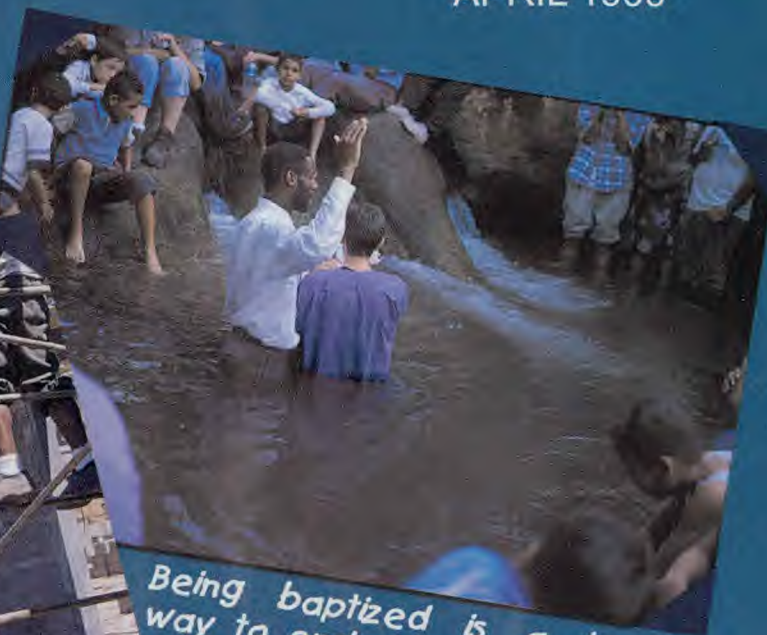


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Being baptized is a terrific way to end a great trip!

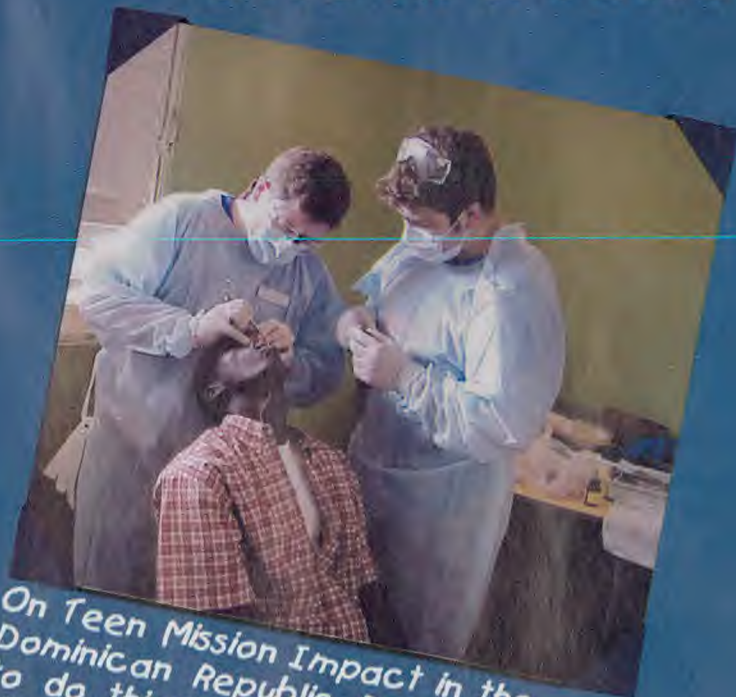


Smiles are welcome when the work is hard and the day is hot.

Changing Lives One at a Time



We had a chance to share what Jesus means to us.



On Teen Mission Impact in the Dominican Republic Pathfinders get to do things they'd never do at home!

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EDITORIAL



How to Act like a Bride

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

I've never seen the *Ten Commandments for Brides*, but brides do have a lot in common in the way they act. They come to their weddings all fixed up with fancy white dresses. Some of those dresses are so long that they drag on the floor. Sometimes they are so long that another person has to help the brides up the steps, down the steps, into cars, and around corners. Brides also usually wear a veil and a headpiece. They don't come to the wedding in those dirty tennis shoes, ragged jeans, and faded sweatshirts that say, "Property of Andrews P.E. Department."

There is nothing on the marriage license that says the preacher can hear the vows only if the bride wears the prescribed dress. Brides just *want* to do it. It's not about getting the groom to like her. He has already committed himself to her and asked her to marry him. Neither is it about laws of marriage ceremonies. Why does the bride dress up? She wants to look beautiful to bring pleasure to the groom.

If the groom likes certain kinds of music, the bride wants to include it in the wedding program. If he likes a particular location, it will be considered in the planning for the ceremony. The bride will even listen to his casual remarks, trying to learn what will please the one she loves.

No, the guests don't come to the ceremony to criticize the bride. She herself, however, evaluates everything trying to bring pleasure to the groom.

Jesus says that the church is His bride. That includes me. I'm interested in acting like the bride. Yes, there are Ten Commandments, but I don't look them over every day to make sure that I'm living up to the minimum requirements so that I don't get thrown out of heaven. My motivation is very different. When I think about Jesus and what He has done for me, I *want* to do anything I can that will bring Him pleasure, anything that might make Him happy. This has nothing to do with His acceptance of me. He has already given me salvation. But the way I look at it is this: If it is important to Him, it is important to me, even if I don't understand all about the issue. The things He has written are important to me because they tell me more about Him, about what He likes, about what He doesn't like. I learn as much as possible about Him.

Of course I dress up in the beautiful wedding garment provided by Jesus . . . getting ready to meet Him. I follow His wishes for me, not to be saved, but because I know it will make Him happy. I am not a legalist, following a check sheet to see what is right and wrong; I am a devoted lover, wanting to do everything to make my loved One happy.

Brides are like that. I want to be like that, too.

Paulsen Chosen to Lead World Church

Executive Committee Chooses European as General Conference President

BY THE *REVIEW AND HERALD*
EDITORS

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

In a day-long session on Monday, described by many as the most unusual they had ever seen, members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference elected Jan Paulsen to lead the 10-million-member denomination.

Paulsen, 64, has been a general vice-president of the church since 1995, and previously served as president of the church's Trans-European Division, a college president, a missionary to West Africa, and a ministerial director. Originally from Narvik, Norway, Paulsen is the first European and only the second non-North American to be elected to the church's top leadership post in 136 years. He is also the first president to hold an earned doctoral degree. Fluent in Norwegian, German, Danish, and English, Paulsen is also seen by many as a symbol of the increasingly non-American membership of the church. Ninety percent of the church's membership is outside North America, with the most rapid growth occurring in the South Pacific, Africa, and South and Central America.

"How do you prepare for something like this?" Paulsen asked rhetorically as he and his wife were introduced to a

Tuesday morning gathering of Executive Committee members and General Conference employees. To appreciative laughter he added, "Twenty-four hours ago, I lived in a world of pure innocence."

"There have been many people—family members and friends—who have assured me of their prayers, and (I have) the support of my good wife, Kari," Paulsen continued. "That helps me—that helped us—as we talked about this to say, 'Right. That's what we will do.'"

Paulsen then recounted his personal practice, through 40 years of ministry, of accepting positions in which he has been asked to serve, even despite misgivings. "The Lord has led, and I have found it safe to let the committee decide," he declared. "That's the way we've done it, in the knowledge and with the assurance that the Holy Spirit is leading His church, that He is moving us all steadfastly forward, and that the Lord will achieve His objectives. Accepting this position, we will try to be servants of the Lord in achieving His mission and His objectives."

In a statement specifically addressed to General Conference employees, Paulsen added: "We are a very, very diverse family in this house. Our talents differ; we think differently. We have different temperaments, and

we don't always agree. We don't always see eye to eye. I want you to know I think that's fine. That's just fine. We don't have to agree on everything.

"And I want you to know, my colleagues, that you can talk to me and feel safe. . . . It's OK to disagree with me. We're going to work our way around whatever differences that may be, because it's important that at the end of the day, we pull together, and that what the Lord has in mind, what the Lord wants to accomplish, that we can set about doing it."

Church leaders were quick to affirm the choice of Paulsen as the denomination's new leader.

"I've been on a lot of nominating committees," says Robert Kloosterhuis, who has served alongside Paulsen as one of six general vice presidents of the church, "and I think we did more praying this time. There was a unanimity of spirit and a sense that we had all done the right thing." Paulsen's term will run until the next scheduled quinquennial meeting of the world church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in June 2000. More than 2000 delegates are expected at the Toronto General Conference session, where they will elect officers, endorse new initiatives, and vote policy changes for the denomination.



Jan Paulsen, president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

NEW MEMBERS

INDIANA

As I shopped for groceries at a local store, I became acquainted with an employee who sacked my groceries and carried them to my car. We would talk about healthful living. I told him about the dangers of meat eating and the substitutes that we offer.

When our head elder, Paul Fruth, started a Daniel and Revelation seminar at our little Noblesville (Ind.) Church, I invited him to attend, and he did. I didn't even know his name at the time. But **Clayton Taylor** came to all of the meetings he could, enjoying and believing each one.



Clayton Taylor finally joined the church that keeps the Bible Sabbath.

Clayton says when he attended other churches he would wonder why they were worshipping on Sunday. He has felt for a long time that the seventh day is the Sabbath. He would drive by our church on Sabbath and think to himself, "There

is the only church that is keeping the Sabbath." As time went by, he even recognized my car in the parking lot on Sabbath mornings.

The Holy Spirit had been working on Clayton for some time, and as a result of the prophecy seminar, NET '98, and studying with Pastor John Elliot, he was taken into membership on profession of faith.

Tresa Weikum, Noblesville Church communication leader

MICHIGAN

Helen McQuiston, a single parent with five children, was going through a very difficult time in her life

spiritually. She had visited many different churches and had requested Bible studies from their leaders, but no one had responded. She felt lost and rejected. Then God sent Tony Rodriguez to be the answer to her prayers.



Bible worker Tony Rodriguez stands with newly baptized member Helen McQuiston.

Tony was a graduate student from Andrews University who was spending his summer as a Bible worker in Big Rapids and Reed City, Michigan. As he knocked on doors in these two cities, he was praying that he would find someone who had a genuine interest in getting to know the Lord better. God didn't disappoint him!

One day Tony knocked on Helen's door. After spending some time visiting with Helen, Tony perceived she was searching for answers to questions that had long been troubling her. As they began regular Bible studies, he also discovered that Helen had found the seventh-day Sabbath truth many years before. However, every time she had questioned pastors, friends, or relatives about the Sabbath, they could not provide answers. Now she was delighted to find real answers from the Word of God.

When Dan Collins held an evangelistic crusade in Big Rapids, Tony made certain that Helen and her family had an opportunity to attend. Later she was baptized in a river by Michael

Szynkowski, Big Rapids Church pastor. Truly God had answered the deepest longings of her soul and sent Tony to knock on her door—at just the right time.

Kay Collins, crusades correspondent

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Melena Sandela was excited about her engagement to **Patino "Tito" Francisco**, and she also was studying the essentials of the Seventh-day Adventist faith with her future in-laws, retired pastor Sergio Francisco and his wife, Janette. Melena had already accepted Christ as her personal savior and had attended a Christian college in Grand Rapids.

Melena and Tito made a decision to rededicate themselves to God. Since the language that Tito and his parents spoke—Spanish—was not Melena's native tongue, she studied with Debra Racz, Bible worker for the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Even before Melena's baptism and Tito's re-baptism took place, Melena began sharing the *Amazing Facts* study guides with her co-workers, and her smiling enthusiasm was contagious. Meanwhile, Tito was being trained to help with the church's prison ministry at Carson City. Already they were sharing their love for Jesus with others.



Melena and Tito were baptized together at the Grand Rapids Central Church.

On September 19, 1998, Melena and Tito confirmed their full commitment to the Lord by being baptized. Then on October 4, in a beautiful bi-lingual ceremony, they were united in marriage.

Debra Racz, Grand Rapids Central Church Bible worker

Andrews Academy Students REACH out to Children

BY TONYA HIPPLER

The children have chipped teeth, shaved heads, select scars, and eyes that tell stories of tragic adventures—obviously faces that only a mother could love,” said Kim Chilson, senior elementary education major. “Too bad these particular children don’t even have the luxury of having a mom.”



Lacy Edwards and Jason Hippler help out with the day camp's gymnastics class, a favorite among the kids.

The children are cared for in Romania by a nonprofit organization known as REACH International. The Berrien Springs-based organization annually invites Andrews Academy students and alumni to visit and help out in one of their many orphanages.

“We have considered visiting orphanages in other countries,” said Glenn Russell, Andrews Academy religion teacher and group sponsor, “but we always go back to Romania.”

While the students are in Romania, they help with a variety of activities. In

the past they have repaired buildings, spoken for church services, and run day camps for the kids. The day-camp program is similar to the summer day camp that Andrews University has. It consists of learning “stations” where the children visit and learn about many things, including the English language, religion, geography, and exercise. According to Pastor Glenn, the difference in language has become less

and less of a problem because the kids have learned a lot of English.

A student group first took the two-to-three-week mission trip to Romania in the summer of 1991, and they have returned every summersince.

The group usually consists

of approximately 16 students, which is, according to Pastor Glenn, “the perfect amount.”

“The students who go to Romania always return with a greater appreciation for their homes, belongings, and families,” said Pastor Glenn.

Some students, such as Douglas Show, sophomore physics major, have gone on the mission trip multiple times. “Each time is a little different,” said Douglas. “I always learn something new about the kids and the world when I go on the Romanian mission

trip.”

Because of extra donations, last

year’s trip was particularly successful. A special two-night campout was planned for the older orphan boys. On their “vacation” the 11 boys enjoyed traditional camping activities, including hiking, rugged cooking, campfires, singing, and worship. “A campout for them is like a seven-day luxury trip to the tropics to us,” said Pastor Glenn, “a true vacation.”

According to Pastor Glenn, a relationship has developed between the volunteers and the children of the orphanage. The students often return to see how the kids have developed.

“I’m so proud of them,” said Aileen Vitangeol, freshman accounting major. “Every time I go back, I see that the kids have truly matured. It is great to watch them grow and develop.”

The REACH International program has provided a safe and positive environment for the orphans and has provided the Andrews Academy students with many opportunities to love the unlovable, and, if only for a short time, it helps make them smile—an expression that anyone could love.

REACH International is a non-profit organization that has orphanages in more than 15 countries. For more information call (800) 869-1412.

Tonya Hippler is Andrews Academy’s assistant public relations director.



The REACH orphans don’t have any money to pay, but they do have shining faces that are payment enough.

Andrews Academy

SOW Safari

Group Reaches Many

BY TONYA HIPPLER

Heart to heart, block upon block, book after book. This was how the Service Outreach Witness (SOW) Safari group from Andrews Academy forged their way through the unknown terrain of Venezuela.

"For the past 13 years we have always gone to Mexico," said James Nash, SOW Safari director and Andrews Academy vice principal. "But this year we decided to do things differently. God had a special mission for us."

The group's original plans included a mission trip to Honduras; however,

due to adverse conditions, namely Hurricane Mitch, they decided to go where there was a different need.

"I was really sad when I first discovered that Honduras had been hit by Hurricane Mitch," said Isaac Oliver, academy senior. "Not only was I feeling bad for the people, I wondered whether our group would go on."

They did indeed. The final location that the 50-member group decided on was San Cristobal, Venezuela, a city of approximately 500,000.

The group, consisting of 30 Andrews Academy students and 20 adult sponsors, alumni, and tradesmen and their children, not only completed building the outside walls and the roof

of a school, but they also ministered to the local community through nightly youth revival meetings during their two-week stint. While the meetings were aimed specifically for the young people of the city, people of all ages attended. Children's Bible school programs were also conducted. Originally, a local pastor was to be the speaker for the meetings, while the SOW Safari/Maranatha group members would support with music and a children's program. However, upon arrival it was learned that no such speaker was available. "Our group was full of talent, but there was no preparation, nor had materials been brought along," said Nash. "However, we made the best of it, and the programs turned out much better than anyone imagined."

The SOW Safari group immediately began to make plans for the program. The fact that many "backslidden" young people of the church were attending spurred the SOW Safarians to be especially determined to make things work.

"There were exciting events that unfolded," said Nash. "The city mayor provided bussing for the group to visit other Adventist churches in the city and to invite their young people to join the Metropolitan Church and the Andrews youth for the newly-planned activities."

Crowds of teenagers and young adults, along with other members, came in full force. The 5,000 copies of *Spanish Steps to Christ* (*Christo el Camino*) were distributed in a festive walk through the city to the central



The SOW Safari group from Andrews Academy built a school in San Cristobal, Venezuela.

plaza where a blood pressure clinic was being conducted by the Master Guide club.

There were exactly seven days for meetings to take place. The disappointment and frustration over the lack of a speaker turned into a daily scramble of praying and planning, while at the same time the building on the school continued.

One of the academy's Bible teachers, Oliver Archer, and a seminary student, Ruber Leal, were two of the sponsors of the trip—Oliver as chaplain and Ruber as translator. The members of the Andrews group and the local youth were invited to make the meeting presentations. Several altar calls were made, which resulted in approximately three dozen young people responding for the first time to give their hearts to Jesus and for recommitments. The baptisms of seven local youth and two academy students were conducted in the "Jordan River" of San Cristobal, which cascaded down a beautiful wooded spot in the mountains just outside the city.

"The kids would call home and go on and on about the good things they were seeing," said Nash. "During almost every conversation, you would hear choruses of 'Oh, I wish you could be here with us.'"

What about the school building? The construction work continued each day. Some people remarked that with so many distractions from the building activities, including the often-experienced "stomach sickness" and the rain, it was a wonder that the building progressed as it did. The girls' sponsor, Elaine Manley, put it this way, "Because of the emphasis on and commitment to evangelism, the Lord just took care of the construction."

Through these ways, God used the SOW Safari group from Andrews Academy to touch the young and old of San Cristobal, one-by-one.

Tonya Hippler is Andrews Academy's assistant public relations director.



Thirty Andrews Academy students participated in the SOW Safari trip to Venezuela. Although they worked very hard, they were able to spend one day relaxing in Merida, Venezuela.

Oh, That Rooster!

I became acquainted with the rooster the first night we were in San Cristobal, Venezuela. We had slept only a few hours when I was awakened by his mornful "cock-a-doodle-doo." I reached for my flashlight and my glasses. The time, 5:30 a.m. at home, 4:30 a.m. South American time. True, I get up for personal devotions at 5:30 a.m. at home, but since I'm in another country, couldn't I sleep another hour?

The rooster became a conversation piece at breakfast. Some of us wished he'd "shut up," many of us wished him dead. I remember one morning in particular. The rooster crowed, and moments later I heard a loud "bang." I was sure somebody had shot the rooster. For a moment I rejoiced in his demise, only to hear him call louder than ever, "cock-a-doodle-doo."

Sleep gone, my thoughts turned to a scene out of the book of Job. I heard God say, "Barbara, have you considered my servant the rooster, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright bird, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you want to destroy him without cause" (paraphrase Job 2:3).

Then I understood. The rooster was doing what God had ordained him to do. Was I? Jesus, speaking of the rooster, said that just as the rooster was sure to crow each morning, we can be sure He will come again.

So I crawled out of my sleeping bag and fell to my knees. "Lord," I prayed, "forgive me for wishing the rooster harm. Thank you for his faithfulness. I want to be like him. Place within me the desire and the will to rise early each morning to seek Thy face. Give me a rooster-like boldness to speak for you, so that I will be found waiting and watching when you come."

Barbara Hales, a family-life educator writing from New Carlisle, Indiana, was one of the adult sponsors who went along on this trip.



The Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact '99 group in front of Christopher Columbus' son's home.

Michigan Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact '99



Because the chapel roof at South Camp in Playa Najayo was blown off during Hurricane Georges, the clinic there was held out under the trees.

BY TERRY DODGE

On December 28, 1998, 25 Pathfinder teens and 12 health professionals (doctors, dentists, optometrists) left Detroit, Michigan, and headed for Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic,

for their annual Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact trip. Teen Mission Impact is an annual medical-missionary trip for Michigan Pathfinders to the Dominican Republic, organized by Terry Dodge, Michigan Conference Path-



Dan Lewis, a physician from Berrien Springs, Michigan, helped the young people learn different treatment techniques while working with the many patients who came to the clinic.

finder director. Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president, also provides valuable assistance by working in advance with the Domini-

can conferences to make lodging and clinic-location arrangements for the group's visit to the Dominican Republic.

During this year's trip we found that the needs of the people were great. However, we were only able to hold seven clinics. When we came to the last clinic, word had gone out about us, and there were more than 200 people there to see us. Our hearts went out to them because they were not able to get the help they needed. During this trip we were able to serve more than 4,000 individuals. On the

One of the highlights of the trip was the involvement of the teens with the clinic staff. Dan Lewis, a physician from Berrien Springs, Michigan, and David Mayor, a physician



Optometrists James Tillman and Dennis Benedict stand with Tillman's daughter, Jeanie, surveying their stock of glasses.



Teen Mission staff members, (from left) David Mayor, Luis Leonor, and Dennis Benedict, visit a local supermarket to pick up needed supplies.

from Hinsdale Hospital, were willing to teach the teens various treatment techniques while working with the different individuals who came to the clinics.

Rick Beckermeyer, a dentist

submits the names to the Michigan Conference Pathfinder department. The Pathfinders must then attend the August orientation weekend at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan, where they learn helpful information for the trip, enjoy some of the ethnic foods that will be served on the trip, and become acquainted with the other team members.

During the trip to the Dominican, Pathfinders participate in at least one of the morning and evening worship services by sharing what they wrote in their qualifying essays. This gives them the opportunity to share their faith with their peers.

Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact is a wonderful opportunity for young people to serve the Lord by helping others who are less fortunate than they are. They learn what being a Christian is really all about, and they grow closer to the Lord and to one another during the trip. If you are a Michigan teen Pathfinder who is at least 14 years old, and you're interested in being a part of the annual Pathfinder mission trip, talk to your Pathfinder leader. Perhaps you too will have a chance someday to participate in a life-changing Teen Mission Impact.

Terry Dodge is the Michigan Conference Pathfinder director.

last day in optometry, Dennis Benedict, an optometrist who is a member of the Jackson (Mich.) Church; James Tillman, an optometrist from Georgia; and the Pathfinders assigned to that clinic were able to help 300 individuals, which is a new and outstanding record.

Hurricane Georges had caused a lot of damage on the island, but that did not affect our mission trip. This was the first time we were able to stay in one location (the South Camp at Playa Najayo) while serving three of the conferences. The chapel/meeting building at the camp had lost its roof during the storm, and since it had not yet been replaced, we held the clinic under some trees in the shade.

who has participated with the Teen Mission trip for the past three years, has helped interested students learn dental techniques. He has also conducted special training on proper techniques and procedures for each year's mission team. This year Tracy Pane, one of the teens, helped relieve patients' pain by pulling 43 teeth.

How does a Pathfinder teen qualify for the great experience of being part of Teen Mission Impact? Each attending Pathfinder must be fourteen years old, be selected by the club leaders, have earned the "Adventurer for Christ" AY honor, and have written two 350-word essays entitled "Why I Love Jesus" and "Why I Am a Pathfinder" before the club director

Good News from Our Treasurer



Faithful tithe-paying in the Lake Union has unexpected results

**AN INTERVIEW WITH NORM KLAM
BY RICHARD DOWER**

DOWER: What was the total amount of tithe given by our members in the Lake Union for 1998?

KLAM: Last year \$49,484,187 was given in tithe funds, 7.65 percent more than in 1997.

It seems that our members were faithful in supporting the church last year.

I am pleased with the faithfulness of our members. Very seldom do we hear of a decrease in the tithe. I have heard it said that the younger generation of Adventists is not very involved in paying tithe, that they want to direct where their money goes. I do not feel that is true. The truth of the matter is that if people attend church, no matter what their ages, it indicates that their relationship with the church is of such a nature that they feel a responsibility to participate in the support of the

church, and the Lord blesses them as a result. I want to thank all of our members who faithfully pay tithe, and especially the young adults who are actively supporting their church.

How much of the tithe does the Lake Union receive?

The Lake Union receives 10 percent of the tithe that our members give. Then the Lake Union actually pays tithe, so to speak, by sending 10 percent of its income to the North American Division.

How does the Lake Union Conference spend its money?

The Lake Union distributes 71 percent of its share of the tithe money to other organizations. Only 29 percent of our tithe income is used for union functions.

What are those other organizations?

The largest piece of the pie, about 40 percent, goes back to the conferences. The next largest portion, 20 percent, goes to Andrews University and to the Home Health Education Service, which operates the literature ministry in the Lake Union territory.

The remaining amount, 11 percent, is sent on to the North American Division and the General Conference.

How much money is actually sent back to the local conferences from union funds?

The Lake Union in 1998 gave \$1,860,000 of its income to the conferences for appropriations and designated services. These funds include paying for the General Conference auditing services in our territory and the computer programming services that our information services department provides.

What is working capitol?

Working capitol is a comparison or ratio of the funds that we have to the funds that we owe. The excess is called working capitol.

Policies state that we need to have 100 percent of our working capitol in hand. What does this mean?

When we strive for 100 percent of working capitol, it means that we have six months of operating funds in reserve. This amount is determined by our own operating expenses.

What happens if the working capitol is spent down to less than 100 percent?

Several years ago the Lake Union

helped one of our organizations by making funds available to them. Ultimately these funds were not able to be returned to us, so our working capitol went from 100 percent to under 10 percent. It has taken six years to recover by careful budgeting and by unexpected donations which allowed us to rebuild our working capitol. The reason that we have this working capitol policy is that we need to have some extra money to help out in times of need. The story of Joseph in Egypt where he was put in charge of storing up food for the lean years is a biblical example of why we have working capitol.

Last year, 1998, the Lord blessed the Lake Union, and the working capitol went up to about 108 percent. What do we do with the money when the working capitol goes over 100 percent?

The current philosophy of the Lake Union Conference officers is that since our members give their money to the church to be used in furthering its mission, and its mission is to bring people to the Lord, we need to use the surplus to do just that. Since we had about \$90,000 above our needs, the officers decided to give it back to the conferences for evangelism, and to give \$10,000 to Andrews University, and to give \$10,000 to the Home Health Education Service to help literature evangelists reach a higher sales volume. In addition, the Michigan Conference was given another \$20,000

to assist with the completing of their new camp meeting facilities in Cedar Lake.

What difference will \$10,000 make in a conference's evangelism budget?

It can, for instance, fund about two local church evangelistic crusades.

Since we had 108 percent of our working capitol, and \$90,000 equals about 4 percent, what happened to the other \$90,000?

We put it into a special account with the intention to enhance evangelism in the future, and plans are being made for a large city crusade.

What is the role of the treasury department of the Lake Union Conference?

One of the financial functions of the Lake Union is to provide appropriate services and assistance to the conferences and churches so that they might accomplish things they could not normally do on their own. Our local conference administrators are willing to work closely with us to address specific needs anywhere within the Lake Union territory. Then, like a family, we work to meet those needs to accomplish the work of the church.

Norm Klam is the Lake Union Conference treasurer; Richard Dower is the Lake Union Herald editor.

Thy Brother's Blood

BY CLIFFORD GOLDSTEIN

One problem attendant with possessing "truth" is that a person must, of logical necessity, reject "error." The daunting question is, What form does that rejection take? Do you tolerate, ignore—or uproot, repress, and destroy opposing beliefs?

For many long, painful centuries, the violent repression of "error" was deemed the only logical recourse for those possessing God's truth. Let one believe this intolerance was not also a Protestant problem, Martin Luther once said, "I can no wise admit that false teachers should be put to death. It is sufficient to banish them." However, a year later he changed his mind; the sword, he urged, must be used against heretics.

Mankind has never found it easy to tolerate divergent religious beliefs. Religion, after all, deals with the most crucial and fundamental questions facing human existence. Most people don't care if you eat different foods than they, but when you worship another God as the true God, or hold to basic beliefs that cannot be true without theirs being false, then, implicitly, your mere existence is an affront. You don't have to say a word; merely by believing what you believe you tell others that their most fundamental and cherished beliefs, that which gives them identity, purpose, and mission in life, that which answers their most basic and important questions, are, quite frankly, erroneous.

The archetypal example of religious intolerance is that illustrated by Cain and Abel. By his action and faith, Abel was a rebuke to his brother. "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous" (1 John 3:12 KJV). By who he was and what he did, Abel challenged his brother at the most fundamental level. Though persecution of the religious by the religious often includes other factors (usually political and economic), it often stems from this basic problem.

After the death of Abel, the Lord said to Cain, "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground" (Genesis 4:10 KJV). That blood, and the blood of countless millions of others, still cries out and will, no doubt, continue to do so, especially as religious fundamentalism grows.

That's why we must understand, in this Year of Religious Liberty, that the battle for religious freedom is far from over. Indeed, the potential for intolerance can be found in us as well.

"The real test of
toleration is our
attitude toward people
who oppose truths
which seem important
to us. . . ."

Reinhold Niebuhr

How, then, can those who hold beliefs they deem absolute respond to those who, by their very existence, challenge those beliefs? There seems to be only one logical answer, which is that one of our absolute beliefs must be that we love and accept those whose beliefs are different. In other words, "tolerance" needs to be a fundamental of faith.

The fact is, of course, at least in biblical Christianity, it already is. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," even those neighbors whose most basic beliefs cannot be true without yours being false. Jesus never declared that your neighbors had to believe as you do before you love them as yourself. Loving your neighbor as yourself is, Jesus said, the second of the two most important commandments. It doesn't get more fundamental than that.

Our religion never asks us to accept error, just those who do. Only in faiths where acceptance of people who hold "false" beliefs becomes a fundamental will the specter of religious persecution end.

The gospel of Christ is, then, the answer. Until people accept Jesus and the absolutes that this acceptance embodies (which includes loving even those whose most basic belief contradicts your own), our brother's blood will continue to cry out of the ground.

Clifford Goldstein, former Liberty editor, is presently the editor of the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides.



CREATIVE PARENTING

The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

Ways to Encourage and Build Your Child's Confidence

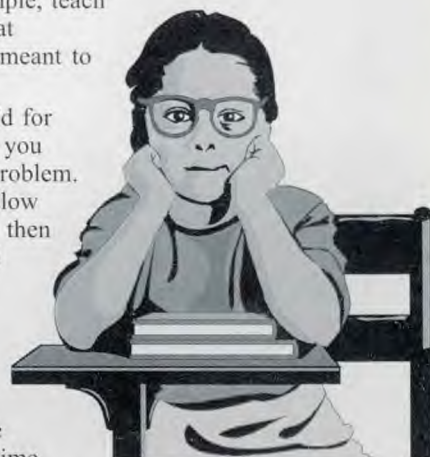
by Susan E. Murray

- 1 When your child seems overwhelmed, say, "You seem to have so much to do. Can I help in any way?"
- 2 Let your child hear you passing on her opinion: "I thought those flowers were too bright, but Nathan noticed how well they go with the curtains."
- 3 Ask your child to choose music to listen to during a meal.
- 4 Pick out a garage-sale bookshelf together, then sand and repaint it for your child's room.
- 5 Clip articles (and cartoons) you think would be interesting to your child.
- 6 Get out your wedding album and describe the day.
- 7 At prayer time, mention each child's name and share with God a specific way each child enriches your life.
- 8 Regularly record your child's height and weight.
- 9 Draw a funny face on a child's banana.
- 10 Buy a low-maintenance, child-safe plant for your child's room and help her learn the skills to take care of it.
- 11 Share compliments that relate to your child's personality, not just to accomplishments or physical appearance. For example, "When you comforted your brother when he fell, it warmed my heart to see how caring you were," or, "I thought you explained that really well."
- 12 Have your children share in deciding where your



family's money will go for special offerings and charities.

- 13 Mat and frame a piece of your child's artwork.
- 14 Surprise your child at school, and stop for a treat on the way home. If you are employed, it may be possible to get off work early if you make a request.
- 15 Spend at least ten minutes alone, doing what your child wants, every day.
- 16 Send a hand-written note to your child through the U.S. Postal Service.
- 17 By your example, teach your child that promises are meant to be kept.
- 18 Ask your child for ideas to help you solve a real problem. Be sure to follow through, and then let your child know how you benefitted from his ideas.

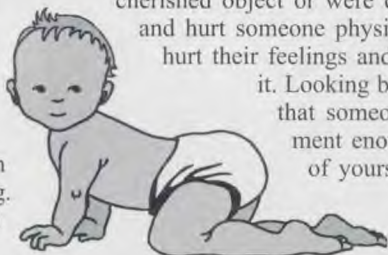


- 19 Use the same phrase each time you will be separated from your child. For example, "I am always with you even though we're apart. I am loving you and thinking of you, for I hold you in my heart."
- 20 Provide a bulletin board for your child's room, and let her decorate and maintain it according to her interests.
- 21 Give your child a long-distance phone budget, so he can call friends or relatives who live outside your local area.
- 22 Remember that children have goals and ambitions of their own. Ask them to share with you, and validate that your child has many interests, recognizing that with time and experience those interests may change. Let that be okay. Even if that interest is short-lived, that does not negate its importance in her life at that time.
- 23 Tell your children things you like about your spouse, your siblings, and your parents. That helps them appreciate those traits when they see them in themselves.
- 24 Often, share an experience or insight that is evidence to you that God is working in your life.

Ages & Stages

INFANTS: You Can Use Your Baby's Developing Senses to Teach about Jesus.

At birth, a newborn's taste and smell are the most developed senses. It's never too early to start saying a simple grace such as, "Thank you for food, God" or "Lord, bless this food." Especially if you are breast feeding, it may seem awkward to say grace before nursing. Remember that mother's milk is a gift of God, so it's appropriate to thank Him for it every day.



PRESCHOOLERS: It's the Process, Not the Product That Counts.

Creativity flourishes when it's accepted and encouraged. Sometimes we need to step back and ask ourselves, "What's most important?" For example, many times adults insist that kids paint the sky blue and the grass green; but most preschoolers aren't all that interested in the final product. You may be tempted to stop a child when a painting looks "good" to you. But remember, it's their expression that counts, not your need for conformity and beauty. A muddy smudge of colors may be just what pleases a child the most. You can support your child's creativity sometimes by just restraining yourself from stopping him when it looks "good" to you!

ELEMENTARY YEARS: Looking for the Blessings

Kids need to know that while we don't always have control over our circumstances, we do have control over our response toward them. Children need and deserve encouragement. One form of encouragement is to help them learn to look for the blessings in the midst of difficult situations.

Occasionally, take time as a family to pray only prayers of thanks instead of concerns and requests. Consider having family members take turns thanking God for something special about themselves or for something special He has done in their lives in the past few days. When we intentionally look for the positive, that's what we'll most likely see.



TEENAGERS: Don't Take Your Own Words Lightly.

Think back to your own childhood and adolescence. Remember how you felt when your mom, dad, or another adult lashed out at you in anger or made a hurtful remark? Perhaps there was a time when you accidentally broke a cherished object or were clowning around and hurt someone physically, or maybe you hurt their feelings and were punished for it. Looking back, you may realize

that someone's sadness over such an accident may be punishment enough. Recalling such memories can reawaken that part of yourself that allows you to develop deeper empathy with your own teen. Always strive to find the best way to say what you mean!

PARENTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ADULTS: Six Ways Kids Help Your Marriage

- ✱ Create greater intimacy and shared pleasures.
- ✱ The chance to observe each other in new roles.
- ✱ The opportunity to recapture a childlike sense of play and optimism.
- ✱ A new phase of self-discovery.
- ✱ The awesome realization that parents are part of God's larger plan.
- ✱ A great opportunity for renewed spirituality.

"If a couple joyfully make the trade-offs between life without children and the world of parenting, they receive unexpected rewards. Those who focus on these gifts, rather than the sacrifices, weather the transition well and find greater joy in their relationship," says Dolores Curran, a mother of three grown children and author of several books, including *Traits of a Healthy Family*.



Master of Mimicry

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3 NKJV).

It's impossible to talk about the Monarch without comparing it to the Viceroy. Monarchs and Viceroy are both members of the Nymphalidae, the "brush-footed" butterflies. Their family name comes from the fact that the front pair of legs are so small that they look more like little brushes than limbs.

Although the Monarch is about an inch larger than the Viceroy, at a glance both the butterflies look very much alike. Their reddish-brown wings are veined in black, have black borders, and are liberally spotted with white markings. The only obvious mark that distinguishes the Viceroy from the Monarch is the narrow black line on each of its hind wings.

As similar as the adults are, the caterpillars of the two species couldn't be more different. The smooth-skinned Monarch caterpillar is brightly colored with bands of green, yellow, and black. When it is ready to form a pupa, the caterpillar first crochets a little silk rosette and attaches it to a tree trunk, fencepost, or immature milkweed pod. Then it glues its tail to the rosette and dangles upside down. The bright-green chrysalis has golden-yellow spots. The word "chrysalis" comes from the Greek word *chrysos*, meaning gold, so the description of the Monarch's resting-place as "the green house with the golden nails" is especially apt.

In contrast, the Viceroy larva is a drab shade of brown or green and is covered by grotesque wart-like projections. When it's motionless, it looks like a bird dropping, so it's generally ignored as food. As added protection

from predators, the Viceroy caterpillar feeds only at night

on its favorite foods—the leaves of wild plums, cherries, apples, willows, poplars, and aspen. The chrysalis of the Viceroy caterpillar looks like a withered leaf dangling from a branch.

The Viceroy survives by mimicking something else. As a caterpillar it resembles a bird-dropping. As a chrysalis or resting larva it assumes the appearance of a dead leaf. And as an adult it masquerades as a Monarch. At the end of summer, though, the jig is up. While the Monarchs fly south, the Viceroy continues to feed as though summer will last forever. As a result, the first killing frost makes short work of all adult Viceroy.

The Monarch spends its life out in the open. At no stage of its life does it hide. But the Viceroy spends its life hiding, being pretentious and hypocritical.

The Viceroy spends its life acting like a Monarch. Some people spend their lives acting like Christians. The Viceroy can't be a Monarch because it wasn't born a Monarch. As people, we are born, like the Viceroy, needing to hide to survive. But Jesus made a way for us Viceroy to become Monarchs. As He told Nicodemus, who came to see him under the cover of night, "Ye must be born again." Through Jesus, we lose our hypocrisy, we lose our fear, we lose the results of sin, and we live forever.

Exploring God's World

WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

Butterfly Wings

Imagine how much fun Adam had naming all the creatures in the Garden of Eden. Now you can create and name a butterfly—or several.

What you need:

- ✓ newspapers
- ✓ tempera paint or watercolors
- ✓ paintbrush
- ✓ sheets of white paper



What to do:

- 1 Cover your work surface with newspaper. Use the brush to "glob" different colors of paint
- 2 onto the center of the paper. Fold the paper down the center so that the
- 3 paint is on the inside, then smooth it with your hand.
- 4 Open the paper. Does the image look like butterfly wings? If not, try again. Describe and name your butterfly.



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.

The World Is Our Classroom

During this year's Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Apr. 22-25, the events will provide opportunity to take an "arm-chair" tour of other countries, hear from alumni in other parts

of the world via electronic communication, and unite with friends and alumni who participated in academic study tours as part of their course work at Andrews.



Sabbath salad supper brings together good food and friends.

Saturday night Around the World Tours will begin at 9:00 p.m. at various campus locations.

Andrews faculty members Merlene Ogden, Greg Constantine, Don May, and Carey Carscalen are coordinating activities for the tour reunions. Special reunion activities are also planned for the honor classes of 1939, 1949 golden reunion, 1959, 1969, 1974 silver reunion, 1979, and 1989.

In addition to the traditional homecoming events—the golf outing (Friday, 9:00 a.m.), alumni parade (Friday, 6:00 p.m.), international flag-raising (Friday, 7:30 p.m.), and salad supper (Sabbath, 5:30 p.m.)—an important feature of the weekend will be the groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition to Seminary Hall (Sunday, 11:30 a.m.). There will also be inspiring worship services (Sabbath 8:30 and 11:20 a.m.) and time for touring the campus (Friday, 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath 3:00-6:00 p.m.).

Alumni Services director Rebecca May says, "You'll want to come early enough for the 'Back to Class' seminars on Friday (11:30-1:30) and stay around until you've completed the 5K Run/Walk (9:00 a.m.) and had supper at the International Food Fair on Sunday (12:00-7:00 p.m.)." The calendar of weekend events will be posted on the alumni web site: www.andrews.edu/ALUMNI

Andrews University Seeks Public Comment

Andrews University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit, May 3 to 5, 1999, by a team representing the Commis-

sion on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The team will review the university's ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation. Andrews University, formerly Emmanuel Missionary College, was first accredited by the commission in 1922.

In preparation for this evaluation, the university is seeking comments from the public about the university. Comments, positive or negative, must address substantive matters relating to the quality of the institution or of its academic programs. Comments must be written, signed, and mailed to: Public Comment on Andrews University, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North La Salle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.

Flying with the Angels

Imagine flying over the jungles of South America, or landing a plane on a small island's narrow strip of land that resembles a foot path. This year Andrews University aviation graduates will be doing just that. Immediately following their June 1999 graduation, three aviation students will fly to Guyana and the Philippines to serve as missionary pilots.

"I can't wait to go," said Clifton Brooks, senior aviation major. "Sure, graduation is going to be great, but I'm more excited about going and doing God's will.

School is merely a stepping stone for me to get there."

Ten students have signed up for the training program. As part of the requirements, they must graduate with an aviation degree, as well as take classes in mission aircraft maintenance, bush flying, cross-cultural communication, jungle survival, and ham radio operation.

"I thought I knew everything that was necessary to know about flying, but Adventist World Aviation (AWA) taught me something more," said Wayne Smith, senior aviation major. "They taught me to balance between the mission world and the business world, how to make plans, and then how to use faith to make them happen."

The pilots are trained by AWA, a supporting ministry. AWA has a three-way alliance with Andrews University and Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI). Andrews provides accredited education, physical facilities, and scholarships; ASI facilitates a matching grant to provide work-study opportunities and mission aircraft; and AWA augments the program with training for mission service and coordinates the overall process.

Tonya Hippler, Andrews University correspondent



Kyle Kennedy and Dennis Susans, aviation students, work on the twin engine Navion mission plane.

Scholarships Enable Students to Obtain Christian Education

Lake Union — David sat on the floor of my office, leaning against the door, his face aglow, as he began to tell me of his dream. I sat in my office chair as though held by super glue, so in awe of David's testimony.

I had met David quite by accident (or so I thought) in the summer at camp meeting. After a short conversation with him, I knew I must find the money for David to come to Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA). I phoned Ken Hutchins at the Lake Union Conference office, he contacted people, the money arrived, and now two weeks into the school year, here David sat in my office.

What I didn't really understand until that day, was how much David had longed to come to an Adventist school. For years, it had just been a dream with no real possibility. "Every morning now when I wake up, I am startled, and it takes me a couple minutes to realize that I'm not dreaming anymore. I really am here, and this is my room," he told me.

David's parents very much wanted him to be able to come to Great Lakes, but there just wasn't enough money for that to happen without scholarship assistance.

Once the tuition expenses were secured, there were other challenges. Sheets, blankets, clothes, were all needed in order to live away from home. David became animated as he told me about the "school shower" his church family gave him. Comforter, sheets, pillows, alarm clock, Sabbath clothes, school clothes—you name it, he got it. "I spent my first week here writing thank you notes to all my church family. I wanted them to know just how grateful and happy I am."

As a result of the fund-raising efforts of Ken Hutchins and the Lake Union Conference, \$40,000 in scholarships was given to students at GLAA in 1998-99. These scholarships enabled nearly forty new students to come to GLAA this year, enabling their dreams to come true.

Charlotte Henderson, Great Lakes Adventist Academy development director

Since it began, school has been "a happening place," according to the students. It started off with the Fall Festival/Open House, which showcased the new school and provided a fun day of games and prizes for the children.

We are striving to build a center of Christian academic excellence in the southern suburbs. If you live in this area and have children who desire to attend an Adventist school, we encourage you to enroll them next fall. For registration information contact Renee Humphreys at (708) 481-8980, or write South Suburban School, 22700 Richton Square Rd., Richton Park, IL 60471.

Cynthia Winfrey-Carter, South Suburban Home and School president

Lakeland Students Commute

Wisconsin — Each morning at 6:30 a.m., Amanda Bushor loads her brother and two nieces into the car for the one-hour-and-20-minute drive from their home in Iron River, Mich., to the Lakeland Adventist School in Minocqua, Wis., to be on time when school opens at 8:00 a.m.

When asked why the children make the 65-mile trip each day, their mother Donna Bushor replied, "We do it because we want our children to have a Christian education. We tried to get a church school started at our church, but the number has dwindled down to two or three besides my children."

Amanda, 16, acts as driver and mother to the younger children. During the day when the children are in classes, Amanda studies her own lessons and helps students understand their work when the teacher is busy helping others. Among her other accomplishments, Amanda was chosen Miss Jr. America, Iron River, for 1999.

Mirroring this dedication to Christian education, Debi Riley brings her three children 55 miles from Phillips, Wis., to Minocqua, working in town while the children attend classes. Alyssa, the oldest, also helps at school when not busy with her own studies.

"We don't just teach subjects," says Robert Willis teacher at the Lakeland school. "We see in each student unlimited potential to be of service in God's work and candidates for the kingdom of heaven. It is our responsibility to develop this potential."

The Lakeland Church has a membership of 37 with an average Sabbath attendance of 55. The Lakeland school reopened this past fall with 11 children in the classroom.

Robert L. Willis, Lakeland Adventist Elementary School teacher



A Christian education means so much to these Wisconsin families that they are willing to commute long distances to attend the Lakeland School.

Lake Region Opens New School

Lake Region — The South Suburban Adventist Christian School, operated by the Lake Region Conference, opened its doors August 24, 1998. God miraculously answered the prayers of parents, students, and concerned friends, who desired to see Christ-centered education continue to be available in the southern suburbs of Chicago.

Public High School Students Attend Innovative Retreat

Wisconsin—God was there at Camp Wakonda. The weekend designed for public high school students was no coincidence; it was an answer to prayer!

Nearly 90 students and sponsors participated in the first annual convention of its kind in the Wisconsin Conference. The Bible and prayer conference took on personal meaning as students met in small groups led by current Andrews University students. Vibrant Andrews students, led by Steve Yeagley, Andrews assistant enrollment services director, skillfully explored Bible passages, shared drama and music, and modeled fresh, meaningful prayer experiences.

The responsive group of 90 teens attended the retreat as a result of pastors' and local leaders' prayers and active encouragement. The event, planned by Yeagley and Dale Ziegele, Wisconsin Conference youth ministries director, is seen as an additional way of assuring youth that they are important to God. The mission adventure in Honduras planned for public high school students this spring is already booked full, but retreat participants are already planning to join the team going to Brazil in the spring of 2000.

A Youthful Army

Michigan—As we near the close of the 20th century, our senses are often shocked as we hear the news of youthful crime, drunkenness, and violence. However, God has an army of youth of an entirely different character that He can count on.

During our evangelistic crusade in the Owosso Church, the Pathfinder club was actively involved in every area—from offering prayer and special music to serving as greeters and ushers. Although the Pathfinders needed only 10 nights of

service to receive their evangelism awards, this youthful army was on duty all of the 17 nights.

Just prior to the opening of the crusade, the Owosso Pathfinders had collected food to be distributed in



The Owosso Pathfinder club received the evangelism award for actively assisting in the Owosso evangelistic crusade with Evangelist Dan Collins and his wife, Kay.

Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. The leaders planned for the youth to deliver the food late Sabbath afternoon, followed by recreational activities. But these dedicated Pathfinders asked to move up the timing of these events so they could be at their posts for the crusade Saturday night!

While Evangelist Dan Collins shared God's word, the Pathfinders sat on the front row with open Bibles every night! As they listened attentively, the Holy Spirit spoke to their hearts. When the altar call was given, four Pathfinders took their stand for Jesus and His truth.

Sabbath, December 13, 1998, Nikkia Sprague, Tom Schultz, Jacob Watson, and Krista Moore were baptized. Krista's mother, Tanya Moore, rededicated her life to the Lord in re-baptism.

Kay Collins, Signs evangelism correspondent



Owosso crusade leaders pose with newly-baptized members (from left) Tanya Moore, Jacob Watson, Krista Moore, Nikkia Sprague, and Tom Schultz.

Hoops for Jesus

Lake Region—The Haughville (Ind.) Church combined basketball with Christian witnessing to host "Hoops for Jesus," on the weekend of June 12–14, 1998, reported Doris Speaks, Haughville Church Adventist Youth Society Council member. This rally involved youth from area Adventist churches and the community in Sabbath worship services that began with Friday night vespers and concluded with a basketball tournament on Sunday morning.

To encourage participation, basketball team members were awarded bonus points for attendance at various Sabbath activities. The Sabbath sermon, given by local elder Elmor Warren, emphasized the need to review the goals we set for ourselves.

This "Hoops for Jesus" weekend provided the youth with an excellent opportunity to share Christ with the community while enjoying Christian fellowship, good food, and good music. The first place winners in the basketball tournament received gift certificates.

Barbara Hales, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent



Youth from the local community joined the Haughville Church youth for a weekend of spiritual enrichment, culminating in a basketball tournament on Sunday morning.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Illinois Holds First Conference-wide Satellite Townhall Meeting

Illinois — A great message, great technology, and a great audience made for a successful satellite townhall meeting for the Illinois Conference, February 20. "We had about 1000 members that attended this townhall meeting, which accounts for 15% of our membership," said Ken Denslow, conference executive secretary. "That is far more than would normally attend face to face meetings over an eight-weekend period as we have done it in the past," he added.

About 33 conference churches that have satellite equipment were capable of picking up this satellite broadcast. The camera and production work was done by the staff members of Three Angles Broadcasting Network (3ABN). The program was controlled from the 3ABN production van, and the signal was then sent to another van and then to the satellite which broadcast it to the churches.

Conference president, Wayne Coulter, gave his report on the following issues.

Broadview Academy

"Broadview Academy has room for more students," he said. The accounts payable are the best that they have been in years. While there are several vacant faculty positions, all of the classes are being taught by certified contract teachers. Principal Jeanette Bryson commented that two-thirds of the students come from Illinois Conference churches.

Camp Akita

The new youth camp near Peoria is in its first phase of construction. "The road is in, and the proposed lake area is cleared of trees," Coulter reported, "and we are in the process of getting the permit to build the dam." When the permit is in hand, the dam construction could begin this summer.

Conference Office

"The old conference office has been sold, and we are

currently sharing with the Paulsen Rehab Center a building which will become our conference headquarters," Coulter said. The money is in hand to renovate the building, and when that is completed, there will be enough room for the Adventist Book Center there as well.

Evangelism

Springfield, Rockford, Bloomington-Normal, and Peoria are targeted for major evangelistic campaigns, and each conference administrator will hold a full-scale campaign in 1999. Evangelist Ken Cox will be holding a crusade in Chicago in the year 2000, which will be broadcast by 3ABN to the entire conference. Church planting is a priority, and planning is being done to plant six new churches in 1999. While there are some difficulties to overcome, the Life Talk Radio project to broadcast to Chicago is still an ongoing mission.

Ken Denslow, conference executive secretary, reported



Scott Grady and Robert Davis controlled the satellite broadcast from the 3ABN van.



Wayne Coulter, Illinois Conference president, presented his report during the satellite broadcast of the townhall meeting.

that at the end of 1998, the membership stood at 11,446, and that pastors had reported 450 baptisms. There were 93 churches and one company.

David Freedman, conference treasurer, reported that for the first time in conference history the tithe has exceeded \$8 million, with an actual total of \$8,184,384, a 4.6% increase over 1997. "The members of the conference have been faithful in giving their tithes and offerings so that the gospel can be spread, not only here in Hinsdale, but around the state of Illinois, around North America, and throughout the world," he said. "Thank you for being faithful," he added.

"We are sold on satellite communication," said Coulter. "It is the most efficient means we have found to reach a large segment of our membership simultaneously. We look forward to more such events in the future."

Richard Dower, Lake Union Conference communication director

A Dream Come True

Lake Region — Recently, Norman K. Miles, Lake Region Conference president, consecrated a new church for the spreading of the gospel to the Haitian community in Chicago.

Like the "pilgrims" from Europe who built the foundation of the United States, several of our countrymen left their native land, Haiti, to find a better life in this country. Scattered throughout the great cities of New York, Boston, Miami, Montreal, and Chicago, they soon realized that the U.S.A. is not the promised land and remembered the religion of their forefathers. Thus they set their minds to establish several Haitian French Adventist churches where they could worship

and serve their God in their native language and culture.

Pursuing this objective, several pioneers, moved by the Holy Spirit, set



The new Chicago Bethlehem French Church was officially opened on Dec. 12, 1998.

the foundations of the first French Seventh-day Adventist church in Chicago. This movement started in the residence of Marie Cezile on July 4, 1968, under the leadership of Pastor Edner Pierre. They later moved to a room in the Shiloh Church in Chicago, where Pastor Birmingham from New York organized them as a church.

Under the leadership of Pastor B. P. Bernard, as they were looking for more space for their worship, they were welcomed at the Hyde Park Church. In 1972, the Lake Region Conference organized the church, which was named the Bethlehem French Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Bethlehem French Church purchased a storefront building near 103rd Street. The storefront building was later sold to The Family Dollar Store in 1994. The church planned to build a new light house in Chicago at 80th Street, using the same blueprint as the church building they were renting at 90th and Halsted. But a new alderman opposed the church building. The church members were very disappointed and discouraged, but some sincere souls, along with the pastor, were praying for a miracle, believing that God would have a better plan for them.

As the prophet says, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Isaiah 59:1). The Lord heard our cry, and what appeared to be impossible became possible. As of Dec. 12, 1998, the Bethlehem French Seventh-day Adventist Church is the owner of a new sanctuary, located at 750 West 90th Street in Chicago.

Gabriel Saintus, Bethlehem French Church pastor

Women to Receive Evangelistic Training

Michigan — A weekend of evangelistic training for women is scheduled for May 7-9 at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. This training session, to be conducted in Chan Shun Hall, will begin Friday evening, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. and will continue until noon on Sunday, May 9.

Ardis Stenbakken, General Conference women's ministries director; Carol Torres, Black Hills School of Evangelism president; and Ione Richardson, Bible worker, author of Bible study lessons, and retreat speaker, will be the featured speakers.

Join your sisters in Christ to be motivated, instructed, and energized to give Bible studies, form small-group ministries, and prepare and conduct evangelistic meetings. Bring your friends and attend what is promised to be a most spiritual, informative, and uplifting weekend.

There will be a \$40 charge for the entire training series, which will cover materials and Sabbath lunch and dinner. For lodging accommodations, call the Andrews University lodging reservations line at (616) 471-3295. Room rates are \$31 per night (double occupancy) and \$25 per night (single occupancy).

For more information regarding the training seminar, please call Barbara Reinholtz at the Pioneer Memorial Church office at (616) 471-3972; or e-mail Cathy Sanchez, PMC women's ministries coordinator, at csanchez@andrews.edu.

Wisconsin Men's Retreat

Wisconsin — In 1996, hundreds of women gathered in the name of Jesus to sing, pray, and grow. As they rejoiced in the Spirit's presence, they prayed that God would do something for their men back home.

In 1999, eighty-six men left their homes, their beds, and their families for the third annual men's ministries retreat. On February 6 and 7, men from all over Wisconsin and Illinois came to Camp Wakonda to dedicate themselves to spiritual growth. Henry Martin, Weimar College vice president, spoke about God's plan to touch humanity through them. Others shared about life after divorce, confirming that God doesn't give up on us even when our lives turn messy.

Men sang together, prayed together, bonded and grew together. "Men's retreat is one of the nicest times of the year. The Holy Spirit moves our men to a higher calling when they gather and dedicate themselves to a weekend with Jesus," said Dale Ziegele, Wisconsin Conference family life coordinator and men's retreat organizer.

"God does wonderful things when women pray . . ." Who could have imagined that a women's retreat prayer dedication could have been the spark that inspired men's retreats in Wisconsin.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

North America Has Largest Tithe Gain in a Decade

North American Division — Two conferences in the Lake Union had tithe gains among the top seven conferences in North America, helping the division post its largest tithe gain in more than a decade in 1998, when tithe grew seven percent to almost \$570 million.

Indiana had a gain of more than 11 percent, while Lake Region had a gain of more than 10 percent, and every conference in the union had gains greater than three percent.

"The gain is especially impressive when compared to the one percent increase in the cost of living," said Kermit Netteburg, NAD assistant to the president for communication. "It says a lot about faithful, tithe-paying members."

The Atlantic Union had the largest gain at 12 percent, with the Southwestern Union showing the second largest gain at nine percent. Seven conferences—Northeastern, South Atlantic, Montana, Nevada-Utah, Indiana, Arkansas-Louisiana, and Lake Region—had gains of more than 10 percent.

The division leadership also said that world mission giving through regular church offering channels increased three percent.

Division sources attribute the tithe gain to an increased emphasis on stewardship education, positive feelings about the church in the wake of the NET evangelism events, and the healthy economy in the United States. "And of course, the blessing of the Lord on the members of His church," Netteburg added.

Y2K Bug to Visit Schools.

Lake Union — Older versions of *The School Accountant* software, developed by Lake Union Conference Informations Systems and widely used in schools throughout North America, will encounter a Y2K bug this summer. The bug will prevent the closing of accounts receivable billing for the 1998-99 school year. *An update to address the problem has been available since last year.* If you are using *The School Accountant* version 2.33 or earlier, contact your conference support for the Y2K update. Installing the update will allow you to successfully close the 1998-99 year and continue working beyond the year 2000.

Lend a Helping Hand

Juana Casco and her family expected to receive heavy rain in late October 1998, since it was the rainy season in Nicaragua. There had even been rumors of a hurricane hitting the region, but it had been years since one had done any real damage, and even more time since one had hit near her small village of Pueblo Nuevo. As a result, she and her three children weren't quite ready when Hurricane Mitch brought six days of rain and merciless winds and nearly a week of resulting floods.

Luckily, Juana's mud-brick home was able to withstand the damage of the once small, calm river running near their home that had risen into an angry wall of water more than 150 feet above flood levels. Before the flood reached their front door, Juana and the children managed to reach the roof of their house. Occasionally, people's homes from upstream, trees, or an unfortunate animal would drift by.

After six days on top of the roof, huddled tightly together, the family was relieved to see the rain finally subsiding. They had survived the worst storm to hit Nicaragua in more than 200 years.

Currently, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), in partnership with the local communities, is assisting Juana and other local villagers in Nueva Segovia to rebuild



In the wake of Hurricane Mitch, Juana Casco and her three children were able to reach the roof of their mud-brick home, where they spent six days huddled tightly together until the flood waters subsided.

85 of their homes. It is a lengthy process, because it takes up to two weeks for mud bricks to dry before they can be used. The reconstruction project is funded by more than US\$500,000 from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) and ADRA Denmark. In the next year and a half, ADRA plans to fix a total of 500 homes.

The annual **Disaster and Famine Relief Offering** on **May 8** is your opportunity to help people like Juana and her family during disasters and other times of need. For the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua and Honduras, ADRA has coordinated the distribution of more than US\$8 million in food, water, medicine, clothing, and shelter to assist them. Thank you for continuing to assist us in helping, "one life at a time."

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BIRTHDAYS



Grace Backus Collar celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan. 23, by celebrating with family in Battle Creek, Mich. She has been a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church for 57 years.

Grace was married to the late Graydon Collar.

Grace has 3 children: Robert and Mary Collar of Cedar Lake; Ruth and Emery Morris of Crystal, Mich.; Fern and Tony Van Benker of Battle Creek, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES



George and Bonnie Hubbard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16, 1998, by an Open House given by their children in Lake City, Mich. They have been members of the Lake City Church for 38 years.

George Hubbard and Bonnie Ohman were married Aug. 22, 1948, in Barryton, Mich., by Pastor Earle J. Stine Jr. George was a journeyman pipefitter for Dow Chemical Co. for more than 28 years. He retired in 1980. Bonnie has been a housewife and mother of eight children.

The Hubbard family includes George Jr. or "Tom" Hubbard of Lake City; James and Catherine Hubbard of Lake City; Rebecca and Larry VanderMeulen of Al-

pine, Calif.; Nancy LaFave of Manton, Mich.; Loretta Hubbard of Cadillac, Mich.; John and Jerri Lynn Hubbard of Lake City; Mark Hubbard of Lake City; Carol Hubbard of Berrien Springs, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS

Brenda Borg and William Robertson were married Dec. 27, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder A. Josef Greig.

Brenda is the daughter of Dale and Norma Borg of Green Bay, Wis., and William is the son of Arthur and Debi Robertson of Berrien Springs, Mich.

The Robertsons are making their home in New Haven, Conn.

Jennifer Lehmann and Christopher Wittum were married Oct. 18, 1998, in Eau Claire, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Leroy Bruch.

Jennifer is the daughter of Werner and Shirley Lehmann of Eau Claire, Mich., and Chris is the son of Roger and Renee Wittum of Dayton, Ohio.

The Wittums are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Raewyn G. Schlunt and David Cheng were married Aug. 23, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Barry DeWitt.

Raewyn is the daughter of Charles and Janet Schlunt of Binfield, England, and David is the son of Chao Cheng.

The Chengs are making their home in Binfield, England.

Barbara E. Sours and Theodore W. Hand were married Dec. 20, 1998, in Burlington, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David Gotshall.

Barbara is the daughter of Iva and the late Harley Donihue of Coldwater, Mich., and Theodore is the son of Carlyle and Ilah Hand of Chiefland, Fla.

The Hands are making their home in Union City, Mich.

OBITUARIES

BENDLER, Ruth (Myers), age 78; born Nov. 23, 1920, in St. Cloud, Minn.; died Nov. 27, 1998, in Sebring, Fla. She was a member of the La Grange (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, David and Richard; daughter, Diane Schuetz; brothers, LeRoy and Donald Myers; sister, Charlotte Randall; and 5 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Jacobs in Avon Park, Fla., and Pastor Ross Sawyer in Mountain Home, Ariz., with private inurnment.

BENDLER, Walter, age 84; born Mar. 11, 1914, in Chicago, Ill.; died Nov. 4, 1998, in Sebring, Fla. He was a member of the La Grange (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; sons David and Richard; daughter, Diane Schuetz; and 5 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Eastwood in Avon Park, Fla., and Pastor Ross Sawyer in Mountain Home, Ariz., with private inurnment.

CHRISTIENSEN, Minnie W., age 88; born July 29, 1910, in Knapp, Wis.; died Dec. 24, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

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

FRENCH, Christine, age 44; born Feb. 10, 1954, in Plainwell, Mich.; died Dec. 3, 1998, in Allegan, Mich. She was a member of the Gobles Pinedale Church, Gobles, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Chris and Anthony.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Ken Micheff, with private inurnment.

GROSSER, Irmgard (Haase), age 76; born Jan. 3, 1922, in Peterswaldau, Germany; died Dec. 28, 1998, in Jackson, Wis. She was a member of the Northwest Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Survivors include her husband, Richard P.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Aust, and interment was in Washington County Memorial Park Cemetery, West Bend, Wis.

HAHN, Goldie (Miller), age 90; born Sept. 28, 1925, in Winona, Minn.; died Nov. 22, 1998, in Reedsburg, Wis. She was a member of the Reedsburg (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Lawrence, Roger, Doug and Alan; daughters, Violet Farra, Eva Wendlandt, and Joyce Thomeson; sisters, Celia Eckelberg and Margie Johnson; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William J. Ochs and Elder Willis Graves, and interment was in Millers Prairie Cemetery, Elroy, Wis.

HALAN, John, age 75; born Sept. 15, 1921, in Detroit, Mich.; died Nov. 18, 1996, in Troy, Mich. He was a member of the Kalkaska (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, John M.; daughter, Jackie D. Forkner; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, and interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Mich.

HICKS, Alita M. (Braman), age 88; born Aug. 18, 1910, in Reese, Mich.; died Dec. 18, 1998, in St. Louis, Mich. She was a member of the Twin Cities Church, Alma, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, B. Hubert; sons, Darrell and William Hicks, and Harold, Walter, and Terry Braman; daughters, Ardis Meyer and Nancy Sugars; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rodney Davis, and interment was in Bailey Cemetery, Alma, Mich.

HOSTETLER, Harold, age 84; born Aug. 1, 1914, in Fulda, Minn.; died Dec. 17, 1998, in Osseo, Minn. He was a member of the Coral (Fla.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Leroy and Robert; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Wendell Springer, and inurnment was in Altoona, Wis.

KOEPKE, Benjamin J., age 70; born Sept. 19, 1928, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Nov. 19, 1998, in Muskegon, Mich. He was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; sons, James and Richard; daughters, Suzanne and Sandra Hazlett; sisters, Crystal Strellman, Elizabeth Schnurr, and Jane Purcell; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Doug English and Don Williams, and interment was in Hubbard Cemetery, White River Township, Mich.

LAKE, Bernice, age 83; born Dec. 25, 1914, in Richland County, Wis.; died Dec. 4, 1998, in Baraboo, Wis. She was a member of the Baraboo (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, David, Lawrence, Leland, and Donald; daughters, Joyce Lake and Florence Conzagowski; brother, Gifford Ferguson; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William J. Ochs, and interment was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Baraboo, Wis.

PAPENDICK, Richard H., age 70; born Jan. 26, 1928, in Berkley, Mich.; died Dec. 30, 1998, in Alma, Mich. He was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Clarice V. (Christensen); sons, Bruce and Rick; stepsons, Michael and Terry Anderson; daughters, Julie Swett, Judy Johnston, Tammy Johnson, and Susan and Sherie Papendick; brothers, Raymond, Donald, Alfred, David, James, and Laurence; sisters, Rayda Lagro, Ruth Drumm, Ada Leet and Dorothy Mason; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors R. Peter Neri and Paul Yeoman, and Warren Blaisdell, and interment was in Cedar Lake (Mich.) Cemetery.

PERONE, Rose M. (Svoma), age 90; born Oct. 23, 1908, in Chippewa Falls, Wis.; died Dec. 10, 1998, in Chippewa Falls. She was a member of the Chippewa Falls Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Rosemary Sloniker; brothers, Frank, Elmer, and L.R.; sisters, Helen Patten and Wilma Struck; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Art Miller, and interment was in Forrest Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Falls.

RIGGS, Florence (Levet), age 95; born Aug. 20, 1902, in Ludington, Mich.; died Aug. 16, 1998, in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a member of the Bristol (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth; 2 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

ROY, Norman J., age 74; born Sept. 8, 1924, in Aurora,

Mo.; died Dec. 18, 1998, in Hendersonville, N.C. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Steeves); daughters, Sherryl L. Rampton and Sandra J. Schmid; mother, Elvera (Swanson) Roy; sisters, Dorothy Morgan, Marjorie Bassham, and Iona James; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by John and Joyce Lornitz, and Howard F. Rampton, and interment was in Shepherd Memorial Park Cemetery, Hendersonville, N.C.

SHIRLEY, Florence E. (Brown), age 80; born Oct. 1, 1918, in Jackson, Miss.; died Jan. 5, 1999, in Chicago, Ill. She was a member of the Shiloh Church, Chicago, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; son, Leon; daughters, Doris Shirley and Patrice Wallace; brother, Ezra Brown; sister, Gertrude Hopkins; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Philip C. Willis Sr., and interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago.

SMITH, Ray C. Jr., age 75; born July 12, 1923, in Holly, Mich.; died Oct. 23, 1998, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Glendale Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah (VonWiller); sons, Ray C. III and Brian; stepsons, Garth and Adam VonWiller; daughters, Gayle Stuhberg, Jeannine Mendes, and Kathleen Ruth; stepdaughter, Felicia Cooley; brothers, Charles Lee; sisters, Wilma Titus, Ruth Yingling, and Iva Holmes; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bradley Galambos and Fred Troxell, and interment was in Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis.

STEINWEG, Bruno W., age 88; born Jan. 23, 1910, in Reedsburg, Wis.; died Nov. 20, 1998, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Central Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Duffie); sons, Phillip and Donald; daughter, Ann DeCicco; brothers, Henry, Conrad, and Carl; sisters, Ruth Drees, Dorothy Peper, and Louise Lange; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Nathan Merkel, with private inurnment.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Calendar of Events: Apr. 2—*Friday Festival of Faith* vespers, 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); 10—Andrews University Gymnics Home Show, 8:00 p.m., Johnson Gym; 9–11—The 1999 McElmurry Ethics and Society Lectureship with the theme, "The Ethics of Human Cloning," University Towers Auditorium; 12–16—Week of Spiritual Emphasis; 22–25—Andrews University Alumni Homecoming (see announcement on page 16 for times and places of specific events); Apr. 25–May 1—International Student Week; Apr. 30–May 2—*Adventist Engaged Encounter*, science complex, register through Campus Ministries.

An open house reception, Sun., Apr. 25 (alumni weekend),

is being planned in honor of Rose Graham and Henrietta Arvidson for their many years of Christian teaching. You are invited to attend from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Memory books are being prepared for Rose and Henrietta. Please send a card, letter, and/or pictures for each to: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, 200 Garland Ave., Berrien Springs, MI 49104; attn: Marylin Hill.

The Adventist Theological Society will feature a conference at Andrews University May 13–15 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, an event which marks the birth of biblical archaeology. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Sabbath, there will be lectures and presentations by such noted archaeological and biblical scholars as Keith Schoville, William

Shea, Jiri Moskala, James Fisher, Paul Ray, Bryant Wood, Doug Waterhouse, Randy Younker, John McVay, David Merling, and Richard Davidson. For more information, contact Lael Caesar at Andrews University; (616) 471-3184; e-mail caesarl@andrews.edu.

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Apr. 3—Outreach/Church Budget; 10—Christian Record Services; 17—Church Budget; 24—Local Conference Advance; May 1—Outreach/Church Budget.

Special Days: Apr. 3—Missionary Magazines, Stewardship Sabbath; 10—Literature Evangelism Sabbath; 17—Education Sabbath; May 1—Community Services Sabbath.

Learn how to practice and teach Bible-based stewardship at Pioneer Memorial Church Aug. 29–31. Learn where the biblical storehouse is. Learn how much tithe and offerings are required by the Lord. Learn how to apply good stewardship principles to your life in this complex world. Sponsored by the Lake Union Conference stewardship department, these presentations will be made by some of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's stewardship giants from the North

American Division and union conferences. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of materials. Housing and food service will be handled by Andrews University. For more information, call your local conference stewardship director (see the conference phone numbers in the masthead on page 31 of this issue) or the Lake Union Conference, phone (616) 473-8200; fax at (616) 473-8209.

LAKE REGION

Lake Region Conference school music festival will take place at Manual High School, 2405 Madison Ave., in Indianapolis, on Apr. 17. Participating schools are Calvin Center, Capitol City, Chicago Academy, Fairhaven, Mizpah, Sharon Jr., South Suburban Christian, and Peterson-Warren Academy. Sabbath school, 9:30 a.m.; church, 11:00 a.m. (speaker, Joseph Warren, Andrews University); and music festival, 3:30 p.m.

Capitol City School ground breaking will take place on Sun., Apr. 18, with Norman K. Miles, Lake Region Conference president, officiating. For more information call Caroline Palmer, Lake Region Conference education superintendent, at (773) 846-2661.

Calling all men—fathers, sons, brothers! The first Lake Region Conference men's ministry convention will be held Apr. 30–May 2 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center. Make your reservations early. Rooms will be at a premium. Nightly rate is \$90 for one-four occupancy. For reservations, call (616) 343-3333; fax (616) 343-1937.

Please send your registration to the Lake Region Conference ASAP. The registration fee is \$50, which includes Sabbath dinner, Sunday brunch, and all materials provided in your convention packet. Make checks or money orders payable to Lake Region Conference, attn: Lucky Peay.

MICHIGAN

Michigan Community Services spring area federation meetings will take place according to the following schedule: Western, April 18, 12 noon–3:00 p.m. at Niles Church; Central, April 19, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at Jackson

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date 5 Weeks Ending January 30, 1999

Average Membership Basis					Increase	%	Per Capita	
12/31/1998	1997	Conference	1999	1998	(Decrease)	Inc. -Decr.	1999	1998
11,406	11,394	Illinois	442,061	500,384	(58,323)	-11.66%	38.76	43.92
5,927	5,559	Indiana	468,916	353,215	115,701	32.76%	79.12	63.54
23,039	22,375	Lake Region	291,003	717,144	(426,141)	-59.42%	12.63	32.05
23,462	23,074	Michigan	1,739,846	1,652,394	87,452	5.29%	74.16	71.61
<u>6,231</u>	<u>6,109</u>	Wisconsin	<u>428,413</u>	<u>396,981</u>	<u>31,432</u>	<u>7.92%</u>	<u>68.76</u>	<u>64.98</u>
70,065	68,511	Totals	3,370,239	3,620,118	(249,879)	-6.90%	48.10	52.84
Tithe per Week			674,048	724,024	(49,976)	-6.90%		

Sunset Calendar

	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 30	May 7
Berrien Springs, MI	7:12	8:19	8:27	8:35	8:42	8:50
Chicago	6:17	7:24	7:32	7:40	7:47	7:55
Detroit	7:00	8:08	8:16	8:23	8:31	8:39
Indianapolis	7:10	7:17	7:24	7:31	7:38	7:45
La Crosse, WI	6:33	7:41	7:50	7:58	8:06	8:15
Lansing, MI	7:05	8:13	8:21	8:29	8:37	8:45
Madison, WI	6:25	7:33	7:41	7:49	7:57	8:05
Springfield, IL	6:24	7:31	7:38	7:45	7:52	7:59

Community Service Center; Eastern, April 20, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Midland Church; Northern, April 21, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Camp Au Sable; Upper Peninsula, April 22, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Wilson Church.

Rudy Monsalve, ADRA International senior grants administrator, will be the guest speaker for the federation meetings. He will be sharing information regarding ADRA's partnership with Community Services work here in North America and overseas. Local volunteers are a very important part in this process. For more information, please call (517) 485-2226 ext. 275.

Alumni week end for Battle Creek Academy will be Apr. 16-17. The worship service will be at the Battle Creek Tabernacle. Breakfast will be served at the Tabernacle at 8:45 a.m. with Sabbath school beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the church worship service at 11:00 a.m. The church speaker will be Dale Hannah, former Battle Creek Academy principal, motivational speaker, and retired pastor. Honored classes are, '39, '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, and '89.

The Fremont Church homecoming celebration will take place **May 15** at 51 W. Dayton, Fremont, Mich. Church service, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath school, 10:30 a.m. Special guest speaker will be Elder Loren Nelson. Potluck following. Bring dish to pass, table service and beverage provided. Singspiration following potluck. For more information, contact Pam (616) 689-6563.

Ann Arbor (Mich.) Church centennial celebration coming in **July/Aug.** For information, send your return address plus a memory for the projected yearbook to: (888) 271-1351; fax (734) 622-0578 or 429-7838; e-mail dehall@juno.com or jaywalker@aol.com.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Academy, Bethel Academy, Walderly Academy alumni 100-year reunion celebration will be held at Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, Wis., **Apr. 16-17.** Danny Shelton of 3ABN will speak for Friday evening vespers, Sabbath school will be by the class of '89, and Buz Menhardt will be the church

service speaker. Sabbath afternoon there will be a special program featuring 100 years of academy memories and reflections. Come and enjoy the memories with us.

God's lovingkindness and steadfastness are clearly seen in the favor shown Bethel Junior Academy in its 100 years of continuous service. Please plan to attend a day-long Centennial Celebration at Bethel Church and School on **Apr. 24.** For more information or to update us on events in your life since BJA, please write to BJA Centennial Committee, 8054 Bethel Road, Arpin WI 54410.

WORLD CHURCH

Newbury Park Academy announces its fifty-first year alumni celebration to be held **Apr. 10.** Honor classes will be '59, '69, '79, '89, and the 25-year class of '74. For information, contact Hugh Winn at (805) 498-2191; fax (805) 499-1165. Bring your band instrument to join the band for Sabbath services.

Fascinating discussions and seminars are available in JoyRiver's chat forum at www.joyriver.org. JoyRiver is the Internet Evangelism Project of the North Pacific Union. **Apr. 23, 24, 25** at 6:00 p.m. PST (Pacific Standard Time) "It's Your Money Isn't It" Seminar on family finances with Elder Edward Reid from the GC. Check the schedule and join us for an exciting time!

Weimar College homecoming will take place **Apr. 24-26.** See our web site for more information: www.weimar.org/alumni or call (800) 525-9192 and ask for Beth. Want a newsletter? Do we have your address?

Glendale Adventist Academy alumni weekend is scheduled for **May 1-2.** Honored classes will be '89, '79, '74, '69, '59, and '49. For information contact Deane Nelson at (818) 244-3671.

Attention all Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions alumni! Your third annual allied health alumni weekend will be held **May 6-8.** There will be honor class reunions for graduates of '49, '74, and '89. For information call (909) 558-4261.

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Commitment: Commit yourself to the cause of Christ, so that nothing distracts you from it.

Direction: Give your steering wheel over to the One who not only knows the way, but IS the Way.

Enthusiasm: Have enough zest to make today brighter and tomorrow happier.

Faith: Do you have enough faith to banish depression? Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Goals: Take the small steps to reach your goals.

Happiness: Choose to have enough happiness to keep you sweet.

Inspiration: Be inspired to soar the heights of opportunity.

Judgment: Judge all things, and choose what is right.

Knowledge: Study to show yourself approved of God. Let God's character of love influence everything you do.

Love: Never neglect this new dimension: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you."

Motivation: Be encouraged, and make each day better than the day before.

Nonconformity: If you were arrested and charged for being a Christian, would those who arrested you have enough evidence to find you guilty? Choose to be in God's majority and never in the world's minority.

Obedience: For success, be sure to follow the right rules.

Persistence: Run the Christian race with stamina, knowing that the difference between the impossible and the possible is determined by your choice.

Quality: Make your life count. Leave the world better than you found it, and you will find true happiness.

Righteousness: Be keen enough to recognize the world's smallest sermon on a traffic sign: "Keep Right."

Steadfastness: Stand strong in your beliefs.

Thankfulness: Always give credit where it is due.

Uniqueness: Great achievers dream impossible dreams. Dream uniquely.

Vision: Always look to Jesus, and know that He will provide direction through the unknown.

Wisdom: Acknowledge with Job that, "...to fear the Lord is true wisdom; to forsake evil is real understanding."

X-cellence: What lies before you and what lies behind



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Yield: Learn that your efficiency is enhanced not by what you accomplish but by what you relinquish.

Zeal: Never take extreme positions, except when it comes to Jesus Christ!

Adapted from Dare to Succeed by Mike Murdoch

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Brook Wing

Brook Nicole Wing is a 10th-grade student at La Follette High School in Madison, Wisconsin. She loves volleyball and softball. As a member of the Octagon Club at her school, she spends Thursday afternoons after school helping students with learning disabilities. The daughter of Duane and Connie Lee Wing, Brooke has earned a 3.6 GPA and has a long-term goal of entering ophthalmology.

Brooke is a Christian. She describes Jesus as One whom we can look up to and One who sets the standards. She also says He is One you can talk to when you are in need, because He is filled with love and forgiveness. Brooke sometimes feels that church could be more accepting, not making people feel like they are never good enough. "I was baptized in sixth grade," she said, "and I made a commitment to Jesus. That doesn't change."

Brooke believes her public school experience has made her stronger. "I have to stand up for what I believe," she said.

Michelle Ann Hazlett, 14, is the youngest student in her freshman high school class in Racine, Wisconsin. Michelle loves to swim on her school's team, even though she doesn't enjoy the competition. "It gives me the chance to interact, to have a social life," says Michelle. Being a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, Michelle doesn't get to interact at sports events, dances, and school functions that are scheduled for Sabbath hours.

"Being at my school deepens my faith, because I have to be strong to resist the peer pressure," Michelle adds. When she speaks about Jesus, her eyes light up: "He's my Saviour, I'll always love Him," she says. "Michelle is a delightful young lady with a lot of talent," says Rafael Fernandez, Racine Church pastor. "She is always looking for ways in which she can be closer to the Lord. She is enthusiastic and a blessing to the church at large."

Michelle says her faith in God shields her from the smoking, drugs and other self-destructive behaviors that kids get into. She plans to attend college and become a veterinarian. Michelle is the daughter of Michael and Jeannette Hazlett, of Racine.



Michelle Hazlett

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