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COVER

As a capstone to *La Red '99*, and to celebrate the centennial of the beginning of the Spanish work in the United States, 4,000 Spanish-speaking members and baptismal candidates gathered from all over the Lake Union on the campus of Andrews University. (See the stories on pages 3 and 20.) *Herald* photos.

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EDITORIAL



He Promised!

BY ROBERT H. CARTER*

At Solomon's temple dedication, the king took the opportunity to remind Israel of God's goodness and mercy. His encouraging words are recorded in 1 Kings 8:56, "According to all that He promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant."

In an age when people's promises are so easily broken, it is reassuring to know that there is One in whom we can have complete confidence. The prophet Balaam, under divine guidance, reinforced this conclusion. He said, "God is not man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19).

Ellen G. White urges professing believers to accept by faith all that God has promised. In *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2, page 497, she makes the following entreaty: "Precious promise! Can we not rely upon it? Can we not have implicit trust knowing that He is faithful who hath promised? I entreat you to let your trembling faith again grasp the promises of God. Bear your whole weight upon them with unwavering faith; for they will not, they cannot, fail."

A promise of God's abiding presence is offered in 1 Chronicles 28:20 to the faint of heart. David testifies: "Fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." David expresses even stronger confidence in God's abiding presence when he declared in Psalm 23:4, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

The promise of Christ's soon return should bring courage to every heart that has grown weary of the buffets in a sin-sick world. The Savior gave this cheerful message in John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

God promises that sorrow, suffering, and death will be unknown in the new earth: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Soon and very soon the redeemed will enjoy a life of joy that exceeds even our most vivid imaginations. I believe this with all my heart because — *He promised!*

*Elder Robert H. Carter passed away at his home in Springhill, Florida, on Tuesday, September 21, after losing the battle with liver cancer. He had worked in the Lake Union for 17 years, 14 of those years as president. During that time he wrote many editorials encouraging the members of this union. As a tribute to his ministry, we reprinted this editorial which he prepared for the December 1990 issue of the Lake Union Herald.

Spanish NET '99 Miracles

BY LUIS E. LEONOR

Vision and Hope 2000"—*La Red* (NET) '99—was uplinked via satellite from Orlando, Florida, to North America and Spanish-speaking countries around the world. This two-week evangelistic series, September 11–25, featured Alejandro Bullón, evangelist and ministerial secretary for the South American Division, as the speaker. Many miracles happened during those two weeks. Here are just a few of the stories that have come in so far.

COUPLE RETURNS TO JESUS AND TO EACH OTHER

Victor and Sadia had a happy marriage until they began drifting away from God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Problems became so unbearable that they finally decided to separate. Víctor remained in Orlando, while Sadia returned to her home in Puerto Rico. Without knowing it, both of them began to attend *La Red* '99 meetings. Each night their hearts were touched, and they felt the urge to rededicate their lives to God.

One night Sadia felt compelled to call her husband and try to make things right with him. As she was walking to the phone to make the call, the phone rang. It was Víctor, telling her that he had been attending the meetings in Orlando and had realized how their separation from God had caused all the problems between them. He asked her forgiveness and begged her to come back to Orlando to reestablish their home and a new life together with God as the center. The following day Nadia flew to Orlando,

and two nights later they were both rebaptized by Pastor Bullón during one of the meetings.

WOMAN AVERTS SUICIDE

A woman arrived at one of the Spanish churches in New Jersey, showing signs of anguish and desperation on her face. The pastor's wife approached her and welcomed her to the meetings. When Pastor Bullón made his altar call, she was sobbing as she went forward and gave her heart to Jesus.

She then shared with the church how, desperate as a result of a life of promiscuity, sick in mind and body, she had decided to commit suicide. That night after saying good-bye to her children and her sister who lived in the same building, she went to the kitchen looking for a knife with which to take her own life. She searched everywhere for a sharp knife she had, but couldn't find it. All the while she kept hearing a voice in her mind saying: "Go to church, go to church, go to church."

Frustrated at not finding the knife, she finally grabbed her kids and went to that particular church where the Vision and Hope 2000 meetings were going on. As she heard God speaking to her heart, she was touched by the Holy Spirit and decided to give her life to Christ. She rejoices now in her new-found faith, and was baptized at the end of the meetings.

YOUNG MAN'S BAPTISM INFLUENCES HIS FAMILY

A young man, after years of vice, crime, and drug addiction, attended the meetings in Orlando and decided to

give his life to Jesus and return to the church of his childhood. His baptism was shown live during one of the programs. Unknown to him, his grandparents in Puerto Rico and his sister in a western state were watching the program on television. The miracle of his conversion and change astonished, delighted, and touched them so deeply that on that very evening the three of them decided to be baptized.

COUPLE MAKES DIFFICULT DECISION

Maria and Dennis Tedrow, from Jasper, Indiana, contacted the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the first time during the NET '96 meetings with Mark Finley. They were impressed by the biblical presentations but did not make their decision for God at the time. Several church members kept in touch with them, visiting them and giving them Bible studies. Maria, Dennis, and their children were invited to attend the Vision and Hope 2000 meetings, and each night they answered the altar call, going forward. Finally ready to give their whole lives to Christ, they made the difficult decision to close their restaurant on Sabbaths. They were among those baptized in Berrien Springs on September 26 (see the news story on page 20). Things have not been easy for them, but they find strength in God.

We praise the Lord for so many miracles and so many lives changed to His honor and glory!

Louis E. Leonor is the Lake Union Conference vice president.

NEW MEMBERS

ILLINOIS

Ron Bock Jr. should have died several years ago—according to doctors! Ron grew up believing in and loving God. He even thought about going into the ministry. But then Ron turned away from the Lord, and his life started falling apart.



From left: Arvin Crose, Ron Bock Jr., and Gary Gray stand in the baptismal tank after Ron's baptism.

In 1993 doctors diagnosed Ron HIV positive and gave him but a short time to live. His health did continue to deter-

iorate, but more slowly than doctors expected.

Last summer Ron started going to a dentist, Arvin Crose, a member of the Alton Church, who was willing to treat HIV patients. Arvin not only became Ron's dentist, he became his friend. Understanding that Ron was suffering spiritually as well as physically, Arvin began to talk to him about God. They studied the Bible together. Arvin picked Ron up each week at the nursing home where he was living. Avoided by many old friends once his HIV diagnosis was made known, Ron was thrilled to be loved and accepted by the Alton Church family and attended church each Sabbath. He eagerly accepted each truth as he learned it.

On a Sabbath last fall, it was my privilege to baptize Ron. I have never seen anyone happier at his baptism than he was that day! He maintained that he had lived five years and one month longer than the doctors forecasted to give him time to come back to God.

When Ron first started attending church, he could walk with a cane, but he had to be carried into the baptistry and be baptized while sitting in a chair. Afterward I helped him stand in the baptistry while people took pictures. Ron was positively beaming! Afterward he sat in his wheelchair in the front of the church, and everyone came by to hug him and welcome him to the church family.

Two weeks later, Ron lapsed into a coma and was rushed to the hospital. He never regained consciousness and went to sleep—in Jesus!

Gary Gray, Alton Church pastor

MICHIGAN

When **Barb Sours** and her mother and sister walked into the Rayborn Memorial Church in Coldwater, Michigan, for the NET '96 meetings, it wasn't the first time they had been in the church. Several years earlier they had attended an evangelistic series conducted by Henry Feyerabend. The seeds of truth planted during those meetings began to germinate, but close ties to their own churches kept them from making a decision to join the Adventist Church.

In a local singles group Barb met **Warren Hand**, a new member of the group, and a special friendship developed. When Warren received a handbill in the mail advertising Bible prophecy lectures conducted by Ted Struntz, evangelist, in the Burlington Fire Hall, he showed it to Barb and suggested they attend. Barb told Warren she suspected they were Adventist meetings. Warren had discussed religion and the biblical Sabbath with his Adventist barber and was curious about Adventist beliefs. So he and Barb decided to just go to the first meeting.

Barb and Warren's understanding of the Bible and last-day events grew rapidly as they faithfully attended all the

prophecy meetings. Evangelist Ted made appeals for baptism, but Warren still wanted to be baptized in the church he and Barb were attending.

One Sunday morning Barb and Warren were at church, and Warren was



From left: Barb and Warren Hand stand with David Gotshall, pastor of the Burlington and Coldwater churches, and share the story of God's blessings in leading them to truth and to each other.

thinking about baptism. Suddenly he heard a voice say to him, "You will be baptized, but not here." This experience really affected Warren, and the next time he received a decision card at the prophecy meetings, he filled it out and requested baptism.

During the next couple of weeks, Barb struggled with the thought of leaving her church. Finally, her convictions of Bible truth led her to decide to be rebaptized and join the Adventist Church along with Warren.

Dave Gotshall, pastor, Coldwater and Burlington churches

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Bea Marvin was a Christian who was searching for the "right" church. After attending a series of meetings at a local Protestant church, she experienced a spiritual revival. She then tried to get her husband to attend church with her; however, after her husband refused, Bea became discouraged.

Shortly after that, Bea and her husband moved to a different neighborhood. Percy and Charlene Swan, members of the Ionia Church, lived near the Marvin's new home. The Swans were good neighbors, and they helped Bea and her husband fix up their house. Soon

afterwards, when Bea's husband suffered a series of three strokes, Charlene spent a lot of time in the Marvin home helping Bea. The Swans then invited Bea to attend the NET '98 evangelistic meetings that were being held in their church. When the meetings were completed, James Mitcheff Jr., pastor of the Ionia Church, had Bible studies with Bea.

July 3 was a joyous day because Pastor Mitcheff baptized Bea Marvin and she became a member of the Ionia Church. Bea is thrilled to find a home in the Adventist Church.

*Roy Hatcher, Ionia Church
communication leader*



(From left) James Mitcheff Jr., Ionia Church pastor, Bea Marvin, and Percy and Charlene Swan rejoice together on the day of Bea's baptism.

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For fifteen years, **Joe LaPan** had been attending the Manton Adventist Church. Reared as a member of another denomination, Joe had learned about God's seventh-day Sabbath from his brother, Mike, after Mike invited him to attend a Revelation Seminar, conducted by Bob Quillin, who was then the Manton Church pastor. Joe eagerly accepted each Bible truth as it became clear to his understanding.

Julie, Joe's wife, had also been reared in the same denomination as Joe had, and she was very devoted to its teachings. She refused to give in to Joe's desire for them to join a church that was different from the one of her childhood. Shortly after the birth of their first daughter, Julie became disillusioned with her church. But even though she began visiting various other churches that also

didn't satisfy her spiritually, she still would not attend the Adventist Church.

Joe began to realize he was being too pushy with his newfound faith. He felt he was only causing problems in his home. He learned that the Holy Spirit



From left: Evangelistic team Dan and Kay Collins stand with newly-baptized members Joe and Julie LaPan and Pastor Jeff and Dian Bergquist at the Manton (Mich.) Church.

must do the softening of Julie's heart and bring conviction. It was his job to pour out his love upon his wife and continue to pray for her willingness to investigate Bible truths.

One Sabbath nearly four years ago, Julie accepted an invitation from Joe and the children to attend church with them. Amazingly to her, she discovered what she had always been looking for. The Manton Church members were a loving family that accepted her with open arms and hearts, allowing her to grow as a Christian in her relationship with Jesus at her own pace.

When Evangelist Dan and Kay Collins came to the church for an evangelistic crusade, Joe and Julie and their family attended nearly every meeting. The hearts of the Manton Church family were bursting with joy as they observed the answer to their prayers when Joe and Julie were baptized on Sabbath, May 22. Truly, love had won out!

*Kay Collins, evangelism
correspondent*

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Marion Huggler's first steps back to God began with a church-sponsored garage sale. Believe it or not, a garage sale can be more than an event where

discarded miscellaneous items are sold.

As a young woman, Marion was baptized at the Battle Creek Tabernacle, but over the years she drifted away from the faith she had once embraced. Through several different circumstances, however, angels of God kept seeking to draw her back to Jesus, the church of her childhood, and the Sabbath experience she could not forget.

Marion married a minister of another denomination, and she shared with him the unique Bible truths Adventists believe. They even attended the Alpena Church a few times before he contracted a terminal illness. After his death, Marion stopped attending church. As time went on, she eventually met and married Milton Huggler.

Meanwhile, the personal ministries leader of the Alpena Church, Betty Harris, was looking for people who might be interested in taking Bible studies. She had heard of Marion, but she had tried in vain to locate her. Then one day Marion came to the church's garage sale. When Betty discovered who she was, she became excited. She introduced herself to Marion, and a friendship began. As they came to know each other better, the Lord knit their hearts together in Christian love. Eventually, Betty and her husband, Richard, began to have Bible studies with Marion and Milton.

When the Dan and Kay Collins evangelistic team came to the Alpena Church for a crusade, Betty was eager for Marion and Milton to attend the meetings. Night after night she was met with disappointment, but she kept praying, and soon they began attending regularly. On the final Sabbath of the crusade, when the evangelists invited people to surrender their hearts to Jesus, Marion took her stand for the Lord, and Betty's heart overflowed with joy.

After Marion was baptized, she described her experience by saying, "I feel so clean and radiantly happy! I have peace and a bubbly joy like I've not experienced in years! I love Jesus so much, and He has filled my heart with a deep love for others!"

*Kay Collins, evangelism
correspondent*

Musing on My Heritage -1

Editor's note: As we near the end of the millennium, it seems appropriate to look back at where we've been as a church and what factors have influenced our thinking. In our December issue we'll be considering possibilities for the future of the church.

BY GARY PATTERSON

Within the short span of the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we have passed through several eras of time and thought which have shaped the perceptions and behaviors of the succeeding generations of the church. Not only do these models of Adventist culture influence the thinking and actions of these generations, they also make it very difficult for one generation to comprehend another.

To complicate the matter further, this process of generational identity has accelerated in such a way that two or three or possibly even all four of our posited models exist in the church simultaneously. In an attempt at trans-generational understanding, I am positing four models out of which the thinking patterns of the church are formed. Indeed there well may be other models which might be used. But these four seem to express the broad scope not only of Adventist sociology, but the concomitant strata of the general population of North America during the years of the development of the Adventist Church.

THE CLAN

"The Clan" is the ground out of which our early Adventist believers grew. And I mean "Adventist" in the broad sense of the word. Prior to the formation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the 1860's, there was a loosely-structured, yet strongly-bonded group of believers who had

preaching of the Millerites. As time passed there were complications with this theology. Later converts and the birth and subsequent development of the children of the movement's members forced them to rethink their position. But the closed nature of this community of the clan was neither original nor unique to this group.

In fact, the era and area in which the Millerite movement developed was rife with such clans. It has been called the "burned over district" which is a reference to the multiple religious revivals and groups which sprang from this section of New England in the early to mid-1800's.

In addition to the Millerite movement, there were the Mormons, the Oneida Community, Mother Ann and the Shakers, and many others who developed clannish and exclusive communities, some of which remain to this day in one form or another. The Mormons for example transported their clan to the remote shores of the Great Salt Lake in Utah, and vestiges of the Oneida Community yet remain as dominant players in the manufacture of silverware in New York state.

At the same time outside the religious community a similar phenomenon was occurring in various geographic locations of the population

joined the Millerite movement and who continued to look on 1844 as the defining event for the last day remnant which would make up the company of the redeemed.

Their perception of the close of probation was reflected in their views of the "shut door" which excluded anyone other than those who accepted the message of the second coming of Christ which was associated with the



in general. In New York City, for example, there was the Latin Quarter, the Irish settlement, the clustering of the Italians and the Jews, etc. All the while the Germans were settling in North Dakota, the Norwegians in Minnesota, and the Cajuns in Louisiana.

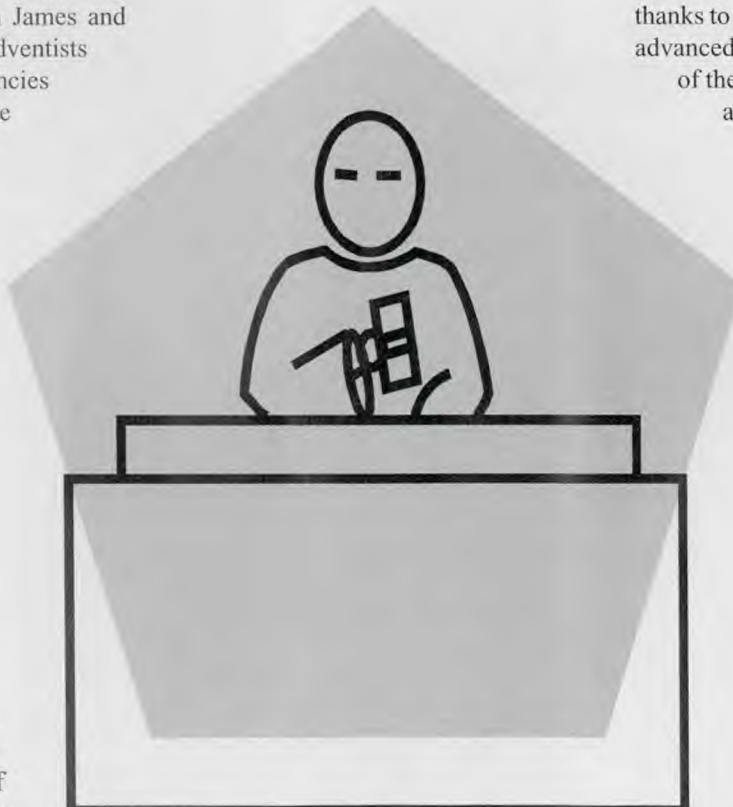
It was this propensity toward clannishness which was also reflected in the development of major centers of early Adventist believers. Both James and Ellen White urged that Adventists avoid these ingrown tendencies to colonization. But in spite of such warnings, colonies of Adventists grew up in such places as Battle Creek, Michigan, contributing further to the clannish tendencies already inherent in early Adventist believers.

With this bent to clannishness came the attendant problems of exclusivity, conformity and inbreeding, all of which contributed to the perpetuation of their lifestyle issues and thought processes regardless of whether these were truly principles of religious concern or not. Thus the stage was set for conflict with succeeding generations over these issues, which may or may not have been of spiritual significance.

THE AUTHORITY

The ground out of which the

"institution" of the church grew began to give rise to a new community in the 1930's. Society experienced a massive transformation through the twin influences of the industrial revolution and the Second World War. Both of these forces called for "top down" or "pyramid" style administration, with line authority governing the behavior of



the group.

The isolationism of the "clan" was broken by the extensive travels and cultural awareness that resulted from the war generation's involvement in world affairs. As the 40's song

lamented, "How you gon'na keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Paris?" Likewise in the church, the exposure to world mission travels and reports had a similar effect in breaking open the isolationism of the "clan."

Following the Second World War, there was a large influx of former military personnel entering the employment ranks of the church. They had received ministerial training, thanks to the "GI Bill" which provided advanced education for the veterans of the war. Naturally these trained and experienced veterans of the war operated their

work and business in the format which they knew best, and which had been successful in this dominant event of their lives.

This was not a phenomenon just in the church. Business and society in general operated out of this top down, line authority mode. I remember well those days. I attended my first summer camp at Camp Waskowitz in the Cascade Mountains when I was nine in the summer of 1947. It was

not really summer camp as we would think of it today. Actually it was a mini-military camp. We marched everywhere we went. There were line calls every hour with all the barking of orders and saluting responses. We ate

in the "mess hall," not the dining room, and we did "KP" rather than washing dishes.

There were rigid rules for barracks behavior and maintenance. We were required, for example, to make our beds in strictly-controlled fashion, with mitered corners and tightly-drawn blankets, topping it all off with our Bibles on our pillows with the flashlight at the binding side—not the opening side—a rule I never did quite comprehend, both as to its origin and to the rigidity of its enforcement.

As the 1950's began, a curious phenomenon developed in the staffing of our ministerial ranks. For about the first five years of the decade, we continued to absorb the bulge of military veterans who were finishing their college educations and entering the ministry. Then just as this large influx was finally absorbed, the IRS ruled that ministers could enter the Social Security system if they would work a minimum of five years pay-in time. Thus for the last half of the 50's, very few ministers retired, resulting in a drastic reduction in available slots for ministerial hiring.

This employee age gap has been silently creeping up on the church for the past thirty-some years. And it is now significantly impacting the church as we look for experienced leaders today to replace the military generation who are retiring. In fact, there are so few of the "Silent Generation," as they are called, in the ranks of leadership, that it is becoming necessary to skip on down to the "Baby Boomers" to fill leadership slots—again a phenomenon of general society which the church reflects as well. Perhaps the most well known example of this has occurred in the presidency of the United States which has skipped from George Bush,

a World War II veteran, to Bill Clinton, the first "Boomer" generation president.

The military generation troops demonstrated the effectiveness of their preferred leadership style in the fact that they were able to get things done. And indeed this is an admirable quality of their methodologies. But it is not without price. Authoritarianism is prone to bureaucratic bloat and depersonalization. Decisions are forced down from



the top regardless of lower-level thinking, needs, and interest. Dissenting views are seen as disloyalty, and the official line becomes very doctrinaire. Effective as it may be, there is the frightening potential that in the church this leadership style will become blasphemous in the enforcing of institutional decisions as if they were God's will.

THE CAUSE

The ground out of which rebellion grew was "The Cause." Beginning sometime in the 60s, the "Baby Boom" generation had finally had it with the

"Military Generation." The theme of the 60s was reflected in the popular bumper sticker which admonished, "Question Authority." It was the day of new communications avenues, new mobility, and the affluence to do largely as we pleased. Old behavioral standards were breached and dropped. Imposed structure and authority were challenged at every opportunity.

And indeed there were authoritarian structures that needed to be challenged. Institutional structure frequently was shown to be more

interested in the preservation of privilege and the imposition of will than in the good of society and the advocacy of principled behavior. But sadly, the high-sounding rhetoric of the "Question Authority" troops often became the mantra of rebellion rather than the search for truth and equality. It was rebellion for rebellion's sake—and ultimately only the substitution of one power group for another.

The sheer number of the "Boomer" group would guarantee its control of society for years to come. When they were young, everything had to be youth oriented. Now as they age, the focus of products, advertising, programs, etc. is shifting with them. And curiously enough, this shift is alienating the younger generations in much the same way that the "Boomers" were alienated by the "Military Generation."

The 60s verbiage—advocating principle, openness, rights, and individual freedom—was much needed. Unfortunately, this press for uniqueness often resulted in creating a mass conformity, demanding that the whole generation appear and sound

alike, thus actually stifling the very individuality they advocated. It became necessary to drive the same cars and go to the same restaurants and wear the same clothes. And how would anyone know if you didn't put the labels on the outside?

So everyone must drive a Volvo, or eat at Bennigans, or wear Reboks. And price was the status symbol. But as I heard someone observe the other day, "These are not \$120 sneakers. They are \$20 sneakers with a \$100 marketing program."

THE CELEBRITY

The ground in which we now must plant is the soil of "The Celebrity." As Andre Agasi says in the camera commercial, "Image is everything." It is the age of the "Super Stars." What else would support a program on TV called "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous?" We have Michael Jordan in the sports world, Madonna or Michael Jackson in entertainment, and a seemingly-endless list of meteoric groups which flash across the horizon for their fifteen minutes of fame, and then fade into oblivion.

It is curious to watch the clash of generations playing out in the advertising world. There is a network of radio stations now seeking to hold on to the aging "Boomer" market by advertising "all rock and roll oldies."

Now isn't that a generational oxymoron for you, rock and roll as oldies? And Ford is trying to revive the kick of the Mustang by saying, "It is what it was, and more." It will be interesting to see how well this campaign works.

It has been the general rule in advertising for years to reach for the young. But with the aging "Boomers" still exerting a major force on the market, advertisers are feeling schizophrenic in their mass appeal. Then add to that the power of the retirement lobby which has developed in recent

years, and you have a communications nightmare.

My rule of thumb over the years has been, "No style can survive motherhood." Each new generation seems to desire to be different from their parents in today's society, so whatever mother (or father) is doing, the next generation disdains. And what ever the previous generation stands



for, the following one seems to reject out of hand.

This scenario was played out recently in Denver with the visit of the Pope. Multiplied thousands of youth flocked to Colorado from around the world, much to the bewilderment of their parents who find the Pope's rigid institutional stands unacceptable. His positions on abortion, birth control, and the ordination of women are particularly offensive to the politically correct "Cause" generation in North America.

Yet the "Celebrity" followers flocked to him, seemingly oblivious to his strong stands on various issues. What the parents of this generation do not understand is the "Celebrity" factor. Celebrity followers are accustomed to accepting their icons who wear unusual clothing, and they pay scant heed to their hero's verbiage. Just being part of the big event seems to motivate them.

With this kind of mix in society today—and in the church as well—how do we ever get together on a strategy to win the world for Christ, or for that matter, even to get along with one another? First we must recognize that there are both values and drawbacks to each of these models. When we insist on living in our own clannish little cells, or when leadership has become authoritarianism and creative innovation has become rebellion, we doom ourselves to repeat the follies of prior generations again and again.

Nature is so designed that offspring are to learn from their parents. But when we destroy that process through continuous cycles of authoritarianism and rebellion, we violate the natural order of things and are doomed to live in a perpetual state of conflict and folly, repeating old mistakes even as we invent new ones.

Next month we'll discuss how these four models will be effecting society for years to come, and what the challenges will be in and for the church as a result.

This article is from a presentation made to a joint meeting of Adventist Editors International and the North American Division's communication directors in Seattle, Washington, March 24, 1994. Gary Patterson was co-director of the General Conference office of mission awareness at the time. He is currently Sunbelt Home Health Care vice president for spiritual ministry.



With more than 13 years of magabook experience between these sisters, Heidi (L) and Melanie (R) Towar know where they need to go for strength.



Leaders Kai Steele and Kristi Price know that leadership doesn't end in the field.



From left: Julianne Kim and Chelsea Joe from the Indiana group are on different wave lengths right now.

A Win-win Situation

BY DWIGHT KRUGER

The dust has settled from the feet of 180 students pounding endless sidewalks and streets around countless Lake Union cities and towns. Looking back at this past summer, the 10-week magabook program passed quickly, and God answered our prayers for student safety, quality leadership, and the quantity of books sold for the student scholarship program.

We serve an awesome God who, even before we ask, is answering our prayers. Because of the unity and support of the Lake Union Conference and its administrators, the Lake Union just experienced the most successful student program in its history.

But the magabook program is not just about receiving donations. This

program is a win-win situation. The students are involved with ministry and exercising faith in the Almighty God, and they receive a scholarship from Adventist senior academies, colleges, and universities. In addition, the general public is receiving truth-filled literature to help them prepare for God's kingdom. The program also connects directly with the churches, as the students generate hundreds of follow-up requests.

Because of the success of this program, many of our students who had no chance to go to Adventist schools now have the opportunity. The students received more than \$320,000 dollars in scholarship funds, generated from donations and through the scholarship program in our schools. Praise God! What a wonderful opportunity for our youth.



This group of Wisconsin warriors stood shoulder to shoulder all summer, encouraging each other.

Senior academies and church schools open their doors and house the students for the summer, and the church members open their homes offering hospitality. These supporters will never know the complete results of how many lives were changed because of their generosity. Supporting our youth as they work for the Lord is building up our church and the Kingdom of God.

Chelsea Joe, of the Indiana group, shares this experience from the summer.

"It was just before supper, and I was very tired. Most people were not at home in this particular area. Finally, I knocked on a door, and it was opened. At that moment I prayed really hard. The lady came out with a smile on her face. She was very nice and invited me to come in.



Magabook leader Ron Clark (back row right) and Bob Rice, Indiana Academy principal (far right), proudly stand with the Indiana group.



Working for Jesus brings peace and joy.



Our students are up for the challenge, either at work knocking on doors or at play in the park.



It is always a leap of faith to work for the Lord. Just ask Matt Gallimore and spotter Jose Bourget.

We sat down, and I started to give her my canvass. When I showed her *The Great Controversy*, she seemed almost in shock. She said she'd had a dream the night before, and someone came to her door with some books. This person showed her a book with a picture of the earth on it. She stated it was just like *The Great Controversy* cover. I could hardly believe it!

She gave me a donation for the book, and we sat and talked for about 30 minutes. Finally, it was time to go. I was very thankful to God. From this experience I realized that God does hear our prayers at the very moment we need Him. We hadn't even planned to go into that territory, but my leader had changed her mind and gone back to that particular subdivision where we had been the day before. We are always in God's plan."

Ethan Muse, the leader for the Tri-City group in Michigan, shares that when he gave the service for the Saginaw Church, he had an experience that was truly wondrous. After the service, a non-Adventist lady approached him and asked if she could purchase some of our books. He informed her that we don't sell books on Sabbath, but that if she wanted to meet him at the church on Sunday, he would be happy to let her get some.

He went back to the church that evening for vespers, and the lady who wanted to buy the books was there for vespers as well. Afterwards he told her that she could go ahead and get the books then if she wanted, because the sun had set. They chatted for a few minutes, and she told him she appreciated his integrity in refusing to conduct business on Sabbath and she

apologized. He asked how long she had been visiting the Adventist Church, and she told him that she had come for the first time during the fall of 1996, but hadn't been visiting regularly until just during the last month. Then to his joy and amazement, she told him that after being in our service that Sabbath she had made a decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

Please continue to pray for all the people who received our literature this summer that this material will bring them closer to Christ and an acceptance of the truth.

Dwight Kruger is the Lake Union magabook director

Rina's Hope

BY RICK KAJIURA

A few years ago, Rina couldn't read, write, or count. Today she owns a rice field and sells her harvest to help support her family. Rina's husband drives a rickshaw that she bought for him a few years ago. And Rina's children are doing something she never did as a child; they are going to school.

A 22-year-old housewife, Rina lives in Mymensingh, a northern city in Bangladesh. In 1995, she heard about the Adventist Development and Relief Agency's (ADRA) Women Empowerment Program when an ADRA community worker visited her home. She and her husband talked about the program, and Rina became an enthusiastic member of her group.



Women learn business skills along with literacy and math skills as part of ADRA's Women Empowerment Program in Bangladesh.

Rina, like all new members, started with literacy and numeracy classes. At the end of six months, she could count to 100, and by the end of the year, she could read. The next step was for Rina to get a micro-credit loan. She did so well that she eventually received two loans. The first was used to buy land for a rice field, and the second helped

buy the rickshaw for her husband to drive.

"Stories like Rina's are repeated countless times in the Women's Empowerment Program in Bangladesh," says Chris Smoot, ADRA country director in Bangladesh.

The Smoots (Chris, Shari, Hannah, Haley, Eric and Heidi) have been working for ADRA in Bangladesh since November 1996. Life is certainly different from the days when they lived in Westmont, Illinois, when Chris worked for Hinsdale Hospital and Shari worked for the Downers Grove Church.

"Our experience in Bangladesh has been extremely valuable and timely," says Chris. "It came at a point in my life and career when I needed to follow my mission. When I first arrived, I thought, 'Boy, what have I gotten myself into?' Everything was so different, but we have enjoyed the opportunity to learn, experience and appreciate a new culture."

"I have traveled to many remote parts of Bangladesh and have always found the local villagers to be warm and friendly," Chris says. "In some places, I have been the first westerner to visit and sit in someone's home. They feel honored, but I think I get more out of it than they do. To see how we are working to better the lives of people is priceless. The smiles on the faces are worth all the inconveniences that one faces living in a developing country and living far away from loved ones."

The work of ADRA in Bangladesh is very diverse. "We implement integrated projects, mostly with components in micro-credit loans, food



Tereza Byrne

Women in Bangladesh who would not be able to get a loan through traditional means are able to start their own small businesses as part of ADRA's Women Empowerment Program. With their earnings, many women are able to help support their families or send their children to school.

security, mother and child health initiatives, disaster preparedness, literacy, numeracy, and goat banks—just to name a few."

The Lord has blessed ADRA's work in so many ways. We work in many conservative Muslim areas and are allowed to because of our reputation and serving attitude. In the areas where we work, ADRA is widely known as an organization that truly cares for people and can be trusted. Many government officials, local community and business leaders, and local villagers say repeatedly, "ADRA truly shows love and caring for us."

"We try to offer people love, and in return that is what we receive," says Chris. You can't beat that for a job!

Rick Kajiura is ADRA International director for public relations, marketing, and development.



Chris Smoot, formerly of Westmont, Illinois, and pictured here with his daughter Hannah, is currently the ADRA director for the country of Bangladesh.



CREATIVE PARENTING

The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

Danielle, Danielle, Where Are You?

by Susan E. Murray

One evening this summer I was sitting at a picnic table on Silver Beach in St. Joseph, Michigan, while many children were playing on the nearby playground. It was nearing dusk; and as a man and woman walked on the sidewalk behind me, he started calling, "Danielle, Danielle, where are you?" Not particularly concerned, they moved on down the sidewalk and then came back towards me. By then he and his wife were sounding irritated and saying that when they found her, she was going to be in big trouble! When two others of their group joined them in calling for Danielle and looking over the beach, I thought perhaps it was time to offer my assistance. Growing concern was in their voices, and it was beginning to get darker as the sun set.

Just then I saw a girl come bounding towards them from the far side of the play ground. It was obviously Danielle. Immediately her dad grabbed her arm, swatted her on the behind and yelled at her as he marched her towards their car. He sounded irritated, I imagine at her irresponsibility, and angry at her for disappearing. I could certainly understand his concern.

This incident reminded me of two similar incidents I observed. We were in the mountains of northern Idaho where the local church was having a camping weekend. As the mother of a four-year-old boy chatted with others, her son tried to find something to do close by. After tiring of waiting and having no attention from the adults, he wandered off on a nearby path that eventually led to the river. He had given several cues that he was restless, and yet she was enjoying the conversation and ignored him. When I saw him disappearing down the path behind her line of vision, I was just going to say something when she realized he was not nearby. She immediately saw him and went running after him. From behind she swooped him up and carried him back scolding him all the way!

The ultimate swooping incident happened at Vogue Fabrics in Evanston, Illinois. It was shortly after opening, and there were few shoppers in the store. As I was looking through the bolts of fabric, I noticed a toddler coming towards me in the next aisle. She appeared fascinated by her surroundings. Her mother was close by, but her attention was on the fabrics in front of her. At the end of the aisle there was an extensive thread display. It was huge and had every colored thread imaginable, with the various shades and sizes arranged like a rainbow. The child stood on her tiptoes, quietly looking at all the spools in apparent wonderment, not touching a thing. I was delighting in her delight when all of a sudden the mother realized her little girl had moved. With a sudden burst of movement and harsh words, the mother swooped her up from behind. The frightened little girl started screaming and crying as she was spanked and scolded. I was disheartened and disturbed! What could have been a wonderful time of discovery and learning for the little girl turned into a negative, frightening experience.

I understand the panic a parent experiences when a child disappears and may be in danger. But why do we yell in anger, when it is fear we are experiencing? How can a child understand that it is because of their parent's great love and affection and the fear of losing them, when parents yell, threaten, yank, swat and spank?

In contrast, I recall a friend telling me of a night when his teenage daughter came home more than an hour later than expected. During that long wait, he said his emotions went from slightly irritated, to irritated, to somewhat concerned, to quite concerned, to just plain worried. In fact, by the time she came in the door he was up to scared, imagining the worst case scenario. He found himself wondering how he could possibly face tomorrow if something had happened to her. He determined that when she got home, he would share his true emotions rather than "land on her."

So as she came in, all apprehensive and apologetic, he took her in his arms and told her, "Oh, I love you so very much, and I don't know how Mom and I could handle it if something had happened to you. We were so worried about you. I've spent these hours thinking about how proud I am of you, the important place you have in this family, how you are a special child of God's, a true gift to each of us. Why don't we just all go to bed, and in the morning we'll talk about the consequences of your being late."

He said he went to bed and slept the sleep of a peaceful man. He wasn't sure about her! He recalled that she never again came home later than the agreed time. More than that, what could have been a time of angry words and threats for the future on his part, and discouragement and resentment on her part, became a milestone moment in their relationship.

In each case, I can see a bit of prodigal behavior on the part of the child. These incidents are not parallel to the son

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Ages & Stages

Stages of Empathy

Global Empathy (infant to one year) — interpreting distress of other babies as their own distress.

Empathy Confusion (one–two years) — experience other's distress as not their own, yet do not know what to do with this knowledge.

Cognitive Empathy (attained by about six years) — developed ability to see things from another's perspective.

Abstract Empathy (attained by about twelve years) — charitable and altruistic.

Adapted from *Raising a Child with a High EQ: A Parents Guide to Emotional Intelligence* by Lawrence E. Shaprio, Ph.D.

Five Steps to Emotional Coaching

1. Become aware of your child's and your own emotions.
2. Recognize the emotion as an opportunity for intimacy and teaching.
3. Listen empathetically, validating the child's feelings.
4. Help the child find words to label the emotion she or he is experiencing.
5. Set limits while exploring strategies to solve the problem at hand.

From The Heart of Parenting by John Gottman, Ph.D.

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who left his father intentionally, cutting himself off from the household and not discerning his father's love (Luke 15:11–32). But for a brief time, each child wandered from the safety of the parent. Each one learned something from her parent in these experiences. I'd rather recall the positive examples of these two fathers, the teenager's dad and the father of the prodigal son.

When our children wander, do we need to embarrass, blame, shame and threaten? Or should we wrap our arms around them assuring them of our great love by tender words and warm embrace?

If one of your parenting goals is to stay emotionally connected to your child, I would invite you to consider that dialoguing, problem-solving, and helping a child decide what to do differently the next time are all things that can be addressed later ... at a time when more positive learning can take place.

The Conscious Parent's Pledge

1. I commit myself to the following, with love, awareness and compassion.
2. To use intentional dialogue.
3. To provide you with safety, support, and structure.
4. To work on my own issues so I can be a better parent to you.
5. To meet your needs as you evolve through the different stages of childhood.
6. To stay connected with you in positive ways.
7. To have faith in both of us as we grow and learn together.

From Giving the Love that Heals: A Guide for Parents by Harville Hendrix and Helen Hunt

Healthy Emotional Development

In his book *Emotional Intelligence*, Daniel Goleman states that, "IQ contributes to about 20 percent of the factors that determine life's successes. Eighty percent are due to other factors." These factors include such things as:

- persisting in accomplishing a goal or a dream
- being able to learn from mistakes
- commitment, ethical perspective on life
- being comfortable with self and others
- developing strong relationships, etc.

Think of someone who is or was special in your life; or consider someone who is special to your child. What are the qualities that create/created this sense of "specialness"?

Some examples might be:

- unconditional love (looking upon someone without judgment)
- empathy
- understanding
- generosity
- willingness to listen
- confidence in self
- modeling a healthy, happy life style
- forgiving, etc.

These qualities are part of what can be defined as emotional intelligence. Development of the emotional brain begins before development of the cognitive brain. Yet the full development of the emotional brain takes longer than that of the cognitive brain. Furthermore, all experience is initially processed through the emotional brain, making emotional learning as critical to healthy functioning as cognitive functioning ... maybe even more.

Relaxed in the Treetops

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. Hebrews 6:12

It zips along at 12 feet per minute when it's in a hurry! It can't walk, but it can swim. And it spends about 15 to 19 hours a day sleeping. Maybe it's no surprise, then, that this mammal's name—sloth—is a synonym for "lazy one"!

Sloths are classified by the number of long-clawed toes on their hands. All sloths have three claws on their feet but, depending on the species, may have two or three claws on their hands. These claws are long, sharp, powerful, and hook-like, enabling the animal to hang from branches. The fingers and toes grow together into one fold of skin.

A sloth spends most of its life upside-down in the trees. It eats, sleeps, mates, and gives birth in this position. Because it spends so much time tummyside-up, some of its physical characteristics differ from those of other mammals. For example, its long gray or brown fur grows from the abdomen to the back, thus allowing rainwater to run off the animal when it's in its normal, topsy-turvy position. Its stomach, liver, spleen, and pancreas are in different positions. And its back muscles are weak, but its neck, shoulder, hip, arm, and



leg muscles are strong. The sloth's neck muscles

allow its head to turn through 270°, so an upside-down sloth can hold its head almost the right way up.

Sloths eat twigs, leaves, fruits, and small prey. Their teeth, which are quickly worn down by grinding food, grow continuously. They have no incisors, or biting teeth, and must use their hard lips to snip leaves from trees. Sloths get water by licking dewdrops and eating juicy vegetation. During the rainy season, the sloth's fur often is covered with blue-green algae. The color of the fur and the additional camouflage provided by the algae allow the sloth to blend in with its treetop environment, helping to hide it from a hungry Boa Constrictor, anaconda, or Harpy Eagle. But when the sloth is on the ground, it uses its formidable claws to slash at an attacking Ocelot or Jaguar. The sloth certainly can't outrun its enemies. The only way that it can make its way across the ground is to pull its body along by its hands. Although sloths can stand on their feet, they cannot walk on them.

Why would an animal that is so well-adapted for life in the treetops take the trouble to crawl backwards down the trunk to the ground? For two reasons. When a sloth has eaten the choice leaves on one tree, it must go to another tree for more food. In addition, every seven or eight days the fastidious sloth climbs down the tree, digs a small hole, eliminates its body wastes, and covers the hole.

Exploring God's World

With James and Priscilla Tucker

In-spore-ation

The sloth is a warm-blooded ecosystem, supporting an algae plantation and hundreds of insects in its fur. A patient scientist counted more than 900 species of beetles on one sloth! Bugs crawl onto the animal, but how does algae get there?

What to do:

- 1 Put a jar filled with rainwater in a sunny windowsill.
- 2 Wait several days. What happens?
- 3 Keep the jar in the window until you have a crop of algae. Algae are tiny plants that have no leaves, roots, or flowers. They reproduce from airborne spores, special kinds of "seeds," which grow and divide in the water.

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books (they're best known for *Windows on God's World*) and publish *Natural Learning*, an exciting new magazine to help home-schooling parents, classroom 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.

Andrews University Celebrates 125 Years



"Happy Birthday to you. . . ." The four-foot birthday cake celebrating 125 years of education and service.

Rainy conditions couldn't keep more than 400 people from "flooding" (pun intended) the Andrews campus for the Founders Day picnic held on Aug. 24. The Andrews University Alumni Association hosted the kick-off event to celebrate the first day of classes at Battle Creek College—the forerunner of Andrews University—125 years ago.

"The spirit was wonderful, the food held out, and the people had a good time visiting," remarked Rebecca May, director of Alumni Services. "It just goes to show you that if you have a good occasion, the Andrews University community will respond."

Live music, an appearance by the Andrews mascot, the Cardinal, and a

four-foot birthday cake provided ample photo opportunities for this once-in-a-life-time event. "We were pleased that such a wide range of ages and so many segments of our



Cranberry Bogger, John Pangman, prepares to swing as his teammates look on.

population attended," May commented. "The spirit of the evening was definitely a birthday party spirit. You could feel it in the air."

A break in the weather allowed the Berrien Springs Cranberry Boggers, a vintage baseball club, and the Andrews Alumni team to square off in a good, old fashioned game of baseball. More than 50 fans endured wet conditions and the inevitable mosquitoes to cheer on their favorite team.

"The weather man said we had 1.8 inches of rain Tuesday," remarked May. "But even 1.8 inches couldn't dampen the Founders Day spirit."

A. Monise Hamilton, University Relations assistant director

News Notes

- **Fall Fellowship:** Andrews University faculty and staff prepared for the start of another academic year by convening for the university's annual Fall Fellowship held Sept. 17–18 on the campus. James W. Sire, former senior editor and campus lecturer for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, was the guest lecturer. The annual weekend event is a time of spiritual renewal and an opportunity for Andrews employees and their families to fellowship with one another.
- **Elly Economou Retirement Reception:** Colleagues, friends, and current and former students attended the official retirement reception in honor of Elly Economou, professor of biblical languages, held Sept. 20 on the Andrews campus. The retiring professor was also presented with the J. N. Andrews Medallion, signifying significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education. Known for her Christ-like spirit, her generosity, and her dedication to her students, Economou is perhaps best known and appreciated for her hospitality. During 32 years of service to Andrews University, she has opened her home to thousands of students, faculty, staff, and community members.
- **Newest Addition: A Solar Barn?** As Andrews students moved into campus dorms last month, 300 dairy cows prepared to "moo-ve" into their new home. The latest addition to the campus is a solar barn, a unique greenhouse-style structure manufactured exclusively for animal housing. Designed to let in sunlight and fresh air, the new, cutting-edge barn will allow the Agricultural Department at Andrews to conduct long-term studies on the effects the barns have on animals who live in them versus traditional, stick-built, free-stall barns.
- **Andrews Hosts 'Moral Courage' Exhibit:** Through Nov. 30, Andrews University will be the proud host of the highly-acclaimed exhibition, *Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust* by photographer, Gay Block, and theologian and children's author, Malka Drucker. Stories and photographs of moral courage exhibited by more than 100 of the still-living rescuers of the Holocaust will be presented via accompanying audio-visual materials, lecturers, panel discussions, and tours. For more information, please call (616) 471-6062 or (616) 471-6285.

Correction:

Please note the following correction in regards to "New Staff Join Andrews Team" which appeared in the Sept. issue. Sharon Terrell served in the Lake Union Conference for a total of 15 years—four years at Cedar Lake Academy (now Great Lakes Adventist Academy) and 11 years in the Wisconsin Conference.

EDUCATION NEWS

Teachers' Spiritual Calling Recognized

Michigan—On Sabbath afternoon, June 26, during this year's commissioning service at Cedar Lake camp meeting, three teachers were awarded Ministry of Teaching Credentials: Yudelka Orosco from Grand Rapids Junior Academy, Deborah Curran from Ithaca Elementary, and Wafiya Foote from Battle Creek Academy.

The teachers who are commissioned each year must go through a selection process that includes recommendations from local church and school leadership, an interview by a Michigan Conference Teacher Commissioning Review Committee, and then approval by the K-12 Board of Education. In order to be considered, the teachers need to meet certain



Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president (standing right), presents the commissioning charge to teachers (from left) Deborah Curran, Wafiya Foote, and Yudelka Orosco during the teacher commissioning service at the Cedar Lake camp meeting on Sabbath afternoon, June 26.

criteria. They must have a lifelong commitment to and significant experience in the Seventh-day Adventist system of education; exhibit Christian responsibility to nurture and lead students into a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ; consistently uphold Christ as the focal point of all curriculum and instruction; and contribute toward an environment of social, spiritual, and emotional stability.

During the commissioning service, the teachers were presented with a beautiful plaque that recognized their teaching skills and Christian commitment. As parents and church members, we are very grateful to these dedicated, Christian teachers.

Bruce Babienko, Michigan Conference correspondent

Lake Union Seventh-day Adventist Schools

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

Illinois Conference

Beverly Hills Elementary
Broadview Academy
Cedarwood Christian
Champaign Elementary
Downers Grove Elementary
Hinsdale Adventist Academy
Hinsdale Adventist Elementary
Joliet-Lockport Elementary
Lake County Elementary
Marion Elementary
Noble Elementary
North Aurora Elementary
North Shore Junior Academy
Peoria Elementary
Richland Bridge Elementary
Rockford Elementary
Sheridan Elementary
Springfield Elementary

Indiana Conference

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

Lake Region Conference

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

Michigan Conference

Adelphian Junior Academy
Alpena Elementary
Andrews Academy
Ann Arbor Elementary
A.U. Ruth Murdoch
Elementary
Battle Creek Academy
Battle Creek Elementary
Benedict Memorial Elementary
Blue Water Elementary
Cedar Lake Elementary
Charlotte Elementary
Chikaming Elementary

Eau Claire Elementary
Edenville Elementary
Edith B. Garrett Elementary
Escanaba Elementary
First Flint Elementary
George Sumner Elementary
Glenwood Union Elementary
Gobles Junior Academy
Grand Haven Elementary
Grand Rapids Junior Academy
Grayling Elementary
Great Lakes Adventist Academy
Greater Lansing Adventist School
Hastings Elementary
Holland Elementary
Ionia Elementary
Ithaca Elementary
Jackson Elementary
Kalamazoo Junior Academy
Ledges Elementary
Metropolitan Elementary
Mount Pleasant Elementary
Munising Elementary
Muskegon Elementary
Niles Elementary
Northview Adventist School
Oak Hollow Christian School
Oakwood Junior Academy
Onaway Elementary
Outdoor Education
Owosso Elementary
Petoskey Elementary
Pine Mountain Christian School
Prattville Elementary
Traverse City Elementary
Tri-City Junior Academy
Troy Adventist Elementary
Village Adventist Elementary
Warren Junior Academy
Waterford Elementary
Wilson Junior Academy
Woodland Elementary

Wisconsin Conference

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

Indiana Pastor Ordained

Indiana — June 26 was a very special Sabbath for the members of the LaPorte (Ind.) Church, the day their pastor, **Joshua Lizarraga**, was ordained to the gospel ministry. Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president, had the ordination message; Jacques Doukhan, one of Josh's seminary professors, gave the ordination prayer; and John Morrison, conference ministerial director, presented the ordination charge. A beautiful message in song was provided by six young people from the LaPorte Church, including Kami, Laci, and Niki Lizarraga, who signed the song "When You Believe." There were clergy present from at least two other area churches who joined the ministers on the platform for the ordination prayer. Following the church service, the members provided a potluck lunch and presented the pastor and his family with a beautiful picture for their home.

Born in Phoenix, Ariz., the third of five children, Joshua Lizarraga met Sherrie Poulson at a church volleyball game. They were married in the Phoenix Central Church in December of 1982. Lizarraga worked as a masonry construction foreman, and he and Sherrie established a prison ministry outreach that spread over 17 states, enrolling over 500 inmates in Bible studies through the mail. He also served as a chaplain in the United States Federal, Arizona State, and Maricopa County prison systems and as a hospital chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix.

A graduate of Thunderbird Academy in 1976, Lizarraga received a B.S. in finance from Arizona State University in 1983 and an M.Div. degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary 1994. He participated in the *Voice of Prophecy's* mass evangelistic outreach in Brazil during the



(From left) Joshua and Sherrie Lizarraga (front) and their daughters (back) Kami, Laci and Niki.

summer of 1993, and in the spring of 1994 he assisted in an inaugural Hispanic evangelistic series for English-speaking Hispanics in Denver, Colo. In the fall of 1997, Lizarraga was the construction superintendent for the Indiana Conference youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This summer he served as pastor/translator in the Ninth Annual Ultimate Work-out mission outreach in Honduras.

The Lizarragas were called by the Indiana Conference to pastor the LaPorte/Michigan City district in Nov. of 1994. Sherrie is the minister of music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of LaPorte. They have three daughters: Kami Michele, age 15; Laci Elizabeth, age 14; and Niki Anne, age 12.

Sheri DeWitt, Lake Union Herald correspondent

Six Michigan Pastors Ordained at Cedar Lake and Sagola Camp Meetings

Michigan — During Cedar Lake camp meeting 1999, Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director, presented the following five pastors for ordination to the gospel ministry. Fred Earles, Michigan Conference secretary, led in the ordination prayer; Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, gave the ordination charge; and Royce Snyman, Michigan Conference personal ministries director, presented the ordination certificates.

Oscar Montes, Burlington and Coldwater churches pastor, was born in Puerto Rico and moved to New York City with his family when he was three years old. Raised as a Catholic, between the ages of 13 and 29 he began drifting away from the Lord. It was not until he married his wife, Brenda, and they settled down that he began seeking the Lord again. The birth of each child marked a period of spiritual growth for the Montes family. When their first child, Alicia, was born, Oscar and Brenda came to know the Lord. When son Gabriel was born, they were baptized, and when Leah was born, they felt a call to the ministry. The family moved to Michigan so Oscar could complete an undergraduate degree at Andrews University before attending the seminary. He was discovered by the Michigan Conference while attending a colloquium in practicum ministry and began pastoring in Michigan in 1995.

Pedro Perez, senior Bible and outreach/witnessing teacher at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, was born in Hinsdale, Ill., in 1970, the youngest of four children. In 1976 his family moved to Kansas where his parents began working at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Perez's family lived on a farm, so he was raised with the benefit of country life, which he believes made a positive imprint on his character. He attended Enterprise Academy until his graduation in 1988 when he began work on a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology at Union College. After his sophomore year, he went to Chile as a student missionary where he taught English. Perez received his degree in 1993. His first assignment with the Michigan

Conference was at the Lansing Church, where he worked with Gary Thurber as youth pastor for over a year before leaving for the seminary in the fall of 1994. It was while working with the Spanish churches in Berrien Springs and Lawrence that he met his future wife, Claudia Romero, who he married two and a half years later on Dec. 22, 1996. After graduating from the seminary in 1997, Pedro and his new wife, Claudia, spent a year in the Houghton, L'Anse, and Greenland district. In August of 1998 the Perezes accepted a call to Great Lakes Adventist Academy where Pedro is the senior Bible teacher and outreach/witnessing director, and Claudia is the assistant dean of girls. The Perez family welcomed a baby daughter on June 7.

Bob Stewart, Saginaw and St. Charles churches pastor, was



(From left) Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director, stands at the Cedar Lake camp meeting with the five newly-ordained pastors and their spouses: Olan and Phyllis Thomas, Oscar and Brenda Montes, Lily May and Karl Tsatalbasidis, Bob and Sandi Stewart, Claudia and Petro Perez. Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president (far right), also stands with them.

born in 1952 to a military family. His father was a career Marine, so much of his childhood was spent with his mother, brother, and sister. Although his family was not Christian, his parents raised him to have strong morals and a solid character. However, his friends had a very negative impact on him, and eventually Bob became isolated. He moved away from his family and began a life of hitchhiking and atheism. It was not until he had a religious experience in the desert that Stewart knew there was a God and became a Christian. Despite feeling unworthy, Stewart felt he was being called to the ministry. God opened the door for him to attend Southwestern Adventist University and eventually to serve in Michigan. He and his wife, Sandi, have four children.

Olan Thomas, St. Johns and Williamston churches pastor, was born in Hope, Mich., the eighth of ten children. When he was four years old, the family moved to Berrien Springs, so each child could receive a Christian education. At age 16, Thomas accepted an invitation to be a student literature evangelist in Kansas for the summer. It was a hard summer, but he returned to Michigan and worked in literature evangelism for

two more summers. After graduating from Andrews Academy, Thomas worked in Massachusetts as an outreach coordinator. It was there that he met Phyllis Walkup, and they were married in 1978. The couple worked in literature evangelism and publishing for the next twenty years, first in the Greater New York Conference, then back in Michigan before accepting an invitation to the Indian Ocean Union and Africa-Indian Ocean Division. After receiving his M.A. from the seminary at Andrews University, Thomas accepted a call to minister in Michigan. The Thomases have three children.

Karl Tsatalbasidis was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1967. He was raised in a Greek Orthodox family but had little religious training. From the time he was young, his goal was to be a drummer in a jazz or rock band. He worked with many great musicians in Canada and began studying philosophy. He met his wife, Lily May, at York University. In 1990, Karl attended a series of meetings in Toronto. He decided to put music aside and, only months later, left for Andrews University to study religion. In 1993 he graduated with his B.A. in religion and accepted the call of the Michigan Conference. After graduating from the Seminary in 1997, he now pastors at the Glennie, Long Lake, and Tawas City churches. Karl and Lily May have two children, Sofia and Dino.

Joe Straub was presented for ordination during the Upper Peninsula camp meeting in Sagola. Born and reared in Germany, Straub learned of the Adventist message from his father who became an Adventist following WWII. The message was life-altering for Joe since he had planned to be a priest and missionary. He had to think things through. So, after receiving his degree in agriculture, he went home and was baptized. Joe immigrated to the United States in Dec. of 1956 where he met his future wife, Christa, at a German Adventist church in Chicago. They were married months later in Oct. of 1957. When Joe was called into the Army by the government, Christa



Christa and Joe Straub from the Iron Mountain and Iron River district. Joe was ordained at Sagola Campmeeting.

followed. When they returned to the United States, he worked in construction until 1971 when he entered denominational employment as a literature evangelist. He did this, along with some publishing work, for 26 years before deciding to enter the gospel ministry in 1997. They now pastor the Iron Mountain and Iron River churches and have three grown children.

Bruce Babienko, Michigan Conference correspondent

Lake Union Hispanics Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Work in North American Division

As part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Spanish work in North America, an evangelistic campaign: "Visión y Esperanza 2000" (Vision and Hope 2000) was conducted Sept. 11–26, 1999, and uplinked via satellite from Orlando, Florida (see Operation Amigo story on page 3).



Shalem, based in the Berrien Springs, Mich., Spanish Church, was one of many musical groups that helped make the Spanish centennial a very special celebration.

A special Lake Union closing of this two-week evangelistic effort took place Sunday, Sept. 26, on the campus of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. This event, specially organized for the Spanish-speaking members of the Lake Union, attracted almost 4,000 Hispanics to Pioneer Memorial Church



Azael Colon, (left) pastor of the South Shore Spanish Church in Chicago, and Eradio Alonso, (right) North American Division associate ministerial director, helped baptize 207 people in a large tent on the Andrews campus.

which was filled to capacity with overflows in corridors, the youth chapel, and in a large tent that had been erected on the campus for the occasion.

The program started at 12:30 p.m. with a sacred concert, a video showing the history and work of the Lake Union Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist members, and a live presentation by Elder Alejandro Bullón, who had just arrived from Orlando, Fla., after finishing the Vision and Hope 2000 series there the previous evening.

Immediately after these events, the attendees moved to a gigantic tent under which a large baptismal pool had been installed, and 207 new converts were baptized as a public witness of their faith in Jesus Christ and their decision to begin a new life in Him. As the day was ending, a reluctance to leave the place could be sensed among those attending the event. It was as if they were hoping the day could last longer. Undoubtedly, this day will remain a highlight in the minds of all attendees—a day of great fellowship, kind hospitality on the part of Andrews University, and above all, rich spiritual blessings.

Luis E. Leonor, Lake Union Conference vice president



Building committee chair Ted DeWind (far right) steadies the plow as eager Holland Church members aid by pulling the rope to dig a furrow along the foundation site of the new 500-seat church.

Ground Breaking in Holland

Michigan—Dirt flew and kids tumbled as the first jerk on the long rope attached to an old-fashioned plow was pulled by Holland Church members who had gathered to participate in a unique groundbreaking ceremony on April 8. Steadying the plow firmly with both hands, which was symbolic of his steadying the entire project, was Ted DeWind, chair of the church building committee. As the plow moved forward, it created a new furrow along the foundation site for the new 500-seat sanctuary.

According to DeWind, features of the 500-seat, one-floor church building will include a semicircular sanctuary, a larger platform area, a multipurpose room, and an adequate narthex and office area. The congregation is planning to have its first worship service in the 26,000 square-foot sanctuary on Mother's Day 2000.

Don MacLafferty, Holland Church pastor

WORLD CHURCH NEWS

Exploring the Mission of Treasury

Berrien Springs, Mich. — How do the treasurers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church view their work in relation to the mission of the church? "For many years, the treasurers of the conferences, unions, and the North American Division have gotten together to talk about the financial challenges that we face as a church, but we have never spent much time together looking for solutions," said Norm Klam, Lake Union Conference treasurer.

Co-sponsored by the Lake Union Conference and the Andrews University School of Business, a conference titled "Beyond the Bottom Line," was held on the campus of Andrews University, Aug. 15-17. Conference, union, division, and General Conference treasurers attended as did a number of academy and college business managers, ABC managers, institutional treasurers, and auditors. In all, 172 people were registered.

The seminars included technical classes with continuing education credit for certified public accountants and many other topics, including how to make effective presentations to board members.

Mike Jamieson, Michigan Conference treasurer, stated that he had worked for the church for more than twenty years, but there had never been this kind of professional business educational upgrade with a church perspective for church business leaders and treasurers. He continued, "The theme throughout the entire program was a call to spiritual renewal. It wasn't



Terry Johnson, right, was a Presidential Honor Guard at the White House serving during the Regan and Bush administrations. During his Beyond the Bottom Line morning devotional talk, told of his witnessing opportunities with other presidential guards. He is now the pastor for youth ministry at the Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Md.

just the upgrade of my professional business education, however excellent that was, but it was the call to prayer that made this conference so special."

Richard Dower,

Lake Union Conference communication director

NASCAR Helps Adventist Community Services

Rocky Mount, N.C. — NASCAR drivers lent a helping hand to the disaster relief efforts in North Carolina when they sent their tractor-trailer trucks filled with relief supplies to the Adventist Community Services' (ACS) warehouses in Rocky Mount. NASCAR is an official organization of American stock-car racing.

A total of 61 trucks arrived last Wednesday and unloaded clean-up and building supplies in an effort to ease the strain on families whose homes were badly damaged or destroyed by floods from Hurricane Floyd. The relief trip, called "Hayride II, Racing for Relief," started in Charlotte and ended at the ACS warehouses.

"Things have been busy here. We had 61 trucks arrive Wednesday, 31 arrive on Thursday, and more than 10 more arrive on Friday," said Verdie Culpepper, ACS disaster consultant at the North Carolina warehouses.

ACS is currently operating two multi-agency warehouses in Rocky Mount, funneling goods to more than 50 distribution centers throughout North Carolina. According to warehouse managers, there is no need for water or used clothing. The greatest need is for cash donations.

"We are starting the second phase of our operations here—rebuilding and starting anew. Many people are living in motels or government trailers. They don't have room for that many goods. We need cash right now," said Culpepper.

ACS, the community action agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, is nationally known for its work in disaster response. In agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other disaster response organizations, ACS serves as a lead agency in establishing and operating donated goods and relief supplies warehouses. ACS is a member of the inter-agency association National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

Darren Johnson, Adventist News Network

Adventist Review Goes Online

Silver Spring, Md. — The general paper of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the *Adventist Review*, went online Sept. 30.

This is the first time in its 150-year history that the *Adventist Review* has been available on the Internet, and signals a "new day" in the paper's contribution to the mission of the Adventist Church, comments William Johnsson, editor of *Adventist Review*.

"Now many more will have access to what we believe is an essential resource to members and students of the Adventist Church," says Johnsson. "By accessing the Adventist Review through our website at www.adventistreview.org, anyone can view items from the current issue as well as past copies. It's another way of making it available to a wider readership."

Jonathan Gallagher, Adventist News Network

MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union contact your church communication leader or pastor to obtain an official form for submission of information to this column. To obtain forms, persons who now live outside the Lake Union may contact the conference communication director where their membership was held when they lived in the Lake Union. See the conference addresses and phone numbers on page 31.

ANNIVERSARIES



Leland and Laura Huntington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 9, 1999, by a special service and reception at the Sheboygan (Wis.) Church. They have been members of the Sheboygan Church for 16 years.

Leland Huntington and Laura Krause were married May 29, 1949, in Sheboygan, by Daniel Roth. Leland was employed at the Green Giant Co. in Beaver Dam. Laura was a school teacher, most recently at Petersen Elementary in Columbus, Wis.

The Huntington family includes Loralee and Terry Nennich of Bagley, Minn., and 3 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Svetlana Aleksandrova and Jeffrey Kapiniak were married Aug. 9, 1999, in Dowagiac, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Roger Coon.

Svetlana is the daughter of Vyacheslav and Lucy Aleksandrova of Russia, and Jeffrey is the son of Arthur and Yvonne Kapiniak of Alberta, Canada.

The Kapiniak's are making their home in Kelowna, BC, Canada.

Katrina Brueggeman and Paul Hasman were married June 6, 1999, in Rice Lake, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Wendell Springer.

Katrina is the daughter of Donald and Sherri Brueggeman of Edmonton, Ky., and Shirley and Clayton Williams of Nediapolis, Iowa, and Paul is the son of Robert Hasman of Cumberland, Wis., and Margaret Kolbek also of Cumberland.

The Hasmans are making their home in Cumberland.

Joanna C. Carter and Dewey A. Murdick were married Aug. 22, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Laurence Burn.

Joanna is the daughter of John and Dot Carter of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dewey is the son of Dewey Murdick of Berrien Springs, and Ellen Murdick also of Berrien Springs.

The Murdicks are making their home in Charlottesville, Va.

Karin Lockwitz and M. Scott Orsburn were married Aug. 15, 1999, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Douglas English.

Karin is the daughter of Edgar and Linda Lockwitz of Berrien Springs, and Scott is the son of Michael and Judy Orsburn of Fairport, N.Y.

The Orsburns are making their home in Berrien Springs.

Amanda M. Shade and Shaun A. Blevins were married Aug. 1, 1999, in Kalamazoo, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Michael Nickless.

Amanda is the daughter of Brian and Marjie Shade of Richland, Mich., and Shaun is the son of James and Janette Blevins of Durand, Mich.

The Blevins are making their home in Athens, Mich.

Donna J. Weyenberg and Gerald Wicklund were married June 6, 1999, in Webster, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Wendell Springer and Larry Milliken.

Jeannie is the daughter of the late Donald Weyenberg, and Eunice and Harold Gardner of Webster, Wis., and Gerald is the son of Harvey Wicklund of Grantsburg, Wis.

The Wicklunds are making their home in Webster.

OBITUARIES

APPLETON, Marion E. (Filer), age 83; born Apr. 2, 1916, in Traverse City, Mich.; died July 31, 1999, in Fountain, Mich. She was a member of the Ludington (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Carmine Knochel and Barbara Helterline; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Monte Landis, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Eden Township, Mich.

BLIESATH, Robert S., age 37; born May 1, 1962, in Napoleon, Mich.; died June 14, 1999, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was a member of the Jackson (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his parents, Robert L. and M. Arlene (Moore) Bliesath; sisters, Carol Bostedor and Marti S. Weiss; half sisters, Lorinda Jenks, Maris Hodges, Roberta Litchfield, and Sheila Bliesath.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Pat Milligan, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Napoleon.

BOSSENBERRY, Bessie V. (Law), age 88; born Mar. 3, 1910, in Platteville, Wis.; died May 13, 1998, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Madison Church.

Survivors include her son, Dale; brother, Robert V. Law; 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Raymond J. Plummer, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Madison.

CLEMENS, Hazel I. (Coulson), age 96; born Apr. 7, 1903, in Van Buren County, Mich.; died July 18, 1999, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a member of the Kalamazoo Church.

Survivors include her sons, Charles and Jerry; daughter, Jeannine Jones; brother, Glen Coulson; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery, Portage, Mich.

CUMMINS, Reatha E. (Coulson), age 72; born July 6, 1917, in Canton, Miss.; died July 19, 1999, in Powhatan, Va. She was a member of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dwight; son, Delbert; daughters, Kathleen Schroeder, Carolyn Quigley, and Betty Iafano; brother, Glen Coulson; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Nickless, and interment was in Robinson Cemetery, Gobles, Mich.

GRATOPP, Harley J., age 72; born Oct. 4, 1926, in Pontiac, Mich.; died Aug. 19, 1999, in Pontiac. He was a member of the Waterford (Mich.) Riverside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carleen (Ritschard); son, Paul; daughters, Jacqueline Christian and Crystal Cooley; sister, Ethel F. Montville; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Lyle Davis, and interment was in Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills, Mich.

HASKELL, Gerald, age 76; born July 27, 1923, in Sterling Heights, Mich.; died July 30, 1999, in Sterling Heights. He was a member of the Troy (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude (Lindensmith); son, Jeffrey; daughters, Susan Fountain and Beckie Godie; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Don Williams, and interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Mount Clemens, Mich.

HOLLEY, Sylvan J., age 80; born Dec. 29, 1918, in Holmen, Wis.; died July 30, 1999, in Stoughton, Wis. He was a member of the Madison (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his brothers, Myron and Ernest; and sister, Lilah Stark.

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Funeral services were conducted by Raymond J. Plummer, and interment was in Merrill (Wis.) Memorial Park.

HUGHES, Ronald C., age 59; born Dec. 5, 1939, in Lum, Mich.; died July 29, 1999, in Columbia, Tenn. He was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janice I. (Colburn); sons, Steve R. and W. Kevin; daughters, Lori I. Austin and Wendy Y. Morton; father, Roy L.; brothers, Louis J., Dale W., and William K.; sisters, Carol A. Brown, Ruth E. Mason, and Nancy L. Montgomery; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Philip R. Colburn, and interment was in New Hope Cemetery, Ostella, Tenn.

OLSON, Evelyn (Seymour), age 91; born Feb. 17, 1908, in Summit Township, Mich.; died July 22, 1999, in Ludington, Mich. She was a member of the Ludington Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Ruth Gustafson and Julianne Anderson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Monte Landis, and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington.

REESMAN, Fern (Leatherman), age 83; born Oct. 5, 1915, in Mankato, Minn.; died July 2, 1999, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley; son, Mark; brother, Gordon Leatherman; sister, Nadine Casey; 5 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Charles Hanlon, and interment was in Bedford (Mich.) Cemetery.

RILEY, Arnold L., age 78; born June 10, 1921, in Gays Mills, Wis.; died July 16, 1999, in Tyler, Texas. He was a member of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Central Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn J. (Lamb); sons, Arnold L. Jr., Kelly L., and T. Kim; daughters, Kerry J. Weber and Gail I. Andritch; stepdaughters, C. Michell (Tennison) Crawford and Crystal D. (Tennison) Arcand; brothers, Bruce F. and Rodney W.; sisters, Clairece V. Waagen, Ruth M. Cummings, Nellis M. Steele, and Barbara E. Bender; 16 grandchildren; and

2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Charles Bursma, with private inurnment.

SAUNDERS, Lavonne (Miller), age 84; born July 6, 1915, in Lemert, Ohio; died Aug. 15, 1999, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Twin Cities Church, Alma.

Survivors include her son, Scott; daughter, Sheilah Platzter; and 5 grandchildren.

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

SMITH, Grace I. (Hollister), age 87; born Feb. 21, 1912, in Nashville, Mich.; died Aug. 6, 1999, in Tyler, Texas. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Jay; daughter, Julianne Terry; brothers, Bernard and Howard Hollister; sisters, Doris Overacker, Elizabeth Gregg, Peggy Pennington, Jeanetta West, and Lueta Bruhn; 5 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tom Roebuck, and interment was in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery, Tyler.

TADMAN, Frances S. (Judy), age 87; born Mar. 12, 1912, in Knoxville, Tenn.; died June 10, 1999, in Lynchburg, Va. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Irven L., J. Bruce, and Dwight H. Collins; stepson, Harry W. Tadman; daughters, Betty L. Pierson and Esther R. Ryan; 26 grandchildren; 1 step-grandchild; 70 great-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Paul Howell, and inurnment was in Newton Cemetery, Battle Creek.

WHITE, Rebekah (Riffel), age 90; born Mar. 13, 1909, in Carrier, Okla.; died June 30, 1999, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughters, Lucile White and Joyce Councell; brothers, Orley and Lavern Riffel; sister, Sylvia Krause; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.


Graveside services were conducted by Dr. Herold Weiss in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs. (Correction of earlier listing.)

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Campus Calendar: Oct. 15–Nov. 30—Holocaust exhibit: *Rescuers: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust* in the James White Library. **Nov. 3**—7:00 p.m., guest speaker Maurice Vanderpol, MD, "How the Holocaust Reflects on the Present: A Personal Account." To schedule a tour for junior high and high school students, please call (616) 471-6062. For information, call (616) 471-6285. **3**—School of Business Career Fair. **5–7**—Parent's Weekend: Meier/Burman Halls. **7**—Michael Card Starkindler concert tour, Johnson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$10 general, \$14 silver, and \$17 gold. Groups of 10 or more, \$10 ea. For information, call (616) 471-3965 or (616) 471-6568. **13**—Andrews University

Orchestra concert, Pioneer Memorial Church, 8:00 p.m. **20**—Andrews University Wind Symphony fall concert, Campus Center, Wolverine Room A, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 3—Feast of Lights, Pioneer Memorial Church, 7:00 p.m.

General Information Number: (800) 253-2874

Faith Ablaze! Hymns of Heart and Heritage—A Hymn Festival will be held **Nov. 19–20** at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) on the campus of Andrews University. Come and celebrate the great hymns of Christianity. **Fri., 7:30 p.m.**, "Hymns Alive! Through 20 Centuries"; **Sab., 8:20 and 11:20 a.m.**, "Bring Joy! Give Thanks! A Feast of Hymns" with Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University, presenting the homily; **3:00 p.m.**, a field trip to the

church where "The Old Rugged Cross" originated, or a visit to the Adventist Heritage Center where hymn books dating back to the beginning of the Millerite movement will be on display; **5:00 p.m.**, vespers at PMC, "Ten Thousand Watts and More: The Power of Isaac Watts," with a reception afterwards hosted by Niels-Erik and Demetra Andreasen; **7:30 p.m.**, concert in PMC featuring hymn tunes borrowed and used in classical masterpieces

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Nov. 6—Outreach/Church Budget; **13**—Annual Sacrifice; **20**—Church Budget; **27**—Local Conference Advance. **Dec. 4**—Outreach/Church Budget; **11**—Inner City.

Special Days: Nov. 6—Stewardship Sabbath; **6–13**—Week of Prayer; **13**—Human Relations Sabbath; **20**—Welcome Home Sabbath; **27**—Bible Sabbath. **Dec. 4**—Ingathering Sabbath.

MICHIGAN

The Wuttke Educational Endowment has been established in honor of Richard and Joyce Wuttke's upcoming retirement after forty-one years of educational service. Staff and former

students of So. Lancaster Academy, Atlantic Union College, Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Blue Mountain Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, and Great Lakes Academy are invited to show their appreciation to this couple who made an enormous impact on Adventist Christian education. Donations to the endowment and notes of appreciation may be sent to: Wuttke Endowment, GLAA, P.O. Box 68, Cedar Lake, MI 48812.

The Berrien Springs Adventist Single Friends will host a Christmas party on Dec. 11 at the Andrews University cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. A full buffet dinner will be served, followed by a program. The cost is \$12, and reservations must be made prior to Dec. 6. Each participant is asked to bring a gift for a boy or girl and label the gift with the approximate age/gender. The gifts will be sent to an orphanage in Honduras. For further information or to register, please call Gussie Cooper at (616) 471-3052.

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Volunteer nurses needed for General Conference Session, Toronto, Canada, June 29–July 8, to take blood pressures daily

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Average		Membership Basis				Increase		%			
31-Jun-99	1998	Conference	1999	1998	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	1999	1998		
11,178	11,238	Illinois	5,121,543	4,995,482	126,060	2.52%	458.18	444.52			
5,980	5,798	Indiana	3,673,176	3,237,482	435,694	13.46%	614.24	558.38			
23,124	23,102	Lake Region	5,752,966	5,388,078	364,888	6.77%	248.79	233.23			
23,478	23,307	Michigan	14,476,493	14,238,304	238,189	1.67%	616.60	610.90			
<u>6,251</u>	<u>6,190</u>	Wisconsin	<u>3,172,447</u>	<u>2,887,046</u>	<u>285,402</u>	<u>9.89%</u>	<u>507.51</u>	<u>466.40</u>			
70,011	69,635	Totals	32,196,625	30,746,392	1,450,233	4.72%	459.88	441.54			
Tithe per Week			919,904	878,468	41,435	4.72%					

Sunset Calendar

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10
Berrien Springs, MI	5:35	5:27	5:21	5:17	5:14	5:14
Chicago	4:41	4:33	4:27	4:23	4:20	4:20
Detroit	5:22	5:15	5:09	5:04	5:02	5:01
Indianapolis	5:39	5:32	5:27	5:23	5:21	5:21
La Crosse, WI	4:51	4:43	4:36	4:31	4:28	4:27
Lansing, MI	5:26	5:18	5:12	5:07	5:05	5:04
Madison, WI	4:45	4:37	4:30	4:26	4:23	4:22
Springfield, IL	4:52	4:46	4:40	4:36	4:34	4:34

at parish nurse booth in four-hour shifts. Please respond with your name, address, phone number, and which day(s) you're available to Maxine Blome, (916) 781-4691; fax (916) 624-9012; 6090 Stone Hill Rd., Rocklin, CA 95677.

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ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Nov. 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m., ET (time change this month only!). First Wednesday: Galaxy 7, channel 18. On October 27-30, for the first time in the North American Division's history, a race summit was held at the General Conference building. Entitled Modeling the Ministry of Christ—Racial Harmony in the New Millennium, this four-day conference will deal with the racial concerns that are facing the Seventh-day Adventist Church today.

Join host Steve Chavez, associate editor of the Review, as he brings you a report on the race summit in this month's First Wednesday. He will also report on NET New York '99, the Hispanic Celebration of Latin Adventism in America, and ACN equipment—getting ready for the General Conference Session in 2000.

Nov. 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET, Sharing Abundance—Inspiring Hope: Galaxy 7, channel 18. Join us for this unique worship experience as we introduce ADRA's Annual Appeal. Hear Pastor Greg Nelson, from the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, as he re-introduces us to our compassionate Jesus.

Also featured will be the Community Gospel Choir, a special music video specially made for this event, and interviews with individuals who are working on some wonderful humanitarian projects.

This broadcast will be replayed on the Adventist Worship Hour on Nov. 20.

Dec. 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET, First Wednesday LIVE presents "Walk Through Bethlehem!": Galaxy 7, channel 18. Ever wonder what Bethlehem looked like at the time of Christ's birth? Take time for a virtual "Walk Through Bethlehem," and see the basket weavers, soldiers, and shop keepers busy at work. Witness as the shepherds and wise men receive their messages from the angels,

and Herod sends out the decree to find the baby Jesus.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite your community and neighbors to view an exciting Christmas program and hear some inspiring seasonal stories.

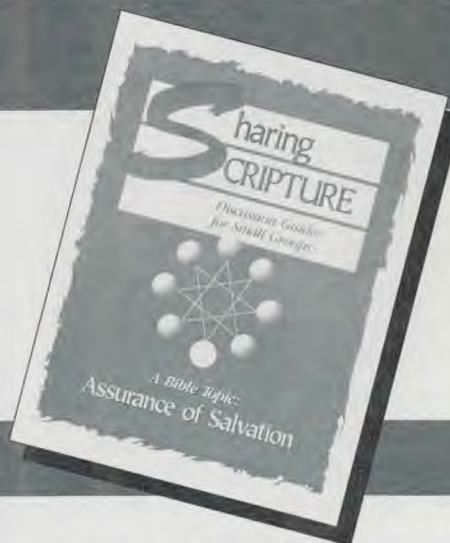
Dec. 31, 10:55 p.m.-3 a.m., ET, Are you ready for G2K? ACN is proud to partner with the North American Youth and Young Adult Ministries department to kick-off the Year of Youth and Young Evangelism. **Genesis 2000** (G2K) is a satellite celebration followed by division-wide training events and a surge of evangelism for and by young adults. The uplink will originate from four sites, New York, Dallas, Denver, and San Bernardino and will feature music, drama, and the best young-adult speakers our church has to offer. Please join us for this one-of-a-kind event of joyous consecration and commitment to our Lord.

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Youth who dare care²

September, 1914. The war in Europe had scarcely started as Great Britain marshaled its troops. Young men prepared for armed service on the continent to join the Allies in the fight against the Central Powers.

Private Thomas Hughes left behind his beloved wife, Elizabeth, and infant daughter, Emily, for the kill-or-be-killed frontiers of battle. As his ship sailed the English channel toward France, his thoughts were of Elizabeth and Emily. Would he ever see them again? One idea struck him: Write a letter, slip it in a bottle, and toss it into the frothy channel. Perhaps the current would carry it to his family, and he could tell them once more how much he loved them.

"This ninth day of September, 1914," he wrote. "Dear Wife, I am writing this letter on the boat and throwing it in just to see if it will reach you . . . Ta, Ta, Sweet." On the envelope he wrote, "Kindly forward this letter and earn the blessing of a poor British soldier on his way to the front . . . Pvt. T. Hughes, Durham Light Infantry."

Twelve days later Hughes died on his first day in the trenches of

France. His body was never recovered, but his bottle was—in 1999. When fisherman Steve Gowan found the bottle on March 27, he shared what he'd found with the press. When the story ran in the London Sun, one of Hughes' descendants told the tabloid that though Elizabeth died in 1979, Emily, now 86, was living in New Zealand.

The New Zealand postal service flew Gowan to Auckland to make the late but nonetheless meaningful delivery. With no memory of her father and no grave to visit, the bottle and letter were an overwhelming glimpse of her father's love.¹

A remarkable coincidence to find a bottle after eighty-five years of bobbing in the water?

In 1969 Norman Lewis' girlfriend Janice lost the class ring he'd given her. She'd last seen it at the New Smyrna, Florida, beach. Thirty years later a boy caught a four-foot shark at that same beach. When he cut it open, he found a Mount Dora High School ring bearing the initials N.L. With

the help of high school officials and the 1969 yearbook, they were able to return the ring to Norman and Janice, now married.²

A remarkable coincidence after thirty years? Perhaps. But not greater than the awesome fact that a Man's death in a far-away country, 2000 years ago, can still change our lives for all eternity. Remember that the same Jesus who buries your sins at the ocean bottom isn't lost at sea. Soon your ship—or bottle or shark—will come in.

Tompaul Wheeler



¹ "Special Delivery" *People Weekly*, June 14, 1999

² "Shark Ring" *USA Today*, July 25, 1999.

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Jonathan Garrett

Jonathan Garrett, 18, is a senior at Wisconsin Academy where he is noted for his helpfulness and handiness. "Everybody likes Jonathan," says Roy Seals, boy's dean. "You don't even have to ask Jonathan to lend a hand. He sees things that need to be done and does them." "Our class really appreciates Jonathan," adds Michelle Shufelt, SA president. "He's the behind-the-scenes person who makes things happen."

This school year Jonathan will use his leadership skills to be a resident assistant in the boy's dorm. He is also a strong member of the gymnastic team. The son of Harold and Alice Garrett of

Clear Lake, Wisconsin, Jonathan excels in mechanical and maintenance areas and hopes to continue his education at a technical college.

Jessica Fekete, 18, a Wisconsin Academy senior, loves to make other people happy. During her junior year, she was nominated for the Caring Heart Award because of her helpfulness and gracious spirit. This hard-working girl comes from a farm background where the whole family pitched in to help. This spirit of commitment and responsibility transfers over to Jessica's academic program.

Jessica's good grades earned her a place in the National Honor Society. As the yearbook editor this year, she will use her talents to preserve school memories.

Faithfulness to the Lord shows in everything Jessica does, whether it's bagging bread at the school's frozen bread factory or playing volleyball in the school gym. "Jessica makes God look good," says Sue Rappette, school registrar. "She is fun-loving and certainly not dry and dull as some people depict Christians. She has an enthusiasm for life and a love for others that endears her to her fellow students and all of the staff."

Jessica is the daughter of Emery and Alberta Fekete of Arpin, Wisconsin.



Jessica Fekete

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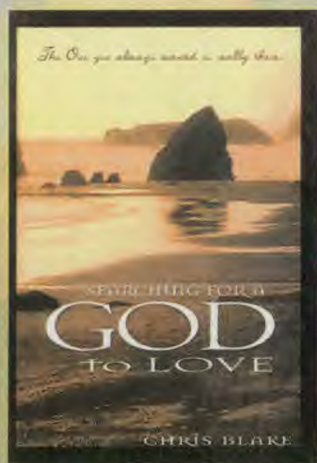


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