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Reg Mattson, center, ASI member from Watervliet, Michigan, works with his daughter Kassy, Katlin Elder, and Jacob Mayor, to lay the first course of block for the new church in Buenavista, Honduras.

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## EDITORIAL



### Please Accept Me

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION  
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

**P**lease accept me. I want to be needed. I want to be wanted. Oh, yes, accept me *just the way I am* ... and let me be involved."

I was listening to a focus group of young adults who were talking to me about the church. Some of their friends had gone to churches and been turned off, they said, just because of the members' reactions to their hairstyle or clothing choice (or so it *seemed* to them). The young adults in my office were not being critical. They were simply pleading with me to help them or someone bring about changes so that young people would feel good about the church and would be more involved. "Some of our friends are not attending anymore," they told me.

Then I thought of another focus group that I had attended about two months earlier. The lady talking was 85 years of age. She and her husband had moved to a new community because they needed some assistance ... their children could provide transportation to the store, to church, or to the doctor. But in the previous community, they left behind the church where she had been the organist for nearly forty years and where he had been an elder or a deacon many of those years. Now they spent most Sabbaths at home watching the services on TV. She was speaking for herself and other 85-year-olds. "We want to be involved," she said in a halting voice. "I know we can't do the things we once did, but is there any way we could be a part of the church just the way we are? We would like to contribute our talents. Is there anything for which we are needed at the church? Sometimes we feel like no one in the church cares about us."

To me it sounded like an echo of a middle-aged professional woman in California who had just moved into a new community, leaving behind old church offices and friends. And it was the same message expressed by a widow: "Most church meetings are for people who have a husband. I'm alone, and I feel it. I wish I could feel more accepted. I wish I could feel that the church would like to use me even though I'm alone."

Actually it is the same for me, too. I want to be accepted. I want to be needed. I want to be wanted, just like the young adults, just like the 85-year-old lady ... like the middle-aged professional woman and the widow. The truth is, all of us are special to Jesus. He loves and needs us all.

Dear Jesus, I want to be more accepting of the young adults—hairstyles, fashions, music, and all. And I want to pay extra attention to the elderly—hairstyles, fashions, music and all. Make me aware of the needs of the others, too. Let me understand how fragile are *all* your people and how much encouragement each one needs. Lord, let me live out Your love and Your acceptance.





## Banggie Island

BY JEFF SCOGGINS

**P**ius, a young Global Mission pioneer in Malaysia, went to the challenging island of Banggie, which lies just off the tip of Borneo. When he landed on Banggie, Pius found it was about 20 miles long and had no public transportation. He had to hitchhike with local businessmen. He managed to catch a ride to the far end of the island where he began to work among the people.

Pius began to make friends, but when the people discovered that his ultimate hope was to introduce Christianity, some of them began plotting to kill him. Fortunately, the village chief, a compassionate man, warned Pius. He escaped into the jungle, and a friend guided him to a remote community. The chief in that community allowed Pius to remain, and one of the local farmers even gave him

some land where he could build a house and plant a garden.

The farmer also helped Pius clear the land. The Malaysia Mission in Sabah loaned them a chainsaw with which to cut boards from the trees. With those materials, Pius built a simple house in the middle of his clearing. As soon as the house was complete, he took a short leave to return home to marry his sweetheart.

Together they returned to the home Pius had built, and his new bride jumped right into the ministry her husband had begun. She cared for

people when they were sick and began to teach them how to prevent disease. She plays the guitar, which the village children fell in love with. They flock to the couple's home to learn new songs.

The villagers also helped Pius and his wife. For instance, planting a garden was no problem, but keeping the monkeys out was. Their new neighbors showed them how to protect their garden. Over time, mutual trust and confidence grew between them and the people's interest grew in the way this young couple worshipped their God.



*Pius and his wife now lead out in worship on an island where not long before people had wanted to kill him. The General Conference special offering this year called "For the Heart of the Need," July 8, will help to support new pioneers like Pius.*

### The Heart of the Need

The area we call the 10/40 Window is one of the toughest areas on earth for the light of Jesus to reach. Because it's so difficult, Christians, including Adventists, have not put the necessary effort into reaching this huge number of people. That is going to change. With the "Heart of the Need" offering this year, Global Mission will establish more than 1,000 new congregations in the 10/40 Window. Not everyone can go as missionaries, but each of us can help care for those who do go, both with our money and our prayers. The one thing Global Mission pioneers long for the most is to feel the support of their church both locally and worldwide.

It is a small, humble, but effective beginning. Thanks to Global Mission pioneers, the work on Banggie Island, in the 10/40 Window, has begun.

The General Conference 2000 session offering, to be collected July 8, will be used to take the gospel to people in places like Banggie Island throughout the countries of the 10/40 Window. (See side bar) On July 8, mark your tithe envelope "GC 2000 Offering." If you would prefer to mail your gift or give by credit card, you can call (800) 648-5824 or visit the Global Mission web site at [www.global-mission.org](http://www.global-mission.org).

*Jeff Scoggins is the Global Mission communication director.*



## NEW MEMBERS

### MICHIGAN

Surprise! Conduct Bible studies for one couple and have their family and guests be the ones interested in baptism. It happened at the South Haven Church after John and Peggy Schnepf turned their original *Discover* Bible study students over to June Mitchell when they left for mission service in Korea.

When a couple showed an interest in seeing Dwight Nelson's *NeXt Millennium* video series in their home, June brought the videos to them regularly. After they finished watching the video lessons, the wife asked for studies on a few subjects that in-

trigued her, but for which she wished more proof from Scripture. So June asked Brandon Korter, South Haven Church pastor, if he would recommend a study series and come along

with her for the Bible study.

Soon the couple invited in-laws, sisters, and cousins to join them for the study, at times filling up their living room and dining room. A sister, Betty Novy, photocopied the lessons so everyone had their own. After the group was well into the studies on prophecy, some of them began attending Doug Bachelor's *Millennium of Prophecy* satellite series at the South Haven Church.

**Betty Novy**, her 81-year-old mother, and a cousin, Gertrude Davis, wanted to be baptized. Betty had never been baptized, so baptism was planned for her and a rebaptism for her mother.

When Pastor Korter interviewed

Betty about her church vows, she explained that a cigarette habit had kept her from committing to vows. But, through prayer, the Lord has helped her to overcome that habit.

*June Mitchell, South Haven Church communication leader*

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For the past year Richard Carlsen, a member of the Dowagiac Church, made good use of his retirement. He and his wife, Doris, gave Bible studies to Paul and Ellen Sheteron, who had been attending various churches seeking one that they believed taught Biblical truths. Through the Bible studies, small group meetings, and Doug Bachelor's *Millennium of Prophecy* seminar, the Holy Spirit was at work.

The Sheterons also brought their daughter, Doreen, to a cooking school where Rita Pusey was the leader. Rita spent time with them, answering questions and explaining how a healthful diet was essential in providing good health.



*From left: Richard Carlsen, Doris Carlsen, Rita Pusey, Paul Sheteron, and Pastor Bill Collier.*

On Sabbath, February 19, the Dowagiac Church and Bill Collier, church pastor, held a baptismal service for **Paul Sheteron**. Paul's wife, Ellen, their children, and numerous grandchildren were among the congregation gathered to witness this event.

*Lois Fox, Dowagiac Church communication leader*



*Tina Roe with Rodney Davis, Ithaca Church pastor.*

A Pathfinder club, a goat husbandry honor, Vacation Bible School, an Adventurer club, and Doug Bachelor's *Millennium of Prophecy* seminar (NET New York '99) all played a part in Tina Roe's decision to accept Jesus and be baptized.

"We met Tina and her family at a small animal swap in the fall of 1998," recalls the Shelley family, members of the Ithaca Church. "We stopped to talk about goats." Jacqueline and Jason Shelley, children of Bob and Ann Shelley, were both working on their goat husbandry honor at the time. The two families found they had many things in common and lived on the same country road only seven miles apart! Several times over the winter they visited and enjoyed each family's collection of "critters."

The following summer Tina's daughters, Brittany and Amanda, were invited to Vacation Bible School at the Ithaca Church. They enjoyed themselves so much that they asked whether they could come to Sabbath school. Tina and her husband, Paul, began attending church with the children. The family attended the NET New York '99 meetings and rarely missed a night. Tina became involved with the Pathfinders by teaching honors. Brittany and Amanda joined the Adventurer club.

Along with the NET '99 meetings, Tina completed two other home-study Bible lessons. Because of her love for Jesus, **Tina Roe** was baptized on December 18, 1999. Brittany and Amanda now attend the Ithaca Adventist School. Just think, God started this incredible chain of events with a goat! Praise His name!

*Ann Shelley, Ithaca Church member*



# Blessings and Promises

*Tithe increase makes more evangelism possible in the Lake Union*

BY NORMAN W. KLAM

I looked up as Doug Gregg and Glynn Scott, my two associates, came into my office. By the looks on their faces I knew they were excited and had some good news to share with me. Placing some sheets of paper on the desk before me, they stood expectantly as I quickly leafed through the sheets to find the pertinent information, and when I found it, I was overjoyed.

Thanks to your dedication as church members, and the blessings of God, a record has been set for tithe received by the Lake Union conferences. For the first time ever, tithe in our conferences has topped \$50 million! Our increase in 1999 over 1998 was more than six percent. This increase has created a budget surplus for the Lake Union Conference.

All of us who serve as officers in the local conferences and at the Lake Union Conference want to express our appreciation to each of you for your dedicated support of your church. We all praise God for the results of NET '98 and for all who accepted Dwight K. Nelson's invitation to find a forever friendship with Jesus. Truly, God has blessed His people, and we praise Him. Matthew 6:33 says that if we put Him first, He will care for everything else. Truly, He has responded to that promise, not only to His individual forever friends but to His church.

In response to the blessings of the Lord, Don Schneider, our union conference president, challenged the conference presidents to find a special way that we could invest these surplus funds in evangelism. As a result of those discussions, we anticipate that

more than \$300,000 will be made available this year to assist in bringing people to Jesus. When this plan was shared with the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee, one could sense their excitement as they voted to make these extra funds available as an investment in souls.

One of the largest crusades the city has experienced will be held in Chicago this fall. Kenneth Cox, *Voice of Prophecy* evangelist, and his team are coming to share the wonderful truths of Jesus. God has provided these additional funds to assist them in this reaping campaign which will be broadcast by satellite not only to the Chicago metro area, but to the whole Lake Union territory and beyond.

However, our local conference presidents were not content with just having one big crusade in Chicago. They have developed a plan to challenge the pastors in each of their local conferences to hold evangelistic meetings. These leaders have also challenged the Lake Union Conference to participate with them by providing funds so that pastors will have appropriate equipment to hold meetings and invite people to come to Jesus. All this is possible because of your dedication, your love, and your response and participation in God's plan for funding His church and caring for His people.

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*Norman W. Klam is the Lake Union Conference treasurer.*

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*Membership in the Lake Union Conference grew by 1.4% in 1999. Because of the faithful support of both long-time and new members, tithe increased by 6%. As a result the decision has been made to use \$300,000 for evangelism—some for the NET '2000 campaign in Chicago and some for equipment for church pastors.*



# Why Have a General Conference Session?

BY JONATHAN GALLAGHER

*"What's the point? Just a lot of talk for no purpose."*

*"Could save the money and do some evangelism!"*

*"Do we really need to have such sessions? Can't we do without them?"*

— These are just a few comments on Session 2000 that have reached the communication department here at the General Conference. So why indeed?

## DON'T MISS THE POINT!

**M**aybe the most important question is to ask what a General Conference session is for. Yes, we spend time electing personnel to different positions. Yes, we conduct various aspects of church business that may be important. Yes, it's a good time to meet old friends and make new ones.

But if that's all a session is for, then we miss the point! For if we truly believe that God is directing this church, that we are following a vision that leads to present salvation and future glory, then the session can be filled with meaning.

We need to look beyond the day-to-day business, the debates and discussions, the elections and the pageantry. We need to recapture the sense of destiny, of being a people with a clear identity and a definite role to play here on planet Earth. If nothing else, Session 2000 identifies the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a

global people of God who are here with a mission. For in truth and in fact, the upcoming session in Toronto should be more than an internal business convention, it will be an open demonstration of who we really are.

If we are honest, we can all recognize times when we have found aspects of church business boring. But perhaps that's because we're focusing on the nuts and bolts too much, or to change the imagery, we can't see the forest for the trees.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS OPPORTUNITY

A General Conference session is the perfect time to portray the church to the world. From a communication standpoint, this is a great opportunity. A representative community of the world church will be coming to Toronto, and what better chance to share with the city, the media, and the country who we are and what we're doing? The church can use the session event as a news 'peg' to feature the various aspects of our mission, especially those that are directly relevant to the community.

With Session 2000 just a few weeks away, it's essential to make plans to use this opportunity to share the Adventist perspective, to make a real impact, and to make what we say meaningful to our audiences. Using session events, we can show who we are. Even the business sessions demonstrate the representative structure of the church organization, the opportunity to debate and to arrive at consensus, to reveal a Biblical model for behavior and practice.

Public events—marches, parades, concerts etc.—as well as the pre-activities of youth volunteers, community service, and outreach should all demonstrate that Adventists are caring, compassionate, loving people who know their Lord. While we do not hold sessions for the PR benefits, we must not be blind to such opportunities either!

At the heart of the reason for Session 2000 is the desire to know the will of the Lord so that the church can progress into the future with enthusi-

asm and effectiveness. It provides the opportunity to confer together, to develop unity and fellowship, to keep the body of Christ on track. While the 2,000 delegates may seem a large number to some, we need the counsel of all parts of the world to maintain a relevant witness.

## PULLING TOGETHER

We need to learn from each other, to be informed. Session 2000 will help by providing reports from round the world and inspiration from the many kindred, tongues, and peoples that make up the church.

We need to support each other—to recognize our differing needs and to help each other with resources, concepts, and programs that work. The session provides just that kind of opportunity for information exchange and personal interaction. We need most of all to regain the vision together, of a church that is one in Christ, of a people that are "marching to Zion."

Back in 1863, the delegates to the first General Conference session organized the church, elected officers, adopted a constitution, providing focus and direction for the church that has now arrived at its fifty-seventh session. Most of all it inspired the few believers to work together, to operate efficiently, and to focus on the important matters facing the church.

Session 2000 needs to have the same focus and vision. Expensive, maybe. But how do you put a price tag on unity, on the bonding of fellowship, on the consensus reached in difficult areas. How do you evaluate the opportunity for spiritual growth and development as a movement?

Why have a General Conference session? In one word: opportunity.

An opportunity to meet and share and develop together. An opportunity to tell people who we really are. An opportunity to plan and counsel and regain the vision. But most of all, an opportunity for God to work through this church to fulfill His will.

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*Jonathan Gallagher is the General Conference news director.*



# Building a Church in Honduras?

## Priceless!

*Above: The group that traveled to Buenavista consisted of Lake Union ASI members, their families, and church members from Gobles, Pullman, Bangor, and other Lake Union churches.*

*Left: Justin Mattson was the mud-mixing boss, creating the mortar mix and concrete used to build the church in Buenavista, Honduras. David Mayor II and Valery Parker wheeled the mix to the masons.*

*Right: Using updated construction techniques, like pouring cement into U-blocks rather than building bond beams, ASI members Bob Slikkers, from Holland, Michigan, and Fred Miller, the project construction supervisor from Madison, Wisconsin, finish off the first four courses of blocks for the wall.*

### BY THE EDITOR

**I** love seeing the people down here, I love helping, I love building for Christ," David said.

David Goodrich, a student at Gobles Junior Academy, and 55 other people traveled to Buenavista, Honduras, in March, to build a church. This group not only built the church in less than five full working days, but members held a medical clinic, a Vacation Bible School, and repaired the roof of the local government elementary school.

Every year the Lake Union chapter of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) sponsors a mission building trip. Looking for a project, Luis Leonor, Lake Union ASI executive secretary, discovered this Maranatha Volunteers International church building project. This time the ASI members and their families were joined by church members from the Gobles-Pinedale (Michigan) Church and their pastor, Ken Micheff. Included in this group of short-term missionaries were 18 happy, hard working students, some

from Gobles and the others from ASI families.

Buenavista is a small rural community about 40 kilometers west of the town of Choluteca, located in the southwestern part of Honduras. There are more than 150 Adventists that live in that community, worshipping in a small church building that could seat no more than 75 people.

A year-and-a-half ago, the Maranatha Volunteers International organization poured the concrete floor, baptistry, and platform, and erected the







*This group of happy, hard working students was the catalyst to the success of the project. Their jobs included mixing and supplying the mortar, carrying and laying block, helping in the clinic, working on the crafts for the Vacation Bible School, and making friends with the young people of Buenavista.*



*Sharon Robberson, Illinois ASI Chapter secretary from Darian, throws a shovelful of sand on a screen to be sifted and used for the mortar.*



*David Mayor, an emergency physician at Hinsdale Hospital, with the assistance of Ruth Maquilon from Pullman, Michigan, who translates for him, treats many Buenavista village residents with the supply of medicines they brought along.*



*Sandy Boothby, a nurse from Gobles, Michigan, with the assistance of translator Jeanette McKibbin, from Pulman, Michigan, cares for both children and adults in the clinic.*

steel framework for a new church next door to the old church. Because there was no money to complete the church at that time, it remained unfinished. Brother Colindres, the first elder of the Buenavista Church, called his congregation together and asked each member to pray every day that the Lord would provide a way to complete the church building. The members prayed, and the Lord did provide the money through a donation from the administrative team of the Adventist Health System with headquarters in Orlando, Florida. The Lord also

provided the people to build the church, and Brother Colindres feels that the completed church is a direct answer to the prayers of the members of his congregation.

The builders traveled to the building site in a yellow school bus over bumpy, dusty roads. Arriving in Buenavista, they found the building site prepared, the materials on hand, and the Maranatha building supervisor and his helpers already working. After a short morning worship, the builders eagerly started working.

One of the tools that Maranatha

provided was a gasoline-powered cement mixer. Water for the mortar was drawn hand over hand in a bucket on a rope from a well next to the church construction site. Justin Mattson, a student from Watervliet, Michigan, was the head mud mixer. "This is my first mission trip, it fit into my school schedule, and I wanted to help build a church," he said.

Fred Miller, construction leader, ASI member and builder from Madison, Wisconsin, made getting the roofing on a priority so that the workers could work in the shade. By the end of the





*Ken Micheff, Gobles-Pinedale (Michigan) Church pastor, and a welder reinforces the beams and assists in the repair of the roof on a government school which had been damaged by a falling tree during Hurricane Mitch.*



*Brother Colindres, first elder of the church in Buenavista who prayed for a new church for a year, delightedly tries out the first pew built by part of the group. The group financed and built 22 comfortable, sturdy new pews.*



*In the shade of mango trees on the government school grounds, Ruth Maquilon leads out in songs and tells Bible stories to the village school children.*



*Jessica Goodrich from Gobles, Michigan, enjoys teaching English to the children of Buenavista.*

first day, the roofing was in place and almost one third of the blocks had been laid.

Near the new church is a government medical clinic which receives a meager stock of medical supplies once a quarter. It serves the desperate medical needs of the community as well as it can, staffed by a part-time nurse. David Mayor, ASI member and an emergency room physician at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois, came with the group to hold clinics. He brought with him donated medicine and

supplies to supplement the clinic's resources.

Each morning just as the clinic opened, the staff gathered to pray that they could be a help and a blessing to the people they saw. Sandy Boothby, a nurse from Gobles, also saw patients. Both Sandy and David were assisted by Jeanette McKibbin and Ruth Maquilon both from Pullman, Michigan, who translated for them. Renee Coffee, a teacher at Gobles Junior Academy, acted as the pharmacist, packaging the antibiotics, vitamins, and other medications as requested by the doctor and

nurse. Dee McKinney and Bonnie Dreos, both Gobles-Pinedale members, assisted in the registration of the patients as they came into the clinic. During the three and a half days that the clinic operated, more than 500 patients were seen.

On mission trips some things do not always go as planned, and the Vacation Bible School was one of those things. The problem was that there was not a building in the community where the songs, stories, and crafts could be done. Being creative and flexible, the VBS staff held





Left: Ken Micheff, Gobles-Pinedale Church pastor, conducts a beautiful communion service Friday evening, after a satisfying week's work.



The crowd was so large for the first service in the new church that many had to stand outside and look in through the windows. David Goodrich, (left) from Gobles, Michigan, found a block for a small worshiper so he could see what was happening inside.



It seemed fitting to have a baptism during the first service in the new church.



Saying goodbye to a new and very special friend was not easy for Amy Wright from Gobles.

the activities on the grounds of the government school under the mango trees. Each afternoon two half-hour sessions were held. About 150 children in each group came from their school rooms to sing the songs, hear the stories, and receive the crafts.

As the church neared completion, it became obvious that pews were needed for the congregation. When the need was presented, the members of the Lake Union group donated enough money to buy wood for the pews, pay for the materials to repair the hurricane damaged roof of the

school, and to sponsor two young women to the Adventist church school in Choluteca for a year.

Touching lives, making a difference, and leaving something of one's self is what a short-term mission trip is all about. Joe Sarcona, a builder from Berrien Springs, Michigan, summed it up, "Like the credit card ad, money can buy a lot of things, but building this church in Honduras is priceless."

*Richard Dower was part of the group that went on this trip. The photos are all by him.*

BY ALINA BALTAZAR AND  
DUANE C. MCBRIDE

**V**iolence affects all of us. We hear of it on the radio, read about it in the headlines, and are even amused by it in cartoons and various other forms of entertainment. Our society must stop glorifying violence and soberly face the facts: violence often begins at home or in the social group.

Domestic violence can be physical, emotional, or sexual. Needless to say, spousal abuse belittles the marriage covenant and teaches children exposed to it that violence is an acceptable part of family life, thereby increasing its chances in the next generation. In this abusive situation, the victim (usually the wife) has a difficult time leaving due to fear of retaliation, economic dependence, and her feelings of blame. It usually takes several attempts to leave before a permanent move takes place. Sadly, the type of abuse particular to marriage partners is increasingly happening in dating relationships, especially among teenagers.<sup>1</sup>

Child abuse in any form sickens us all. It is under-reported and often covered up. Tragically, children love the parent who is abusing them and often feel that they must have done something bad to deserve the abuse. Because of this, the psychological and social development of abused children is severely affected. Abused children are more likely to be wary of adult interaction, be aggressive, paranoid, depressed, and anxious.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, an abused child is more likely to become an abusive parent. It is



# Violence on the Home Front

interesting to note that the abuser is most often the mother, usually single, whose patience has worn thin due to the countless demands of work and family.<sup>3</sup>

→ Domestic violence affects 2.5 in 10 men and women involved in intimate relationships<sup>1</sup>

→ Child abuse affects 2 in 10 children<sup>2</sup>

→ Elder abuse affects 1 in 20 seniors<sup>2</sup>

→ Rape or sexual assault affects 2 in 10 young women<sup>3</sup>

Until recently, elder abuse was overlooked and unacknowledged. Elder abuse is severely under-reported because the victim is fearful of retaliation—being sent to a nursing home—or unwilling to report their care giver, who is most likely a family member, to authorities. Elder abuse is more likely to occur when the victim is 65 years of age or older, medically frail or depressed, and dependent on a care giver who is emotionally or economically dependent on the older adult.<sup>3</sup> When the care giver is financially dependent on the older adult, it leads to feelings of resentment and frustration.

Rape is a serious offense that needs to be recognized as a cultural problem. Historically, men have, at times, assumed it as their right to victimize

women. Too many males have been taught to be sexually aggressive, that women must be coerced into submission. Furthermore, the entertainment media adds fuel to the flame by portraying women as helpless sexual targets. Many victims, however, refuse to report the assault because they are ashamed or feel it is their fault. This is especially the case with the most common form of sexual assault: date rape. In this situation, the attacker usually is a well-known acquaintance or friend. Tragically, some rapists are now using potentially lethal drugs, such as gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), in order to get their victims in a nearly comatose state of compliance.

All of these forms of violence occur quietly and are often not on the evening news. Silence is the victim's most trusted safeguard, yet it is the deadliest. If you know or suspect domestic violence is affecting someone you know, you must take courage to ask and tell either your local police department or state's social service department. There are knowledgeable, kindhearted professionals who can help you or someone you know start life anew. We can raise our children to honor their bodies and protect them,

we can protest violent media in any way we can, and we can take charge of our own healing by seeking professional care.

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## Summer School of Addictions 2000

The Institute for Prevention of Addictions, at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, in partnership with the General Conference Health Ministries Department, will be holding their annual Summer School of Addictions in the Pioneer Memorial Church Commons June 5-8. This year's theme is "Violence: Community, School, and Home." This is a four-day contemporary health instruction seminar designed to help counselors, educators, lay counselors, medical personnel, pastors, and students understand something about where violence may come from and why it erupts. Call (616) 471-3558 for information.



# Historic Adventist Village to Celebrate Grand Opening

BY JAMES R. NIX

**H**istoric Adventist Village, located in Battle Creek, Michigan, will celebrate the grand opening of its first phase on **Sabbath, June 24**. This is the weekend prior to the opening of the General Conference Session 2000 in nearby Toronto, Canada.

The village opening is being planned so that people going to the ministerial pre-session and General Conference meetings the following week can also attend the ceremonies in Battle Creek. Church leaders from around the world, along with local city officials, will take part in the special daylong Sabbath celebration. The village is fast becoming an evangelistic center where the story of Adventism is being told in a unique way. Heritage evangelism, for that is what the village

is all about, offers opportunities for both nurture and outreach.

Among the special events planned for the grand opening will be a rededication of the newly-restored James and Ellen G. White home, located on Wood Street. It was in the upstairs bedroom of this home that Mrs. White wrote the first edition of *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan*. This historic home, in addition to other restored and replicated homes and sites, will give visitors a better understanding of the religious beliefs and dedication of our early church pioneers. The village will begin unofficial full-time operation on June 5 in order to provide visitors more opportunity to tour the rich Adventist heritage found there.

*James R. Nix is Adventist Heritage Ministries board chairman.*



*Bill Fisher, Lake Union Conference Information Services senior programmer/analyst, paints the duct work in the basement of the visitor's center. Many volunteers are needed to help in the village before the grand opening on June 24.*



*The James and Ellen White home is in the process of being restored as close to its original condition as possible. It was in the upstairs bedroom that Ellen White wrote the first draft of *The Great Controversy*.*



*Alethea Mustard, secretary to the Lake Union president and treasurer, applies a coat of paint to the dining room of the Hardy House.*



*The Lake Union Conference staff spent a day working together at the village to help get it ready for the grand opening celebration. During the lunch break, Stanley Cottrell, project coordinator of the village, told how Joseph Bates found David Hewett, the "most honest man in town."*

## NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE INCENTIVE

There is a *great deal* of work to be done to get the village ready for this gala grand opening. Volunteers are needed for painting, cleanup, and landscaping throughout the summer months. Groups who would like to spend a day or two together working at the site should **contact Stanley Cottrell at (616) 965-3000** to schedule a date. Individual volunteers are welcome any time.

Summer volunteers are needed to act as interpretive tour guides and docents, particularly with the expected large influx of visitors expected before, during, and after General Conference. You can sign up for a week or two, a month, or the whole summer—whatever fits your schedule.

*Editor*



# PlusLine

*A valuable resource for ministry*

BY RICH DUBOSE

As with other organizations, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is facing an information glut. New products and materials, denominational and otherwise, designed for nurture and outreach ministry are multiplying at such a rapid rate that it's impossible for active church members and pastors to keep up with them all. As a result, some are needlessly wasting precious time looking for resources, or redeveloping products that already exist. This can be prevented.

In today's world, it only makes sense that the church provide a way for its members and leaders to quickly find the resources they need to perform their ministries. Establishing a central clearing-house where information can be stored and retrieved can

help facilitate church members and leaders alike. *PlusLine* is an idea whose time has come.

## **People want on-line support.**

*PlusLine* provides support by taking the hassle out of finding ministry-related information. If an item cannot be found, a ministry consultant conducts a personalized search and provides each caller with the results as quickly as possible. Some of the areas *PlusLine* can help with include:

- Program ideas for local church leaders
- Help finding books and materials
- Connections to people with other resource organizations
- Suggestions for special events
- Phone numbers and addresses
- Registration services for specific events

## **10 Ways *PlusLine* Can Help You and Your Church**

Adventist *PlusLine* is a clearing-house for ministry ideas and information. Hundreds of church members, pastors, and church workers have accessed this free service to find what they need. Here's a list of 10 specific ways *PlusLine* can help:

1. For a list of resources for small group ministry.
2. To find a pastor or church address.
3. To get ideas for conducting a health ministry in your community.
4. To find the *Voice of Prophecy* radio broadcast in your area.
5. To register for a seminar utilizing *PlusLine's* registration services.
6. To find out where to purchase NET evangelism video tapes.
7. To find Adventist retirement centers.
8. For the address and phone number of a specific church institution.
9. For a list of web sites of various Adventist organizations.
10. For a list of youth ministry resources and organizations.

## **MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP**

*PlusLine* was started as a local experiment in the Pacific Union Conference in May of 1993. What started out as a trickle quickly mushroomed into a tidal wave of calls. The success of the project brought a recommendation from the nine union conference church ministries directors that *PlusLine* be expanded to serve the entire North American Division. This action was implemented on October 1, 1994. Union conferences are personalizing the ministry with custom advertising to their local fields.

Obviously, it takes money to provide this kind of service. NAD officers and union presidents voted to implement *PlusLine* under the NAD Church Resources Consortium with the cost to be shared by the NAD and its union conferences. In order to keep expenses at a minimum and avoid a duplication of services, *PlusLine* team members are located in the Pacific Union Conference office complex in Westlake Village, California. This has helped to streamline the ministry in other ways as well.

You can access *PlusLine* from anywhere in North America via telephone by calling (800) SDA-PLUS (732-7587), or you can access it from anywhere in the world by visiting the *PlusLine* web site at [www.sdaplus.org](http://www.sdaplus.org).

Word is getting out that *PlusLine* is serious about helping people connect their ministry dreams with resources and tools. In today's rapidly-changing world, it's the least we can do.

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*Rich DuBose is the PlusLine director.*



## Falling Stars

*"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; ..."*

Matthew 24:29 RSV

On April 26, 1803, the people in a town in France saw a small dark cloud in the clear-blue sky and heard loud noises that sounded like explosions. These lasted for a few minutes while a shower of stones fell from above. The largest stones were too hot to touch, and the heaviest weighed almost 19 pounds. Even though scientists had doubted that rocks dropped from the sky, with this evidence, there was no more doubt.

When a meteorite hits the surface of Earth, depending on its size, its impact may create a small hole or blast out a huge crater. The Tunguska meteorite, for example, fell in Siberia in 1908 with an impact that could be felt for a distance of 50 miles. Its bright trail was visible for hundreds of miles, and it scorched an area 20 miles in diameter around the site of the impact. The largest meteor-made crater is in central Quebec; this giant cavity is 38 miles in diameter. And the largest meteorite ever to have hit Earth fell to the ground in southwest Africa thousands of years ago. It is estimated to weigh between 60 and 80 tons.

Meteorites occur in three forms: stony (rock only), iron (a combination of nickel and iron), and stony-iron (iron and rock). If the specimens from the crater contained iron, the crater probably had been blasted out by a huge meteorite. The scientists spent several days looking for chunks of meteorite among the rocks buried in the soil. Then they used a magnetometer to measure the amount of magnetism in an area. By taking magnetic

readings, they discovered

a large area along the rim of the crater that indicated the presence of magnetic material under the surface. The scientists hypothesized that the buried material was made of pieces of a gigantic meteorite that had exploded when it hit Earth.

What are meteoroids? Are they the remains of asteroids, which are in turn the remains of planets? Chunks of old moons? In fact, are Mars' two potato-shaped moons really asteroids captured by that planet's gravitational pull? And what about the fact that some meteor showers coincide with the activities of comets? Does that mean that meteors are fragments of comets?

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft is orbiting Eros, an asteroid, to study its composition and density. Eros, which was discovered in 1898, comes to within 14 million miles of Earth—much closer than Venus or Mars. Perhaps 100 years later we will learn some of its secrets. And perhaps revealing those secrets will help us to know more about meteors as well. In the meantime, let's enjoy this mystery of God's universe.

Note: For more information and activities about meteors and asteroids, please see the March 2000 issue of *Natural Learning*.

## Impact!

What happens when a meteor hits the surface of a planet? Plenty!

### What you need:

- ✓ large, shallow container
- ✓ fine sand or loose soil
- ✓ modeling clay
- ✓ "meteors," such as rocks, large marbles, and ball bearings
- ✓ ruler

### What to do:

1. Pour a two-inch layer of sand in the container and smooth the surface.



2. Drop each meteor from a height of about six inches and observe what happens.
3. Level off the sand again, then drop each meteor from a height of 12 inches. Were the observable results different?
4. Empty out the sand and replace it with a layer of modeling clay. Then repeat steps 2 and 3.
5. Carefully remove each "meteor" and measure the depth of the "crater" that it made. What do you discover?

When objects fall, Earth's gravity pulls them toward the planet. The farther they fall, the more of an impact they make. The weight of the object, though, has no effect on the speed at which they fall.

# Exploring God's World

With James and Priscilla Tucker

The Tuckers have written four daily devotional books (most recently *In His Hands*) 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.





**Adventist  
Health System**  
Midwest Region

## La Grange Employees Embrace a Spiritual Focus

When Todd Werner received the appointment as Chief Operating Officer at La Grange Memorial Hospital, he knew he had a very challenging assignment. La Grange had for the recent past been operated by the "for-profit" Columbia Health System. The management had ground down the morale of the staff with a constant focus on "the bottom line." The staff longed for a return to "the good old days" when they had been a community hospital, founded by local people, and when they competed for patients head-to-head with the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, a mere ten minutes away.

Then Columbia announced it would sell La Grange. There were two main contestants: Catholic Health System and Adventist Health System. It seemed that the Catholic system had four advantages: (1) La Grange is situated in a community dominated by Roman Catholics (as several local Catholic churches with good attendance attest), (2) the hospital staff is dominantly Catholic, (3) the patients are dominantly Catholic, and (4) there is a Catholic University just down the road.

However, for a reason never disclosed, Columbia favored selling to Adventist Health System (AHS), and Hinsdale CEO Ernie Sadau found surprisingly high support from the local business community to take it over. That support spoke volumes about the fine reputation of Hinsdale Hospital. Eventually AHS bought the institution just over a year ago.

### New employees apprehensive

Understandably, many Catholic employees were apprehensive about their former competitor now being their employer. How would Adventists manage La Grange Memorial Hospital? Would they try to convert the employees?

Todd Werner has worked tirelessly to break down prejudice. But a major test of the degree to which that effort has succeeded came with the announcement of a special Christmas season, two-day spiritual emphasis, following a Wednesday evening Christmas party just before last Christmas.

Jonathan Leach, ministries and mission director for the Midwest Region of Adventist Healthcare, and his pastoral-care associates planned a program that included the world-class violinist Jamie Jorge. The first meeting was scheduled at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. Only two staff members looked inside the door at all the empty chairs, then with a nervous smile they passed by to their work stations. At the 11:00 a.m. session, about 50 curious staff came by. They were immediately captivated by Jaime Jorge's musical selections. The brief message was inspiring and contained no suggestion of an

indoctrination class—to the relief of the modest audience! Word of the program spread throughout the hospital as those who had attended returned to work and gave an enthusiastic report about the food, the music, the message, and the chaplains. Even the CEO had spoken! The 12:00 noon meeting was almost full.

The following day, even the 7:30 a.m. meeting had a good attendance, and the rest of the day there was standing room only! A group of volunteers sat in the front row through two sessions, because they enjoyed it all so much!

As the noon session crowd began to disperse to make room for the 12:45 session that Friday, an old timer from the hospital came up to Todd Werner and said, "We thought you might get us down here, feed us, and try to convert us!" Todd laughed and replied, "Come on, you ought to know us better than that!"

### First Week of Spiritual Emphasis at La Grange

A staff member we'll call Harry attended this first-ever, abbreviated, Week of Spiritual Emphasis, which is standard at all Adventist Healthcare institutions. Harry noted that on the previous Tuesday night there had been a Code Blue during the night shift. Some time later, he watched security and an all-too-recognizable "cart" being wheeled down the hallway towards the morgue. At that moment he recalled a Filipino lady, an instructor in the culture program of the hospital, taking a flower and slowly plucking off the petals one by one to illustrate a point about the uncertainty of life. It left an indelible impression on his mind. As he watched the cart, in his mind's eye he saw a petal from his own life falling to the ground.

He had much to be melancholy about as Christmas approached last December. Both his parents had died. There had been two divorces in their family, and his wife was desperately trying to recover from a frightening illness. As he staggered on through advancing old age and saw ahead the prospect of retirement, his own frailties focused clearly, including painful arthritis. The advent of Christmas lights on trees near his home did not awaken in him any feeling of Christmas cheer, they only intensified his depression.

And then came that first short Week of Spiritual Emphasis at La Grange, and his life was transformed. He wrote:

"It has been wonderful: the decorations, the food, the people enjoying themselves and each other, the violin guy, the singing, the stories, the prayers, the desserts, the fellowship. ... I ate, I sang, I listened, I prayed, and I felt good. Good to be there, to be a part of you all. ... You have warmed my heart and refreshed my spirit."

There will be another Week of Spiritual Emphasis shortly at LaGrange, and there is every reason to expect record attendance and staff affirmation. In this way La Grange is finding its stride in providing Adventist Healthcare's unique whole-person care to both staff and patients, and sharing with the community the true essence of what it means to be an Adventist. As a famous Adventist phrase expresses it, it means being a loving and lovable Christian.

*Roy Naden, N Associates president*



## WAUS Manager First Woman President of ARN

Sharon Dudgeon, current manager of Andrews University's classical music station, WAUS 90.7 FM, has recently assumed her newest duties as the president of Adventist Radio Network (ARN). Elected to the vice presidency two years ago, she was the first woman nominee to be voted into office.



**Sharon Dudgeon, manager of WAUS 90.7 FM, was recently elected president of Adventist Radio Network.**

ARN was organized in the 1960s and is a consortium of Seventh-day Adventist owned-and-operated radio stations in North America. Not to be confused with Adventist World Radio, Dudgeon said that ARN is more a professional organization for

Adventist radio personnel. The network focuses mainly on professional growth and mentoring of new members to the organization. They also band together to write letters to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding new policies that they may or may not agree with.

Dudgeon's goals as president include making the ARN and its 25 members more professional in their approach to meetings and conferences and developing seminars at the conferences to nurture the newer radio personnel. Within the last five years, she said, the number of Adventist radio stations in North America has doubled. "I want our conferences to be meaningful to everyone involved, which means providing seminars on the basics for newcomers. My ultimate goal is to give our organization an increasingly professional flavor."

*Katie Widner, student news writer*

## Student Activities Unplugged

Folk, gospel, inspirational, a capella, ... Despite the varying music styles, the focus was the same: Jesus Christ.

The first annual Student Concert Series, a three-concert series highlighting the music ministries of ten campus contemporary Christian vocal groups and individuals, was held on the Andrews campus over a three-week period during the months of February and March. The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

According to E. J. Wolfe, Student Activities concert promoter, the main purpose of the series is to generate outside exposure for the many student groups whose ministry is through music. A result of the series is a music CD titled "Student Activities Unplugged." Containing one song from each of the concert participants, proceeds will finance the yearly series and the annual production of a CD. "We're making 1,000 copies of the CD to start," says Wolfe, "and we'll produce more as needed. Proceeds will go toward future concert series. "It's exciting that we started this new series in the year 2000, and we plan to continue it until Jesus comes. We're counting on the sale of the CD to keep the series going."

Wolfe, who is also a graduate student in the School of Education, expects "Student Activities Unplugged" to be in Adventist Book Centers (ABCs) by the end of spring. "I really appreciate the willingness of all the groups who participated in the Student Concert Series. We hope that this CD will be a tool that can be used for their ministries to open the hearts of people outside our campus," he said.

The CD will also be available at the Andrews University Bookstore. To order, you may call (616) 471-3287.

## Exchange Teaching in South Africa

After several months of re-adjustment to North American culture, Janice Watson, the communication department chair for Andrews University, has begun to look at how a quarter of exchange teaching in South Africa has impacted her life and her teaching. During the fall 1999 school term, Watson and Delyse Steyn, communication professor from Helderberg College in South Africa, exchanged schools.

As a black, British-born woman from the United States, Watson felt her experience in South Africa was intensified. "My students were challenged because I was black, but not American. In a culture that is stratified by race, they weren't sure how I fit into the scheme of things," she says.

Watson was responsible for three classes, Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication, and Conflict Management. Because of the wide variety of cultures present at Helderberg, each class became an intercultural experience in itself. "We figured out there were about 16 or 17 first languages in one class. With that much cultural diversity in a class of 20 to 30, anything becomes an intercultural encounter," says Watson. Despite cultural differences and reduced access to technology and books, Watson discovered teaching isn't dependent on what people have. "All you need are people and ideas for learning to occur," she says.



**Back in the U.S., Janice Watson taught a class on intercultural communication during winter quarter.**

*Myra Nicks, student news writer*



# Health

## HIGHLIGHTS of Adventist Health System

### AHS Hosts Conference on Mission

About 190 delegates, including leaders of Adventist healthcare, universities, union offices and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, participated in Adventist Health System's tenth annual Conference on Mission held February 24 - February 27 in Orlando.

"As we begin a new millennium, it is our conviction that we should re-examine our focus of what is most important for our success," said AHS President, Tom Werner.

The theme of this year's conference, "Renewal for the New Millennium," addressed spiritual and professional renewal in the context of personal and organizational responsibility. Working sessions addressed such topics as *"The Balanced Life," "Boundaries and Balance,"* and *"Internal Anchor, External Joy."* Vesper programs included musical guests Adrian T. Westney, Jr. and Janice Chandler along with a special dedication ceremony for a sculpture depicting Creation. Jan Paulsen, General Conference President, presented the sermon entitled *"Calling and Sending"* for Sabbath Service.

During the Conference, four individuals were honored for their commitment to upholding the values and enhancing the mission of Adventist Health System.

**Jimm Bunch**, president and CEO of Jellico Community Hospital and Memorial Hospital, was honored with the Crystal Angel Award for his contributions to the advancement of the Adventist health care mission. **Frank Stieg, Jr., J.D., M.D.**, president of the Florida Hospital medical staff, received the Community Service Award for his commitment in helping improve the quality of life in his community. **Womack H. Rucker, Jr.**, vice president and assistant to the President at AHS, and **Kathryn Sieberman** who has served over 40 years at Hinsdale Hospital, received the Christian Service Award for demonstrating outstanding Christian ideals.



*Top to bottom and left to right: (1) Tom Werner, president of AHS, welcomes delegates; (2) working sessions; (3) sculpture dedicated at Florida Hospital (4) chairman of the AHS board Max Trevino and Tom Werner present award to Jimm Bunch (5) Jan Paulsen, GC President.*





## BLAIR RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS IN HEALTHCARE

**Mardian J. Blair**, who served as president and CEO of Adventist Health System since 1984, retired on January 1, 2000.

On January 1, 1960, Blair began his administrative career as vice president of Hinsdale Hospital and later served as the hospital's president for seven years. In 1970, Blair served as president of Portland Adventist Medical Center and later as president of the Northwest Medical Foundation in Portland, Oregon. In 1979, Blair accepted the position as president of Florida Hospital. During his five years in this role, Blair was instrumental in much of the growth and expansion of the hospital. His leadership and talents also shaped the Seventh-day Adventist Church healthcare ministry both in the United States and internationally.

"I have greatly enjoyed my work through the years. My experience with Adventist Health System and the health work of the Adventist Church have been tremendously enjoyable—more fulfilling than I ever dreamed it could be when I started," said Blair.

Though Blair will no longer serve as president and CEO for Adventist Health System, he still plans on being actively involved with the company. Blair will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board for HealthMagic, Inc. and MEDai, Inc., both subsidiary companies of Adventist Health System.

Over 300 professional colleagues, personal friends, Church associates, and community/business partners met at the Walt Disney World Yacht & Beach Club on December 13 to honor Mardian J. Blair for his legacy of service and leadership to Adventist Health System and the healthcare ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**Tom Werner** served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, which included tributes from individuals representing various areas including the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A special heart-warming video tribute was also given by **Mrs. Joan Blair** and the Blair children honoring their father for his love and dedication to his family. Additional highlights of the evening included musical tributes from the **Regeneration Singers**, **Wintley Phipps**, and a touching message from **Sharon Jernigan**, Don Jernigan's wife, honoring Mrs. Joan Blair.



In honor of Blair, Adventist Health System Board Chairman **Max Trevino** and vice chairmen **Malcolm Gordon** and **Don Schneider** presented a resolution recognizing Blair's achievements along with other gifts. The Adventist Health System corporate office building and annex in Winter Park have been named the **Mardian J. Blair Administrative Complex**. Blair's legacy and belief in education will continue through the "Mardian J. Blair Endowed Scholarship for Healthcare Management Sponsored by Adventist Health System" to Andrews University, Oakwood College, Southern Adventist University and Southwestern Adventist University. This scholarship will specifically target those students pursuing a career in healthcare management, financial management or related finance curriculum, nursing administration, or long-term care.

Additionally, an original portrait was created by **Nathan Greene** depicting the four institutions where Blair has served. These include Adventist Health System's corporate office, Florida Hospital, Portland Adventist Hospital, and Hinsdale Hospital.





## ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

### Werner Elected AHS President

**Thomas L. Werner** was elected by the AHS Board to serve as President/CEO of Adventist Health System beginning January 1, 2000.



*Tom Werner*

Previously, Werner served as Executive Vice President of Adventist Health System and President/CEO of Florida Hospital and the Florida Hospital Division since 1984. Werner has also served as President of Walla Walla Hospital in Walla Walla,

Washington and administrator of Tillamook County General Hospital in Tillamook, Oregon. He holds a Masters degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska, a Masters degree in advanced studies in health from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelors degree in business administration from Union College. Werner is an active member of many healthcare boards and community organizations. He is the past chairman of the board for the Florida Hospital Association.

### New Hospital Presidents Named

**Donald L. Jernigan, Ph.D.**, was elected by the AHS Board in September to succeed Tom Werner as the new President/CEO of Florida Hospital.



*Don Jernigan*

Jernigan previously served as Executive Vice President of Adventist Health System and CEO of the Multi-State Hospital Division. He formerly was President of Tennessee Christian Medical Center and Adventist Health System's Tennessee/Georgia cluster.

Jernigan has also previously served as Senior Vice President of Adventist Health System and President of Metroplex Hospital in Killeen, Texas.

**Terry Owen**, president of Emory Adventist Hospital, has been named Chief Operating Officer of Florida Hospital's Seminole County Division and Administrator of Florida Hospital Altamonte. Owen will have administrative responsibilities for Florida Hospital Altamonte and Florida Hospital Apopka. Owen replaces Rich Reiner who is currently serving as executive vice president of the Florida Division.



*Terry Owen*



*Dennis Kiley*

**Dennis J. Kiley** is the new president and chief executive officer for Emory Adventist Hospital in Smyrna, Georgia. Kiley previously served as president of Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Georgia since 1989. Prior

to his tenure at Gordon, Kiley served as senior vice president and COO for TCMC and as a vice president at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas.

**Carlene Jamerson** assumed the role of President/CEO of Gordon Hospital on March 20, 2000. Jamerson has served as a staff nurse, nursing instructor, and Director of Nursing at hospitals in California, North Carolina, and Florida. From 1980-1988, she was Assistant Administrator of Nursing at Takoma Hospital. Since 1998, she has served as CNO and Skilled Nursing Administrator at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee.



*Carlene Jamerson*



## NEWS NOTES

### Florida Hospital Receives Accolades

Florida Hospital has been selected as one of the 1999 Consumer Choice Winners by the National Research Corporation (NRC). Each year, NRC, a recognized innovator and leader in healthcare performance measurement, honors the most preferred hospitals for overall healthcare services in a nationally syndicated study of more than 170,000 households.

This is the fourth consecutive year Florida Hospital has been recognized by the NRC. For the last three years, the award was referred to as the Quality Leaders Award, however the organization has changed the name and the selection process to reflect the growing role consumer choice is playing in the health care marketplace. The criteria considered in the composite score were best doctors, best nurses, best overall quality and image and best reputation.

### AHS Ends Management Agreement with Bella Vista

Adventist Health System no longer manages Bella Vista Hospital in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. This change in direction was mutually agreed upon between Adventist Health System, the InterAmerican Division and the Puerto Rican Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Though the contract has been relinquished, Sammy Leonor, president of the Bella Vista Health System, will continue to provide consultation services to the hospital on an as-needed basis.

### Hinsdale Hospital Receives Perinatal Designation

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board approved Perinatal Level III designation for Hinsdale Hospital earlier this year. According to the Illinois Department of Health, Level III is the highest level of care for newborn patients.

The new designation will allow Hinsdale to expand the level of care provided to women with high-risk pregnancies and newborns requiring intensive services such as surgery, ventilator support, and premature newborns.

Level III designation is the final component of a total service line offered by The Birck Family Women's and Children's Center that provides services to high-risk mothers and babies. These services include the Hinsdale Center for Reproduction, which offers sophisticated infertility services, and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Center, which provides specialized care for mothers with high-risk pregnancies.

## AHS Provides Management Support

Adventist Health System has been providing executive management services for Maryland based Adventist HealthCare, formerly known as Adventist Health System/Mid-Atlantic since January 17, 2000. The agreement is not a merger and is subject to renewal by the Adventist HealthCare Board of Directors, which will continue in its role of governing the organization.

Adventist HealthCare operates Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Washington Adventist Hospital, and Hackettstown (New Jersey) Community Hospital, as well as a large home health care agency and seven nursing centers.

"Adventist Healthcare has a strong legacy of providing quality medical care in a mission driven environment," said Tom Werner, president/CEO of AHS. "We are honored to offer management assistance to Adventist Healthcare and will lead them with the same mission and values that embody all of our AHS institutions."

As part of the management contract, **Robert Henderschedt**, senior vice president of administration for AHS, will assume responsibility as Acting CEO of Adventist HealthCare. Adventist HealthCare will continue its current search for a permanent CEO for the organization.



## YOUTH NEWS

### Bring Bibles to GC 2000



**Lake Union** — The youth of your church are inviting you to bring Bibles to the General Conference session in Toronto. The youth organization, Impact Toronto 2000 ([www.cfye.org](http://www.cfye.org)), is partnering with *Project Word* to ship 100,000 Bibles from Toronto to people who do not have them around the world.

*Project Word*, a layman's organization dedicated to getting God's Word into the hands of those who cannot afford them, has received requests from such places as Kenya, Belize, India, Ghana, the Philippines, Zambia, Guyana, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Venezuela, Colombia, and Romania.

*Project Word* recently learned that it costs up to a month's wages to purchase a Bible in some countries of Africa, and that people will walk for days to receive a Bible.

Last summer, the Pathfinders brought more than 31,000 Bibles to the international Pathfinder camporee in Oshkosh, Wis., that have been shipped to Belize and Guyana. See <<[www.projectword.org](http://www.projectword.org)>>

The youth need your support to reach their goal. You can help by inviting neighbors, friends, and members of your church to get involved in this project by collecting new and used Bibles in any translation. Bring these Bibles to Toronto with \$1 per Bible for shipping and handling. If you are not going to Toronto, send your Bibles with someone who is going, or ship them to: Project Word, 1848 Grange Rd., Buchanan, MI 49107 USA.

### Lake Region Holds Youth Leadership Retreat

**Lake Region** — From Feb. 3–6, the Lake Region Conference Department of Youth Ministries hosted its second annual Youth Leadership Retreat at Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, Mich.

Camp Wagner is undergoing a major renovation to make it

useable year round. Participants at the retreat—youth leaders, Pathfinder and Adventurer staff, and AY leaders from four of the five states in the Lake Region—were able for the first time during winter months to be housed in newly-built, motel-style cabins with heat and washroom facilities. The main meetings and meals were held in the cafeteria, which has been provided with heat and new decor.

Participants were blessed to have had excellent workshops. Jason McCracken, from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, was the presenter for the Pathfinder workshop; Eric Thomas, director of "Break the Cycle Ministries" of Huntsville, Ala., was the leadership motivator for the Adventist Youth (AY) workshop; and Faye Hougaz, coordinator for "Adventurer Ministries" in the New England Conference presented for the Adventurer leaders.



**Robert Johnson, Pathfinder executive coordinator, displayed the materials available for Pathfinder clubs.**

and Diane Baker, Adventurer coordinator, each gave remarks to encourage the growth of these two ministries in Lake Region. Other areas to strengthen and build in the local churches are: the annual youth and young adult choir contest and the temperance contest.

At the final general session, Anthony Kelly, Lake Region Conference youth ministries director, presented his vision for making Camp Wagner a "center for youth development," a place where the training of youth to be *soldiers* in the army of God is continuous. He challenged those in attendance to catch his vision as they move forward in training and preparing the youth and young adults in their local churches for service in God's army. Everyone left this retreat revitalized, energized, motivated, and committed to making a difference in youth ministry in the Lake Region Conference.

*Marva G. Kelly, Lake Region Shepherdess coordinator*



**Jason McCracken, Message marketing director, presented the Sabbath morning message.**

Oliver Davis, Bible Bowl coordinator for Lake Region, involved participants in a mock Bible Bowl demonstration which created a good deal of excitement and enthusiasm. Robert Johnson, Pathfinder coordinator,



**As an exercise in teamwork, workshop participants were divided into groups to build snowmen.**



## Vegetarians Are Healthy!

**Michigan** — “Vegetarians Are Healthy!” declared the banner at the Tecumseh Church Cooking School held each Monday and Tuesday evening in February. Gordon Guild, M.D., presented a health message each evening using graphics on such topics as our kidneys and the amount of fluid they process each day. David Stramel, pastor of the Adrian and Tecumseh churches, used slides, health books, statistics, and the Bible to present the benefits of a **vegan** diet, which includes no meat or dairy products. Members from the Adrian and Tecumseh churches demonstrated bread making, juicing fresh vegetables and fruits, and the many uses of tofu.

The evenings concluded with the opportunity to taste the delicious food. On the last night of the cooking school, a banquet was held in which all were invited to prepare a recipe from *The Guilt-Free Gourmet* cookbook. About sixty people at-

tended. During the banquet a survey was taken. “Great” and “Just what I needed” were typical responses. One attendee, Ann, added, “Thank you for this presentation. I am a diabetic. I needed to get back to healthful eating, and this gave me the inspiration.” Another cooking school student, Sue, wrote, “It was very helpful to be able to see the products used and taste the recipes. I learned not to eat before I came.”

A reunion is being planned, as many said they would look forward to a repeat banquet. We thank God for giving us the opportunity to meet these people in our community.

Jean Simpson,  
Tecumseh Church  
elder



Gordon Guild, M.D., presents a health message at the Tecumseh Church cooking school.



David Stramel, Tecumseh Church pastor, used visual aids as he shared the benefits of a vegan diet during a cooking school.

## Home Sweet Galpon

The sign on the warehouse door reads Galpon 23. Next to the door, the laughter of children drifts over the short cement wall of their makeshift shower as soap bubbles slide down their bodies. Just a few yards from the door, people crowd the street that winds its way over a small bridge and then into the city. Beneath the bridge a gully has been violently carved. A quick glance at the gully tells you that nature turned on man with horrifying consequences. Galpon 23 doesn't mean anything to others, but to the 143 Venezuelan mudslide survivors inside, it means home.

A few months ago as the world prepared to greet the Christmas holidays, Venezuela was hit by the worst disaster to strike the country in half a century. Twelve days of continuous rain soaked the mountains with more than their normal yearly rainfall. The vegetation softened and lost its grip on the mountain, creating a muddy slide for the homes that thickly covered the mountainside. Of the 600,000 people who lived in the disaster-affected area, only an estimated 300,000 were rescued.

Galpon 23 is one of many buildings that were hastily turned into living quarters for thousands who became homeless overnight. Hanging blankets divide the warehouse to provide meager privacy for each family. To relieve their suffering and restore their dignity, ADRA provided bunk beds, mattresses, family hygiene kits, 30-day food supply bags, and cleaning supplies.

ADRA Venezuela was among those on the forefront of rescue and relief operations. Gui-May, a specialized rescue team that partnered with ADRA during the disaster response, swept over housetops for endless hours and rescued more than 25,000 survivors. Caleb Castro, an emergency health professional of Gui-May, tearfully recounts the story of a young woman who helped several people from her community load onto the helicopter. He filled one helicopter full, took them to a safe place, then came back again, and she selflessly loaded more people on before herself. When full, the helicopter took off again as Caleb promised to return a third time to retrieve her. But her selflessness cost her life. His quick return



At the entrance to Galpon 23, young residents take time out for a refreshing shower.





**Jean Carlo Salas-Ramirez (age 19) worked sleeplessly for three days of ADRA's initial rescue efforts. He later joined a group of young ADRA volunteers who helped package and deliver relief supplies.**

me here lost not only their possessions, but also their family. The pain of the tragedy is impossible to describe. But worse yet was the time after the tragedy. We felt we were all alone. ADRA came at just the right moment. We had been sleeping on cartons on the floor when ADRA gave us bunk beds, mattresses, food, and hygiene kits. I thank God for ADRA. On behalf of the thousands of victims that have been helped by ADRA, thanks again with all our heart."

The news cameras and headlines have long since moved on to other disasters. While the needs are still great in Venezuela, additional needs arise around the world at an ever-increasing rate. When you see the video clips of disaster victims, your heart breaks. You want to do something. You wish you could go there. You'd gladly open your home to them. As Christians, that's what our hearts tell us to do. But logistically it's impossible. But the Seventh-day Adventist Church has made a way for you to be there. With foresight, the church established an agency to be your hands in corners of the world that you aren't able to reach. With a presence in more than 120 countries, ADRA has a tremendous infrastructure and qualified, dedicated staff to be your hands of Christian care and love to those who are struggling to rebuild their lives and their hope after a disaster. The annual **Disaster and Famine Relief Offering on May 13** is your opportunity to enable ADRA to be your hands to people like Carolina and other survivors during disasters and other times of dire need. Please consider a generous gift. ADRA's presence may be the only hand of God they see.

If you are not prepared to give an offering in your church on May 13, donations can be made directly to ADRA by calling 1-800-424-ADRA (2372) or online at [www.adra.org](http://www.adra.org).

*Michelle L. Oetman, ADRA headquarters assistant for marketing and development.*

did not beat the ravages of the rain, and she and all the structures that previously surrounded her were washed away in an instant before his return.

Jean Carlo Salas-Ramirez, a 19-year-old ADRA volunteer, recalls entering a flooded house to find 7- and 8-year-old brother and sister victims. He found their drowned bodies hugging each other. The rest of the family had been washed out of the house. Multiply each victim's story by thousands. Although they did not survive, the thousands that did escaped only with their life and nothing else.

Carolina Mayora lives in Galpon 23. In a letter to the ADRA staff Carolina wrote, "Some of the people living with

## MILEPOSTS

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### BIRTHDAYS



**Euleth (Koehler) Schmitzer** celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Mar. 22, 2000, at home with her family in Saginaw, Mich. She has been a member of the Saginaw Church for 60 years.

Euleth is married to John Schmitzer. Euleth has been a homemaker and was an office worker for 11 years, retiring in 1963. She volunteered for 25 years in the Saginaw Community Service Center.

Euleth has 2 children, Kenneth and Diane Radde of Anaheim, Calif., and Leone Furman of Saginaw, Mich.; 5 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

### OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON, Reva D. (Campbell)**, age 96; born Sept. 9, 1903, in Utica, Mo.; died Jan. 22, 2000, in Bridgman, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Sharon and Lee Waggoner; daughter, Norma Wright; brother, Irwin Campbell; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Glenn Russell, and inurnment was in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn.

**BELL, George D.**, age 90; born Jan. 19, 1910, in Frederick-

town, Mo.; died Feb. 24, 2000, in Bridgman, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his son, Daniel C.; daughter Bonnie Hood; brother, Gene Bell; sister, Maxine Gilliland; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

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

**CARSON, Leaneore (Bowers)**, age 93; born June 29, 1906, in Branch, Mich.; died Mar. 9, 2000, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Lewis B.; daughter, Clara B. Burtnett; sister, Marie Brusatori; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by Pastors Larry L. Lichtenwalter and Bruce Hayward in Berrien Springs, Mich.; funeral services were conducted in Hillsdale, Mich., by Pastor Marion Kidder, and interment was in Wyllys Cemetery, Hillsdale.

**DWORAK, Ada O. (Reed)**, age 89; born Jan. 25, 1911, in Chattahoochee, W. Va.; died Feb. 12, 2000, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Paul Bessler, and interment was in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

**FRASER, Harry A.**, age 87; born May 31, 1912, in Bitely, Mich.; died Feb. 28, 2000, in Aetna Twp., Mich. He was a member of the Lake City (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife,



Dorothy (Snyder); daughter, Marie Wyman; 4 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder C. James Danforth, and interment was in Aetna Twp Cemetery, Missoukee County, Mich.

**GLEASON, Loren M.**, age 92; born May 27, 1907, in Alma, Mich.; died Feb. 16, 2000, in Farwell, Mich. He was a member of the Lansing (Mich.) Church for over 60 years.

Survivors include his wife, Idella (Johns); sons, Bob and David; brothers, Bob and Lynn; sister, Maureen Miller; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Dan Towar and Marshall McKenzie, and interment was in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Lansing.

**GORDON, Greta M.**, age 87; born Nov. 8, 1912, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; died Mar. 11, 2000, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Benjamin; daughters, Sharon Constantine, Shona Gordon, and Martha Prokop; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

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

**HOLLENBECK, William "Denny"**, age 79; born Sept. 17, 1919, in Richville, Minn.; died Aug. 6, 1999, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the Bangor (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edna L. (Flemmer); sons, Ronald G. and Monte R.; daughters, Sandra L. Nashed and Brenda L. Schueler; sister, Elda B. Jensen; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bill Dudgeon, and interment was in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

**HAUSMAN, Mary G. "Gen."**, age 88; born Aug. 9, 1911, in Vienna, Ill.; died Feb.

25, 2000, in Joliet, Ill. She was a member of the Joliet (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Fred L. and George M.; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry W. Clonch, and interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Joliet.

**JEFFRIES, Esther L. (Hamilton)**, age 91; born June 30, 1908, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Feb. 9, 2000, in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Memorial services were conducted by Dr. Bruce Irwin, and interment was in Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery, Tallmadge Twp., Mich.

**JENKS, Rolland A.**, age 91; born Aug. 23, 1908, in Lockport, N.Y.; died Feb. 16, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his sons, Milton C., Dennis B., and James D.; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Larry L. Lichtenwalter and Bruce Hayward, and interment was in St. Johns Cemetery, Oak Brook, Ill.

**JUAREZ, Francisco "Frank,"** age 38; born Jan. 24, 1961, in Waukesha, Wis.; died Dec. 17, 1999, in Waukesha. He was a member of the Waukesha Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maria; daughter, Melissa Juarez; father, Ramon Juarez; and mother, Martia A. Juarez.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Claudio Consuegra, and interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Waukesha.

**LOWRY, Grace E. (Busch)**, age 66; born Apr. 26, 1933, in McMillan, Mich.; died Feb. 20, 2000, in McMillan. She was a member of the McMillan (Mich.) Northwoods Church.

Survivors include her husband, Marion; sons, Lemuel and Jeffrey; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Carlson

and Elder Ken Hamlin, and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, McMillan.

**MILLER, Helen (Walter)**, age 83; born Apr. 13, 1916, in Chicago, Ill.; died Jan. 23, 2000, in Collegedale, Tenn. She was a member of the Paw Paw (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband Duane; son, Mark; daughter, Marilyn Vallieres; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Don Gettys, and interment was in Cumberland Heights Cemetery, Coalmont, Tenn.

**OSBORN, Virginia E. (Kersjes)**, age 77; born Sept. 11, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Feb. 24, 2000, Cutlerville, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; son, Danny Briggs; brothers, Arthur and Stan Kersjes; and 3 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors David Glenn and Greg Timmins, with private interment.

**OWEN, Blythe**, age 101; born Dec. 26, 1898, in Long Prairie, Minn.; died Feb. 28, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Edwin Buck, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Niles, Mich.

**PARKER, Wilma J. (Rucker)**, age 60; born May 7, 1939, in Decatur, Ill.; died Oct. 4, 1999, in Aurora, Ill. She was a member of the North Aurora (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Randall E. Randall; son, Randall Parker; daughters, Doris Nelsen, Connie Rizo, and Jean Mullen; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral and cremation services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Shaw, with private interment.

**POTHOOFF, Florence C. (Barns)**, age 82; born Aug. 18, 1917, in Van Wert, Ohio; died

Feb. 6, 2000, in Jackson, Mich. She was a member of the Jackson (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clare H.; daughters, Viola E. Marsh and Almeda O. Marsh; brother, Joseph Barns; sisters, Dorothy Keller, Eunice Downs, Gladys Dunn, and Stella Johnson; 5 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Arthur Covell and Patrick Milligan, and interment was in Sunset View Cemetery, Jonesville, Mich.

**SCHLOSSER, Violet A. (Dodds)**, age 85; born Feb. 21, 1913, in Silverwood, Mich.; died Dec. 29, 1998, in Flint, Mich. She was a member of the Otter Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Richard L. Jones; daughter, Tamara L. Smith; sister, Doris Dickey; 6 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor M. Santos, and interment was in Thetford (Mich.) Cemetery.

**WILSON, Ruby W.**, age 79; born Mar. 18, 1920, in Edgar County, Ill.; died Jan. 24, 2000, in Charleston, Ill. She was a member of the Paris (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Robert W.; daughters, Nancy A. Motley and Kerri L. Robinson; sister, Reta Flanagan; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rich Carmichael, and interment was in Grandview (Ill.) Cemetery.

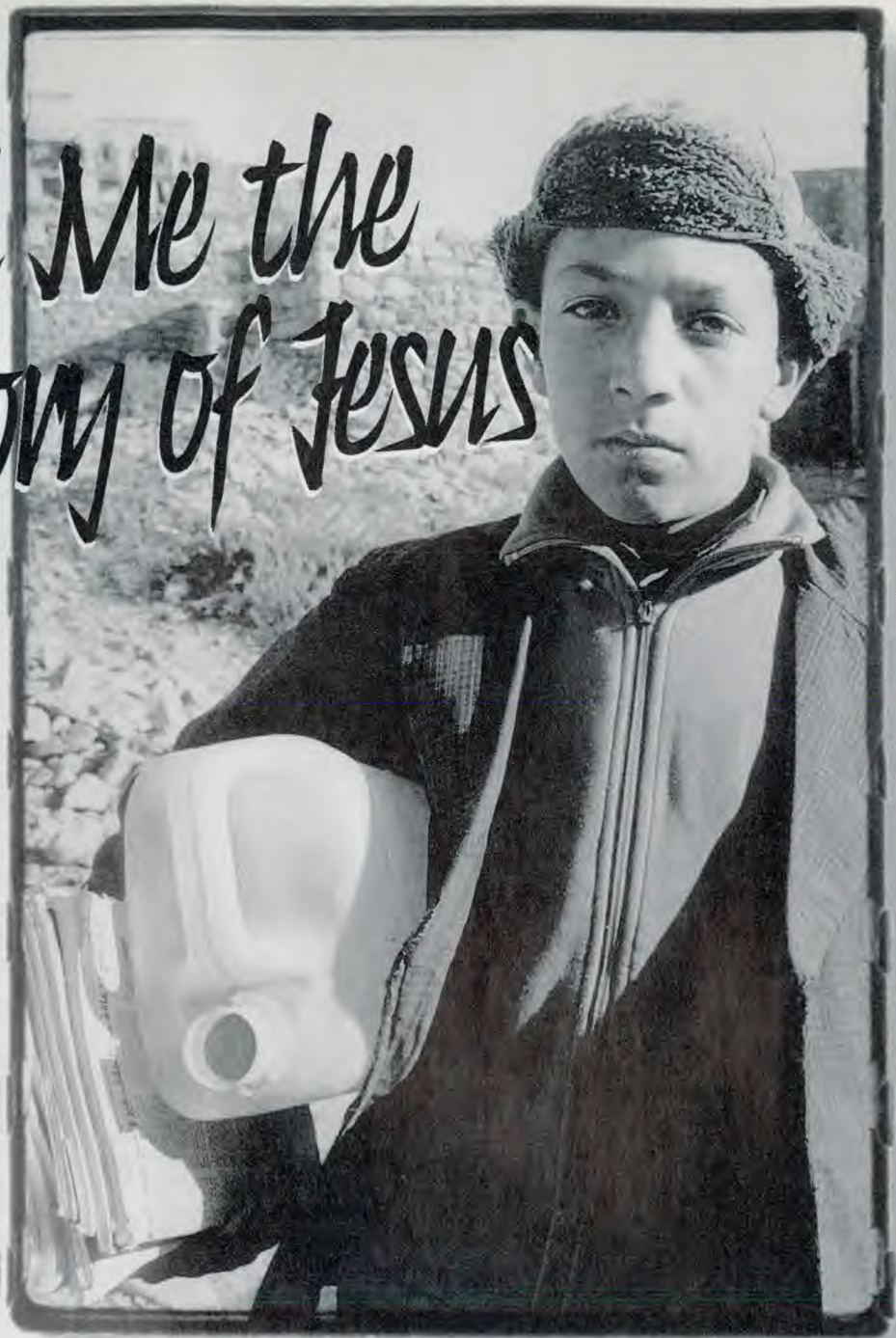
**WOODWARD, Donald E. Sr.**, age 67; born Apr. 10, 1932, in Jackson, Mich.; died Feb. 23, 2000, in Jackson. He was a member of the Jackson Church.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche Cavaughn; sons, Donald Jr. and Daniel; daughters, Debra D. Burns, Sandra Egeler and Barbara Boardman; brothers, Gerald, David, Paul, Michael and Phillip; sister, Jean Judkins; and 10 grandchildren.

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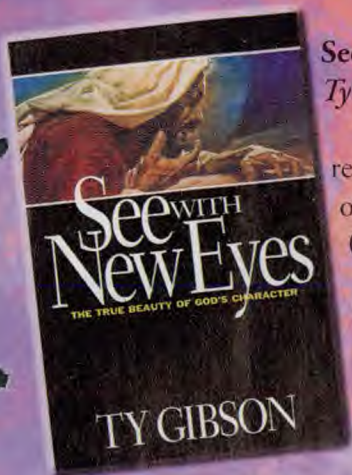
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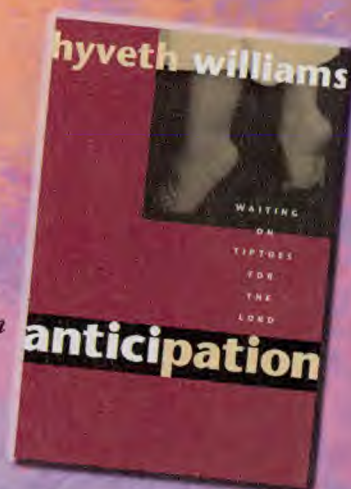
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churches, schools, and conferences may submit announcements to the Lake Union Herald through their local conference offices. Institutions and organizations outside the Lake Union may submit announcements to the Lake Union Herald e-mail address listed in the masthead on page 31. Readers may want to verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources.

## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

**May 5—Friday Festival of Faith (FFF)**, 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); featuring speaker Barry Gane, seminary professor of youth ministries. **5-7—Adventist Engaged Encounter** for engaged or recently-married couples. For more information or to register, call (616) 471-3211. **13—Festive Evening**, 5:00 p.m., PMC, featuring Andrews Academy Concert Band and Andrews University Wind Symphony. **21—Wind Symphony** spring concert, 7:30 p.m., Student Center. Director: Alan Mitchell. **27—Spring** choral and orchestra concert, 8:00 p.m., PMC. Directors: Carla Trynchuk and Stephen Zork. **29-31—Final exams week.**

**June 2—Consecration** service: graduate and undergraduate combined, 8:00 p.m., PMC,

speaker will be Beverly J. Matiko, Andrews University associate professor of communication and English. Open seating.

**June 3—Baccalaureate** services: graduate, 10:00 a.m.; undergraduate, 11:20 a.m., PMC, speaker will be B. Lynn Behrens, Loma Linda University president. Open seating.

**June 4—Commencement** exercises: graduate, 8:30 a.m., PMC, speaker will be Ralph S. Watts Jr., president of ADRA; undergraduate, 11:00 a.m., PMC, speaker will be Michigan Senator Carl Levin. Seating is for ticket-holders only.

**Veterans Clinic Open House:** Open house for the Benton Harbor VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, affiliated with Andrews University, will be held Thurs., **May 25**, at 1:00 p.m. The clinic, located in the Mercy Center Professional

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## LAKE UNION

**Offerings:** **May 6—Church Budget;** **13—Disaster and Famine Relief;** **20—Church Budget;** **27—Local Conference Advance.** **June 3—Church Budget;** **10—Chaplaincy Ministries.**

**Special Days:** **May 6—Community Services Sabbath;** **20—Youth Sabbath.**

## MICHIGAN

**The Fremont Church annual homecoming celebration** will be **May 20**. Church service, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath school, 10:30 a.m. Special guest speaker is Pastor Donald Williams. Potluck following, so bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverage provided. Singspiration following potluck. The church is located at 51 W. Dayton, Fremont, MI 49412. For more information, contact Pam Kenney (231) 689-6563.

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**You are invited** to attend the third Harris Pine Mills "Everywhere USA" reunion and Pendleton Church thirtieth annual homecoming in Pendleton, Ore., on **Aug. 12**. The homecoming is for all people who were associated with Harris Pine Mills, the Pendleton Church district, Pendleton Junior Academy, and Harris Junior Academy. The celebration begins at 9:00 a.m. with a praise service, followed by a special Sabbath school program and worship service. There will be a potluck fellowship at 1:15 p.m. at Harris Jr. Academy, where you will find displays and memorabilia. A power-packed program is being planned for Sabbath afternoon. Please come and invite your friends.

## ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

**May 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. EST**—**First Wednesday**; Galaxy 3, channel 18.

**May 6, 13, 20, 11:00 a.m.—noon—Adventist Worship Hour.**

**May 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.—Together Again Roundtable: First Impressions Matter** [Community Impact Series #3] How churches communicate in their communities without saying a word.

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6118	5927	Indiana	883,970	1,065,151	(181,181)	-17.01%	144.49	179.71
23437	23039	Lake Region	1,222,404	1,127,200	95,204	8.45%	52.16	48.93
23635	23462	Michigan	3,376,011	3,360,423	15,588	0.46%	142.84	143.23
<u>6374</u>	<u>6231</u>	Wisconsin	<u>842,321</u>	<u>768,600</u>	<u>73,722</u>	<u>9.59%</u>	<u>132.15</u>	<u>123.35</u>
70,939	70,065	Totals	7,515,762	7,336,226	179,536	2.45%	105.95	104.71
Tithe per Week			835,085	815,136	19,948	2.45%		

## 2000 Sunset Calendar

May 2000 issue	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2	June 9
Berrien Springs, MI	8:48	8:55	9:02	9:09	9:15	9:19
Chicago	7:53	8:01	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:24
Detroit	8:36	8:44	8:51	8:58	9:02	9:07
Indianapolis	7:43	7:50	7:56	8:02	8:07	8:11
La Crosse, WI	8:13	8:20	8:28	8:35	8:41	8:46
Lansing, MI	8:43	8:51	8:58	9:05	9:10	9:15
Madison, WI	8:03	8:11	8:19	8:25	8:31	8:35
Springfield, IL	7:57	8:04	8:10	8:16	8:21	8:25



**May 26-June 3—Florida Camp Meeting.** ACN will bring you the Florida camp meeting beginning with Friday evening, May 26. Each evening meeting throughout the week will be aired, as well as Sabbath school, church, and an afternoon meeting on the two Sabbaths. Morris Venden will begin the week by speaking on Friday, Sabbath morning, and Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday evenings. Rosa Banks will speak on Tuesday, Richard Neil on Wednesday and Thursday, and Greg Nelson on Friday and the worship service on June 3. Gordon Retzer, will close camp meeting on Saturday night, June 3. The Sabbath afternoon meeting on May 27 will feature a world mission report, and on June 3, Florida Hospital will share vignettes from health care ministry. Check web site <<<http://www.adventist-fl.com/campmeeting/>>> for specific times and a detailed schedule.

**June 10—Together Again Roundtable: Crisis Caring in Natural Disasters** [Community Impact Series #4]

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### Week of May 1

**Voice of Prophecy, Mon.-Fri.**—The Bright Lights of Broadway (CD #F36)

### Week of May 7

**Breath of Life**—When God Steps In—Part B2.

**Faith For Today**—Transitions (telecast #1713).

**It Is Written**—Experience God's—Comfort [Experiencing God (EG)—Part 5].

**La Voz de la Esperanza**—Did God Create the Devil? (Creó Dios al Diablo?) (CD #S0019).

**Voice of Prophecy, Sun.**—Why Do People Pray? (CD #F37);

**Mon.-Fri.**—Nowhere Man—Part 1 (CD #F38)

### Week of May 14

**Breath of Life**—If God Be for You—Part C.

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine**—People of the Project.

**It Is Written**—Experience God's—Family [EG—Part 6]

**La Voz de la Esperanza**—No Substitute for a Mother (Insustituible, Mamá) (CD #S0020).

**Voice of Prophecy—Sun.**—Real People (CD #F37); **Mon.-Fri.**—Nowhere Man—Part 2 (CD #F40).

### Week of May 21

**Breath of Life**—When God Steps In—Part A2

**Faith For Today**—Attention Deficit Disorder

**It Is Written**—Experience God's—Peace [EG—Part 7]

**La Voz de la Esperanza**—A Woman Rejected Five Times (La Mujer Cinco Veces Fracasada) (CD #S0021).

**Voice of Prophecy—Sun.**—Effective Prayer—Part 1 (CD #F41); **Mon.-Fri.**—Diary of a Prodigal Father (Parables—I) (CD #F42).

### Week of May 28

**Breath of Life**—Special Delivery—If God Be for You—Part B

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine**—Fear of Public Speaking (telecast #1716)

**It Is Written**—A Battle in Heaven.

**La Voz de la Esperanza**—United as Brethren (Unidos como Hermanos) (CD #S0022)

**Voice of Prophecy—Sun.**—Effective Prayer—Part 2 (CD #F41); **Mon.-Fri.**—I Can't Afford Your Free Tuxedo (Parables II) (CD #F44).

### Week of June 4

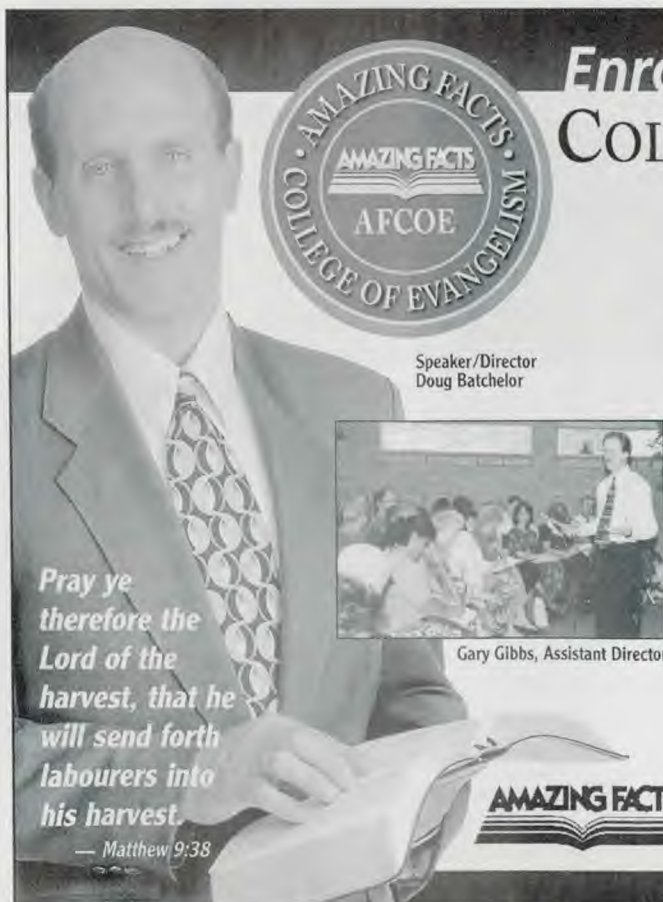
**Breath of Life**—If God Be for You—Part E-2.

**Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine**—Organ Transplants (telecast #1717).

**It Is Written**—Cuba, Columbus and Christ

**La Voz de la Esperanza**—Seven Demons and a Flask (Siete Demonios y un Frasco) (CD #S0023).

**Voice of Prophecy—Sun.**—Hindrances to Prayer—Part 1 (CD #F45); **Mon.-Fri.**—Year-end Report of the Ten Mutual Funds (Parables III) (CD #F46).



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## Isn't 90 Percent Enough?

**K**yle Petty was born with a steering wheel in his hands and grease under his fingernails. Son of NASCAR racing legend, Richard Petty, Kyle's playgrounds were the infields of racetracks at Talladega, Charlotte, and Daytona. His first memories include the roar of powerful engines and the smell of burning rubber. Kyle Petty was born to be a race car driver. He was also born to be a Christian.

In 1974, when NASCAR driver Kyle Petty was 14, his 19-year-old uncle was killed in a pit row accident at Talladega. Kyle had never felt real personal loss till that moment. "I ran from the pits, hid under the drive wheels of one of the big rigs, argued with God and cried through the loss of my favorite uncle," Kyle remembers. "That night I told God, 'OK Lord. I know this can't be changed and that I must move forward. Take me as I am right now. I want to be your man.' That night I gave God my life, 90 percent."

The next few years were totally frustrating as Kyle tried to live as a Christian while holding out on God. "I only kept 10 percent," he says, "but my selfishness made life miserable."

Everything changed for Kyle when he met and married Pattie, "the woman who has made my heart softer and softer," as he puts it. In Pattie, Kyle found what had

been missing in his own life a 100 percent commitment to God. Together they chose to make God first in every aspect of their lives, a "100 percent" decision that still guides them every day.

"I have really been blessed to be a Petty," Kyle says. "But even though I love racing, and I love winning, racing is not the center of my life. The center is Jesus Christ. Spirituality must always be the center of all you do. For me that means my first focus is God, then my family, and then living which for me includes driving race cars."



As practicing Christians, Kyle and his wife Pattie trust God to guide 100 percent of their decisions, including the way they raise their three teenage children.

"Every evening possible, all five of us gather together and pray. It's about the most important time of

the day for our family." Kyle continues, "And I'm always giving advice to my 19-year-old son Adam. I tell him that every decision he makes how he puts his race team together, how he drives his race car, who he dates, everything needs a prayer first. Don't even get into the car without praying."

It's easy to give God 90 percent, and think you've given it all. Then the Devil comes along and demands his 10 percent, and suddenly you realize 90 percent isn't enough to make sure you're on the right side. Ninety percent makes good look bad and bad look good. It leaves just enough room for anger to overwhelm kindness and for lust to push aside true love. It keeps gossip alive, but kills honest praise. Giving 90 percent to God actually guarantees the Devil a strong foothold in your life, one that he will use to make you confused, frustrated and miserable.

There is a viable alternative. "Remember," says Kyle, "It's God, then family, then everything else. Keep your priorities 100 percent right, and you'll always be a winner!"

*Dick Duerksen*

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# PROFILES OF YOUTH



**Lisa Glenn**

"A friend to all" is how one Great Lakes Adventist Academy staff member describes **Lisa Glenn**, a senior at GLAA. Her attitude of service and sincere Christian influence has helped her develop into a true leader at school. Taking leadership roles in class offices, as SA secretary this past year, and mission trips leads Lisa to hope that "others will see Jesus in me. I want them to honestly be able to say that I walked the talk of a Christian."

Lisa gets plenty of witnessing opportunities also as a member of the Aerokhanas gymnastics team. In fact, Lisa would like to take one year out of her college studies to be a student

missionary overseas. Presently, she's leaning towards speech pathology as a career possibility. Most of all, she knows she wants to work with small children. Lisa shares many of her musical talents as well. She plays the violin, piano, and sings.

Parents David and Tomi Glenn from Grand Rapids, Michigan, are indeed proud of their daughter. They have helped to mold a missionary for Christ.

**Mike Matus**, a member of the class of 2001 at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA), is described by the staff as extremely thoughtful, an effective leader that goes out of his way to help those in need. Mike's organizational skills have assisted him not only in being an excellent student but also as the junior class president.

"My goal is to be a positive influence among my friends and with others I come in contact with," states Mike. As a member of the Aerokhanas gymnastics team, Mike has plenty of opportunities to be a positive role model through extensive touring in Michigan churches and in public school performances.

Commenting on his future plans, Mike says, "I'd like to become a cardiologist. I also hope I can take a couple of years to be a medical missionary." There seems to be no doubt that Mike will achieve his goals based on the way he currently makes good use of his talents. Mike is the son of Joseph and Deborah Matus of Nunica, Michigan.



**Mike Matus**

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