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Time is one of the greatest gifts that a father can give to his children. Bill Fisher of Berrien Springs and his sons Alex and Andrew enjoy time together working on a puzzle. (Herald photo.)

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EDITORIAL

Everybody's Doing It

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT
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Everybody is doing it . . . all the time. It really does not take any training to do it. Nor is it the kind of thing where an individual at the podium in a public meeting says, "*By the authority invested in me and because you have met the requirements, I now pronounce you a witness.*" No. God said, "Ye are My witnesses" (Isaiah 43:10, Acts 1:8). And . . . we all *are* His witnesses. But just like it is in court, there are witnesses *for* Him and witnesses *against* Him. Either way, though, we are witnesses.

We are witnesses all the time. From the time we see the first person in the morning until our day is over, we are witnesses. Everything we do, everything we say (even some things we didn't intend to say), and the way we act—all are a part of our witness. It is not something we turn on or off or that we plan to do at three o'clock on Sabbath afternoon. Being a witness is a twenty-four-hour-a-day thing—all day, every day.

Some of us say we are afraid to witness; but afraid or confident, we are still His witnesses.

The issue is not, *Will you be a witness?* The question is, *What kind of witness will you be? Will your witness be for Jesus or against Him?*

People judge Jesus by looking at those of us who are called by His name. I believe our witness deserves some conscious thought. What we do and say will influence someone for Jesus. Will that person think more of Jesus or less of Him because of a contact with us?

Witnessing is really quite natural. When a person is in love with Jesus, it shows, and others see it. But those who want to witness for Him will look for extra openings to slip testimonies about Him into the conversation. It is similar to a bride who is preparing for her wedding. She slips that topic into almost any conversation. Soon people figure out that she is in love.

So my concern is not whether I am a witness, but rather, *Can people see the real Jesus through me?* At this moment I am asking Him to make me a witness that speaks for Him and not against Him. I want Him to control all of my words and actions, so that people will be closer to Him because of their being with me.

Everybody is witnessing all the time. I want my witness to be in His favor!

OPERATION AMIGO

God's Wonderful Leading

BY GUSTAVA GUZMAN
AS TOLD TO HILDA CRANDALL

The initial planning for our trip to Ecuador began in the winter of 1996 when our Spanish Sabbath school class at the Battle Creek Tabernacle decided to become a part of Global Mission. We contacted James Zachary, evangelism project director for the Quiet Hour, and were initially assigned to Quito, then Santo Domingo de los Colorados, and finally to Esmeraldas where God seemed to need us most to assist the local pastor with evangelistic meetings. Because we took along a lot of clothing which we planned to donate to the local people, everyone's luggage was oversized and overweight. Yet God's hand was with us, because we passed through the Chicago International flight check-in, the local Ecuador airline, and the customs at Esmeraldas as if we were official ambassadors. The pastor and his church members met us at the Ecuador airport and took us to our lodging near the meeting site.

It was Friday when we arrived, and that evening we began our evangelistic meetings with an excellent attendance for the spirited singing and preaching. Our group was to assist the evangelist by giving health talks, visiting interests, and giving Bible studies. Feeling inadequate for the tasks before us, we prayed, "Please use us, Lord," and He did—even when we were fearful.

We met an 87-year-old brother who had moved to the village of Cupa to establish a church. When he saw the pastor, he told him that he had prepared seven people for baptism and was praying that a church would be built there before he died.

JESSE

A young man named Jessie arrived at our meeting late one evening dressed in shorts and a tank top with a crucifix around his neck. He wanted to talk with me before I gave the health talk. At 27, he was very sick with an enlarged heart and was afraid he would die. He had gone to the hospital, but they had sent him home. However, he was afraid to go home, and he took a taxi to three churches, which were all closed. The driver then dropped him off two blocks from our meetings, telling him he thought a church was nearby. When he found us, he pleaded, "Tell me about God!" For two hours he soaked up Bible truths like a sponge. He was offered a Bible, but he could not read. However, he wanted to come two hours before the next evening's meeting to learn more about salvation and the Bible. He later became too sick to come to the baptism, but we praise God that he had accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and committed his life to Him.

BETTY

Another person who attended the meetings was Betty. Betty's life had been very difficult. She was married at

18, and her husband, an alcoholic, was drunk most of his waking hours. After three children arrived, she could no longer tolerate the situation, and so she abandoned her family to look for a better life. A year later she learned that her son had been killed by a truck. Devastated, she returned home to learn that everyone blamed her for his death. Even Betty's father disowned her and threatened to kill her if she contacted him. Her husband accepted her back to care for the other children, but he was verbally and physically abusive and told her that he would never forgive her. Betty began taking Bible studies and surrendered her heart to Jesus. She wanted to be baptized. When the pastor visited her husband and her father, the Holy Spirit melted their hardened hearts. Now they are both receiving Bible studies.

The Esmeraldas district where we worked has eleven church groups, but not one church building—not even the land to build on. The country is very poor, and the people can't afford to purchase land and build churches. The Holy Spirit can use us to finish God's work on the earth. Will we let Him use us? I, like Moses, was very fearful, but God used me and allowed me to see Him at work. It was a very great privilege.

Gustava Guzman is the Sabbath school leader who organized the mission trip; and Hilda Crandall is the Battle Creek Tabernacle communication leader.



Pastor Crowsett (center) stands with four of the baptismal candidates who committed their lives to the Lord at the evangelistic meetings in Ecuador.

Gustava Guzman

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

Raised in the Wesleyan Church until she was old enough to tell her parents that she was not going to church any more, **Lisa Carter** had for many years searched for God and His salvation. What she had been told about God and the Bible just didn't make sense. After she married Terry Carter and they had two sons, Justin and Jason, she began attending church again. Hearing the Bible preached created a new spiritual hunger, but it also produced questions Lisa was afraid to talk about. Two years went by, and then her boys began asking questions she couldn't answer. At the same time, she had a longing to understand what Revelation's monsters, plagues, and disasters were all about.

Then, providentially, a flyer advertising a "Revelation Now" seminar came in the mail. Lisa asked her family to go to the seminar with her, but only her oldest sister consented. Lisa and her sister found the seminar's Bible topics "awesome." With their new enthusiasm, they were able to persuade the whole family to attend. Dad, mom, brother and his wife, plus sister and her husband came to hear evangelist Robert Wagley explain the book of Revelation. Everyone was reading and searching and being blessed.

When the truth about the seventh-day Sabbath was presented, Lisa's family began to question what they were hearing. Her brother went to his pastor and came home with a deceptive book against Adventists, and all the family except Lisa stopped attending the seminar. She couldn't stop because she believed the truths she was studying. She searched for one incorrect doctrine, but found none. When she became discouraged about her family's reactions, Pastors

Wagely and Landis would visit her and lift her spirits.

Lisa first worshiped at the Shelby Church, but later she decided to join the Ludington Church by profession of faith at the conclusion of the evangelistic crusade. She and her two



From left: Justin, Terry, Lisa, and Jason Carter

boys attend church faithfully every week. Lisa is praying that the Holy Spirit will bless her husband, Terry, and that soon he will be worshipping with her each Sabbath, so they can have a spiritually-united home.

*Kelly Landis, Ludington Church
communication leader*
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Randy Neitzel was baffled one warm summer afternoon to see his neighbors, the Roderick family, gathered around their lawn mower. When he walked over to ask what was happening, he found their answer even more surprising. The mower had quit working, and they were praying over it. Randy, who had some mechanical ability, offered help. Within minutes it was purring again. Then came his third surprise. The Rodericks not only thanked him, but added, "You're an answer to our prayers."

Over time, Randy became better acquainted with the Rodericks and their parents, Joe and Carol Hainault of



Randy Neitzel (center), an answer to the prayers of a Christian family.

Escanaba. So naturally, when Randy took a trip up north, he swung by the Hainault's home to say hello. Once again his arrival was providential. Some neighborhood youth had spray-painted a symbol on the Hainault's brand new garage door. The Hainaults felt the only way to fix it was to sand and repaint the whole door. However, Randy knew of a product that could quickly and easily remove the graffiti. Soon he was wiping the graffiti off their door, and to his amazement, once again the family said, "You are an answer to our prayers." Through the influence of this Christian family, he was gaining a new faith in the power to prayer.

One day 7-year-old Michelle Roderick told Randy that she was praying for him. Later, Randy began to ask Steve Roderick questions about the Bible. After the family gave him a copy of *Steps to Christ* for Christmas, he began taking Bible studies. When the three Roderick children asked Randy to go on a singing band with them, he surprised them by saying he would like to attend church also. This made the entire family very happy.

When Randy began attending the Cedar Lake Church, he lost his job because he kept the Sabbath. But God rewarded him with a new and better job. Even more, God sent an answer to his prayers on the day of his baptism. Like Jesus, Randy wanted to be baptized in a river, but the week of his baptism, it thundered and rained

almost every day. When the pastor telephoned Randy to ask if the church baptistry should be filled—just in case—he answered, “Don’t worry. I have prayed, and I believe the sun will shine.”

That Sabbath morning and early afternoon were grey with thunderstorms and rain until 15 minutes before the baptismal service. Then the sun broke through and shone on Randy’s baptism. It all came as a fitting climax to a beautiful story of how God answered prayers for lawn mowers, removing graffiti, and the desire of a 7-year-old girl who prayed and loved one of God’s children right into His church.

*Cari Haus, Cedar Lake Church
communication leader
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The **McKinley family**—**Tim**, a management consultant, **Pam**, a homemaker, and their two daughters, **Laura** and **Elizabeth**—had their first contact with Seventh-day Adventists when they met George Corliss, literature evangelist executive director of LISTEN America Prevention Programs in northwestern Michigan, at a school function where George was presenting his educational materials. Impressed with the drug-prevention program, the McKinleys became volunteers, working with George on many projects in the Traverse City area.

George was giving weekly Bible studies a short distance from the McKinley’s home, and each time he spoke to Tim or Pam, he invited them to the studies. One day as George was driving to an appointment, Pam called him on his cellular phone and asked if it was all right for her and Tim to come to that evening’s study. George was overjoyed until he realized, with horror, that the evening’s study was on the Mark of the Beast. Since the McKinleys didn’t attend church and had little Biblical knowledge, George was afraid that for the McKinleys, hearing the Mark of the Beast would be like feeding steak to a newborn baby. God, however, used this first



Pastor Yeagley, Traverse City Church pastor, baptizes Tim (left), Laura (center), and Pam (right) McKinley. Elizabeth continues to study and prepare for baptism.

study to spark their interest in spiritual things.

The McKinleys only came to a few studies over the next several months and began attending the Lutheran Church where they sent their daughters to school. Each time George spoke to Tim or Pam, he could tell by their questions that they were studying the Bible, so he lent them his *Bible Readings for the Home*, answered their questions, and continued to encourage their study.

One day Laura’s Lutheran teacher asked each of the children in her class to share about one person they knew who exemplified the word Christian. When it was Laura’s turn, she answered, “George Corliss.” When the teacher asked why, Laura gave several reasons, including the fact that he kept God’s seventh-day Sabbath. Curious, the teacher asked which church George attended. When Laura stated that George attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the teacher declared that Seventh-day Adventists were not even Christians. Laura was devastated and shared her experience with her mother, who immediately called George to ask more questions.

Within a few days, Pam called again. This time she said that their family had decided to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Church and wanted to know where it was and what time the services began. The McKinleys attended that Sabbath and have not missed a Sabbath since. Their

new experience with the Lord culminated with their baptism in Lake Michigan on August 9.

George Corliss

Heard a Good Story Lately?

We’d like to print stories here about people who have joined your church, but we can’t print what we don’t receive.

We are looking for inspiring stories about how new members found the Lord and who helped them toward that decision. What made them decide to seek out the Adventist Church? What unique story do they have to tell?

Of course many stories will be linked to NET ’96, but what can you tell that’s unique? There’s not room for relating everyone’s story here.

Think about it. Would telling your story help to inspire other members to think about sharing the love of Jesus in their workplace or neighborhood? Let us hear about it.

Send brief stories to your conference communication director. And don’t forget to include a close-up photo of the person(s) baptized—taken in some other location than the baptismal tank.

Each story should be complete by itself. Please do not send multiple stories all in one article.

His Name Was Daddy

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT



Willie and Nathan Wright, pictured on their wedding day.

Yes, his name was "Daddy." Oh, I know his legal name was Nathan Monroe Wright, and that he was born December 13, 1894, in Dayton, Ohio, but his real name was "Daddy." I used to wonder why my mother and her brothers called him "Monroe." All we kids knew he was "Daddy." When he died in April, 1981, his four grown sons and one daughter were still calling him "Daddy."

You see, he epitomized the title, the aura, the position of daddy. He provided for his seven children, brought up during the Great Depression. He provided for us so well that I was 12 years old before I realized that we were a poor family. We were poor in material goods, but oh, so rich in love and security and self-esteem.

Daddy was the product of a broken home. He and his two sisters, Iona and Rowena, were in a children's home for much of their young lives while both parents were very much alive and physically well. Psychological research has shown that many people reared in such circumstances are prone to perpetuate the same dysfunction if and when they have their own families. That is one of reasons I believe my daddy was a miracle of God.

Two things he determined while in that children's home: (1) if he ever had a family, he would hold it together at all costs, and (2) he would never eat peas because he had to shell them by the tubful. He made good on those vows. He, with my momma, Willie Lee Dale, created such a family environment of love, warmth, and fierce inter-depen-

dency that each of their offspring has engendered the same spirit in their own families. However, I will be the first to admit that we children have had far less success than Momma and Daddy.

Folks used to think we were anti-social because we never visited much. Just the opposite was true. Our home was usually host to some wayfarer or friend who needed help, comfort, or just a glimpse of love in action.

Momma and Daddy stopped visiting when their brood got so large that people would invite them to social functions with the stipulation: "Don't bring your children." No, we did not visit much, and we still do not. Wrights visit each other, and there are so many of us that it keeps us quite busy. However, we have always loved people, because this is what we saw practiced by our parents. There was rarely a Sabbath meal served in our home without guests at the table. Many nights I slept on a couch in the living room because some church official or some hurting person was in my bedroom receiving the comfort I took for granted.

Daddy was bigger than life to his children. This was due largely to my Momma's teaching, because Daddy was gone much of the time making a living for us. Momma was very faithful in building his image and value to each of us. Two things we could usually count on. Daddy would be home every night, though late. I say usually, because on rare occasions he would "stay on the place" at the rich estates where he worked. The other sure thing was that Daddy would be home all

weekend and attend church with us.

Daddy was a very religious person with implicit trust in God. His father was a Methodist preacher, and his grandfather was also a preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E.Z.) Church, having founded one in old Carnegie, Pennsylvania. It comes as no surprise, then, that Daddy founded two Seventh-day Adventist churches once he and Momma had converted from Methodism to Adventism. Those two churches still thrive today. They are the Ethan Temple Church in Dayton, Ohio, founded in 1921, and the Dale Wright Memorial Church in Germantown, Ohio, founded in 1948. In all of this, Momma was right by his side, being everything he needed. She was a tower of strength, chief Bible Instructor for some of the foremost Adventist evangelists like C.D. Brooks, J. H. Wagner, J. Malcolm Phipps, and Henry M. Wright, and she was our momma.

Daddy wasn't perfect. He was full of flaws. He talked too loudly. He never learned to whisper. He sang off key. He belched at the table without ever excusing himself. He fell asleep on company, no matter how important they were. He was human, and he loved God, his spouse, his children, his country, and life itself.

Though he sang off key, no one could pitch a song for the outdoor singing band from the church like Daddy. We sang in the streets of Dayton for Ingathering each autumn. I have never heard anyone beseech the Lord in prayer with more sincerity, sensitivity, or honesty than my daddy. He got answers too. If anyone had a

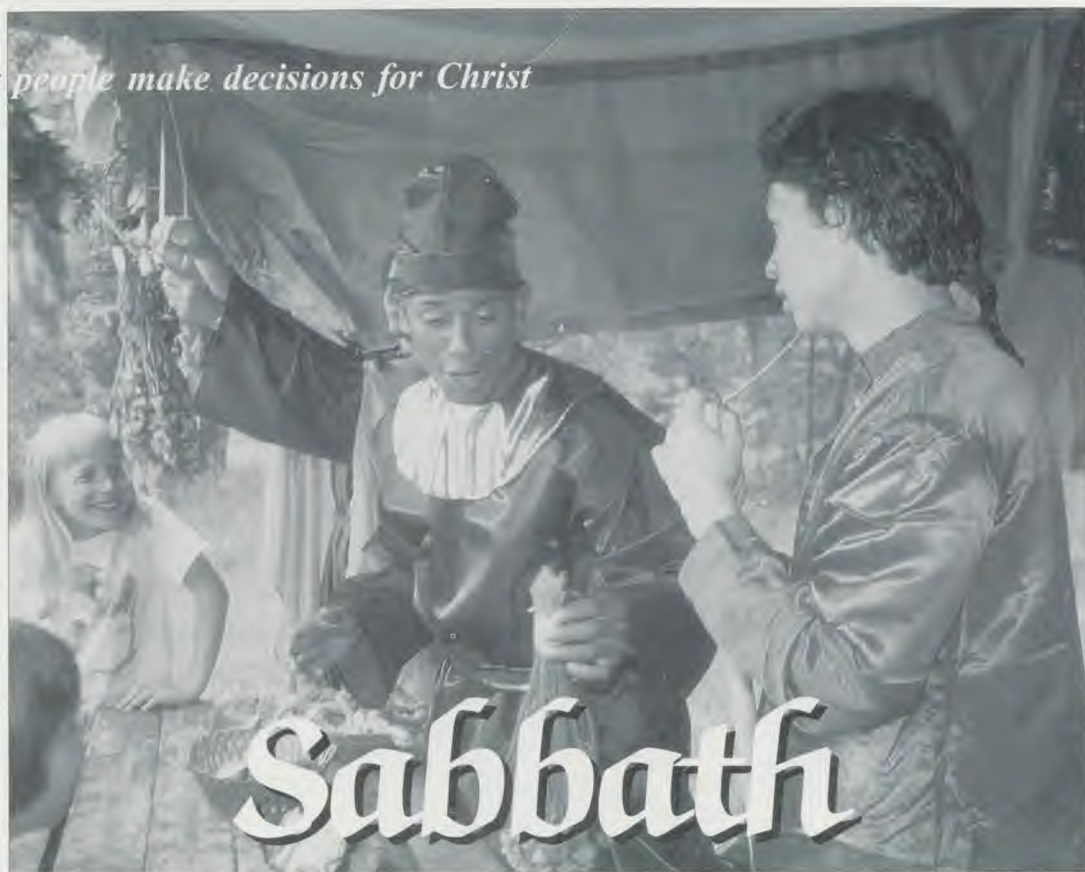
need, they would rather have Daddy on the prayer line with the Lord than anyone else. God often honored this faulty, but totally honest and transparent man. He loved God, and God loved him.

So Momma and his in-laws called him "Monroe." His daughters-in-law called him "Daddy Monroe." His grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren called him "Grandpa." The church members called him "Elder Wright," but his name was just "Daddy."

Daddy was so full of "daddyisms" that he could have been a philosopher. In an offhanded, seemingly unintentional way, he was always giving advice or counsel on some perplexity of life. I had no idea they had had such a profound influence on me until I decided to write a book about him entitled *My Daddy Told Me So*. I am not intending to write a "how to" book on parenting, nor instructions for forming good interpersonal relationships. It is simply a book of the things my daddy told me as a child growing into manhood. These little bits of information have so gripped me in adulthood that I find it nearly impossible to preach a sermon without Daddy "showing up and talking to my audience." I don't apologize for them, because I know they are true, after all, *My Daddy Told Me So*.

Walter L. Wright is executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference. He and his wife, Jackie, conduct family seminars throughout the United States and around the world.

Young people make decisions for Christ



Is Something Special at Summer Camp

BY GARY THURBER

Many people say that summertime is the worst time of the year to do evangelism. I would like to contend that just the opposite is true. Some of the most productive and worthwhile evangelism that takes place in the Seventh-day Adventist Church occurs every summer. Where does all this evangelism take place? At our summer youth camps!

This summer at Camp Au Sable, good things happened for our young people and their walk with the Lord. Seventy-five adult-, college-, and academy-age staff gathered together with one mission in mind—to help our young people grow in their walk with the Lord. Our theme song was “Shine Jesus Shine,” which reflected our goal for the whole summer-camp program through nature classes, craft and recreational classes, and cabin activities. At our camp council and

campfire programs, we challenged the campers to see the incredible work of their Redeemer in their surroundings and in their own lives.

The whole staff made a special effort to make Sabbath the highlight of the week for all the campers. In addition to writing and organizing our campfire programs, David Yeagley, Traverse City area pastor, also wrote a Sabbath-afternoon, hands-on, interactive activity for our campers. This activity took the campers back in time to Rome, AD 64—a time when Christians were being persecuted by Nero. Thirty-five staff members participated, dressed in period costumes. In this environment, campers were assigned the job of helping John Mark gather information for his gospel. They had to go from place to place—the prison, the catacombs, Nero’s palace, and other venues to find Christians who witnessed Christ’s ministry and could share their stories. It was a dangerous

journey, because they were likely to run into bandits or Roman soldiers who were ready to throw them into prison or take their money. However, as long as they kept true to the Word of God, they were able to fulfill their mission and help John Mark with his important work. At the end of the camping week, it was very rewarding to see the young people still talking about their Sabbath at camp.

By the end of the summer, we had 496 campers who indicated that they had come to believe that a relationship with Christ was important and, therefore, wanted this relationship in their own lives. We also had 253 young people who said they had made a decision for Christ and wanted to be baptized. For this we praise the Lord. We thank all of you who support Christian camping, giving our young people the opportunity to be a part of this great evangelistic effort.

Gary Thurber is the Michigan Conference youth director.

Building Bridges

BY BETTY COONEY

The beginning of the fall quarter was definitely *live* at Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews University campus, as doors opened for "Tuesday Night Live!", the church's first-quarter seminars being offered to the public. Area residents and members streamed in, 100 of whom hadn't signed up earlier, keeping a team of volunteers busy at registration tables. More than half of the 250 people registered for the first quarter are area residents visiting the church for the first time. Modest seminar registration fees are helping cover costs while promoting on-going attendance.

Current "Tuesday Night Live!" seminars were planned as the first of a nine-month series to help make friends in the community in the year leading up to NET '98. The learning events

also inaugurated PMC's new education wings, while giving the community an opportunity to get acquainted with the facility and PMC members.

The volunteer presenters for the dozen learning events of the first-quarter series "Tuesday Night Live!" are professionals from Andrews University, PMC, and the community. A diverse menu of seminars offered in informal settings were planned to appeal to a wide range of interests and needs. Along with sessions on "Surfing the Internet" and "Digging in King Solomon's Mines without a Shovel" (archaeology), a number of seminars provide guidelines for dealing with spiritual and emotional concerns such as stress and addiction. And camcorder enthusiasts are dusting off their equipment for hands-on opportunities to enhance their skills.

One community resident who had just moved to the area three weeks earlier was particularly appreciative as she registered. A new Christian, she had been concerned about moving away from the small group she had just become involved with in her previous town. Finding a brochure in her mailbox announcing, among others, a seminar on in-depth Bible study seemed an answer to prayer.

The "Tuesday Night Live!" series is under the direction of Russell Burrill, North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) director and local NET '98 coordinator. The committee assisting him on the series is chaired by Jane Thayer, assistant professor of religious education.

Betty Cooney is NET '98 associate coordinator and director for communication.



James Tucker, professor of counseling and educational psychology, presents the opening night session of "Common Wonders: A Nature Series for Kids and Parents Together"; the seminar features a variety of presenters.



Helen Zhigankova, a former editor who taught Russian at Zaoksky Seminary in Russia, instructs an eager group of Americans in "Conversational Russian."

Scattering the Leaves of Autumn

BY ANN FISHER

This summer, about 93 Lake Union youth sold "magabooks"—condensed books formatted in magazine style—and scattered 75,000 copies of *Darkness before Dawn*, a condensed version of ten chapters from *The Great Controversy*, all over the Lake Union territory. The experiences they had

have made a profound impact on their own lives and the many persons with whom they prayed and shared their testimonies. I asked Joe Ramos, a senior at Broadview Academy, why he had chosen to spend his summer in literature ministry. He said he had heard from his friends that you could make a good scholarship to pay for your school fees, but that money was never emphasized. It was the strong

spiritual atmosphere, teamwork, and the opportunity to rely totally on the Lord that attracted him. Joe maintains, "From my experience this summer, it's all true. The scholarship is a side benefit."

A third-year English major at Andrews University, Holly Nordvick was canvassing for the first time this summer in the magabook program. One day her leader, Heidi Towar, said, "Pray



Holly Nordvick (center), an Andrews University student who joined the Youth Challenge magabook program for the first time this past summer, shared her forgiving God with a man who desperately needed Him.

James R. Fisher

with as many people as you can today." Holly had Heidi's words in mind as she made her way toward a run-down, vacant-looking house back off the road in a grove of trees. She wondered if it was safe to walk back to the house, but there was a pickup in the driveway, so she went.

As Holly approached the house, she startled a man who was there clearing brush. "Hello, Sir," she said. "You scared me," replied the man. Holly was scared herself, but she began her canvass, and he listened. When Holly brought out *God's Answers to Questions* and began talking about the pain and suffering in

"Publications must be multiplied, and scattered like the leaves of autumn."

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this world, God's forgiveness, and how it will all end when we get to heaven, the man said, "I'm not ready to go to heaven. I have so much to repent of." Holly replied, "But God is a forgiving God."

The man bought two cookbooks and a devotional book. As Holly gathered her books to leave, she asked the man if she could pray with him. When she finished praying and looked up, the man said, "Ask Him to forgive me." So Holly bowed her head again and asked for forgiveness for both of them.

God gave Holly a short window of opportunity that day to share her loving, forgiving God with a complete stranger who desperately needed Him. Holly is looking forward to eternity where she will learn "the rest of the story" from the loving God who used her to accomplish His plans this summer.

Ann Fisher is the Lake Union Herald copy editor.



Matt Corliss

BY BETTY KOSSICK

Fourteen-year-old Matt Corliss finished his second summer selling magabooks through the Home Health Education Service by earning the distinction of being the top teenage salesperson for the four-state Lake Union Conference. Though he wore out his shoes, Matt plans to sell magabooks every summer and bank his earnings for his college education. He wants to become an architectural engineer.

Matt says he enjoys the 10-week summer sales project because he likes to meet people and make new friends. "Some

Fourteen-year-old Earns Top Sales

contacts are rude," Matt adds with a grin, "but it's just part of the job. There are more positive than negative experiences, and it is rewarding to pray with responsive customers." Sometimes customers said "no" to Matt initially, but later changed their minds and ran down the street searching for him. He is amazed at how people trust him. One woman gave him a \$100 bill and asked him to go to the bank for change. Another customer gave him a \$100 donation for two books that usually receive a \$25 donation.

Matt learned to canvass at an early age because his father, George Corliss, is a literature evangelist who often took Matt along with him as he went door-to-door. This year father and son both received honors from the Lake Union Conference—George, the Lake Union's 1997 literature evangelist of the year (eastern section) award, and Matt, the award for top sales in the Youth Challenge program.

Betty Kossick is the Cadillac Church communication leader



Matt Corliss (center), 14, receives the 11-volume *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* as an award for top magabook summer sales for 1997!

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Fall Week of Prayer

God called Jonah. Jonah fled.

Fall Week of Prayer at Andrews centered around the ups and downs of Ninevah's reluctant tourist. The week's speaker was Clifford Jones, an associate professor of Christian ministry in the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews.

"We see in Jonah so much of ourselves. His reluctance to obey and his flight from divine will can match our own life patterns. But Jonah's story is also an illustration of God's long-suffering nature. He's always ready to give another chance to his prophets and his people," Jones said.

Prior to teaching at Andrews, Jones pastored in the Northeastern Conference at the Hanson Place and Ephesus Churches in New York City.

Jones, who holds a doctor of ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary, graduated from Andrews in 1979 with a master's degree in religion.

"He gave a whole new view of Jonah, mostly how an ancient book applies to our lives," said Fahimee Maynard-Reid, a senior graphic design major.



Jack Stenger, AU PR

Clifford Jones preaches on the Book of Jonah.

Fall Enrollment Strong

Fall quarter enrollment at Andrews has exceeded 3,100 students for the second consecutive year. Though this year's enrollment, 3,102, represents a drop of 31 students when compared to last year's record high of 3,133, fall quarter '97 enrollment



Jack Stenger, AU PR

September means bright fall colors and the return of students. Shown here are (front row, from left) Rob Mohr, Holly Oswald, Natasha Matychuk, Lauren Rogers, (back) Nick Sigler, Todd Jarnes, and Elina Camarena.

still represents the university's second highest enrollment ever.

"Our numbers are encouraging, but we don't want to forget that each enrollment figure represents a unique student with a unique story," said Dean Hunt, vice president for enrollment services. "Now it's for us who work and teach here to validate these students' decisions to choose Andrews."

Enrollment for first-year students stands at 474, a significant gain over last year's number, say enrollment directors.

Andrews students come from 46 American states, three American protectorates, four Canadian provinces, and 96 countries.

Andrews Lawn Mowers Keep Mowing

The 250-acre Andrews campus is a postcard-quality arboretum that blooms in spring and bursts into vibrant color in the fall. Birds sing from the high branches of maples and oaks, squirrels scamper on lush lawns, and students walk contentedly along tree-lined paths—loud lawn mowers piercing the air, making this whole idyllic scene possible.

Those who enjoy the well-manicured lawns of Andrews can thank the well-trained grass cutters from the Andrews Grounds Department. During the peak cutting season, which runs from May to October, a crew of 18 students and two university staff members can spend upwards of 140 work hours a week cutting grass.

"It's a job that a lot of people take for granted, but even so we still enjoy doing it," said Dave Nelson, grounds director.

It takes all types to cut 250 acres—men, women, freshmen, seminarians—but all at least profess a love for the outdoors. "I couldn't imagine working inside an office and being cooped up all day," said Jason Rogers, a senior religion major.

All mowers agree it's hard work. Necks get red from too much sun. Arms get sore from hours of pushing. But they go on, in full knowledge that what is conquered today must be cut a week from now—or sooner if it rains. It's all in the name of a beautiful campus where birds sing, squirrels scamper, and the grass is green—and always growing.

Jack Stenger, Andrews University public information officer



Jack Stenger, AU PR

Jason Rogers and Rick Brace go for the green.

EDUCATION NEWS

Enrollment Soars

Wisconsin Academy — The 1997-98 school year at Wisconsin Academy is off to a good start following a dedication service for student leaders, faculty, and village church members led by Principal John Thomas on Sabbath, August 23. The next day students enrolled for classes, and total enrollment soared to 130, a 25% increase over last year—38 seniors,

31 juniors, 39 sophomores, and 22 freshman. Eighty-five percent of the young people are Wisconsin residents; others came from the states of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, and Ohio. Three foreign students from Brazil, Angola, and the Ukraine completed the enthusiastic group.

Londa Edsel has joined the Wisconsin Academy family as the new Bible teacher and chaplain, replacing Chaplain Oliver Archer, who recently ac-

cepted a similar position at Andrews Academy. Miss Edsel graduated from Andrews University in 1996 with a Master of Divinity degree. She was employed by the New York Conference as assistant pastor in Kingsbury, New York. Edsel is known by many for her work in Michigan at Camp Au Sable, as assistant pastor for collegiate students in the University Seventh-day Adventist Church in East Lansing, MI, and as chaplain in the Adventist Information Ministries at Andrews University.

Principal Thomas reports that the search for industry opportunities for students under 16 is continuing, and that they are waiting for replies from several companies. Rhodes International (Bake N Serv) has opened two other shifts, increasing their total student workers to 40.

Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant



From left: John and Nancy Thomas greet new student, Brandon Thomas.

School Enrollment Is Up

Indiana — The K-12 student enrollment in the conference is up more than 20% over last school year. Almost all schools across Indiana experienced some increase, and five schools—Lafayette, Indianapolis Junior Academy, South Bend Junior Academy, Fort Wayne, Terre Haute—showed significant increases.

In addition to the blessings of heaven, the enrollment increase can be attributed to better marketing/promotional strategies and the strong desire of teaching staff, pastors, and school-board members to make Adventist education available to as many of our children and youth as possible.

Archie Moore, Indiana Conference secretary/education director

Academy PAK at Broadview Academy

Broadview Academy — For many years, Broadview Academy students have spent a major part of their days away from their books in a work/study program. Not only has this program given students the opportunity to learn valuable work habits, but it has helped many students afford a Christian education that they might not have been able to afford otherwise. Through the years, several industries have contributed to the Broadview work/study program—La Grange Girl's program, the broom factory, Richardson Electronics, and Harris Pine Mills.

Currently, the business that is filling this need is called Academy PAK. Larry Stark, the manager, works with more than three quarters of Broadview's students in this industry. AGCO, the parent business, is based in Georgia. Their local plant operations, based in Batavia, IL, works closely with Academy PAK to sort, count, package, re-label, and ship tractor parts. Over the past years, Broadview's students, supervisory staff, and adult workers have handled more than fifteen million tractor parts each year.

Students begin work at minimum wage, and after a period of time, if their work production is satisfactory, they are eligible for pay increases up to \$6.50 an hour. Over the course of the summer, a student worker can usually earn a minimum of \$1,500 after food expenses are subtracted. During the school year, more than \$2,000 can be earned for a total of \$3,500. This is a substantial amount to apply towards tuition, room, and board charges. Many students have benefitted from this opportunity at Broadview Academy.

David L. Rasmussen, Broadview Academy principal

Twelve Unique Stones

Great Lakes Adventist Academy—The book of Joshua tells how God allowed Israel to cross the Jordan River on dry land. Not wanting them to forget this miraculous event, God instructed Joshua to have one man from each of the twelve tribes take a stone from the dry river bed and set up a memorial at Gilgal as a reminder of what God had done for His people.

During the first Sabbath vesper service of the new school year at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA), the Student Association (SA) had a special dedication service, similar to the one organized by Joshua. The student body and faculty were divided into twelve groups, each with a leader. The group leaders were each given a large stone for them to take to specifically-assigned places on campus. The purpose of the ceremony was to dedicate each campus area and the faculty and students in the groups to the Lord *for the new school year*.

Each group leader took his or her group to their assigned location and then read the following charge to the faculty from Joshua 4: "The faculty are the leaders of our school. God promised Joshua success and prosperity if he obeyed three things. Because we want our year at GLAA to be successful and prosperous, we also charge our faculty to:

- Be strong and courageous for the task ahead is not always easy, but God has chosen you.
- By God's grace, be obedient to His divine law.
- Study and meditate on the Word of God daily so as to be submissive to God."

The leaders also charged the students in their groups: "The students at GLAA are like God's people, the Israelites, for whom God had a task. The task was to allow God to help them conquer Canaan and make it wholly His. As students, we need to allow God to help us conquer our tasks and make GLAA wholly His. Because we as students want this to happen, we pledge to:

- Support the faculty of GLAA as they follow God and ask Him to be with them as He was with Joshua.
- Assist in the plan for everyone to have a personal relationship with God.
- Study and meditate on the Word of God daily so as to be submissive to God."

Following the charges, all the students in the twelve groups signed their names on their particular stone, indicating their acceptance of the charge. Then they prayed to seal their spiritual commitment. As the dedication of each area concluded, the groups brought their stones to the center of campus, where they were placed in the middle of the flower garden. After a challenge from SA President Jake Banks, the student body responded with songs of praise and joined hands for prayer offered by SA Pastor Margie Susens.

Cedar Lake Church Pastor Peter Neri, who assisted in organizing the service, said, "One of the goals of the dedication was to give the community an understanding that it's all right to be spiritual everywhere on the campus."

Now as the students and faculty daily pass through the center of the campus and see the pile of stones, they are reminded of the commitments they made on August 30, 1997, just as Israel was reminded by the stones at Gilgal.

Monique Dis, GLAA newspaper editor

Awareness Week

Indiana Academy—Last year Indiana Academy (IA) students spent a whole week focusing on the many choices teenagers are faced with each day. The purpose of this special emphasis was to make students aware of how the choices they make affect them and others.

Many topics were discussed during the week. A speaker from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) was invited to speak to the students about drinking and driving. Other speakers included David Bolin a family practice physician in Cicero, who spoke on eating disorders, and Glenn Valenzuela, IA boy's dean, who talked about drugs and the consequences of using them.

To catch the students' attention and keep their interest, Ron Krueger, IA chaplain, made learning about the subjects fun. Each day Krueger posted a trivia question on his desk concerning that night's topic. Students could come in and try to answer the question. Then at the evening meeting the winners participated in a game, and by their actions, chose their own fates.

Each day several black crosses mysteriously appeared on campus. Each cross represented thirty teenagers who had died because of the choices they had made.

The subject of suicide really caught the students' attention. Unbeknown to the others, twelve students were chosen to act as exhibits. They attended classes dressed in black, but they didn't talk to anyone at all. Needless to say, those who were not in on the secret were confused, and some became angry. They didn't know how to react! All they knew was that



GLAA student leaders pose with the 12 unique stones set up on campus.

some of their best friends were gone. This illustration demonstrated how people feel when someone they know commits suicide.

Awareness Week was a true success. Students had fun, but they also learned a lot. The week definitely showed us how our choices affect us and encouraged us to make better choices in the future.

Kathy Souchet, Indiana Academy junior



Sue Rappette

From left: Laura Beaumont and Kristy Brown work on their next journalism project.

WA Students Win Awards

Wisconsin Academy — Two students from Wisconsin Academy received awards at the Kettle Moraine Press Association Journalism Workshop. Senior student Laura Beaumont received the award for best layout and design for a yearbook, and Kristy Brown, a junior, was named most talented writer. The workshop was held on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus in July.

Young people representing private and public high schools throughout Wisconsin met for the week-long workshop. They were divided into core groups according to their interests and skill levels. Guest speakers included Janesville Gazette editor, Scott Angus.

"I felt like I learned a year's worth of yearbook information," commented Beaumont. Laura Beaumont is the editor of Wisconsin Academy's yearbook, the *Badger*. Kristy Brown is editor of the school's newspaper, the *Wisconsinian*.

"I had an excellent opportunity to tell others about Wisconsin Academy and our church," adds Beaumont. "Most students were curious about why I skipped the meat entrees at the cafe and why I went to a private school. Before I attended the workshop, I prayed that I might have a chance to tell someone about Jesus, and I believe God opened many opportunities for me. I left the workshop with a new awareness of witnessing possibilities and a hope that I had offered a chance for someone to know Christ."

Sue Rappette, Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant

Lake Union Seventh-day Adventist Schools

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

Illinois Conference

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

First Flint Elementary
George Sumner Elementary
Glenwood Union Elementary
Gobles Junior Academy
Grand Haven Elementary
Grand Rapids Junior Academy
Grayling Elementary
Great Lakes Adventist Academy
Greater Lansing Adventist School
Hastings Elementary
Holland Elementary
Ionia Elementary
Ithaca Elementary
Jackson Elementary
Kalamazoo Junior Academy
Ledges Elementary
Maple Ridge Union Elementary
Metropolitan Elementary
Mount Pleasant Elementary
Munising Elementary
Muskegon Elementary
Niles Elementary
Northview Adventist School
Oak Hollow Christian School
Oakwood Junior Academy
Onaway Elementary
Owosso Elementary
Petoskey Elementary
Pine Mountain Christian School
Plymouth Elementary
Prattville Elementary
A.U. Ruth Murdoch Elementary
Traverse City Elementary
Tri-City Junior Academy
Troy Adventist Elementary
Twin Cities Elementary
Village Adventist Elementary
Warren Junior Academy
Waterford Elementary
Wilson Junior Academy
Woodland Elementary

Indiana Conference

Anderson Elementary
Bloomington Elementary
Cicero Elementary
Columbus Elementary
Elkhart Elementary
Fort Wayne Elementary
Indiana Academy
Indianapolis Junior Academy
Lafayette Elementary
Marion Elementary
Richmond Elementary
South Bend Junior Academy
Terre Haute Elementary

Lake Region Conference

Calvin Center Elementary
Capitol City Elementary
Chicago Adventist Academy
Chicago Adventist Elementary
Fairhaven Elementary
Mizpah Elementary
Peterson-Warren Academy
Peterson-Warren Elementary
Sharon Junior Academy

Michigan Conference

Adelphian Junior Academy
Alpena Elementary
Andrews Academy
Ann Arbor Elementary
Battle Creek Academy
Battle Creek Elementary
Benedict Memorial Elementary
Blue Water Elementary
Cedar Lake Elementary
Charlotte Elementary
Eau Claire Elementary
Edenville Elementary
Edith B. Garrett Elementary
Escanaba Elementary

Wisconsin Conference

Bethel Junior Academy
Eau Claire Elementary
Fox Valley Elementary
Frederic Elementary
Green Bay Junior Academy
Hillside Christian Elementary
L & L Branch Elementary
Madison Elementary
Maranatha Elementary
Milwaukee Junior Academy
Petersen Elementary
Pine View Elementary
Raymond Adventist Christian
Rhinelander Elementary
Rice Lake Elementary
Richland Center Elementary
Sunnyside Elementary
Wisconsin Academy
Woodland Adventist School

YOUTH NEWS

Youth in Action

Indiana—For more than a year, a group of young adults from the South Bend First Church has been faithfully providing a monthly meal to feed 50–100 homeless who come to the Hope Rescue Mission. By the first Sunday of each month, huge amounts of food have been purchased, donated, and collected for the meal of haystacks. After an hour of serving, the young

people move upstairs to spend a half hour in worship with the residents of the mission.

This exciting outreach challenge has been met with enthusiasm by the church's youth, because they really have a good time with the people who live at the facility. Some request a special musical number by the girls' quartet which had been particularly enjoyed the previous month. And almost always there are children present whose joyful voices swell with the choruses.

There will be big challenges in the youth department as several of the Hope Rescue Mission regulars move on to full-time college, jobs, and other commitments. But those who remain will carry on with the Lord by their side.

Amy Snider, South Bend Church member

The Sun Survives by Giving

*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Matthew 13:43*

The sun is a huge ball of gases consisting of about 75 percent hydrogen—the most abundant element in the universe—and about 25 percent helium. Within the core, thermonuclear reactions are continuously taking place. As the constantly moving hydrogen atoms crash into each other, they combine to form helium atoms. This fusion of atoms releases energy in the form of blistering heat. The energy produced by the atomic reactions rises from the core to the surface of the sun, where it is released as light and heat. In terms of wattage, the sun shines with the brilliance of 380 septillion (380,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000) watts. Lightbulbs, by the way, are usually no more powerful than 300 watts.

As the light streams from the sun in every direction, it illuminates all the planets, their moons, and every other object in the solar system. The sun's light also streams to the farthest points of the universe, where it is visible as a

distant star. Thus Earth receives only a tiny portion

of the sun's light energy—but how important that ration is to our planet! It sustains life on Earth.

If the sun didn't share its energy, the great ball would get hotter and hotter—then it would explode. Giving warmth and light is the sun's way to keep on shining and producing more warmth and light. It survives by giving.

That is exactly the way the followers of Jesus can be described. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). By giving we continue to be able to give. When we stop giving, our "temperature" begins to rise because we are focused on ourselves instead of on others. The sun, shining in the sky, is a daily reminder of how important it is to give.



With James and Priscilla Tucker

How Much Does the Sun Give?

Chart the sun's giving power with this long-term project.

Items needed

daily newspaper, two sheets of paper, pen, ruler

Procedure

1. Head one sheet of paper with the name of each month of the year, beginning now.
2. Make two columns on each sheet "Sunrise" and "Sunset".
3. Check the newspaper for daily times of sunrise and

sunset, and fill in the times in the appropriate columns for each month from now through June.

4. Compare the times. What did you discover? What do you predict will happen from July to December? How can you prove your hypothesis?

Earth—in fact, all the planets in the Solar System—rotate around the sun. Because of the way in which the Earth tilts, during the summer months it's facing the sun more directly than at other times. As the Earth revolves on its axis, the number of hours of daylight changes from day to day.

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a 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.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Adventist Heritage Sabbath

Michigan—Vintage costumes worn by church members, artifacts from early Adventist history, and hymns of the mid-1800s helped the Lansing Church worshippers relive their be-

ginnings at their Adventist heritage Sabbath celebration recently. Guest speaker Merlin Burt, director of the Ellen G. White Estate in Loma Linda, CA, challenged the congregation regarding the validity and stability of the faith of our pioneers. "The early Advent believers," he said, "believed in the nearness of Christ's coming, and we should too!"

Duff Stolz, of Battle Creek, brought special artifacts of Adventist health and educational

Duff Stolz of Battle Creek stands with Merlin Burt, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, Loma Linda, CA, in front of the many Adventist historical exhibits displayed during Lansing's Adventist Heritage Sabbath.

history that he showed to the congregation and then displayed in the church museum. To give Adventist history an up-to-date focus, an offering for the Adventist Historical Village, which is presently being planned and reconstructed in Battle Creek, MI, was collected.

Patsy Towar, Adventist Heritage reporter

Children's Ministry Day

Lake Region—The Sharon Church in Inkster, MI, has begun a new tradition by assigning one Sabbath each year for the entire divine worship service to be conducted by children, reports Jacquelyn Blake, Inkster Church communication leader. Children serve as deacons, ushers, and local elders; play the organ; tell the children's story; provide the special music; and even preach the sermon.

Dwayne Duncombe, a student from Peterson-Warren Academy who preached on the first Children's Ministry Sabbath, used biblical examples of youth like Joseph, Samuel, and Daniel to illustrate how young people can make a difference when they stand tall for Jesus.

Appealing to the children

and youth, he said, "Although we're considered the church of tomorrow, we can make a difference today. Seek high attainments, and make Christ the center of your life." Many children responded to his appeal.

After the special service, church members remained for fellowship and a child-friendly lunch—vegetarian hot dogs and raw vegetables—organized by children's ministry leader, Bea Morgan.



Nikama West plays "Jesus Loves Me" on her accordion.



William Bailey IV of Conant Gardens Church in Detroit, MI, plays the organ for Children's Ministry Day at the Sharon Church.



Ann Poland, second place winner of the "oldest Bible contest", with her husband and Scott Tyman, Columbus Church pastor, (right).

Treasures of the Past

Indiana — Have you ever wondered how your church could attract attention to Jesus at your local county fair? Here's an idea that worked very successfully for the Columbus (IN) Church.

The church's fair booth focused on God's word—the Bible. To capture attention, there was a giant Christian flag exhibited and a display case filled with Bibles dating from 1812 to 1953. A contest was held to find the oldest Bible in the county. The contest included all Bible translations—English, French, German, or whatever translations contestants wished to enter. The Bibles that were entered in the contest were not only old, not only written in different languages, but they came in different sizes, ranging from very large to so small that a magnifying glass was included for the reader. Each Bible entered in the contest had a special history; each one was a rarity.

First place in the contest went to Markus Wolf for his 1812 German Bible. The second place winner was Ann Poland, with her 1837 German Bible.

The Columbus Church, in cooperation with the American Bible Association, Inc. and Columbus' own Nelson Bible Mart, challenged all those who visited the booth to read their Bibles through in one year. To aid in this challenge, we prepared our Bible readers with a calendar from Nelson, a book mark complete with Bible trivia, and a schedule of upcoming events at the church.

We are also planning some special follow-up activities in conjunction with National Bible Week. The Bartholomew County Historical Society will display all of the Bibles entered at the fair, and a special reception is scheduled for all fair participants. It is our hope that these Bible readers will discover the truth in their quest.

Beth Alexander, Columbus Church communication leader

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Relief Aid for Hurricane Devastation

Colonial Narvarte, Mexico [ANN] — In response to the devastation left behind by Hurricane Pauline on the southwestern Pacific Coast of Mexico, especially in the resort city of Acapulco, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is providing emergency and food relief.

On Oct. 12, ADRA Mexico distributed 1,000 food baskets in seven different towns that were badly affected by flash flooding. The food-basket deliveries were a result of relief assessments taken by ADRA volunteers.

"There is mainly a need for food and water," reported Rafael Garcia, ADRA Mexico director. "Although the Mexican people have gathered together to assist their fellow citizens, the government is unable to face all of the needs. There have been some cases of cholera. We all feel so small before such a great need." Garcia says that on the coast of Oaxaca, ADRA is implementing food assistance where the communities are isolated completely. Oaxaca is reportedly one of Mexico's most impoverished areas.

"When we arrived with food for one community, we were told that they had not eaten in two days," Garcia commented. He estimates that basic rehabilitation will take at least three months.

ADRA Mexico is continuing relief assessments to find areas of greatest need and plans to continue providing food and other emergency relief.

Beth Schaefer

450 Adventists Learn How to Plant Churches

Berrien Springs, MI [ANN] — Seventh-day Adventists from around the world met Sept. 7-10 to face the challenge of "the need to grow" reports Seeds '97 chief organizer, Russell Burrill.

A total of 450 pastors, church leaders, and members convened at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, for Seeds '97, a Church-planting Conference. Representatives came from Africa, Europe, Australasia, South-east Asia, and North America.

"Church planting is a top priority of the North American Division," reported Al McClure, division president. The church planting initiative began last year with Seeds '96, which resulted in 136 new churches being planted in North America.

Russell Burrill, North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) director and chief organizer of the event, stated, "This marks a significant shift in church planting for North America."

Seeds '97 included a major seminar conducted by Bob Logan, church planting consultant, and about 15 afternoon seminars, which were well attended in spite of the heavy schedule.

"You could just feel the electricity in the air," declared Don Schneider, Lake Union president. "This group of people was excited about planting new churches to reach new people groups with uncompromised Adventism."

"Seeds '97 was excellent," concluded David Cox, personal ministries director for southern England. "Last year the focus was simply on the concept of planting new churches for unreached people groups (different kinds of churches for different kinds of people). This year the emphasis was on planting reproducible churches, i.e. churches that plant churches," said Cox.

Seeds '98 will continue the emphasis next year, June 15-18 at Andrews University. Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, will be the keynote speaker for the opening session. "Seeds '98 will emphasize lay involvement in church planting and equipping the pastor to be a trainer of lay people rather than a performer of ministry," said Russell Burrill.

Jonathan Gallagher

Adventist Nominated as U.S. Ambassador

Washington, D.C. [ANN]—Kathryn Proffitt Haycock, a Seventh-day Adventist from Phoenix, Arizona, has been nominated to serve as U.S. Ambassador to Malta.

Haycock, an active member of the Camelback Seventh-day Adventist Church in Phoenix, is president of Call America, a long distance telephone company, and also director for ICG Communications, Inc. Selected for her experience and strong business background, Haycock will be expected to articulate the complex economic as well as other interests of the United States.

Haycock's nomination was announced in a brief statement by the White House on Sept. 29. An envoy for the president, she will go through Senate confirmation before assuming her post. The White House expects her nomination to be confirmed.

Rachel Terwilliger

organization responsible for the church's operations in China and Mongolia.

"There are many challenges on the road ahead for the new church," says Ash. "It is newly organized, and most of the members are under 25 years of age. Economic conditions and the brutally-cold climate are equally harsh. And if these factors were not enough, deeply-entrenched religious traditions make becoming a Christian like renouncing one's nationality or heritage."

In his address to the church, Ash paid tribute to those who had been willing to "sacrifice life and health to bring the gospel to Mongolia." In particular he paid tribute to pioneer missionaries Brad and Cathy Jolly and to the recent leadership of G. J. Christo, interim pastor/administrator.

Recently-appointed church workers and volunteers will continue to assist the new church in Ulan Bataar.

Jonathan Gallagher

Adventist Church Highlights Growth in Membership

Silver Spring, MD [ANN] — The Seventh-day Adventist Church continues to grow worldwide, with an average rate of increase of 5.5 percent in 1996. The highest net growth is in China, with the countries of the former Soviet Union, Southern Asia, and Africa showing the greatest percentage growth rates.

In a presentation made to the church's Annual Council on October 2, R. William Cash, director of the church's Archives and Statistics Department, expressed his delight at being able to report such good news.

"I am excited to share with you the progress of the church and the results of the ways in which new methods and new technologies have been used to spread the good news," said Cash.

As of early August, Brazil is the country with the largest total number of Adventists, having just overtaken the United States with a total of around 800,000. The Eastern Africa Division of the church is likely to become the area with the most Adventists by the year 2,000, Cash predicted, with a total of some 1.7 million believers. The implications for the church, as its demographic composition changes, make for interesting challenges, according to Cash.

"The continued shifts in membership demographics have important implications for our decision-making this year and in coming councils and sessions," said Cash.

Reacting to the report, Robert Folkenberg expressed his pleasure at the results. "I am delighted with the progress thus far," said Folkenberg. "God is continuing to bless us, and yet I am sure much more remains to be done. I look forward to even greater successes for the Lord in the years to come."

The total reported for the world-wide membership of the Adventist Church as of June 1997 is 9,479,718.

Jonathan Gallagher

First Adventist Church Organized in Mongolia

Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia [ANN]—The Seventh-day Adventist Church organized its first local church in Mongolia, Oct. 11.

"Meeting on Sabbath, new believers were baptized, and the charter membership of 25 signed their names to a scroll and organized themselves into a church," reports John Ash, general secretary for the East Asia Association, the Adventist

North American Division Year-end Meetings

Daily reports from Kermit Netteburg, assistant to the NAD president for communication projects

Oct. 7: Division Year-end Meeting Begins

President Alfred C. McClure, in the opening address of the year-end meeting of the North American Division (NAD) Committee, spoke about the challenges of reaching people in the big cities of the division. He noted that one-third of all the people in North America live in the 20 largest metropolitan areas—more than 90 million people.

McClure noted that the church's traditional attitude toward cities has prevented the denomination from making major initiatives in big cities. He also presented statistics about the inadequate work of the church in large metropolitan areas. He said 1,000 of the division's 4,600 churches are in large metropolitan areas, not as high a percentage of churches as the percentage of the population would indicate. But he said a closer look reveals a weaker church presence than those numbers indicate.

He cited Washington, D.C., as an example. "There are 24,000 members in 53 churches in this metropolitan area," he said, "and six of those churches are in one neighborhood." He also noted that 224 of the 272 neighborhoods in this metropolitan area have no Adventist presence—school, church, or institution. Seventy of the neighborhoods have no Adventist members at all.

McClure added, "And that's in just one city—one with a fairly strong Adventist presence!"

The largest unreached people group in North America is Anglos living in large cities. For example, there are 4 million Anglos in New York City. The ratio of Adventist Anglos to non-Adventist Anglos in that city is 1 to 1,131. "That is a smaller Adventist presence than in most foreign mission fields," he noted.

The focus on big cities in McClure's opening address followed his focus last year on church planting. Those are two of the strategic priorities developed by the Evangelism and Media Board 18 months ago. The board also placed priority on developing stronger name recognition for the denomination and empowering churches and members.

McClure reported on the progress of church planting since the 1996 year-end meeting. At that meeting, he had challenged the division leaders to lay plans to expand the number of churches in North America from 4,600 in 1996 to 5,000 by the year 2000.

Part of those plans included a Seeds '96 convention that taught more than 200 pastors, lay members, and church leaders about church-planting techniques. Seeds '96 was popular enough that Seeds '97 was planned, and more than 400 people attended this September's convention.

The conventions and other plans seem to be paying off. McClure reported Tuesday night that 136 churches had been planted in the past year. In challenging the leaders to further growth, McClure said, "You must lead the way, not necessarily in methods and techniques, but in priorities."

The year-end meeting is the annual meeting of the North American Division Executive Committee. The committee has almost 250 members and meets only once a year. Officers of the division can form a quorum of the committee to conduct business between the annual meetings in the fall, but many items, especially those of special significance, are not decided at any other time.

This year, besides conducting routine business, the committee will hear special reports from the Commission on the Public Image of the church, and a President's Commission on Women in Ministry.

Oct. 8: Big-city Evangelism and Satellite Television.

Highlights of today's year-end meeting included a vote to target the 13th Sabbath Offering in the fourth quarter of 1998 for big-city evangelism and an offer of time on a satellite channel for the church.

The big-city evangelism projects will target New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Toronto in 1999 and 2000. The offering's expected income of \$500,000 will be supplemented with funds from unions, conferences, and local churches to make what Cyril Miller called an unprecedented outreach in the major metropolitan areas of the division. Miller is vice president for evangelism for North America.

Carlos Pardiero, president of a television station in northwest Arkansas, reported to the committee that he has signed a contract to have his station, KSBN Channel 57, distributed via one of the direct-to-home satellite broadcasters. He offered 16 hours of programming each week free to the North American Division for the church to use however it wished. In addition, he offered another 6 hours each week to the church, this time on a different satellite but also free. Pardiero calls his station "Safe Television for All Ages." He has received proclamations and awards from many civic leaders, including the governor of Arkansas.

North America has agreed to accept Pardiero's offers. The broadcasts will begin in early 1998.

Just before Pardiero made his offer, Robert Folkenberg, General Conference president, described another 24-hour-a-day satellite network being created by the world church. The first stages of the satellite channel started broadcasting this past January for just a few hours a day and became a 24-hour network September 1. It currently broadcasts to most of the western hemisphere, but Folkenberg described plans for the network to span the globe within 18 months. The network will be called Adventist Global Communication Network.

These satellite television initiatives will complement the ACN system which has been in place for more than three years in North America. This is the network which produced Net '95 and Net '96 and a regular schedule of other programs including "First Wednesday," "Cross Training," and special features such as the Florida camp meeting uplinks.

In other business, the committee honored Elder William Scales, who is retiring after 19 years of directing the Ministerial Department for the division. Scales actually became director before the North American Division was created in 1980. Scales loves to conduct crusades, and his crusades have accounted for more than 10,000 baptisms. During his 19 years as division ministerial director, the division has baptized more than 500,000 people.

The committee also heard reports about satellite evangelism and about Ebony Evangelism during the morning session. The afternoon was devoted to "interfaces" between departmental directors of the division and the committee members of each of the nine unions in North America.

The small group interfaces are new to the year-end meeting this year. They grew out of a desire by departmental leaders to explain their work to committee members and to listen to the committee members describe the needs in their fields.

Fourteen departments and services of North America presented 20-minute reports to the various union groups during hour-long sessions that focused on dialogue and listening. Additional interface sessions are scheduled for Friday morning.

Oct. 9: Women in Ministry, Public Image, and Inner City

Three important reports were heard and accepted by Thursday's session of the year-end meeting of the North American Division Executive Committee today.

The report for the President's Commission on Women in Ministry recommended things "we can do to encourage and enhance women as ministers," according to the introductory remarks of Harold Baptiste, the chairman of the commission and the secretary of the division.

The report did not discuss the ordination of women, since the world church has decided that Adventist women pastors will not be ordained. The report instead covered other facets of affirming women in ministry. Specific suggestions included creating pastoral retreats for women pastors, a newsletter circulating to women pastors, a single commissioning/ordaining service for women and men pastors in conferences, and increasing the opportunity for upward mobility of women pastors.

Because several of the recommendations would require changes in the *Church Manual* of the world church, it was voted to receive the report and recommend its contents to the appropriate implementing committees. The vote also said the division should implement the recommendations where funds were available and other changes in church policy would not be required.

The Commission on the Public Image of the Church presented its report, which was approved. The report calls for the church to become known for enhancing "the quality of life, both for its members and for those not part of its fellowship." A lengthy section in the report defined "quality of life" in holistic terms that covered physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and other facets of a person's being.

The report had 24 specific recommendations for implementation, including having churches and institutions become centers of quality of life enhancement in their communities, using Adventist vehicles of mass communication to establish the image in both members' and non-members' minds, building a media relations program, and increasing the use both of the Adventist name in institutions and of the denomination's new logo.

The Inner City Program Taskforce redesigned Adventist work in the inner city and disadvantaged areas. Their report said the new program should offer mini-grants to fight hunger. The grants will be available to local churches and community action programs of churches. The program also will offer seed money grants for model projects in as many as six locations per year.

In other business, the committee members approved a budget for the division based on more than \$510 million of tithe. The division's share of that tithe will be about \$50 million, and more than half of that will be returned to unions and conferences as subsidies for various activities.

The all-day business session of the committee also approved many policy changes for education, for departments, for ministerial credentials, and for financial policies. These actions, and the text of the reports above, will be posted on the Adventist Forum within a few weeks.

Oct. 10: NET '98 Plans

News about NET '98 dominated the delegates' discussions during the day.

Dwight Nelson, the speaker for NET '98 and pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, presented the devotional for the committee. He noted that Oct. 11 was Yom Kippur, the day of atonement. He spoke about the need for at-one-ment—unity—in the Adventist Church.

After the devotional, he shared plans and ideas about NET '98. The satellite evangelistic program will start October 9, 1998, and continue through November 14. The meetings will be broadcast literally around the world. People in every country on earth will be able to hear NET '98.

Nelson also talked about the content of NET '98. He said the NET '98 meetings will be shorter than previous NET meetings. Right now, plans call for each meeting to be an hour and seven minutes long. "We're Adventists," he joked. "We had to get the seven in there."

Delegates responded enthusiastically to the update about NET '98.

MILEPOSTS

ANNIVERSARIES



Oscar and Fern Boismier celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 27, 1997, with a three day trip to Traverse City with family and friends. They have been members of the University Church, East Lansing, MI, for 39 years.

Oscar and Fern Craner were married July 27, 1947, in Flint, MI, by Pastor Russell Krick. Oscar was a physical therapist at Michigan State University's Olin Health Center. Fern worked in a dental office for more than 18 years.

The Boismier family includes Jim and Donni Boismier of San Jose, CA, and Gary and Marilyn Boismier of Houston, TX; 2 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 4 step-great-grandchildren.



Lloyd and Mildred Hawkins celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7, 1997, by an open house at the Adrian (MI) Church. They have been members of the Adrian Church for 60 years.

Lloyd and Mildred Pangburn were married Sept. 5, 1937, at Grand Ledge (MI) Campmeeting, by Pastor Lee. Lloyd and

Mildred owned and operated a dairy farm in Clayton, MI, for 55 years.

The Hawkins family includes David and Corline Hawkins of Auburndale, FL; Shirlee and Fred Heiney of Ottawa Lake, MI; Betty Breakey of Eaton Rapids, MI; and Joan and Chuck May of Owens Crossroads, AL; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.



Robert and Jean Titus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10, 1997, at a party hosted by their four children in Frankenmuth, MI. They have been members of the Lansing (MI) Church for 50 years.

Robert and Jean Moore were married Aug. 9, 1947, in Lansing, MI, by Elder Leslie Shoup. Robert was in the plumbing and heating business. Jean was a typist and homemaker.

The Titus family includes Alan and Jane Titus of Bolingbrook, IL; Carol and David Thelen of St. Johns, MI; Janet and Paul Anderson of Boulder, CO; and James and Brenda Titus of Charlotte, MI; and 10 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Ann Marie Eichelberg and Blaine Walker were married Sept. 7, 1997, in Flint, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder Bruce Babienko.

Ann is the daughter of Dwight and Marlene Eichelberg of Linden, MI, and Blaine is the son of Bruce and Karen Walker of Fenton, MI.

The Walkers are making their home in College Place, WA.

Angela Foote and Gregory Gryte were married July 20, 1997, in Battle Creek, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Gary Gryte and Charles L. White.

Angela is the daughter of Charles and Fifi Foote of Battle Creek, MI, and Gregory is the son of Gary and Ladonna Gryte of Thornton, CO.

The Grytes are making their home in Boulder, CO.

Delaina Freeman and Steven Cischke were married Aug. 3, 1997, in Holly, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Boyd Lundell.

Delaina is the daughter of Jerry and Esther Freeman of Holly, MI, and Steven is the son of Donald and Maria Cischke of Fowlerville, MI.

The Cischkes are making their home in Holly, MI.

Karen Johnson and Greg Delgado were married July 20, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Skip MacCarty.

Karen is the daughter of Ron and the late Francine Colvin of Berrien Springs, MI, and Greg is the son of Henry and Eva Delgado of Shelton, NE.

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

Margaret Kingsbury and Gary Wery were married July 26, 1997, on Mackinaw Island. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Edwin Remally.

Margaret is the daughter of Patti Kingsbury of Lake City, MI, and Doug Kingsbury of Cadillac, MI, and Gary is the son of Edward and Betty Wery of Wilson, MI.

The Werys are making their home in Gladstone, MI.

Jill Masten and Jacob Paddock were married July 20, 1997, in Cadillac, MI. The ceremony was performed by Elder James E. Micheff, Sr.

Jill is the daughter of Dick and Cheryl Masten of Cadillac, MI, and Jacob is the son of Ron and Barbara Paddock of Manton, MI.

The Paddocks are making their home in Cadillac, MI.

Kathryn Nash and Danny Lucas were married July 20, 1997, in Paw Paw, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pas-

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tors Frank Haynes and Byron Hudson.

Kathryn is the daughter of William and Elaine Nash of Nowata, OK, and Elizabeth and Bernard Overacker of Mattawan, MI, and Danny is the son of Ernest and Lorna Lucas of Union City, MI, and Ada and Arden Swisher of Lawrence, MI.

The Lucases are making their home in Decatur, MI.

Julie Robinson and Russell Pullen were married Aug. 31, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Stan Wilkinson.

Julie is the daughter of Chris and Jeane Robinson of Berrien Springs, MI, and Russell is the son of Lowell and Donna Pullen of Lodi, CA.

The Pullens are making their home in Marion, IN.

Melissa Wagtowicz and David Williamson were married Aug. 31, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mike Oxentenko.

Melissa is the daughter of Thomas and Lois Wagtowicz of Dowagiac, MI, and David is the son of Bettie and the late Robert Williamson of Trenton, MI.

The Williamsons are making their home in Allen Park, MI.

Bernice Zaft and Coggie Gibbons were married Aug. 17, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Arthur Zaft.

Bernice is the daughter of Arthur and Trudy Zaft of Hope, British Columbia, Canada, and Coggie is the son of Elsie Gibbons of Paget, Bermuda.

The Gibbons are making their home in Paget, Bermuda.

OBITUARIES

BERGER, Annie K., age 104; born Dec. 2, 1892, in Gourley Township, MI; died Aug. 22, 1997, in Powers, MI. She was a member of the Wilson (MI) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Florian, Raymond, Howard, Clarence, and Ralph; daughter, Mabel Sandahl; sister, Barbara Chapman; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, and interment was in Wilson SDA Church Cemetery.

CLAUSEN, Ralph W., age 82; born July 27, 1914, in Rapid River, MI; died June 25, 1997, in Rapid River. He was a member of the Riverside Church, Rapid River.

Survivors include his wife, Eunice (Nicholas); sons, Leon, Loren, and Dennis; daughters, Judy Anderson and Polly Osborne; foster sons, Allen Starrine and Patrick Miller; foster daughters, Bonnie Gehrke, Cheryl Halvorsen, and Karen Van Damme; brothers, Roger and Lowell; 21 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Oscar Montes, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Rapid River.

DAVIS-BYERS, Elsie, age 80; born Jan. 10, 1917, in Lawrence County, IN; died Aug. 22, 1997, in Bedford, IN. She was a member of the Bedford Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Deena Conner; brother, Paul Nickless; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Helm, and interment was in Cresthaven Memory Gardens, Bedford.

GROSSE, Alma (Wardecke), age 86; born Sept. 6, 1910, in Pound, WI; died Aug. 14, 1997, in Oconto Falls, WI. She was a member of the Pound Church.

Survivors include her sons, Gerald and Donald; daughters, Lorraine Kottke and Patricia Kessler; brother, David Wardecke; 12 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Knobloch, and interment was in First Baptist Cemetery, Pound.

JONES, Zelda (Rozella), age 93; born May 23, 1904, in Fostoria, MI; died July 31, 1997, in Flint, MI. She was a member of the South Flint Church, Burton, MI.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Leonard G. Kitson, and interment was in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint.

JORGENSEN, Marie V., age 85; born July 19, 1912, in Belvidere, IL; died July 24, 1997, in Berlin, WI. She was a member of the Almond (WI) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Nancy Jorgensen-Sandrick and Mary Eggers; 9 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Donovan Davis, and inurnment was in Poy Sippi (WI) Cemetery.

KASNER, Alice J., age 88; born May 8, 1909, in Sauk City, WI; died Aug. 1, 1997, in Marshfield, WI. She was a member of the Bethel Church, Arpin, WI.

Survivors include her son, Carl; step-sons, Gerald and Roger; daughter, Glenda Joch; step-daughters, Joann Ruedinger, Sharon Smith, and Violet Seeman; sisters, Hazel Zank and Esther Clark; 23 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Wendell Springer, and interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Arpin, WI.

KIMMEL, Dean C., age 47; born Oct. 1, 1949, in Lawrence County, IN; died Aug. 15, 1997, in Springfield, IN. He was a member of the Bedford (IN) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Delphine; sons, C. Keith and C. Kent; daughters, Crystal Covey and Deana Gomez; stepmother, Sharon K. Kimmel; brothers, Robert and Kevin; sister, Maria Lowers; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Paul Wasmer and Robert Helm, and interment was in Day and Carter Mortuary, Dishman, IN.

MARSHALL, Gerald, age 69; born Dec. 22, 1927, in Lovett, IN; died Aug. 28, 1997, in Columbus, IN. He was a member of the North Vernon (IN) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; sons, Richard and Jeffrey; daughters, Joyce and Teresa Marshall and Janice Reder; brothers, Robert and Arnold; sister, Berda Ruddick; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were con-

ducted by Pastor Scott Tyman, and interment was in Dupont (IN) Cemetery.

MARTIN, P. Sharon (Mende), age 58; born Feb. 26, 1939, in Waterman, IL; died Aug. 29, 1997, in Carson City, MI. She was a member of the Cedar Lake (MI) Church.

Survivors include her husband, David; sons, Todd and Tim; daughters, Trudy Eide and Trinda Martin; mother, Edna Mende; brothers, Milton, Lee, and Gene Mende; sisters, Rose Seagle and Ruby Ewing; and 1 grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Peter Neri, Paul Yeoman, Richard Wuttke, and James Danforth, and interment was in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

McKELVEY, James L., age 78; born Sept. 14, 1918, in Maple Grove, MI; died Aug. 20, 1997, in Battle Creek, MI. He was a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

Survivors include his wife, Leone; son, David; daughters, Christine Kempton and Cynthia Smith; brothers, Arthur and Theodore; sisters, Marguerite Davis, Marie Walters, Margaret Wilson, and Laura McKelvey; and 6 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale Leamon and Elder LaRue Cook, and inurnment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

NOTTELSON, Eric A., age 37; born June 4, 1960, in Milwaukee, WI; died Sept. 1, 1997, in San Clemente, CA. He was a member of the Oxford (WI) Church.

Survivors include his father, Darrel; mother, Sharon; brothers, David Nottelson and Glen and Tom Bass; and sisters, Sonja Nottelson, Stephanie Sprague, and Pam Hausman.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Steve Gallimore, and inurnment was in Sunnyside Cemetery, Lannon, WI.

NUTT, Arthelda (Howey), age 82; born Aug. 8, 1915, in Alzada, MT; died Sept. 4, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a

member of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ben; sons, Quinten, Bruce, Charles, and Robert; daughters, Bonnie Pollitt and Tana Nutt; brothers, Thomas, Charles, and Jesse Howey; sister, Ida Lewis; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder George Akers, and interment was in Mission Hill Memorial Gardens, Niles, MI.

ROBERTS, Cheryl B. (Clarke), age 48; born Oct. 19, 1948, in Philadelphia, PA; died Sept. 4, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

Survivors include her husband, Roy W.; son, David; daughters, Rachel Wile and Camille Roberts; brothers, Richard and Brad Clarke; and sisters, Pamela O'Connor-Chapman, Kathy Butler, and Toni Allen.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Skip McCarty, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

STONEBROOK, M. Kenneth, age 87; born Nov. 15, 1909, in Hartford City, IN; died July 20, 1997, in Green Bay, WI. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; son, David; daughter, Kathleen Lockert; brother, I.V.; sister, Esther Pomeroy; 6 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Lavern Pomeroy, with private inurnment.

ZUTZ, Clarence B., age 100; born Sept. 5, 1896, in Milwaukee, WI; died June 9, 1997, in Glendale, WI. He was a member of the Northwest Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include his sons, Gordon and Bob; daughters, June Zutz and Esther Goetzke; brothers, Arnold and Carl; sisters, Esther Rademacher and Lydia Groeschel; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Gordon and Bob Zutz and Pastor Mike Hansen, with private inurnment.

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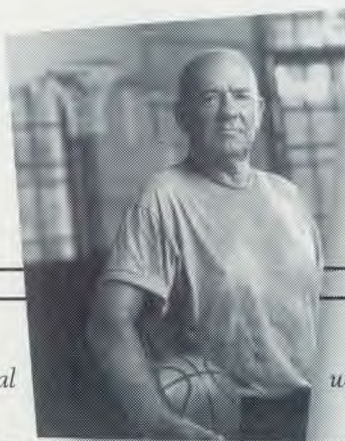
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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Nov. 12-15—Acrofest '97, a gymnastics festival featuring teams from North American colleges and academies, Johnson Gymnasium, call (616) 471-3254 for details; **14—Friday Festival of Faith** vespers concert featuring Wintley Phipps, Faith Es-ham, Brenda Spraggins, 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); **15—NET '98 Unite/Ig-nite Rally**, 4:30-6 p.m., PMC; **16—Wind Symphony** fall concert, 7:30 p.m., Johnson Auditorium; **21-23—Adventist Engaged Encounter** with Donald, dean of men, and Susan Murray, assistant professor of family studies.; **Dec. 5—Friday Festival of Faith** vespers concert featuring the choirs at Andrews in a Christ-mas concert, 7:30 p.m., PMC; **10—University autumn** quarter ends; **12—Andrews Academy Feast of Lights**, 7:30 p.m., PMC.

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Nov. 15, 22—Church Budget; 29—Local Con-ference Advance; Dec. 6—Out-reach/Church Budget; 13—Health and Temperance Sabbath/World Budget; 20—Church Bud-get; 20—13th Sabbath: Unusual Opportunities.
Special Days: Nov. 15—Human Relations Sabbath; 22—Welcome Home Sabbath; 29—Bible Sabbath; Dec. 6—Ingath-ering Sabbath;

INDIANA

Indiana Academy is proud to present a new monthly lyceum series this year at the acad-emy gym. It is sponsored by An-drews University, Union College, the Cicero (IN) Church, South-ern Adventist University, and Southwestern Adventist Univer-sity. The series is open to con-stituents, visitors, and commu-nity members. Anyone bringing a copy of this announcement will be granted free family admission.

All others will be charged a \$1.00 admission fee. The November lyceum—"USA Takraw," a two-person multi-cultural physical education program—will take place on Nov. 22, at 8:00 p.m. For information, call (317) 984-3575, ext. 236.

WORLD CHURCH

An informal homeschool discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month. Meet-ings are free and open to all, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Dr. George and Audrey Blake, 336½ Johnson Road (corner of Cool-spring and Johnson Road), Michigan City, IN 46060. Call (219) 879-6999 for information.

All Pathfinder leaders plan now to attend the NAD *Discover the Power* (DTP) International Pathfinder Camporee meeting May 17, 1998. This exciting one-day meeting to be held in Oshkosh, WI, will cover many details being planned for the Aug. 10-14, 1999, camporee. For more information contact the camporee headquarters located at the Center for Youth Evangelism at (800) YOUTH-2-U (800-968-8428). Other organizational DTP meetings will be held Feb. 13, 1998, in Los Angeles, CA, during the Master Guide Conven-tion, and Nov. 15, 1998, in Osh-kosh, WI.

Seeking OSU students. If you know of any SDA students at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR, please contact us to let us know their name(s) and address(es) so we can contact them and include them in our local campus ministry. Contact Robert Benjamin, 109 NW 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333-4942; phone (541) 752-1866; e-mail BENRW037@bus.orst.edu.

Tim Lale, associate editor of *Insight* magazine since 1993, has been named editor of *Guide*. He replaces Carolyn Rathbun-Sut-

ton, who recently married and moved to Oregon. As editor he will continue to pursue *Guide's* goal of printing stories for chil-dren ages 10-14 that portray God as a loving Father and best friend.

Before joining the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, MD, where both weekly magazines are produced, Lale was copy editor at Pacific Press Publishing Association in Boise, ID, for five years.

"A Time for Compassion" is the theme for the 11th annual conference of the North Ameri-can Association of Community Service Directors to be held in Calgary, Alberta, May 12-16, 1998. Anyone interested in com-passionate ministry is welcome to attend. For a registration pack-et, phone Rhonda Whitney, NAACSD treasurer, at (503) 775-6741.

Women of Spirit Goes Bi-monthly. The only news that can top 1994's monumental decision to publish a magazine for and by Adventist women is the recent decision to make *Women of Spir-it* a bimonthly publication. Be-

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Feb. 4-18, 1998, Adventist Singles Ministries International Outreach—Belize, Central America, where we join Maranatha in building one of the 15 needed churches for this rapidly growing Adventist population. Masons, an electrician, a plumber, cooks, and willing helpers are needed. Call Lorraine Hansen (704) 697-2409; e-mail lorhans@worldnet.att.net or Doris Durrell (209) 583-1259.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

Breath of Life, Mon: "Is Humanity Hopeless?—Part 2." Negative social behavior has plunged our world into a downward spiral, yet God has the answer for society's problems.

It Is Written: "The Surprise of a Lifetime." On the night of March 6, 1987, the passengers aboard a large ferry crossing the English Channel experienced a terrifying surprise. Their experience provides a dramatic look at the moment when human destinies are sealed. Connie Jeffery sings "The Lord Is Coming, Are You Ready?"

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Sepamos Perdonar" (Let Us Forgive). Forgiveness is the basis of salvation. Christ offers salvation and forgiveness to everyone.

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Hell: God Is Tough, Not Sadistic." **Mon-Fri:** "Prison Bars Don't Keep God Out." Special guests Don and Yvonne McClure reveal some of the astounding things God is doing in America's prisons—and how many unique Christians are having a part.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

Breath of Life, Mon:

"Ghosts, Zombies and Poltergeists—Part 1." Statistics tell us that many people believe in ghosts. Pastor Charles D. Brooks presents the Bible perspective on these remodeled ideas.

It Is Written: "Which Resurrection?" Pastor Finley gives a dramatic portrayal of two resurrections at the end of the world leading to two vastly different destinies. Merrilou Luthas sings "Majesty!"

La Voz de la Esperanza: ¿Qué Han Visto en tu Casa? (What Have They Seen in Your Home?). Sometimes we put on our Christian face and attitude to go to church or visit the sick. At home we are grouchy, upset, impatient and intolerant with those we love most.

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "The Broken-hearted God." When people die, it's not their relatives who miss them most. **Mon-Fri:** "The Final Court of Appeal." As America celebrates National Bible Week, we can thank God that there is only ONE final court of appeal.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

Breath of Life, Mon: "Ghosts, Zombies & Poltergeists—Part 2." The Bible brings comfort to those confused and concerned about ghosts.

It Is Written: "A Family

Against the Odds." Two impoverished widows, Naomi and Ruth, managed to turn their fragment of a family into something beautiful. Pastor Finley shows how we can build secure families—even when our environment works against us.

La Voz de la Esperanza: "La Fuerza de la Espada" (The Strength of the Sword). The sword of Christ is His word and this sword is within our reach—the Bible. Reading it will give us power and freedom from sin.

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "The Good God." The theory is clear, but how do you really know God is good? **Mon-Fri:** "Grinning While Giving." If God really does love the "cheerful giver," then how does He feel about the rest of us? What lesson is God trying to teach those in His reluctant donor file?

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

Breath of Life, Mon: "Five Minutes after Christ Died." It was a dark and gloomy Friday afternoon like none other in the history of the world. The place was Golgotha where the Son of God hung His head and died. What really happened? Ysis Expanso sings "The Old Rugged Cross."

It Is Written: "Earth's Baffling Mysteries." Pastor Finley takes viewers to Stonehenge, Easter Island and the Nazca Desert. New England Youth Ensemble Orchestra plays "This Is My Father's World."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "El Pecado Unpardonable" (The Unpardonable Sin). Sin can engulf and confuse us, but God has a clear way out—accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: "Mary." Honored and blessed, yes. But how honored? **Mon-Fri:** "The 24-hour Miracle." For the third year in a row, the *Voice of Prophecy* samples highlights from Handel's *Messiah*.

TITHING INCOME THROUGH AUGUST 1997

(THIRTY-FIVE WEEKS IN 1997, COMPARED WITH THIRTY-FOUR WEEKS IN 1996)

Conference	1997	1996	Increase %		1997	1996
			(Decrease)	Inc. -Decr.		
Illinois	4,860,135	4,500,764	359,371	7.98%	426.55	391.85
Indiana	2,899,403	2,714,317	185,086	6.82%	521.57	493.87
Lake Region	4,754,656	4,449,396	305,260	6.86%	212.50	203.25
Michigan	13,080,739	12,156,992	923,747	7.60%	566.90	532.59
Wisconsin	<u>2,816,738</u>	<u>2,658,410</u>	<u>158,329</u>	<u>5.96%</u>	<u>461.08</u>	<u>444.77</u>
Totals	28,411,671	26,479,879	1,931,793	7.30%	414.70	391.27

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
Berrien Springs, MI	5:25	5:20	5:16	5:14	5:14	5:16
Chicago	4:31	4:26	4:22	4:20	4:20	4:22
Detroit	5:13	5:07	5:03	5:01	5:01	5:03
Indianapolis	5:30	5:25	5:22	5:21	5:21	5:23
La Crosse, WI	4:40	4:34	4:30	4:28	4:27	4:29
Lansing, MI	5:16	5:10	5:06	5:04	5:04	5:06
Madison, WI	4:35	4:29	4:25	4:22	4:22	4:24
Springfield, IL	4:44	4:39	4:35	4:34	4:34	4:36

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Nov. 8, 4-6 p.m., ET—Cross Training: Communication Leaders—Building Bridges II; Galaxy 9, Channel 2.

Nov. 8-15, 7:30-9:30 p.m., ET—La Red '97 (Spanish/English); Satellite to be announced (TBA).

Nov. 11, 18, 25, 8:30-9 a.m., ET—*ADRA's World*, Galaxy 3, Channel 23.

Nov. 15, 4:30-6 p.m., ET—*NET '98 Unite/Ignite Rally*, Galaxy 9, Channel 22.

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 8-8:30 p.m. ET—*ADRA's World*, Galaxy 3, Channel 23.

Dec. 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. ET—*First Wednesday*, satellite TBA.

Dec. 13, 4:30-6 p.m. ET—*Creating Health Educational Seminars*, satellite TBA.

Cross Training: Especially for Local Church Communication Leaders

Building Bridges II is a continuation of the satellite training workshop that explores how local church communication leaders minister in their communities.

This year, presenters Kermit Netteburg, Charlotte McClure, and Clement Murray will explore the following:

- How to get your church's story told on your local television news
 - How to get stories printed in your union conference paper
 - Basic photo tips from our photo experts
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First Hispanic-Originated Evangelism Series Planned

La Red '97 (Spanish for NET '97) will be uplinked live November 8-15 from Brazil with Alejandro Bullon, Ministerial director for the South American Division, serving as the main speaker.

"This is the first time that a Spanish-originated evangelistic series will be televised via satellite," says Louis Torres, vice president for field training at Amazing Facts and coordinator of the event. "*La Red '97* will allow a connecting link between North America, South America, and Spain. We believe that an event like this, where people will hear the gospel in their own language, will benefit Hispanic people and promote the gospel like never before."

The week-long series is a reaping evangelism campaign, based on the extensive preparation that local churches have made, contacting people and preparing them with Bible studies.

Through this series, it is hoped that many people who have a serious spiritual interest will make decisions for Christ.

Torres says *La Red '97* will originate in Spanish and be translated into English and notes that both will be uplinked on the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Eastern Time. For more information, contact Louis Torres at 605-255-4101 or Eradio Alonso, associate director for the Ministerial Association at the North American Division office at 301-680-6475.

NET '98 Kickoff Rally

Don't miss "Unite/Ignite! NET '98." Nov. 15, 4:30-6 p.m. ET on Galaxy 9, Channel 22. Up-linked live from Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) on the campus of Andrews University, the program will rally Michiana pastors and members and call the division church family together for inspiration and information about the NET '98 crusade. The afternoon meeting will also call for churches' involvement in a division-wide soul-winning partnership.

Program Highlights:

- Alfred McClure, North American Division (NAD) president and sponsor of the event, introducing some new friends who came to the Lord as a result of NET '96.
- A video and music segment featuring "Go!", an anthem written especially for the event by Kenneth Logan, PMC organist, and performed with the Andrews University Singers, Stephen Zork, director.
- NET '98 speaker Dwight Nelson, PMC senior pastor, sharing from his heart ways to build on the success of NETs '95 and '96.
- Prayer focus with Ruthie Jacobsen, GC prayer ministries coordinator, and college students.
- Russell Burrill, NAD Evangelism Institute (NADEI) director, with key insights on building NET '98 attendance in the local church.
- A 30-minute question and answer session.

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Wow, thank God for His matchless love. I can give my life to Him, let Him take my heart, break it, and then make it to be just like Him.

Are you surrendering your heart to a love that knows no end? Are you laying down your net, and laying down your life? Are you taking up the cross and following the Fisher of Men? "May the Lord direct your heart towards God's love and the steadfastness of Christ!" (II Thess. 3:5 NEB).

*Melanie Towar, a college student
who finds Jesus more
exciting each new morning.*

Capture the Spirit

Bart: It just hit me!

Joe: O man, was it a semi-truck or a horse fly?

Bart: Never mind, read this! It'll blow you away!

Joe: Wait up, are you pointing at that little red book? The one preachers sometimes use to whack people with?

Bart: Yeah, I am, but don't be so negative. I can't believe what I just read. It totally points me to God and His love.

Joe: Well, what does it say?

Bart: Let me read it, "If you have renounced self and given yourself to Christ, you are a member of the family of God, and everything in the Father's house is for you. All the treasures of God are opened to you, both the world that now is and that which is to come. The ministry of angels, the gift of His Spirit, the labors of His servants all are for you. The world, with everything in it, is yours so far as it can do you good. Even the enmity of the wicked will prove a blessing by disciplining you for heaven. If 'ye are Christ's,' 'all things are yours.' 1 Cor. 3:23,21" (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 110).

Joe: Hey, I never thought of God's love like that. That's all from the Bible, isn't it?

Bart: Yeah it is.

Joe: You know, I'm thinking that the little lady really was inspired.

Bart: Don't doubt it, just look how it transformed me.

William Hurtado, who recently discovered the gold in E.G. White's writings.



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Zachary Juniper

Zachary Ryan Juniper, age 17, is a junior at Indiana Academy (IA). "He is a great worker," states Jo Farwell, registrar and work supervisor. Sharon Krueger, IA girl's dean and Bible teacher says, "Zachary is kind-hearted, service oriented, highly aware of others' needs, friendly, and open to improving himself. He demonstrates his Christianity by how he lives his life." At IA, Zachary has been the guest relations coordinator, working on IA's music festival and with campus tours.

Zachary has worked at Timber Ridge Camp as a member of the waterfront crew. He says, "My greatest accomplishment has been to share Christ in a fun way with the kids."

Zachary was born in Kettering, OH, on Oct. 10, 1980, to Joyce and Allen Siegel. He is an active member of the Kettering Church where he has served as worship coordinator and played in the bell choir. He plans to pursue a career in education with a focus on religion. "I want to work with youth and teach them Christianity," he says, "not as a subject, but as a way of life."

Kirsten Ladelle Amlaner, age 17, is a senior at Indiana Academy (IA). "Kirsten is a very talented, hard-working Christian young lady," states Andrew Lay, IA music teacher. "She works hard to achieve her goals and dreams." Kirsten is a product of Christian education, and she appreciates the Christian friendships she has developed as a result.

Kirsten enjoys playing piano and violin and studying math. At age 15 she won the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra's youngest-member award during their 1996-97 season. At the same time, she won the senior division of the Muncie (IN) Symphony solo competition in violin. Working on an honors diploma at IA has not prevented her from excelling at piano as well. She won the opportunity to perform at the Indiana University Summer Music Festival, chosen out of 800 participants.

Kirsten was born in Oxford, England, on Feb. 11, 1980, to Charles and Beverly Amlaner. She is an active member of the Terre Haute (IN) Church. She plans to attend Andrews University next year to study for a professional music career.



Kirsten Amlaner

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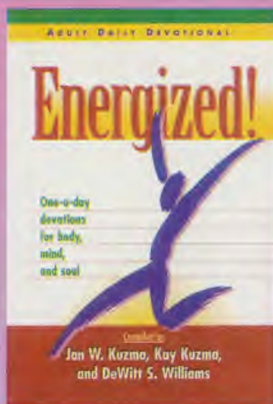
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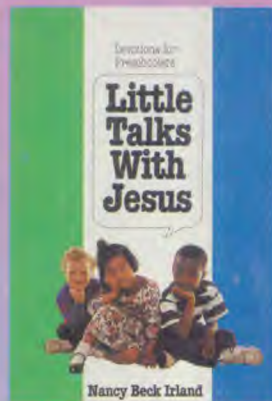
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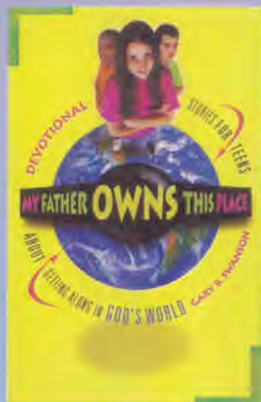
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