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Welcome



to
the Family

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Welcome to the wonderful world of the Seventh-day Adventist Church family.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome!

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

We are glad that you have chosen to become a part of this Adventist Church family. We've been looking for you . . . and praying that you and others would accept the invitation.

During the past two months, thousands of people along with you have joined our church family. In fact, more people have been added in a short time than most of us can remember. Now those of us who have been members have never claimed to be perfect . . . neither we, nor our church; but there are some features of this church about which we *are* really excited.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church started about a hundred and fifty years ago with a few young people who were really zealous (too much so for their local congregations) about the coming of Jesus. We still preach it! And we still believe it! . . . that He is coming back. We believe that He has invited all of us to come to live with Him, and that He has even made it possible for *anyone* to have salvation who will accept it.

During these 150 years, the Adventist Church has spread to 207 countries around the globe and has grown to almost 10 million members with about nine percent of us living in North America. I am thankful for the educational system of the church with its 5,533 schools. In most countries, you will find the church involved in medical work, too. Often some of the best hospitals in a country are managed by the Adventist Church. Outstanding gospel literature is produced in the denomination's 56 publishing houses.

We are serious about what we believe; and we want others to have the opportunity to join this family, so we have developed *Global Mission*. The purpose of *Global Mission* is to reach everyone in the world—especially the large groups of people who have never heard the Gospel—with the news about Jesus. That includes every one of your neighbors, too; and, of course, they will primarily be your responsibility since you know them.

Seventh-day Adventists *really* believe in their church's doctrines, organization, and mission. But as important as those are, there is something more important to us. In the words of Jesus, we say, "Something greater than the temple is here." (Matthew 12:6) We believe that something much more important than the church is here . . . even though we love our church. *We believe, and we know, and we preach that most important is knowing Jesus.* We are so glad that you have joined the family, but salvation is not in the family. Salvation is found only in Jesus. I will remind you of that now and then . . . and you keep reminding me. Yes, the family *is* important, but so much more important is each person's growing relationship with Jesus.



Yonas Habtemichael is working to start a new congregation in Eritrea. He is one of six Global Mission Pioneers serving in that priority country.

BY MIKE RYAN

Seventh-day Adventists hear much about the Great Disappointment of 1844. The point is usually made that one should not try to set a time for the second coming of Jesus for "no man knoweth the hour of His coming." While this is true, the great dynamic at work following the 1844 disappointment was not shying away from time-setting, but rather prayerfully searching the scriptures. Thus the concept of Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary was discovered.

The eminent return of Jesus gives the church a sense of urgency and makes us a people with an important mission. The work was largely confined to North America until 1874 when the church's first missionary, J. N. Andrews, was sent to Switzerland. Since then the work of the church outside North America has grown steadily, gradually spreading to more and more of the countries of the world. The church now has an established work in 209 countries.

In 1990, the church voted to initiate an emphasis called Global Mission. Its purpose was to establish a Seventh-day Adventist presence in unentered areas—especially those

areas with large populations and very few Adventists. China, India, the Middle East, and the Soviet Union were named as high priority areas. The document called for church members, institutions, and church departments to develop programs and channel resources for entering the unentered areas. Global Mission was to send volunteer workers "from everywhere to everywhere." Religious study centers were to be established to develop models of evangelism to work among Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, and urban peoples. Each organizational level of the church was to set aside resources to support Global Mission plans.

Since 1990, more than 11,000 new congregations have been established in unentered areas around the world, and 650 of these have been established in the "10 x 40 window" (the area between the 10th and the 40th parallels) which largely covers China, India, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. The General Conference has provided more than \$24 million as matching funds. Divisions, unions, and conferences have matched

those funds with more than \$50 million. More than \$20 million have been invested in simple new church buildings. Scores of programs have been developed by institutions, departments, churches, and supporting ministries.

A Global Mission Pioneer is a volunteer who agrees to go to an unentered area in his/her own country for at least one year and establish a new congregation. In 1996 more than 20,000 Global Mission Pioneers are serving in various places around the world. Religious study centers have been established for Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, and urban peoples.

God has a plan to bring hope to every person in the world. There are two things you can do. One, pray. We still serve a God who answers prayer and showers hearts with the Holy Spirit. Two, find a way to get involved in global Mission—Jesus is coming again.

Mike Ryan is the General Conference Global Mission coordinator.



The Badenkop Church in Cameroon, West Africa, (one of the 11,000 new congregations formed since 1990) was dedicated on January 13, 1996.

How the Church Ticks

BY HERB LARSEN

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a mandate from heaven to share the everlasting gospel to every nation, state, city and town and all races and ages. To make this possible, the church is organized into five distinct levels of administrative structure.

Each level of the church has the same mission but different functions in carrying out the mission. The five levels of the church are: 1) the local church, 2) the local conference of churches, 3) the union conference, 4) the division, and 5) the General Conference.

I. THE LOCAL CHURCH

In the chain of church organization, the local church is the most important. It is in the local church that the mission of the church is carried out. The local church is where the "rubber meets the road." It is here that fellowship, friendship, caring, worship, sharing the good news about Jesus, and making a difference in the community takes place. The concentrated effort of all levels of church organization is focused on a growing, vibrant church community.

II. THE LOCAL CONFERENCE

State or area conferences are made up of a number of churches in their territory with the purpose of facilitat-

ing, strengthening, and coordinating the work of the church. The church is organized with a representative form of government. Local churches send representatives to constituency meetings which in turn elect conference leaders. Lay members, pastors, and teachers serve on the conference executive board.

III. THE UNION CONFERENCE

Union conferences are the third level of church organization which are made up of the local conferences within their territory. The conferences in the Lake Union are Illinois, Indiana, Lake Region, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The union's primary work is administrative, focusing on education, religious liberty, legal issues, and publishing. Unions coordinate and unify the emphasis of mission within the conferences. Planning for accountability and binding the efforts of the church together are the union's main functions. On this level of organization, the conferences and churches are represented on boards and committees. There are 68,711 (as of Sept. 31, 1996) members within the Lake Union territory.

IV. THE DIVISION

The world church is divided into divisions—the next level of church organization. The North American Division has oversight for all the churches, conferences, and unions in

the United States, Bermuda, and Canada. It has the responsibility of coordinating the division's mission projects, evangelistic efforts such as NET '96, the media center, and health and education institutions. The divisions have representatives from unions, conferences, and churches on their division committees. The North American Division has 822,150 church members in its territory.

V. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, world headquarters of the church, is located in Silver Spring, Maryland. It is made up of 14 divisions and attached fields with a total membership of 8,812,555 (1995). The General Conference binds the church together around the world.

The book of Acts tells how the early church was organized and how rapidly it grew because of the cooperative effort of all the church members. God has called the church today to share the gospel and prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus. God has led this church since its inception and given guidance and direction in how it should be organized to fulfill its mission.

Herb Larsen is the Lake Union Conference secretary.

40,194
Churches



465 Local
Conferences
and Missions



88 Union
Conferences
and Missions



14 World
Divisions



General
Conference



Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1995

WORLD STATISTICS

Church membership	8,812,555
Additions to the church by baptism or profession of faith	659,899
World divisions	14
Union conferences and missions ...	88
Local conferences and missions ..	465
Churches	40,194
Sabbath schools	85,987
Sabbath school membership	10,360,712
Sabbath school mission offerings	US\$48,101,658
Pathfinder clubs	16,433
Pathfinder club membership ..	868,686
Denominational workers all categories	144,022
Tithe	US\$886,303,088
Tithe and offerings	US\$1,332,781,946

EDUCATION

Colleges and Universities	81
Teachers	4,511
Enrollment	56,470
Secondary schools	930
Teachers	13,658
Enrollment	200,702
Primary schools	4,522
Teachers	27,445
Enrollment	656,143

HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS

Hospitals and sanitariums	157
Clinics and dispensaries	349
Other health care institutions	99
Physicians, dentists, residents and interns employed	3,675
Publishing houses and branches	56
Employees	1,642
Periodicals printed	249
Literature evangelists	
Full time	7,485
Part time	7,604
Student	5,383

GLOBAL MISSION

Countries of the world	233
Countries in which Adventist work is established	207
Population of the world	5,701,769,000
Population of countries where work is established ..	5,591,205,000
Population of countries where work is not established	110,564,000

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION STATISTICS

Membership	838,898
Additions to the church by baptism and profession of faith	36,122
Tithe	\$491,795,445
Tithes and offerings	\$804,262,095
Colleges and Universities	14

Ministries of the Church

BY ROYCE SNYMAN

There are many ministries that the Seventh-day Adventist Church supports. These are the ministries that encourage each member's spiritual journey through life, and in reaching out to others to share the good news of salvation. The ministries in this article are supported by personnel at the local conference. These same ministries or additional ones may be found in the local church as well, depending upon its resources. Each member is encouraged to be involved in the life of the church by participation in one or more of these ministries.

PERSONAL MINISTRIES

This department is responsible for individual outreach ministries. An example of such ministries would be Bible ministry. Help for this ministry might include training for lay people on how to give a Bible study to friends who have an interest in learning more about the Bible. Personal ministry

outreach programs are quite diverse. There are cooking schools, general health classes, Daniel and/or Revelation seminars, literature for sharing, community services, prison ministry, and many more. This department also helps coordinate various annual campaigns such as Ingathering (which raises funds for local and world-wide disaster relief and community services work) and *Signs of the Times* (an evangelistic outreach magazine). Local church personal ministries leaders are responsible for coordinating all outreach ministries of their churches.

SABBATH SCHOOL

The conference Sabbath school department provides support for Sabbath school leaders in the local church. Support includes training for teachers and leaders of the various Sabbath school organizations and departments, assistance in finding needed materials, a small lending library of video tapes and literature (may not be available at all conference offices), and help with departmental

policies. Some conferences have two Sabbath school departments: Adult Sabbath school and Children's Ministries.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

This department's task is to introduce the children in the church and community to the Lord Jesus Christ. Vacation Bible School is a very important part of this ministry—bringing children in from all walks of life and helping them to know Jesus as their friend and giving them an opportunity to accept Him and live for Him. The various Sabbath school departments (for children from birth through juniors) also serve as a very important part of this ministry—providing an opportunity to bring spiritual lessons to them on a weekly basis and help them learn moral values. Studying the weekly Sabbath school lesson with their children provides parents an opportunity to make sure their children are learning to love and serve Jesus.



A wide variety of personal ministries enable church members to reach out to their friends and neighbors with the life-changing message that Jesus cares about them personally, and He wants them to live with Him eternally.



Children's ministries include Sabbath school and Vacation Bible School. Many churches are discovering very creative ways to attract more neighborhood children to their church for these programs so they can personally meet Jesus

YOUTH MINISTRIES

The youth department offers a wide range of activities. Some of these activities take place at conference-owned-and-operated youth camps. These camps include Camp Au Sable in Michigan, Camp Wakonda in Wisconsin, Camp Wagoner of the Lake Region Conference, and Camp Timber Ridge in Indiana. The Illinois Conference is in the process of developing a new youth camp near Peoria. Activities include Bible camps for junior and senior youth, a full range summer youth camping program, leadership weekends, and weekends planned for Adventist youth attending public schools. It is through these special events that the Adventist youth in each conference, can network and develop relationships.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

The family life department has something of interest for everyone. In some conferences a lending library has been developed where a variety of resources are available for information related to marriage, parenting, grief recovery, personal growth and much more. A diversity of programs is offered including marriage retreats, family enrichment workshops, men's and singles' events, and leadership training. Many new programs are being planned for the future as this



The church offers a wide variety of spiritual, physical, mental, and social activities for its youth to provide ample opportunity for them to develop into mature Christians.

department continues to grow. An example of the department's activities in Michigan is a Father/Son retreat to be held February 21-23, at Camp Au Sable.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's ministries in the Lake Union Conference is a place to address the spiritual, emotional, physical, and social needs of women in the church and to improve their potential for more effective roles in their families. It is a support system for hurting women—whether they are suffering from divorce, abuse, or

simply loneliness. It is an organization in the church that can reach out to women through prayer, support, and nurturing. Activities for women take place in the churches, conferences, and unions.

For information about the resources available in your conference from any of the ministries mentioned, call the conference number listed on page 31 and ask for the appropriate department director.

Royce Snyman is the Michigan Conference personal ministries director.



The family structure is under attack from every direction. The family life department seeks to support families in every way they can, but it also offers help for persons who are single (widowed, divorced, or never married) or grieving a loss.



The new women's ministries department is attempting to help women reach their full potential by addressing their spiritual, emotional, physical, and social needs. This ministry is helping many women learn to trust Jesus for the first time.

BY GARY RANDOLPH

With the many new thoughts, ideas, and changes that have come into your life since you have made your commitment to Christ and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we hope you have also been introduced to the school system that is operated by your new church.

The curriculum of our schools is organized around the philosophy (found in the book *Education* by Ellen G. White) that education is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, social, and spiritual components of humankind. It is the intent of the system to prepare students to be thinkers and not mere reflectors of other people's thoughts. The ultimate aim of the teacher is to restore the image of God in the student and prepare him/her for eternity in the world made new.

To support our unique mission,

Educating for Eternity

Adventist schools are only taught by Seventh-day Adventist teachers who have taken eight to twelve quarter hours of uniquely Seventh-day Adventist philosophical course work as part of their college degree. This may be additional course work if their degree was earned from a non Seventh-day Adventist college.

If you have joined a smaller church, it is possible that an Adventist school may not be operated locally.

But you should know that within the five local conferences surrounding Lake Michigan that make up the Lake Union there are 90 elementary schools (K-8), 20 junior academies (K-10), four day schools (K-12), and four boarding academies (9-12). Each of the nine union conferences in the North American Division supports a similar education system, along with a college or university.

The Lake Union is home to the denomination's flagship institution of higher learning, Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. It is made up of five schools, the largest being the College of Arts and Sciences. The other four schools include the School of Business, the School of Education, the College of Technology, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. A majority of the church's leaders around the world are alumni of Andrews University. Degrees granted range from associate degrees to doctorates. Students from 101 countries are currently attending Andrews in preparation for a life of service. In fact there is a strong service component to the curriculum. Students are required to spend part of their college experience being of service to the community in some way.

Science, Bible, and music textbooks have been specifically developed by the Seventh-day Adventist system for use in our elementary schools. The Bible curriculum for secondary schools is also prepared by



Andrews CSAP Photo

Students from Andrews University participate in a wide variety of community service activities as part of their regular curriculum.



Herald Photo

Elementary and secondary students in many schools participate in the Bible Labs program, doing a variety of community service projects to learn traits of generosity and caring.

testing program ensures an academic evaluation of the system as well as providing a national academic position for the student. The current Lake Union academic average is normally 55–75 percentile with 50 percentile being the expected national student average.

Administration of each school is by the local school board which is elected by the church or is made up of representatives from a group of constituent churches; the local conference K–12 board of education for the schools of a conference; the union conference K–12 board of education for the schools of the union; and the North American Division K–12 board of education for the schools in Canada, the United States, and Bermuda.

Gary Randolph is the Lake Union Conference education director.

the denomination. In addition to the normal course work such as reading, writing, math, social studies, Bible and so on, another component taught to our children and youth is service to others, both theoretically and experientially. The *Bible Labs* program involves church members with students and faculty in organizing service activities of various sorts in which the students participate to learn traits of generosity and caring. A student work program is also provided in all boarding schools, and some day schools as well, to provide a way for students to earn a portion of their expenses and to learn good work habits.

The system requires teacher certification which is equal to and sometimes stronger than the state requirements. It has a regular full evaluation program of all aspects—academic, administrative, facilities, and services—of the school program at least every five (in elementary) to seven (in secondary) years. Also participation in a national standardized

Contact an Academy or College

To locate one of these schools you might talk to your local school principal, a teacher, the pastor, or call one of the telephone numbers listed below. We will be looking forward to serving you as you place your student in the Adventist school system. We are confident you will not be disappointed.

Andrews University	(616) 471-6324	Dean Hunt, vice president
Berrien Springs, Michigan	Lake Union Conference	for enrollment
Andrews Academy	(616) 471-3138	Randy Graves,
Berrien Springs, Michigan	Michigan Conference	principal
Battle Creek Academy	(616) 965-3250	Doug Hayes,
Battle Creek, Michigan	Michigan Conference	principal
Broadview Academy	(708) 232-7441	David Rasmussen,
LaFox, Illinois	Illinois Conference	principal
Chicago SDA Academy	(312) 873-3005	Philip Giddings,
Chicago, Illinois	Lake Region Conference	principal
Great Lakes Adventist Academy	(517) 427-5181	Ray Davis,
Cedar Lake, Michigan	Michigan Conference	principal
Indiana Academy	(317) 984-3575	Richard Aldridge,
Cicero, Indiana	Indiana Conference	principal
Peterson-Warren Academy	(313) 565-5808	Juanita Martin,
Inkster, Michigan	Lake Region Conference	principal
Wisconsin Academy	(414) 623-3300	Steven Brown,
Columbus, Wisconsin	Wisconsin Conference	principal

The Church of the Young

BY SAM LEONOR

More than 150 years ago a group of young people got together to study the Bible. As they studied, they developed a passion for Jesus and a passion for telling the world of His soon coming. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, these young men and women were the pioneers of a movement that today reaches across the globe and invites all people into a fellowship of Christians that carries on that passion for Jesus and the passion for reaching out with a message of His soon coming.

Our community of faith is the result of the work and sacrifice of a few young people. We believe, as in the past, that God is using the youth of this church to reach the



Youth leaders sponsor a wide variety of wholesome activities for their youth as a positive alternative to the less desirable options available elsewhere.

Center for Youth Evangelism

world with His message of hope. This is why at the heart of the Seventh-day Adventist Church you will find a mission and commitment to nurturing, training, and empowering the young to be fully-devoted followers of Jesus.

It is this commitment that leads the teachers in our elementary schools to encourage their students' participation in Adventist Youth (AY) activities and progressive classwork to prepare them for a life of service to God and to their communities. Many churches, particularly in the African American and Spanish communities, see youth-led AY meetings as a way to develop leadership skills in their youth.

It is this commitment that has led to the growth of numerous youth organizations such as the Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs. On any given day of the week across the world you can find these young people involved in various activities—camping, canoeing, or collecting food to feed the hungry.

Pathfinders offers students in grades five to ten countless opportunities for learning basic skills in arts, crafts, nature, recreation, and outreach activities such as community service oriented projects and short-term mission trips. It also gives them opportunities to participate in various types of camping experiences—from the local club, conference, or union, to division-wide camporees.

The Adventurer Club, for boys and girls in grades one to four, was created to

assist parents in their important responsibilities as their children's primary teachers and evangelizers. Children learn about the Bible, health and fitness, and nature. They develop people skills through club meetings, field trips, nature activities, crafts, games, and conference events. The Adventurer Family Network is the part of the Adventurer Club designed specifically for the Adventurer's parents or other caregivers. Since families are an integral part of the Adventurer program, parents are encouraged to work with their children on various projects. They are also invited to attend their own special parents' meetings.

This commitment to the young has also led to the North American Division founding of the Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE). Based in the offices of the Lake Union Conference, the CYE is an umbrella organization for a variety of youth ministries. These include the training of YouthNet "Young Pioneers," the "Rig," and "Youth Summit."

If you would like more information on the variety of service, nurture, and activity organizations that young people can be involved in, please contact your local church's youth director, your conference youth director (you will find their office phone numbers in the masthead on page 31) or call the CYE at (800) YOUTH-2-U.

Sam Leonor is Youth Summit director for the Center for Youth Evangelism.



Herald Photo

Youth from many churches and schools enjoy short-term mission service, usually in nearby Latin American countries.



Herald Photo

Summer camps provide opportunities for developing lifelong friendships—especially a friendship with Jesus.

In November 1848, Ellen G. White had a vision in which God told her that the church must print a little paper, and that it would grow into a great world-wide program.

She said, "Our publications have a most sacred work to do in making clear, simple, and plain the spiritual basis of our faith" (*Colporteur Ministry*, page 1).

From that small periodical, *Present Truth*, the first Adventist publishing house, the Review and Herald, was established in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1860. Today, we have 56 publishing houses around the world that in 1994 generated \$106,175,988 in sales. The literature (books and periodicals) that comes from their presses is distributed by 20,000 literature evangelists (not just sales representatives) and hundreds of Adventist Book Centers (ABCs) which are bookstores, usually located somewhere within the local conference offices.

The Lake Union has four ABCs which are located at the four state conference offices and one branch ABC which is located in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Each summer during each conference's annual campmeeting convocation, a special promotional program is offered to enable members to purchase books and magazines to use both for their own spiritual growth and to give to their friends and neighbors.

The Lake Union has several hundred Adventists who participate in the literature distribution program throughout the year as full-time, part-time, and student literature evangelists. During 1996 our literature evangelists visited 450,000 homes in which they distributed about 200,000 books, magazines and "magabooks" (books that have been republished in a more attractive magazine format). In addition, they answered thousands of Bible questions, prayed with many, and extended invitations for all to attend an Adventist church. Some

people who have been thus contacted have been baptized into Adventist Church membership.

BOOKS AFFECT LIVES

Linda Nealy went to her doctor's office after surgery in March of 1996. There were cards in *The Bible Story* set on one of the tables in the reception area. She took a card, filled it out, and mailed it. She had taken a home Bible study course in 1979 but had never talked to anyone about Adventist beliefs. Three months later she was at the home of a friend who worked for an Adventist doctor in Bolingbrook, Illinois. The doctor had given her friend some books written by Ellen G. White. Linda asked if she could borrow some of them. Her friend told her they were Adventist books. Two days later, John Jelen, a literature evangelist in Illinois, knocked on her door. In his hand was the card she had sent in. She invited him into her home. They started talking about the Bible, and she began asking questions. She purchased the *Daniel and the Revelation* series from John, and he loaned her his videotapes of the NET '95 evangelistic series featuring Mark Finley.

Clear Around the World

She and her family started watching the tapes and became very excited.

During the sixth or seventh discussion with John, they inquired about baptism. As a result of the books they had borrowed and purchased and the NET '95 tapes, they joined the North Aurora Adventist Church. On November 9, 1996, Linda, Charles, and Sabrina Nealy were baptized.

Ellen White said, "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their convictions to the reading of our publications" (*Colporteur Ministry* page 151). The literature ministry is vital to the mission of the Adventist Church.

John Bernet is President of Home Health Education Services, Inc.



These rolls of paper in the supply room at Pacific Press Publishing Association, Nampa, Idaho, are but a portion of the paper used to feed their high-speed presses to spread the gospel around the world with 13,000,000 magazines and 2.5 million pounds of books and Chapel recorded products each year.

The Most Powerful Envelope in the World

BY NORMAN W. KLAM

You may be wondering by now how your new church can possibly accomplish the wide diversity of projects it supports all around the world. Frankly, this work would not be possible without the support of every member, through the donation of their time, their talents or skills, and their funds.

Because of its many ministries, the church has developed a complex system for tracking how funds are received and where they are expended. While the system for accounting is complex, it provides a process that has allowed the church to establish not only a congregational but a world-wide missionary work.

By now you have undoubtedly discovered the tithe envelope (usually located in a little pocket on the back of the pew in the church). It is one of the most important financial documents in the church. This is how you tell your church how you want your donations to be used. Tithing envelopes are usually divided into four sections. The first is exclusively used for the tithe. The second is used for local church projects such as church operating expense, local church building projects, or other local church functions as deemed necessary by

each church. The third section on most envelopes is for local conference advancement. Some conferences divide up this section for specific projects, while others lump all conference projects together under one offering.

You can usually find an explanation of the

wonderful adventure in faith. Over and over again people say, "I can't outgive the Lord!"

Tithe monies are considered sacred and, as God commanded in Malachi, are used for the financial support of the ministers around the world. The salaries of the ministers of the

Adventist Church are paid from the tithe. Adventist pastors are not dependent on whatever money happens to be placed in the offering basket in church each week. They all have something they can count on and budget for. This has been our unique way of supporting the ministry throughout the world. The tithe also pays the salaries of the workers in each department on the conference, union, division, and general conference levels.

LOCAL CHURCH BUDGET

The operating of our local churches, other than the payment of pastoral salaries, is very similar to that of most other denominations. As needs arise in the local church appeals are made and members respond. There is one unique part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, however, that extends beyond that of most other denominations—the financing of church schools within the church. Local churches carry a major responsibility for the financing of elementary and day schools associated with the church. Some churches charge a tuition to cover a portion of the school

specific projects for which these funds are used on another part of the envelope. The fourth section represents world mission giving.

THE TITHE

The tithe envelope is fairly straightforward and easy to use. Each of the conferences give a brief explanation of the tithe on their envelopes, and most refer to Malachi 3:10 as the basis for the practice of returning 10% of your income to God. Tithing is a

expense, while others invite the entire church membership to participate in the support of the school and make their school budget a line item in the church budget.

CONFERENCE ADVANCE

The church's policy is very careful in the use of the tithe. Certain expenditures are excluded from tithe use. One example of this would be funds expended for construction costs, land purchases, and so forth. The "conference advance" line is for offerings, in addition to the tithe, to assist the local conference with its operations. These funds are generally used for evangelism, education, youth camp projects, campgrounds, and to assist in the building of new churches and schools. The tithe envelope lists the specific projects for your conference.

WORLD BUDGET

The "world budget" line itself is the place where the weekly Sabbath school offering is listed, unless you

prefer to drop it into the offering basket anonymously each week. If you prayerfully plan what percentage of your income you want to devote to the world mission of the church, you can simply include this offering when you are dividing up your paycheck, making it unnecessary to remember to have the correct change ready each Sabbath when the offering basket is passed.

On most tithe envelopes several additional offerings are listed below "world budget" on another part of the envelope. These funds are used for the establishment or maintenance of specific missions or ministries both in North America and throughout the world. Each one is given special attention at some time during the year, because a large portion of their support comes from the offering given on that special day, though offerings may be directed to them at any time during the year by writing in the name of the mission or ministry on one of the blank lines under "world budget." The *Lake Union Herald* attempts to keep members informed about the

special days and offerings that are coming during each month. Materials are also furnished to the pastors so they may be distributed to the members with their church bulletins or used to introduce the offering of the day from the platform.

When you pick up that tithe envelope from the back of the pew, it is tremendous to think that the checks and dollar bills that are inserted beneath that flap by all the members of the church are being used to tell people around the world that Jesus is coming. This little envelope truly is an important instrument in providing funding, per your directions, so that the gospel of the kingdom may be preached to all the world so that Jesus can come.

Norman W. Klam is the Lake Union Conference treasurer.

The Blessings of Benevolence

BY ROY ROBERTS

As the new year opens, we find ourselves wanting to express the joys of accepting the blessings of God. As we have recommitted our lives to Him, we can find real joy in giving of ourselves and our resources to tell others how much Jesus has done for us. God could do this work Himself. Instead our benevolence will bring true happiness as we pass our blessings to our friends and neighbors. By developing our stewardship in a systematic way, we ensure the cause of God will be triumphant. In doing this we will accumulate true riches. It's a small thing we do compared to the cross and the plan of salvation. Consider a paragraph from the pen of inspiration describing the reason God asked us to share our lives and resources.

"That man might not lose the blessed results of benevolence, our Redeemer formed the plan of enlisting him as His coworker. God could have

reached His object in saving sinners without the aid of man; but He knew that man could not be happy without acting a part in the great work. By a chain of circumstances which would call forth his charities, He bestows upon man the best means of cultivating benevolence, and keeps him habitually giving to help the poor and to advance His cause. By its necessities a ruined world is drawing forth from us talents of means and of influence, to present to men and women the truth, of which they are in perishing need. And as we heed these calls, by labor and by acts of benevolence, we are assimilated to the image of Him who for our sakes became poor. In bestowing, we bless others, and thus accumulate true riches." *Counsels on Stewardship* page 13-14.

Roy Roberts is the Lake Union Conference stewardship director.

Sharing Christ in the Marketplace

BY LUIS E. LEONOR

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) is an organization that has become a great blessing to this church.

Organized in Cincinnati, Ohio, ASI will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. It is comprised of men and women who own their own businesses, whose main goal is to share Christ in the marketplace. Members represent a wide diversity of such businesses as accounting, computer graphics, dairy, dentistry, law, manufacturing, medicine, printing, real estate, research, sales, technology, services, contracting, court reporting, carpet cleaning and installing, decorating, electrical, floral, mechanical, painting, plumbing, and recycling—among others!

Another important sector of the ASI membership is known as the "supporting ministries." These are non-profit organizations that are supportive of the message and mission

of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and are doing everything they can to assist with the work of the church in their ministries. They include such endeavors as radio and television broadcasting, education, health education, homes for people with addictions and problem behaviors, and independent and assisted living centers.

In addition to sharing Christ in their marketplaces, ASI's members support the worldwide mission of the church through personal participation and by giving of their means to advance God's work.

Members of the Lake Union chapter have been involved in several projects including:

- The building of schools and churches in the Dominican Republic—not only giving the money for the projects, but actually going there and participating in the building of the structures.

- Funding a project where academy and college students sell attractive

Adventist books that are the size of magazines (called "magabooks"). Not only do the students earn money for school, but they are able to meet people and share the love of Jesus with them.

ASI will hold two important meetings this year:

- The Lake Union Chapter Spring Fellowship will be held on April 17-20 at Saint Charles, Illinois.



ASI members attend their international convention to get "recharged" then go out into their marketplace with new ideas about how to share the Lord with those they meet.

Attendees enjoy a weekend of fellowship with other ASI members, good food, and exciting testimonies about how the Lord has blessed members' efforts to share His love in their marketplaces during the last year.

- The annual international convention to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, August, 6-9, 1997, attracts business people and administrators of supporting ministries from all over the world. There they network with other members, share thrilling stories that strengthen their faith and fill attendees with new ideas for sharing the Lord in their own locale, and have business meetings in which important decisions are made for the advancement of God's work not only in the North American Division territory but in other parts of the world as well.

This is ASI—sharing Christ in the marketplace. ASI is open to self-employed members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church having their own industry, business, profession, or ministry.

If you are interested and would like to receive more information, please get in touch with us at this address: ASI, Lake Union Conference, P. O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Luis E. Leonor is the executive secretary for the Lake Union Chapter of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries.



ASI members enjoy "hands-on" involvement in missions.

BY BETH SCHAEFER

Frank didn't really know what to expect, but when Eric, a homeless man, came and needed just about everything the volunteers could provide, he was quite moved. "The look in his eyes was so hopeful and trustful that it did something to my insides," said volunteer Frank Strack from Collegedale, Tennessee. "It was like Christ looking at me as I gave him his packet. My life was touched."

Frank was just one of the many volunteers working with the Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) team to assist the survivors of Hurricane Fran. In Wilmington, North Carolina, alone, from September 7 to 10, more than 5,000 people received ice, bottled water, groceries, and baby supplies. It was an impressive experience for all of those involved.

RAPID RESPONSE TO DISASTER

ACS and ADRA were planning



Rapid response to disaster depends on volunteers who are ready and willing to help when and where they are needed.

relief efforts for the survivors before Fran even touched the East Coast. Monte Sahlin, ACS national director and ADRA's regional vice president for North America, coordinated the disaster response operations.

But Hurricane Fran was just one disaster in North America in which ACS and ADRA have collaborated in assistance. In fact, more than 20 ACS centers have recently become affiliates with the central ADRA International office in Silver Spring, Maryland. As an affiliate, an ACS center carries the



ADRA is helping people in more than 140 countries around the world.

resources and infrastructure of the Adventist denomination in order for ADRA to carry out its North American projects.

ADRA is the central agency for Adventist compassion and action for the hungry, homeless, and hopeless around the globe. In fact, ADRA works far beyond the local community and now has in its portfolio more than 140 countries around the world receiving its assistance and care.

But ADRA has greatly renewed interest in community service among North American Adventists, especially since many of them think only in terms of a traditional "Dorcas Society" (named for the New Testament woman who was a great friend and helper of the poor in Joppa) and overlook the disaster relief work ACS has been doing.

ADVENTIST VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

ADRA depends on Adventist resources augmented with funds from public sources. ADRA International's small staff of development and relief specialists must use the resources and infrastructure of the Adventist denomination to carry out its projects.

One of the major resources the church can mobilize through ACS for ADRA projects is volunteer personnel. Local ACS volunteers are a vital element in this coalition between the two agencies. Without them, ADRA couldn't accomplish its mission in North America.

It is volunteers like Frank who helped ACS and ADRA to assist the

Adventist Teamwork

survivors of Fran, the survivors of recent major floods in Canada, the survivors of one building's destruction in Dallas, Texas, and many others. These same volunteers help build monetary and material donations to send through ADRA to the needy in countries all over the world, be it for disaster relief or development.

This coalition is necessary for those who wonder why the church in North America doesn't provide for their own homeless and needy. They just don't realize that it is available and ready for action.

For more information about ADRA in North America or becoming an ADRA affiliate, call Monte Sahlin at (301) 680-6439. They can use all the help you're willing to give.

Beth Schaefer is the news and information officer at the ADRA International central office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

ADRA Facts

- In 1995, ADRA received and distributed the equivalent of \$95 million in food to people in developing countries.
- Since 1991, ADRA has received and distributed more than \$47.5 million worth of relief supplies from 16 countries to the former Yugoslavia.
- Every year, ADRA Switzerland receives and distributes 40 tons of powder milk to malnourished people in Africa.

Health Notes from All Over

Loma Linda, CA [ANN]—The 17-member Loma Linda University Overseas Heart Surgery Team just returned from Pyongyang, North Korea, at the end of a highly successful two-week trip.

ADRA International originally introduced the heart team to North Korean leaders. The team worked at the Kim Man You Hospital. A heart lung machine and other supplies and equipment worth more than US\$250,000 were left with the Korean Cardiac Society.

The Loma Linda heart team has performed as the "ambassadors of open heart surgery" in more than a dozen countries of the world, including Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and the Kingdom of Nepal.

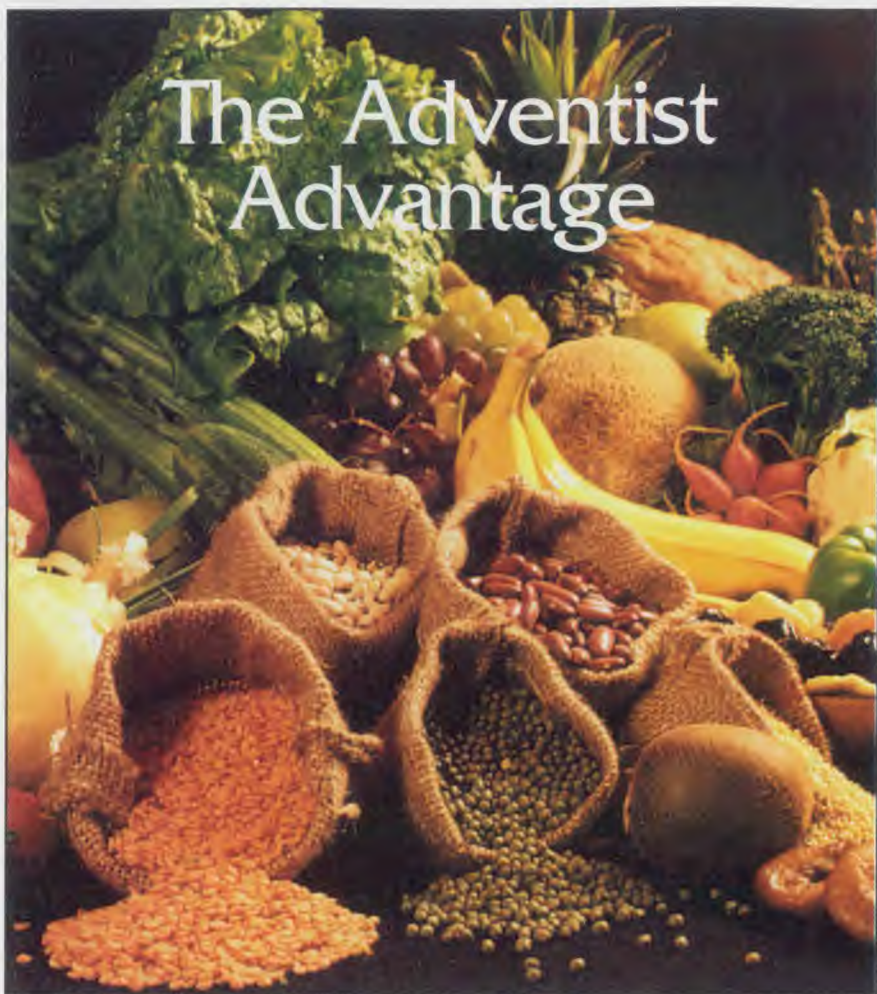
Sydney, Australia [ANN]—A breakthrough in microbiological testing developed recently at Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH), New South Wales, Australia, will reduce the time patients suffering heart-membrane inflammation and ulcers spend in the hospital. SAH microbiologist Bruce Tually has designed a new test for *Streptococcus viridans* that simplifies its identification and provides results in half the time. "Hospitals throughout Australia have been very interested in the work we've been doing as they know of the need for accurate, quick results," says Tually.

Loma Linda, CA [ANN]—Loma Linda University School of Public Health has received funds for a four-year training program to help train physicians who serve as public health leaders in the provinces of China.

This project is a joint venture between Loma Linda University, the National Health Education Institute in China's Ministry of Health, and the World Health Organization.

A nationwide conference is scheduled for 1997 to bring together Seventh-day Adventist health professionals in China and provide an opportunity for meeting and sharing experiences.

The Adventist Advantage



BY ANN FISHER

Seventh-day Adventists, because of their unique lifestyle, are among the most researched groups in the world. The more than 150 scientific papers, that have been published since the 1950s as the result of this research, have demonstrated that Adventists live longer and suffer less from heart disease and cancer, the leading killers in Western countries, than the general population. Two studies conducted by Loma Linda University from 1960-1982 involving 60,000 California Adventists concluded that "... for all causes of death combined, Adventists were found to have death rates one-half that of the general population."¹ This explains why Adventists live longer. Why have Adventists been so blessed?

Ellen White, one of the founders of Adventism, received several visions during the mid to late 1800s, outlining health principles which, when followed, have proven to be the best formula for health and longevity. In 1905, 90 years ahead of the modern scientific knowledge available to us today, Ellen White wrote, "Tobacco is a slow, insidious, but most malignant poison."² Today the health principles that Adventists have advocated for almost a century have been scientifically verified and are being promoted by both government agencies and health organizations.

One of Adventism's unique emphases is its belief in the holistic nature of humanity. The mental, physical, social, and spiritual dimensions of human nature are not separate, but are interconnected and dependent on each other for both

spiritual and physical health. The Bible teaches that our bodies are the temple of God, and that we should present them to God as "living and holy sacrifices."³ "Whatever injures the health, not only lessens physical vigor, but tends to weaken the mental and moral powers."⁴ For Adventism, a healthy lifestyle is more than a healthy choice, it's a spiritual mandate.

The Adventist lifestyle offers eight God-given gifts of health in one package.⁵ One package, because they are not individual gifts from which to choose. We must "unwrap" all eight to enjoy maximum emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness. The name *NEWSTART*⁶ has been coined as an acronym for these eight natural prescriptions for health and happiness.

Nutritious food
Exercise
Water

Sunlight
Temperate, drug-free living
Air
Rest
Trust in divine power

Adventists believe that Christ's teaching and healing ministry is an example for reaching the world today. This conviction has largely shaped the Adventist philosophy of mission. Medical missionary work is the "right arm" of the Adventist message. In 1866 at the fourth session of the General Conference convened in Battle Creek, Michigan, Ellen White urged the need for a health institution where the newly-advocated health principles could be publicly demonstrated. Thus the Western Health Reform Institute, which evolved into the Battle Creek Sanitarium where John Harvey Kellogg joined the staff

as medical director in 1875, was established in Battle Creek in 1866. In 1900, following instructions from Ellen White, property was purchased in Loma Linda, California, on which a sanitarium was established. In 1910, the College of Medical Evangelists (CME), offering a full medical course, was established. In 1961, CME became Loma Linda University, the denomination's largest institution offering professional curriculums in medicine, dentistry, allied health professions, public health, and nursing. Thousands of health evangelists, graduates from Loma Linda, have gone around the world, establishing clinics, hospitals, and health education centers, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

The church—its medical institutions, personnel, and members—has

not always followed the divine counsel given to it more than a century ago. But when the inspired counsel has been followed, blessings have resulted. Adventists are a people who enjoy life to the full on this earth, and are joyfully looking forward to eternal life in the earth made new.

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They Keep Coming Back

Arms folded, she sat on a steel folding chair close to the door of the main lodge at Camp au Sable while returning campers greeted each other like long-lost friends. Dr. Arthur Weaver had one week to make her healthy, one week only.

No smoking. No meat. No caffeine. No indoor plumbing.

On Monday, she scrubbed pots and pans with a nosy dentist from Indiana who asked if she had come to quit smoking, control weight, or manage stress. She answered, "Yes." She trudged two miles with a retired nurse from Pontiac. She called her daughter to complain about the flimsy mattress.

Tuesday, she tried Special K loaf. She and a janitor from Detroit overturned a canoe. That night on the phone she whined, "Do you know how cold Michigan water is in May? Yes, I'm fine. Dr. Weaver jumped in to rescue us."

Wednesday, she woke up early for Jeanie Weaver's stretch class.

Thursday, Natalie Weaver taught her how to bake delicious bread. She played beach volleyball with the Weaver grandchildren. She would have called her daughter, but she had to put one last coat of glaze on her ceramic project.

Friday night, she sat on a hay bale and shared a hymnal with the friendly dentist. After the hymn sing, she jogged to the telephone.

"The Weavers care so much about each of us," she told her daughter. "By the way, I got a ribbon for walking 16 miles this week. I'll do even better next year."

by Barbara O. Caputo

If "Health Camp" sounds like something you'd like to hear more about, contact Better Living Seminars, P.O. Box 700574, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Guarding Our Religious Freedom

BY VERN ALGER

God gave us religious freedom when He created us as free moral agents. God accepted Christ's death on the cross rather than compromise our freedom to accept or reject His law. Because God Himself will not deny us religious freedom, Adventists hold high and support this principle whenever it is attacked by those seeking to use government to compromise the freedom of personal conscience.

As Thomas Jefferson said, to trample upon a person's religious freedom "was a departure from the plan of the Holy Author of our religion, who being Lord both of body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercions on either, as was His almighty power to do."

The Adventist Church has had a religious liberty department since the 1880s. The first liberty department leader, A. T. Jones, was very active in opposition to proposed Sunday blue laws which would force the observance of Sunday. Currently the church supports the religious freedoms of its members by maintaining a department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) at the General Conference, North American Division, and union conference levels. In some unions the local conferences also have PARL departments.

ASSISTING MEMBERS WHO FACE CHALLENGES TO THEIR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

One of the major functions of the PARL department is assisting members who face challenges in the

exercise of their religious beliefs. Some of these challenges come from conflicts between employment schedules and Sabbath observance, labor union membership requirements, child custody battles, and door-to-door witnessing restrictions. In the Lake Union, these issues are addressed at the union level with a contact person at each conference to help direct inquiries to the union PARL department. If litigation is to be considered, the matter is referred to the General Conference Litigation Committee. If that committee deems litigation the appropriate step, the General Conference Office of General Counsel supervises the handling of the lawsuit, and the church pays all expenses, including attorney fees and court costs.

LEGISLATIVE VIGILANCE

Another major function of the PARL department is legislative vigilance. PARL attempts to monitor the activities of the legislatures of the states within the Lake Union. It provides resources and education for the lawmakers whenever the church's principles and ideals are at issue by supporting beneficial legislation and providing alerts concerning detrimental legislation. The North American Division union PARL directors work together in addressing similar concerns in the U.S. Congress. One such example was the enactment of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. It is anticipated that such a united effort will be exerted on behalf of obtaining passage of the Religious Freedom in the Workplace Bill in the next Congress.



Many churches sponsor seminars on the theme of freedom of conscience.

CAMPAIGN FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AWARENESS

A third major activity of the PARL department is supporting the annual campaign for religious freedom awareness and promotion. Every January, on a religious liberty emphasis Sabbath, members are reminded of the importance of freedom of conscience, and a special offering is received to be used for the church's activities in support of religious freedom, such as paying for liberty litigation on behalf of members and providing thousands of complementary subscriptions of *Liberty* magazine to influential societal and governmental leaders across the United States and Canada. *Liberty* is the church's bi-monthly periodical in support of religious freedom. Also on that Sabbath, many churches sponsor seminars on the theme of freedom of conscience.

A brochure more fully describing the work of the PARL department and listing all addresses and phone numbers of the North American Division union PARL departments is available upon written request to: PARL Department, Lake Union Conference, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Vern Alger is Lake Union director of public affairs and religious liberty.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Mission Week Highlights Service

Perhaps a "Mission Week" is particularly appropriate for a university like Andrews—after all, up to 1960 it was Emmanuel Missionary College.

But Mission Week at Andrews is much more than a recollection of the past. From Jan 21 to 24, the campus celebrates the difference that Andrews students *still* make around the world. This year alone, more than 50 students are serving as overseas

missionaries and task force workers in North America.

"Mission service does more than just bring hope to the world," said David Rand, a campus chaplain and one of the week's planners. "It also lets young Christians grow and live out their faith."

Mission Week events point toward the varied mission opportunities open to students. A Friday vespers on Jan. 24 features a speech by Ray Adams, a longtime missionary in the Asia Pacific Division and now a



Jason Lim, AU PR

Andrews student missionaries
Patricia Lange, Brenda Schoun,
and Glenn Gibson.

General Conference missions recruiter.

But recently returned "SMs" don't need any convincing, they already know how life-changing Christian service can be. Brenda Schoun, a senior social work major from Coleman, Mich., said a year teaching English in Japan forced her to rely on her faith more. The same was true for Patricia Lange, a senior elementary education major from Berrien Springs, who spent a year in Thailand. "Everybody said: 'When you come back you'll be changed.' Now that I'm back, I realize it was true. I'm much more spiritually mature than I was."

Glenn Gibson, a junior youth ministry major from Milwaukee, Wis., spent a year in the South Pacific teaching at Palau Mission Academy in Palau, Micronesia. "The experience taught me a lot about myself," he said, "and how much I need the Lord, both there and here in America."

Knight Pens 1997 Devotional

George Knight, a church history professor in the theological seminary is the author of the 1997 devotional *Walking With*

Jesus on the Mount of Blessing. A prolific writer, among Knight's book titles are *Myths in Adventism* ('85), *Angry Saints* ('89), *The Pharisee's Guide to Perfect Holiness* ('92) and this year's *Meeting Ellen White* ('96). The Review and Herald-published *Mount of Blessing* is the author's first-ever devotional. Unique from other devotionals, *Mount of Blessing* only draws texts from Matthew 5-7, the 111 verses that make up the Sermon on the Mount.

"It should be a refreshing spiritual journey for everyone, because it focuses on some of Christ's most important teachings," he said.



Church history
professor George
Knight.

Student Movement Gets the Story

Loved by some, criticized by many, read by just about everybody—few things generate as much interest on the Andrews campus as the *Student Movement*.

Since its beginnings at Emmanuel Missionary College in 1915, the student newspaper has covered all the campus news that's fit to print—and even some that faculty advisors wish weren't printed.

Like his predecessors before him, editor Kaleb Cockrum leads the effort to get an interesting paper out on a weekly basis.

"It's a whole lot of work," said Cockrum, a junior journalism major from Caldwell, Idaho. "But when I walk around campus and see people commenting on things they've read in the paper, it makes it all worthwhile."

In journalism, as in academic life, deadlines are the thing. Friday: features due. Sunday: news. Wednesday: to the printer. So Monday and Tuesday can mean *long* hours for Cockrum and his 20-member staff.

"We have only one rule around here: Thou shall make thy deadlines," he said.

In addition to campus news and student opinion, the paper also features "Crosstalk," a section where students write about the spiritual issues that affect them, and "Noteworthy," with reviews of contemporary Christian recordings.

As communication department chair, Morris Brown mentors many of the students who wind up writing for the paper. But as *Student Movement* faculty advisor, he gets a first-hand look at the dedication of Andrews journalists. "This is not just fun-and-games down here. It's serious journalism," he said.



Student Movement editor Kaleb Cockrum
at the helm.

EDUCATION NEWS

Pass It On

Wisconsin — Like a ripple effect, the students of Wisconsin Academy (WA), Columbus, WI, wanted to pass on to another group the spiritual things they had learned from last year's

Week of Prayer at WA which students from Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI, had shared with them. This year a group of WA students had the opportunity to present the Week of Prayer at Milwaukee Junior

Academy (MJA). WA participants included John Buchholz, Chad Zalabak, KaDene Garrett, Victoria Rodriguez, and Heather Rosen.

The week's theme was "The Love and Acceptance of God." Each morning the WA group traveled to Milwaukee with Steve Brown, principal, and Oliver Archer, chaplain. Following song service, the upper graders divided into small groups for Bible study and prayer, each group led by a WA student. They learned how to study God's Word more effectively and were introduced to the dynamic four PART prayer of praise, admit, request, and thanks.

"The WA students had incredible patience with us," seventh-grader, Elias Acevedo, said afterwards, "They didn't push us to do anything or make us feel uncomfortable. It was all so impressive how respectful and serious about God they were. Most teenagers nowadays don't feel so strongly about God or have a true relationship with Him like they seemed to have. I had fun sharing the week with them and hope they can come back."

The younger students learned about God's love through songs, stories, and skits. Doug Burgess, father of WA students Amber and Willow Burgess, was a "hit" as he used balloons and illusions to teach Christian principles.

Sue Rappette, secretary to the Wisconsin Academy principal

Yearbook Wins KEMPA Award

Wisconsin - The Kettle Moraine Press Association presented Wisconsin Academy with the ALL KEMPA award for their 1996 yearbook, the *Badger*. This presentation was made at Kempa's annual Scholastic Journalism Conference on the

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus, reports Sue Rappette, secretary to the Wisconsin Academy principal. The *Badger* was commended for its professionalism and clarity. Yearbook editor for the '95-'96 edition was Tonia Kelly, daughter of Gerry and Sharon Kelly of Columbus, WI. She is now a student at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. Marcia Sigler is yearbook advisor.

The Terrible, Horrible Night with a Blessing

Wisconsin — Frightened, we raced for the hospital. Aracelia had been stung by a bee at school camp in Wisconsin, and the hospital was 30 minutes away.

"Oh Lord," I prayed, "please keep Aracelia's allergic reaction under control. Please keep her breathing."

It was Aracelia's first bee sting, and her body was reacting violently. Her arm was swelling to almost twice its normal size. She felt like she was going to black out at any moment. Would the ride never end? What if we didn't take the right exit to the hospital?

"Lord, please protect Aracelia and help us not be afraid," I prayed again. It seemed like hours passed as we sped down the interstate in the black of the night. Was I going to have to perform CPR on my student? "Lord, please keep Aracelia calm and breathing."

We didn't know it then, but Jesus had a special job for Aracelia to perform yet that night. About an hour after she had been treated for the bee venom, another emergency patient arrived at the hospital. He was an old man who had received a third degree burn to his lower left leg. Aracelia and I could hear the doctor's and nurses' conversations as they spoke in the room next door. Apparently the gentleman could only speak Spanish, and no one in the hospital could speak the language. Nurses scurried about on the phone trying to find a translator.

With a little twinkle in my eye I asked Aracelia, "How would you like to help someone tonight? They can't treat that man until he signs some forms. Would you be willing to translate for the doctors and nurses?" Feeling much better, but her body still quivering from the medication, Aracelia agreed. The hospital staff was shocked and very much relieved to hear that Aracelia was able and willing to translate for them.

A wheelchair was brought, and Aracelia was wheeled into the room. She did a wonderful job translating, and soon all the forms were signed. Not only did she translate, but she also offered reassurance that had a calming effect on the old man.

By the time we got back to her room, Aracelia's body had stopped shaking, and she was ready to go back to camp. On the way home I thanked God again. He had given us a double blessing that Aracelia and I will not soon forget. How wonderful it was to experience first hand the miracle of God's protection of Aracelia's life. How wonderful it was to see God turn an utterly horrible evening into an opportunity to help another in great need.

Jonathan Sumner, teacher at Raymond School

Leon Slikkers Honored as Entrepreneur of the Year

Michigan — "I have been fortunate to be able to follow my dream," Leon Slikkers says, "and it has only been possible to follow that dream because of the help of the Lord and His blessings." In June, 1996, Slikkers was named Entrepreneur of the Year for Manufacturing for the State of Michigan by the accounting firm of Ernst and Young, LLP, of Grand Rapids, MI. The Lake Union Conference Committee officially recognized him for this honor at their November 13 meeting.



Leon Slikkers

Leon Slikkers, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of S2 Yachts, Inc. in Holland, MI, started building boats in 1946, working for the Chris Craft Company. He sold his house and started this own company in 1955 with \$5,000. His motto, then as now, is "I don't want to be the biggest boat-builder; I just want to be the best."

His company has built many boats, including outboard runabouts, sail boats, cabin cruisers, and off-shore fishing boats. The quality of the boats and their innovative construction features are the reasons that Slikkers gives when asked why his boats are outperforming those of his competitors.

"There were good years and there were the hard ones, but I always knew that the Lord was there. The Lord has blessed Delores and me, and through the years I can trace God's foot steps," Slikkers said.

Slikkers and his wife Delores have four adult children who hold leadership positions at S2 Yachts and are active members of the Holland Church.

The editor

because of the wisdom and practical content of their presentations. Wisconsin retreats cannot be purchased on tape—a fact that makes speakers willing to be real and vulnerable.

Participants were asked, "What was the most meaningful part of this retreat?" A 20-year-old first-time attendee responded, "It was all women searching for God and giving support to those who needed it."

Another young woman who came to be with her mom said, "The only thing that could have made the weekend better would have been if everyone I know and love could have come and been a part of this."

Michigan Men of Faith Have Dynamic Retreat

Michigan — One hundred ninety men's voices blended in beautiful harmony as they dynamically sang "I love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, oh my soul rejoice...." and other choruses and hymns. It was the first annual Michigan Men of Faith Spiritual Retreat, held in the Laurel Manor Convention Center at Livonia, MI. What a glorious day it was—full of inspirational music, messages, and fellowship.

Joseph Warren from the English department at Andrews University challenged each man in his opening devotional to rename his wife, children, and friends to names of delight, and pleasure, plus expressions of success and happiness. As we rename people, so they become in our life experience.

Pastor Peter Neri of Cedar Lake Church shared a model prayer as we knelt together and visualized going into the Heavenly Sanctuary. There we confessed our sins, thanked God for His forgiveness, and offered our requests to become better spiritual leaders in our families.

Alexis Matthey, an Andrews University English major who works at Camp AuSable during the summer, spoke to our heart needs of waiting to trust God for what He desires us to become. It is hard for us to allow God to accomplish His plan within His time frame.

After dinner Pastor Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI, presented his keynote address: "Quit You Like Men!" "We need to bond together with men across the state and to be strong in the Lord," were Nelson's insightful remarks. "This is the time of heaven's Judgment hour when those decisions will be locked in. We must be sure the blood of Jesus has washed our hearts clean. His blood must also be applied over each door in our homes and cover each person who lives there. The sanctuary calls for our personal cleansing, and the cross keeps us cleansed."

The joyful day closed as the thoughtful voices of committed men sang, "All to Jesus I surrender." Their responses were meaningful and heartfelt: "I would come again," "I liked it," the men echoed, "Maybe next time we could plan for a weekend!" Yes, it was very clear that "real men" want to bond together for unity and service to Jesus Christ.

Bruce Babiencko, Michigan Conference assistant to the president for communication

Women's Retreat in Wisconsin

Wisconsin — Rebekah Cheng, a Milwaukee physician, delivered straight-to-the-heart messages about living gracefully at the Oct. 18-20 annual Wisconsin women's retreat. The 299 attendees were refreshed with presentations that were both simple and practical, report Dee Keesen and Aileen Patton. Cheng has earned the love and respect of Wisconsin retreat attendees as a breakaway speaker at all but their first retreat.

Other breakaway speakers included: Cynthia Prime and Marti Schneider from the Lake Union, Lori Romie from Illinois, Donna Nicholas from Oklahoma, and Dee Kessen, Susan Boon, Victoria Lemanski and Lesa Budd from Wisconsin. These spirit-filled women made their listeners glad they'd come

Harry Anderson, Noted Religious Illustrator, Dies

Danbury, CT [ANN] — Harry Anderson, 90, Adventist artist, died Nov. 19, 1996, in Danbury, CT. Born in Chicago on Aug. 11, 1906, Anderson is best known in Adventist circles for his illustrations which appeared in countless books and magazines from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Hagerstown, MD.

Anderson's first illustration for the Review and Herald, "What Happened To Your Hand?" stirred up some controversy when it depicted Christ in traditional dress with children in modern dress.

Anderson was widely regarded as the foremost illustrator of religious subjects, especially the life of Christ. Christians around the world have been influenced by Anderson's work which appeared in *The Bible Story* books and in "picture rolls."

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Kristin; son, Jared; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

ADRA Serves Peru Quake Victims

Nazca, Peru [ANN] — The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) responded to the earthquake, measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale, that hit Nazca, Peru, Nov. 12.

A Civil Defense team, on Nov. 13, transported 15 bundles of clothing (200 articles each) donated through ADRA to be distributed by Seventh-day Adventist Church pastors in the surrounding areas. ADRA also sent food and tents to Nazca where five ADRA disaster response experts organized groups of volunteers to assist the disaster victims, including Ivan Castro, director of Planning and Evaluation for ADRA Peru; Ruben Jaimez, president of Central Peruvian Conference; and Juan Aparicio, director of all volunteers.

Thus far, 17 people have been pronounced dead, more than 200 injured, and more than 8,400 homes semi-destroyed. Major areas affected were Palpa, 400 kilometers south of Lima, the capital city, and Nazca, where the epicenter of the earthquake was located. A total of 39,000 people have been affected from Nazca, Palpa, and surrounding cities.

Water and electricity have been cut off, and phone lines are down. The main highway linking Nazca to the cities of Palpa, Ica, and Lima has been blocked by a fallen bridge and a collapsed tunnel.

"ADRA Peru is well equipped with experience and resources to respond to this emergency. We are happy for their quick and effective response," says David Syme, vice president for communication and corporate development at the ADRA International central office.

Twenty-Eight People Baptized in Israel

Jerusalem, Israel [ANN] — More than 500 people gathered on the banks of the Jordan River on Oct. 12 to witness the baptism of 28 people, reports Ermanno Garbi, acting president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Israel. Fourteen motor coaches were used to carry candidates and friends to the baptismal site. Those baptized have come from several countries, including Ghana and Romania.

"People who have moved from one country to another—sometimes under difficult circumstances—are very open to the gospel," says Peter Roenfeldt, Trans-European Division Ministerial Association secretary. "We worked very closely with our church in Israel to develop and launch a plan to share the gospel with up to 700,000 unreached Russian Jews in Israel, their new country."

A pastor who speaks Hebrew, English, and Russian has been invited to serve on a contract basis to reach out to this population group. Two other ministers are also being trained, according to Roenfeldt. "The biggest challenge is finding the funding for this opportunity. Yet, we are moving ahead in faith," he added.

Ermanno Garbi and Peter Roenfeldt

AWR Celebrates 25 Years

Silver Spring, MD [ANN] — Adventist World Radio (AWR) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. On October 1, 1971, the first broadcast in this new radio venture went on the air over a powerful 250,000 watt shortwave transmitter located at Sines in Portugal. Since that time, AWR has grown into an electronic giant which has the capability of talking to the world. Currently, AWR is on the air for 1,000 transmitter hours per week in some 40 languages. Its programming can be heard at some time of the day in every country of the globe.

When AWR first signed on with shortwave programming in several European languages in 1971, the event was unheralded, and in fact, radio magazines at the time reported the new programming as "unidentified." A quarter of a century later, AWR is well known and is accepted as an effective Christian international broadcasting organization making a significant impact throughout the world.

AWR has been accorded a remarkable volume of international news coverage for its 25th anniversary. One of the major events honoring the AWR 25th anniversary was an international listener contest, and this, together with other events, was accorded unprecedented coverage in radio magazines worldwide. News about AWR has been observed in specialized programming over other shortwave stations in some 25 languages.

Currently AWR is actively developing plans for the establishment of two new stations in Argentina, northern Italy, and in Juliaca, Peru. In addition, AWR is planning to increase its programming to 100 languages by the end of the century.

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Offerings: Jan. 11 outreach/church budget; Jan. 18 church budget; Jan. 25 religious liberty. Feb. 1 outreach/church budget; Feb. 8 Adventist Media Center; Feb. 15 church budget; Feb. 22 local conference advance.

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ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JANUARY 12

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Media Responsibility." **It Is Written:** "The Missing Verdict." **Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "Someone Cares Prison Ministry-2." **Mon-Fri:** "There's More to 'Love' Than We Think."

WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Overcomers." **It Is Written:** "Blink a Star If You Hear Me." Wintley Phipps sings "The Lord's Prayer." **Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** To be announced. **Mon-Fri:** "It Can't Be That Easy," plus a Martin Luther King Jr. special broadcast this Monday: "Tribute to a Quietly Firm Man."

WEEK OF JANUARY 26

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Entrepreneurial Women." **It Is Written:** "How They Broke the Siege." Merrillou Luthas sings. **Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** "Born-again Good People." **Mon-Fri:** "Glossing over the Tongues Issue."

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Learning to Forgive." **It Is Written:** "Ordinary People—an Extraordinary Hope." **Voice of Prophecy, Sun:** To be announced. **Mon-Fri:** "But What If He Wasn't Resurrected?"

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Chicago	4:39	4:47	4:56	5:04	5:13	5:22
Detroit	5:21	5:29	5:37	5:46	5:55	6:04
Indianapolis	5:40	5:47	5:55	6:03	6:12	6:20
La Crosse, WI	4:47	4:55	5:04	5:14	5:24	5:33
Lansing, MI	5:24	5:32	5:40	5:50	5:59	6:08
Madison, WI	4:45	4:50	4:59	5:08	5:17	5:27
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as humanity draws near to the end of the 20th century. Special guests include: Peter Bath, Hyveth Williams, and Ed Wright, Galaxy 9, Channel 21. **January 25, 4:30–6:30 p.m., ET — Cross Training:** "Ministry Resources." Live from Birmingham, AL, the site of the 1997 North American Division

Ministries Convention. Join ACN for a look at the latest ministry resources available for local church departmental leaders and coordinators. Galaxy 9, Channel 21.

February 1, 4:30–6:30 p.m., ET — Together Again (Roundtable Discussion): A Network of Friends Reaching Friends Who Leave the Church. Galaxy 9, Channel 21.

February 5, 7:30–8:30 p.m., ET — First Wednesday: Good News about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Galaxy 9, Channel 21.

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Coming in January The first *Lifestyle Live* event of this season will air on January 19 from 7–9 p.m., ET. Entitled "The Second Coming: What it Means to You and Your Family," the pro-

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"With the end of the millennium upon us, society is refocusing its attention on the end time and spiritual things," says Matthews. "We need to know why the Christian doctrine of the second advent of Christ is still relevant and how each of us can learn to daily experience a hope-filled life."

Matthews' special guests include Hyveth Williams, author of the book "Will I Ever Learn?" and senior pastor of the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, California; Ed Wright, pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church on the campus of Southern Adventist University in Tennessee, and Peter Bath, president at Kettering College in Ohio.

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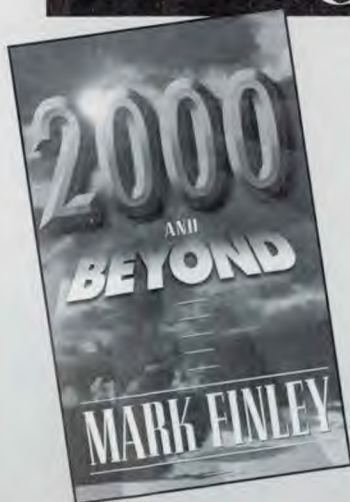
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Youth who dare care²

Welcome to the new year

A new year! A new beginning! A new start! What should we as Christians help change with God's help in 1997?

Should we care more in '97 for God's environment? "All good things come from God."

Should we control our words better? "The mouth of a righteous person is a well of life: but violence comes out of the mouth of a wicked person" *Proverbs 10:11*.

Should we watch less "yuck" TV? "As a man thinketh so is he" *Proverbs 23:7*.

Should we control our need to promote ourselves? "For if a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing without God, he deceiveth himself" *Galations 6:3*.

Should we learn to love that kid in our school whom we really hate? "Love thy neighbor as thyself" *Galations 5:14*.

Yes it is good to have a new year. We can start fresh again. We can all use a new start in some parts of our lives. I sure hope all of us rely more on God in 1997 to help us get more of his love in us and out to others, don't you agree?

Ron Whitehead

A Cause to Dream For

From 1931 to 1941, all graduating cadets of Japan's naval academy were asked one question on their exit exam. "How would you carry out a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor?" Imagine one Japanese sailor after another biting on his pencil, straining his brain, and scratching out in the clearest terms possible the strategy he would use to launch a successful attack. Perhaps that night as he lay in his bunk, the question and his own answer were vividly played out over and over again in his head. "How to stage a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor?" It intrigued him, it challenged him, it involved him, and finally it became a part of him.

Today, as a young person, you are asked, "How would you carry out a surprise attack on the kingdom of darkness to take the gospel to every language, people, and family?" Young person, will you grapple with it? We are in need of innovators, thinkers, doers. As youth you are in touch with the realities around you; you have insights into people and groups that no one else has. We need young people like yourself to see this movement as your movement and begin to wrestle with the attack plan.

Today, as mature church members, and leaders, what questions are you asking your youth? Leadership is not coming up with all the answers, it is having the wisdom to ask discerning questions. Will you be so bold as to probe your youth, "How would you carry out a surprise attack on the kingdom of darkness?" Will you act on the answers they supply? Like the Japanese admirals, you may get some brilliant schemes, and you may end up with an "army of youth" that will do or die for a cause they created.

Byard Parks, Young Pioneers



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Youth & Young Adult Speakers/Artists Online Bureau from the Center for Youth Evangelism

Available in the young adult library section on CompuServe's *Adventists Online* forum is a valuable resource for the youthworker: the "Youth & Young Adult Speakers/Artists Bureau." (If you're not a subscriber to Adventists Online forum, call the SDA PlusLine, 800-SDA-PLUS, to receive a hardcopy of the bureau.) This speakers/artists bureau is designed to support leaders of youth and young adults by providing ready access to a broad range of persons gifted in ministering to youth. This resource is provided by North American Division Youth Ministries and maintained by the Center for Youth Evangelism. There are five main categories from which to choose: 1. Young Adults, 2. High School, 3. Junior High, 4. Musicians, 5. Drama

All names are given in alphabetical order. Some names will appear in more than one category. For example: A "Teens" speaker might also be located in "Drama Groups," or "Musicians." Each name or group is recommended by someone. Phone numbers are provided for recommendations when known. Please feel free to suggest other speakers, musical groups, drama troupes, artists or corrections using the speakers/artists bureau submission form and e-mail us at 74617.1461@CompuServe.com or cye@andrews.edu or call 800-YOUTH-2-U. This speakers/artists bureau is updated on the 14th and 28th of each month.

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The Lighter Side

<http://www.tpu.fi/~mark/Christian/LighterSide/>

You'll find humorous short stories, jokes, top-ten lists, cartoons, and links to other Christian humor resources.

Berit's Best Sites for Children

<http://www.cochran.com/theosite/KSites.html>

Provided by Berit Erickson for Cochran Interactive, Inc., this site offers more than 400 briefly annotated and rated sites. There are pointers to museums, elementary schools, "creepy crawlies," pen pals, stories, and other attractions. Ratings (on a 5 point scale) are based on appearance, content, ease of use, organization, relevance, and suitability for children.

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