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Attend Adventist Schools?**

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The purpose of a Christian school is to assist each student in his or her walk with Christ in an educational environment that honors God and His Word. *Herald* photo.

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EDITORIAL

What's Wrong with Andrews University?

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

What's wrong with Andrews University? A lot of things probably, with most areas of the university—with administration, faculty, staff, and students. Probably with budgets and buildings, too.

But that's not what I noticed when I was on campus recently. I was in the board's finance committee. It was a few minutes after 8:00 a.m., and our agenda was before us. I had come knowing that I'd probably be there into the afternoon. But before we started any business, we worshiped God. Together board members and administrators considered Bible verses and prayed together. Pretty unusual for a university finance committee, I'll venture, but it is the standard way to begin most any committee at Andrews University.

While we were in worship, I could hear singing coming from one floor below. The people who work in student finance were gathered for worship before beginning their work day. It happens all over campus. People pray together before they start to work. There may be a lot of things wrong at Andrews, but there are some pretty special things here, too, like worship.

I've heard that some students are not everything that we wish they were. A parent talked to me about hairstyles just lately. There may be something to it, but let me tell you what I experienced. I met last week in my office with a group of college kids who wanted to talk with church leaders. They were not there to complain about the school or the church. They came to tell me about their concern for young people their age. When some leave Andrews, they told me, they no longer worship in church. We talked about what could be done for these young adults both on the Andrews campus and in the churches. While everything probably isn't right with all our students, I certainly was impressed with the ones who came to see me.

At the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of AU, many people attend the early service to make more room for the students; but still it is difficult to find a seat in second service. There are probably some students who don't go to church, but I see a lot who do ... hundreds and hundreds of them every Sabbath. Some even help in children's Sabbath school divisions and the Pathfinder club.

Some of the students are just goofing off, I've been told. Maybe. It happens around universities you know. But on an airplane, I met the chief mechanic for United Express Airlines in South Bend. He told me that the Andrews University aviation program is teaching young people to be missionary pilots and good mechanics. He said, "I'll hire all of them I can get from Andrews. They are the best that I can find."

I'm sure there is more that is wrong with Andrews University, but there are so many things that are right. I think I'll talk mostly about the good things, and then I will pray for the leaders and students on our campus and ask God to work through them to correct the things that might be wrong.

OUR GLOBAL MISSION



For the Heart of the Need

BY GARY KRAUSE

It's hard to imagine there was a time when Seventh-day Adventists in the United States (they existed

nowhere else) believed that the gospel commission extended no further than the Atlantic Ocean in the east, and the Pacific Ocean in the west. Migration made the United States an

ethnic melting pot, and early Adventists envisioned that going to every nation, kindred, tongue and people could be done right at home in the United States. It certainly seemed a more attainable goal for a small, young church facing a huge world. "It was a comforting rationalization, to bring the supernal down to the practical," writes Arthur Spaulding. "How otherwise could they compass the world? Should a giant's work be assigned a child?"*

A NEW, COMFORTING RATIONALIZATION?

Today the Adventist "little flock" has 11 million members, with established work in 205 countries. And yet we may be in danger of falling into another comforting rationalization. A rationalization that we've done just about all we can to fulfill the gospel commission. After all, we've scattered literature like leaves of autumn. We've

Reaching the Heart of the Need

The General Conference 2000 offering is entitled *For the Heart of the Need*. It will be used by divisions facing huge Global Mission challenges to establish 1,040 new groups of believers throughout the 10/40 Window—Global Mission's highest priority.

Global Mission Pioneers will play the major role in this project. Already offerings have been collected throughout the world, and the final offerings will be taken on the two Sabbaths of the General Conference session on July 1 and July 8.

broadcast satellite TV programs. We've beamed shortwave radio programs. We've run evangelistic campaigns all over the globe.

THE REMAINING CHALLENGES

Despite the tremendous advance of the Adventist Church, major parts of the world—such as the 10/40 Window—remain virtually untouched by the good news about Jesus. This geographical rectangle with 10 degrees north of the equator as its base and 40 degrees north of the equator as its top, extends east from west Africa, through the Middle East and into Asia. Here 60 percent of the world's population—3.4 billion people—live, and they are the world's poorest. Only about one percent believe in Jesus, and less than .001 percent are Seventh-day Adventist.

GLOBAL MISSION IN THE 10/40 WINDOW

Since 1990, Global Mission has been focusing on the needs of people in the 10/40 Window. Global Mission Pioneers have had unprecedented success in reaching people in difficult areas who had previously seemed unreachable. These lay people volunteer at least a year to work within their own cultural groups to establish new groups of believers.

The pioneers understand the culture and language of their own people and can communicate the good news in a unique way. They have started hundreds of new churches in notoriously difficult areas such as northern India and west Africa. Today we need a fresh and larger vision for the needs of the world outside of our "comforting rationalizations." Once again, like the early Adventists, we need to move outside our comfort zones, finding new and fresh ways to reach the unreached with hope.

For more information, please visit Global Mission's web site at www.global-mission.org or call 800-648-5824.

* Arthur Whitefield Spaulding, *Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists*, Volume 2, Review and Herald, 1962, p. 193.



In 1990 there were no Seventh-day Adventists in Cambodia. Today more than 3,000 church members worship in 70 congregations.

NEW MEMBERS

INDIANA

Jane Brackett and Nancy Klump have been friends for over 25 years. That friendship continued when a couple of years ago Jane was re-baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and began attending each Sabbath in Terre Haute, Indiana.



Nancy Klump (left) and Jane Brackett were good friends. Impressed by Jane's change of lifestyle and her commitment to her beliefs after her conversion a couple years ago, Nancy studied the Bible with Jane and made her commitment to be baptized.

Not long after her re-baptism, Jane responded to the call to enter the literature ministry. It wasn't long after starting to work as a literature evangelist that Nancy called Jane, asking about the new work her friend was doing. Nancy was deeply impressed by the beautiful literature Jane was presenting, especially the Bible Reference Library (*Conflict of the Ages* with *Bible Readings for the Home Literature Evangelist's* edition). She told Jane she wanted those books but would have to work on getting the money together since her recent injury had kept her from being able to work.

"I knew she hadn't been working," Jane said. "When she told me that, I showed her the Home Health Education Service (HHES) Bible correspondence course and offered to do it with her." Nancy agreed, stating that she

had been studying with a minister of another denomination but had felt uneasy about his method of study. Jane assured Nancy that she didn't expect her friend to take her word as the final authority but to let the Bible speak for itself.

Jane was thrilled that Nancy was enjoying the regular studies and was pleasantly surprised after a couple of weeks when Nancy brought the money to order the Bible Reference Library. It wasn't long into the studies that Nancy began hinting that she would be interested in baptism.

Pastor Gene Hall was very familiar with this kind of follow-up and assisted Jane and Nancy in their study. Suddenly the climate changed as the baptismal vows were studied. One topic, ornamental jewelry and the Christian, followed by a study on the Biblical model for diet and dress seemed to cause Nancy to draw away.

Jane maintained their friendship for the next five months. Each week she called to see if Nancy was interested in studying or attending church with her. "Then one day after the first of the year," Jane recalled, "Nancy and I were at the pool together; and she told me she had been doing a lot of thinking and would very much like to resume our studies together. I nearly jumped completely out of the pool for joy."

Shortly after resuming their study together, the topic of baptism was the subject of the lesson. Nancy entered eagerly into the study, saying that the other issues had been resolved. Pastor Hall again joined them in their study. On March 18, **Nancy Klump** was baptized.

Ron Clark, Indiana Conference Literature Evangelist (LE) director

MICHIGAN

At the time **Glory** and her husband, **Daryl Pyke**, first met, Daryl was an

Adventist, but he was not attending church. Glory was a sincere believer in God and a member of a different denomination. Glory and Daryl were married in a non-Adventist church, and Glory was determined to have her husband join her denomination. However, after they moved to Midland, Daryl started attending the Adventist Church again, and Glory stopped attending her church. She soon decided to go to Sabbath school with Daryl and their son, Justin. Justin enjoyed Sabbath school so much that they began attending church regularly as a family.

The Midland Church had a Revelation Seminar, and while attending the meetings, Glory heard the evangelist speak out against traditions and beliefs that her church held. She became so angry that she decided to prove the evangelist wrong; however, she soon discovered that everything the evangelist said was true. "I found a deeper relationship with Jesus," said Glory.



Daryl and Glory Pyke, shown here with their son, Justin, were baptized and joined the Midland (Mich.) Church.

As Glory saw that God was working in her life, she decided to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her husband, Daryl, recommitted his life to the Lord and was re-baptized at the same time. Now Glory must tell her mother and father of her decision. She needs our prayers for the Holy Spirit to work on the hearts of her parents.

Faith Gray, Midland Church communication leader

Why Should Our Children Attend Adventist Schools?

BY GARRY SUDDS

That is a good question! To find the answer we solicited the opinions of a wide range of people. The following "snap shots" include the views of students, a parent/school board chair, a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent. Here is how they answered that important question:

MILWAUKEE JUNIOR ACADEMY STUDENTS

"In a Christian school we pray several times during the day, and if we have free time we can study our Bibles. I especially love Bible class. Mrs. Consuegra tells us stories from the Bible."

—Rachel Knoll, 2nd grade*

"I pray for the kids in my neighborhood because they do not go to a Christian school, and they do not live for Jesus. If I could have just one wish, it would be for each boy and girl to go to a Christian school. For all you parents out there that send your kids to a public school, please send them to a Christian school; and for all you kids out there who are going to public schools, please decide to go to a Christian school. I think that you'll like it there!"

—Jordan Allen, 3rd grade*

BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY STUDENTS

"I feel blessed to have had an Adventist education for twelve years. Christian education provides a safe and spiritual environment, and I am secure knowing that our school has

high standards and values. We are given opportunities to witness through mission trips, service projects, and Bible labs. ... We hear Bible truths being taught in all our classes,



Rachel Sauer, BCA junior

particularly Bible and science classes. Finally, it is wonderful to have the fellowship of Christian friends. Indeed, Christian

education is a great experience and worth all the effort and money put into it."

—Rachel Sauer, junior

"Christian education is a very important asset to each student who attends a Christian school. There are several reasons why this is true. First and foremost, the focus is to know Christ better through everything that happens at school. Teachers really care about our success not only academically, but spiritually as well. ... We have many more opportunities to



Stephanie Lallemand, BCA junior

study God's Word, to pray together, and to do His work than we would in a public school. ... I would not trade my Christian

education for anything."

—Stephanie Lallemand, junior

"Adventist education is not just education about how to prepare for life and to get a job, it is education about how to prepare for eternal life and have a relationship with our loving Lord and Savior. Every time I was discouraged or struggling with an issue in my life, a teacher was there showing me love and encouragement, just as Christ would. I now know why my parents decided to sacrifice many things—namely money—to give me an Adventist education. They were concerned not only that I was adequately prepared for life, but that I was also adequately prepared for eternal life as well. For that I am forever grateful—for it has made all the difference."

—John T. Gagnon II, senior

A SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

"As a parent, your greatest desire is for your children to give their hearts to Jesus and for them to have a personal relationship with Him. This year was such an experience for my daughter and me. As we talked, I asked her what were some of the reasons why she chose to be baptized now. She said it was the example of teachers living what they believed, the Week of Prayer, and the support of friends."

"For this purpose church schools were established. They support us parents in preparing our children for heaven. Being able to pray with a teacher or discuss in class how scriptures relate to their lives, these opportunities nurture and strengthen



Dianne Wilson,
school board
chair

the student's foundation for a Christ-centered life.

"We, as a church family, must support our schools, so that any family who makes the

commitment to have their children attend church school will be able to do so. We must set our goals—not for church pews and things that fade away—but for the children who will help to finish the work our generation will not be able to complete."

— *Dianne Wilson, school board chair, Berrien Springs Village SDA Elementary School*

A CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER

"Traditionally, Seventh-day Adventist children are the majority population of our schools. Ideally, parents desire a Christ-centered environment in which their children may receive an academic education and an opportunity for spiritual growth. This spiritual instruction is reinforced through programs within the church, providing some type of consistency between home, school, and church.

"Many of our schools are small and offer occasion for active involvement of the child and parent. Because the class size is often small, there is greater opportunity for children to receive individual attention and instruction, increased situations for

the development of leadership and service skills, and a framework which promotes a sense of worth as a child of God.

"There are

many parents and children who desire just such a place. Are they all Seventh-day Adventists? The answer is an emphatic *No*. Many are seeking something better in their lives; others are looking for a school with a Christian environment. The Holy Spirit may be leading them to your Adventist school. These children are as diverse in needs and appearance as are Seventh-day Adventist children, but one thing is sure: they all need Jesus in their lives.

— *Linda Rosen, teacher, Sunnyside Elementary School, Clear Lake, Wisconsin.*

A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

"It is sometimes a mystery why God does not make us eat our *spinach*. Even the things that are good for us, we are allowed to choose. Personal choice, the power to make independent decisions, is the driver's licence given to us by the Creator.



Philip E. Giddings III,
Chicago Academy
principal

dance at Adventist schools should be available to the rich, the poor, the average, the poor testers, the high achievers, and to

children with special needs whenever possible. Adventist education should also be available to any others who hold in high regard our values, morals, and academic standards. We offer children an opportunity to graduate from earthly academics to heavenly disciplines.

— *Philip E. Giddings III, principal, Chicago SDA Academy*



"There are probably two classes of Adventist individuals who attend Adventist schools—those who can afford it, and those who can't afford not to be there," says Philip E. Giddings, Chicago Academy principal.

"There are probably two classes of Adventist individuals who attend Adventist schools: Class I: those who can afford it, and Class II: those who can't afford not to be there. Atten-

A CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

"What is it that we as parents want the most for our children? Is it to be rich? Is it to be smart? Is it to be



Linda Rosen,
Sunnyside teacher

physically attractive? Is it to be athletic? It is my experience that although the attributes just mentioned are certainly frequently mentioned as important, the most desired attribute for our children is simply to be happy. For us as Seventh-day Adventist

fulfill the great commission. It would be a shame if your young person missed out on the opportunity that attending church school provides every day. I see our teachers, students, and staff, kneeling together and praying for their fellow students, their



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Christians that happiness extends beyond the life on this earth into the life eternal. The logical next step would be for us to examine our practices to see if our desires for our children coincide with how we are providing for our children. The area of how we educate our children certainly would fit

into this consideration.

"Our church schools are a training ground for future generations, preparing an army of disciplined people to

teachers, their pastor, their church, and yes, for you as parents daily as I visit our classrooms. How about joining us as we work together for the eternal happiness of your child."

— Richard Carey, Illinois Conference superintendent of education

Did you notice any themes running through all these verbal pictures? As parents and supportive church members our heart's desire is to see our young people in love with Jesus and our Heavenly Father.

Think about this: Barna Research Group, Ltd. in a November 15, 1999, bulletin released information about the company's nationwide surveys that determined the probability of people accepting Christ as their Savior in relation to a person's age. The following are excerpts from the report:

"The data show that if a person does not accept Jesus Christ as Savior before the age of 14, the likelihood of ever doing so is slim.

"People from ages 5–13 have a 32 percent probability of accepting Christ as their Savior. Young people from the ages of 14–18 have just a 4 percent likelihood of doing so, while adults [ages 19 through death] have only a 6 percent probability of making that choice.... The data also challenges the widely-held belief that the teenage years are prime years for evangelistic activity.

"The greatest evangelistic window currently available is among young children. ... Other possibilities for churches to consider include:

- Refocusing teen ministries ... to a discipleship emphasis
- Better preparing parents for family-based evangelism
- Implementing more effective evangelistic strategies among teenagers
- Encouraging and equipping young people who have accepted Christ as their Savior to share their faith with peers"

— Information on Barna Research Group taken from a report by Kermit Netteburg to North American Division church leaders

Jeff Skoda, a fourth-grader at our school in Benton Harbor, summed it up best with the following answer to the original question. Jeff said: "Everyone should be able to go to church school because everyone has a right to learn about God."

That is the bottom line. Our children need to be in the environment that provides them with the best opportunity to know Christ, to grow in their friendship with Him, and to experience the joy of serving Him by helping others.

And that is why we have Seventh-day Adventist Schools.

* Quoted in *No One But You*, 1997-1998 school year.

Garry Sudds is the Lake Union Conference associate director of education.



Richard Carey,
Illinois Conference
superintendent of
education

An Investment in Eternity

BY DAN HALL

Growing up in a non-Christian home and attending public schools have given me a different perspective on Christian education. "In the formation of character, no other influences count so much as the influence of the home" (*Education*, p. 283). The home is where it starts, and the school is where it continues. For our family, the home, the church, and the school work hand in hand as partners in the training of children. (See Proverbs 22:6.)

The purpose of a Christian school is to assist each student in his or her walk with Christ in an educational environment that honors God and His Word. Our schools play a pivotal role in helping to shape our children's acceptance or rejection of our beliefs. Thus, the ultimate goal of Adventist Christian education is the salvation of our children. Every class and every function of our schools contribute to leading the students to the goal of loving God, accepting Jesus as their

Savior, and inviting the Holy Spirit to be active in their lives. Can public schools do that when they confuse our children with their different theology?

Our schools teach integrity, accountability, community service, unconditional love, excellence, and uncompromised biblical truth from the

Benefits of Adventist Education

More remain church members
77% vs. 37%

More attend church services
59% vs. 32%

More attend Sabbath school and hold office in the church
50% vs. 29%

More share their faith
35% vs. 25%

Word of God. Each day they help students keep Christ as the center of their Christian life. They also help our



Ann Arbor Adventist Elementary School students enjoy field trips.

children to be truly educated—physically, mentally, and spiritually. "True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is" (*Education*, p. 13).

Another benefit of Adventist church schools is in the area of evangelism. The obvious results are the children that make decisions for Christ. But what happens when non-Adventist families send their children to our schools? David Reid wanted to see if our school would be good enough for his daughter. Not only was it good enough, but ultimately it led him to attend evangelistic meetings and be baptized in Ann Arbor. Our schools not only touch children, but David's experience is an example of how our schools can touch even adults.

As a parent, I believe our Adventist schools offer more to prepare our children for the life to come than any other school. And that warrants my support. "I will save thy children" (Isaiah 49:25).

Christian education is an investment ... for eternity. The study of God's Word helps youth to develop a dependence upon His promises and a trust in His divine will. This has made the difference in the lives of my own children, and I believe it will make the difference in the lives of your children, too.

Dan Hall is the Ann Arbor Church pastor.

Options for Adventist parents

Public Schools

1. Bigger facilities
2. More teachers
3. More students
4. No tuition
5. Public transportation
6. No Bible curriculum
7. Goal of education to be successful
8. Leads students to decide their profession in life

Adventist Schools

1. Smaller facilities
2. Fewer teachers
3. Fewer students
4. Tuition
5. Private transportation
6. Daily Bible study
7. Goal of education to prepare students for eternity
8. Leads students to choose this day whom they will serve



Louise Larmon, August 26, 1915 – January 21, 2000

Teachers Influence Lives

*Wisconsin Academy
names buildings for two
dedicated teachers*



Mildred Summerton, December 7, 1917 – March 12, 2000

BY SUE RAPPETTE

Teachers influence lives. And sometimes teachers influence thousands of lives. This is true of two Wisconsin Academy teachers who were remembered during a memorial service held on Sabbath, April 14 during Wisconsin Academy's alumni weekend. As many of their former students and colleagues so eloquently stated, teachers Mildred Summerton and Louise Larmon made a profound difference in their lives.

Mildred Alma

Summerton was born in Oxford, Wisconsin, on December 7, 1917. After graduating from Andrews University (then Emmanuel Missionary College), she began teaching at Bethel Academy in central Wisconsin and remained there until moving to Columbus, Wisconsin in 1949 when the school was relocated and renamed Wisconsin Academy. She retired in 1983 after 42 years of service at the same school as a beloved French, English, and history teacher, librarian, registrar, vice-principal, and principal.

Summerton was known for her sparkle and zest for life. As former student and friend, Raelene Brower, remembers "She loved God, she loved Christian education, and she loved life. She personified the text that says, "Whatsoever thou doest, do it with all

thy might" Ecc. 9:10. Her magical gift was to take us in as awkward, insecure kids and transform us into the next generation of leaders for the church and the world."

Louise Larmon, born in Daysville, Kentucky, began teaching at Bethel Academy in 1939 after graduating with a BA in music education from Western

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove ... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Kentucky State University. At Bethel Academy she met Mildred Summerton, and the two became fast friends. Both loved God and had a passion for educating young people to serve Him.

When Wisconsin Academy opened its doors in 1949, Larmon was there to head the music department. Until her retirement in 1980, she held the baton and coaxed musical notes from imperfect teenage vocal chords and well-worn instruments. Bob Knutson, former principal at Wisconsin Academy, remembers Larmon as a godly Christian friend and colleague. "She communicated non-verbally the image of a composed, self-controlled, God-led Christian woman. She had an easy, pleasing personality no matter what the circumstances. She was someone

to be comfortable around. My deep conviction, which I believe is shared by hundreds, maybe thousands of students, is that her life and service to God made immeasurable contributions to the quality of life here and set many on a life journey that will end in God's eternal kingdom."

In February 1960, our union conference president Don Schneider (then a student at Wisconsin Academy) gave a week of prayer talk about Jesus' second coming. Summerton told him that his message touched her heart. That day he gave his life to the Adventist ministry. How appropriate that forty years

later he re-iterated this touching message at the memorials of both Mildred Summerton and Louise Larmon. He reminded us all that "there will soon be a resurrection day when we meet friends, loved ones, and TEACHERS, and we will live forever with the Creator of the universe."

To commemorate their life of service, the Wisconsin Academy alumni agreed to name the administration building "Summerton Hall" and the music department "Larmon Music Center." Portraits of the two women will hang in the very places where they led young people to Jesus for more than 40 years.

Sue Rappette is Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant.

A Day in the Life of an Associate Pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church

BY MADELINE S. JOHNSTON

Eight pastors, even for a membership greater than 3,000, may sound extravagant, but at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) on the campus of Andrews University, Senior Pastor Dwight Nelson's seven associates have plenty to do. Two function as campus chaplains, one as minister of music, another as manager of finances and facilities, and one as youth pastor. This leaves two to oversee the nurture of and outreach to adults.

One of these is Esther Knott, a seasoned pastor with 15 years of pastoral experience, now in her third year as associate pastor for pastoral care and training. In her little office beside the PMC balcony, I asked about her daily routine. Daughter Olivia, 6, played quietly as we chatted. I quickly learned there is no typical day for Pastor Esther. A printout of her assigned duties reveals that, while lay leaders have primary responsibility for many ministries, she is at least the pastoral liaison for: women's ministries, family life, *Discover Bible School*, nominating committee, social work (a new ministry to meet immediate needs of members), elders and visitation, pastoral care, organizing small groups, affirming members who minister among us, grief recovery, helping to plan prayer meetings, members' training, social committee, special events, Sabbath School Council, Rotary Club, and she also serves on the Michigan Conference Executive Committee!

"When I pastored at Sligo [in Maryland] before coming here," she says, "we were told to divide each day into three parts—morning, afternoon, and evening—and to work two of

those. This has been helpful to me." If she has an evening meeting, she goes home for some time with Olivia in the afternoon. With afternoon responsibilities, she saves the evening for family.

Husband Ron completes the family. Since last July he has worked three-quarters time as director of the Andrews University Press. Family time



Esther Knott brings a special set of talents with her to the pastoral staff of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

and support of Esther's ministry are important to him. An accomplished writer, he worked at home editing the two volumes of *Over and Over Again!* for the North American Division* and cared for Olivia until she began school, telling friends, "I am my own boss and Olivia's slave." Now his vision to see the University Press grow is already becoming a reality.

Generally, Esther gets up early each morning, readies Olivia for kindergarten, shares breakfast with the family,

sends Ron and Olivia off to campus, then settles in for some personal devotional time. "I try to read through the whole Bible each year," she says. "Some of my devotional time is used to prepare for small groups. I also read several other books." Andrews University asked her to teach a class this year. As she was weighing the decision, Ron asked, "What would you be saying No to?" Esther says, "Any time we say Yes to something, we are saying No to something else, and I realized I would be saying No to that time with the family. I turned down the teaching."

She adds, "I'm always aware of my family. For me as a woman, work is a part of my life." How does she do it all? "I wish I had a maid," she says with a smile. The Knotts live in a two-story home, chosen with enough space to offer hospitality. Many Friday nights and Sabbaths they offer fellowship to students, PMC members, or people in need.

At the office Esther may prepare for platform duty, plan prayer meeting, or work with Pastor Skip MacCarty on plans for Tuesday Night Live! (PMC's weekly seminars offered to the community). Or she may write a note of affirmation to a Sabbath school teacher or of comfort to a grieving family. "Correspondence is very important to me," she notes. "People like to get a handwritten note, even if it's brief."

Morning is also a time for private counseling. Women students often come to her. "As much as possible, I try to refer them to the chaplains," she says, "but many would not readily go to a man." Pastor Esther also sings in the Seminary Chorus, thus offering support to seminary women.

This aspect of ministry confirms Pastor Dwight's observation, "For years here we've sensed the need for a fully-orbital pastoral ministry. While we men like to think that our pastoral skills are broad enough to effectively minister to all, the truth is that a woman pastor is able to reach more deeply into the life of another woman and powerfully minister the healing of Jesus. We're delighted to have Pastor Esther on our team. Her thoughtful creativity, pastoral compassion, and organizational skill were just what the Spirit ordered!"

At 11:15 she picks up Olivia from school. She tries to choose afternoon activities that can include Olivia. If that is impossible, she walks her across campus to Ron's office. But the child is content with a coloring book in a committee meeting for over two hours, if necessary.



Daughter Olivia thinks hospital visitation is the normal thing to do, and loves to make cards for patients and deliver flowers and sing to them.

Olivia especially enjoys hospital visitation. She often asks, "May I make a card to take?" or "May I sing for them?" and she loves to deliver flowers. If she thinks her mother has forgotten to pray, she'll remind her. Patients often feel that the visit is enhanced by Olivia's sweet spirit. One wrote, "I want you to know how much I appreciated having you come to be with me after surgery—bringing dear little Olivia with you, a precious little girl! Her song still lingers in my mind—darling!"

Recently, when Esther was to participate in an anointing service, Olivia asked, "What do you do at an anointing?" Esther read to her from *Ministry of Healing* and explained that this woman was being anointed for a recurrence of cancer. Olivia asked if she could sing there, a request that was granted. Subsequently, the patient sent Olivia a thank-you card.

A major task now is to oversee the organization of an elders' visitation system, where members are grouped into parishes overseen by elders, that will release pastoral time for some other duties. "It is important to train others," Esther says, "because right now I am so busy with the urgent that I can't move on to setting up the system. If I can take care of my elders, then they can take care of the rest." She is working with the elders' teams and head elders Jon and Kathy

Dybdahl, "continuing to refine the process."

Pastor Esther also involves herself with the broader community of Berrien Springs. Police Chief Jim Kesterke began the *Christmas Care* project several years ago as a way to give food and toys to needy families. Groups and individuals support the program, and PMC always has one Sabbath when families bring unwrapped new toys to donate. Esther and Olivia join other community members to help wrap the gifts.

The CROP Walk, a nationwide effort by churches to raise money for food for the poor, has not traditionally gotten much support from busy PMC members. But now Esther gets involved. She says, "It was easy the year it came on my birthday. I could ask friends to support my walking as a birthday present." Last year the CROP Walk organizers arranged to surprise her with a certificate honoring her for raising the most money of anyone from PMC.

A major community involvement is the Rotary Club. This year Pastor

Esther is vice president and president-elect. Ed Wines, Andrews University's vice president for financial affairs, says, "In my 14 years in the local Rotary Club, Esther is the first pastor that has joined. In joining she has by personal example embodied the ideals of Rotary in service to the community."

PMC pastoral offices are scattered—four in other buildings, two in balcony nooks, two behind the sanctuary. Staff members can't easily drop in to chat with each other. When Esther first came, she noticed the resulting need for more intentionality in relationships. Now the weekly staff meetings begin with a brown-bag lunch, giving time to touch base informally. Esther also suggested keeping minutes, and volunteered to take them, which encouraged better follow-up on voted items and provided information for absentees. Members appreciate Pastor Esther's hard work, caring, thoughtfulness, balance, commitment, and more. As one deaconess wrote, "We feel blessed to have you at PMC. You are winning hearts quickly here by your warmth, friendliness, and caring."

As for the Knotts, Esther says, "Coming here worked out just right. Ron and I wanted to move here for the very reasons that other people spoke against it—a small community, out of the city, a good place to raise Olivia." Both had been at Andrews earlier, as students and staff members, so they knew the community and fit in immediately. While there may be no typical day, PMC's associate pastor for pastoral care and training fills each day with love and service for God, family, students, congregation, and community.

* The first volume of *Over and Over Again!* came out in 1998, and more than 10,000 copies were distributed in the Lake Union (more than 90,000 division-wide). The second volume will be out in July. Already more than 7,000 copies have been ordered for distribution in the Lake Union.

Madeline S. Johnston is the Student Movement faculty advisor at Andrews University and an elder at Pioneer Memorial Church.



Kenneth Cox Evangelistic Series by Satellite

NET 2000 from Chicago

Kenneth Cox, Voice of Prophecy evangelist, will present "The Midnight Cry" from Chicago September 9–October 14.

BY ELDYN KARR

The Midnight Cry" evangelistic series by Kenneth Cox will be uplinked from Chicago by 3ABN, September 9–October 14. Also known as NET 2000, the meetings will also be aired by ACN and SafeTV.

One of four major metropolitan series across the North American Division, this *Voice of Prophecy* event is available not only for churches, but also for families to receive by satellite in their own homes. The goal is for 20,000 laypersons in the United States and Canada to conduct evangelistic campaigns by utilizing the telecasts along with the *Discover* Bible guides, says Pastor Cox.

Step-by-step instructions on how

to prepare and organize a home meeting are contained in a free "Midnight Cry Manual." To receive a copy, call (805) 955-7735 or write to: Evangelism Coordinator, *Voice of Prophecy*, 101 W. Cochran St., Simi Valley, CA 93065. The manual includes the 28 sermon titles and topics, as well as a list of which *Discover* guide to give each day to those who attend.

"We have seen thousands won to Christ through previous NET meetings," says Pastor J. Wayne Coulter, president of the Illinois Conference. "Now we are privileged to hold our own NET series, originating in Chicago and being beamed via satellite through the courtesy of 3ABN. The message will be up there for anyone who wants to bring it down!"

"By means of satellite," he continues, "it is our intended purpose to involve all our churches in the Illinois Conference. Kenneth Cox is one of our foremost evangelists. God has used him to lead thousands to accept Christ, and we anticipate seeing thousands more as a result of Chicago NET 2000!"

Pastor Cox adds, "It is our prayer that beams of light will shine to every city, village, and hamlet across this country as members share these end-time messages with their friends, neighbors, and loved ones."

Besides NET 2000 in

Chicago, the North American Division has helped sponsor three other major metro evangelistic series during 1999–2000: Doug Batchelor in New York, Mark Finley in Los Angeles, and Walter Pearson in Toronto.

Lake Union Conference president Don Schneider notes, "Telling others about Jesus is what our church is all about. By using satellite technology coupled with the friendship of the local church members, many people in Illinois, the Lake Union Conference, and around the nation, will hear of Jesus and His saving love."

Sixteen Chicago area churches will be involved with the meetings, which will be held at the Concord Plaza Auditorium. Sessions will be presented every night except Monday and Thursday. Sabbath morning meetings are also planned for September 30 and October 7.

Materials for organizing a home meeting will be furnished free of charge by the *Voice of Prophecy* to those who are registered as downlink sites. These items include sermon outline masters which may be copied and given to those who attend each presentation.

Handbills may be ordered from Color Press in Walla Walla, Washington (800) 222-2145). To develop interests for both church and home meetings, videos by Pastor Cox and *Discover* Bible guides are available from the Voice of Prophecy (805) 955-7735).

Eldyn Karr is the Voice of Prophecy communication director.



Members of Chicago area churches attended a NET 2000 rally at the Hinsdale Church to get acquainted with Pastor Kenneth Cox and be inspired to become involved with this joint effort.

When Opportunity Comes Knocking, ASI Might Be at Your Door!

BY PAUL PELLANDINI

I was thrilled to see leaders and laity uniting together in the multiplicity of ways that can be used to accomplish our mission as a church!" That is how Jeffrey Loucks described his experience at the 1999 national convention of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industry (ASI), in Orlando, Florida.

For Richard Harris, ASI has not only been there to help him be a better disciple for his Lord, but he has benefitted from association with other business people. Being personally involved in mission service was also a direct result of ASI.

Margaret Button became a member and supporter of ASI in her later years, and she enjoys it more than a camp meeting session. Each of these diverse Michigan Adventists spoke about the many positive benefits from their membership in ASI.

Jeffrey and Janet Loucks, members of the Eau Clair Church, joined ASI when they operated a masonry business. As a couple with a growing family, they found it challenging to attend both the Lake Union ASI spring fellowship and the national ASI convention in the same year. But they still believed in the vision of being "marketplace disciples" for

their Lord. Last year's convention in Orlando was a significant blessing to them.

Richard Harris has trekked through the rugged north country of Michigan's lower peninsula servicing big earth-moving machinery. He has paused to offer prayer with a truck driver after listening to a tale of woe. But he also looks forward to meeting and fellowshipping at ASI meetings with his

Adventist business peers. Not only do they share similar paths in the business world, but

husband in 1988, Margaret Button from the Mio Church has traveled to California and Canada to attend the inspiring ASI meetings. She became a supporter and promoter of a number of supporting ministries, learning of them at ASI conventions. Now she is content to enjoy the daily broadcast services of Three Angels Broadcasting, an ASI ministry based here in the Lake Union.

This summer the annual national ASI convention will be held in the Grand Amway Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The dates are **August 2-5**. You might want to discover the same lasting rewards that Jeffrey and Janet, Richard and Betty, Donna and Margaret have enjoyed since they answered the ASI "knock of opportunity."



ASI members share their ministries at their ASI convention booths.

they also share the same goal of witnessing for their Lord in their work-a-day world. Richard and his wife, Betty, are members of the Alpena Church. They went on an ASI-sponsored mission trip to Honduras. Their daughter, Donna, was included. While a student in academy, Donna participated in a second mission trip. It seems to be "the thing" among ASI families to have their children develop the same intense interest in the mission of the Adventist Church.

And what does ASI offer a widow of the church? After the death of her



During the ASI convention, youth attended with their parents and participated in a Habitat for Humanity building project.

Do you hear the ASI knock? Be sure to respond! See you in Grand Rapids this August.

Paul Pellandini is the Michigan Conference stewardship director.



Before Disaster Strikes

Does your church have a plan?

BY GAYLORD F. AND
DERRI HANSON

We aren't all people who enjoy going door-to-door handing out pamphlets or ingathering; for some of us, it just isn't our thing. But helping someone get water, food, clothes or a safe, warm, dry place to sleep is something many of us can do and enjoy. Caring for people is a Christian opportunity. In the Bible we read, "*For I was hungry, and you fed me, ... thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed me, ...*" Matthew 25:35-36. These are some of the things that Adventist Community Services Disaster Response does after a disaster strikes.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been active in disaster response since 1874. Why is it then that so few know how to become involved in this type of witnessing? The answer may be that in the Lake Union area the number of disasters we experience are minimal, so disaster response hasn't been a center of focus. But it is part of our denominational mission to reach out as the following paragraph illustrates.

"It is the policy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North American Division to respond to the needs of people in time of disaster through the volunteer network organized by Adventist Community Services. In response to the command of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the poor, heal the sick, and comfort the widow and orphan, Seventh-day Adventists ... [give] their time, talents, money and

goods to serve the victims of disaster

...

But what can we do to ready our church communities to respond in times of disaster?

AVAIL YOURSELVES OF TRAINING.

A great opportunity is coming to the Lake Union on **July 13-16** in the form of the **Adventist Community Services Second Annual ACS Disaster Response Institute** at Andrews University. The institute will be conducted by Larry Buckner, North American Division disaster coordinator and chief instructor. For reservations and information call 1-800-SDA-Plus.

DEVELOP A CHURCH DISASTER PLAN.

Identify hazards that are most likely to occur in your area, such as: winter storms with sub-zero temperatures and large amounts of ice and snow; tornados; floods; earthquakes; and severe thunderstorms with wind, rain, and hail; and man-made disasters such as riots, bombings and fires. In addition, there are 11 nuclear power plants in the four-state area.

- Evaluate the hazards for their risk of occurrence.
- Identify the elderly or disabled persons of your church community and address their special needs.



- Form a "calling tree" and an alternative method of getting information to and from members.
- In times of disaster, it is helpful to have trained disaster shelter managers and disaster child care providers (see below) in your congregation. In this way, if your facility is chosen to be a shelter, you may be able to help the professionals with their task of sheltering those in need and possibly keep some control over your church property.

ELECT A LOCAL CHURCH DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR.

This person will provide leadership in the event of a disaster and will work closely with the Adventist Community Services leader.

Help the local disaster response coordinator or representative to become acquainted with local emergency management personnel and the American Red Cross chapter.

Find out what your community and/or county emergency plan is and how your church could fit into it.

Remember: the church family's preparedness and response is not only the pastor's responsibility!

For more information about disaster plans, try contacting your state or county emergency manager or the local American Red Cross chapter (ARC) and ask if they have any information about how to develop a disaster plan. The ARC also has information on disaster shelter and child care training.

If you have questions about Adventist Community Services disaster response, contact your conference office. You can also contact us with your questions or about disaster response training at hansond@andrews.edu.

* Disaster Volunteer Orientation, Step 1. Adventist Disaster Response, Adventist Community Services, North American Division.

Gaylord F. and Derri Hanson are certified disaster response instructors and members of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

The Mimosa-Girdler

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (KJV)

Do you have a mimosa tree in your yard? Several kinds of mimosas grow around the world. They can be found throughout Africa, Asia, Australia, and Mexico, as well as in the United States in Texas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia, and Indiana. Hummingbirds are attracted to their fluffy nectar-filled flowers, which may be white, pink, lavender, or purple. Their feathery leaves and seedpods are evidence that they are members of the pea family. Mimosas are a welcome part of any landscape, not only because they are attractive but also because they grow quickly. In addition, they are, for the most part, pest-free.

Because their branches can be twice as long as the trunk is tall, they break under the weight of their rapid growth. Pruning keeps them in line, and sometimes nature takes care of even this chore. The mimosa-girdler is a small beetle that lives only on mimosa trees. It cannot live anywhere else, and the mimosa exudes a special scent to attract the beetle. When a female mimosa-girdler is ready to lay her eggs, she crawls out to the end of a limb, makes a slit in the bark, and lays her eggs there. Then the beetle crawls

back toward the tree a short distance and be-

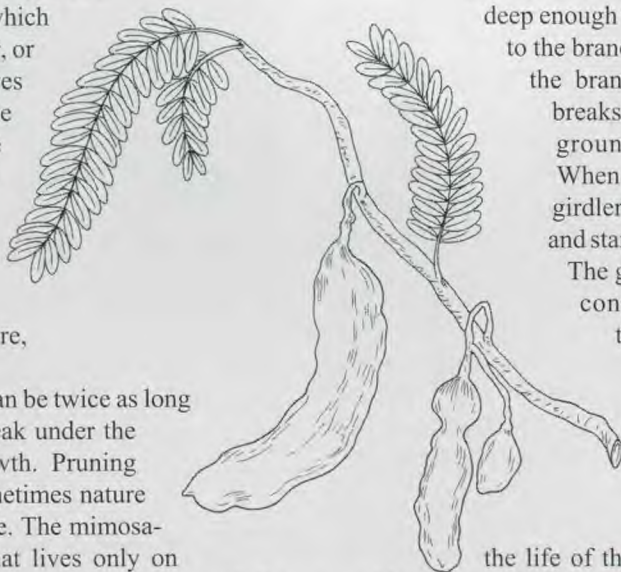
gins her girdling by chewing a groove in the bark all the way around the limb. The groove is just deep enough to cut off the incoming sap to the branch beyond that point. Soon the branch dies. A gust of wind breaks it off and blows it to the ground, scattering the eggs. When the eggs hatch, the baby girdlers seek out a mimosa tree and start the process all over again.

The girdler's mouth is specially constructed to help it cut through the bark on small limbs on the mimosa tree as it girdles, or circles, the limb with a ring of chewing that kills the branch. This natural pruning process doubles

the life of the mimosa tree. What may seem like damage to the tree actually prolongs its life. Do you think that our day-to-day annoyances are part of God's pruning process, a process designed to help us live forever?

Exploring God's World

With James and Priscilla Tucker



Try this

The mimosa-girdler cuts around twigs. We think of twigs as small branches, but what does that mean in terms of inches?

1. Measure the circumference (the distance around) of several twigs on the same tree.
2. Plot the measurements on a graph. Do most of the twigs fall into a certain range?

3. Get some friends and choose several kinds of trees, such as maples, oaks, and pines.
4. Take the measurements, and plot them on separate graphs, one for each kind.
5. Compare your results.

This activity is taken from *My Father's World: 52 More Object Lessons from Nature*, by James and Priscilla Tucker. For more information, contact the Institute of Outdoor Ministry or ask for the book at your local ABC.

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.

Seminary Profs Receive Award

Seminary professors John Baldwin and Randall Younker have received a \$10,000 John Templeton Award for a course proposal they entered in the annual Science and Religion



Seminary professors John Baldwin (left) and Randall Younker received a \$10,000 award for their course "Issues and Origins."

Course Program competition at the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) in Berkeley, Calif.

"Issues and Origins," the awarded seminary course, is team taught by Baldwin, professor of theology and acting director of the master of divinity degree program, and Younker, associate professor of Old Testament and Biblical archaeology and director of the Andrews Institute of Archaeology. A required course for master of divinity students, "Issues

and Origins" is the study of current creation and evolutionary models regarding origin, age, and change of the earth and its life. Special topics include the historical development of the models; their Biblical, philosophical and scientific foundations; and theological implications of the varying views.

Each year as many as 100 universities, colleges, and seminaries are given \$10,000 for course proposals that are submitted to the CTNS Science and Religion Course program. The award was established in 1994 to help support scientists and religious scholars address questions involving science and religion.

Myra Nicks, student news writer

Faculty Spotlight



Diane Ford, assistant professor in the Department of Nursing, recently completed a prestigious fellowship with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Wyeth Ayerst Publication. Since July 1999, Ford had been engaged in research on Kawasaki disease, the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children in the U.S. Her research was

published in the May edition of the *Supplement to American Journal of Nursing*. Ford was also recently certified as a family nurse care practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in Washington, D.C. She joined the Andrews faculty in 1994.

At the March meeting of ASPA (Adventist Student Personnel Association) in Riverside, Calif., **Margaret Dudley** received the Excellence in Service Award in counseling. Dudley, a licensed professional counselor, is well-known as a pre-marriage and marriage counselor, and has also developed expertise in the area of sexual abuse recovery. She has worked in the University Counseling and Testing Center since 1989.



Ben Maguad recently joined the Andrews faculty as a professor of marketing and management in the School of Business. Maguad's teaching experience has ranged all around the world, from the Adventist English School in Thailand to Caribbean Union College in Trinidad.



"Andrews has one of the finest MBA programs in the Adventist denomination," Maguad said. "It's a pleasure to be of help to maintain this excel-

lent reputation and to have a part in training potential leaders for the Adventist Church and for the community at large."

A. Monise Hamilton, University Relations assistant director

SIFE, Cookies and Kids

Andrews University's Students In Free Enterprise (AU SIFE) used cookies and kids to help their team advance to the SIFE National Championships held in May. The student business organization won three awards at the Regional Competition in Cleveland, Ohio, for their "Teach a Child about Business" project. Third-graders at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School were taught how to maximize profits through production, advertising, and monetary aspects of business by making cookies and marketing the product to their fellow classmates.

"The cookie model was a wonderful simulation of what business is like," said Barbara Martz, third-grade class teacher. "I plan to integrate lessons into my curriculum that focus on marketing and consumer choices," she said.

A. Monise Hamilton, University Relations



SIFE team members are pictured above at the Regional Competition in March.

Miss Wisconsin Visits Wisconsin Academy

Wisconsin — While the Wisconsin Academy females are among the most attractive in North America, we do not usually associate our academy with beauty pageants! But we did on Wednesday night, Apr. 26, when Mary-Louise Kurey was the

featured speaker for the chapel service at WA. She is the reigning Miss Wisconsin, 1999.

May-Louise is an engaging person. She has a special quality that will make her still beautiful fifty years from now. When you look into her eyes, there is an intensity and fire that speak of a woman who is passionate about what she believes and eloquent in her ability to express it. And that was why she was invited to WA.

Mary-Louise Kurey became Miss Wisconsin with the platform, "Sexual Abstinence Through Character Development." She gives

A person with Christian values, a beautiful woman, an articulate advocate for sexual abstinence until marriage, and an engaging, pleasant person, Miss Wisconsin, Mary-Louise Kurey, was just the right person to minister at Wisconsin Academy.

a powerful message about the physical and emotional consequences of premarital sex and the tremendous personal benefits that ensue from choosing abstinence until marriage. This is not a politically correct motif for a beauty contest finalist! But it is Mary-Louise's heartfelt conviction.

She was counseled to drop the platform if she had any hope of winning the pageant, but she refused to change a thing! And she became one of the top ten semifinalists in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N. J., last August.

Miss Kurey now travels, for these last two months of her reign as Miss Wisconsin, to high schools, colleges, virtually any gathering of young people, to share her message. She spoke for one and one-half hours at the Wisconsin Academy chapel. Her message was well received by the students and staff in attendance. Miss Kurey then spent the night in the girl's dorm at WA chatting with girls, visiting in the halls, and signing what must have seemed to be endless souvenir pic-



tures. She spent the next morning visiting with kids over breakfast and on the campus sidewalk.

In a generation when the media declares, "Everyone's doing it!," her message got through. "You have a choice. It is cool to say, No!"

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

Indiana Academy's Farm Changes Enhance the Future

Indiana — Changes are taking place and new faces are being seen in the Indiana Academy (IA) farm program. While the farm has employed young men for many years, the young ladies have now been included. Cristina Bliese, an IA, is one of them. In addition to working with the new dairy calves, she works in the fields preparing them for spring planting.

IA's farm has replaced their cattle with Holstein dairy calves. This new enterprise includes raising the calves for the dairy industry and selling them accordingly. The farm has also started grinding whole-wheat flour with bran and corn meal. This, along with wheat berries is being sold at the local Adventist Book Center. Further changes include three young ladies working on the farm this summer and a vegetable market stand for the community.

As one of the two academy-owned farm programs in the USA, Indiana Academy's farm has been in existence since 1902.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy communication director

Escanaba Students Win Poster Contest

Michigan — "Winners don't do drugs because ..." was the theme of the 1999 *Partnership for a Drug-Free Michigan* poster contest. Out of the 6,500 students who submitted posters, two of the ten students from the Escanaba Elementary School received top honors. Lauren Howell was the first-place winner, and Tim Muhlenbeck was the second-place winner in the contest's elementary school division.

Nine-year-old Lauren Howell, a third-grader, placed first with her drawing and slogan, "Bee Happy, Bee Drug Free." She received a \$100 K-Mart Cash Card. Tim Muhlenbeck, an eleven-year-old fourth-grader, was awarded a \$75 K-Mart Cash Card for his drawing and slogan, "Don't Get Lured into Drugs!" The K-Mart Family Foundation provided the prizes.

Mickey Gillen, Escanaba Church member



Lauren Howell and her 1st-prize poster

Impact Toronto 2000 Update

Lake Union — Final preparations are being made for Impact Toronto 2000. Youth from around the world will soon meet in Toronto to share the love of God through evangelism. From June 29 to July 9, each individual will take his or her place leading out in one of these ministries: Christian café, creative children's ministry, compassion, door-to-door, drama, FLAG camp, health, mime, music, prayer, puppets, recreation, street artists, street preaching, storm co., Vacation Bible School, video, and youth congress planning.

The Lake Union youth who will be participating in Impact Toronto 2000 ministries are: Kimberly Chilson, Mich., FLAG camp; Jennifer Gregory, Ill., compassion; and Gregory Taylor, Mich., drama.

Michaela Lawrence, IT 2000 news editor

The Niles Pathfinder Club Hosts Valentine Banquet

Michigan — The Niles Pathfinder Club hosted a Valentine banquet on Feb. 13, complete with entertainment following the meal. A beautiful afghan was awarded as a door prize to one of the lucky ticket holders. Couples who were married the longest were also honored: Orlie and Roberta Davis, Grover and Hazel Fattic, and Tom and Mary Lou Stiles.



Niles (Mich.) Pathfinders raised \$600 to pay off their bus by serving a Valentine banquet for church members at their school.

Proceeds raised at the banquet totaled \$600, which went to pay off the bus that the Pathfinders bought to carry their equipment. The Pathfinders were very efficient in serving the nearly eighty people who attended the

banquet. We were all very proud of them, and we are thankful for the leaders who train them to serve others.

Elinor Williams, Niles Church communication leader

Ready, Set, Action!

Michigan — Feb. 19 dawned in western Michigan with a mid-winter snowfall. All the area Adventist churches were closed. But the decision to close came weeks before the snow. Why? This was the day for a special Grand Rapids-area evangelistic rally.

Sabbath morning a "camp meeting spirit" greeted more than 700 people at the Northview High School gymnasium. The children had their own program, while the teenagers and adults listened and learned from the Andrews University evangelistic team. The AU team shared their experiences from an evangelism school and outreach program held last summer in Battle Creek. Members of the Adventist-Laymen Services and Industries (ASI) shared their experiences of being both nurtured and involved in outreach at their yearly national ASI meeting in Orlando, Fla. It was the evangelistic successes in Florida that inspired the ASI members to propose evangelistic meetings in Grand Rapids this summer, concluding with the ASI convention in the city in August.



Royce Snyman presents the topic "Small Group Evangelism" to those attending the evangelistic rally in Grand Rapids.

The worship service caught the attention of both youth

and adults. David Asscherick, an evangelist from Black Hills Health and Education Center in South Dakota, shared his personal testimony of finding the joy of knowing Jesus through the reading of the book *The Great Controversy*.

This Sabbath of commitment and enrichment is just the first step in our current evangelistic outreach for the west-Michigan area. The goal is to blanket every household in the cities of Grand Rapids and Muskegon with a new evangelistic outreach magazine called *Hour Times*, which is currently being produced by the Michigan Conference office and Remnant Publications in Coldwater, Mich. Please remember this Michigan mission in your prayers.



Even children were invited to participate in activities at the Grand Rapids evangelistic rally while adults attended seminars.

Judy L. Shull, Grand Rapids Jr. Academy teacher

United in Soul-winning

Michigan — “If you ask them, they will come.” At least this was true on Sabbath afternoon, Apr. 8, in Grand Rapids. In spite of cold temperatures and a morning snow storm, more than 500 people went through a “drive-in” at Union High School and picked up evangelistic magazines to distribute in their assigned areas. Before the afternoon was over, approximately 60,000 magazines had been hung on door-knobs of homes in the Grand Rapids area. It was also estimated that 60 people distributed 10,000



More than 500 people picked up and distributed 60,000 evangelistic magazines in Grand Rapids on Apr. 8.

magazines that same afternoon in the Muskegon area as well.

“When I woke up and saw what the weather was like this morning,” said Dwight Hall from Remnant Publications, “I prayed that the Lord would clear away the snow and give us bright, sunny skies. And He did! I know the Lord is blessing this project.”



Jason Logan puts a copy of Hour Times on the doorknob of a home in Grand Rapids. Jason is a member of the evangelistic team from Black Hills, Wyo., that will be conducting evangelistic meetings in Grand Rapids beginning July 2000.

SO, WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

This united outreach is part of a pilot program to prepare for evangelistic meetings that will be held this summer in Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

A series of 13 full-color magazines called *Hour Times* has been jointly produced by the Michigan Conference office and Remnant Publications in Coldwater, Mich. The magazines cover several doctrinal topics and were written by various Adventist authors. The first issue of *Hour Times*, which was given out on Apr. 8, is titled “What’s Hap-



From left: Larry Blackmer, associate superintendent of education, and Loren Nelson, ministerial director, of the Michigan Conference help load boxes of Hour Times into the cars of those who came to Grand Rapids to help with the magazine distribution.

pening to My Family?” Inserted in the magazines is a mail-in order card that gives the reader an opportunity to request the rest of the 13 issues—*free-of-charge*. The purpose is to generate interest in Bible study, and all who request the magazines will also be mailed an invitation to attend the upcoming meetings.

“I think our church members are excited about this soul-winning project,” said Royce Snyman, director of personal ministries for the Michigan Conference. “They want to be involved in seeing it work.” I had to agree, especially when I heard about the Waterford Pathfinder group that had camped out the night before in the snow storm! They truly deserve an “A” for effort.

The event was an organizational feat accomplished by the combined efforts of many people. The groundwork was laid by Royce Snyman; Terry Dodge, conference Pathfinder director; Duane Roush, conference education director; and his associates, David Glenn, Central Church pastor; the district #4 pastors; and Rey Everett, Bethel Church pastor. John Carter, a teacher at Grand Rapids Jr. Academy (GRJA), and Jerry Schroeder, a member of Central Church, did most of the hands-on organization. Students from GRJA spent many hours putting magazines and maps together, getting them ready for quick distribution. Linda Nelson from Lansing prepared the evening meal for all the hungry participants. And many others helped in a myriad of ways to pull everything together.

Before the day was over, the first request for additional magazines had already been received. Students from Andrews University (AU) met a young man on the street who asked them what they were doing. They gave him a copy of *Hour Times* and explained what it was about. “This is just what I need,” responded the young man. He said he had recently become a Christian and was happy to receive Christian literature. He filled out the card right then and gave it to the AU students.

How many others are “out there” searching for Jesus? We pray that the Lord will lead us to them all.

Sandra Blackmer, Michigan Conference communication director



From left: David Glenn, Grand Rapids Central Church pastor, and Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, were excited about the large number of people who came to help with the magazine distribution in Grand Rapids on Apr. 8.

How to Get Timely News about General Conference Session 2000

First GC Session to be Uplinked Globally

For the first time in history, people can view General Conference Session 2000 in Toronto on television from every continent of the world. Every weekday, three hours of session events, sermons, music, and reports will be uplinked to seven footprints, and can be watched in Siberia, Sydney, South Africa, and thousands of other sites around the world. On Sabbaths approximately six hours of sermons, reports, and mission events will be uplinked.

The programs will be carried around the world by AGCN (Adventist Global Communication Network). In North America, ACN (NAD's Adventist Communication Network) will distribute the signal. It will also be carried by ADSAT, the Brazil-based satellite distribution system covering most of the Western Hemisphere. The signal will be available to other private distribution organizations such as 3ABN.

AGCN's director, Brad Thorp, commented, "This will be the most widely viewed satellite event in Adventist history. It is the first time we know of when any denomination has shared daily reports from a world convention." The General Conference session in Utrecht in 1995 was watched by viewers in North and South America. In 2000, the whole world will be watching.

To make this happen, a team of people from nearly every continent on earth will pool their talents and technical skills. The same team will supply sound and image magnification to persons attending the session in the Sky Dome.

The General Conference will use its giant encoder, which is capable of digitally encoding one video signal and up to 40 audio signals (with some redundancy). Another encoder, which can handle up to 16 languages, will also be in use. Different languages can be beamed to various footprints, making it possible to broadcast around the world in nearly 100 languages.

Translators will be provided by the divisions, unions, or other denominational entities desiring a specific language other than English. The General Conference will provide translation booths and equipment.

Each evening's mission report will be uplinked, as well as a summary of the day's activities and a sampling of sermons, interviews, and music. Mark Finley, *It Is Written* speaker-director, will be the anchor. The two Sabbath sermons, the Sabbath afternoon programs, and the Saturday night events will be uplinked.

Co-directors of the General Conference session audio-video broadcast will be Ray Tetz, president of Mind over Media, and

Warren Judd, president of the North American Division's Adventist Media Production Center. They will bring their staff members with them, plus scores of other professionals.

Phil Follett, GC Session 2000 News

AWR Web Site and Shortwave

Adventist World Radio (AWR) will air daily one-hour General Conference reports in English on the Internet, as well as half-hour reports in Spanish, French and Portuguese, according to Greg Scott, AWR's Americas region director.

To access these reports, go to <http://gc2000.awr.org>. The various languages may be accessed at their own addresses: <http://gc2000.awr.org/english/>, <http://gc2000.awr.org/french/>, <http://gc2000.awr.org/portuguese/>, or <http://gc2000.awr.org/spanish/>.

"The GC reports will be available in Real Audio or MPEG format," says Scott. To download Real Audio and MPEG player software, go to <http://english.awr.org/>.

These reports will also be available for several weeks on AWR's web site after July 9, "in case you miss them on the day they are first aired," says Scott. AWR's web address is: www.awr.org.

Local Adventist radio stations around the world are encouraged to download the programs and broadcast them locally. Contact your local Adventist radio station to find out when they plan to broadcast these reports.

If you are in North, Central, or South America, and have satellite downlinking equipment capable of receiving C Band, right-hand, circular polarized satellite transmissions, the programs can be accessed 'live' on the WHAST satellite system at the following Eastern Daylight times: Spanish at 6:00 p.m., Portuguese at 6:30 p.m., English at 7:00 p.m. and French at 8:00 p.m.

AWR reports on the world congress will also be aired on AWR's shortwave stations around the world. For a schedule of these broadcasts, call (800) 337-4AWR; send an e-mail to awrmaterials@awr.org, or visit the AWR web site www.awr.org.

Session 2000 on the Web!

Have you visited the official web site for GC Session 2000? The web site contains information you can't afford to miss. Visit it today at: www2.adventist.org/gc2000/. Photos and stories will be continually added during the session. The *Adventist Review* will also have GC session news on their web site: www.adventistreview.org

Reports in Print

The Adventist Review

Subscribers to the weekly *Adventist Review* will automatically receive the ten daily *Bulletins* that are circulated at the Toronto Sky Dome site. These issues will be full of news and photos about the session. These *Bulletins* are the official minutes of the session, and include the speeches, actions, devotionals, and sermons. To subscribe to the weekly *Adventist Review* with a credit card, contact your local Adventist Book Center immediately at (800) 765-6955 or go to the *Adventist Review* web site at the address cited above.

Those who do not subscribe to the weekly editions of the *Adventist Review*, but who do receive the monthly North American Division (NAD) edition (complements of their local conference) will be receiving the opening day's *Bulletin* in the July NAD edition, and a Session 2000 wrap-up in the August NAD edition. So even if you do not have access to satellite TV, 3ABN, or the World Wide Web, you will receive some news about GC Session 2000.

The Lake Union Herald

The August issue of the *Lake Union Herald* will contain the local wrap-up about GC Session 2000. Rather than repeating what you've read in the *Adventist Review* and seen on TV or on the web, your editors will attempt to analyze how the events and decisions made in Toronto will effect members and church workers who live in the Lake Union Conference.

International Lawyers Convention to Discuss Religious Persecution

Oshawa, Ontario, Canada [ANN]—Lawyers from around the world will attend a convention entitled "Our Responsibility in the Face of Religious Persecution" to be held in downtown Toronto on June 27—during the General Conference.

"Many parts of the world have been suffering from the devastating effects of religious persecution," says Barry W. Bussey, convention organizer and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director for the Ontario Conference. "This convention will be an opportunity for lawyers to discuss what role they can play in lessening those tensions around the world."

"The convention is open to all interested lawyers, and it will be a great opportunity to network while discussing a most important issue of our time," says Bussey.

Dirk Zinner, Ontario Conference communication director

Adventist Broadcaster H.M.S. Richards Dies at 70

Glendale, Calif. [Adventist News Network]—H. M. S. Richards Jr., speaker emeritus of the *Voice of Prophecy* international radio broadcast, died of heart failure on Apr. 11 at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. He was 70.

Pastor Richards' father founded the *Voice of Prophecy* (VOP) ministry on Oct. 19, 1929, with a radio program on KNX, Los Angeles. Harold Marshall Sylvester Richards Jr. was born six days later on Oct. 25, 1929.

In 1960 he was invited to join the VOP staff to assist his father as associate director-speaker. Their roles reversed in 1969, and the father assisted his son in the radio ministry until his death in 1985.

Pastor Richards is survived by his mother, Mabel (age 100); his wife, Mary; their children, H. M. S. Richards III, Jon Lyall Richards, and Mary Margaret Richards King; seven grandchildren; his sister, Virginia Cason; his brothers, Kenneth and Jan; and several nieces and nephews.

Eldyn Karr, VOP communication director

MILEPOSTS

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

WEDDINGS

Aimee Jo Wincek and Allen J. Muhlenbeck were married Mar. 12, 2000, in Clearwater Lake, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jerry Holt.

Aimee is the daughter of Denis and Wanda Wincek of Plymouth, Wis., and Allen is the son of Allen and Karen Muhlenbeck of Bristol, Wis.

The Muhlenbecks are making their home in Eau Claire, Wis.

Survivors include her husband, Reuben; son, Carl David; daughters, Marilyn Roudebush, Maxine Stonebraker, and Wilma Austin; sister, Jane Bayes; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tammy Mills, and interment was in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, Lafayette.

GOHN, Donald R., age 77; born July 24, 1922, in Red Lion, Penn.; died Feb. 9, 2000, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ardith M. (Fessler); sons, Ronald, Robert, and Thomas; brothers, Edward, Spencer, Barry, James, and Earl; sisters, Marion Leader, Patricia Shaull, and Gladys Stoltzfus; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ernest Clark and Mike Troxell, and interment was in Tippecanoe Memory Gardens Cemetery, W. Lafayette, Ind.

HOARD, Russell D., age 68; born Nov. 30, 1929, in Otter Lake, Mich.; died Oct. 3, 1998, in Otter Lake. He was a member of the Otter Lake Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Wendlyn Bentley; brother, Dennis Hoard; sister, Karen Hoard; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Melvin Santos, and interment was in Otter Lake Cemetery.

KOLBO, Palmer L., age 84; born Mar. 5, 1916, in Monroe County, Wis.; died Mar. 21, 2000, in Jefferson, Wis. He was a member of the Oakland Church, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Survivors include his sons, Gene L. and Jesse P.; stepdaughter, Maryann Lammar, brother Leonard; sisters, Selma Olson, Sarah Olson, Evelyn Hanson, and Annette Gardner; 14 grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

BLINCOE, Thomas H., age 81; born Feb. 15, 1919, in Seattle, Wash.; died Mar. 2, 2000, in Escondido, Calif. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Helen R. (Hamm); son, Thomas H. Jr.; daughter, Kathryn A. Prins; sister, Berneva M. Fisher; and 1 grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Gary Taber, Dr. Ivan Blazen, Dr. Fritz Guy, and Dr. Louis Venden, and interment was in Rose Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Whittier, Calif.

CRAIG, David H., age 95; born Aug. 16, 1904, in Albany, Ky.; died Mar. 9, 2000, in Detroit, Mich. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Northville Township, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma (Galloway); son, David H. Jr.; daughters, Christine Bialobrezski, Darlene Lotvola, Thelma Agocs, Robin Philpott, and Sarah Richard; 19 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Frank Haynes, and interment was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, Mich.

DAUGHERTY, Elma I. (Scott), age 85; born Apr. 4, 1914, in Pulaski County, Ind.; died Dec. 30, 1999, in Lafayette, Ind. She was a member of the Lafayette Church.

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NELSON, F. Dale, age 85; born Jan. 30, 1915, in Clear Lake, Wis.; died Mar. 17, 2000, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was a member of the South Bend (Ind.) Church for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen J. (Johnson); stepsons, C. Vincent DeSepio and Graham A. Heppel; daughters, Lynne Nickless, Dianne Porter, and Barbara S. DeHart; brother, Leonard L. Nelson; sister, Helyne E. Beehler; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Arthur R. Mazat and Michael L. Nickless.

SALZIGER, Wanda R. (Baker), age 50; born Dec. 23, 1948, in Rogers City, Mich.; died Dec. 15, 1999, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Nathaniel; sons, Nathaniel Jr. and Stephan; daughters, Wendi Cutler and Heather Salziger; mother, Ora (Knapp); brothers, Franklin and Orie Baker Jr.; sisters, Faith Bodle and Marvel Rouse; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kevin Miller, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena, Mich.

WIESNER, Fred J., age 87; born May 23, 1912, in New York, N.Y.; died Feb. 14, 2000, in Zephyrhills, Fla. He was a member of the Three Rivers (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Verla G. (Lawrence); daughters, Evelyn A. Wiesner and Jane E. Cutting; brother, William Wiesner; sister, Katherine Post; 3 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Marc Genton, with private interment.

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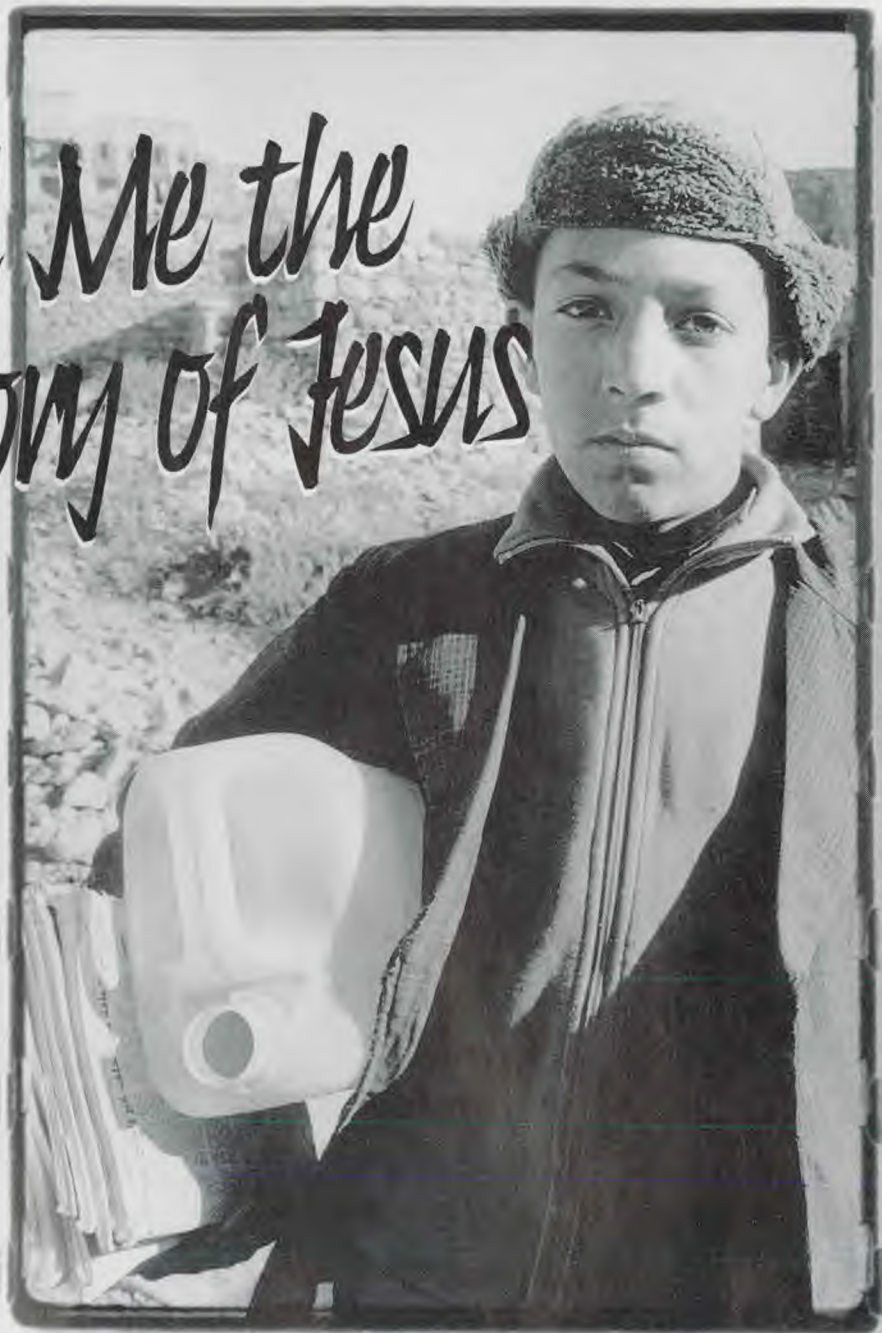
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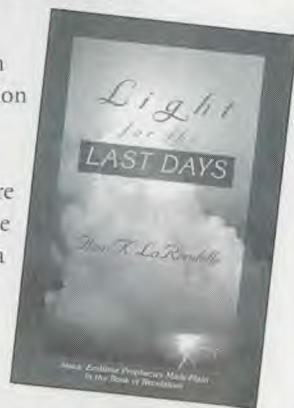


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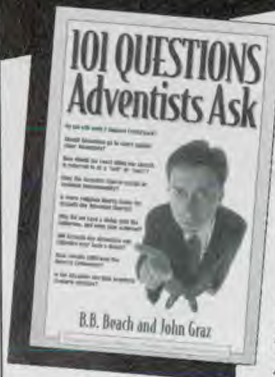
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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

June 2—University Consecration 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church. **3—Baccalaureate**, 10:00 a.m., graduate; 11:20 a.m., undergraduate; Speaker: Dr. B. Lyn Behrens, president of Loma Linda University, Calif. **4—Commencement**, 8:30 a.m., graduate; speaker: Ralph S. Watts Jr., ADRA president; 11:00 a.m., undergraduate; speaker: Michigan Senator Carl Levin. **11—Summer term registration**, all schools 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.; **Seminary new student orientation**, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. **12—Classes begin**, all schools

June 5–8, “Violence: Home, School, and Community.” The 10th annual Summer School of Addictions will be held at Pioneer Memorial Church Commons. Speakers will include nationally- and internationally-known behavior and addiction specialists Dr. Beverly Bradley, Dr. Arlene Taylor, Dr. Desiree Backman, Jane Sandquist, Mable Dunbar, and Dr. Gary Hopkins. Academic and CEU credits are available. Call (616) 471-3558 to register or for more information.

June 25–30, Active Learning in Distance Education Conference: The purpose of the conference is to facilitate distance education course development and collaboration in K-20, church and health education. The conference will cover standards in distance education, technology options, administration of collaborative offerings, web enhancement for face-to-face courses, and on-line course development. To register, call (831) 768-2658; e-mail, meggers@atie.org; or on-line at <www.TAGeducation.org/actlearnreg/>.

Jul. 9 to Aug. 4, English Intensive: Action America, a short-term intensive English language program, will be held at Andrews University. Non-native speakers who would like to improve their English are encouraged to apply. Contact Dianne Staples at (616) 471-3294 for more information.

July 13–16, ADRA Disaster Response Institute: The ADRA-ACS Disaster Response Institute will be held at Pioneer Memorial Church. This 5-step training module will include the full curriculum of Adventist Disaster Response and will provide the highest level of certification for Adventist Community Service volunteers. Academic and CEU credits are available. Call (616) 471-3558 for information, or (800) 732-7587 for registration.

Aug. 6–11, Hydrotherapy/Home Remedies Workshop: Continuing the world-wide reputation of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, Andrews University Theological Seminary is offering a workshop in hydrotherapy and home remedies. Through lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on labs, learn how to skillfully use water, nutrition, and God’s simple remedies to bring healing to the suffering. Besides a seminary faculty member, Dr. Charles Thomas of the Desert Springs Therapy Center and Dr. Bruce Hyde of the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center will provide instruction. Especially designed for use in the church, this training is an excellent tool for outreach to the local community. Continuing education units and graduate credit are available. Spouses will receive a 50 percent tuition discount. For more information or to register, e-mail fran@andrews.edu or call Fran McMullen at (616) 471-3541.



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Offerings: June 10—Chaplaincy Ministries; 17—Church Budget; 24—Local Conference Advance. **July 1**—Church Budget; 8—GC Session Special Project: 10/40 Window.

Special days: June 17—Women's Ministries Emphasis Day; 24—13th Sabbath: Eastern Africa Division.

INDIANA

Come to Indiana camp meeting, June 11–17, for a week of spiritual renewal. Guests include Russell Burrill, Joel Tompkins, Allen and Jill Kennedy, Clarence Hodges, David White, and recording artist Merrilou Luthas. For more information, call (317) 844-6201.

The Northwest Church in Crown Point, Ind., is happy to announce the opening of a **new church school** for grades one through eight. We will open the doors of our one-room school this fall on **Aug. 21**. Final registration is **Aug. 6**. For information, call the church at (219) 663-1612, or the pastor at (219) 736-8218.

WORLD CHURCH

Yellowstone National Park Sabbath morning worship service

es are conducted **May 27–Sept. 2**, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, in the Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Hall. Recreational attire is appropriate. Sponsored by the Rock Mountain Conference.

"Walking Together with Our Creator," a training seminar on working with Native American children and youth, will be held **June 11–17** at LaVida Mission, Farmington, N.M. and **July 23–29** in Cherokee, N.C. Mary Martinez, Native American women's ministry coordinator, and Sandi Bokovoy, Native American children's ministry director, have been involved in Native American VBS programs for several years and plan to share their experience with others in order to encourage more volunteers to join this vital ministry. As tribal leaders across America have opened their tribal nations for VBS programs, there has become an urgent need to fill this responsibility. For further information or to make reservations to attend one of these seminars, please call toll-free (877) 580-4321.

SEEDS 2000, A Church Planting Conference will take place **June 21–24** on the campus of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. This spirit-filled training and networking event is designed for the laity, for pastors, and for conference

administrators and directors. Primary presenters include Robert E. Logan, Dwight K. Nelson, Russell Burrill, Willie L. Taylor, Ernest B. Young, and George W. Brown plus presenters of 140 seminars in both English and Spanish.

Equipping for Ministry: A Curriculum for Lay Leaders and Pastors Who Equip will provide multi-seminar courses in preaching, interactive Bible study, worship leading, and small group ministry. Features from previous SEEDS conferences will again be presented: Basics of Church Planting, How to Plant and Grow Healthy Churches Through Natural Church Development, Planting Churches that Reproduce, Workshop for Active Church Planters, and Church Planting and the Pastoral Role: Creating Lay-Led Churches.

The young adult module, ya seeds 2k, will focus on *designing church from scratch: creating a postmodern community*. Guest presenter is Neil Cole. The young adults will break into work groups to actually design church plants. For more info, GO www.yaseeds.com.

Cell Church Summit at SEEDS 2000 will bring together people interested or involved in the Cell Church model of planting.

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and students. For further information or to obtain a brochure, call (800) ALL-PLNT (800-255-7568) or GO www.nadei.org.

Plainview Academy, formerly of Redfield, S.D., alumni reunion will be held **June 23–25** on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy in Bismarck, N.D. Special recognition will be given to those who graduated from or attended the classes ending in 5 or 0. A special invitation is extended to all former PVA students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends. For information, contact RDBINDER@Juno.com.

Prayer summit, "Come Lord Jesus" will be held **July 5–9** at the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, Calif., sponsored by the Southeastern and Southern California Conferences Prayer Partners ministries. Senior pastor for the Campus Hill Church, Hyveth Williams, will be one of the keynote speakers. For information, call Virginia Collins at (909) 795-9373. To register, call (800) SDA PLUS (732-7587).

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

June 7, 7:30–8:30 EDT—First Wednesday CANCELED.

June 10, 17 and 24, 11:00 a.m.–noon EDT—Adventist Worship Hour, Galaxy 3, channel 18.

June 10, 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date 13 Weeks Ending March 31, 2000

Average Membership Basis				Increase		%		Per Capita	
31-Dec-99	1999	Conference	2000	1999	(Decrease)	Inc.	-Decr.	2000	1999
11,375	11,406	Illinois	1,870,360	1,663,756	206,603	12.42%		164.43	145.87
6,118	5,927	Indiana	1,355,889	1,478,143	(122,254)	-8.27%		221.62	249.39
23,437	23,039	Lake Region	2,083,888	2,094,941	(11,053)	-0.53%		88.91	90.93
23,635	23,462	Michigan	5,298,849	5,081,149	217,700	4.28%		224.20	216.57
<u>6,374</u>	<u>6,231</u>	Wisconsin	<u>1,310,377</u>	<u>1,167,654</u>	<u>142,723</u>	<u>12.22%</u>		<u>205.58</u>	<u>187.39</u>
70,939	70,065	Totals	11,919,364	11,485,644	433,719	3.78%		168.02	163.93
Tithe per Week			916,874	883,511	33,363	3.78%			

2000 Sunset Calendar

	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30	July 7	July 14
Berrien Springs, MI	9:19	9:23	9:24	9:25	9:23	9:20
Chicago	8:24	8:28	8:29	8:30	8:28	8:25
Detroit	9:07	9:11	9:13	9:13	9:11	9:08
Indianapolis	8:11	8:14	8:17	8:17	8:16	8:13
La Crosse, WI	8:46	8:49	8:51	8:51	8:49	8:46
Lansing, MI	9:15	9:19	9:20	9:20	9:19	9:16
Madison, WI	8:35	8:39	8:41	8:41	8:39	8:36
Springfield, IL	8:25	8:29	8:31	8:31	8:29	8:26

EDT—*Community Impact Series*: What should disaster response coordinators know about Crisis Caring? Galaxy 3, ch. 18.

June 27, 28, 6:00–9:00 p.m. EDT—*World Ministers Council*, Galaxy 3, ch. 2.

June 29, 30, 6:00–9:15 p.m. EDT—*General Conference Session*, Galaxy 3, ch. 2.

July 1 and 8, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 4:00–9:15 p.m. EDT—*General Conference Session*, Galaxy 3, ch. 2.

July 2–7, 6:00–9:15 p.m. EDT—*General Conference Session*, Galaxy 3, ch. 2.

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

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).

Week of June 11

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part E-2.

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine—"Romance God's Way" (telecast #1718).

It Is Written—"God's Greatest Miracle."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"Fame Without Shame" (La Fama sin Vergenza) (CD #S0024).

Voice of Prophecy—*Sun*: "Hindrances to Prayer"—Part 2 (CD #F45); *Mon–Fri*: "A Really High-paying Temp Job" (Parables IV) (CD #F48).

Week of June 18

Breath of Life—"When God Steps In," Part E-1

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine—"Children and AIDS" (telecast #1719).

It Is Written—"The Father Behind the Cross."

La Voz de la Esperanza—"A Parent's Responsibility" (La

Obra de los Padres) (CD #S0025).

Voice of Prophecy—*Sun*: "God in a Box" (CD #F49); *Mon–Fri*: "The Good Guy from the Bad Neighborhood" (Parables V) (CD #F50).

Week of June 25

Breath of Life—"Standing in the Storm," Part A.

Faith For Today's Lifestyle Magazine—(to be announced)

It Is Written—"A Longing Within."

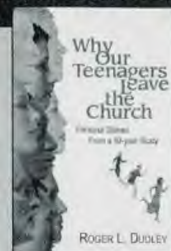
La Voz de la Esperanza—"Cases and Causes at Home" (Casos y Cosas de Casa) (CD #S0026).

Voice of Prophecy—*Sun*: Praying Different Ways (CD #F49); *Mon–Fri*: The Senseless Software King (Parables VI) (CD #F52).

Check web pages for the latest in programming information:

- *Faith For Today* TV <<www.lifestyle.org>>
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As Father spoke, Sandra's shoulders slumped. Sandra hated chemistry. Sandra hated the long hours her father worked. Sandra hated blood! Sandra wanted to be a graphic artist. But Sandra smiled and signed up for pre-med.

Several times that year Sandra came to my office and talked about her future. She showed me the drawings she had been making and talked about how she wanted to redo all of NIKE's ads.

"God has a plan for your life," I told her, "plans for good things, not bad. Plans to bring you a future filled with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). Sandra would smile, gather up her artwork, and head back to study chemistry.

Shallum is listed in the genealogies of Israel as being a

gatekeeper, "chief" of the gatekeepers for God's temple. More impressive, Shallum was chief gatekeeper just like all of his ancestors had been—all the way back to the first chief gatekeeper, Korah himself!

Mattithiah, Shallum's eldest son, spent his entire childhood being groomed as the next chief gatekeeper. He spent evenings with his father at the temple gates. He practiced opening and closing doors. He tested keys in locks. His whole life was swallowed up in becoming the next chief gatekeeper.

But, Matt didn't want to be a gatekeeper, didn't want to stand on the steps all day and walk around in the cold at night. He felt totally out of sorts in that uniform! Yet, Shallum's son was "doomed" to be chief gatekeeper!

Then one day Mattithiah and his father had a heart-to-heart conversation about the Jerusalem job market.

"Dad," I imagine the conversation going, "ours is one of the finest and most valuable families in Israel, and I cannot think of a greater job than being chief gatekeeper. But Dad, have you ever smelled freshly-

baked bread? Have you squeezed and pounded and formed the dough into temple loaves? Have you felt your hands covered with flour dust as you held a dozen perfectly-formed loaves?"

Mattithiah knew God had a special purpose for him, and his heart told him that it wasn't at the gate. Matt's dreams were filled with flour and honey and wheat and ovens and freshly-sliced loaves of mouth-watering bread!

I suspect God put Mattithiah's story in Scripture for all of the families who are trying to help teenagers figure out what to do with their lives. God truly does have a plan for each of us, a plan "for good things," a plan that dads, moms, and teens can discover together.

My guess is that Matt's family did a lot of listening and worrying before they discovered how to support Mattithiah's skills and desires. 1 Chronicles 9:31 tells the tale; "A Levite named Mattithiah, the firstborn son of Shallum the Korahite, was entrusted with the responsibility for baking the offering bread."

Imagine a photo of the two of them, Shallum, tall and majestic in his chief gatekeeper uniform, standing beside Matt, whose face is beaming above a silver tray stacked high with loaves of perfect bread.

Sandra? Her Dad is busy showing everyone the great advertising campaigns she's designing.

Dick Duerksen

This page is dedicated to youth of all ages. The N.A.D. Center for Youth Evangelism is based in the Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Pastor Ron Whitehead, director. You may contact them with your ideas, concerns, and questions at (800) YOUTH -2-U.

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Johanna Brown

Johanna Beth Brown, 17, is a senior at Peterson-Warren Academy where she has attended all of her academic years. Focused and independent, not letting circumstances sway her from what is right, her motto is, "I am a tree planted by the rivers of water and shall not be moved."

An excellent student, Johanna is a member of the Reginald D. Barnes Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She has served as class president her junior and senior years and is currently the Student Association vice president. She is also a member of the school choir and band.

Johanna finds her greatest joy in helping others in the community. She prepares and serves food for the needy, and makes food baskets for the less fortunate during the holiday seasons. The daughter of Darlene and John Brown, of Detroit, Michigan, Johanna plans to pursue a career in fashion design and merchandising.

Jonathan "Randy" Cantrell is a senior at Peterson-Warren Academy. He is the youngest son of Ronald and Ruth Cantrell of Belleville, Michigan.

A member of the Sharon Church in Inkster, Randy is actively involved as a church choir member, youth speaker, assistant A.Y. leader, praise team member, usher, and Vacation Bible School helper. He also plays on the Sharon basketball team.

In addition to church activities, Randy is active in community activities as well. He helps at the Sharon Church soup kitchen, rakes leaves and shovels snow for shut-ins, transports the elderly to and from church, and helps with the tract ministry.

Randy is one of two students in the Taylor School District to win the "Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship Award." His motto is, "I want to be a servant for God, willing to do His will."



"Randy" Cantrell

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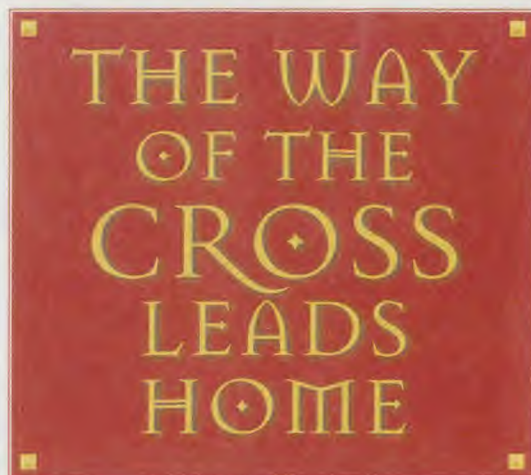
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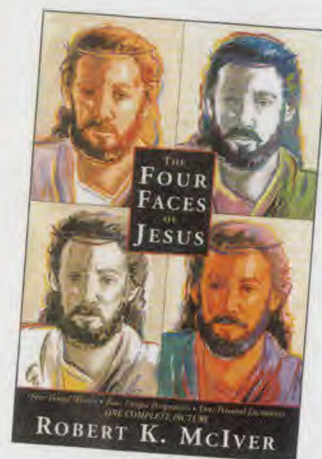
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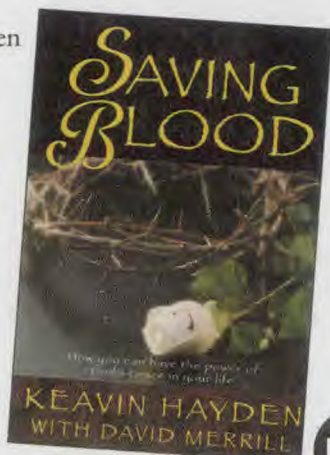


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