# Lake Union Herald

# **Adventist Health System-Midwest Region**

a Christian health-care leader committed to *partnering* with *physicians* and *community* to provide whole-person care and promote wellness

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### EDITORIAL

# I Did a Good Deed!

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

As far as good deeds go, this ranks right up there as one of the best. I almost messed it up though. It does not come easy for me, but I'm trying to do this kind of good deed often. And I have asked God to help me. Without Him, I know there is no way I can do it.

This good deed was a real winner. A man is a better man because of it. Without my good deed he could have been wounded. In fact, his whole family could have been hurt. Sounds heroic, doesn't it? Like saving them from a burning building. Actually he wasn't present at the time, so he doesn't know about my good deed. In fact, he may never know about it, I don't plan to tell him. And those around me at the time don't know about it, nor do I plan to tell them. That would destroy the whole thing.

I'm not going to tell *you* all about it either. There won't be a feature story with pictures. I'll tell you just enough so you can see what kind of a good deed it was, but you'll not learn the name of the person or the actual good deed.

Here it is: I knew something bad that I didn't tell. That's it. Simple, huh? Do you *really* think so? It certainly would have been easier for me to talk. Yes, I knew something bad about the person about whom we were speaking. What I knew was true, too! The others in the group didn't know anything about it. Can you imagine how much *fun* it would have been to break the story? But they didn't need to know. It would only have made the man look bad. In fact, it would really have detracted from his reputation and might have ruined his career. My good deed was that *I knew something bad, and I didn't tell it.* 

How many times does this same good deed need to be done around our churches, especially at nominating committee time. There are plenty of true things that we know that do not *need* to be told. Keeping quiet doesn't come naturally for most of us. The grandmother of Jim Durand, who is treasurer of the Lake Union HHES, wrote in the flyleaf of her Bible a standard by which to judge what she would say. "Is it kind? Is it true? Is it necessary?" It is so easy to say unkind, unnecessary things about one another. In fact, I cannot keep myself from doing it on my own, so I have asked Jesus to help me. I pray King David's prayer (Psalm 141:3): "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

With Jesus empowering us to overcome this enticing temptation, our churches, schools, and communities will be more positive and joyful ... where we respect and value one another in Christian love.

All together, every day, let's pray ... "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

## OPERATION AMIGO

# WA Seniors Take Senior Trip to Belize

#### BY JESSICA FEKETE

f you were asked to think back to your high school senior class trip, would your mind be flooded with memories of a trip to Washington D.C., a day at the beach, a visit to the Grand Canyon? Perhaps you only went to the mall or the YMCA for the afternoon. Well, today's seniors are breaking the mold. For the third year in a row, Wisconsin Academy seniors chose to

go on a mission trip to Belize, Central America, instead of the usual pleasure trip.

For the past year, Wisconsin Academy's class of 2000 worked hard at producing the needed funds to cover the expense of a 10-day trip to Belize, and their efforts proved not to be in vain. On March 20, 41 seniors and

eight adult sponsors left cold, drizzly Wisconsin for the humid, tropical weather that awaited them in Belize.

The Wisconsin Academy seniors visited classrooms in and around the city of Orange Walk. Children were taught basic health principles, such as brushing and flossing their teeth, washing their hands on a regular basis, and eating a well-balanced diet. Students also taught the children Bible stories and Christian songs, and as senior Cassandra Larson stated, "No

matter what key they sang in, whether it be the right one or not, those kids sang with all their hearts. It was absolutely amazing."

Some of the other seniors used their



Danielle Muhlenbeck and Aaron Beaumont teach basic health principles to school children.



Wisconsin Academy seniors and sponsors helped build a church in Belize for their senior class trip.

buiding tresses. The final project was a much-needed church for the locals who had been joining with another church nearly 25 miles away. Adult sponsors, Leroy Rappette and Dennis Linder, supervised the construction project.

In addition to working with children

and building a church, the group also held medical and dental clinics. Joseph McCaffery, a surgeon from Auburn, New York, performed numerous operations every day, and Dieter Eppel, a physician also from Auburn, New York, spent each day seeing patient after patient, treating everything from ear infections to bronchitis. Evan Tubillara, one of the students who assisted the doctors, said, "So many people needed to be seen by the doctors that we only made a dent in the crowd each day."

Not only did the Belizians receive the care of the physicians, they also had the opportunity to receive muchneeded dental care provided by Paul Conner, a dentist from Appleton. Wisconsin. The students working with Dr. Conner learned to clean and extract teeth. The experience had a life-changing effect on student Anna Maria Araujo. "I definitely want to go into dentistry; my feelings were confirmed while working with Dr. Conner in Belize," she says.

The students spent the last days of the mission trip on Cave Caulker, a small island off the mainland of Belize, where they snorkeled in the second best snorkeling site in the world, swimming along with sharks and sting rays.

> As they look back on their successful trip, class member Jennifer Ewers summed up her class members' feelings. "We loved helping

people who aren't capable of helping themselves. The smiles on their faces as they waved goodbye assured us that they will never forget us. And I know we will never forget them."

Jessica Fekete is a member of the Wisconsin Academy class of 2000.



checks a child's mouth for cavities.

muscles mixing cement, laying block, and



Hinsdale Hospital is the 426-bed flagship institution of Adventist Health System Midwest Region, located in Hinsdale, Illinois.



La Grange Memorial Hospital, the most recent addition to Adventist Health System, with 274 beds, is located in La Grange, Illinois.



GlenOaks Hospital, with 186 beds, is celebrating its twentieth year and is located in Glendale Heights, Illinois.

# Keeping and Well

#### BY JUDY LEACH

dventist Health System Midwest Region (AHSMR) experienced tremendous growth in recent years. In addition to Hinsdale Hospital's 426-bed flagship facility, the health system is comprised of additional facilities located in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. La Grange Memorial, GlenOaks, and Chippewa Valley hospitals, as well as Bolingbrook Medical Center along with Hinsdale Hospital are known as outstanding community health centers totaling more than 900 beds.

"We are grateful each day for the opportunity to serve as a Christian health-care leader committed to partnering with physicians and community to provide whole-person care and promote wellness," says Ernie Sadau, president/CEO of Adventist Health System Midwest Region. "Besides being known for our outstanding emergency departments, cardiac care, oncology services, and birthing centers, these community hospitals are known for our unique ability to provide whole-person care."

From the surgeon's prayer before an operation, to a manager's prayer at morning devotions, to the gentle bedside reading offered by a young intern, Adventist health care has always recognized the need for divine guidance in the special ministry of treating people who are sick and hurting. Artwork and music are experienced throughout the facilities, which nurture the mind, body and spirit, pointing to the Creator of life. "When patients come into our

# You Well Informed



facilities, they are often seeking peace in the midst of their personal health challenges and courage to deal with the obstacles of life. We often see them at their time of deepest need," says Jonathan Leach, regional administrative director of Ministries and Mission. During the past year, nearly 54,000 patients and family members were provided spiritual nurturing by the pastoral care chaplains.

The Midwest Region also provides services at more than 20 locations, which include home care, hospice, outpatient ancillary services, surgical centers, rehabilitation facilities, and behavioral health programs. With more than 2,000 physicians and 5,000 employees, the system recently has unveiled a commitment to keeping the community well and well informed. Hundreds of free wellness programs, screenings, and support groups attract thousands of people yearly to the services of Adventist Health System.

A recent national research study compared Hinsdale Hospital to more than 80 Chicago hospitals. Hinsdale was selected among the top 10 healthcare facilities in one of the nation's largest cities! "We are grateful to God for His providential leading," says Sadau. "We exist in a rapidly-changing industry and are thankful that we can serve with a focus on our mission."

To learn more about the programs and services of AHSMR, check the webat www.keepingyouwell.com.

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Chippewa Valley Hospital, with 30 beds, serves the community health-care needs of Durand, Wisconsin. It also includes a 58-bed skilled nursing facility.



Bolingbrook Medical Center, an emergency and outpatient services facility, is located in Bolingboook, Illinois.

# Caring for the Heart

#### BY ROY NADEN

' athy arrived at Hinsdale Hospital recently feeling petrified. She had a serious heart problem and knew the outcome was uncertain. Her physician had decided to treat her arterial fibrillation with a fairly standard procedure, but one with which patients are understandably nervous. He would stop her heart, then shock it back into action, anticipating that it would restart and maintain a natural rhythm. Her Doctor performed the procedure, but the natural rhythm of her heart did not return. The failure of the operation only increased her apprehension.

It so happened that Chaplain Edgar Urbina had been assigned to her unit that day, and when he came to her bedside, she welcomed him. With the thought that she may not recover, and filled with the fear that her heart would fail unless a remedy could be found. she asked the chaplain some pointed questions about the possibility of an after-life. The inquiry had been motivated by her doctor's suggestion that he try the same procedure again. It had failed the first time, and Kathy had serious reservations about it and expressed them in her lament, "I'm not ready to meet God."

In the following hours, some images of childhood came to her mind. She remembered seeing adults baptized, and although her mother had assured her that she had been baptized as a baby, that didn't seem to be enough in the present circum-

stances. So she begged Chaplain Edgar to arrange for her to be baptized.

The chaplain responded with understanding and empathy. They talked about the meaning of baptism. But Kathy found herself in a position in which it would have been very difficult for the chaplain to explore the full meaning and implications of baptism. She clung to the perception of baptism as a kind of insurance policy against death. The chaplain understood her fears and encouraged her to place faith in Jesus, not in a baptism, at the moment of great anxiety.

When the doctor scheduled the procedure a second time, Kathy asked



The power of prayer, the efficacy of the biblical anointing with oil, and the empathetic ministrations of Edgar Urbina, Hinsdale Hospital chaplain, all contributed to the miracle. It illustrates what Adventist health care is about: offering our patients genuine whole-person care.

the chaplain to be with her. In fact she begged him to anoint her with oil and to pray with her for an hour before the procedure. This he gladly consented to do—in fact, he stayed with her throughout the time she spent in the Operating Room.

After prayer and anointing, the staff wheeled Kathy into OR, and nurses hooked her to the technology that would sustain her life through the procedure and record her every heart movement. Moments later she saw two of the nurses whispering, and it unnerved Kathy! She could only think of the worst-case scenario. But she learned that they were discussing a brief delay in the arrival of the anesthesiologist. A few moments later Kathy saw them whispering again. Again her thoughts were of calamity. But before she could even ask a question, her cardiologist walked in and told Kathy that her heart had returned to perfect rhythm without medical intervention!

In joy and gratitude Kathy returned to her room, and a short time later the doctor discharged her in good health. He could offer no medical explanation for the spontaneous healing. But Kathy believed she had been miraculously healed.

A few days later, she took the time to write to the Department of Mission and Ministries in these words:

"It was very unfair of me. I should not have waited until now to be baptized. I was baptized as a baby, but I just wanted to make sure I would see God if I didn't survive the surgery. Perhaps this story sounds strange to some people since I am not a Seventhday Adventist. But after spending all this time in the hospital, I began to think of how I had neglected my Lord. It seemed that I had forgotten the many blessings He has bestowed on me and that I had entirely forgotten to thank Him. I truly believe God sent Chaplain Edgar to see me."

Roy Naden is president of N Associates

# Connie Payton Addresses GlenOaks Prayer Breakfast

#### BY LYNN LARSON

GlenOaks Hospital recently hosted its first Community Prayer Breakfast at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club, Glendale Heights. The event, themed "Grow with Us Through Faith and Healing," featured Connie Payton, widow of Chicago Bears' Walter Payton, as the keynote speaker. Participants received a fabulous breakfast and listened to soloist Kristin Webster.

"This is the first time for this event, but we plan to make it an annual event," said DeLora Hagan, chaplain at GlenOaks Hospital. "We have joined with the local chambers of commerce, businesses, and churches in the area; this has been a real community effort."

Payton shared the source of her strength and the depth of her appreciation to those in the community and within the hospital who helped care for her husband, a football Hall of Fame recipient. "Connie's testimonial was an effective way for community leaders to hear about the hospital's belief in prayer," said Brinsley Lewis, senior executive officer of

GlenOaks Hospital. "As a Christian health care leader, we are able to bring hope and healing in the lives of our patients and community during times of joy and despair."

Lynn Larson is the Adventist Health System Midwest Region Lake Union Herald correspondent.



commemoration of the GlenOaks Hospital prayer breakfast.

# Miracles of Life

#### BY LYNN LARSON

Rayla Szymanski is a fighter. Born on January 28, 2000, nearly four months premature, Kayla weighed 1 pound, 2 ounces and was the smallest surviving baby ever born at Hinsdale Hospital. The success story leading to Kayla's discharge May 16—at 40 weeks and weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces—comes just one day after her due date.

Marlene Szymanski, of Hodgkins, Illinois, was admitted to the Birck Women's and Children's Center of Hinsdale Hospital, was told her condition was serious, and that she possibly would deliver her baby as early as Valentine's Day. But Marlene's high blood pressure didn't stabilize, and doctors informed her family they could face a life and death situation for both the mother and the baby. Marlene's condition was critical, so doctors delivered Kayla at 24 weeks gestation by cesarean section.

"Normally, babies born under 25 weeks gestation don't survive," explained Nariza Bangayan, R.N., assistant director of Women's and Children's Services at Hinsdale Hospital. "But Kayla was born pink and active."

Designated this year as a Perinatal Level III facility, the Birck Women's and Children's Center of Hinsdale Hospital was ready to offer the highest level of care for Kayla and her mother's high risk needs.

The tiny infant was under the care of Stavros P. Ionides, M.D., of DuPage Neonatalogy Associates. "We were pleased the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board was impressed with the high level of care that our team of neonatologists and speciallytrained nurses provide to fragile newborns and granted approval for the hospital to take its care to Level III," said Ionides. The designation allowed the hospital to expand its level of care provided to women with high-risk pregnancies and newborns requiring intensive services. For Kayla's family, it meant daily visits were in their neighborhood, not downtown.

"It's wonderful we could take care of the mother and her baby in their own community. She didn't have to travel so far to visit her baby," said Betty Sue Netzel, regional director of the Birck Women's and Children's Center."We witness hundreds of births each year, and we are constantly reminded of how fragile life can be, but this birth was an incredible miracle. There were lots of prayers that were sent up on this child's behalf. Our care givers were very attached to this tiny child who was fighting for her life."

Marlene says both mother and child received great care at Hinsdale Hospital. "The nurses are friendly and helpful. They did everything for Kayla and explained everything to me. I feel I should be part nurse now for all the hands-on experience I received."

Marlene said she had only babysat once in her life. The traumatic experience with her firstborn was quite frightening.

"I was scared to touch her or hold her," Marlene said, describing her daughter. "She was like a little bird with wrinkly skin, which you could see her ribs through. Her legs were the size of my finger." Her length—at 11 ° inches—was smaller than a Barbie doll.

Marlene came to the hospital every



Baby Kayla, the smallest baby ever born at Hinsdale Hospital and a reason for celebration, is shown here with her mother, Marlene Szymanski, and nurse Connie Girgenti.

day and bonded with Kayla by holding her close to her chest in a Kangaroo pack for a month. Kayla battled respiratory, cardiac, and eye problems. She progressed from a ventilator to assisted support to a small nasal oxygen supply. She has a heart murmur and underwent laser eye surgery for a peripheral photocoagulation seal.

When Kayla gained weight and moved from a Neonatal ICU bed to an incubator, then to an open crib, and finally to a pediatric crib, Marlene noted each move as a step closer to the door and going home. Kayla also received physical and occupational therapy, which supported her development with exercise and flexing of muscles, as well as swallowing and sucking responses.

As Kayla's homecoming approached, Marlene moved back into the hospital to room-in and prepare for monitoring Kayla on her own. The infant is still receiving oxygen, but as Marlene points out, with a smaller tube that allows one to see her pretty face.

"I got lots of premature (baby) books from the library," explained Marlene. "We'll have a visiting nurse for a while, and I have my family to help."

Marlene is proud of Kayla's progress, confidently holding her, feeding her formula, and enjoying her daughter's being."I'm lucky she's a girl. The doctors said boys don't always survive as well. Women are stronger." Kayla went home soon after Mother's Day.

# The Maple Syrup School

#### BY BUZ MENHARDT

t was in 1933 during the Great Depression. Most people now don't know the meaning of that word. Today, it is called an "economic downswing," but it was swung down low.

Freeman and Ruth Lunz had a dairy farm near Clintonville, Wisconsin. Ruth had a great desire for her children to have a Christian education. Realizing that there was no church school nearby, she said, "We need to have a church

school right here in Clintonville." How could that happen? Freeman said it was impossible, and Ruth knew he was right unless God worked a miracle.

One day as Ruth was praying that God would provide a way for her children to have a Christian education, she was led to that beautiful text in Isaiah 54:13 where the prophet says, "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."

Just as she got up from her knees, there was a knock on the door. There stood a literature evangelist who said, "I heard that you are planning

to have a church school here. I have three children, and I want to have them in church school."

Ruth believed that this was a sign that the Lord wanted them to have a church school. Then she thought of the maple trees. On their 93-acre farm, there were about 300 maple trees which every spring they tapped to get the sap to make maple syrup. Ruth went to her husband and asked, "Would it be all right with you if we gave all the money we get from maple syrup this year, except for the first fifty dollars, to pay for a church school?"

Freeman smiled, "You know it is not a good season for syrup. The weather has been too warm, and conditions aren't right. We will probably not even get fifty dollars, but if we do, you may have all the rest of the syrup money for a church school."

In answer to earnest prayers, the maple trees began to run nonstop with

old, asked, "Can we make enough more syrup so we can pay the tithe?" So out they went again gathering more sap and making the syrup until they had enough money to pay the tithe. Then Freeman exclaimed, "Please, let us not pray anymore. I have some fields to get ready for the spring planting!"

But that was enough to open the door for a church school in Clintonville. They hired a teacher, Pansy Middaugh, from Allegan, Michigan. The New London church



Because she wanted her children to have an Adventist education, Ruth Lunz asked her husband, Freeman, if they could use the proceeds from the sale of maple syrup to support a school. He agreed, not knowing how the Lord would bless their efforts.

sap. The whole family worked, gathering the sap, boiling it down, making the syrup, putting it into containers, and selling it. Finally, the family sold enough syrup to hire a church school teacher for the entire year. At that time when jobs were scarce and wages were low, the teacher received twenty dollars a month plus board and room.

Then Helen, who was nine years

school had bought new desks and gladly let the Clintonville school have their old ones. Ruth painted some boards for chalkboards and had the parlor remodeled for a school. There were nine students: four from the Lunz family, two cousins of the Lunzes, and three from the family of the literature evangelist. For four years there was a church school in the parlor of the Lunz farmhouse.

What a blessing church school has been to the whole family! The children and grandchildren have had an education in Adventist schools and found places in God's work.

Now the great-grandchildren are being educated in Seventh-day Adventist schools. They, too, are preparing for God's work—all because two Christian parents believed God's word and trusted Him to open the way for their children to have a Christian education.

Buz Menhardt, Pioneer Memorial Church youth pastor at the time, told this family story at the funeral of Ruth Lunz.

# R<sub>x</sub> for a Healthy School

#### BY MARILYN J. BAUER

**H** as your church school had its annual physical checkup? Is it vigorous in its growth and activity, or is it showing signs of fatigue and a plateau of energy? Are there any warning signs that cause concern? Has it developed to its optimum level of strength, or do you see areas where it needs a booster shot?

You may smile, but the truth is schools, like individuals, benefit from an annual checkup. A thorough examination can detect areas of weakness and need. After a physical examination, a physician will often write a prescription. Taken faithfully, the prescription often yields improved general health.

Here then is a brief check list for your school—an annual physical examination of sorts—and a few prescriptions to energize your congregation and improve the spirit of your church school.

#### TAKE THE TEMPERATURE OF OWNERSHIP

What is the degree of ownership your church members feel for your school? Is the school perceived as a "parent" school or as a "church" school? There is a *big difference* between the two! In a school where the degree of ownership is limited largely to the parents of the students attending school, the health of the school is in jeopardy. A true "church" school is one where ownership is felt by every member of the church, whether or not they are parents of students. Ownership generates

interest and support. Wide ownership creates wider interest and wider support. That makes for a healthy school.

What to do if the temperature of ownership is low? Consider these ideas as "prescriptions" for improving the degree of ownership in your school. Create a channel of communication to keep church members informed of what is going on in the classroom(s) of the school. The students themselves may be some of your best sources of information.

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- Dedicate some wall area in the church where student work can be displayed. Keep the display current, list students' names with their work, and keep members informed when new displays are posted.
  - Encourage the production of a school-made video to be shown in church once a month (or once a quarter). Be sure the subject is current, timely, and of general interest. Keep the video short (2–3 minutes), and insist on using student skills in its production. Video bloopers have gained fame on TV, so don't require every production to be perfect before it is shown.

#### CHECK THE PULSE OF VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Is your school a one-teacher, one-classroom setting? Is it a larger complex with a teacher per several grades? Do you have a kindergarten? An office? A playground? Would you like to offer a hot lunch program? What about field trips and missionary outreach?

Regardless of your setting, there are never enough salaried personnel to provide for optimum services. If a

school has to *pay* for all its services, the range of services is going to be limited—seriously limited. If a school has the advantage of *volunteer* support, its range of services will be limitless.

What to do if the pulse of volunteer support is low? Here are some "prescribed" areas of support church members can offer.

- Provide prayer support for your school. Commit yourself to daily prayer for the teacher(s), the students, and their families. Pray for a specific classroom, teacher, or student, and let them know they have been in your prayers. There is no better support.
- Form a weekly prayer partnership with one other church member to pray especially for students who are not in church school.
  When you can't get together in person, pray by telephone, or exchange written prayers with each other to maintain your prayer coverage.
  - Take a volunteer survey of the talents and skills that are available among church members. Create a "board of volunteers" in various areas of need, such as:
    - school maintenance/grounds
    - office skills
    - · food preparation
    - transportation
    - · teaching skills
    - · one-on-one tutoring
    - grading papers/workbooks
    - fine arts talents
  - Find a volunteer to coordinate matches between the "board of volunteers" and specific classroom services that are not currently being provided.
  - Establish guidelines for good volunteerism, and be

professional in your services to the school.

#### MEASURE THE PRESSURE OF MONETARY FLOW

The flow of life-giving blood is imperative to the support of the body. It is no surprise that the flow of lifegiving monetary support is also vital for the growth and sustenance of a church school.

Various methods have been devised and tried since early Advent believers hired Martha Byington to teach our first elementary school in Bucks Bridge, New York. The year was 1853, and the operation of this little school required the cooperative support of the local families. From then until now, no plan has worked better than the united support of the church membership for their school.

What to do if the monetary flow for the church school is at the "low pressure" mark? As an individual member or as a congregation, try a dose of these "prescriptions." Personally commit to a monthly level of school support, especially when your own children are no longer in school and your tuition payments have ceased.

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- Create a school offering during your church service, where children collect dollars to place in a school house offering receptacle.
- As a church board member, vote for a generous subsidy from church expense to support the school.
  - Become a "grandparent" to financially-needy children in your church, and help sponsor their tuition costs.
  - Participate in all the fund-raisers the school sponsors, e.g. car washes, the sale of citrus fruit or dried fruit, bake sales, and socials.
    - Collaborate with the Community Services personnel to conduct a massive annual yard sale for the benefit of the school. Surplus items from the Community Services Center plus miscellany from members' attics and garages should yield a bonus for the budget.

#### MONITOR THE "PRESCRIPTIONS" TO KEEP THEM CURRENT

Every real prescription is dated in order to keep the consumer aware of freshness. Ideas grow old also. What works for a few years eventually becomes passe, and it's time for a new approach. Keep the "prescriptions" current.

So, has your school had its annual checkup? Are its booster shots up-todate? Keep tabs on your school. Its health could very well depend on you.

Marilyn J. Bauer has spent a lifetime in Adventist education: elementary teacher, textbook author, curriculum developer, conference educational associate. Now retired, she lives in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



On The Evidence set, host Dwight Nelson interviews Linda Segar, originator of the script consultant industry for television and film shows.



Jeffrey L. Sheler, religion editor of Newsweek magazine, gives host Dwight Nelson the evidence that confirms his belief in a God that is real and that cares for him.



Head script writer Rodney Vance and producer Jeff

Wood confer with host Dwight Nelson and guest Linda Segar about a point of discussion.

# Evidence The

#### "Really good television as well as television with a powerful point."

#### BY RICHARD C. DOWER WITH C. ELWYN PLATNER

n our February issue the new television program, The Evidence, from Faith For Today with host Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and speaker for NET '98, was introduced.

Initial funding for the production came from the North American Division, and to be successful, major financial support from church members

will be needed on an ongoing basis. While The Evidence is a new product of Faith For Today, Lifestyle Magazine with host Dan Matthews is continuing to be produced and shown across the country.

On these pages we take you behind the scenes for a look at the video production of this gripping new program which took place on May 18-19 at the historic Occidental Studios in Los Angeles, California. The Evidence is slated to begin airing this fall.

An in-depth, eye-opening explora-

tion into the dimensions of God through art, science, history, and the human heart. The Evidence investigates the possibility of God in all its expressions. It sets out to bridge the gap between science and theology, between ritual and the human heart. The target audience is the thinking, urban, non-believer, not the believing Christian.

As an introduction to God. The Evidence explores such fundamental questions as "Where did we come from?" and "Why are we here?" From



The creative team of head writer Rodney Vance, producer Jeff Wood, and writer/researchers Heather Hale and Hilary Carr confer with Dwight Nelson and guest William Dembski.



Producer Jeff Wood, foreground, looks on as the control room personnel work to create technical perfection.



Edie Hughes, wardrobe and art director, makes sure everything is straight and in order before taping begins with guest William Dembski.



Makeup artist Christalee Goldhammer gets rid of the shine on host Dwight Nelson's forehead before taping begins with guest Jeffrey L. Sheler.

a basic Judeo-Christian perspective, *The Evidence* not only examines the idea that God exists, but that He also cares.

Using the half-hour newsmagazine format, the television show features on-location interviews with worldrenown scientists and artists who demystify the technologies of nature and illuminate the wonder of life. Additional in-depth interviews with experts take place on the beautiful new studio set. Now in its first season of production, *The Evidence* also explores the transforming power of spirituality in the lives of everyday people.

Rodney Vance, head writer for *The Evidence*, explained how they find the people to talk to. He said, "One of the ways we find them is by searching through Amazon.com which is like a *Books in Print*. We search under certain subject areas to find out who has written on that subject. Then we talk to different people to find out who is credible.

"We have been directed to some of the top people in the country in a particular area. Most are eager and excited to talk about God because they are not often able to talk about Him within their work arena. So they are very happy to come on the show and actually talk about how God works in their lives. Their stories create some really good television as well as television with a really powerful point," Vance added.

Richard C. Dower is the Lake Union Conference communication director, and C. Elwyn Platner is the Pacific Union Conference communication director.



Writers Rodney Vance, Heather Hale, and Hilary Carr watch the tele-prompter during the video taping of The Evidence.



Sound mixer Ted Kerhulas makes sure that the audio for the program sounds as good as the video looks, ensuring a high quality program.



Faith For Today Celebrates 50 Years of Broadcasting

On May 21, 1950, under hot studio lights and in front of the unforgiving, live broadcast television cameras of WJZ-TV (now WABC-TV) in New York, William and Virginia Fagal began a new era in evangelism with the encouragement and support of the Seventh-day Adventist church leaders.

On the same weekend exactly 50 years later, Virginia Fagal and *Faith For Today* (FFT) telecast members of the intervening years presented a golden anniversary celebration at the Loma Linda University Church. Film clips from programs produced through the years, interspersed with memories and music from the FFT and King's Heralds quartets of the 1960s and others, highlighted the progress of the world-wide television ministry. The event provided opportunity to see excerpts from *Faith For Today's* newest innovative program, *The Evidence*, which had been videotaped the previous two days.

Joining Mrs. Fagal for the celebration program were her family and three current FFT leaders, Dan Matthews, speaker emeritus; Dwight Nelson, *The Evidence* host; and Stew Harty, chief executive officer. *C. Elwyn Platner* 

### **Mighty, Mutant Mouse**

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. Genesis 1:24 (RSV)

In April 1988, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office granted the first patent ever for an animal: a mouse that had been bred to be prone to a specific type of cancer. That step paves the way for patenting not just the mouse, but other mammals scientifically engineered to carry the same cancer-prone genes. Since then, patents for other "customized" animals have been granted, including mice developed to carry the genes of the AIDS virus.

Mice, rats, and rabbits have been used for decades as *subjects*, individuals studied in research. Because mice and humans share certain characteristics and physically react in the same way to their environments, these tiny rodents—along with their cousins, rats and rabbits—often provide the first line of defense in understanding the causes of and finding the cures for many diseases. Treatments for cancer, for example, are tested on mice first. If a treatment seems effective and causes no harmful side effects, it may be safe for humans, too.

Work with the lowly mouse, the creature that is a pest to farmers, may bring about cures for major killers like cancer, Exploring God's World

With James and Priscilla Tucker

periments with mice may lead to the development of medicines that will prevent Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. Other research may provide a way to repair the crippling effects of spinal cord injuries.

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And there's more! Researchers use mice as subjects in studying baldness, sleep and sleep disorders (including snoring), genetic diseases, the behavioral and psychological effects of stress, and the aging process. They use mice to study the benefits of natural substances like hormones and the harmful effects of unnatural ones like chemical pollutants. And they use mice to investigate brain functions, such as memory. One current study, for example, is examining how humans and other animals store information about direction and location.

Pretty dramatic stuff, huh? And a very important job for a furry little creature weighing only about an ounce.

#### A Matter of Chance

Much of the work done with mice and other rodents involves genetic factors, that is, the effects of genes on who we become. We can consider our sex the foundation for our personal genetic study. Chances are that we females are happy to be females and we males are happy to be males. But what are the chances that we could have been born the other sex?

#### What you need:

- ✓ coin
- ✓ pen or pencil
- ✓ tables on the next page

#### What to do:

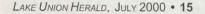
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 Flip the coin six times—heads for girls and tails for boys. Record the results on Table 1 (on the next page). For example, if four of the flips ended heads up and two ended tails up, in column 1 record the number 4 in the row labeled "Females" and the number 2 in the row labeled "Males."

- 2. Flip the coin in groups of six flips until you have done so 14 more times, for a total of 15 groups of six flips each.
- 3. Transfer the information in Table 1 to Table 2.
- 4. Answer the following questions:
  - Can flips of coins be used to represent possible sex combinations in families?
  - According to your results, which combinations of males and females occurred most frequently?
  - According to your results, is it possible to have a family with three males and three females?

(Continued on page 16.)

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.



# SAC: A New Beginning

#### BY LORI HUGHES

In the working world, for practically every career you can imagine, there are at least two professional organizations that promote professional development, represent member interests, encourage self-improvement, and promote high standards of service and ethical conduct. So why shouldn't the Adventist Church offer the same things to the communication professionals within our churches?

My reason for attending the annual convention of the Southern Society of Adventist Communicators as a college student was to meet people who could advise me in my job search or possibly even set up interviews for me in my field. But there were other membership benefits to consider such as professional development, leadership opportunities, exchange of experiences and ideas, and basically uniting practitioners with similar interests. These are the reasons why George Powell, former editor of *The Southern Tidings*, in 1988, pulled together Adventist communicators in the Southern Union and formed the Southern Society of Adventist Communicators (SSAC).

In October of 1999, the SSAC met at Oakwood College where we voted to change our name to SAC—Society of Adventist Communicators. This allows us to develop chapters in each union that will be led by union communications directors. Not only will more individuals in the United States benefit from this organization, but also the world church has expressed an interest in us, and advises us to go GLOBAL. At this point, however, the Southern Union will remain the headquarters of the SAC, while we enjoy the sponsorship of the North American Division.

We want you to consider membership in the Society of Adventist Communicators. We are the only organization of communications practitioners in the Adventist Church. If you do any type of communicationrelated activities, you should be one of us.

The first SAC conference will be held in the Washington D.C. area, October 19–22. Features will include Friday tours of national news organizations and local communication establishments; and during the rest of the weekend, well-known Adventist communicators will share experiences. To register call *PlusLine* at (800) 732-7587. For further information about the Society of Adventist Communicators, contact your union communication director.

Lori Hughes works with Carleton Public Relations, Inc. in Huntsville, Alabama.

- Of the 90 total children (coin flips), how many were males? Females? How close was this result to 45 males and 45 females?
- Would it be accurate to conclude that overall, out of 90 total children, there is a great chance

that half of them will be male and half of them female—about a 50:50 chance?

• Convert the numbers in Table 2 to numerical representations, such as 50:50. Discuss how the numbers of coin flips affected the outcome of the study.

#### Table 1: Flips

Group of Six Flips	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Females (heads)															
Males (tails)						-							1		1

#### Table 2: Combinations

Possible Combinations		3 females: 3 males	2 females: 4 males	0 females: 6 males
Number of Combinations				

# Andrews & University

### Portraits of Jesus

Accomplished artist and former Andrews student Nathan Greene displayed his 18-piece collection entitled "Portraits of Jesus," as well as other works of art during alumni weekend, Apr. 27–30. More than 1,200 people visited the exhibit which depicted Christ actively involved in everyday life.

Greene's ability to project the emotion and realism of everyday life onto the canvas has captured the attention of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), World Book Encyclopedia, the National Wildlife Federation, Christianity Today, Children's Press, Billy Graham Association, Focus on the Family, and Loma Linda University Medical Center in



Nathan Greene's The Introduction, which depicts Christ with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, was one of 18 works displayed.

musicians, and pastors do-to portray through their talents the character of God. I hope my art gives people an impression of a kind, loving and compassionate God," he said.

Awards Chapel

A. Monise Hamilton

California.

"During the first

eight or nine years

of my career as an illustrator, I did many

different types of

projects for clients,"

Greene explained.

"But now I am doing

primarily Christian

art, specifically de-

picting Christ. Now

I have the same op-

portunity to do what

Christian writers,

AU professors and students were recognized for their dedication and academic excellence at the annual year-end awards chapel held in May. G. William Mutch, professor of chemistry, and Susan Murray, assistant professor of family studies, were named respectively Teacher of the Year and Adviser of the Year.

Awards for Excellence in Faculty Research and Creative Activity were given to: Shirley Freed, professor of teacher education; Mickey Kutzner, professor of physics; Janet Mulcare; assistant professor of physical therapy (Dayton, Ohio campus); Jon Paulien, professor of New Testament interpretation; and Carla Trynchuk, associate professor of music. Approximately 350 students were also awarded over \$250,000 in named, international, and departmental scholarships.

Trisha Ramel, student news writer.

# A Computerized Birdhouse?

Carey Carscallen, assistant professor of architecture. displays his unique birdhouse creation, "Apple 2e." The birdhouse, made from a circuit board of an old Apple computer, was submitted by Carscallen for the Andrews Division of Architecture's benefit birdhouse competition and auction. The



Carey Carscallen supports a worthy cause with his creation, "Apple 2e."

annual benefit raised money to finance the construction of an orphanage and drug rehabilitation center at Cerenid, a refuge for homeless boys in Rio Lajas, Bolivia. The auction raised \$2,200 for the building project which was started in 1995 by ADRA. Andrews architecture students and community volunteers will travel to Bolivia this August to assist with the construction of the facilities.

A. Monise Hamilton

### Adventist Family Conference

Focusing on the theme of "new beginnings," the Adventist Family Conference (formerly Family Life International) to be held at Andrews University Aug. 11–13 will feature Lewis Smedes, a much-in-demand lecturer and author; Ivan Blazen, professor of biblical interpretation and theology; Cynthia Prime, marketing and public relations officer; and a symposium, seminars, and other learning events.

Beginning in August, the Andrews University Religious Education Program will offer a new graduate certificate in Family Life Education, providing graduate level instruction in the curricular areas required for certification with the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) as a Certified Family Life Educator. The new graduate certificate program replaces the Certified Family Life Educator program. Courses will be offered in conjunction with the Adventist Family Conference.

Information is available by calling (616) 471-6700 or emailing lena@andrews.edu. To register for either event, visit the web site at www.andrews.edu/service/afc/info.html or call Andrews University Guest Services at (616) 471-3295.

A. Monise Hamilton, University Relations assistant director

# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

### Fairhaven Church Reaches Out

Lake Region — With the theme of "Catch the Vision," the Fairhaven Church of Flint, Mich., under the leadership of Pastor John Grier, chose to begin the new year with a focus on brotherhood. Pastor Grier and the Fairhaven Church elders invited the Flint area Adventist pastors and elders to participate with their congregations in a program on Martin Luther King day.

On Feb. 12, the churches came together again to listen to a presentation by one of the pioneer black secretaries, Ruby L. Jones, who retired from the General Conference after working for the church for 40 years. Following a narrative of her own experiences and the difficulties involved in the growth and the upward climb of the black work, a special prayer session was held, asking God for healing among His people.

The month of February was culminated with a special men's day under the leadership of Charles Connor, the men's ministry leader. Among the highlights of the day was the afternoon program coordinated by John Hightower, a former civil rights activist and member of the Fairhaven Church, who brought some of the Flint civic leaders with him to the meeting. Hightower, a fairly new member of the Adventist Church,



The Fairhaven Community Services were presented with two plaques in recognition of their service to the community. Pictured (from left) are W. E. McCrary of the NAACP, who presented one of the plaques; Gloria Stuckey, assistant Community Services leader; and John Grier, Fairhaven Church pastor.

related his experience of attending his first church business meeting, and how he expressed ways in which the church could reach out into the community. After that business meeting. Vera Miller. Fairhaven Church Community Service leader, approached him and invited him to tour the Community Services Center.

# Hightower was so impressed by the work done there, that he

was determined to help. His opportunity came at this special men's day celebration. As a result of his effort, two plaques were given to Community Services, one from the Flint NAACP and one from the AFL-CIO. Two checks were also presented, totaling \$300, to help with the Community Services outreach.

> Lottie M. Harris, Fairhaven Church assistant communication leader

## Altgeld Gospel Explosion 2000

Lake Region — Beginning from the moment we had a commitment from Evangelist Carlos Blake to conduct a crusade at the Altgeld Gardens Church, Chicago, in Sept. of 1999, our small church began to organize and pray for the success of our plans. Our members were organized, we passed out literature, we prayer-walked through the community on more than one occasion, we started Bible studies and began visiting from week to week along with our capable Bible workers, Shirley Smith, Alma Vaught, and Elayne Wilson.

During the month of April Pastor Blake was available, so we invited him to come, and God showed His presence from opening night to the finish. As a pastor I have never in all my years conducted a full-blown evangelistic crusade in April. We had a wonderful problem. We didn't have enough room for all the children that came. We rented a fifteen-passenger van, which Rodney Holt drove for us, and each night he would fill the van to capacity, sometimes making as many as three trips to pickup all the children and adults. We called for a

community choir, under the leadership of A n i t a Green, and 43 young folks showed up for



Fifty-five new converts joined Chicago's Altgeld Gardens Church as the result of the Altgeld Gospel Explosion 2000.

practice. G o d

blessed our combined efforts, and thus far 55 people have been baptized with more preparing for baptism. Needless to say, we have outgrown our facility with this one intense crusade.



O u r needs are m a n y , but we are looking for a 15-passenger van so that the crusade can continue.

J. David Parker (left), Altgeld Church pastor, and an elder baptize some of the children who made decisions to join the church.

The young folks were very disappointed when the meetings ended, but they are still coming to services and have a desire to be faithful to God's commandments.

J. David Parker, Altgeld Gardens Church pastor

# WORLD CHURCH NEWS

# Judge Rules in Favor of Adventist Trademark

**Miami, Fla.** [Adventist News Network] — Judge James Lawrence King issued a ruling on Apr. 27 that stops the Eternal Gospel Church from identifying itself as a Seventh-day Adventist church because it has no relationship with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

The judge's order says the Eternal Gospel Church should not use the name Seventh-day Adventist nor the initials SDA in any of its signs or advertising or other materials.

The Eternal Gospel Church's use of the name Seventh-day Adventist has "resulted in confusion and damage" to the Adventist Church, Judge King said. The church could carry on whatever ministry it wished, according to the judge, but it could not identify itself as an Adventist church.

The Eternal Gospel Church had placed newspaper advertising around the United States and had broadcast radio programs in South Florida, with each ad and program announcing that the church was an Adventist church. The church has never had any relationship with any part of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and testified to that in court.

"We are delighted with the judge's ruling," said Walter Carson, attorney for the Adventist Church. "This means that we can continue to share the good news of salvation without being confused with other organizations."

The full text of the judge's ruling can be found on the Seventh-day Adventist Church's web site at **www.adventist**.org.

# Adventist World Radio Begins Radio Transmissions in Europe

**Silver Spring, Md.** [*ANN*] — Adventist World Radio (AWR) has begun around-the-clock daily satellite radio service to Europe, North Africa and most areas of the Middle East, according to Don Jacobsen, AWR president.

"Test broadcasts started on June 1, 2000," said Jacobsen, "and the digital stereo network went into full operation Friday, June 9. We are delighted!"

Ten stations in Romania and nine in Italy are the first networks to join AWR's satellite service in Europe. The station in Sarajevo, Bosnia, is among others that can rebroadcast programs. Non-Adventist stations in the Czech Republic now rebroadcast the Czech *Voice of Hope* program featured on the network. There are currently more than 40 local Adventist radio stations in Europe.

Andrea Steele

Indiana Conference Women's Ministries Annual Retreat October 20-22, 2000



In the Footsteps of Jesus

#### Jan Yakush, Keynote Speaker

Rarely at a loss for words, Jan Yakush became a teacher only to discover that one can barely speak an entire sentence without being interrupted by such weighty matters as "Can I go to my locker?" and "Are we going to be tested over this?" So in a brave and daring moment she gave up her day job to start a full time speaking ministry. Now she travels all over the country and is hardly ever interrupted! Jan, who has a theology degree from SWAU, lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she teaches Bible online. She also writes correspondence courses for Home Study International and is published in the Collegiate Quarterly and Women of Spirit. She enjoys computers, reading, guitar, quilting, friendship, and innovative ideas.

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#### ANNIVERSARIES



Gordon and Mary Freeland celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 21, 2000, by an open house at the home of Jean Mansfield, Ooltewah, Tenn. They were members of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Church for 30 years.

Gordon Freeland and Mary Carson were married March 21, 1940, in West Palm Beach, Fla. Gordon has been an Insurance Adjuster and Mary has been a homemaker.

The Freeland family includes Dennis Freeland of Fla.; and one grandchild.

#### WEDDINGS

Lisa Argetsinger and Marc Lombard were married Aug. 1, 1999, in Battle Creek, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder Albert Parker.

Lisa is the daughter of Tom and Margaret Osborne of Pickford, Mich., and Marc is the son of Ernest and Beverly Lombard of Keene, Texas.

The Lombards are making their home in Buchanan, Mich.

**Yvonne M. Dixon and Michael E. Chaffin** were married Feb. 22, 2000, in Otter Lake, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Melvin Santos.

Yvonne is the daughter of Mary and the late Orville Pereault of Davison, Mich., and Michael is the son of Edward and the late Del Chaffin of Ft. Myers, Fla.

The Chaffins are making their home in Flint, Mich.

Autumn C. K. Ellison and R. David Roberts were married May 7, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder John T. Baldwin.

Autumn is the daughter of James A. Ellison of Castle Rock, Colo., and Ginger Ellison of Berrien Springs, Mich., and David is the son of R. Winston and the late Cheryl Roberts of Indianapolis, Ind.

The Roberts are making their home in Barron Lake, Mich.

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.

#### OBITUARIES

HEILIG, Flora May (Jacques), age 83; born Aug. 4, 1916, in Detroit, Mich.; died May 8, 2000, in Curtisville, Mich. She was a member of the Glennie (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Art, David, Henry, Jim and John; stepson, Orval Thompson; daughters, Elaine Sears, Pauline DeMott, Ethel, Kay and Sue Heilig, and Winnie O'Brien; half brother, Warren Roth; sister, Olive Bugg; 32 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and 10 greatgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Karl Tsatalbasidis, and interment was in Curtisville Cemetery.

LITTEN, Lowell C., age 82; born Jan 23, 1918, in Otsego, Mich.; died Mar. 22, 2000, in Zephyrhills, Fla. He was a member of the Monroe (Mich.) Church. Survivors include his wife, Dixie (Russell); sons, Rusty, Chris, and Dennis; daughter, Dee Reed; brother, Dale Litten; sister, June Clevenger; 9 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Ron Rodgers, with private inurnment.

LUKENS, Theodore J., age 79; born Nov. 9, 1920, in Evansville, Ind.; died Apr. 27, 2000, in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Warren and Anthony; daughter, Sherry Cardinal; brothers, Richard and Robert; sister, Dorothy Miller; 6 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Cremation services were conducted by Pastor Joel Nephew, with private interment.

**NESSEN, Larry J.**, age 56; born Mar. 8, 1944, in Petosky, Mich.; died Apr. 18, 2000, in Traverse City, Mich. He was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mona (Griffin); son, James; daughter, Deborah Nessen; parents, Harry and Ida M. (Howard) Nessen; brother, Ron; and sister, Pat Sumner.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bob Joseph and Paul Yeoman and Elder Jim Danforth, and interment was in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

**PATRICK, Ruth**, age 85; born Oct. 7, 1914, in Hartford City, Ind.; died Apr. 13, 2000, in Flint, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint Church .

Survivors include 4 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Joel Nephew, and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc, Mich.

PETERSON, Ann (Erickson), age 87; born Aug. 16, 1912, in Melvina, Wis.; died Apr. 10, 2000, in LaCrosse, Wis. She was a member of the Sparta (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Arlene Penrod; brother, Virgil Erickson; sisters, Fern Kolbo, Ada Erickson, and Evelyn Pierce; 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John I. Johansen, and interment was in Leon (Wis.) Cemetery. ROBINSON, Hilary J. (Batten), age 72; born Feb. 22, 1928, in Shoreham-by-Sea, England; died Apr. 25, 2000, in Eau Claire, Mich. She was a member of the Eau Claire Church.

Survivors include her husband, C. Murray; sons, Peter C. and David W.J.; daughters, Susan E. Smith, Carol A. Blehn-Klismet and L. Vivien Oxley; sisters, Diedre Wiltshire, Vivien Freeman, and Jill Smith; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Leroy Bruch and Patrick Murphy and Elder Wann Fanwar, and interment was in Shanghai Cemetery, Eau Claire, Mich.

SILLS, Hazel (Martin), age 84; born Apr. 16, 1916, in Flint, Mich.; died Apr. 21, 2000, in Flint. She was a member of the South Flint Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Linda Phillips and Cindy Mageli; brothers, Roy and Earl Martin; sisters, Irene Simms, Juanita Cotie, and Alice Langbein; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Melvin Santos, and interment was in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, Mt. Morris, Mich.

STROBEL, Pauline (Gottlob), age 104; born June 12, 1895, in Germany; died Apr. 25, 2000, in Muskegon, Mich. She was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include her son, Manfred; daughters, Gisela Stellard and Annelori Myers; 11 grandchildren; and 14 greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, and interment was in Blythfield Memory Gardens Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

VOSS, Helen M. (Hill), age 76; born Aug. 4, 1923, in Cambridge, Iowa; died May 4, 2000, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her foster son, Bill Lang; and brothers, Thomas, Oliver, Harlan, and Glenn Hill.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Paul Yeoman and Mickey Mallory and Elder Jim Danforth, and interment was in Cedar Lake Cemetery, Cedar Lake, Mich.

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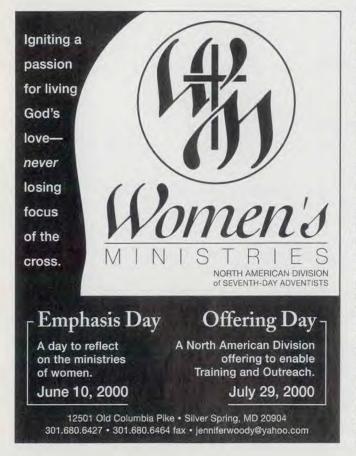


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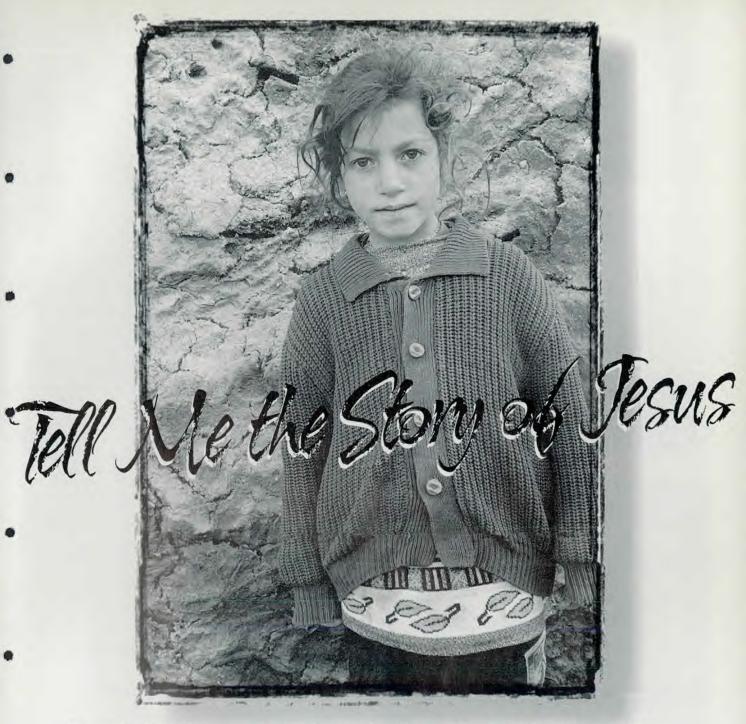
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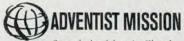
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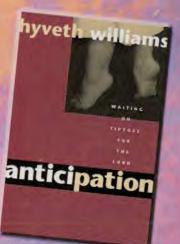
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#### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

July 9–Aug. 4—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.

Aug. 4—Summer quarter ends; Aug. 4–6—Commencement weekend.

**Course Registration:** Beginning fall 2000, Andrews University will switch from the quarter system to semesters. Students may register for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 29, now through Sept. 6.

Adventist Lifestyle: Its Relevancy Today. This international health conference at Andrews University will be held July 12– 15 and will feature leaders from

31-Mar-00 1999 Conference

Illinois

Indiana

Michigan

Totals

Wisconsin

11,159

5,938

23,142

23,461

6,266

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11,379

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the General Conference, nutrition professors from Loma Linda and Andrews Universities, and faculty from the Theological Seminary. A wide range of lectures and workshops on current health topics will be presented. Undergraduate and graduate credits are available. For more information, call (616) 471-3370 or email wcraig@andrews .edu or click on "Health Conference" at the web site www. andrews.edu/ NUFS/

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 from Aug. 6–11. 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

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18 Weeks Ending April 30, 2000 compared to 17 Weeks Ending April 30, 1999

1999

2,442,374

1,870,349

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915,151

16,972,859 15,557,565 1,415,294

2,891,225 (151,452)

6,782,643 1,123,414

Increase

243,858

196,292

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Per Capita

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Aug. 11

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College/Andrews University/ Loma Linda University.

Special days: July 15— Home Study International Promotional Day

#### NDIANA

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.

#### MICHIGAN

Single adults of all ages are invited to come together for a fellowship lunch following church service the first Sabbath of the Michigan Conference camp meeting, July 22. The fellowship lunch will be held in the picnic area south of the tennis courts at Great Lakes Adventist Academy. Bring a dish to pass, a beverage, and your lawn chair and enjoy getting to know some new friends and reunite with old ones. For further information, contact Gussie Cooper, president of Adventist Single Friends, Berrien Springs, at (616) 471-3052.

#### WORLD CHURCH

We're looking for a few good women. The Association of Adventist Women (AAW) is soliciting nominations from the Lake Union for its 2000 Women of the Year awards, which will be presented during the annual AAW convention.

Last year Thesba N. Johnson of the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., was awarded the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award from the AAW. "Over the past 16 years AAW has recognized the contributions of 80 Adventist women who are making a difference in their churches, workplaces, and homes," says Pat Foster, coordinator of the Women of the Year program for two years. "We hope the nominees this year represent the broad spectrum of accomplishments of Adventist women in North America."

Nominees should be Seventhday Adventist women who have made outstanding and unique

	2000 Sunset Calendar					
	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug.	
Berrien Springs, MI	9:23	9:20	9:15	9:08	9:01	
Chicago	8:28	8:25	8:20	8:14	8:07	
Detroit	9:11	9:08	9:03	8:56	8:49	
Indianapolis	8:16	8:13	8:08	8:02	7:56	
La Crosse, WI	8:49	8:46	8:40	8:34	8:26	
Lansing, MI	9:19	9:16	9:10	9:04	8:56	
Madison, WI	8:39	8:36	8:31	8:24	8:16	
Springfield, IL	8:29	8:26	8:22	8:16	8:10	

2000

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942,937

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contributions to home, community, and/or professional life. The deadline for submitting applications is July 21. The nomination process involves several steps, including preparing a biographical sketch of the nominee (including her accomplishments and contributions in the area for which she is being nominated for an award), two recommendations from colleagues, and a letter from her current church pastor. Complete information on submitting will be sent with each application.

To request an application packet, contact: Pat Foster, Woman of the Year Coordinator, 24479 Lawton Ave., Loma Linda, CA 92354; (909) 825-7430; e-mail: glenn@foster.net

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

Yellowstone National Park Sabbath morning worship services 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.

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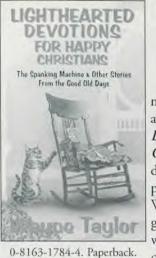
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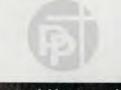
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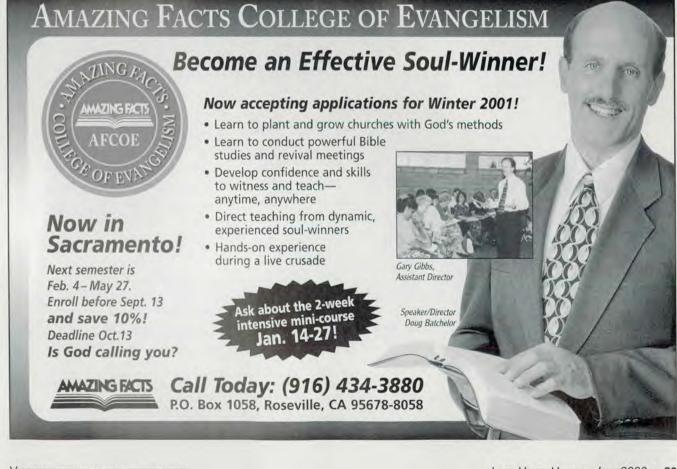
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Tuesday, September 30, 1997, Florida State Trooper Mike Taylor bagged the "longest-ever" alligator from beside a boat dock in Lake Monroe, Florida. The gator, 14 feet 5/8 inch in length and weighing 800 pounds, was an ugly beast who had been hanging around the boat dock for several years. No, he hadn't hurt anyone or even slowed down the jet skiers. He had just hung around doing gator things. Like lying with his all-seeing eyes barely above the water. Like sliding silently out from under the dock. Like terrifying fishermen and houseowners.

His presence made for some wonderfully exciting waterfront activities! Imagine waterskiing on Lake Monroe ... You could do a dock start, but "landing safely" takes on a whole new meaning!

My wife, Brenda, hates canoeing in Florida. She's certain that every sunken log is a slumbering gator. Most Florida tourists, however, take the other vantage point. They troll along soggy roads hoping to spy a gator sunning himself beside a stream. When they find one, everyone gets out of the rental van and looks—from a grand distance! And the van doors stay open!! Nobody likes, or trusts, a hungry gator. In fact, nightmares are made of yellowed gator teeth crunching down through the covers! About the only gator product is fear.

Sheep, on the other hand, are calm bundles of cuddly wool, inviting adoption. They are so cute, winsome and vulnerable that we can even handle them being smelly. When we cut away their lanolin-rich overcoats, they dance around the



#### paddock

like lottery winners.

And the gift of their wool provides us with shirts, socks, blankets, suits, upholstery, and L.L. Bean catalogues.

Sheep are easy to love. Gators are easy to hate.

Maybe that's why Jesus told the 99/1 story about sheep and a shepherd rather than about alligators and a fisherman. We feel good imagining shepherds searching for, finding, holding, loving, and saving lost sheep. But imagine a tale of Christ's searching love for a lost gator! Not quite so attractive.

Jesus used the lost sheep story to show how much God loves people, and to challenge us to follow His example as we "search out and save" those who are "lost."

That's an OK assignment when we're talking about "sheepy" people like the Baptist family that lives down the street. Like the new friends you met at the mall. Like the gorgeous brunette at the bus stop and the buff guy at the fitness center. Like high school athletes, kids on Rollerblades, loving grandmothers, and Brittany Spears.

But what happens when "search out and save" refers to "alligator people?" Are we then still interested in serving on Christ's Salvation Team? Like with the angry fellow who threw you the finger at the stop sign this morning. Like the homeless woman with the big knife. Like the senior who is always gossiping about you and

the teacher who shouted at you for giving the wrong answer. Like the pimply freshman you cannot stand. Or even "alligators" like Steven Segal, Madonna, druggies, terrorists, rapists, parents who are never home, parents who come home too early, and all the others we find hard to like.

Maybe, just maybe, the original story began, "Once upon a time there was a lost alligator."

Dick Duerksen, director of spiritual development at Florida Hospital.

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# PROFILES OF YOUTH



Raewyn Hankins

**Raewyn Hankins**, 17, is a delightful young lady who faculty and students alike enjoy being around, observes Mark Becker, Andrews Academy choral teacher. Attentive to academics, she is in the top 10 percent of her senior class and an active member of the National Honor Society, having served two years as an officer.

Gifted musically, Raewyn is a member of the choral ensembles, has played flute in the band, and is a member of the academy orchestra, playing viola.

Concerned with service, she has traveled with the SOW Safari team to Venezuela to build a school, has traveled to Romania to help conduct a FLAG camp, and has participated in community service projects. Raewyn has been a member of the FOCUS class for two years, helping to plan Wednesday night prayer and Bible study at "Time Out," and has been a speaker for the evangelistic series the academy held in Niles, Michigan.

The daughter of Gillian and Mark Howard, Raewyn plans to serve God in a service career.

A member of the NHS, and a class officer his sophomore and junior years, **Orlando Carmona**, 17, is a young man actively involved in Andrews Academy. He has received numerous awards for academics. A clarinetist, he was a section leader in the academy band and orchestra.

In addition to his school activities, Orlando has worked at the soup kitchen in Benton Harbor, has traveled on SOW Safari to Venezuela, and is a member of Driven Drama Company. According to David Sherman, social studies teacher and Orlando's work supervisor, "Orlando is an excellent student. Not only does he do well in academics, but he is also

active in school government, serving as SA treasurer. More importantly, Orlando shares his Christian faith with his fellow students."

The son of Hermina Carmona, Orlando's ambition is to graduate with honors in engineering.

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