nov. 4, 1924, in Detroit, MI; died Mar. 7, 1996, in Bellaire, MI. She was a member of the Central Lake (MI) Church.

Survivors include her stepdaughter Trish Forbes, brothers Jack and Bud Rogers, and sister Isabel Bonin.

Inurnment was at Alpena, MI.

REED, Ivy M. (Nedel), age 98; born Nov. 17, 1897, in Chase, MI; died Mar. 9, 1996, in Big Rapids, MI. She was a member of the Reed City (MI) Church.

She is survived by her nephew Bruce Dewey.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder James Dansforth and Pastor Ryan Counsell, and interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Reed City, MI.

RENSHAW, Pearl E., age 79; born July 26, 1916, in Smithland, IA; died Mar. 24, 1996, in Coldwater, MI. She was a member of the Burlington (MI) Church.

Survivors include her brothers Harry, George, and Walter, sisters Gladys Hutchins, Reatha Renshaw, and Rosie Chard.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David W. Gotshall, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Union City, MI.

RICE, Patricia, age 50; born Dec. 26, 1946, in Reedsburg, WI; died Mar. 14, 1996, in LaCrosse, WI. She was a member of the LaCrosse (WI) Church.

Survivors include her son Clint Arttus, and mother Katherine Rice. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Johansen.

RUDE, Irvin C., age 81; born Aug. 8, 1914, in Saco, MT; died Mar, 5, 1996, in Glendale, WI. He was a member of the Milwaukee (WI) Northwest Church.

Survivors include his wife Ruth, son Daniel, daughters Sandra Henrickson, Deborah Laudon, and Tami Hausmann, brothers Earl and Gilmer, sisters Doris Anderson, Minnie Wegge, and Lillian Rude, and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Steve Cook and Jeff Coleman, and interment was in Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee.

SCHMITZ, Shirley Ann, age 60; born Jan. 18, 1936, in Kalamazoo, MI; died Mar. 31, 1996, in Kalamazoo. She was a member of the Kalamazoo Church.

Survivors include her husband James, daughters Diane Charron and Kathy Schmitz, sister Bettie Gromek, and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Genessee Prairie Cemetery, Oshtemo, MI.

WATTS, Stella M. (Weir), age 100; born June 28, 1895, in Martinsville, IL; died Mar. 26, 1996, in Battle Creek, MI. She was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastors LaRue Cook and F. Dale Leamon, and interment was in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek, MI.

WEIN, Harold A., age 89; born Aug. 8, 1906, in Armour, IN; died Sept. 19, 1995, in Geneva, IL. He was a member of the North Aurora (IL) Church.

Survivors include his wife Mary, son Howard, daughters Yvonne Rippinger and Karen Wein, brother Edmund, sister Amelia Koelliing, and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steve Shaw, and interment was in Garfield Cemetery, LaFox, IL.

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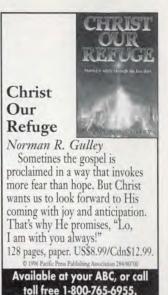
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Leona Glidden Running is an institution of the Lake Union. Educated at Adelphian Academy and Emmanuel Missionary College, she later joined the faculty of the SDA Theological Seminary, now part of Andrews University. In August, Dr. Running will celebrate her 80th birthday. Exactly half of those years have been spent teaching at the seminary. In retirement she continues teaching Semitic languages. Dr. Running is highly respected by former students, who recall tireless personal involvement.

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Pine Springs Ranch Reunion Update. Plans are well underway for the Aug. 9-11 Pine Springs Ranch Summer Camp 35th anniversary reunion of former directors, staff, and campers. Taara Pleitez, public relations director for ADRA, has been selected chairperson of the reunion committee. Key speaker will be Walter Blehm; Sabbath morning speaker, Dan Savino. If you have information you would like to share or know where to locate former staff, contact PSR Reunion, PO Box 38, Mountain Center, CA 92561; (800) 525-

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Adventist Media Center Schedule

WEEK OF JULY 7

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome." It Is Written: "What's It Like Being Married to Me." Voice of Prophecy. Sun.: "Liberty's Family"; Mon.-Fri.: "Signs That Make Sense."

WEEK OF JULY 14 Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Organ Donors: Stories of Saved Lives." It Is Written: "Love That Sticks to Your Ribs." Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Let's Make a Law"; Mon.-Fri.: "Great! I'm Forgiven! Now What?"

WEEK OF JULY 21 Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren." It Is Written: "Security by the Numbers." Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "The Great Race"; Mon.-Fri.: "The Winner's Circle in Atlanta."

WEEK OF JULY 28

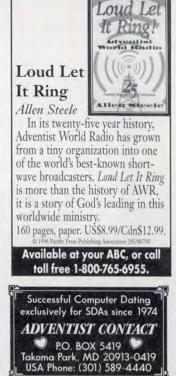
Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Old Remedies Doctors Use Themselves." It Is Written: "Kids out of Control." Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "The Judgment"; Mon.-Fri.: "The Daniel Diaries-1."

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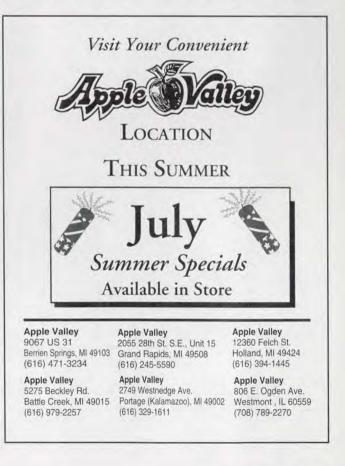
Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Drug Abuse Recovery." It Is Written: "No Excuses." Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: "Stories of Christ's Return-1"; Mon.-Fri.: "The Daniel Diaries-2."

Adventist Communication Network Schedule

July 6, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m., (Eastern) "Northeastern Conference Camp Meeting." Galaxy 4, Channel 5. For more information, call Clement Murray at (718) 291-8006.



August 7, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Eastern) "First Wednesday." North Telstar 401, Channel 17.



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FOR YOUTH EYES ONLY



Peter Neri

The "Simplicity of Jesus Christ" Principle

Throughout North America, the subject of jewelry is prominent because more and more Adventists are wearing it. This disturbing trend has raised questions in the minds of many, both young and old alike. It is to help to answer some of these questions that I address this issue.

Having described in my previous column how you can know God's will in this matter, this column will introduce the first Biblical reason why the wearing of jewelry is inappropriate for Adventist Christians today. Found in Isaiah 53:2, I call it the simplicity of Jesus Christ principle. "For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."

Note three important facts about this text.

First, understanding that Jesus is the "He" of this verse, notice that the word translated as "tender plant" comes from the Hebrew word that means sucker, suckling, sapling, or young plant, a meaning that implies a branch or twig that sprouts from the stump of a felled tree or bush. The imagery here portrays Jesus as dependant on nourishment outside Himself, as the sprout is dependant on the roots of the stump for its survival.

Second, notice that the two Hebrew words accurately translated as "dry ground" is a metaphor that aptly describes the circumstances into which Jesus was born. As Israel was an enslaved and degraded nation, "dry ground" Jesus was subject to these conditions and affected by them.

Finally, notice that the word translated as "comeliness" also means ornament! Thus, "He hath no form nor comeliness" cannot refer only to Jesus laying aside His position as King and God, but also His Kingly ornamentation, or His robe and crown. The New International Version translates the last part of this text as "... nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him."

What does this have to do with jewelry?

As we see Jesus coming as a dependant human being subject to the conditions of the time and with no outward display even though He was Divine, we see Him in simplicity. The Divine emphasis was on the inside not on the outside. It was His character that drew people to Him.

So should it be with us. Nothing draws or attracts like a Christlike character. If our God came to this earth using this method to reveal the plan of salvation, how can we improve upon that!

Peter Neri, Cedar Lake, MI

PROFILES OF YOUTH

Jonathan Geib, a 17-year-old junior at Clay High School in South Bend, IN, attends the South Bend First Church. "He is an energetic and motivated young man, willing to help out when he can," reports his pastor, Mark Johnson.

A member of the National Honor Society, Jonathan plans to be an architect. His artwork has already begun bringing him recognition. Winner of two merit awards from LaSierra University, his picture *Choosing the Right Path* toured the country with their traveling art display. Another of his works won the Indiana Third Congressional District's art competition and has been on display in the nation's capitol for a year.

Born in Greeley, CO, the son of William and Kathi Geib, Jonathan is vice president of the First Church youth group. He is active in the youth group's basketball and volleyball activities, in addition to their outreach activities, such as their recently organizing and providing a meal at a homeless shelter.

Cherie Sanson, 17, a junior at Pioneer High School in Royal Center, IN, attends the Logansport, IN, Church. "At a young age, Cherie has become a very important part of the Logansport Church," reports her pastor, Paul Wasmer. "She plays a regular role in the worship service, leading songs and running the sound system."

Cherie is very active in Pathfinders, currently serving as teen leader in training and deputy director. Next year, she will assume the responsibilities of club director. She works many hours as an aide in a local nursing home and keeps her grades high enough to be inducted into the National Honor Society. Her ambition is to go to medical school after college.

Cherie is the daughter of Ed and Cheryl Sanson of Logansport. She shows a remarkable committment to the church and to serving others. "I am proud to have her as a member of my congregation," says Wasmer.

ADVENTIST NEWS ONLINE

Stories of interest from around the world from the SDAs Online Forum on CompuServe

ADRA Sends Relief Supplies to North Korea

Pyongyang, North Korea [*ANN*] — A three-member delegation from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) delivered medicines, mostly antibiotics and vitamins, valued at US\$500,000 to clinics in flood ravaged areas of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) last week. Some of the medicines were left with the Unpa clinic, an hour's drive south of Pyongyang, the capital. The group included Maitland DiPinto from Silver Spring, MD; Ken Flemmer from Singapore; and Dr. Joan Coggin from Loma Linda, CA. Dr. Choe Chang Sik, vice-minister of Public Health, told the ADRA representatives that the September 1995 flooding increased certain diseases including pneumonia, acute respiratory disease, joint inflammation, mental distress and diarrhea. Many rural clinics and hospitals have been running low on medicines due to flood damaged supply routes.

"The openness the DPRK is showing to us is unprecedented in the past 40 years,"says Ralph Watts, president of ADRA. "We are going to do everything possible to nurture that openness by assisting the people in that country in their time of need."

Tamara Pleitez

ADRA Aids Endangered Mountain Gorillas

North Zaire — The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), in partnership with a local agency, is developing a program which will plant 400,000 trees over a three-year period, creating a buffer zone around the Virunga National Park in northern Zaire. The zone will create wood supplies for the one million refugees and increasing population whose increased gathering of wood for fire has slowly eaten away at the home of the endangered Silverback Gorilla, reports ADRA Goma.

At this time, there are less than 650 Silverback Gorillas left in the world, and their habitat is under an increased threat because of the present problem. This program will provide wood supplies for the refugees and future generations so that the park can regenerate itself and the Silverback can continue to survive in a protected area.

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