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If school is a full-time occupation for the young, then the objects pictured on the cover are the tools of the trade. Photo by Alden Ho, associate pastor for youth ministry, Hendersonville, NC.

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EDITORIAL

What I Learned When My Mother Died

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT
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Funerals are not new to me. As a pastor, I've preached at many funerals and attended many more; but this one was different. This time I was sitting on the front row. This time it was for my mother. Today others too are "sitting on the front row" saying good-bye to their loved ones. Here is what I have learned about how to comfort them.

Cards and letters really are important. Stacks of them arrived from friends and fellow workers around the United States. Each one carried the *unwritten* message, "I cared enough to write." Some people, such as Chuck Randall, wrote notes of their memories of Mom. We loved to hear about her good deeds.

Within hours of Mom's death, the telephone calls started pouring in. Some, like Norman Miles, called our house while we were at the funeral home. Although we never did talk to each other on the phone, we still got the message. The girl answering the phone wrote down the name; and the message was clear—he cared enough to call. (If you ever wonder what you can do, just offer to answer the phone for the bereaved family for a few hours, keeping careful notes of who called and the message.) Only days earlier, the brother of a union office employee died. I wanted to call, and finally did; but I had kept putting it off because I just couldn't think of what to say. I now know that *what* you say is not nearly as important as the fact that you call.

When the flowers arrived, we read each note and admired each arrangement. Especially the first ones. As we tiptoed into the viewing room on our first visit to the funeral home, we were tempted to wonder, "Does anyone know? Does anyone care?" But flowers were already there!

None of us felt much like eating, much less like preparing food. The food brought to our home by friends and the meal prepared by the church were really appreciated.

Some friends left very important meetings to fly or drive for hours in order to be with us for the service. Although we didn't have much time to talk, their presence was remembered and appreciated. Now I think of it often and say to myself, "Can you imagine it! He (she) took time to come to the funeral!"

When we returned to Michigan from the funeral in Texas, Pastor Skip McCarty came to our home and comforted us with Bible reading and prayer. And a plant arrived at our house from our local church. We were blessed!

Others mourn today. Families are hurting because of the loss of someone they love. Jesus came "to bind up the brokenhearted . . . to comfort all that mourn." Cards, letters, calls, flowers, visits and prayers—all help to heal the brokenhearted.

If you are alone today, thinking of the loss of your loved one, I am happy to tell you that Jesus is soon to come. He will resurrect the dead and put families together again.

Cow Banking in Vietnam

BY NORMAN KLAM

It was still dark in Hanoi as we quickly dressed and headed for an early breakfast. Hanoi, the target of U.S. bombers only thirty years before, was now bustling with traffic and new construction. I was proud to be a part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church which, under the leadership of Ralph Watts and Rommie Gainer, had again established humanitarian work in this city.

Amid the babel of honking horns, we boarded the bus that would take us to see one of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) first projects in Vietnam—a unique project called “cow banking.” Our bus would take us up into the mountains west of Hanoi to meet and visit with the people in the area where the “cow banking” project was in process.

As we headed out of town, Roger

Kopitzke, the ADRA director, explained to us that approximately 250,000 people live in this remote area. The people are very poor, and living conditions have been made more difficult because the government has built a large dam, displacing a number of them. Statistics indicate that the annual income for a family in that region is less than \$100 per year. For these reasons, ADRA became involved in this unique “cow banking” project, successfully administered under the direction of Roger's able, national assistant, Nguyen Kin Mai.

With such low incomes, families are dependent on their ability to grow their own food, using traditional methods of agriculture which are very primitive and labor intensive. ADRA's “cow banking” program assists these families by providing each family with one pregnant cow. It is interesting to note that the cows are given to the

women—more responsible than the men, who are likely to sell the cows to buy opium. The animals are used to pull plows and other farming implements. And as calves are born, the family can build up a herd of animals which enhances the economic situation for each family. The family keeps, feeds, and uses the cow as their very own. When the calves are born, it is each family's responsibility to pay back ADRA by returning all female calves to the “cow bank” so that ADRA can make other cows available to new families.

Words cannot adequately describe the wonderful reception that we received when we met families who had been cow recipients. Their gracious smiles, nods of appreciation, and the words that were spoken through an interpreter all showed their sincere appreciation for the assistance that they had been given.

God, in many ways, is using His church to reach out to people. There in the remote mountains of Vietnam, this church through its agency, ADRA, is showing His love. That night as I went to sleep back in my comfortable hotel room in Hanoi, I was so thankful for the work being done by Roger, Kin Mai, and my church.

Norman Klam, Lake Union Conference treasurer, has been writing an ongoing series of reports about the opportunity he had to see the work of ADRA up close.



Construction of a dam forced some villages to relocate on higher ground. This is one of the villages in North Vietnam where “cow banking” is successful in helping women to provide for their families.



ADRA gives women in the highlands of North Vietnam pregnant cows which they can use for pulling farm implements and building a herd. Heifers that the cows produce are returned as payment.

NEW MEMBERS

LAKE REGION

When my mom was 15 years old, reports Edna Henry, Lebanon Church personal and women's ministries leader in Decatur, Illinois, she often went to visit a neighbor lady who read the Bible to her. It was from this lady that Mom first learned about the Sabbath, but our family did not come in contact with the Adventist Church until much later. One day after I had grown up and had children of my own, I picked up a card from *The Bible Story* books at the doctor's office. I sent in the card, and a colporteur visited my home, gave me Bible studies, and I joined the Adventist Church.

One day Mom said she wished she had a Bible. She had lost hers, so I suggested that she take Bible studies. I told her that if she would complete all the Bible lessons, she would be given a Bible to keep. Mom didn't belong to a church, but she was looking for one. She joined a Sunday-keeping church, but she also began attending the Adventist Church. An Adventist church member, Julia Potter, picked her up and took her to church each week.

One day a Sunday-keeping friend came over to her house, and they got into a discussion about the Sabbath. Mom got out her Bible and showed her friend what the Bible teaches. After that experience, Mom said to herself, "If you worked so hard to tell her why she should go to church on Sabbath, why are you where you're at?" Mom was baptized and joined the Adventist Church in 1973.

My mom and dad had gotten a divorce when I was twenty-nine years old. They had both remarried; however, their spouses had both died a year or two apart. Soon after my father's second wife died, he became sick, and my sisters, brother, and I took care of him. Mom was with us during this time, fixing food, running errands,

and helping where she could. Somehow the old spark was rekindled, and my parents remarried.

By the time Mom and Dad were remarried in 1995, Mom had become a faithful Seventh-day Adventist. She witnessed to Dad by living a true Christian life and telling him about Jesus. Dad started going to church, and after completing the *Amazing Facts* Bible lessons, he made his decision to be baptized.

I had been taking my granddaughter, **Toni Whitfield**, to church with me since she was a baby. Through the years I had continued to pray for her that she would choose Jesus to be her personal Savior. My joy was complete when 17-year-old Toni made the decision to be baptized with her great-grandfather, **Charlie H. Rice**, on November 23, 1996.



Toni Whitfield was baptized with her great-grandfather, Charlie H. Rice

MICHIGAN

Debby Konyn grew up in a Christian home where she developed a deep loyalty to the Catholic faith of her parents. Years passed by, and with them personal heartaches. Then one day Debby moved to Escanaba, Michigan, to become director of nurses in a nursing home. There she met and became a close friend of Rita Binford, a Seventh-day Adventist Christian who was a registered nurse.

Debby was praying for a clear understanding of God's will for her life. Those prayers began to be answered

when Rita invited Debby to an Adventist social function where she could introduce her to the Escanaba Church family. Among those Debby met that evening was Buck LaMarche, a dedicated young man who had joined the Adventist Church by baptism just three years earlier.

During the following weeks, Debby and Buck became good friends, and he invited her to attend church with him. When Buck perceived her deep interest in learning and understanding what the Bible teaches, he began Bible studies with her. During this time, Debby felt loved and welcomed by her new church friends.

When the *Cosmic Conflict Crusade* began in the Escanaba Church, Debby attended the meetings every night. Although the doctrines taught at the crusade sometimes conflicted with her loyalty to the Catholic faith and her childhood upbringing, she chose to believe, and she surrendered her heart to Bible truths.

Sabbath, May 17, was a special and blessed day for Debby, Rita, and Buck. Debby was baptized by evangelist Dan Collins and Escanaba's pastor, Oscar Montes. As she rose from the baptismal waters, anointed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, her face was radiant. Truly, God had answered the cry of her heart as step by step she had been led into a righteousness-by-faith relationship with Jesus and a loving relationship with His remnant church.

Kay Collins, Cosmic Conflict correspondent



From left: Rita Binford, Debby Konyn, and Buck LaMarche rejoice at the providential leading of God in Debby's life and baptism.

Adventist Education Unites Children Across the Division in Distance Learning Pilot

BY SHEILA ELWIN

An exciting distance learning project which promises to launch Adventist education into the 21st century has been embraced by the North American Division (NAD). The AE21—or Adventist Education for the 21st Century—Satellite Network will bring students and teachers across the division together with educational specialists, scientists, church leaders, authors, and others for a cooperative learning venture beginning in the fall of 1997.

YESTERDAY

During the '96-'97 school year, the Southern Union Conference was asked to pilot distance learning in 20 of its schools. Teaming up with Educational Management Group (EMG), a company which provides learning materials via satellite, the schools were able to tap into a vast data bank of resources, participate in live interactions with experts, and expand their view of the world.

The success of this experiment led the North American Division to enter into a contract with EMG, making these resources available to all Adventist educators across North America. Additionally, educators are studying the merits of other forms of distance education. Several academies will be joining together via telephone and cable connections to "exchange" teacher talents. Others are partnering with junior academies to broadcast special classes. Adventist colleges and universities, too, are beginning to plan for classes offered via satellite to

students not able to leave their local settings.

TODAY

Another bold experiment began August 25 with eight one-teacher schools across the United States. Small schools often balance precariously as they try to meet the needs of students, provide a high quality education, and work within very limited resources. An AE21 pilot will address these small school concerns. The pilot schools are installing equipment which will enable students in all eight locations to be taught by one teacher via satellite. Greg Thompson, a master teacher, will broadcast live daily from a studio located in the Florida Conference office. He will relieve the on-site teachers by teaching science, social studies, language arts, and reading skills to the fifth- through eighth-graders in each school. The students will interact with Thompson and their peers at the other participating schools.

To meet the challenges of this style of learning, a team of educators was brought together from several conferences and Andrews University. Led by Elaine Plemons, NAD coordinator and trainer for EMG services, they developed a new multiple-subject curriculum which is designed to make learning practical and applicable to everyday situations. For example, a unit on the Mississippi River might have the children studying soil samples and water life biology for science, life in the nearby agricultural communities for social studies, and topical books and vocabulary words for language arts. At the same time, the on-site teachers

could introduce math into the picture via such projects as measuring units of rainfall, water level, and width of the river. Religious heritage, also, could be explored as the students learn of the initial work of the Adventist Church along the river's path. Each of these study topics will be enhanced through video, computer-based simulations, electronic links, interaction with specialists, printed materials, and the Internet.

Participating in the one-year pilot will be students from The Dalles, Oregon; DeLand and Gainesville, Florida; Rapid City, South Dakota; Raymond, Wisconsin; Fairview Village, Pennsylvania; Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; and Ithaca, Michigan.

"Our small schools across North America are in jeopardy," states Jim Epperson, director of education for the Southern Union. "Increased costs and academic demands are stretching our already limited resources to a point of crisis, resulting in the closure of dozens of schools across the division. This pilot is a bold step to try to address some of these issues."

TOMORROW

If this experiment is successful, it will open multiple opportunities to use distance learning in small schools and will, perhaps, add security to the future of the small school in the Adventist school system. Please join the NAD education family in prayer for these pioneering students, teachers, and parents as they begin their adventure.

Sheila Elwin is communication liaison for Southern Union and Educational Management Group (EMG).

The Power

BY GARY RANDOLPH

We all appreciate and defend the "power of choice" granted to us by God. He created us so that we have the opportunity to make choices—moral and otherwise. Sin was brought upon the earth as the consequence of a wrong moral choice. There has and always will be consequences of our choices.

Both our country and our church are organized and operated in the democratic form of government where people are given the opportunity to make their own decisions or to vote for representatives who will carry out their wishes.

The church has provided education from kindergarten through college (grades K-16) for many of its members since its beginnings in Battle Creek, Michigan. Each individual has the right to choose when, where, and what school to attend. That school may be a church school, a private school, a public school, or a home school.

The choice whether one attends a local Seventh-day Adventist school, a public school, home school, or some other private school has a consequence. If a church has a small school and some parents choose not to send their children to that school, it may have to close. Twenty schools have closed in the Lake Union since 1981. However, half that number have reopened, and new schools have been established.

Students of high school age can make the choice to attend an Adventist boarding academy, a public school, a home school, a private school, or in an Adventist populated

area, a day academy. However some students have chosen a public or other local educational option because their parents want them to be at home. Other issues such as finances, transportation, curriculum, and perceived teacher and academic strength complicate the picture.

Now, I want to assure you that we at the Lake Union education department are not here to judge anyone's choice. Neither is this article intended to make one feel guilty about the choices that may have been made. Its intent is to provide information and new options, so that choices can be made with intelligence and accountability.

Lake Union Conference elementary (grades K-8) enrollment has dropped 40% in 30 years, and secondary (grades 9-12) enrollment has dropped about 25%. Why? The most obvious answer is that the birthrate has declined. I believe other issues are contributing to this decline in enrollment as well.

It is estimated that 55% of

Considering educational o

Adventist students do not attend Adventist schools. Some would point out that today's parents lack commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education. However, the Valuegenesis¹ study showed that the membership strongly (85-95%) supported Adventist schools.

Perhaps the reason for the decline in enrollment is just that people are exercising the power of choice which is their right. Now we are caught in a dilemma—how to support choice,

of Choice



ns and their consequences

develop options to serve more students, and yet maintain a student body large enough to support a school. Your conference and educational administrators are constantly grappling with this question. What would you do?

We cannot ignore the fact that we are serving a smaller segment of the membership. How can we serve more? One option is a course called The Bridge² that Home Study International has recently developed and is making

available.

Some families may choose to home-school their children. Your education department is prepared to be as helpful as possible as allowed by state law and denominational policy. We can provide suggestions on curriculum, textbooks, and time allowances.³

The education department of the North American Division (NAD) has been investigating how to make available additional resources and instruction to our schools through the use of satellite broadcasts.⁴ Also, this school year, eight Adventist schools in North America will be piloting a new method of satellite education, and two of these schools are located in the Lake Union Conference.⁵

WHAT CAN I DO?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Are my choices for educating my children/grandchildren helping or hurting my local school?
2. What suggestions could I make to assist in the search to provide other comparable options that are fair to all

members/students and affordable?

3. Do I have a student in a non-Adventist school setting who could benefit from some course work that is available, such as grade appropriate Bible study courses which public schools cannot provide?
4. Do I run a home school that could be benefitted by curriculum and or other professional information from the administration of the Adventist educational system?
5. How can I, with God's help, be part of the solution, and not part of the problem, of offering Christian education to more Seventh-day Adventist children than ever before. Perhaps church members who have no school-age children could help by sponsoring a child in school.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains a school system to provide an Adventist education to as many of our children as possible—a quality education which includes how to witness and how to serve others—and to furnish an opportunity for all students to accept Christ as their Savior. We seek your prayers and support to that end.

¹ Valuegenesis—a division-wide research project focusing on the faith, values, and commitment of Adventist youth in grades 6–12.

² See the advertisement for THE BRIDGE on page 29 of this issue.

³ See the back page of the *Adventist Review*—North American Division edition, August 1997.

⁴ This program was introduced on page 5 of this issue.

⁵ See "AE21—Adventist Education for the 21st Century" on page 16 of this issue.

Gary Randolph is the Lake Union Conference education director.

Students

"Do Unto Others"

BY BILL REINKE

Bible Labs is a major focus of the Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Lake Union. The idea of service-learning is catching on in public education. Our students, however, have the perspective of serving Christ by serving others, which makes Bible Labs even more meaningful.

Many projects have remained successful over the years, while new ones continue to evolve. Projects vary widely, taking into consideration the needs of the community and the abilities and interests of the students. Some projects involve writing—sending cards to local shut-ins, writing to prisoners in other states, or writing to children in foreign countries. Students assist the local Community Service centers by helping with clothing and food distribution. In some schools, students help with beautification projects such as picking up trash along highways or cleaning up park areas. Others assist local organizations like the Red Cross, homeless shelters, and hospitals. Some students get involved directly in witnessing activities by distributing invitations to evangelistic crusades, serving as greeters and child-care assistants during meetings, and even giving Bible studies. Perhaps the most meaningful



Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI, benefitted from the Bible Labs project at Grand Rapids Junior Academy where students did volunteer work in several departments.

projects are those that help individuals or families who have specific needs.

Students at **Grand Rapids Junior Academy** received special recognition from Harvest Gleaners Food Bank for 135 hours of service during 1996. These hours resulted in 24,975 pounds of food being distributed over a forty-county area. This is just one of the projects that students at Grand Rapids Junior Academy (GRJA) participate in as part of the Bible Labs program.

Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids also benefitted from student volunteers. According to Bible Labs

coordinator, Debra Racz, students in the lower grades helped by measuring, cutting, and folding surgical gauze. Some ninth- and tenth-grade students served on site as registered volunteers. "We worked in the pharmacy, stacked and sterilized IV bags, and prepared kits for diabetes patients," reports Ingrid Slikkers, one of the student volunteers, "I enjoyed it a lot because it makes you feel good when you know that you are helping people."

Another place where students donated time was Mel Trotter Minis-



Students from the Hillside Christian School, Wausau, WI, took home-baked cookies to their police station as a "thank you" for protecting the community. Here they are with Chief of Police Bill Brandimore.

tries, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility. One of the workers, a recovering patient, was amazed that the students were singing spiritual songs as they worked. This led to a discussion about the students' beliefs, including the Sabbath. Ken Kirkham, GRJA principal, states, "The students came back to school excited about the

opportunity they had to share their love for Jesus."

The success of the Bible Labs program at Grand Rapids is due to the team effort of the students, teachers, pastors, and adult volunteers working together to make service to their Master a high priority.

The Hillside Christian School's



Students from Green Bay Junior Academy worked with other volunteers to build a playground in a community park as one of their Bible Labs projects.

Home and School Association in Wausau, WI, has planned and carried out many exciting Bible Labs. One that the students especially enjoy is "cookie day," reports Jody Marsh, teacher of grades 1-8 in this one-room school. For this Bible Lab he and the Home and School leaders, Paula Sachse and Charlyn Marsh, help students prepare cookie dough. The students take the dough home and, with the help of their parents, bake cookies. The next day the students, teacher, and Home and School leaders take the students to area public service employees at police stations and fire departments and give them the cookies as a way of saying "thank you" for protecting the community.

Green Bay Junior Academy

students, grades 5 through 10, helped make a dream playground become a reality for the children of Green Bay, WI, reports Cindy Bunker, Green Bay communication leader. As part of their Bible Labs program, students and their parents worked alongside other volunteers from the community to help build a new 30,000 square foot playground in Pamperin Park.

Cherith Clark, a tenth-grade student at the junior academy, relates, "It was great to work with the community on this project, and it was rewarding to receive thank you notes from children who enjoy the new playground."

The success of the Bible Labs program would not be possible without the efforts of our teachers, pastors, and especially the volunteers who serve as coordinators. Others help by transporting students or making evening phone calls to arrange activities. However, more help is still needed. If you are willing to give a few hours of your time to be a part of this program, please call your local school principal or pastor. It may take some sacrifice, but helping children serve their Master will make it all worthwhile.

Bill Reinke is a Michigan Conference associate superintendent of education.



Cindy Bunker

Students and parents in Green Bay (WI) Junior Academy worked alongside other volunteers from the community to build a new playground in Pamperin Park.



One of the Grand Rapids (MI) Junior Academy Bible Labs projects was to help in Mel Trotter Ministries, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility.



Bible Labs students in the Munising (MI) School distributed food baskets.



Some of the students from Grand Rapids Junior Academy help in the Harvest Gleaners Food Bank. They received special recognition for their 135 hours of service during 1996.

Bible Labs

Students sharing the love of Jesus in their communities



For one of their Bible Labs projects, students in the Edenville (MI) School helped make quilts for babies who were born with the AIDS virus or to drug-addicted mothers.



Jody Marsh

Students at Hillside Christian School, Wausau, WI, baked the cookie dough that was prepared and took the cookies to their fire station. Here they are with Wausau fireman, Mark Krueger.



A Bible Labs project in the Hastings (MI) School was to rake a neighbor's lawn in the fall.

Lawrence Members Step Out for Christ

BY MARTI SCHNEIDER

New life has taken hold of the Adventist Church in Lawrence, Michigan, and new lives have entered its doors. Why? What has made the difference? And exactly what is happening?

A Spanish-language church was planted in the town of Lawrence in 1993. Most of those attending, usually about 15 people, were some missionary-minded members of the Spanish Church in Berrien Springs and seminary students at Andrews University. Very few, if any, members or visitors came from the community surrounding the church.

THE CHALLENGE

God spoke through Marie Saroza, director of the Sabbath school in Lawrence, who had been reading the book *What Happens When Women Pray*. "We must pray before we lay any plans," she urged. "Let's organize intercessory prayer groups. The church has always worked, but we have never really prayed before making our plans." The church members accepted the challenge, and they began to gather on Friday nights for prayer, asking God for a vision of what to do, for help in finding and reaching the people who were out there waiting, and for God to use *them*.

On the January Sabbath of the North American Division Day of Fasting and Prayer, there was a heavy snowfall, so the members stayed in a



Marie Saroza and Kendall Turcios pray while Roger Hernandez and Epifanio Macy talk to a woman at the door of her home.

home in Berrien Springs and prayed. Kathy Hernandez, wife of seminary student Roger Hernandez, said, "We sensed that we had started planning without praying all those years, but now we were going to God for His instructions."

THE PLAN

First they started praying in the intercessory group on Friday night.

Second, they began to distribute cards in church for each person to write prayer requests on. *Everyone* filled out a card with a prayer request—perhaps job- or health-related. People traded cards, so that during the

week each was praying for and being prayed for by someone else in church—members and visitors alike.

Their third prayer step was to step out of the church and into the neighborhood. On Sabbath afternoons, they visited the homes in the community. While two visited inside a home, two stood outside praying for them. People welcomed them at the door when they simply said, "We have just come to pray for you."

THE TOWN

"One of the key issues," said Roger Hernandez, "was that everyone in the Lawrence Spanish Church lived in

Berrien Springs. Yet there was quite a large Hispanic population in Lawrence. How could we reach them? Our prayer was, 'God give us somebody that lives in Lawrence.'"

Seminary student David Carreon remembers that a man came to the church for help. He and his wife and five children were homeless through the winter of '96-'97, living in their van during the day, staying in homes of friends at night. "In February 1997 they came to the church seeking assistance, and we began to pray with them. One Sabbath morning I was leading the prayer time for the worship service. He and his wife were in tears as he said, 'We can't go on living this way anymore.'" David continues, "I was impressed to tell him before the entire group, 'God is going to find you a place to live, and next Sabbath you will come and give your testimony of how God has provided for your family.' The next Tuesday they found a home right next door to the church. They have accepted the Sabbath, the message, and are planning to join the

church. He is already giving Bible studies."

Through this man, the Lawrence Spanish Church has been able to break into the network of the Hispanic population. He has brought his mom, sister, six people from his job, and others—a total of 20 people. This miracle is a foundation on which to build.

THE PROGRESS

By the first weekend in March, attendance had grown to forty or forty-five. The church decided to have a crusade. For three weeks they saturated the town with phone calls, visits, letters, posters—anything to let people know that there would be something special during the Easter week. They wanted the people of Lawrence to know there was a Spanish church in town.

For the week before Easter, the church was divided into three groups, five members each, to conduct three mini-crusades in three homes led by lay people—two crusades for adults,

one for teenagers. All were then invited to the church for an Easter weekend extravaganza. An Adventist Christian singer was brought from Puerto Rico. There were thirty-five to forty visitors, and on Sunday evening 22 people expressed an interest in finding out what it means to be an Adventist.

One week later, the first elder, Epifanio Macey, opened a five-week crusade in the church conducted by lay people, and 12 people have joined the church as a result.

YOUR CHALLENGE

Roger Hernandez says earnestly, "I believe that our best resource, yet so little used, is prayer. It is so simple. If we really understood prayer, if we realized that the battle is not physical but a spiritual battle between evil and good, and that our work is not based on human plans (even though they might be good), we would find our job to be much easier. The hard part is to set the time apart to pray, especially when the emotion wears off. Even in our crusade, for a couple of days we didn't pray, and the attendance went down. If this can happen in a small town, it can happen in a big city, anywhere. I challenge you to see the difference prayer can make in your outreach."



Pedro Perez, former pastor of the Lawrence Church baptized five children. Their parents joined the church by profession of faith.

Marti Schneider is a secretary at the North American Division Evangelistic Institute and wife of Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president.

Editor's note: *The North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) is located in Berrien Springs, MI. The mission of NADEI is to provide training for seminarians in the art of soul winning, as well as serving as a resource for evangelistic training for the North American Division. NADEI is associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.*

A Day in the Life of the Rojas Family

*Youth Evangelist José Rojas
explains his decision to home-school*

BY HEATHER OSBORN

When 13-year-old Rebecca Sealton won the National Spelling Bee this May, she affirmed what many people already believed—home-schooling really works. Rebecca beat 245 competitors, correctly spelling the word *euonym* and making history as the first home-schooler to win the event.

Whether they do it for religious reasons, to accelerate the educational process (like Rebecca), or because local schools do not meet their needs, more families are turning to home-schooling than ever before. Popular youth evangelist José Rojas and his wife, Ruthie, are part of the growing movement.

HOME-SCHOOLING FOR THE FAMILY

Their situation is unique compared to most. As director of youth ministries for the North American Division, José travels around the world. With a busy travel schedule, he decided the best way to spend time with his children is to home-school them. The experience has brought the family closer together, enabling the children to go on trips with their father. "What's really important is the bonding as a family we have experienced due to home-schooling," says José. Because of their particular

situation, enrolling at Home Study International (HSI) was the best way to make that commitment.

A ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

The family turned one of their bedrooms into a schoolroom. Although nine-year-old Veronica is the only Rojas child enrolled at HSI, both Angelica and Gabriel, ages seven and five, attend her classes. "It's just like a one-room schoolhouse," says José with a smile.

Each school day starts with a salute to the flag followed by worship, singing, show-and-tell, and regular school subjects. When José gets home from work, the family sometimes sings for over an hour. It was in one of these "music classes" that Veronica, at age seven, composed the tune for last year's Vacation Bible School theme song, "Wonderfully Made."

Home-schooling has also been beneficial because of their bilingual home. English is primarily spoken during school hours with Spanish reserved for other times. Language was a concern to Ruthie when she considered educational options. "Home-schooling allows me to spend quality time with my children," she explains. "Each day I see where they are and what they are learning. I can help them with their weak points, and I can encourage them in their strong points."



Veronica and her mother work on a difficult math problem at her desk in the bedroom-turned-schoolroom.

HOME STUDY INTERNATIONAL'S COMPLETE PACKAGE FOR SCHOOLING AT HOME

Home-schooling is not for everyone. But when it's your best option, enrolling at Home Study International equips you with everything you need in one complete package. "HSI's curriculum is solid and easy to implement," says José.

"If we don't teach our children now, we'll lose them later," declares José. For his family, home-schooling is about spending quality time together. For your family, it may be a way to travel together, join a touring gymnastics team, or volunteer at the local shelter.

Home-schooling is becoming a *euonym*, or an appropriate name, for education. Just ask Rebecca or Veronica.

Heather Osborn is a sophomore English and communications major at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, MD. She works in the marketing department at Home Study International.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

BRANCH Director on Fire



Matthew Gamble,
1997-98 BRANCH
director.

Jack Stenger, AU PR

BRANCH (Bringing Andrews to Christ) is a student-led ministry called to fan the Spirit's fire at Andrews. This year's director, sophomore religion major Matthew Gamble, takes a "flamethrower" approach toward campus revival. His words and vision for the school year come out in copious waves. An excerpt from a recent conversation:

"Yes, I'm sensing a spiritual revival on our campus, and I know a lot of students are seeking to form a deep friendship with Jesus . . . Christ is real. He's living, not dead. So when I go to church, it shouldn't feel like a funeral . . . Revival should be like a roaring flame on this campus, like a bright torch. My goal is to get people activated about Jesus Christ, not just for a year, but for a lifetime."

Andrews Sculpture Coming Soon

A sculpture of John Nevins Andrews will be completed this fall and will be installed on the campus in spring 1998. Funding for the sculpture has been provided by Andrews alumni and other donors. It will stand in front of Pioneer Memorial Church.



Sculptor Alan Collins makes the finishing touches.

The Alumni Association commissioned the work to honor the missionary vision of Andrews and his family. In 1960, Emmanuel Missionary College was renamed Andrews University to honor Andrews, the church's first sponsored missionary.

Work on the seven-foot-tall bronze sculpture started in 1993. When set on its limestone base, it's height will reach 10 feet. It depicts Andrews and his two children, Charles, 17, and Mary, 12, standing on a Boston dock in 1874 as they prepare to depart for Switzerland.

The sculptor, British-born Alan Collins is an internationally known Adventist artist. Among his commissioned works are "The Good Samaritan" at Loma Linda University and "Regeneration," a 22-foot-high symbolic form which stands before the Science Complex on campus. A resident of Salinas, CA, Collins taught art at Andrews in the 1970s.

Camp Au Sable Connections

Long regarded as one of North America's premiere Adventist summer camps, Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI, is a jewel in the crown of the Michigan Conference. So who does the conference turn to for staff? Andrews University, says Gary Thurber, Michigan Conference youth director.

As camp director, Thurber oversees hiring for the 50-member summer staff of counselors. The requirements? Strong



Andrews counselors and staff at Camp Au Sable.

interpersonal skills, love for children, and a dynamic spiritual walk. This year, more than half of the counselors who meet these requirements are Andrews students.

"They are a tremendous bunch of kids," Thurber says. "When I think of their leadership and skills, I know our church's future is in good hands."

Not only do Andrews students comprise a significant percentage of the counselors, but they also make up the bulk of the camp administration. Alexis and Islem Matthey are the directors of the boys and girls camps, respectively. A brother-and-sister team from Berrien Springs, they are both university seniors. He studies English; she studies social work. At summer camp they study child psychology, human (counselor) relations, and the ultimate biology class—God's pristine creation in glorious abundance on the 840-acre camp. "If nature is God's second book, then this place is one of his best stories," said Alexis.

Jack Stenger, public information officer.

AE21—Adventist Education for the 21st Century

Michigan — Education is up in the air this fall in the Ithaca school—literally! The Ithaca school is one of eight elementary schools in the North American Division (NAD) piloting a new satellite educational delivery system.

Pilot program. Students in grades 5-8 will be taught social studies, science, and language arts by a master Seventh-day Adventist teacher who will be physically located in Florida. This teacher will be able to hear the students in the Ithaca school, and the students will be able to see and hear the

teacher live on the TV screen in their classroom. The teacher will have access to a vast video and audio library to help enhance the learning experience.

Educational Management Group (EMG) is a distance-learning company located in Phoenix, AZ. They are working with the NAD

to make satellite-delivered instruction available to all Adventist schools. Rapid advances in technology have made it difficult for teachers to sift through ever-changing resource materials in order to meet the needs of their students.

Satellite-delivered resources now. Recognizing the need for teachers and small schools to stay on the cutting edge, EMG and the NAD have also teamed up to offer each school in the division the opportunity to have satellite-delivered resources available this fall. Some of the resources available to schools include:

- interaction with field specialists or world-renowned scientists,
- access to product-support personnel for technical assistance,
- thousands of video segments that will enhance teaching,
- access to EMG's master teachers, which will enhance the learning experience,
- immediate training on third-party software applications, such as Netscape, WordPerfect, etc.,
- membership in an Adventist-facilitated "users group," which shares tips and techniques for using EMG services,
- electronic field trips anywhere in the world, including videos and interaction with people from that country.



From left, Joanna and Rebecca Prouty working at their computers in the Ithaca school.

Bruce Babienko

If a school has an available phone line, speaker phone, TV/VCR, and a fax machine, EMG will install a satellite dish and receiver at the school and provide all the programming and services. This is a great way to provide satellite technology to the Adventist classroom.

*Larry Blackmer, Michigan Conference
associate education superintendent*

New Staff at Wisconsin Academy

Wisconsin — John Thomas, new principal at Wisconsin Academy, is looking forward to continuing the school's academic excellence and emphasis on community service and missions. Thomas, his wife, Nancy (Knowles), and two sons, Michael and John Mark, moved from Georgia-Cumberland Academy, where Thomas had been principal for eight years. Born in South Africa while his parents served as missionaries, he lived in various parts of Africa for a total of 18 years and graduated from Helderberg College High School and then Atlantic Union College. Thomas worked for 13 years in various positions as guidance counselor, vice-principal, Bible teacher, history teacher, and then principal at Union Springs Academy in New York before going to Georgia. To give our young people the tools and inspiration to finish the Lord's work is Thomas' goal.



*John Thomas, new
Wisconsin
Academy principal.*

Bonnie Paden, WA's new girl's dean, comes from Sunnydale Academy in Centralia, MO. Paden will also teach the home economics classes. She plans to continue redecorating the dorm and making it a pleasant "home away from home" for the girls.

Doug Henderson, a recent graduate from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, TX, is the new assistant dean of boys and P.E. teacher. Henderson has a big interest in sports and will be heading up the intramural program. Henderson assists the new head dean, Roy Seals. Seals previously taught the P.E. classes at Wisconsin Academy and will continue to coach the gymnastics team.

Sue Rappette, administrative assistant to the principal.

Education in the Lake Region

Lake Region — The Lake Region Conference schools had a K-12 enrollment of 666 students last year. Approximately 30 of these students were baptized during the year, and 30 seniors will enroll in college this fall. The seven schools will reopen on August 25, 1997, with even more students.

The Capitol City School expects 25 new students. Therefore, they expect to add another teacher to their staff. Principal Rose Rose reports the school received a matching grant for capital improvement from a local foundation. School Board Chairman Elliott Phipps and members are busy raising the

matching funds to build a brand-new school.

Chicago Academy was the recipient of a donation raised by FOCUS for the purchase of technical equipment. This Chicago-based group of six ladies is chaired by Vivian Joseph. Students will benefit from the up-to-date equipment made possible by this generous donation.

Peterson-Warren is "bursting at the seams." Every classroom is packed. Principal Juanita Martin and staff are excited about the new year. Newly appointed teachers, Joan Swamidass, Tanya Brown, and Celestena Thomas will add much to the teaching staff for the new year.

Sharon, Milwaukee was the recipient of a science and math grant. Principal Theresia Taylor and staff continue to seek innovative ways of making quality Christian education affordable and accessible to all who want it. Geraldine Wilson, wife of the Sharon Church pastor, will be joining the teaching staff in Milwaukee.

The Zapara Award for excellence in teaching was presented to Robert Robinson, Chicago Adventist Academy seventh-grade teacher. The award presentation took place during the Lake Region camp meeting. Robinson was presented with a plaque and a substantial monetary gift.

Christian education is an Adventist essential. Let us all do our part to invest in the best of Lake Region. Lake Region's children deserve our best. Lake Region members are urged to do the following: (a) adopt a child or school, (b) remember a school in your endowment or will, (c) send your child to a conference-supported school, and (d) pray without ceasing.

*Carolyn Palmer, Lake Region Conference
education superintendent*

New Michigan Teacher Assignments

Michigan — Spring is a busy time of year for the conference education department, when teachers are placed for the following school year. The Lord has been gracious in bringing quality candidates for these positions. Here is an update of the changes taking place for next school year.

Many of our junior academies will have new principals. These include Delores Qualls at Troy, Bill Worth at Wilson, Audrey Castlebuono at Greater Lansing, Fred Goliath at Warren, and Junior Cowan at Tri-City. Other transfers within the conference include Tammi Hasty to Oak Hollow, Jerry Gebhardt to Benedict Memorial, Melissa Lefler to Owosso, Ed and Luana Harlan to Greater Lansing, Linda Ritzenthaler to Jackson, and Francine Bergman to Grand Ledge.

We are pleased to have two teachers, who have taken time off to be at home with their children, return to the classroom. Terri Morgan will return to Troy as the middle-grade teacher. Sean Kellogg will teach at Pine Mountain School. Joining Sean at Pine Mountain will be Bette Sutherland. Sutherland was a volunteer teacher there this past year, and we are pleased that she has agreed to complete the teaching team on a full-time basis.

Several teachers are transferring into Michigan from other

conferences. William Crawford and Jailyn Morrow are coming from Ohio to teach at Glenwood and Eau Claire respectively. John Carter is joining us from the Northern New England Conference to teach at Grand Rapids. Coming to us from Illinois is Joan Edwards who will teach at Petoskey. We also have two principals joining our conference: Melvin Wade from the Carolina Conference will be principal at Niles, and Don Perkins will be coming back to Michigan from Washington State to be principal at Battle Creek.

We want to give a special welcome to recent graduates who are beginning their teaching careers here in Michigan. From Andrews University we have Julia Aikens teaching at Ann Arbor, Sue Nelson at Maple Ridge, and Ann Leban at Warren. Kari Schebo, newly graduated from Union College, will teach at Blue Water. Kami Meert from Pacific Union College will be the teacher at Superior. We truly believe we have the "cream of the crop" of new graduates and look forward to helping them reach their full potential as teachers.

We ask God's blessing for all our teachers, but especially for these who will be undertaking new responsibilities.

*Bill Reinke, Michigan Conference
associate education superintendent.*

Teachers Commissioned at Camp Meeting

Michigan — During the 1997 camp meeting at Cedar Lake, MI, four exceptional teachers were commissioned during a special ceremony held in the main tent Sabbath afternoon, June 28. They were LeAnn Williams-Austin, who teaches kindergarten through grade two at the Kalamazoo Junior Academy; Duane Gustrowsky, who instructs in five different areas at Battle Creek Academy; Melody Roper, who teaches grades one through four at Oak Hollow Christian School in Lake Orion; and David Sherman, the social studies teacher for grades 7-12 at Battle Creek Academy.

During the commissioning ceremony, all four leaders from the office of education were involved. Dorothea Amey presented a brief life sketch of each teacher, Larry Blackmer led in a dedication liturgy and presented each teacher with a lovely plant, Bill Reinke gave the dedicatory prayer and asked God's continual blessings for the teachers and their students, and Duane Roush, educational director, presented a beautiful plaque of dedication to each teacher.

We are both proud and thankful for these Christian educators who help shape the eternal destiny of each student who has the opportunity to have an Adventist Christian education.

*Bruce Babienco, Michigan Conference
communication associate*



From left, David Sherman, Melody Roper, Duane Gustrowsky, and LeAnn Austin—four Michigan teachers commissioned by the conference education officers.

Teachers Commissioned in Wisconsin

Wisconsin — Three teachers—Jody Marsh and Jonathan and Rebecca Sumner—were commissioned at a special teacher commissioning service, which was combined with an ordination to the gospel ministry service, held at the Wisconsin Conference camp meeting on June 21, reports Herb Wrate, Wisconsin Conference education superintendent. Teacher commissioning services were instituted about ten years ago as a recognition of the sacred responsibility of the teaching ministry within the Adventist Church. Teachers chosen for commissioning must demonstrate a commitment to Adventist education, hold standard denominational teaching certification, and have a minimum of six years of teaching experience.

Jody Marsh came to Wisconsin from teaching at Indiana Academy. He teaches all the grades in the one-room school in Wasau, WI.

Jonathan and Rebecca Sumner are both products of Adventist education. Jonathan teaches all the grades in a one-teacher school in Raymond, WI, and Rebecca teaches grades four, five, and six at Milwaukee Junior Academy.



Jody and Charlyn (Peak) Marsh with daughter, Adele, and son, Jared.

Birthday Books Build Library

Michigan — The Birthday Book Club added 48 new books worth \$427.67 to the Muskegon School library this year, reports Luann Grove, church communication leader. The novel idea to increase the number of books in the school library was

introduced by Susan English, the pastor's wife. The congregation was invited to donate a monetary gift for the child who was having a birthday that month. As it came near the child's birthday, Susan would purchase a book that would be of interest to that student and then put his or her name in the book as the Birthday Book Club's recipient. She also listed the names of all who donated toward the purchase of the book. These books were not textbooks; they were books that would encourage students to read for enjoyment, reference books, and books that stressed Christian values. The Birthday Book Club has been an important blessing for the small 17-student school, and the students gratefully thank the church members for their support.

Ann Arbor School Reopening

Michigan — Because of the Lord's blessings, the Ann Arbor Church will reopen its elementary school this fall for grades 1–3, writes Lynne Johnson, church communication leader. It all became possible because of generous donations of finances and time and the talents of the new people moving into the area. Added to these gifts and blessings are an enthusiastic new teacher, Julia Atkins, who envisions using the abundant resources of the university community; a school board chairperson, Jeanne Cramer, who would like to add a second teacher as early as next year; and a congregation and pastor with a vision for progress and moving forward in faith. Sabrina Pusey, a University of Michigan library science graduate, is volunteering her time to update and organize the school library; and Vienne Oestergaard, a marketing expert, is volunteering her time to help make the school a success.

The school's physical plant was greatly improved when the old flat roof, that had caused numerous water problems, was replaced by a new pitched roof designed by "in-house" architect Steve Erickson, and constructed by Jasper Cochran, a contractor from the Ypsilanti Church. Other volunteering members have given many hours of labor installing noise-reducing materials and ceiling tiles in the gym and sorting through school materials. New carpeting and floor tile will be installed before school begins.

Because of all these blessings, we believe the Lord's hand is guiding in the reopening of our school. If you would like to know more about this school and its mission, please call (313) 429-2059 or (313) 572-1683. We will be thrilled to share all the good news with you.



Newly remodeled Ann Arbor Elementary School.

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Prayer Chain

Michigan — Does God answer prayer? The students and teachers at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES), Berrien Springs, know He does!

During the 1996–1997 school year, 343 students and teachers joined together to pray for specific requests. As prayers were answered, a blue and green "prayer chain" was made to represent each answered prayer—blue links representing prayers for others and green links for personal requests.

Answered prayers included prayers for a lost dog to be found, for a math test to be passed, for safe travel over vacation, for a parent to find work, and for an aunt to recover from surgery. To add a link to the chain, students could simply sign their names on the link or write out their requests and the answers.



Claude Hines

Students helped to carry the "prayer chain" the length of each of the aisles to the front of Pioneer Memorial Church during both church services. James Martz, RMES principal, shared with the congregation the tremendous blessing prayer has been to our school.

Students and teachers prayed at home, at church, at school during morning worships, and often the whole school would pause together in the middle of the day to pray. Prayer links from

students and teachers were joined together and hung outside of the classrooms and the office. Everywhere one went in our building, there was a visual reminder that God is alive, He does listen, He cares about our lives, and He does answer our prayers. By the end of the school year, there were 3,210 links that lined every hallway in our building.

A school curriculum that nurtures the spiritual beliefs and values of a young person is without price. Are you giving your child an Adventist Christian education this year?

Linda Fuchs, sixth-grade teacher,
and James Martz, principal,
Ruth Murdoch Elementary School

River Otter Academy

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. . . . Proverbs 17:22



With James and Priscilla Tucker

River Otters are devoted parents. Their two or three pups, born in spring, are born blind and open their eyes about thirty days later. During the first few months of their lives, their mother guards them from all danger, forbidding even their father to go near them. When the babies are a few months old, the father once again joins the family unit, and the task of teaching the babies to swim begins.

But first the babies have to be coaxed into the water—because River Otters don't take to water naturally!

River Otter pups have to be tricked into entering the water for the first time. They *do not* want to get their feet wet! Can you imagine that? Sometimes the mother uses a crayfish to lure them in. Other times she carries them piggyback into deep water and drops them. Then it's sink

or swim for the babies. But the little otters quickly learn to paddle around and are soon diving and frolicking on their own.

Watching a River Otter, you can't help but be convinced that this animal enjoys life to the fullest. Families of otters take turns sliding down mudbanks and snowbanks, depending on the time of year. Each otter tucks its legs back and throws itself down in a belly flop, then glides headlong downhill and into the water below. The otter may then swim under the water or ice to appear as far away as a quarter mile. (A River Otter can remain submerged for as long as four minutes.) But the merry mammal is more likely to go right back up the hill to slide down again. Play is a natural part of every otter's daily life.

River Otter Slide

This activity will keep you cool on a hot day.

Items needed

sheet of heavy plastic, such as an old plastic shower curtain or tablecloth
hose hooked up to a water source
bathing suit

Procedure

1. Lay the sheet of plastic on flat ground.
2. Position the nozzle of the hose at one end of the plastic sheet.
3. Turn the water on.
4. Run, jump, and slide on the slippery surface.

What do you do in winter that compares to an otter zooming down a snowbank?

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a bimonthly newsletter to help parents, teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.



Herb Larsen has retired from his position as the Lake Union Conference secretary.

Larsen Retires

Herb Larsen, executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference, retired Aug. 1, after serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in various capacities for 32 years. He has been a district pastor, conference departmental director, conference secretary, conference president, and secretary of the Lake Union Conference from 1987 to the present. While working in Alberta, Canada, as the conference lay activities director, he worked closely with the provincial government establishing relationships that were the beginnings of ADRA/Canada.

Larsen was born in Shanghai, China, of missionary parents, and has had an international outlook ever since. He has traveled extensively around the world, living in Jamaica, Canada, and the United States.

A product of Adventist education in the Lake Union, he attended elementary school in Poi Sippi, WI, attended both Bethel and Hylandale academies, and graduated from Wisconsin Academy in 1950. He attended Emmanuel Missionary College, LaSierra College, and graduated from Canadian Union College in 1964, after serving in the Korean War. He earned a master of arts degree in religion from Andrews University in 1965.

Larsen married Lorraine Schneider of Merrill, WI, in 1951, and they have three sons, Herbert Jr., Donavon, and Gregory, all living in western Canada. The Larsens will be moving to the northwest to be near their sons and their families.

Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president, says, "I have known Herb and Lorraine since I was a boy. In fact, it was Lorraine's father that brought my family into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Herb has been a life-long supporter of evangelism, and his enthusiasm will be missed. We all wish him well in his retirement."

Richard Dower, editor

Lake Union Conference Welcomes New Secretary

Walter L. Wright has accepted the position of executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Elected at the Lake Union Executive Committee on May 28, Wright will take up his duties September 15.

Wright has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in

various capacities for 27 years, serving as a pastor; an evangelist; a local conference departmental director in Sabbath school, communication, religious liberty, children's ministries, and family life; and as a ministerial secretary. Most recently he has been vice-president of the Southwestern Union Conference, where he focused on family ministries, Sabbath school, and youth, in addition to coordinating the union's Ministries Resource Center.

Wright received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Ohio State University, studied pastoral counseling at Andrews University, earned a Master of Arts degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in Evansville, IN, and has a Doctor of Divinity degree from International Bible Seminary in Orlando, FL.

Wright is a Certified Family Life Educator, certified by the National Council on Family Relations and the Association of Adventist Family Life Professionals, and has conducted seminars and evangelistic crusades on four continents. His wife, Jackie, assists in their family life ministry and shared in the development of their "Marriage Maintenance Seminar." She has been serving as personal computer support and secretary for the information systems services department at the Southwestern Union Conference headquarters.

The Wrights have four adult children. Walter Jr., an engineer for the Sony Corporation, lives in Burbank, CA; David, a computer programmer and analyst lives in Menton, CA; Harold, a psychologist, lives in Dayton, OH; and Lisa, a physical therapist, also lives in Dayton.

Wright says that while being executive secretary is a full time job, he hopes to do family wellness ministry as time allows. "I want to enhance family wellness among the pastors and workers within the territory of the Lake Union Conference," he adds.

Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president, said, "We welcome Walter Wright to our administrative team. He and his wife, Jackie, bring special strengths and skills along with happy attitudes that will add much to the work of our union, which is to share the love of Jesus with others."



Walter and Jackie Wright are joining the Lake Union Conference family as secretary.

Remembering the Past— Looking to the Future

Wisconsin—Clear Lake Church members recently celebrated their 100th anniversary with two commemorative weekends, reports Beth Nelson, communication leader. More than 75 guests from nearby churches, as well as from the Clear Lake community, attended a centennial service on Sabbath, May 17, which was the actual date of the church's founding.



The Clear Lake Church family.

Seventh-day Adventists first met in the Clear Lake area for campmeeting in 1873. During that convocation, Ole Olson, who later became a General Conference president, was ordained to the gospel ministry. Twenty years later, Elders D. C. Burch and J. C. Mikkelsen held meetings throughout the winter of 1896-97, and several families accepted the seventh-day Sabbath. The Clear Lake Church was officially organized by William Covert, Wisconsin Conference president, in May of 1897 with 19 charter members. Today the church membership includes three direct descendants of charter members, Thomas Nelson and his daughter, Elizabeth; and Jeanine Nelson Loenser. Fifteen members whose families joined the church



Visitors study the lists of church officers and photos of former pastors and teachers who have served the church since 1897.

between 1900 and 1912 are now third-fourth- and fifth-generation Clear Lake Adventists.

In 1899, the congregation opened its elementary school, which has operated continuously for the past 98 years. From 1927 until 1972, ninth- and tenth-grades were offered. During those years, many families moved to the area to educate their children.

Guests from 20 states, including three former pastors and fourteen former teachers, joined the regular church attendees for a second cen-



Douglas and Adelaide Nelson, members for 55 and 57 years respectively, and Clarice Nelson (seated), a member for 56 1/2 years.

tennial celebration on July 4-5. A son and daughter of Clear Lake's first pastor, Henry Grundset, also attended.

Paul Johnson, former pastor, spoke for Friday evening vespers. Alvin Klein, former pastor, presented the Sabbath school lesson study. Following a mission report by LaVerne and Juanita Bissell, former teachers, Eugene Taylor, former pastor, played a violin solo. Lenard Jaecks, who began his ministry in Clear Lake in 1957 and recently retired as Washington conference president, delivered the morning message.

During an afternoon program hosted by former member, Melvin Rosen, whose grandfather, Sven, joined the Clear Lake Church in 1901, guests presented instrumental and vocal selections and reminiscences. Clarice Nelson, Annie and Stanley Sickler, and Adelaide and Douglas Nelson were recognized as having held memberships in the church the longest. The record, however, was held by Nellie Samples Nelson, daughter of charter members, who was a member for 81 years until her death in 1991.



Nearly 300 people enjoyed fellowship dinner on Sabbath July 5 in a large tent beside the Clear Lake Church.

Pioneer Memorial Says Goodbye

Michigan — On June 21, the Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) family said farewell to David and Martha Rand and Pat and Jane Morrison, two pastoral families whose combined ministry to PMC totals 30 years of service. Rand is retiring, and Morrison is moving to Atlantic Union College to be the senior pastor of the college church. The two associate pastors were specifically assigned as chaplains to the Andrews University campus, and their wives were involved in effective ministries in the church and community.

Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor, guided the departing pastors through an interview about their families and reflections of their time at PMC. These reflections came to a climax as Nelson presented a warmly-worded bronze plaque to each pastor, while the congregation spontaneously united in a standing ovation and then sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." How thankful we are for all pastoral families who, in love and understanding, minister to God's people.

Bruce Babiencko, Michigan Conference associate in communication



Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor (center), with David and Martha Rand (left) and Patrick and Jane Morrison (right).

Ministry Symposium to Target Generation X Issues

The Generation X Symposium will be held November 18 and 19, 1997, at The Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA. The registration fee is \$25.00 per delegate. For further information or to register by phone with MasterCard or Visa, call (800) SDA-PLUS. Registrants are provided with the symposium notebook, Tuesday supper, Wednesday breakfast, and admission to all symposium presentations. Continuing education units and/or academic credit are available to symposium delegates.

Christian ministry is faced with intriguing challenges as it reaches out to Generation X—young adults born 1961–1981.

This year's symposium will feature William Mahedy and Janet Bernardi, authors of *A Generation Alone: GenXers Making Their Place in the World*. Mahedy and Bernardi have a ministry for and personal experience with Xers, providing them with valuable insights which they will share. Steve Daily, author of *Adventism for a New Generation*, will also be a featured presenter. Daily has ministered to young adults for more than seventeen years and brings his rich understanding of Adventism to intersect with the challenges of reaching Generation X.

Other special guests include Shasta Emery, Adventist Intercollegiate Association (AIA) president; Willie Oliver, North American Division (NAD) family life ministries director; José Rojas, NAD teen/young adult ministries director; Celeste Ryan, Adventist View editor; and Mike Yaconelli, co-founder and owner of Youth Specialties. Rupert Young and Allan Williamson, respective presidents of the Association of Adventist Family Life Professionals (AAFLP) and the Association of Adventist Youth Ministry Professionals (AAYMP), will also be in attendance.

The Generation X Symposium is being held just prior to the Youth Specialties National Youthworkers Convention (YSNYC), to occur at the same location. Registrants can make hotel accommodations by calling The Town & Country Hotel reservations, (800) 772-8527. A special convention registration discount is available for symposium delegates who are planning to attend both events. For more information on YSNYC, which follows the Generation X Symposium, call (619) 440-2333, ext. C.

Youth workers, educators, family life and youth/young adult ministry professionals are especially encouraged to attend. The symposium is sponsored by AAFLP, AAYMP, dream VISION ministries, NAD Family Life Ministries, NAD Teen/Young Adult Ministries, Southern and Southeastern California Conference Young Adult Ministries. For further information on the symposium, call (800) SDA-PLUS. Or send inquiries via e-mail to AAYMP Public Relations, 74532.3315@CompuServe.com.

WEDDINGS

Denise Holder and Jeffery Wright were married June 29, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson.

Denise is the daughter of Dennis Branch of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and Marian Holder of Berrien Springs, MI, and Jeffery is the son of Bruce and Judy Wright of Jackson, MI.

The Wrights are making their home in Silver Spring, MD.

Gina Renee Job and Brendon Blake were married June 22, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Ivan C. Blake.

Gina is the daughter of David and Ann Job of Orlando, FL, and Brendon is the son of Ivan and Elvera Blake of Phoenix, AZ.

The Blakes are making their home in Berrien Springs.

Nancy Riemann and Corwin Shepler were married June 29, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Buz Menhardt.

Nancy is the daughter of Herbert and Billie Riemann of Berrien Springs, MI, and Tana Nutt of Niles, MI, and Cory is the son of Wanda and the late Tom Shepler of Dowagiac, MI.

The Sheplers are making their home in Niles.

April Remington and Steven Elliott were married June 22, 1997, in Grand Ledge, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Bill Cowin.

April is the daughter of Katherine Remington of Portland, MI, and Steven is the son of David and Donna Elliott of Portland.

The Elliots are making their home in Portland.

OBITUARIES

GRIESMAN, John A. Jr., age 91; born Feb. 2, 1906, in Krasny Yar, Russia; died June 22, 1997, in Ashwaubenon, WI. He was a member of the Green Bay (WI) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Vernon, Richard, and Norbert; daughter, Patricia Bunker; brother, Rueben; sister, Freda Kitchen-Krusemark; 8 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Marvin Clark, and inurnment was in Naples, FL.

HOFFMAN, Evle A., age 87; born Feb. 16, 1910, in Sterling Twp., Polk Cty., WI; died June 18, 1997, in Trade River, WI. She was a member of the Frederic (WI) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Loran and Joel; daughters, Elsie Luedtke and Maxine Hauble; 17 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Roger Inouye and Pastor Wendell Springer, and interment was in Trade River Free Cemetery.

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Survivors include his brother, Darrel; sisters, Avonne Thompson, Gladys Gorecki, and Phylis Clementi.

Interment was in Rock Island Arsenal, Moline.

SAXILD, Louise, age 88; born Sept. 12, 1908, in Manitowoc, WI; died July 1, 1997, in Racine, WI. She was a member of the Racine (WI) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Joy Clemons; sister, Irene Slezak; 5 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

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Sept. 15-22—Orientation and Registration; **23**—Classes begin; **Oct. 6-11**—Week of Spiritual Emphasis; **Every Sabbath in October**—Mendelssohn at Vespers (PMC).

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Sept. 13—Missions Extension/World Budget; **20**—Church Budget; **27**—Local Conference Advance, 13th Sabbath; **Oct. 4**—Outreach/Church Budget; **11**—Voice of Prophecy/World Budget.

Special Days: Sept. 13-20—Family Togetherness Week; **27**—Hispanic Heritage Day; **Oct. 4**—Children's Sabbath; **4-11**—Health Education Week.

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The 1997 Andrews Academy Alumni Weekend will be held Oct. 17-18 at the academy. All academy alumni should make plans now to join special services on Friday evening and all day on Sabbath. Honored classes are '38, '48, '73, '78, '88 and '96. Featured speaker for Sabbath is Randy Fishell, '73, associate editor of *Guide* magazine. For further details contact Becky Becker, (616) 471-6140, fax: (616) 471-6368; e-mail: bekyb@andrews.edu.

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ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14
Breath of Life, Mon: "What Is God Like?—Part 1." JOY Trio sings "Fear Not, Little Flock."

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "DHEA: Is it the Fountain of Youth?"

It Is Written: "Where Is God When We Suffer?"

La Voz de la Esperanza: "¿Como Envejecer Sin Retroceder?" (How to Get Old Without Being Negative.)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Creative Like God;" *Mon-Fri:* "Are These 'Touched by an Angel' Angels Real?"

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21
Breath of Life, Mon: What Is God Like?—Part 2. JOY Trio sings "Fear Not, Little Flock."

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Wisconsin	<u>1,994,375</u>	<u>1,895,139</u>	<u>99,236</u>	<u>5.24%</u>	<u>322.77</u>	<u>310.22</u>
TOTAL	20,833,596	19,353,195	1,480,401	7.65%	300.32	282.48

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24
Berrien Springs, MI	7:48	7:36	7:24	7:12	7:01	6:51
Chicago	6:54	6:41	6:29	6:18	6:07	5:56
Detroit	7:37	7:24	7:12	7:00	6:49	6:38
Indianapolis	6:48	6:36	6:25	6:14	6:03	5:54
La Crosse, WI	7:09	6:56	6:43	6:30	6:19	6:07
Lansing, MI	7:41	7:29	7:16	7:04	6:53	6:42
Madison, WI	7:01	6:48	6:36	6:23	6:12	6:01
Springfield, IL	7:01	6:50	6:38	6:27	6:17	6:07

Magazine: "Medical Negligence: Can You Prevent It?"

It Is Written: "Will the Real Holy Spirit Stand Up?" Matt Bittner sings "He Touched Me."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Por Gracia Sois Salvos." (By Grace Are Ye Saved.)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Whose Approval Do You Want?" *Mon-Fri*: "Can't Stop Hating You!"

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28

Breath of Life, Mon: "Capricious Grace."

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome."

It Is Written: "Why Teens Are Dying."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Siete Tesoros del Botin de Cristo." (Seven Treasures from Christ's Loot.)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: to be announced; *Mon-Fri*: "Who Survived Heaven's Gate?—Part 1."

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5

Breath of Life, Mon: "Questions and Answers." JOY Trio sings, "He's the Source of Our Joy."

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine: "Are You Food Smart?"

It Is Written: "Wired for God." Matt Bittner sings "Peo-

ple Need the Lord."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Juventud Que Triunfa." (Young People Who Triumph.)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: to be announced; *Mon-Fri*: "Who Survived Heaven's Gate?—Part 2."

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Sept 13, 4:00–6:00 p.m.: "Cross Training—Mobilizing Volunteers;" satellite to be announced. 6:00–8:00 p.m.: Women's Ministries event.

Sept 16, 23, 30, 8–8:30 p.m., ET: "ADRA's World;" Galaxy 3, Channel 23.

October 1, 7:30–9 p.m. EDT—First Wednesday; Galaxy 9, Channel 1.

October 7, 14, 21, 28, 8:30–9 p.m. EDT—ADRA's World; Galaxy 3, Channel 23.

October 3–November 1, 8–9 p.m. EDT, SatELIGHT Seminar—evangelism series with Doug Batchelor, speaker-director for *Amazing Facts*; Galaxy 3, Channel 23. (No meetings Monday or Thursday evenings.)

October 11, 4–6 p.m. EDT, Cross Training—Children's Ministries; Galaxy 6, Channel 2.

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Break the Rules!

I dare you to do the absolutely impermissible this school year. Go out of control by breaking the rules that are seldom broken!

You don't believe me, do you? I mean what I'm saying; but yes, the rules I'm talking about probably aren't the same ones you're thinking of.

Like a friend said, "It's time you and I defy gravity!" He didn't mean literally defy the natural laws of gravity, he meant going against pre-conceived ideas of what a person can do for God.

This year as you go to school, whether public or private, break the rules by remembering why God placed you there. You aren't getting an education just to learn biology, then become rich. You are in school to become one of God's representatives on planet earth. God wants you to show others His power of supernatural love and compassion. He wants you to break the rules of selfishness by reaching out to others who are less fortunate than you.

Give God a chance. Go out of control by giving Him full control of your life. Then He will use you in unimaginable ways. Then He will break your rules by giving you a satisfaction you've never experienced before! Go for it! Break the rules.

William Hurtado

Not Again!!

It's that time again, students. Time to make that annual trip to Wal-Mart to purchase supplies needed for the next nine grueling months. Items in your survival kit list may include 18 dozen boxes of pens and pencils (enough for you, your room-mate, your friends, her friends, and their friends), and a super sophisticated, superior model, scientific calculator (out of the 50 different functions, you know only how to use the on/off button).

These things are important in making it through June. But to have a really successful year you'll need things that money can't buy.



Have confidence in yourself. You are the only student responsible to make this year great for you! Be positive of your potential for this year as well as your future.

Become involved with others. Whether it be in extracurricular activities such as sports or clubs or in being a good listener and friend to others, being involved with people will keep away home-sickness (or "school sickness") and offer you a great chance to witness to others.

Balance your schedule. There is a balance (though I confess I have yet to find it) between studying for grades, a social life, and quality time just to spend with yourself and God, collecting your thoughts and relaxing. All these elements are important, but none should weigh greater than the others. Moderation in all things is the key.

Always do the best that you can. There is nothing like doing a job well to make other people look favorably towards you. Don't do it for selfish reasons but for the glory of God.

Set reasonable and "impossible" goals. Setting goals is a great way to measure progress during the year. Making goals reachable and plotting them out step by step into short term goals is the trick. But even more challenging is allowing God to do "impossible" things for and through you. This way you won't just improve your grades or concentrate more on one subject, you will fulfill God's ultimate mission for your life.

Focus on obtaining a "real" education: A knowledge of God. A little lady years ago said "the greatest and most essential education is that which results in the formation of a true character . . . one that glorifies God." Remember that everything you do this year is worth doing if it helps you understand who God is.

Make God your coolest friend. Though you may have many friends, you have one Friend whose friendship will last eternally. Keep Him in touch on your daily activities. Talk to Him, listen to Him, write Him letters, and read His to you. Above all, trust Him to make you successful this school year!

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Aimee Vitangcol

Aimee Vitangcol, a member of the Andrews Academy class of 1997, was president of her junior and senior classes, graduating with honors. "I enjoy participating in activities and helping lead things," she said in a recent interview. She was an active member of the National Honor Society and copy editor of the yearbook. "Aimee has been a very dependable part of our yearbook staff the past two years," reported Kim Amor, sponsor of the Silhouette.

Aimee has won awards in math, Spanish, and geography; helped tutor math; enjoyed visiting nursing homes; and has done volunteer work in a day-care program in Romania.

The trip to Romania was part of the outreach program at Andrews Academy. "We went to Romania to work with the orphans there," Aimee said. "It was great, and I learned so much, even some of the language."

Aimee lives in Berrien Springs with her parents, Josephine and Lope Vitangcol, and attends the FilAm Church on the campus of Andrews University. "I got very busy at times," she said, but she managed to get it all done by making lists so she wouldn't forget anything.

Doug Show, a graduating senior in 1997, from Andrews Academy, Berrien Springs, MI, was a serious student whose favorite subjects were math and science. He also enjoys team-teaching Bible classes on Sabbath and volunteering for various service projects.

"Doug is a good friend!" is what you hear if you ask anyone to describe him. "He's the kind of kid who volunteers first—then learns how," said Glenn Russell, Bible teacher, remembering how Doug spent hours working on class finances before their Colorado senior class/service trip, and the school's remodeling project last spring. When the seniors planned a tribute for their parents, Doug volunteered to put it together even though he had no idea how to go about it.

Doug is not above a practical joke though. Glenn Russell suggested the students bring home a rock for a souvenir of their class trip. Doug and a few friends presented the principal with a rock that took four boys to carry home.

A lifetime resident of Berrien Springs, Doug is the son of Douglas and Dorothy Show and a member of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University.



Doug Show

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