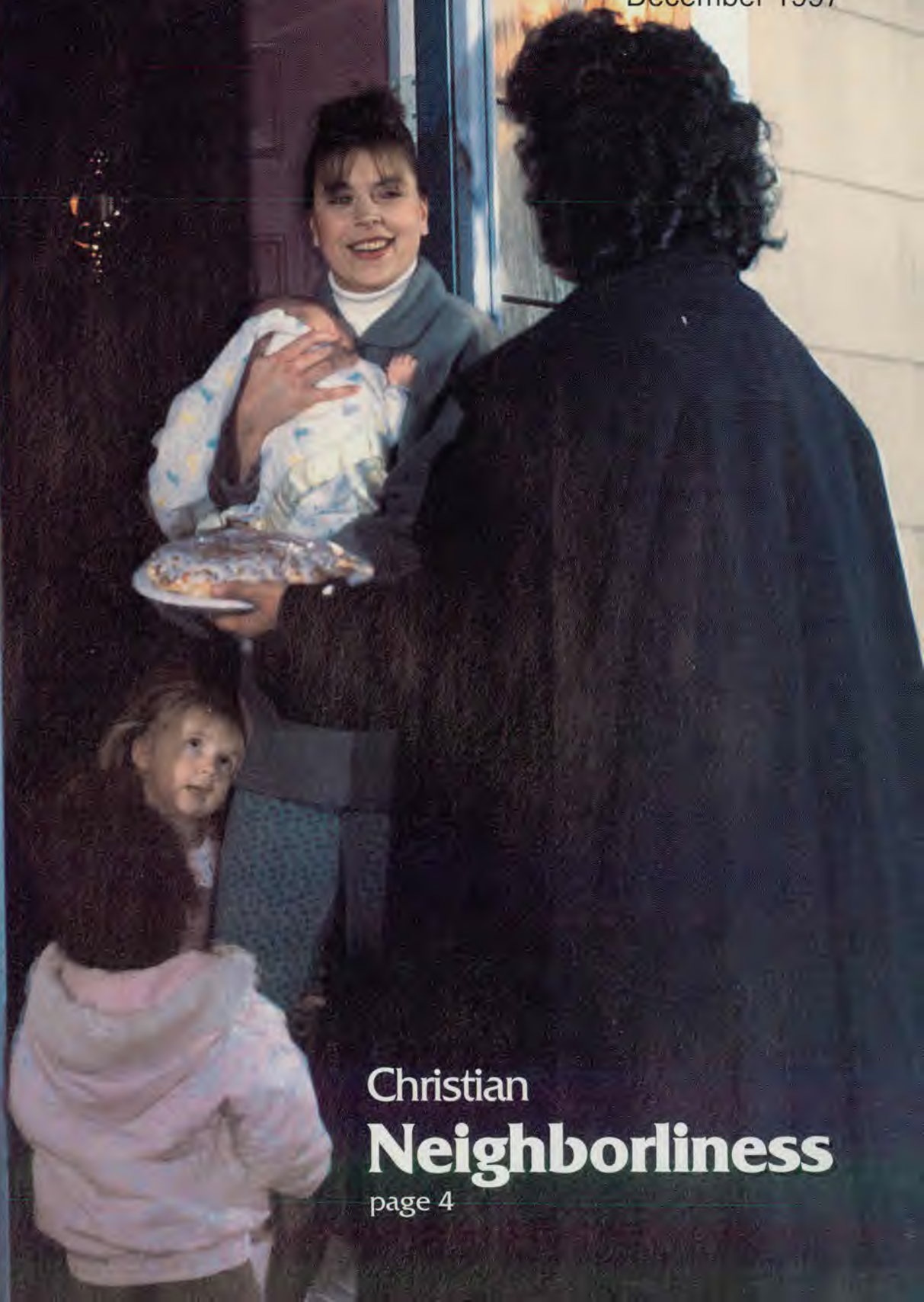


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To be a Christian neighbor means to look for ways to do them good, listen to their problems, and care about them. (Herald photo.)

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EDITORIAL

How to Practice Medicine without a Degree

BY DON SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT
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This is not about getting rid of doctors or hospitals, but it is about dispensing some very potent medicine. You don't have to be a graduate of any medical school to use this medicine. And you can use it for yourself or for other people.

Although many medical books do not even mention this treatment, an increasing number of studies have been done, and articles have been published in scientific journals which clearly demonstrate the positive results. Researchers from Georgetown, Duke, and Harvard met with representatives of the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute for Healthcare Research to "stimulate an explosion of research in religion in health." The affect of prayer in medical treatment was one of the issues being studied.

Prayer for the sick can be described in one of the following ways: 1) of no value, 2) a negative value, or 3) a positive value. There is only one right answer. And research is proving what we have known all along—prayer is a positive value. In the Randolph Byrd study of people being treated for heart problems in San Francisco General Hospital, those prayed for had "less congestive heart failure during recovery, had to use fewer diuretics, were less frequently intubated, and experienced fewer cases of pneumonia and cardiopulmonary arrests" than those in the control group, for whom the intercessors had not prayed. Other studies too show quicker and more complete recoveries among people who are the subject of prayer.

The only thing really surprising about all of this is that we pray so little.

This week I was visiting in a home when the home-health nurse arrived. After asking several medical questions, she said to the patient, "Before I came, I was thinking about you and preparing for this visit. I brought the texts with me that I have picked out for you." After reading the Bible texts, she prayed. The patient was moved and greatly appreciated the visit.

I'm not a medical professional, but I can administer such treatments. God offers to hear and answer prayer, so my part is to visit the sick and pray for them. This can only enhance the other medical treatment they are receiving.

At this moment I can think of several people who need this powerful medicine. Some are sick, some discouraged, some trying to make a decision. I am giving them doses right now. I am praying for them. God will not turn a deaf ear to my prayers. He promised to listen, and I know He will.

There is no prescription needed for this medicine. I am going to administer it . . . daily . . . even several times a day. How about you?

From Bible Student to Pastor

BY KEN SEYMOUR

It all began twelve years ago in the spring of 1985 when Ken Seymour, who was then pastor of the Perry and Morris churches in Michigan, was working door to door in Perry. He wanted to find people who would study the Bible. That day he was visiting in a subdivision of about 250 homes and praying that God would lead him to someone who was seeking truth. He had only a little time, and he needed God's help to make his time count. When Ken came to the home of Jeff and Dian Bergquist and introduced himself as a gospel minister, they invited him in and asked him to answer some Bible questions.

Dian's father was a Pentecostal minister, and she had questions about speaking in tongues. Jeff was ordained in the Pentecostal Church, but he was taking a correspondence course through another denomination's college. The materials he had received were so "opened-ended" that he was not sure what to believe. Both of them had begun to fast and pray for Bible answers. A desire for a closer walk with God burned in their hearts. When Ken knocked on their door, they believed he was the answer to their prayers. When Ken asked if they were interested in Bible prophecy, they eagerly agreed to begin Bible studies.

As Jeff and Dian began sharing what they were learning with friends and family, they were told that they were studying the teachings of a cult called Seventh-day Adventists. They didn't believe them, however, because

Ken always answered their questions—not with an opinion, but from the Bible. Also, he was never offending, but gently led them to understand each new Bible message. Then Jeff remembered how, as a small boy, his mother had read to him and his brothers from Arthur Maxwell's *Bible Story* books. Now he discovered they were published by Adventists. Dian's father had studied with an Adventist years before; but when the man's wife died and he discontinued the studies, no one ever followed up on his interest. Thus, today, Dian's father has questions about doctrines he doesn't understand, leading him to form some prejudices against Adventists.

God blessed the Bible study time Jeff and Dian had with Ken. Then they attended a Revelation Seminar. At the end of that series, they both were baptized at the Morris Church. This decision was at first neither under-

stood nor accepted by their families, and they were cut off from close family ties.

Jeff later came to believe that God had called him into the Adventist ministry, and by faith the family moved to Collegedale, Tennessee, to attend Southern Adventist University where he graduated with a major in theology.

God's blessings have been evident in these choices. Today Jeff and Dian's three teenage daughters are members of the church, and Jeff is pastoring for the Michigan Conference in the Menton, Lake City, and Marion churches. Dian's family has also responded to Jeff and Dian's prayers and kindness, and some of them have already been baptized. Others are still listening and studying. Everyone believes the Holy Spirit is leading.

Ken Seymour is the Linden Church pastor.



Dian and Jeff Bergquist stand with Ken Seymour (right), rejoicing in God's leading them into full-time pastoral ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Christian Neighborliness

BY JOHN F. DUGE

Following Jesus, walking with Him; how is it done? I'd like to suggest that there are three ways: by prayer, Bible study, and witnessing. Unfortunately, many Christians today have become too sophisticated to do this comfortably—not too sophisticated to read their Bibles and pray, but too sophisticated to witness comfortably. One reason we feel uncomfortable witnessing is that there is a lot of witnessing being done by Christians of various kinds, and way too much of it is an embarrassment to the gospel. I'm going to give you a method of personal evangelism that won't embarrass even a university professor: it's simple and genuine. It's the method advocated by Ellen White; and above all, it's the method of Jesus.

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. . . . There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot be without fruit.

Ministry of Healing, p. 143

Jesus' method was personal. In His work He focused on people and their needs and not on methods or techniques. His method took Him from door to door.

Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray with them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together and open the word of God.

Welfare Ministry, p. 64

Door-to-door witnessing, in most Adventists' minds, involves working down a residential street with some carefully-prepared methodology—a memorized canvass, a detailed plan of questions and responses. Jesus' method was quite different. He also worked door to door; but His attention was focused, not on His methodology, but on the person He was speaking to.

We are too tempted to try to win people by methods—by remote control. We want machinery that will crank out converts if the right buttons are pushed without becoming involved with the people we are working for. In the process, we depersonalize them and reduce them to targets for evangelism. People are very sensitive to being treated in this way. They sense quickly when they are not being addressed *as persons*, when they have been made objects of our crusade instead of potential friends.

A pastor I know moved to a new town. Right away, he visited his new neighbors. "Hi! I'm your new neighbor! I live in the house over there. I'm an Adventist minister. If there is ever anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to call." He learned about their children and their work. If his wife baked bread or he picked a basket of fruit, he shared. He was available to help if a neighbor was stranded and

needed transportation. He was there with ready sympathy when tragedies, major or minor, struck. He used these as opportunities to offer to pray with his neighbors—simple prayers, leading them to trust God, asking for His guidance or healing. He looked for opportunities to read the Bible with them or to invite them to church.

There is a work to be done by our churches that few have any idea of. "I was an hungered," Christ says, "and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." . . . Relieve some of God's afflicted ones. Some are sick, and hope has departed. Bring back the sunlight to them. There are souls who have lost their courage: speak to them, pray for them. There are those who need the bread of life. Read to them from the word of God. There is a soul sickness no balm can reach, no medicine heal. Pray for these, and bring them to Jesus. . . . Bring the sunshine of the Sun of Righteousness into the room of the sick and suffering.

Welfare Ministry, p. 71

When Ellen White speaks of door-to-door ministry, this is what she envisions. How different this ministry is from the mental pictures so many of us hold! This is *Personal* ministry in the pattern of Jesus, focused on *people* and their needs and not on a predetermined methodology or technique. The church has no mission of its own. It only has Jesus' mission, and we will do well to adopt not only the Savior's mission, but His method as well.



Although there is a very important role for the formal "Bible study," it can convey the message, "You can't understand this Book unless you're an expert." But a "Bible reading" proclaims the opposite: "Look! You can read and understand this Book!"

He went from house to house, soothing the afflicted, speaking peace to the distressed. He took the little children in His arms and blessed them and spoke words of hope and comfort to the weary mothers. With unfailing tenderness and gentleness He met every form of human woe and affliction. . . . It was His meat and drink to be a comfort and a consolation to others, to gladden the sad and heavy laden ones with whom He daily came in contact. Christ stands before us as the pattern Man, the great Medical Missionary, and example for all who should come after.

Loma Linda Messages, 94:1,2; 95:1

Be a Christian neighbor. Love your neighbors. Look for ways to do them good. Listen to their problems, sympathize with them, *care* about them. Look for opportunities to (1) pray with them, (2) read the Bible with them, (3) invite them to church with you.

Notice (2) above. This does not require formal Bible-study skills. The Adventist pioneers, for many generations, spoke about "Bible readings."

This is not quite the same as what we today call a "Bible study." Our Adventist predecessors simply kept in their minds a list of Bible passages, applying to different life-situations, that could be read aloud together with someone. When the opportunity presented, they simply found a Bible and sat down and read the passage with their neighbor. Although there is a very important role for the formal "Bible study," it *can* convey the message, "You can't understand this Book unless you're an expert." But a "Bible reading" proclaims the opposite: "Look! You *can* read and understand this Book!"

The argument presented here should not be construed as an attack on the multitude of specialized ministries that are so needed in all our churches. We need people who can give Bible studies, present smoking clinics, and do jail and community services ministries. These things require technique, specialized knowledge, practice, experience. We need *more* people committed to these ministries, not less. But they are the

apex of the pyramid. The base is Christian neighborliness. Not everyone can do the special ministries. But *everyone* can be a Christian neighbor. It's the method taught by Ellen White, because it's the method of Jesus.

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. . . . There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot be without fruit.

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It Takes

TEAMWORK

BY ANN FISHER

What are the key ingredients of successful evangelism? Michael Conley, an outstanding pastor-evangelist of the Detroit, Michigan, Northwest Church—unique because it is an ethnically mixed congregation with the majority being Afro-Americans, but pastored by a Caucasian pastoral family—believes that in order to fulfill God's commission to communicate the gospel to the whole world, a team concept is basic. No pastor, church leader, or lay member can do it alone. It takes a team, and Jesus Christ must be the Captain.



Michael Conley, pastor-evangelist of the Detroit, Michigan, Northwest Church.

1 FAMILY SUPPORT

In addition to the Captain, without whom nothing can be accomplished, Pastor Conley suggests six additional components of the successful evangelistic team. Basic to this evangelistic team is the first additional component—the pastor's family.

When Pastor Conley met his wife—a pastor-evangelist's daughter who wasn't sure she wanted to marry a preacher—she was no stranger to evangelism. Melly (Rodriguez) Conley, a registered nurse, has been part of the team now for 20 years. She is the singing-evangelist on the team. The Conleys have two sons—Hal, 13, and Chris, 11. The whole family is involved in evangelism. Pastor Conley states, "My family knows that during meetings I will be very involved. If they want to see me, they need to become a part of the program. Why? Because the whole purpose of our family is to work together to save people for Christ and His kingdom."

2 CONFERENCE RESOURCES

The second additional component is the support of the local conference. Pastor Conley is grateful for the Michigan Conference whose

leaders he says "... have the hearts of pastor-evangelists and love to be involved in soul winning." The conference designates 33.5 percent of the Michigan Advanced Partners (MAP) funds for evangelism. Pastor Conley maintains that, "Success at Detroit Northwest Church has resulted because the administration has provided the leadership and financial resources needed to bring the results."

3 PASTOR'S VISION

The third additional component of the successful team is the vision of the pastor. Pastor Conley knows that "Where there is no vision, the people perish:" (Proverbs 29:18). He asserts, "The pastor must have a vision of what can be accomplished evangelistically. He needs to put together a team of members who will be involved in soul winning."

When Pastor Conley became pastor of the Detroit Northwest Church about six years ago, the church members did not have a church of their own. Because there was no church home to bring interested persons to or to hold evangelist meetings in, his vision was to concentrate on personal evangelism and to raise funds to acquire a permanent church home for the members. Pastor Conley says, "Our church began to explode evangelistically about four and a half years ago when we purchased a church building.

Before that we were just a group of worshippers, and progress was slow. A church building allows us to reach out to the community."

EQUIPPED MEMBERS

The fourth additional component needed for successful evangelism is an integral part of the pastor's vision for his members—to train the laity for service. Ephesians 5 indicates that it is the pastor's job to equip the church members for the work of ministry. Well-trained laypersons are an indispensable part of the successful evangelistic team.

Pastor Conley is actively involved in training Lay Bible Ministers (LBM) in his congregation. He also mentors his elders and deacons by taking them with him for practical training in visitation. His church nominating committee chooses two "deacons in training" each year that will be mentored and trained to take an active part in ministry the following year. "Members already have their spiritual gifts in place," says Pastor Conley, "I just affirm them and send them out to do what God has blessed them to do."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The church family, actively involved in community outreach programs, is the fifth additional component of the successful evangelistic team. "Sometimes I think we put too much money into brochures that advertize our meetings," declares Pastor Conley, "People bring people."

The Detroit Northwest Church members are involved in health programs, a new van ministry, cooking classes, and 5-day plans to stop smoking. The church runs an active community service program, providing food and other help to needy people. Like good team players, each ministry refers persons they have contacted to

other supporting ministries in the church. For example, the Pathfinder club is serving many non-Adventist young people who have been referred to the Pathfinder director by the community service director. The 20 members who have LBM credentials are standing by ready to teach the Bible to contacts that are referred to them. Pastor Conley promotes lots of involvement programs with different approaches. He says, "It's a continual process of learning where the community itches and then scratching it."

With the church members trained and already actively involved in outreach, they naturally become involved in every possible way in the reaping campaign. They invite their friends and contacts to attend the meetings, they care for the evangelistic sign outside the church, they manage the sound system, they perform as trained ushers at the meetings, they give Bible studies to the interested persons, they help with the music, and they form prayer groups who meet and pray daily for the meetings. Even the church treasurer is an integral part to the team. "Several years ago," reports Pastor Conley, "I saw that the average congregation in North America only spends about 1 1/2 percent on evange-

lism. At Detroit Northwest, we spend an average of 5–10 percent. You have to put money in evangelism if you are going to save souls."

EXCELLENT MUSICIANS

The sixth and last additional component that Pastor Conley feels is indispensable for successful evangelism is the music. "During my public meetings, I hire a professional musician to come and help at least for one week," he says. With this final attractive feature, the team is complete.

Pastor Conley concludes, "The success at Northwest is not the result of a magic potion, but the result of a simple Biblical formula. Remember, the pastor is only as good as the team around him. Just like any successful sports team that wins, it's always a team effort—Christ first, followed by six additional evangelistic concepts for team success."

Ann Fisher is the Lake Union Herald copy editor.



Pastor Conley's evangelistic "team" praises God for the more than 30 new members that have been baptized into their church in 1997.

A Dynamic Team

BY JAY GALLIMORE
AND TED STRUNTZ

For the first time in twenty-five years, Andrews University undergraduate theology students were provided the opportunity to participate in an evangelistic field school. The Michigan Conference and the Andrews University undergraduate Religion Department collaborated to organize the field school, which was held in Jackson this past summer. The Lake Union Conference also added their financial and organizational support to the effort. The field school ran from June 12–August 30 and concluded with a five-week evangelistic series.

One of the interesting features of this field school was the door-to-door work done by the students. They knocked on more than 15,000 doors, offering simple Bible studies. Already efforts are under way to make the lessons more effective in securing people's interest in the meetings.

"We are very pleased with this cooperative venture between Michigan Conference and the undergraduate Religion Department. Keith Mattingly, religion teacher, and Loren Nelson, ministerial director, worked hard to see this become a reality. We are looking forward to this becoming an annual event," said Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president.

Eleven baptisms have already

occurred in Jackson in the Michigan and Lake Region conference churches as a result of this field school, and Bible studies continue to help people prepare for baptism. "I wish you could have seen the excitement the students experienced when people made decisions for Jesus," said Ted Struntz, field school director.

Charles and Mary Sizemore came each evening to the evangelistic series as the result of the prayers and invitation of Mary's mother, Shirley Keyes, who is a longtime member of the Jackson Church. As a young girl, Mary had attended the Jackson Church and summer camps. However, even

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though she enjoyed these programs, she was never baptized. What a thrill her mother, Shirley, had on August 30 when she saw Mary and Charles baptized!

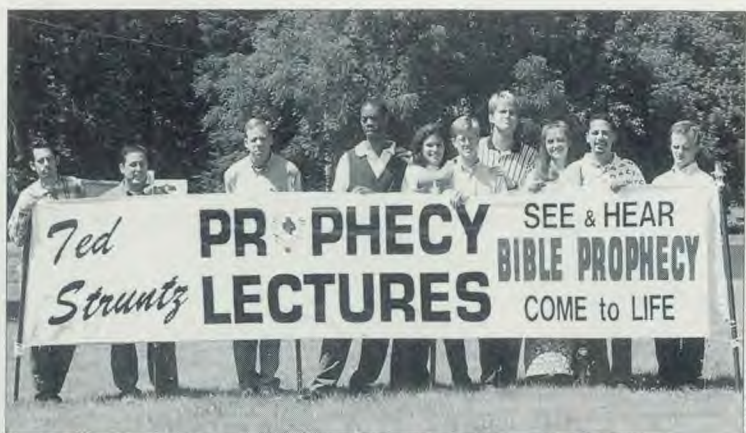
If you were to talk to the members of the Jackson Church, you would hear numerous stories of blessings that were received because of the students' participation in the lives of church families. Their Sabbath morning

sermons were powerful, God-sent messages. Music provided by the students brought an abundance of blessings. Youth were inspired by the students' stories, friendship, and challenges to live godly lives for Jesus.

The students who participated in the field school were also blessed by the generosity of the church members who opened up their homes to them. Church members provided lodging, food, recreational opportunities, and listening ears to their many daily challenges. "The church members really made a difference," Andrews student Raymond Waller said. "They loved us and picked up our spirits when we felt down." This was a summer of enlightenment, growth, and decision making for the church, the community, and the students.

We are grateful to the Lord for His blessings on this special program and to the Andrews Religion Department, which helped make this program possible. We also want to say thank you to the Michigan Conference church members for their support of Michigan Advance Partners, which makes evangelism funds available for programs such as this. Without your continued support, these exciting soul-winning adventures could not take place.

Jay Gallimore is the Michigan Conference president and Ted Struntz is pastor of the Jackson Church.



Field school students (from left): Michael Belknap, Pedro Trindad, Matthew Gamble, Raymond Waller, Joan Conejo, Seth Leamon, Scott Morton, Rosemary Bauer, Tony Rodriguez, and Timothy Lee.

Andrews evangelistic school from the participants perspective

“Jackson Ten” Go Door to Door for the Lord



Jack Stenger, AU PR

Eight of the ten field school participants stand with Keith Mattingly, group coordinator. Pictured from left are: (front) Pedro Trinidad, Tim Lee, Keith Mattingly; (2nd row) Rosemary Bauer, Antonio Rodriguez; (3rd row) Scott Morton, Joan Cornejo, Matthew Gamble, Raymond Waller.

BY JACK STENGER

There are a lot of doors in Jackson, Michigan. Just ask Matthew Gamble. “Over the course of the summer, I felt like I knocked on every one of them,” said the Andrews University senior religion major.

This summer, Matthew and nine other Andrews students got to know the doors, the streets and—most importantly—the people of Jackson, a city of 37,000 located an hour west of Detroit.

Their “door knocking” was just one part of an elaborate evangelism field school which ran from June 12 to August 30. The idea was to give future pastors practical training for evangelism, Bible studies, effective preaching, and church visitation.

The Andrews religion majors who participated called themselves the

“Jackson Ten.” While their efforts did not produce the lights and pizzazz that their showbiz counterparts of the 1970s did, their “show” was a lot more lasting. After all, “Jackson Five” was about soul music. The Andrews “Jackson Ten” was about soul winning.

“These young people learned and saw every kind of experience. We prayed a lot. We cried a lot. We worked a lot, and we saw the outpouring of God’s spirit,” said Ted Struntz, pastor of the Jackson Church and field school coordinator.

Door-to-door canvassing might be

All summer long, our motto was
“Pass No One By.”

tried-and-true for Adventism, but it was new for most members of the “Jackson Ten.” They visited the upscale suburbs and the working-class, inner-city neighborhoods. On some days, these Gen-X gospel workers knocked on doors from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. They shared prayers and offered kind words. In some houses, dusty Bibles were pulled from shelves and opened for the first time in years.

They also met indifference. People summoned to a door by a friendly

college student can find innumerable reasons to refuse a set of *Real Truth Bible Studies*: “I’m all set,” said some. “I go to church down the street.” “No thanks.” “I’m Baptist.” “I’m Catholic.” “I already know my Bible.”

Even when feet got tired, even when doors got slammed in their faces, students said faith in God kept them going. “All summer long, our motto was ‘Pass No One By,’” said Antonio Rodriguez, a senior theology major. “Of course, not everyone was interested. But we wanted to give every person the opportunity to make a decision. The rest is up to God.”

The field school was sponsored by the Lake Union Conference, the Michigan Conference, and Andrews University. All three entities recognize that practical training is an imperative for students who feel called to ministry. “Engineers have internships, and medical students have residencies because they need practical training. The field school gave our students this same type of nuts-and-bolts experience,” said Keith Mattingly, Andrews assistant professor of religion. “But the great thing about this training is that our students’ work meant souls won for God’s kingdom.”

15,000 doors. City streets. Worn soles. Won souls. Students won’t soon forget the Andrews “Jackson Ten” summer ’97 tour.

Jack Stenger is the Andrews University public information officer.

God Has *No Competition*



General sessions provided information, interspersed with laughter and interaction.

BY WILLIAM HURTADO

*I*t wasn't a home run, it was a grand slam. And it wasn't at a baseball game, it was at the Lake Union's youth leadership training conference held at Andrews University October 24-26. According to most of the 250 participants, Giraffe University (NAD's youth leadership training mechanism) was exactly what earliten, senior youth, and young adult leaders needed.

Francis Tham, a youth leader from Willowbrook, Illinois, said, "Giraffe University was very inspiring and uplifting. It gave a lot of ideas to connect with youth and to know Jesus better." Gloria Pierce, a Sabbath school superintendent from Danville, Illinois, agreed. "It's wonderful! It's fantastic!" she said.

Through Giraffe University's interactive general sessions, practical elective seminars, networking, and resources, Lake Union youth leaders were equipped to better "stick their necks out" for youth. "Giraffe University has been a real encouragement on

what I can accomplish for youth. I've been able to focus on specific goals that, with prayer, will make a difference in kid's lives," said Dora Bodinet, a Pathfinder leader from Bolingbrook, Illinois.

José Rojas, NAD youth director, was the featured speaker of the weekend. "His speaking was absolutely inspiring and empowering," said Barb Gomoll, a Pathfinder leader from Chicago. Also of inspiration were the Pathfinder clubs and the youth- and young-adult groups that organized the weekend and prepared the meals. "Giraffe University is about us—

youth, local churches, conferences, and the NAD Youth Ministries Department—coming together to pray and support each other. Together, we are going to win our youth from evil's grip," said Ron Whitehead, NAD associate youth director.

Well, we have a good start. Giraffe University wasn't a home run, it was a grand slam. And it wasn't any human being that did it, it was God Himself. So what are you waiting for? Join the team!

William Hurtado, a young adult, is Giraffe University managing director.



More than 30 elective seminars gave participants practical training.



Adventist Education Is Still Unique

BY NIELS-ERIK ANDREASEN

When she left the White House for the campus of Stanford University, first daughter Chelsea Clinton repeated a great American ritual for 18-year-olds—going to college. That same ritual was repeated here at Andrews in September when nearly 3,200 bright-eyed and lively students (the highest number ever) signed up for classes, reminding the whole nation that leaving home and going to college is part of the American life.

One hundred years ago, attending college was a privilege reserved for a select group of mostly well-to-do young men. Their sisters might attend finishing school, but most young people never set foot on a college campus. There was no place for them at college, and they had no money to afford a college degree. That was when our church began to spread across the North American continent and abroad. Most young Adventists and their parents were not in a position to think about college at that time.

But 19th-century Seventh-day Adventists, inspired by Ellen G. White, soon developed strong ideas about education. They were not well-to-do, for the most part, and most of them were not familiar with college education, yet they did not want their children to grow up ignorant. "Adventist" and "ignorance" were not compatible terms then, and should not be now.

So they began to build colleges, one new college every three years on

average between 1874 and 1905, until the North American continent was covered with new colleges. This gave young Adventists, both men and women, access to a college education, since our colleges were co-educational from the beginning. Further, a concept of work-study made college affordable to everyone who was willing to work hard.

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This revolutionary concept of college education has now become available to all young Americans, thanks to the state- and community-college systems dotting our land. And work-study has become the norm for most college students. But the unique concept of access to college for every young person was introduced by our church leaders long before the first community college opened its doors. It was a unique and revolutionary concept; namely, that education is needed for successful and meaningful living in this world and in the world to come, and that everyone needs it.

Today, Adventists continue to offer all their young people a college

education that is unique. But what makes Adventist education unique in our time? It is no longer the fact that every college-bound person will have access to college, for our society has long since recognized the importance of that and made public provisions for it. Nor is the simple affordability of a college education unique, since scholarships, grants, work, church subsidies, and college loans continue to make college affordable to nearly everyone. Rather, the unique aspects of an Adventist college education today have to do with the care we want to take for all our students and the focus we wish to give to their college education. This is how we like to express it:

Andrews University educates its students for generous service to the church and to society in keeping with a faithful witness to Christ and to the world-wide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Here is unique college education offered no where else in the Lake Union territory.

Finally, what do we then look for in our students once they graduate? Competent, creative, compassionate, committed, professionals; people who will contribute much to their families, church, communities, and places of work; people who know about right and wrong, about love, peace, and justice. These are the kind of Andrews people we wish to produce here, and doing that will continue to make our education as unique today as it was when it first began over 100 years ago.

Niels-Erik Andreassen is the president of Andrews University.

New Executives Join Hinsdale Hospital

Ronald L. Sackett, Hinsdale Hospital president, and Ernie W. Sadau, executive vice president and CEO, are pleased to welcome three new vice presidents to the executive team. They join Timothy W. Cook, vice president of development; C. Steven Davis, vice president of marketing and planning; Jorge A. Heyde, vice president/administrator, GlenOaks Hospital; and Robert T. Zeck, M.D., vice president of medical affairs.



Brian Westbury

James R. Gravell

James R. Gravell joined as vice president and chief financial officer (CFO) of Hinsdale Hospital and CFO of the Midwest Region of Adventist Health System. He relocated from Orlando, FL where he was vice president for finance for Adventist Health System and CFO of the corporation's Multistate Hospital Division.

Mr. Gravell holds an MBA degree from the University of Nebraska and a bachelor of science degree from Andrews University (Berrien Springs, MI). He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Health Care Financial Management Association.

When asked why he wanted to leave the corporate office to come to Hinsdale, Gravell responded by saying, "I knew that there wouldn't be another facility like Hinsdale within the system. We're the second largest hospital in the corporation, a hospital with a marvelous heritage and a top quality medical and clinical staff, and a tremendous amount of prestige. Mardian Blair, the president of AHS, says that what you do should wake you up in the morning, energized and excited. The opportunity to be at Hinsdale gives me this feeling."

A Wisconsin native, Gravell, his wife Wilma, and their eleven-year-old son, Ross, moved to Hinsdale in August.



Brian Westbury

Patricia A. Sutton

Patricia A. Sutton, vice president of Patient Care Services, comes to Hinsdale Hospital from 300-bed Washington Adventist Hospital (Takoma Park, MD) where she was vice president and chief nursing officer. Mrs. Sutton holds a master of arts degree in health education from Central Michigan University (Mt. Pleasant) and a bachelor of science

degree in nursing from Madison College (Madison, TN).

Because her professional goals blend with the mission and vision of the hospital, Sutton made the decision to accept the position at Hinsdale. "The healing profession is perhaps the highest calling," said Sutton. "Helping people return to health, to live normal, everyday lives is very rewarding, and taking care of the care givers is a very important part of the process. There is a sense of great things about to happen at Hinsdale. We need to work together and share in the challenge of helping Hinsdale Hospital continue to move forward in positive ways."

Mrs. Sutton and her husband, Richard, have 2 sons and a daughter. Sutton undertook her responsibilities at Hinsdale on September 22.



Brian Westbury

Todd S. Werner

Todd S. Werner, vice president of operations, comes to Hinsdale from Deloitte & Touche consulting group in Atlanta, where he was a senior consultant. Werner joined the Hinsdale team on September 15. He holds an MBA degree with a concentration in health services management from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University (Durham, NC), and a bachelor of business administration degree from Southern

College of Seventh-day Adventists (Collegedale, TN). His business experience includes the non-profit hospital alliance Sunhealth Corporation (Charlotte, NC), Adventist Health System (Orlando, FL), and the accounting firm of Ernst & Young (Orlando, FL). He is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives.

Werner's consulting work at Deloitte & Touche focused on operational improvement projects for academic medical centers and physician-management companies. Dedication to mission, teamwork, and total quality management play a major role in his style of management.

"I came to Hinsdale for the opportunity of working with an organization whose mission centers around meeting people's physical and spiritual needs," said Werner. "Hinsdale Hospital has a rich tradition and an excellent reputation as a result of dedication to its mission. I'm excited about getting to know people and helping to facilitate a real sense of teamwork across the various functions of the organization."

Todd and his wife, Kelly, a registered nurse, welcomed daughter Alexandra's birth just a few months ago.

Crister DelaCruz, marketing specialist

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Seminary Prof Awarded GC Medallion

Raoul Dederen, Andrews University professor of theology emeritus, was presented with a Medallion of Distinction from the General Conference Education Department.

For more than 30 years, Dederen has taught systematic theology and church doctrine classes at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews. His influence as a teacher has touched the lives of students who are now spread out across the world as church administrators and pastors.

"Throughout his career, Raoul has been a visionary for theological education," said Benjamin Schoun, seminary associate dean. "But beyond his academic excellence, he has stood out as one of our most able teachers."

Dederen did his undergraduate studies in humanities at the Athenee Royal, Verviers, Belgium, and received both his master's degree and doctorate from University of Geneva, Switzerland. His ministerial training was taken at the Adventist Seminary at Collonges-Sous-Saleve, France.



Raoul Dederen,
theology professor
emeritus.

AU PR photo

In 1947, he started a seven-year span of pastoring churches in Belgium. From 1954 to 1964, he taught religion and theology at Collonges. In 1964, he came to the U.S. to teach at the Adventist Theological Seminary, where he taught up to his 1991 retirement. From 1988 to 1991, Dederen was the seminary dean. His teaching duties still include occasional seminary classes and a popular, standing-room-only Sabbath school class.

Holly Oswald, AU Public Relations staff writer

College Days '97

More than 450 academy students swarmed the Andrews University campus to participate in "College Days '97," Oct. 19 and 20. The annual event gives Lake Union seniors a chance to see what an Andrews education can mean for their future.

Students sat in on classes, talked to financial-aid advisors, and even applied for early acceptance to attend Andrews in the coming school year. A walk on the non-scholastic side was made possible through nights spent in dorm rooms and hearty repasts ("Sam's Chicken!") in the Campus Center's cafeteria.

"This year's group was one of the most focused we've ever had," said Raelene Brower, assistant director of enrollment services and



Tyson Thorne

Academy students got a first-hand look at Andrews.

"College Days" coordinator. "We were so happy to have them here and look forward to seeing them back in the coming fall."

Seniors from the following Lake Union academies attended the event: Andrews Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Broadview Academy, Chicago Adventist Academy, Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Indiana Academy, Peterson-Warren Academy, and Wisconsin Academy. Other schools that sent students were Highland View Academy, Madison Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy, Forest Lake Academy, Loma Linda Academy, College View Academy, Kingsway College, and Crawford Academy. Students also came from public high schools in Texas, Oregon, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Holly Oswald, staff writer

Andrews University

New logo for a new century.

New Logo Established

A new Andrews University logo has been established to coincide with upcoming university anniversaries.

In 1999, Andrews will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the 1874 founding of Battle Creek College. The year 2001 is the 100th anniversary of the institution's move to Berrien Springs. These milestones, along with the coming new century, were the impetus for a change, said Douglas Jones, public relations director. "We wanted a Christian symbol that celebrates our educational heritage while also providing a fresher, more contemporary visual image."

The Andrews seal, the *de facto* logo since 1985, will continue to be used on official documents and university diplomas.

The most prominent feature in the new logo is a flame, which has long been a symbol of wisdom and truth. In a Christian context, the flame also represents the Holy Spirit. The three tongues that comprise the flame point to the university motto: *corpus, mens, spiritus*. The three-tiered philosophy of education—body, mind, spirit—has been an institutional objective since the university's founding. The logo's Gothic window housing represents a Christian environment in which true learning takes place.

EDUCATION NEWS

Auction Raises Equipment Funds

Michigan—The Pine Mountain Christian School Home and School Association in Iron Mountain, MI, needed to purchase a portable stage, volleyball equipment, and exercise mats—all items on the teachers' "wish list," totaling approximately \$2,000. But how could they raise the money? It was decided to have an auction to sell more than one hundred new and used items donated by church members, area businesses, and friends.

All the newspaper advertising in the three local newspapers, the posters, and advertising flyers were provided free of charge. A restaurant contributed free food and soft drinks. But the "icing on the cake" was a local professional auctioneer and his wife who volunteered their time and equipment to conduct the auction. They also purchased \$100 worth of the items themselves!

On the night of the auction, more than 200 people came from the community to tour the school and participate in the auction. The Lord had a wonderful surprise in store for the Home and School leaders. When all the funds were counted, they had raised more than eight thousand dollars. When the announcement was made, those people remaining spontaneously sang the "Doxology," and a prayer of thanksgiving and praise was offered by Pastor Joe Straub.

The school is only in its second year of operation and most of the students are not Adventists. This overwhelming response by the community demonstrated their support of Christian education and the two teachers at the Pine Mountain Christian School.

Joan Flood, Home and School correspondent



The Pine Mountain Christian School Home and School Association collected and auctioned off more than 100 items donated for the auction which raised more than enough money for new school equipment.



GLAA students enjoy playing "beach" volleyball during their evening recreation period.

Where's the Beach?

Michigan—If you can't get to the beach, then bring the beach to you. That's just what took place on the Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) campus in August. Thanks to a generous donor, a sand volleyball pit was constructed. Students can get their fair share of exercise as they attempt to leap, dive, spike, and high-five during volleyball games. All that is missing is the sound of crashing ocean waves in the background. Hmmm

Charlotte Henderson, GLAA development director



From left: Joe, Nathan, Rachel, Jason, and Melissa Whitaker show the five diplomas they received during the summer of 1997.

Five Graduate in One Year

Michigan—Graduation is a special accomplishment in any family, but imagine five graduates from one family in the same year! After four years with everyone in school at the same time, Joe and Melissa Whitaker of Charlotte, MI, and their three children, Jason, Rachel, and Nathan, all graduated in the summer of 1997.

Melissa earned a B.S. in horticulture at Michigan State University, and Rachel received a B.A. in English and history from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. Joe and Jason both graduated from Lansing Community College; Joe received an associate's degree in industrial drafting and design, and Jason received a degree in media technology. Nathan graduated from Charlotte High School in June.

Having the entire family in school motivated the members

to excel in their studies. The Whitakers compiled an impressive list of academic achievements. Nathan was co-valetictorian of his class at CHS and a National Merit Scholar. Joe and Jason both graduated magna cum laude and belong to the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Melissa graduated with high honors and earned the highest grade-point average of all graduates in MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Rachel graduated summa cum laude and was named a J. N. Andrews Honors Scholar for completing the requirements of the honors program, including a history research project.

With academic accomplishments such as these, putting four people though college simultaneously was not the financial struggle it might appear to be. "When someone discovered that four of us were in college at once, they usually commented how high our tuition bill must be," said Joe. "However, with the help of the scholarships and grants we received, we finished with no college debts." Nathan, who has earned several scholarships, should have no trouble paying for college either.

Their serious pursuit of scholastic endeavors did not prevent the Whitakers from continuing to be involved in the Charlotte Church. Joe taught adult Sabbath school, and Melissa was Sabbath school secretary. Jason and Nathan helped with VBS and served in the capacity of deacon and elder. Rachel was active in the Adventist Student Fellowship at MSU and the Benton Harbor community outreach projects at Andrews.

*Melissa Whitaker, Charlotte Church
Sabbath school secretary*

New Face—New Look for GLAA Music Department

Michigan—The Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) music department has both a new face and a new look this year. The new face belongs to the new music director, Robert Knipple, a graduate of La Sierra University. Robert is a native of New York state, where he attended Union Springs Academy. The new look is the new carpet throughout the music hall, which replaces the original carpet dating from when the administration building opened in 1973.

Students are now busy preparing for upcoming musical performances, including the Christmas concert on Friday, Dec. 12. Other music department projects for this school year entail new uniforms, new instrument cases, and an extended tour.



Robert Knipple conducts GLAA choir.

Charlotte Henderson, GLAA development director

Record Enrollment in the Seventh-day Adventist Higher Educational System

The Adventist higher educational system has set a new record in enrolling students with a head count of 19,932 students and a full-time equivalency (FTE) of 16,743 students. This breaks the head count record of 19,602 set in 1980 and the FTE record of 16,561 set in 1979. Pacific Union College experienced the greatest increase, 257 students (59 FTE) and attributes the increases mainly to the extension schools and the introduction of its degree completion program. This program is a business degree offered in various locations and is intended for individuals currently employed that are unable to attend a regular college program. Loma Linda had an increase of 127 students (56 FTE), resulting mainly from increases in the School of Dentistry and the Graduate School.

The record enrollment in the Adventist higher educational system is an expression of confidence parents and students have in the system to prepare our young people for service. The educational system is designed to teach the students the church doctrines, the values and principles of an Adventist life style, and a commitment to the church. Research studies have shown that the more years a student attends an Adventist educational institution, from elementary school through the first college degree, the more likely the individual will remain a loyal supporter of the church both in attendance and tithing. The educational system takes seriously the opportunity to prepare our young people since more, who attend Adventist educational institutions, are employed in positions outside of the church than are employed inside the operations of the church. The education system appreciates the confidence and support of our parents and students.

*Dallas Kindopp NAD associate director
for higher education*

Fall Enrollment Report 1996-1997

College/University	Headcount		FTE	
	1996	1997	1996	1997
Andrews University	3,133	3,152	2,522	2,534
Atlantic Union College	711	695	498	534
Canadian University College	347	317	269	279
Columbia Union College	1,172	1,212	828	779
Florida Hospital College	327	451	187	229
Kettering College of Med Arts	549	514	387	369
La Sierra University	1,607	1,496	1,442	1,414
Loma Linda University	3,327	3,454	3,080	3,136
Oakwood College	1,666	1,756	1,449	1,561
Pacific Union College	1,544	1,801	1,475	1,534
Southern Adventist University	1,625	1,695	1,382	1,456
Southwestern Adventist University	1,030	1,106	836	860
Union College	553	630	475	540
Walla Walla College	<u>1,763</u>	<u>1,653</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>1,518</u>
TOTALS	19,354	19,932	16,415	16,743

Taking Root

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and [that] spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
Jeremiah 17:8



With James and Priscilla Tucker

We tend to see only the obvious. Take a tree, for example. In spring we enjoy the scent of its flowers. In summer we sit in the shade of its leaves. In fall we gather its fruit and enjoy the beauty of its fiery foliage. And in winter we admire the stark symmetry of its branches. But without its roots—the parts we don't see—that tree wouldn't be standing at all.

Roots hold a tree firmly in the ground. They absorb water and minerals from the soil. And they carry that nutrient-filled water to other parts of the tree. Roots also store surplus food through fall and winter so that in spring the tree will have a jump-start on another year's growth.

Trees have one of two types of root systems. Some

species send down

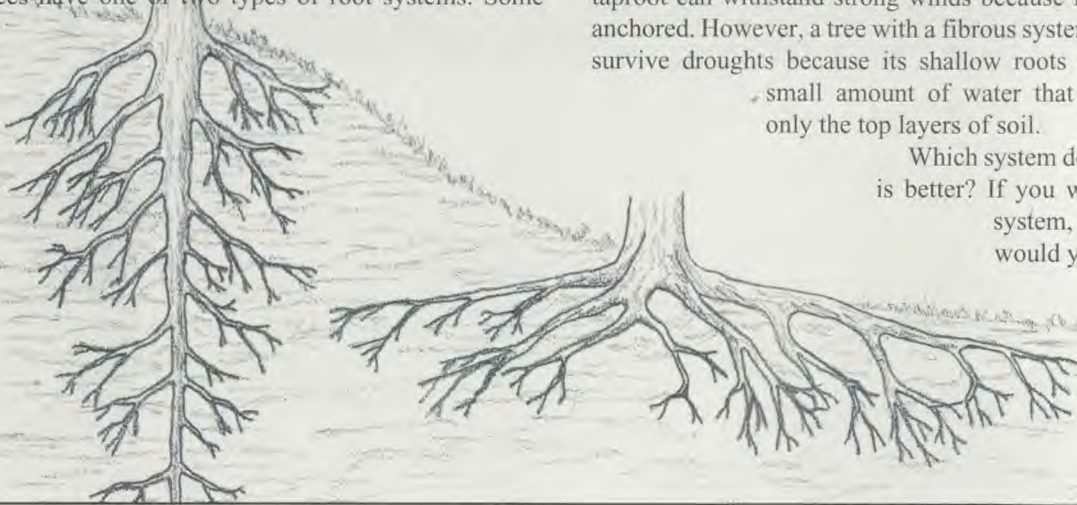
an initial strong, straight tap-

root. As the tree matures, the taproot continues to serve as the primary root, and smaller, lateral, roots grow outward from it. An old hickory may have a taproot that reaches down as far as 100 feet.

In other species, the root system is fibrous, with many lateral roots extending in all directions directly from the base of the trunk. As a result, the roots of a 165-foot maple may be only eight feet deep but spread out to cover an underground area with a diameter equal to the height of the tree.

Which type of root system is better? A tree with a deep taproot can withstand strong winds because it's so well anchored. However, a tree with a fibrous system is able to survive droughts because its shallow roots absorb the small amount of water that penetrates only the top layers of soil.

Which system do you think is better? If you were a root system, what kind would you be?



How Do Roots Work?

Follow this simple procedure to observe roots in action.

Items needed

- ✓ a zip-lock plastic sandwich bag
- ✓ a paper towel
- ✓ two or three dried beans
- ✓ red or blue food coloring or ink
- ✓ a jar lid about 2" in diameter

Procedure

- 1 Wet the paper towel, then put the towel and beans in the sandwich bag. Make sure that the

beans are laying on top of the paper towel. Seal the bag.

- 2 Put the sealed bag in a dark place to sprout. In the absence of light, the sprouted roots will be white.
- 3 When the roots are about an inch long, mix the food-coloring or ink with water to make a medium shade of red or blue. Pour the mixture into the jar lid.
- 4 Lean the beans against the edge of the lid with their roots dipped into the colored water. What happens?

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.

Health

HIGHLIGHTS of Adventist Health System

Celebrating the future of healthcare

Surrounded by nearby tourist attractions of Central Florida, Celebration Health, the newest hospital of Adventist Health System, stands as a witness to the Seventh-day Adventist health message.

The vision of Celebration Health, which became a reality on November 23, is based on God's original concept of good health.

Celebration Health, which is fully-owned and operated by Florida Hospital, the flagship hospital of Adventist Health System and one of the nation's largest healthcare providers, was designed with the mission to change health care forever by empowering people to regain control of their health.


"Our goal is to help each person achieve optimum health by focusing on the whole-person approach to wellness which includes healing the mind, body and spirit," said Desmond Cummings, Jr., Ph.D., CEO of business development for Florida Hospital.

Celebration Health promotes healthy lifestyles through natural remedies including fresh air,

sunshine, water, exercise, avoidance of smoking and alcohol and eating nutritious foods which are low in fat and sugar.

Today, these lifestyle changes, which were recommended by the Seventh-day Adventist church more than 100 years ago, are at the heart of Celebration Health.

Furthering its commitment to providing optimum healthcare, leaders of Celebration Health have developed the "CREATION" of Health, an acronym, based on the story of Creation. The concept of the Creation of Health promotes



The first phase of Celebration Health, Florida Hospital's new 265,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art medical facility opened its doors in November. The medical center is located in the new city of Celebration, Florida, the unique community developed by The Celebration Company.

healthy lifestyles, based on the eight principles of health (*see side bar on next page*).

"Many of the chronic diseases we experience today are the result of our dis-ease with life. We now

Celebration Health, *continued*

know scientifically what Ellen White said many years before, that the interplay between our body, mind and spirit affects our physical health far more than we realize," said Dick Tibbits, director of whole person health for Florida Hospital, who was instrumental in the development of "CREATION."

"Celebration Health links spirituality and health to further advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church while continuing to provide the latest in medical research and technology," said Cummings. "Celebration Health unites the best of our past with the technological advances of the future."

Celebration Health is based on the eight principles of improving and maintaining good health, known at Florida Hospital as the **CREATION** of Health,

Choice (control of your life)
Rest and relaxation
Environment (fresh air, sunshine, water)
Activity (exercise—physical, mental and spiritual)
Trust in God (faith, hope)
Interpersonal relationships
Outlook (positive attitude)
Nutrition (proper diet)

Celebration Health.....

.....provides primary care services such as pediatrics, family medicine, women's medicine, and internal medicine, as well as a long list of specialty services, such as orthopedics, cardiology and pain medicine.

.....houses a 60,000-square-foot fitness center, one of the largest in Central Florida.

.....focuses on providing optimum wellness programs for the entire family, identifying risk factors that can be altered to promote total healing and lifestyle changes.

.....provides convenience through telephone preregistration, on-line medical records, and patient beepers to allow freedom for guests to visit other areas of the facility.

Jimenez named senior VP of AHS

A. David Jimenez, president of Huguley Health System and CEO of the AHS Southwest Region, will accept the position as senior vice president of Adventist Health System in early 1998, reporting to Donald L. Jernigan, executive vice president of AHS.

Jimenez will meet the growing needs of the Southwest Region and Multistate Hospital Division. He will also be administratively responsible for business endeavors in Puerto Rico and will be given other assignments.

Jimenez was appointed president and CEO of Huguley Health System and regional vice president of the Southwest Region in 1992. Previously, Jimenez served as president of Medical Center Hospital (formerly owned by AHS) and regional vice president of the Florida Region.

Jimenez received his bachelors degree in business administration from Southern Adventist University, a masters degree in healthcare administration from Loma Linda University, and a post graduate degree in healthcare finance from the University of South Carolina.

"We feel that David will be a tremendous asset to AHS, due to his business expertise, energy, strategic thinking and commitment to the mission of AHS," said Jernigan.

AHS names VP of development

Sandra K. Johnson was named vice president of business development and chief compliance officer for Adventist Health System in August. Johnson previously served as president and CEO of American Medical HealthCare, an HMO company in Orlando, Florida. Prior to that, she served as vice president of managed care and business development for Florida Hospital.

Johnson will be responsible for business development with emphasis in acquiring additional facilities for AHS. This includes hospitals and home health agencies as well as acquiring facilities for Adventist Care Centers, a division of AHS, which was developed to benefit Adventist colleges and universities within the AHS territory.

Johnson received her MBA from Rollins College and a BBA with concentration in accounting from Andrews University.

"Sandra knows the organization well and has extensive experience in planning and development," said Mardian J. Blair, president of AHS. "We feel she will be a real asset as the corporation continues to grow and expand."

Florida Hospital Heartland celebrates grand opening

Approximately 10,000 guests attended the pre-opening celebration at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring, Florida on September 28. The new 230,000-square-foot, acute-care medical facility, which replaced the former Florida Hospital Walker facility in nearby Avon Park, officially opened for business on October 7.

"The new hospital was needed to optimize operating efficiency and outpatient services," said Sam Leonor, president of Florida Hospital Heartland Division. "We have also experienced an 18 percent increase in patient admissions since opening the new hospital."

The new 101-bed facility features all private rooms, a 12-bed intensive care unit, 11 beautifully decorated birthing suites, a 12-bed pediatric unit, four surgical suites, endoscopy and cystoscopy rooms, 24-hour emergency department, CT Scanner, MRI, radiation therapy and chemotherapy services, the area's largest hospital-based laboratory and radiology services, a comprehensive fitness center, community education center and a resource library.

The pre-opening celebration featured an official "Band-Aid Cutting" of the hospital which was held in conjunction with a community health fair and physician expo located on the hospital's 86 acres. The pre-opening festivities also included a parade, daytime fireworks, big band sounds, interactive comedians, and tours of the new hospital.

Following the celebration, Florida Hospital Heartland held its annual American Heart Association's Heart Walk, which was kicked off by Bruce Jenner, world renowned Olympic gold medalist. Jenner also joined in the pre-opening celebration of its new Haywood Fitness Center, located within the hospital.



Top: Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Bottom: (Right to left) Tom Werner, president of Florida Hospital, Mardian J. Blair, president of Adventist Health System, and Sam Leonor, president of Florida Hospital Heartland Division, assisted in the "Band-aid" cutting ceremony.

AHS manages Puerto Rican hospital

On August 27, Adventist Health System accepted management responsibilities for Bella Vista Hospital in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. The 199-bed hospital serves as the anchor healthcare institution for the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists as well as the Puerto Rican Union.

Adventist Health System has provided administrative consultation for Bella Vista in the past and the hospital has been involved with AHS for several years due to their participation in the corporation's purchasing program.

Along with management support, AHS is lending financial support with a potential acquisition of nearby Yauco Hospital.

"This is the first-step in the creation of a network of hospitals in Puerto Rico. We believe Bella Vista has great possibilities and we expect that over time, the organization will grow through the acquisition of additional clinics, other hospitals and expanded services," said Mardian J. Blair, president of AHS. "As a result of this growth, we also believe the name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be enhanced as in other places where we operate successful institutions."

NEWS NOTES

- All of Adventist Health System's hospitals received three-year accreditation as a result of a corporate-wide JCAHO survey, completed in July.
- Paul Norman, former president of **Takoma Adventist Hospital** (Greeneville, TN) was named president of **East Pasco Medical Center** (Zephyrhills, FL), replacing Bob Dodd who retired in July.
- The **Hinsdale Family Medicine Center** (Bolingbrook, IL) opened a satellite clinic at Bolingbrook Medical Center on November 3. The new state-of-art outpatient clinic provides care for all primary health care needs.
- **Tennessee Christian Counseling Center**, (Murfreesboro, TN) is offering a new intensive outpatient treatment program for recovering alcoholics and drug abusers. This clinic is one of five Counseling Centers operated by Tennessee Christian Medical Center.
- Effective January 1, **Willow Creek Hospital**, a psychiatric facility in Arlington, Texas, will close because of decreasing volumes and reduction of compensation for psychiatric care. As a result, **Huguley Memorial Medical Center** (Fort Worth, TX) will expand its services to include all inpatient and outpatient health and chemical dependency patients.

AHS Leader dies

Donald W. Welch, one of the most influential leaders in Adventist healthcare died October 7, at Duke University in North Carolina, at the age of 69, due to complications from cancer treatment.



Welch, who was deeply committed to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist church and to producing high-quality health care, grew up in the health care industry.

He began his career after receiving his degree in medical technology and spent several years as instructor in this field. In 1952, he moved into hospital administration, beginning with Hialeah Hospital in Hialeah, Florida, where he served as president until 1960. Under his leadership and direction, the hospital was transformed from 19 beds to a 350-bed hospital.

In 1961, he was named president of Florida Hospital. His association with Florida Hospital spanned 26 years, including 12 years as hospital administrator and thereafter, as a board member. During his time as president, he saw the hospital grow from 193 to approximately 800 beds. He was also one of the early pioneers in the satellite hospital concept and was instrumental in adding Florida Hospital Altamonte and Florida Hospital Apopka to its campus.

Recognizing the need for greater strength and flexibility in running not-for-profit hospitals, he founded the first non-profit multihospital system in 1973. He served as president of this organization, now known as Adventist Health System, and was instrumental in helping the organization grow into one of the nation's largest Protestant multihospital system and the world's largest Seventh-day Adventist health system.

Don is survived by his wife, Jean of Greeneville, TN; brother Wally of Orlando; sons Don of Avon Park, FL and Randy of Myrtle Beach, SC; and daughters Melissa Gano of Collegedale, TN and Kim Hill of Bath, ME.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

First New Members' Convocation

Indiana — "I don't wanna," he said. Every time Ramiro Rivera was invited to be baptized, he refused with the statement, "I don't wanna."

Rivera, along with several friends, had been studying the Bible since 1994. He and his friends had attended church services, studied with Bible workers, and come to the NET '96

series of satellite seminars, but they would not make the decision to be baptized.

On Sabbath, Dec. 21, 1996, Pastor Ruben Rivera made another call during the church service. He said, "The old year is almost over. Let Jesus be born again in your heart, and become

a new person in 1997." Still these friends did not respond.

About 10:00 p.m. the next Friday night, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, Ramiro called his friends together and informed them that they all needed to give their hearts to Jesus and be baptized. They talked until about 11:30 and decided to do just that. They called José Alvarez, leader of the Huntingburg Hispanic Company, and told him of their decision. At midnight, Alvarez called Pastor Rivera and said, "Come down tomorrow and baptize these people, they are ready."

Ramiro Rivera and five others were baptized on the last Sabbath of 1996.

Rivera told his story to the 150 new members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who attended the new-members convocation at Indiana Academy on Sabbath, Nov. 1. "This convocation grew out of the desire to let our new 'family members' see and understand that they have joined a larger group of believers. We wanted them to feel a part of a world-wide family," said Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president.

Spanish-speaking new members enjoyed translation of all the speakers with the aid of "Walkman"-type radios and earphones.

The morning program consisted of three main parts. Don Schneider, Lake Union Conference president, explained the administrative structure of the church, explaining that when individual churches band together into a conference, they can do more things together than they could do individually, such as sponsoring an academy and a youth camp. He continued the

analogy saying that conferences pull together into unions, and together they are able to sponsor institutions such as colleges. Unions form divisions, and divisions form the world-wide organization called the General Conference. But, he stressed, all of that is insignificant compared to the importance of having Jesus Christ as their best friend. Five people responded to his call to give their lives to Jesus and signified their willingness to join His church by baptism.

Marti Schneider, the president's partner in ministry, shared from her depth of experience her favorite method of personal Bible study which enriches her daily walk with the Lord.

Mervyn Maxwell, Andrews University church history professor emeritus, told stories from the lives of pioneers William Miller and Hiram Edson. He explained how, through Bible study and prayer, God led these men to an understanding of the meaning of the events that were taking place in the heavenly sanctuary and how that understanding makes Seventh-day Adventist belief unique in the Christian world.

In the afternoon the new members learned more about the wide variety of services available in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, shared their stories in small groups, and heard presentations from the faculty and students of Indiana Academy. After participating in the events of the day, one family decided to enroll their three children in their local church school.

Farwell said, "This was a full day of inspiration and information for our new members, and I am encouraged that so many were able to attend."

Rock Falls Member Follows God's Leading

Illinois—Every Thursday night without fail Millie Ucci, a Rock Falls Church member, holds a Bible study class for inmates, and each Sabbath afternoon she helps Rock Falls Church elders Richard Allen and Vance Plapp and Freeport Church elder Craig Stocker with a church service at the Dixon State Prison where she has worked for nearly 11 years.

Ucci says that the atmosphere is more like a campus than a concrete prison, and she has a "motherly" relationship with the prisoners in her study group. The prison counselors have commented that they see a difference in her group of men. They are more serious and Christ-like than other prisoners.

Ucci is quick to deflect any praise coming her way. "God and the Holy Spirit are the true miracle workers here. He gives me the words to say," says Ucci. "We get the bigger blessing just from going there." Ucci never thought that prison ministry would be her calling; but with God's help, it is truly her talent to invest for the Lord.

Kristine Schauuff, Rock Falls Church communication leader



Millie Ucci displays the card she received from her study group in the Dixon State Prison.

You Can Improve Your "Image"

Michigan—The *Battle Creek Enquirer*, the city's local newspaper, had determined that the weekly Sabbath morning church service program produced by the Battle Creek Tabernacle entitled *The Tabernacle Hour* had a viewing audience of 26%, or 5% higher than the local sports events available on Cable Access Television. However, Jim Engle, the church's video



"The Tabernacle Hour" video committee met with technical directors from 3ABN to help improve their television image. They are from left: Patrick Engle, Rolland Newcomb, and Jim Engle; Scott Grady and Lanny Allen, the two 3ABN representatives; and Jonathan Howes. Missing is Rosalee Kellum.

committee chairperson, wanted to improve their production because their weekly television programs were being watched not only locally, but some of them were being telecast over the Three Angels Broadcasting Network on Galaxy 3, channel 23. Therefore, the

committee invited Lanny Allen and Scott Grady from 3ABN to come and give them technical assistance to improve the Tabernacle's "image."

Both men arrived and assisted with a Sabbath morning "shoot," and as a result, generated a list of suggested improvements. Some were as simple as changes in font styles and sizes used in their graphics, while others were suggestions on improving their video camera positions, directing techniques, and improving the lighting.

Many of the no-cost changes were implemented immediately, while others require time and extra expense. It is exciting to be able to use the powerful media tool of television in helping to spread God's last-day message and to assist people in their search for Christ and a satisfying life. It's all made possible because of a dedicated church video committee, Cable Access Television, 3ABN, and the Holy Spirit.

Jim Engle, Battle Creek Tabernacle video chairman

Japanese-Language Company Formed

Michigan—Seven years ago Mari Hashekawa, a former district manager for Japan Airlines in Southfield, MI, and his wife, Aki, began a new Japanese company that meets each Sabbath in the Lapeer Church. They attend the regular Sabbath school, but before the worship hour begins, they separate to another room for their Japanese worship service. The Hashekawas have discovered that there are 7,374 Japanese residents and 346 Japanese business companies in Michigan. The Hashekawas' goal is to share the good news of the gospel

and Adventist Bible truths with as many of these Japanese residents as possible.

When the Hashekawas first moved to Michigan, they drove one and a half hours from their home in Lapeer to Livonia to attend a monthly Japanese Bible study with an inter-denominational group. They continued this for more than a year and a half. However, during the past three years, the Lord has led them to form their own Japanese company within the Lapeer Church where they are members. This is probably the first Japanese-language company in Michigan, except for the group of pastors and students who attend Andrews University.

The average attendance in Lapeer ranges from five to eight adults each Sabbath. Some come from the Japanese business where Aki is employed, and for most of them it is their first time to visit a Christian church. Others come from the Flint area, 25 miles west of Lapeer. To date, three people have been baptized, and two others are studying for baptism. Japanese families usually stay only three to five years in America and then return to Japan. Already one of the baptized members has returned to Japan, and she is sharing her beliefs with her family and friends. It is amazing to see how God works to spread His message far and near.

Pat Milligan, Lapeer Church pastor



The Lapeer Japanese company meets in the Lapeer Church with Pat and Tami Milligan, pastoral family.

Centenarian Enters Second Century

Lake Region — Born September 10, 1895, Annie Compton Smith stepped into her second century Sunday, September 10, 1995. Smith, who is now 102 years old, lives alone and still travels around Chicago on public transportation.



Annie Compton Smith

Unless the weather is very bad, Smith can be found every Sabbath on the end of the third pew in the left section of the Chicago Hyde Park Church, resting her feet on a stool and taking notes on the pastor's sermon. A soft spoken retired school teacher with a warm smile and alert eyes, Smith has won the affection of the Hyde Park Church family.

The church treasures its senior members and has bought a van to transport Smith and other senior citizens to church each Sabbath.

Cynthia A. HartKnott, Hyde Park Church communication leader



CREATIVE PARENTING

The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

Holidays—Special or Stressful?

by Susan E. Murray

The covers of magazines we see at the check-out counter in the grocery store and the expectations we bring from our own families, often set us up for unrealistic expectations for celebrating holidays. As you and your family are contemplating the holiday season, consider these things:

- ★ Choose one or two family traditions or rituals that are especially important, and make plans to enjoy them. Don't assume that you need to make the usual six pumpkin pies. Ask! Maybe someone would like to start a new tradition.
- ★ Decide on a budget for entertaining, special food purchases, decorations, and gifts. Focus on what's most important to your family, and then budget your money accordingly. Don't go into debt for any holiday purchases!
- ★ Remember that for little ones, too many changes and celebrations only add to their stress. Keep things simple for them!
- ★ Resist thinking and feeling for your children. Just because they receive a certain gift doesn't mean they have to love it. What they need to do is show appropriate appreciation for receiving it.
- ★ Decide on at least one church or community holiday program you want to attend as a family. Be clear and direct with all family members about what your desires are, and have them each mark it on their calendars. Then give the older children some other reasonable options in deciding where else they must go with you.
- ★ Remember that long after the food is eaten and the presents are put aside, what remains are the memories. Do you want them to be warm, happy, and comforting ones? If so, you can have them. But it takes planning, commitment (which sometimes means saying "no" to relatives and church friends), and love!
- ★ Some post-holiday depression is normal for many people. If you recognize it as that, you will be better equipped to handle it.

Don't expect a relationship to work in December if it doesn't work the rest of the year.

Tips for Report Card Time

After the holidays, comes January. And for most schools, that means the end of the first semester and report cards! Here are some suggestions for you to think about using with your children when the report card arrives!

- ✓ Sit down with your child and together look at the report card. Do this when you have some time and are out of the hearing of other siblings.
- ✓ Specifically praise your child. Find at least one good thing to comment on. If it isn't the grades, look at attendance, lack of being tardy, etc.
- ✓ Be calm!
- ✓ Let your child tell you about each of the grades.
- ✓ If improvement is desired:
 - Ask your child for specific ways you can help him do better.
 - Ask your child what she can do to make better grades.
 - Write these things down.
 - Make a plan with your child's teacher and your child to do better.
 - Take action!
 - Get involved with your child.
 - Set aside study time.
 - Find tutoring assistance.
 - Keep track of homework.
 - Turn off the TV, and put the Nintendo and/or computer games away.
- ✓ Don't punish your child, but find ways to help him do better next grading period.
- ✓ Don't compare your child with others. Remember, children are perceptive if this is your attitude.

Remember that trying harder doesn't always mean a child can do better. If trying harder isn't raising grades and you have used the ideas above, focus on other areas of life where your child is capable, motivated, and can be successful. Consider having your child screened for a learning disability. Support your child at whatever level he is working, and encourage him to aim for the best he is capable of.

Do's & Don'ts for Adults in Relating to Single-parent Families

- DO be supportive of the parent's situation.
- DON'T refer to the child as being from a "broken home".
- DO be aware of your own attitudes and feelings.
- DON'T break a child's confidentiality.
- DO be sensitive when making or giving gifts.
- DON'T get involved in custody battles.
- DO be sensitive in addressing invitations and other communications sent home.
- DON'T make light of the situation.
- DO acknowledge that children have two parents, even though they may live with one.
- DON'T give advice and suggestions unless asked.

Ages & Stages

Infants

Choosing a Gift

"The first and best toy is the parent," says child development expert Mary Sinker. "Nothing is as responsive as the parent—and nothing ever will be." Make funny faces and noises. Play peekaboo. Let your baby play with your fingers and bounce on your stomach. If you're looking for Christmas toys, remember babies learn and play through their senses: looking, listening, moving, lifting up their heads, kicking, swatting, grasping, squeezing. They'll enjoy toys that show cause and effect, that are responsive to a light touch such as something that jingles when shaken.

Kids of All Ages

Do Your Kids Say "No Thanks" to Writing Thank You Notes?

While children don't have to like everything they received, it is appropriate for them to express appreciation for the gift. Even when children are thrilled with a gift, sometimes the gift giver has no idea if the child even got the gift. An important part of parenting is teaching children social skills, and one of those is the expression of appreciation. There's more than one way to communicate appreciation, consider some of these suggestions:

- ★ Let them telephone their message.
- ★ Tell them they don't have to like the gift, they just have to say thanks.
- ★ Look for opportunities to send or give thank you notes to your children.
- ★ Buy fun writing paper

- ★ Write your own thank you notes or letters while they do theirs.
- ★ Don't correct what they write or tell them what they have to say.
- ★ Let them make their own notepaper or draw a picture.
- ★ Buy some printed thank you cards, and let them sign their names.
- ★ Make a family rule that thank you notes or calls are given within three days.

Find a way that works for you and your family. There is generally more than one way to accomplish a task.

Adapted from *HELP! For Parents of Children 6 to 12 Years* (Harper & Row, 1986.)



Parents & Other Important Adults

Are Your Credit Cards Stressed to the Max?

If after the holidays you find your credit card balances are looming, remember that the stress also affects your younger family members.

Children are distressed when their parents fight about money. They are confused when they are aware of financial concerns at home and yet there seems to be money to buy what mom or dad wants. Sometimes when they go to the store, the adults answer a whim for a new video; and then when they ask for a favorite cereal, they are told there isn't enough money. Here's some advice from certified financial planner Tama McAleese.

Beware when:

- You don't know just how much you owe, and you are afraid to add it all up.
- You are usually late paying some or all of your bills.
- This month's credit balances are consistently higher than last month's.
- You have drawn from savings just to pay regular bills.
- You don't have an emergency fund to cover 3-6 months' expenses.
- You postdate checks so they won't bounce.
- You hurry to the bank on payday to cover checks already written.
- You hide the bills from your spouse until a "good time."
- You're giving less in contributions than you did a year ago, because you "just can't afford it."

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WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Russian Government Confirms Adventist Church Status

Moscow, Russia [ANN] — The Russian government has confirmed that the new law restricting new religious organizations does not apply to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In a letter to the Adventist Church headquarters in Moscow, the deputy director of the Public and Religious Organizations Affairs Department of the government confirms that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a legally-recognized body. The director noted that the church has operated in the territory of the Russian Federation for 110 years, far longer than the minimum 15 years required by the new law.

In addition, he explained that "according to article 9, the necessity to prove a 15-year existence of a religious entity in a certain territory only applies to those religious organizations that are not able to prove they belong to a centralized religious organization." Since the Adventist Church has a highly structured organization, the new law does not affect its operation. "Consequently, no discriminatory measures will be applied to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in relation to the adoption of the new Federal Law," said the director.

"We are pleased to know officially that we can continue to function freely, invite foreign evangelists, organize new congregations, begin operating in new areas, and register as conscientious objectors from military service," said Victor Krushenitsky, conference public affairs and religious liberty director.

However, other organizations have not fared so well under the new law. Lutheran and Pentecostal organizations have had their registration suspended, and the Salvation Army in St. Petersburg is to be expelled from its meeting hall, according to press reports.

"Even if we are not the target of this new law, we deplore the denial of religious liberty to others," said John Graz, General Conference religious liberty director. "The implementation of the law could be very restrictive, and we may see misinterpretations in many places."

Jonathan Gallagher

Relief Continues for Survivors of Mexican Hurricane

Colonial Narvarte, Mexico [ANN] The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is continuing to provide food and emergency relief to the victims of Hurricane Pauline, which hit the southwestern coast of Mexico.

On Oct. 17, ADRA joined with Protección Civil, a local

relief organization, in delivering food baskets to rural areas devastated by the hurricane. ADRA has received approximately seven tons of food and clothing and an additional 120 bottles of water from several local Adventist churches.

Last week, the Central Conference of the North Mexican Union of the Seventh-day Adventists sent ADRA a 10-ton truck and bus with 40 people to help in the relief assistance of isolated rural towns in the states of Oaxaca and Guerrero.

"Most of these isolated communities have not received any food or water since the hurricane hit. They have been drinking contaminated water and have had no food to eat," reports ADRA Mexico director, Rafael Garcia. "More resources are being collected in the Central Conference to relieve the people in Oaxaca. There is a huge task to be completed."

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, nearly 120 ADRA volunteers distributed 226 food baskets, especially in the city of Acapulco, where the worst damage was done. Garcia reports that the greatest need continues to be sanitation, medicines, drinking water, and food. To date, ADRA has provided US\$20,000 of relief and continues searching for unreached families isolated from disaster relief.

Beth Schaefer

Largest Adventist University Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

Seoul, Republic of Korea [ANN] — Korean Seventh-day Adventists are celebrating a milestone anniversary of their flagship educational institution, the Korean Sahmyook University. Established in 1917 as a college offering a two-year theological course, the university moved to its present site 50 years ago. Today, with an enrolment of 3,600 students, Sahmyook is the largest of the church's 87 universities and colleges around the world.

On Oct. 9, the university, its students and faculty, under the patronage of the university president, Shin Kei Hoon, celebrated its anniversary in the school's present location in the suburbs of Seoul. Termed a "notable milestone," the anniversary is a testimony to the vision which makes Sahmyook a respected and progressive Christian educational center in Korea.

"Today, the university continues in the spirit of its pioneers," said Dr. Oh Man Kyu, head of the School of Theology. "But we are eager not only to keep our identity and spirit, but also intend to have a bigger influence in the society. The society should feel our presence in an even greater way."

The school's early beginnings date to September 1917 when a two-year theological course for prospective pastors was introduced. Classes were at the Chosen Industrial School in Soonan, on the northern outskirts of Pyongyang, now the capitol of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Sahmyook University is one of 5,455 institutions of learning operated by Seventh-day Adventists in more than 200 countries of the world.

Ray Dabrowski

Adventist TV Broadcasts Impact Peru

Lima, Peru [ANN] — After a test broadcast on a local TV station, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Peru began national broadcasting Aug. 16, 1997, of the *Global 2000* gospel outreach program for an initial 60-day period. The program features a seminar approach to Bible study and provides the opportunity for viewers to participate themselves. Though a low-budget project, the impact has been overwhelming, reports Raul Gomez, president of the Adventist Church in Peru.

"By the second week of broadcasts, the number registered as participating in the seminar reached 200,000," says Gomez. "The Spirit of the Lord has been touching these people."

Special meetings were convened and participants were invited to attend on Sabbath for worship services. "We had so many people coming to the auditoriums we rented for that Sabbath that we decided to invite them the following week to come straight to our churches," Gomez reports.

So far 5,000 people have joined the church. Several churches in different regions of the country report that they have 500 people ready to join the church. "The total expected will probably be 15,000," Gomez says.

Alberto Valenzuela

2,700 New Church Roofs

African Continent [ANN] — More than 2,700 churches were built in Africa to accommodate more than 1 million members, according to reports by Global Mission. The churches' congregations consist mostly of new believers.

The building of these churches comes as a result of "Church Roofs for Africa," a joint project between Global Mission, and members in the North American Division. The project was implemented in 1994. Since then, church membership has increased significantly in Africa.

"Church buildings are an evangelistic tool that continues to bring in new members," says an African church leader. Once the church is built, the membership increases so that a new church needs to be built in order to accommodate new worshipers.

The biggest obstacle for building churches in Africa is buying the corrugated tin roofing material. The average cost of this material \$1,400 for each roof.

"The donors for the project provide the funding for the roofing material," says Gary Krause, communication director for Global Mission. "The local people put in their money and time for the church foundation and construction."

During the annual council meetings held in Silver Spring, MD, African church leaders expressed their appreciation for the generous help they had received from the "Church Roofs for Africa" project.

Currently, the number of Adventists in Africa total more than 10 percent of the entire world church membership.

Dixie Rodriguez

MILEPOSTS

ANNIVERSARIES



Clarence and Letha Larsen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 13, 1997, with an open house for family and friends at their home in Andrews, NC. They have pastored in the Ionia District, Midland District, Jackson Church, and Berrien Springs Village Church in Michigan.

Clarence and Letha Limrick were married June 1, 1947, in La Sierra, CA, by Elder Paul Heubach. Clarence has been a pastor in Central California, Iowa, and Michigan. Letha has been a partner in team ministry.

The Larsens family includes Paul and Nancy Larsen of Grand Junction, CO; Jannette and John Gann of Downers Grove, IL; and 5 grandchildren.



Ivan and Maxine Laursen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Apr. 27, 1997, with an open house at the Vance Creek Town Hall, Clear Lake, WI. They have been members of the Clear Lake Church for 39 years.

Ivan and Maxine Martin were married Jan. 30, 1947, in St. Paul, MN, by Pastor Charles L. Grant. Ivan has been a dairy farmer and truck driver. Maxine has been a homemaker.

The Laursen family includes

Dean and Cheryl Laursen of Somerset, WI; Devon and Janelle Laursen of Clear Lake, WI; Deland and Cheryl Laursen of Clear Lake, WI; and Deverr and Tamie Laursen of Clear Lake, WI; 11 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.



George and Claudia Moses celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6, 1997, with a ceremony and reception at the Korean Church, Berrien Springs, MI. They have been members of the Niles Philadelphia Church for 24 years.

George and Claudia were married Sept. 7, 1947, in Detroit, MI. George has been a machine operator, retiring in 1986. Claudia has been a nurse.

The Moses family includes Karen and Clifford Allen of Columbus, MD; Monica and Lawrence Mattier of New York; Ramona and Wilbur Minisee of Niles, MI; Sheila and Kenneth Dawkins of Columbus, MD; Jacqueline Allen of Benton Harbor, MI; Sherita Moses of Berrien Springs, MI; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Keith and Adeline Parfitt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10, 1997, at their home in Tony, WI. They have been members of the Wisconsin Conference Church for 6 years.

Keith and Adeline Schmuhl were married Aug. 10, 1947, in Wausau, WI, by F. Allen Sackett. Keith has been a dairy farmer, a truck driver for Michigan Conference, and worked at Adelpian Academy. Adeline has helped with farming and has been active in community services.

The Parfitt family includes Susan and William Lucas of Holly, MI; Kenneth and Janice

Parfitt of Bolingbrook, IL; Cynthia and Jason Raney of Spring Green, WI; and 3 grandchildren.



Leon and Dolores Slikkers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 6, 1997, by holding an open house for their families and friends at Tiara Yachts Corporate Yachting Center. They have been members of the Holland Church for more than 50 years.

Leon and Dolores Parker were married Dec. 6, 1947, in Holland, MI, by Elder Earl Reynolds. Leon is founder and CEO of S2 Yachts, Inc. Dolores continues to be very involved in many aspects of church leadership.

The Slikkers family includes David and Mary Slikkers of Holland, MI; Bob and Barb Slikkers of Holland, MI; Susan Slikkers and Mark Ringwelski of Holland, MI; Tom and Barb Slikkers of Holland, MI; and 6 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Jennifer Chase and Donald Kuhl were married May 31, 1997, in Tecumseh, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jason N. Prest.

Jennifer is the daughter of Eugene and Delores Justice of Adrian, MI, and Donald is the son of John and Lucy Kuhl of Adrian, MI.

The Kuhls are making their home in Tecumseh, MI.

Kendra Gooding and Kenneth Kleehammer were married Sept. 7, 1997, in Battle Creek, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor F. Dale Leamon.

Kendra is the daughter of Mike and Carol Gooding of Allegan, MI, and Kenneth is the son of Cleo Kleehammer of Battle Creek, MI, and Clara and James Engle of Battle Creek, MI.

The Kleehammers are making

their home in Woodstock, IL.

Rebecca Guajardo and Paul Wolf were married May 10, 1997, in Tecumseh, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jason N. Prest.

Rebecca is the daughter of Francis Guajardo of Berrien Springs, MI, and Paul is the son of Jerry and Marilyn Wolf of Adrian, MI.

The Wolfs are making their home in Tecumseh, MI.

Christine McMahon and Jeremy Chittick were married Sept. 21, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Doug Kilcher.

Christine is the daughter of Marie and the late James McMahon of Sonoma, CA, and Jeremy is the son of Thomas and Judith Chittick of Berrien Springs, MI.

The Chitticks are making their home in South Bend, IN.

Jody Newman and Robert Murphy were married Sept. 6, 1997, in Lansing, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Don McClure.

Jody is the daughter of Howell and Helen Smith of Westminster, CO, and Beverly and Ron Shewfelt of Echo Bay, Ontario, Canada, and Robert is the son of the late William and the late Marian Murphy of Lansing, MI.

The Murphys are making their home in Lansing, MI.

Sharon Prest and Marc Ullom were married July 13, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jason N. Prest.

Sharon is the daughter of Jason and Patricia Prest of Canton, MI, and Marc is the son of Ronald and Lynne Ullom of Hagerstown, MD.

The Ulloms are making their home in Bridgman, MI.

Lynnetta Siagian and Daniel Hamstra were married July 27, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Raymond Hamstra.

Lynnetta is the daughter of Edwin and Norma Siagian of Tamparuli, Malaysia, and Daniel is the son of Raymond and Katherine Hamstra of Hudsonville, MI.

The Hamstras are making

their home in Columbia, MD.

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, Marjorie L., age 83; born Nov. 18, 1913, in Black Creek, WI; died Sept. 29, 1997, in Berrien Center, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Boward; sister, Rachel Bacheller; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Orren Bacheller and Elder Steven Vitano, and interment was in Oakridge-Glen Oak Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

ANTISDEL, LaVerne H., age 92; born Nov. 30, 1904, in Hicksville, OH; died Oct. 6, 1997, in Berrien Springs, MI. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his son, W. Donald; daughter, Dorothy Bradford; sisters, Vera Geddes and Edith Selleck; 4 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Woodrow Whidden, and inurnment was in Milton Junction Cemetery, Milton, WI.

BAKER, Clarence R., age 91; born Dec. 11, 1906, in Arpin, WI; died Sept. 21, 1997, in Calhoun, GA. He was a member of the Oconto (WI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; son, Eugene; stepsons, James Brewer, Curtis, Edwin and Marvin LaCourt; daughter, Arylene; brother, Philo; sister, Mary Rollins; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Paul Hoover and Bob DeForest, and inurnment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Oconto, WI.

BAKER, Willie M., age 84; born Oct. 22, 1912, in Pine Bluff, AR; died May 16, 1997, in Los Angeles, CA. He was a member of the Shiloh Church, Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Vida; sons, Willie, Jr. and Clifton; daughters, Valerie Harden and Doris Baker; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Claude Shaw, and interment was in Evergreen

Memorial Park, Hobart, IN.

BEANOAY, Mabel D. (Mannle), age 98; born Nov. 7, 1898, in Belleville, IL; died Sept. 11, 1997, in Royal Oak, MI. She was a member of the Troy (MI) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Blanche Lewis; 6 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tom Hennlein, and interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

CHUBB, Raymond C., age 87; born Oct. 28, 1909, in Gladwin County, MI; died Sept. 19, 1997, in Midland, MI. He was a member of the Estey Church, Rhodes, MI.

Survivors include his son, Kendon; daughters, Beverly Bray and Karen Rifenbark; 8 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Rhodes Cemetery, Bentley Township, MI.

CUMMINGS, Mary B., age 95; born Mar. 8, 1902, in Yazoo, MS; died Oct. 7, 1997, in Pontiac, MI. She was a member of the Southside Church in Pontiac.

Survivors include her sons, Alim McDougal Ugdah, Elijah McDougal, and James Cummings; daughters, Alma Crice and Rebecca Armster; 24 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and 38 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Amos Johnson, and interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac.

FOSTER, Mark, age 45; born Oct. 21, 1952, in Minneapolis; died July 18, 1997, in Minneapolis. He was a member of the Eau Claire (WI) Church.

Survivors include 3 sons; 1 daughter; and his sisters, Alice Kostuch, Audrey Burk, and Emma Boehmke.

Interment was in Minneapolis.

FRIESNER, Margaret C., age 86; born Aug. 10, 1911, in Jackson, MI; died Sept. 15, 1997, in Tallahassee, FL. She was a member of the Jackson Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Margo Schroeder; 2 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Don Siewert,

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and interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Jackson.

JOHNSON, Cecil R., age 91; born May 10, 1906, in Jackson-ville, IL; died Aug. 2, 1997, in Cassopolis, MI. He was a member of the Calvin Center Church, Cassopolis.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Colin Dunbar, and interment was in Calvin Community Chapel Cemetery, Cassopolis.

JOHNSON, Violet A. (Webb), age 88; born July 29, 1909, in Spring Lake Township, WI; died Oct. 5, 1997, in Durand, WI. She was a member of the Menomone (WI) Church.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Supri; brother, William Webb; sisters, Marie Grant and Muriel Cassidy; 4 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Art Miller, and interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Spring Valley, WI.

JONES, James, age 80; born Nov. 25, 1916, in Denver, CO; died Sept. 11, 1997, in San Jose, CA. He was a member of the Bethel Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Survivors include his wife, Elva; and brother, Wilber.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Leslie Anderson, and interment was in Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose.

KOTTKE, Mildred B., age 85; born Apr. 19, 1912, in Green Bay, WI; died July 22, 1997, in Waupaca, WI. She was a member of the Lena (WI) Church.

Survivors include her son, Carlyle; daughter, Carol Stubbs; 4 brothers; 1 sister; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Knobloch, and interment was in Lena Cemetery.

VOSS, Calvin W., age 69; born Oct. 21, 1927, in Yorkville, WI; died Aug. 28, 1997, in Racine, WI. He was a member of the Raymond Church, Franksville, WI.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; sons, Bill and Ronald Voss and Mark Timmons; mother, Nellie; sister, Dorothy Chitwood; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Scofield, and interment was in Raymond Adventist Cemetery, Yorkville

Township, WI.

VOSS, Helen (Zell), age 89; born Jan. 16, 1908, in Eau Claire, WI; died Oct. 16, 1997, in Eau Claire. She was a member of the Eau Claire Church, Altoona, WI.

Survivors include her sons, Jim and Terry; daughter, Marlene Adrian; brother, Ira Zell; and sisters, Geneve Sieg, Beatrice Bell, and Marion Zell.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arthur R. Miller, and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Eau Claire.

VANDERWOUDE, Charles, age 84; born June 19, 1913, in Grand Rapids, MI; died Aug. 18, 1997, in Grandville, MI. He was a member of the Wyoming (MI) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; brother, Peter; and sister, Jean Dornick.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mickey Mallory, and interment was in Resurrection Cemetery, Kentwood, MI.

WHITE, Ina Mae (Burnett-Collins), age 73; born Sept. 14, 1924, in Kalamazoo, MI; died Sept. 25, 1997, in Sierra Vista, AZ. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, MI.

Survivors include her husband, Oliver C.; sons, David and Steven; stepson, Marcus; daughter, Melissa; half-brothers, Paul, David, Dale, Lloyd, and Duane Lamb; sister, Liera Beck; and stepsister, Ida Mae Estep.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, with private inurnment.

WHITESELL, Dorothy F. (Eley), age 71; born Mar. 25, 1926, in Baudette, MN; died July 10, 1997, in Alamogordo, NM. She was a member of the Beloit (WI) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bob; son, Gary; brothers, Hiram, Ernest, George and Sam Eley; half-brother, Charles; sisters, E. Kathy and Estella K. Gunn; half-sister, Rose Schwen-gles; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Hoover, and interment was in Baldwin Cemetery, Beloit, WI.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Dec. 10—Autumn quarter ends; **12**—Andrews Academy *Feast of Lights*, 7:30 p.m., PMC.

Jan. 5—Registration for winter quarter; **6**—Classes begin; **16**—*Friday Festival of Faith* vespers, Clifford Goldstein, 7:30 p.m., PMC.

LAKE UNION

OFFERINGS: Dec. 13—Health and Temperance Sabbath/World Budget; **20**—Church Budget; **20**—13th Sabbath: Unusual Opportunities; **27**—Local Conference Advance; **27**—Ingathering campaign ends. **Jan. 3**—Outreach/Church Budget; **10**—Inner City/World Budget; **17**—Church Budget.

SPECIAL DAYS: Jan. 3—Day of Prayer; **17-24**—Religious Liberty Week.

MICHIGAN

ATTENTION ALL FORMER CAMP AU SABLE STAFF! In celebration of 50 years of camping at Au Sable, there will be a staff reunion Aug. 12-16, 1998, at Camp Au Sable. Lots of activities are planned to celebrate and reminisce about all the years of youth and family ministry. To be a part of this exciting event or for more information, please call Michelle, in the Michigan Conference Youth Department, at (517) 485-2226, ext. 270.

WORLD CHURCH

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY/HUTCHINSON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY West Coast Chapter Alumni Reunion, Feb. 15, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Loma Linda University campus cafeteria. Send luncheon reservations (\$9.50) before Feb. 6, to Ruth Purdy, 24414 University Ave., #47, Loma Linda, CA 92354; phone (909) 799-3723.

ADVENTIST SINGLES MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH, Feb. 4-18, 1998, in Belize, Central America. We will be joining 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. For information contact Lorraine Hansen, (704) 697-2409; e-mail lorrhans@worldnet.att.net; or Doris Durrell, (209) 583-1259.

PATHFINDER MASTER GUIDE CONVENTION PLANNED. The North American Division (NAD) department of Pathfinder Ministries will host a Master Guide Convention, Feb. 11-14, 1998, in Los Angeles. According to Willie Oliver, director and convention coordinator, the four-day convention is being planned especially for Master Guides and others who are interested in celebrating what God has accomplished through Pathfinder.

The program is packed with motivating and inspiring speakers including John Hancock, retired director and pioneer of youth ministries at the General Conference (GC); Baraka Muganda, current GC youth

ministries director; Leo Ranzolin, a GC vice president; Rose Otis, an NAD vice president; E. Wayne Shepperd, Pacific Union vice president; Larry Caviness, Southern California Conference president; and Danny Davis, a Pathfinder leader in Allegheny East Conference. Workshop presenters will lead participants in six tracks, including church heritage, leadership skills, outdoor skills, Pathfinder evangelism, Pathfinder instructors award, and Spanish-language workshops. The weekend ends with a special banquet where Hancock will give the keynote address.

The registration fee is \$125. Hotel rooms are \$65 per night and must be reserved by Nov. 30, 1997. To register, call PlusLine at 800-SDA-PLUS.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14

Breath of Life, Mon: "Five Minutes after Christ Died—Part 2." Pastor Charles Brooks concludes this powerful sermon. Many today are confused about this small time segment. What happened? Learn from scripture the true answers.

It Is Written: "Blink a Star If You Hear Me." Sometimes we feel pretty alone in a vast, dark world. Sometimes we need reassurance that God is really there, that He's really listening. We'd like Him to blink a star to show He hears us. Pastor Finley talks about the assurance we can have through prayer.

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Una Mano Redentora" (A Redeeming Hand). We live in a world oppressed by pain and suffering. However, the giver of life does not forget His children. He sent His only son to find that which had been lost. That divine rescue mission is the greatest demonstration of love. We can be rescued from sin and suffering through Christ.

Voice of Prophecy Sun: "Preparing for Christmas." What was Jesus doing before He was born? **Mon-Fri:** "God's Christmas Cards, Vol. 4." The three-time "Angel Award" radio series continues. What would God say this year to headline-makers like Bill Gates, Dennis Rodman, Pope John Paul II, TV's Ellen DeGeneres, and death row inmate Timothy McVeigh?

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Illinois	5,422,112	5,100,975	321,137	6.30%	475.87	444.10
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Lake Region	5,387,634	5,074,548	313,086	6.17%	240.79	231.81
Michigan	14,780,384	13,684,864	1,095,520	8.01%	640.56	599.53
Wisconsin	3,131,058	3,001,999	129,059	4.30%	512.53	502.26
Totals	31,967,030	29,950,252	2,016,778	6.73%	466.60	442.55

SUNSET CALENDAR

December issue	Dec. 19	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23
Berrien Springs, MI	5:16	5:20	5:25	5:32	5:40	5:48
Chicago	4:22	4:26	4:31	4:38	4:46	4:54
Detroit	5:03	5:07	5:13	5:20	5:27	5:36
Indianapolis	5:23	5:27	5:32	5:39	5:46	5:54
La Crosse, WI	4:29	4:33	4:39	4:46	4:54	5:03
Lansing, MI	5:06	5:10	5:16	5:23	5:30	5:39
Madison, WI	4:24	4:28	4:34	4:41	4:49	4:57
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WEEK OF DECEMBER 21

Breath of Life Mon: "Biblical Questions and Answers." Pastor Charles D. Brooks answers questions from the Bible.

It Is Written: "Treasure in a Brown Bag." Christmas is a time for wrapping packages. Sometimes the outside of a package can deceive us about the value of the gift inside. Pastor Finley tells the unforgettable story of an incredible treasure that came wrapped in a brown paper package. Matt Bittner sings "God and God Alone."

La Voz de la Esperanza: "Navidad Que Canta" (A Christmas That Sings). Luke 2 says, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." The angels came to earth to sing glorious songs in celebration of Jesus' birth. It is our privilege to praise and worship Christ as our King and Lord. May His love and peace be with us always.

Voice of Prophecy Sun: "The Visit of The Magi." Join three wealthy men for an exotic journey across hundreds of miles and thousands of questions. Mon-Fri., "Christians Make a Different Christmas List." The trees are just as green and the twinkling lights just as bright in their homes. But the people of God adopt a different set of priorities when they give presents each December. What does a relationship with the Christ Child do to our shopping list as we get ready for Christmas?

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

Breath of Life, Mon: "Biblical Answers—Last-Day Events."

Pastor Charles D. Brooks answers questions from the Bible about last day events. Steve Darmody sings "Until Then."

It Is Written: "Saving Your Kids From Ruin." They once listened to bedtime stories and bounced around the living room on Daddy's back. Now they seem light years away from home, and unreachable. What is it that turns kids away from a parent's best intentions? Guest Jerry Johnston, an authority on teen culture, talks about building bridges to disaffected teens.

La Voz de la Esperanza: "La Cruz de Cristo" (The Cross of Christ). What are we passionate about? The apostle Paul was passionate about one thing, Jesus Christ. His life was changed by Jesus' love. Are we willing to let Christ cover us with His love? Will we accept that which He freely offers? Sin has a price and Jesus paid it. Salvation can now be ours.

Voice of Prophecy, Sun: to be announced. **Mon-Fri:** "It Takes More Than 'Just Say No'." It's a slogan that simply doesn't work in the war on drugs. In fact, the war on ANY sin cannot be won by "just saying no." We don't want to say no! Our human natures say YES to all of the Enemy's attractive suggestions. Don't make your 1998 New Year's resolutions without discovering the real power behind victory!

To learn time and station for these programs in your area, call 1-800-SDA-PLUS (1-800-732-7587).

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

December 1997

Dec. 12, 8 p.m. ET—
"Christmas Memories" a *Voice of Prophecy* and *Faith For Today* special featuring Virginia Fagal, Mabel Richards, and Hugh Martin. Plan a special vespers, or tape for later playback.

Dec. 13, 4:30-6 p.m., ET—
Creating Health Educational Seminars; Galaxy 9, Channel 2.

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

January 1998

Jan. 3—Day of Prayer Up-link (uplinked at each of the

following Eastern times): 8:30-9:25 a.m., 11-11:55 a.m., Noon-12:55 p.m., 1-1:55 p.m., 2-2:55 p.m., Satellite TBA.

Jan. 7, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—
First Wednesday; Satellite TBA.

Jan. 10, 4-6 p.m., ET—
Cross Training; Satellite TBA.

On Sabbath, Dec. 13, the first seminar entitled "Nutrition Matters," will present today's busy families, including teenagers, parents, and grandparents, with a balanced and practical approach to nutrition. Viewers will learn how to adopt and apply nutritional values to their everyday lives. A distinguished panel of medical experts, health educators, and nutritionists, moderated by Dan Matthews, speaker/director of Faith for Today and host of television's Lifestyle Magazine, and Monica Reed, MD, medical director of the Women's Center for Celebration Health and a medical news reporter for an ABC television affiliate, will discuss the relationship between nutritional values, lifestyle choices, and the quality of life.

On Jan. 24, the second seminar, "Prevention Matters," will educate viewers about the causes, risks, and treatments of coronary artery disease, diabetes, and cancer.

Both programs will take a look at the new Celebration Health facility and explore the future of healthcare, created by Adventist Health System. Participants watching via satellite will be able to call the panel with questions.

Prospective guests include Ben Carson, MD, a world-renowned neurosurgeon; David Satcher, director of the Centers for Disease Control; Gwen Foster, MPH, director of Allegheny East Health Ministries; Patricia Johnston, Dr.PH, professor of nutrition at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health; John Scharffenberg, MD, a professor of nutrition and international health; Walter Willett, MD, Dr.PH, chairman of the Department of Nutrition at Harvard University; and David Nieman, Dr.PH, professor of Health and Exercise Science of Appalachian State University.

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When? Life is full of questions.

One night long ago in Bethlehem, some shepherds heard music. It didn't come from a stereo system, computer speakers, or a CD player, and it wasn't the one unrelenting Christmas song that you have 50 days to get out of your head—Santa Claus is Comin' to Town. The music the shepherds heard came straight from the choirs of heaven. Angels broadcasted live, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men!"

Did they say it? Did they sing it? Did they shout it? I don't know. I like to think it was sounds of joy the shepherds heard. The SHEPHERDS, that is—not the people in the sleepy village below. Tucked in, sound asleep, and oblivious to the audio/visual show out in the country, they heard nothing. They slept through something better than the Northern Lights! They snored past heaven's mega-amplified musical invasion!

Isn't that the way it always is? Some sleep, some are too comfortable, some are deaf and blind to the reality of what God is doing.

In the mad rush of the Christmas season, above the brouhaha of the

Zing up Your Season!

Do you ever feel bored during Christmas break? Tired of the same old traditions? Take your pick from five suggestions that will ad zing to your holiday season.

1. Instead of using the old holiday gift wrap, go for something different! Try wrapping presents in scraps of material, old road maps, Sunday comics, or colorful posters. Or take construction paper and draw your own design.
2. Make up a treasure hunt with a series of clues leading someone to his or her gift. You can even make a scripture hunt, using Bible verses with allusions to places or things.
3. Remember a missionary or student missionary with a holiday card, letter, or gift.
4. Put an ethnic touch on your Christmas. You might buy or make a piñata out of papier mâché. Also, find out the special foods your grandparents ate, and try making them.
5. Invite someone outside your family to share your Christmas. It might be a classmate whose parents will be out of town, a neighbor who has lost a mate, or a church friend. If your parent's don't OK the hospitality idea, then visit the person in his or her own home and bring a little Christmas zing there!

Whichever you choose, don't forget the most important thing. Remember that Christmas is all about finding new ways to spread God's love to those around you. So what are you waiting for? Zing up the season!



Aurora Borealis. The Amazing Northern Lights (Alaska Geographic, 1979)

crowds, the roar of traffic, and the wonderful Salvation Army bell ringers, do YOU hear it? Don't be one that is sound asleep! Pause

long enough this December to listen, and you will hear music from another world. Keep the true song of Jesus in your heart—all year long!

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Besides receiving this honor, Nathan was co-valedictorian of his 1997 graduating class of 210 students at Charlotte High School. He received academic awards in social studies, math, and English, as well as several local scholarships. He also won a scholarship for placing second in the national "Economics in One Lesson" essay contest. In addition, Nathan was awarded a National Merit Finalist Scholarship through MSU. In 1996, he won the state grand prize in the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society drafting contest.

Nathan is the son of Joe and Melissa Whitaker and an active member of the Charlotte Church. He helps with VBS, Sabbath school, and the worship service. He has worked with Habitat for Humanity and has helped to plan community dinners. In high school he was active in Students Against Drunk Drivers, served as president of the National Honor Society, and was captain of the quiz bowl team. He enjoys basketball and computers in his spare time. He has worked the past two years for U. S. Congressman Nick Smith as a campaign worker and staff assistant.

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