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Guy Swann, a painting contractor from Lansing, Michigan, a volunteer on the Michigan Disaster Response Team for more than five years, prepares a kettle of steaming soup to feed hungry volunteers. Adventist disaster response activity is one way that the public can hear about the humanitarian work of the Seventh-day Adventist members. *Herald* photo.

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EDITORIAL

The Best Laid Plans ... Need a Lot of Patience

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Have you ever noticed that no matter how well you plan, the unexpected can still thwart you? I have just completed a spring and summer full of plans and thwartings. Yes, I have been flying the friendly skies of US air carriers, and found this to be a most humbling experience.

I planned to fly to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and drive over to Hamburg for the Friday evening service at the camp meeting there. I planned to fly to Madison, Wisconsin, and drive up to Camp Go Seek for Friday evening there. I planned to fly up to Iron Mountain, Michigan, and drive over to Camp Sagola for the Friday evening service there.

Well, so much for plans. My delayed flight got me into Allentown so late that the Pennsylvania Conference president spotted me outside the pavilion and insisted that I fill my speaking engagement in the fatigue pants I wore on the plane. Embarrassing!

I arrived so late into O'Hare Airport that I had to call Camp Go Seek to inform them that I would not be into Madison until 11:30 p.m., well after the last camper was in bed. My delayed and cancelled flights heading for Iron Mountain stranded me at O'Hare, until I finally got a flight to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where I rented a car to drive the last 100 miles. Arrival time? It was 2:30 a.m. Sabbath morning! No Friday evening preaching for me at the Michigan U.P. camp meeting.

I discovered that stress of this type is cumulative, even though it may be stretched over three or four weeks. When the ticket agent at O'Hare informed me that my connecting flight had left without me, I was ready to give him a piece of my mind. You know, the piece I can ill afford to lose. Then something clicked for me. Would I really rather fly in dangerous weather than wait for clearing skies? Would I rather fly with the hydraulic fluid leaking out of the wheels than wait for repairs? Would I really prefer to fly without the flight crew rather than wait for them to arrive on an incoming flight? Nonsense!

I was so courteous to the frazzled ticket agent, that he gave me a free pass to anywhere my airline flies in America. His relief was obvious when I thanked him and walked away.

Man! I had a chance to really vent some of my frustrations or be a fit ambassador for the kingdom I represent. Thank God He gave me patience at the right time. Now: practice, practice, practice!

Cicero Church Members Build Church in Matagulpa, Nicaragua

BY RAMONA TRUBEY

So what's new? you ask as another article with pictures appears in the *Herald* or the *Review* on another mission project. Thousands are doing it every year. Going abroad and building churches, schools, homes, hospitals; it's the "in" thing right now, so what's new to report?

Some might say nothing is new—it's the same old story, which reminds

newness never wears off.

Maybe it's the wrenching of the heart as you see the homeless drunk sitting by the door of the church that you are building, begging for a little hand out of food; or the radiance on the faces of 250 little children that have come for VBS and sing and clap to the name of Jesus; or the exuberance of the voices of joyful people as they sit in their brand new church and sing praises to God who raised up their church in ten days, from a cement slab to a house of worship; or the tug on the heart as you stand in a

circle holding the hand of a child of God that you will never see again on this earth and sing, "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again."

Nothing new? No, nothing new, just the same old story. The stories of Jesus are nothing new, told over and over again; but as those stories influence and mold our lives, so do the stories of the work that Jesus left for us to do. As 34 members of the Cicero, Indiana, Church bow together before the Lord daily, as they work to build a church in Matagulpa, Nicaragua, there is nothing old about their story—just one more stone in the altar of sacrifice that is built each year before the Lord, as we all strive to follow His instruction—"Go and preach my gospel."

Ramona Trubey is the Cicero Church communication leader.



Communion was celebrated on the first Sabbath inside of the new church at Matagulpa, Nicaragua.



From left: Frank Jacobs, Jack Cain, Duane Carlisle, and Rich Uphus work together on building the church at Matagulpa, Nicaragua.



Charles Trubey works on the scaffolding of the church.

me of the text in I Peter of the scoffers: "All things continue as they were from the beginning." Nothing's new, but in the hearts of those that experience these mission trips, the

It's Time!

Seventh-day Adventists Get Media-friendly

BY CELESTE P. RYAN

A few years ago, Northeastern Conference communication director, C. A. Murray, took to the streets of New York City, video camera in tow, to find out what people in the "Big Apple" knew about Seventh-day Adventists.

In a New York minute he discovered that folks in the city that never sleeps were not very familiar with our church or beliefs. When asked, they really couldn't say much about us.

"I think they are like Jehovah's

Witnesses," one New Yorker said. "They worship seven days?" another guessed. "They can't eat meat," noted another. For the most part, during Murray's video survey, the answers didn't get much better than that.

In 1994, the North American Division established a Commission on the Public Image of the Church. This group conducted an extensive survey of the public and learned that awareness of the church had indeed dropped sharply during the previous decade.

In 1986 about 70 percent of the public indicated they had heard of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and

about 50 percent could name some fact about the Adventist Church. By 1994, only 53 percent indicated they had heard of the church, and only about 35 percent could name some fact about the church. And as Murray discovered, about two percent of the public linked the Adventist Church with Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. The primary finding of the survey was that most people knew nothing of the Adventist Church.¹

Why did this happen? How could this happen when everyone we know seems to be Adventist or knows someone who is? Didn't everyone go

Areas Where Adventists Excel

Here are three areas where Seventh-day Adventists excel. You can always find something within these areas to highlight in your local media. Got a story or idea? Give them a call:

Health Experts

Seventh-day Adventists have a life-changing health message that is the right arm of the gospel. We operate 162 hospitals and sanitariums around the world and numerous other health care facilities. We have physicians, researchers, and health educators from around the world who can share life-changing information through the media. Our health studies are often noted in journals and media reports. Every stop-smoking program, health fair, and diabetes screening your church sponsors is newsworthy.

Educators

Seventh-day Adventists run the largest protestant school system in the world where nearly one million students are educated in 5,590 schools. It has been

noted that Seventh-day Adventists are among the most highly educated people in the world. Your church school, a field trip, annual graduation, a special student, a teacher dedication or retirement, even a holiday school program provide opportunities to seek media coverage.

Service-oriented Christians

ADRA, the humanitarian and disaster response agency of the church works in 121 countries, with 400 Adventist Community Services (ACS) centers in the United States alone. When a disaster strikes, ACS is one of the first church-based service organizations called upon, and in many U.S. states, expertly coordinates and manages donated goods warehouses in conjunction with state emergency management offices to provide immediate relief to disaster victims. Your center's anniversary, a holiday toy or food drive, or your quick response to those in need after a disaster make great stories for local media.



Attempts to get media coverage of the 4th International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh last year was deliberate and extensive. In a two-week period, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, our Community Services agency, our principals on healthy living and education, our leaders, and our kids were featured in news reports on NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX, PBS, and cable television stations more than 20 times and in at least 20 newspaper articles. Here, a FOX affiliate interviews Carolina Pathfinders who biked 1,200 miles to Oshkosh.

to academy, attend one of our 15 North American colleges, or at least shop at the ABC? Haven't they been invited to potluck, camp meeting, or an evangelistic series? If not, then surely they read the Adventist Review.

The commission concluded that two factors contributed most heavily to the decrease in public awareness and perception. The first was the decrease in the presence of the Adventist Church in the mass media. Throughout the 1980s and the early 1990s, the church's contacts with the public media decreased. Press relations dried up. The church stopped producing public service announce-

ments for radio and television. Secondly, church communication leaders turned their attention toward sending messages to internal audiences.² We had become quite skilled at "navel gazing" and "preaching to the choir."

It's Time

In 1997, after learning about how sharply public awareness of Adventists had dropped in the previous decade, the Commission on Public Image of the Seventh-day Adventist Church recommended that the North American Division establish a media relations program to help the church become known throughout North America.

That office was established in March 1999 under the direction of Kermit Netteburg, assistant to the president for communication, to "raise public awareness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—its mission, its message, and its members."

In the first year of this initiative, we have focused on making and nurturing contacts with media personnel in North American print and broadcast organizations, developing a press kit to professionally represent our church, identifying public relations resources for local church use, conducting workshops for communication leaders, pitching and submitting news stories and ideas about the Adventist Church to media contacts across North America, and seeking publicity for major Adventist events.

One such event was the fourth International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last summer. Upon contacting the religion editors of the Milwaukee and Green Bay newspapers, I heard virtually the same comment: "We don't hear much from Adventists," each told me. "But we'd like to." I got the same reaction in Boston, Huntsville, Texas, California, Miami, Oklahoma City, Toronto, and Washington, DC, and immediately realized that God was opening doors for the Adventist Church.

In this five-day Pathfinder event, 18 newspaper articles were written and more than 20 television stories appeared about these young members of our church. Last New Year's eve, Ephesus' sundown service was shown on "ABC 2000" for 50 seconds, one of only a handful of churches featured worldwide during the 24-hour broadcast. This opportunity came about after a paragraph in the Washington Post religion page, highlighting the "Genesis 2000" satellite program, caught the attention of an ABC producer. Last spring, a student at the Bermuda Institute was named

A Note about Crisis Communication

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a designated team that handles crisis communication. This team works to stay on top of potential crises involving our church and its name. Should a crisis occur that involves the Adventist Church in your community, contact your conference or union communication director immediately. During a national or international crisis, don't decline to comment to reporters. Instead refer media inquiries about the Adventist Church as a whole to your pastor and/or conference or union communication director who can appropriately speak on the issue at hand.

Bermuda's Teen of the Year with other Adventists close behind. It took just a couple of phone calls by communication director, Randolph Wilson, to get her featured on the weekend television newscasts and in the island's newspaper.

POWER TOOL

We've learned quickly that communicating with public media can be a powerful tool in highlighting the unique ways in which Adventists are sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and His message of hope for this troubled world. We are a chosen people of hope who cherish a unique quality of life. The community is waiting to hear what we have to say, especially in areas that affect quality of life where we are well versed—health, education, and service. (See sidebar: Areas Where Adventists Excel.)

It's time for the Seventh-day

Adventist Church to work together at all levels—local churches, conferences and unions; church-owned and sponsored entities; and from each division—to increase public awareness of our life-changing message, our beliefs and mission, and our 11 million members from all walks of life. (See sidebar: Tips for Raising Public Awareness.)

Communication is an important and effective arm of our public ministry. Indeed we have our work cut out for us, but the opportunities are endless and God has opened the door. One day, in a New York minute, our reputation in the community that doesn't worship as we do could depend on it. Frequent contact with a religion reporter who calls to check his facts before going to press could save us from a major media crisis or

help us land a positive feature. A friendship with a judge or lawyer who defends the church in a religious liberty vote could help secure continued Sabbath worship.

What do you hope they'll know about us then?

¹Quality of Life, The Report of the Commission on the Public Image of the Church (October 8, 1997; North American Division) p. 1. (Available at AdventSource 1-800-328-0525).

²Ibid, p. 1.

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Tips on Raising Public Awareness

Here are five ways local churches can start raising public awareness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in their communities today:

Get Resources—North American Division communication has developed a ministry job description and a list of communication resources for local church ministry in the new millennium. Use these resources for effective internal and external communication efforts. On the web, visit www.plusline.com and go to the resource section. For a free catalog, call AdventSource at (800) 328-0525 or contact your conference communication director.

Get Signs—One of the first and best things you can do for your church is to get and use the new Adventist logo that fosters a unified worldwide identity. The

second and best thing you can do is get highway, street, and building signs that clearly and boldly identify your church location.

Get Involved—As a Christian church, you have a responsibility to influence the community for good. Attend and speak up positively at community meetings where votes affect your church, your kids, and its members. Invite the mayor and other public officials to worship with you on Sabbath, as well as your neighbors, work associates, and friends. Volunteer to help with community events, donation drives, and fund raisers on behalf of the Adventist Church.

Get Out More—Do you have a church booth (table or floor display)? Develop one and set it up at the next community health fair or community sports event. Have

your Pathfinders create an exhibit for this summer's county fair. Have them march in the Independence Day (July) parade, bike races, and heritage celebrations. Your sharply-dressed youth will have a very positive influence on the community.

Get Coverage—Initiate and nurture a relationship with local media in your community by giving them a call and requesting to meet them. Follow up by sending news releases about your upcoming activities and inviting them to cover your events. Pitch story ideas that have religious themes, feature young people, the pastor, an outstanding member, or highlight new programs. Share statements published by the Adventist News Network (www.adventist.org) to let them know our official views on current issues.

The Road to Good Health

Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center Is Changing Lives

BY SANDRA BLACKMER

When Janice first arrived at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center, she had no feeling in her feet and couldn't walk without crutches. She was using insulin daily for diabetes, was

overweight, and described herself as a "couch potato." But after just a few days on the center's program, Janice began to experience dramatic improvements. At the end of four weeks, she had regained some feeling in her feet and was walking without crutches. She no longer needs to use

insulin, is 32 pounds lighter, and exercise is a part of her daily routine. "Before I came to the center," said Janice, "if I dropped something on the floor at home, I would just leave it there all day until my husband came home and picked it up. I don't have to do that anymore."

THE SECRET

What is the "secret" behind these amazing improvements in health? According to Janice and hundreds of others who have been through the program offered at the Adventist-operated health center, it is the natural methods used by the staff, plus the grace of God's power, that contribute to healing and improved



One of the treatments offered at the Health Center is light therapy, where a person is able to sit in a light box and "sweat out" toxins in the system.



Exercise is part of the daily routine at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. It is often the "missing link" in a balanced lifestyle objective.

health. The program provides primary intervention for chronic degenerative disease using good nutrition, exercise, hydrotherapy, therapeutic massage, kinetic therapy, and stress management. And these methods are not new. Ellen White in the 1800s wrote that we "should eat regularly of the most healthful food" and place ourselves "in the most favorable condition under the doctors God has provided—pure air, pure water, and the healing, precious sunlight. Water can be used in many ways to relieve suffering" (*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 302).

RIGHT ARM

The health ministry has been described as the "right arm" of evangelism. The North American Division reaffirmed this principle when it voted that the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center be one of the recipients of the year 2000 Mission Investment Funds. A factor in this decision is that the center is also a

health-evangelism training center where ministers can be instructed on how to become more effective in soul winning through the use of health evangelism. And evangelistic results have already been seen.

From the time he was born until he was nine years old, Elliott Kellogg was on antibiotics 54 times. During the next two years he went through 12 more rounds of antibiotic treatments and still suffered from repeated ear infections and other illnesses. For years his mother, Nancy, took him from doctor to doctor, trying to find out what was wrong with him. Then, through a contact she made with

Battle Creek Academy, she learned about the Lifestyle Health Center. They introduced her to the concept of healthful living. "What a difference it has made in Elliott's life and mine," said Nancy. After a year of eating healthfully, Nancy said that Elliott did not get any of the colds or infections the rest of the family was getting. "That was a major miracle!" she added.

Before taking Elliott to the Lifestyle Health Center,



Bruce Hyde, M.D., is the director of the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. Before coming to Michigan, Bruce was the medical director for Weimar Institute in California.



Two healthful meals are provided each day during the Health Center's two-week program. A cooking class is held every afternoon, demonstrating how to cook the foods served that day.

Nancy had never seen her son run or ride a bike, tie his shoes, or play in the snow. Today, 11-year-old Elliott rockets across the parking lot and plays piggyback with his little sister. He smiles and laughs and acts like a normal sixth-grader. Nancy describes the change as incredible. But even more important is that on March 4, Nancy and Elliott were baptized into the membership of the Adventist Church. The healthful-living message certainly played a big role in bringing Christ into the lives of this family.

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Another purpose of the center is to serve as a model for local churches. Under the leadership of director Bruce Hyde, M.D., formerly the medical director of Weimar Institute in California, the center's staff recently "took their show on the road." They

packed up all their equipment—treadmills, kinetics tables, steam baths, and many other items—and moved into the lower level of the Lansing, Michigan, Adventist Church. There they conducted a two-week program, not only for people who live in that area but also for some who came from as far away as Ohio and even California. Hyde's goal is to take the program to other Michigan churches several times throughout the year. He not only wants to be available to help people in other areas of the state but also to train pastors and church members to follow up the program after he and his staff leave.

"The program was so successful in Lansing," said Hyde, "that we want to continue doing this with other interested churches."

OFFERING HOPE

Many of the people who come to the center are struggling with health issues such as cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, and persistent and severe headaches. According to Hyde, one of the main benefits people receive from the program is that they



A daily therapeutic massage helps to relax muscles, stimulate circulation, and aid the body with healing.



Health Center patients have a session of kinetic therapy, a system of muscle stretching and exercise, each day of the program.

"realize they can recover their health. And when they establish a healthy foundation, they are given hope." He added that, "not everything is resolved in two weeks, but it's exciting to see what can be accomplished in that amount of time."

After talking to many people who are currently in the program as well as several who have previously been patients at the center since it first opened in February 1999, it is obvious to me that improved health, increased energy, and hope are benefits received by all who have incorporated these healthful-living practices into their everyday lifestyle. And good health is one of the greatest blessings in life.

For more information about the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center, you can call (616) 963-0368, or e-mail them at jann@bclifestylecenter.com.

Sandra Blackmer is the Michigan Conference communication director.

Youth Plant Seeds for the Kingdom

BY DWIGHT KRUGER

Each summer has its own personality filled with surprises, challenges, changes, bumps in the road, and some smooth sailing. Through all of this, we see an awesome God who brings great success to glorify His name. When our 180 students, placed in 16 programs, worked 10 weeks door-to-door for the almighty God, three things happened: 1) God blessed the efforts, and miracles happened; 2) our books were put in the hands of people who needed them, giving them opportunity to read the truth; and 3) Satan got angry.

Though we got off to a slow start, with four leaders very ill on the first day, after diligent prayer, we started to see God's miracles. New leaders filled in, and two unexpected programs

developed and were placed in needed areas—one in Indiana, one in Michigan. God truly blessed the Lake Union with program settings, record donations, and many Bible study interests.

Christian Ronalds, in Indiana, and Nathan Stearman and David Shinn, in Michigan, helped run two of these programs. Sophia Hamilton from the Cadillac, Michigan, group led the Lake Union in total donations of \$13,656. Stacey Clements led in Wisconsin, Michael Ferguson in Illinois, and Alan Jackson in Indiana.

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD

Sophia Hamilton sent us the following story:

"The last day of Cadillac, Michigan's Magabook program gave me fresh and powerful evidence of

God's presence in literature evangelism. About halfway through the day, I was dropped off to canvass a small strip-mall, and my first stop was a Mexican restaurant. When I opened the door, my initial reaction was, 'Oh no. This place is run-down. Can these people even afford to buy a book?' But I prayed that God would bless and that my unbelief would not get in the way of His plan. I walked into the restaurant and asked for the manager. Behind me a voice spoke up.

"What are you selling?" A woman, obviously the owner, was sorting paperwork at a restaurant table. With this opening I began to canvass. Shortly it became apparent that she was not interested in devotional books. Just when I was about to lose her interest, she saw *God's Answers* in my hand and asked if she could look through it. It was just what she had been looking for! She told me that she had just become a Christian, and that she was looking for the truth because she saw many different religions and didn't know what to believe. Then she mentioned how she had been studying the book of Revelation but could not understand what it meant. I pulled out *The Great Controversy* and thanked God that He had not let me pass by without realizing her need. As I prepared to leave, the woman held the books to her and told me that she would read them and then pass them on to her family, starting with her husband.



Students in the Wisconsin Magabook group observe their fellow group members as they present the church service.



The Michigan Magabook group participants enjoy some friendly competition on the basketball court.

"God uses the most unlikely situations and people (me) to spread His truth for His glory. Praise God for his work through literature evangelism and for all those willing to give a summer for His service. He used us mightily!"

SUPPORTING EVANGELISM

Another highlight for this summer was the activity in the Grand Rapids area, where a small Magabook team supported the evangelistic effort culminating in 113 baptisms and 100 more preparing to be baptized.

More than eight years of experience with the Magabook program contributed to this past summer's great



The Indiana group prepares to head out for the day.



The Illinois Magabook group shares a Sabbath activity with some local literature evangelists and their leaders.

success, with a \$100,000 gain in donations as compared to 1999, and a higher focus on Bible study interest.

IT'S A TEAM EFFORT

We wish to thank the school administrators and church members that provided housing for the students. The program could not function without your generous hospitality.

We claim God's promise for the seeds our youth planted this summer: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void."

Dwight Kruger is the Lake Union publishing associate director.

Action on the Front Lines

*Reaching the Unreached
with Hope*

BY GARY KRAUSE

A desperate situation in the early 1920s created the Annual Sacrifice Offering. The world was in an economic slump after World War I, and the church faced an urgent threat. Exciting new opportunities for work were opening up around the world, but the General Conference budget was a quarter of a million dollars short. Missionaries were at risk of being recalled.

The problem was at the top of the agenda for delegates to the 1922 General Conference Autumn Council. They met and prayed. Finally, they adopted a plan to ask church members to sacrifice a week's wage in an annual offering. Despite the depressed financial climate, the 208,771 church members rallied and gave a third of a million dollars. For that offering, the average gift per church member in

North America was equal to six days' wages. Every penny of this offering goes to front line Global Mission work to plant new churches in unentered areas. In the past 10 years, of the 14,000 churches

established, more than 11,000 of them have been through the work of Global Mission and its 25,000 Global Mission pioneers.

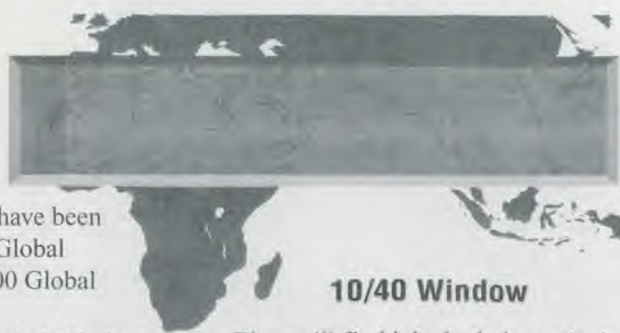
Here are two of Global Mission's current priorities.

THE 10/40 WINDOW

The 10/40 Window is an artificial rectangle between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator. It runs from north-west Africa, through the Middle East and into Asia. More than 60 percent of the world's population (3.2 billion people) live in the 10/40 Window, and the vast majority of them are desperately poor. The entire Christian world allocates only 1.2 percent of its mission funding to this area. Global Mission has committed, in the next five years, to establish more than 1,000 new congregations in the 10/40 Window. Notice the word is congregations rather than churches. In many countries of the 10/40 Window, for someone to build a church would be to write their own death sentence. These countries are the toughest challenge Global Mission has.

THE SECULAR WEST

In secular areas where traditional methods of evangelism no longer attract the people, Global Mission and Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) are beginning a different kind of evangelistic program. It will begin in North America and will soon expand into Europe and other secular cultures. It's called Total Employment. Total Employment will take young professionals, often right out of college, and help establish them in cities with no Adventist presence.



10/40 Window

They will find jobs in their particular expertise, and then they will plant an Adventist church in that town.

November 11 is the date this year for the Annual Sacrifice Offering. Please don't hesitate to contact Global Mission with any questions by calling (800) 648-5824 or see their web site at



The Total Employment program in North Carolina has already established a growing church in Monroe. This model will be used to begin many churches around the world in secular areas that often have an indifference to Christianity—a problem perhaps more difficult than working in places that are anti-Christian.

www.global-mission.org.

GET THE DETAILS

The Annual Sacrifice Offering is the only offering collected for Global Mission each year, so it is vital to Global Mission's front line work. You may give your offering at church on November 11. Remember to mark the envelope "Annual Sacrifice."

Gary Krause is the Global Mission communication director.



Mongolia is part of the 10/40 Window. Only recently was the first person baptized into the Adventist Church in Mongolia. Today the young church is steadily growing. With your help, Global Mission, in the next five years, will establish more than 1,000 new churches in other countries of the 10/40 Window.

Music from a Needle?

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals; praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 150:3-6

We may not play records much anymore, but some music experts still believe that they produce better sound than anything invented to date, including compact discs. How did this plastic disc reproduce sound so authentically?

To "cut" a record, you need a recording studio, a room built to precise specifications to collect and enhance sound. Then you select one or more musicians, or one or more singers, or a combination of both. In most cases, each music-maker stands or sits in front of a microphone and plays an instrument or sings. The sound that he or she produces sends sound waves into the electrical wiring in the microphone.

When the sound waves reach the wiring, they are converted into electrical impulses, or spurts of electricity. The impulses are greatly increased in amplifying tubes, and wiring continues to carry them to the needle in the recording device. In early record-making, the impulses traveled to a piece of recording equipment that had a turntable and an arm with an extremely sharp needle; this machine resembled a phonograph.



The disc on

which the sound was recorded was made of a material that could be cut easily and precisely. As the recording disc turned, the needle responded to the electrical impulses produced in the microphone. It quivered and vibrated as it recorded the music by cutting a long, continuous, spiral-shaped, uneven, wavy groove in the disc.



With James and Priscilla Tucker

As record-making evolved, the original sounds were recorded on a magnetic tape. Then technicians were able to mix the sounds differently or generally enhance the sounds of the recording. The recording process results in a master record or master tape, from which thousands of records can be

made and sold.

When a record is played on a phonograph, the phonograph needle fits into the groove in the record. As the record spins, the needle passes over tiny bumps in the groove, jiggling and vibrating as it does so. The grooves are uneven because they were produced by uneven sound-vibrations. But those uneven vibrations are music to our ears.

Home-made Record Player

With just a few easy-to-find materials, you can get hands-on experience generating music from a plastic disc.

What you need:

- ✓ empty yogurt cup or other small container
- ✓ straight pin
- ✓ pliers
- ✓ tape
- ✓ old record and record player



What to do:

1. Use the pliers to push the pin through the bottom

of the cup. The head of the pin should be on the inside of the cup, and the pointed end should project through the bottom.

2. Tape the pin in place inside the cup.
3. Place the record on the player. Turn on the player.
4. Hold the cup over the record, letting the pin rest lightly in the groove.
5. Put your ear to the cup, and listen. The needle "reads" the bumps along the groove and the cup amplifies the sound.

Investigate how compact discs are produced. How is the process like the one for making records? How is it different?

The Tuckers have written four daily devotional books (most recently *In His Hands*). For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.



Adventist Health System Midwest Region

A Widow, Five Chaplains, and a Lighthouse

This is a story of one woman's gratitude for the depth of love and encouragement extended to her and her family during the final weeks of her husband's life.

Sept. 15, 2000.

The hospital chapel is filled to capacity. Family, friends, hospital staff, and loved ones have come together to honor the memory of Jerry Zan and to express gratitude to the five chaplains who, in retrospect, did an exemplary job of bringing peace and comfort to a dying man and hope to his family.

For seven weeks, Jerry Zan lay in a hospital bed at La Grange Memorial Hospital, a member of Adventist Health System Midwest Region, knowing that the end was near. His wife of 58 years, Florence Zan, stayed by his side surrounded by the love of her daughters and the support of a team of praying chaplains. Not one or two, but five of the hospital's best spent several hours of every day in the little hospital room visiting with and praying for the Zan family.

"They were there all the time," says Florence Zan. "When one would leave, another would be coming in. They would hold my husband's hand and pray and read scripture, just helping him die peacefully."

Patricia Treft, chaplain at La Grange Memorial Hospital, a 274-bed facility located in La Grange, Ill., describes the last weeks of Jerry's life. "I had visited Jerry for several weeks, along with our team of chaplains. The family attended the worship in the chapel almost every day. It seemed that almost all hours of the day, someone from his family was with him. They sat around his bed reminiscing, supporting one another, praying together and with the chaplains. I, along with his entire family, was present as Jerry passed away. The room was filled with sadness, as well as peace."

On June 13, at the age of 83, Jerry Zan passed away. And now, three months later, the family have all gathered in the chapel. You see, Florence Zan and her family were so touched and moved by the support and dedication of the hospital chaplains and staff that, amidst their grief, they had to find a way to say thank you, and they did it in a most "artistic" way. On

Sept. 15, at a special dedication ceremony with numerous hospital staff and administrators present, Florence Zan and her family presented La Grange Memorial Hospital with a beautiful painting of a lighthouse.

The lighthouse, made with gray stone, sits atop a rock surrounded by a sea of tumultuous waters, amidst a terrible storm. The waves are so high and so angry that they seem to overwhelm the lighthouse. But, in his wisdom, the creator of the lighthouse built it tall enough so its guiding light—that light that shines brightly in the tower and aids ships in arriving safely to harbor—stands way above the tallest wave, undisturbed by the storm.

For the Zan family, the storm and angry waves depicted in the painting represent the pain and turmoil they felt for seven weeks as they watched their father and husband die. The lighthouse, with the bright light that shone brilliantly from the tower, represents the five chaplains and the staff at La Grange Memorial



Chaplains Patricia Treft and Jonathan Leach accept a painting of a lighthouse from Florence Zan in memory and gratitude for the care her husband, Jerry, received at La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Hospital, whose love, comfort, and prayers helped guide them safely through that very dark time in their lives.

Today, the lighthouse painting rests on a wall in the La Grange Memorial Hospital chapel, with the inscription:

I Am the Light

I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will never walk in darkness,

but will have the light of life. John 8:12.

In loving memory of Jerry Zan

From his family

June 13, 2000

The sincere dedication of the La Grange Memorial Hospital chaplains and staff, exemplifies the mission of Adventist Health System Midwest Region. It is believed that all are called, whether chaplain or layman, to extend comfort and love to those in need. This is our mission, our calling, our duty.

Andrews University

Center for Adventist Research

The new Center for Adventist Research officially opened on Aug. 29. "To use a term normally reserved for stores such as Meijer, we see the Center for Adventist Research as a 'one-stop-shopping' place for people who need to do research on Adventist history," said Jim Ford, curator of the center's museum as well as archivist.



The new Center for Adventist Research.

Since 1966 the center, located on the lower level of the James White Library, has grown from 1,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet. Building plans for the center were designed

by fifth-year Andrews architecture student, Pete Pokryshe. Andrews Plant Services was in charge of renovations.

The Center of Adventist Research boasts the largest collection of non-English Adventist periodicals in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Center for Adventist Research includes the Adventist Heritage Center, the Ellen G. White Estate branch office, the Andrews University Archives and Records Center, the James White Library Rare Materials Collection, and the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index.

Myra Nicks, staff writer

New Employees/Recent Appointments

Several new employees have recently joined the Andrews family:

Dan and Karen Tilstra joined the AU family this past summer, moving from sunny Modesto, Calif., to Berrien Springs. As the director of major gifts (east coast), Dan is responsible for securing major financial donations for the university. He earned a master of divinity degree from Andrews in 1982. Karen, who earned a masters degree in counseling from Andrews also in 1982, comes to the university in the newly-created position of student success consultant. She is responsible for assessing the needs of students experiencing difficulties and developing a plan to address their specific needs.

Andrews School of Business has recently experienced notable



Dan and Karen Tilstra

changes as well. **Charles Tidwell** recently accepted the appointment as acting dean, replacing Annetta Gibson who is on a research sabbatical. Tidwell will continue as director of off-campus programs. Patrick Williams, professor of economics, accounting and finance, has assumed the position of assistant dean.

Andrews' new general counsel, **Brent Geraty** also holds an academic appointment as assistant professor of legal studies. In addition to providing legal counsel, Geraty, a 1991 AU grad, will redesign the pre-law program, serve as a pre-law adviser, and teach one class per semester.



Chris Smoot

Chris Smoot is now director of corporate and foundation relations. A 1984 AU graduate, Smoot's experience as county director of ADRA in Bangladesh and director of employee development at Hinsdale Hospital have provided him with invaluable expertise in securing grant monies for the university.

Laura Beaumont, student news writer

Seminary Receives \$300,000 Technology Grant

Andrews University has received a \$300,000 grant from Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. to participate in a national program for using information technology in effective theological teaching.

"This grant will allow us to furnish the latest technology in our classrooms, providing an even platform of excellent technology," said John McVay, seminary dean. "This important gain means that faculty members can grow in active learning to evoke growth in students. We live in a highly-visual civilization. People are depending more and more on visual aspects of learning and instructing."

The endowment was established to provide North American seminaries with access to important technological resources, train faculty and staff in their use, provide for their maintenance and updating, and rethink teaching practices in the light of the new possibilities that these technologies offer.

The grant has already funded several significant faculty development projects. However, faculty and students will not fully benefit from the grant until next summer when the seminary's renovation and expansion project is completed and classes are again held in the building.

Gianna Norman, student news writer



A \$300,000 grant provides displaced seminary faculty and students with enhanced computer-based technologies. The expected completion date of the seminary expansion and renovation is the summer of 2001.

EDUCATION NEWS

Six Michigan Teachers Commissioned at Camp Meeting

Michigan — Six Michigan teachers received the Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential during an afternoon service on July 26 at the Cedar Lake camp meeting. This credential is given to teachers who have met seven criteria: (1) a life-long commitment to teaching, (2) significant experience in the Seventh-day Adventist system of education, usually not fewer than six years, (3) demonstrate proficiency in their assigned area of responsibility, (4) exhibit a keen sense of Christian responsibility for nurturing and leading souls to Christ, (5) show consistency in upholding Christ as the focal point of all curriculum and instruction, (6) exemplify positive interpersonal relationships, and (7) provide an environment of social, spiritual, and emotional stability.

Luana Harlan felt from childhood that the Lord wanted her to be a teacher, and she never wavered from that goal. She grew up on a farm near Rochester, Minn., and did not have the opportunity of a Christian education until she attended Union College. Luana met her husband, Ed Harlan, during her second year of teaching at the Union College demonstration school where he was also a teacher. They next taught in Alaska four years, allowing Luana to earn her master's degree from Walla Walla College. She became a stay-at-home mom for 12 years while they lived in California, then resumed full-time teaching in Washington state. They have been in Lansing, Mich., since 1997, where Ed is the principal and Luana teaches grades 3-4. Her daughter, Tricia, lives in Glendale, Calif., with her teacher husband, Jon Gauzily; and her other daughter, Melissa, is a junior nursing student at Andrews University.

Charlene Lavalley was born in Spring Valley, Ill., but moved to Berrien Springs, Mich., so she could receive a Christian education along with her sister. Graduating from Andrews University with a degree in elementary education, she has taught at Battle Creek Academy in grades 3-4 for the past six years. She is one of the recipients of the 2000 Excellence in Education Professional Development Awards given by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Some of the greatest rewards are watching her students grow together as a family and learn to love Jesus.

Dale and Wanda Lee are a teaching family. He was born in Maine where his mother was a teacher, and most of his education was in Adventist schools. A graduate of Atlantic Union College (AUC), he has taught in Adventist schools for 28 years, the last six years at the Onaway School in grades 1-4.

Wanda was born and raised in Vermont and graduated from



From left: Luana Harlan, Charlene Lavalley, Dale Lee, Wanda Lee, Brenda Mejeur, Sally Smith, and Clint Sutton.

the Kettering College of Medical Arts as a nurse. When she returned from her student missionary experience in Mexico, she met Dale and married him the next year. For the next 10 years she continued her nursing career as she raised their two sons. However, when they moved to New Jersey and the school needed a teacher's aid, she agreed to help. Within two years she was enrolled in AUC's adult degree program and graduated with a B.S. in teaching.

Brenda Mejeur from her earliest years played the role of a teacher. After her parents were baptized in the Grand Rapids Church, she began attending our schools, including Cedar Lake Academy and Andrews University, graduating with a bachelor's degree and M.A. in teaching. As her husband's work caused the family to move, she always found another Adventist teaching job in Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan. Today she teaches seventh grade at the Grand Rapids Junior Academy and is their band teacher. Music has always been a major part of her life, while she enjoys camping, hiking, and showing her love for the Lord.

Sally Smith began leading out with children's programs as a teenager, helping with the Oakwood Church's Pathfinders. After getting married out of high school, for the next 26 years she preferred to be a stay-at-home wife and mom. When her three children reached school age, they drove them the necessary 20 miles to receive a Christian education. Then providence led her to college and a teaching career, and later her husband, Lloyd, also became a teacher. Sally has devoted her life to children; and besides the classroom, she loves V.B.S. evangelism and the Bible Labs program which trains children to reach out to others. She has also been a blessing by her singing ministry with the "Echoes of Happiness" group. Daily she thanks the Lord for leading her to the opportunity to be a Christian teacher in the Adventist system.

Clint Sutton was born in Vallejo, Calif., into an Adventist family, but soon the family moved to Los Angeles where his

father was employed by NASA. They moved next to Washington state when his dad became head of the Walla Walla College engineering department. He continued his education in Washington until at twenty he moved to Indianapolis and married his wife, Heidi. They moved back to the Portland, Ore., where Clint enrolled in the state education program. His first teaching assignment was in the church school in Tillamook, Ore. Three years later they moved to teach in Virginia, and when that school closed, they moved to Cadillac, Mich., where Clint teaches grades 8–10 at Northview SDA Junior Academy.

Bruce Babienko, Michigan Conference correspondent

Three Teachers Commissioned at Wisconsin Camp Meeting

Wisconsin — Three Wisconsin teachers received the Commissioned Ministry of Teaching credential at the Wisconsin camp meeting on June 10.

Carol Schneider teaches the upper grades at Green Bay Junior Academy. A graduate of Southwestern Adventist University, Carol says for her first two years of teaching she was a person who “taught” for a living. She says it wasn’t until her third year of teaching that she became “a teacher.” “I learned to be a teacher who cared about the lives of the students, and it made all the difference in the world. ... I found that the greatest gift that I could give my students was and is unconditional love, God’s love. That is when teaching became exciting for me,” she said.

Vickie Martin says she knew she wanted to be a teacher since she was a small child. Her little brothers were her pupils as she made them sit at old school desks and do countless “worksheets” that she created. Vickie says that during her grade school years she was blessed by a wonderful teacher who greatly influenced her life by her love and dedication to the teaching field.

After graduating from Maplewood Academy, Vickie went on to Union College and finished her teaching degree at the University of Minnesota several years later. While teaching in Duluth, Minn., she met Steve Martin whom she married in 1983. They have five children and two grandchildren. Vickie has been teaching at Woodland Adventist School since 1985.

Carmen Magray grew up in Green Bay where she attended Green Bay Junior Academy for 10 years. During those years she became good friends with Rob Magray. They started dating in academy and were married after she finished her college education at Andrews University.

After graduation, Carmen accepted a teaching position for grades 3–4 at Pine View Elementary School in Wisconsin Dells. During the summer months she returned to Andrews and completed a master’s degree in arts and teaching. After a couple of years at Pine View, she transferred to the school of her childhood in Green Bay where she has been teaching ever since.

The Magrays have a one-year-old daughter, Maria Sue.

Lake Union Seventh-day Adventist Schools

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

Illinois Conference

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

Indiana Conference

Cross Street Christian
Elementary
Adventist Christian Academy
Cicero Elementary
Lucille Lutz Elementary
Adventist Learning Center
Evansville Elementary
Indiana Academy
Indianapolis Junior Academy
Pleasantview Elementary
LaPorte Elementary
Richmond Elementary
South Bend Junior Academy
Terre Haute Elementary
Wolcottville Elementary

Lake Region Conference

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

Michigan Conference

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

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

Wisconsin Conference

Ashland Elementary
Bethel Junior Academy
Durand Elementary
Eau Claire Elementary
Fox Valley Elementary
Frederic Elementary
Green Bay Junior Academy
Hillside Christian Elementary
Branch Elementary
Lakeland Elementary
Madison Elementary
Maranatha Elementary
Milwaukee Junior Academy
Petersen Elementary
Pine View Elementary
Rhinelander Elementary
Meadow Creek Elementary
Richland Center Elementary
Sunnyside Elementary
Wisconsin Academy
Woodland Adventist School

TV Judge Hosts Alumni Banquet

Lake Region — When Peterson-Warren Academy celebrated their annual alumni weekend extravaganza in September, the highlight of the evening was the alumni banquet hosted by the Honorable Judge Greg Mathis. He has his own television program, which is aired daily on CBS-TV. With more than 400 in attendance, Mathis reaffirmed his commitment to Christian education. He explained to the audience that the youths and their stories that are seen on his TV court program are real scenarios and not just Jerry Springer rejects. He emphasized to all that "our youth are in trouble" and that their failures are not only a reflection on them but of our failure as adults for not providing the education and learning environment that would give them the foundation necessary to resist the evils that wait for them in the "real world."

Mathis, who is an alumnus of Peterson-Warren, delivered the commencement address during the graduation services in June of 2000. At that time he promised not only to build but also to furnish the equipment and furniture for a new science complex at PWA. The alumni banquet was the first of many

fund-raisers he has planned to bring in the funds needed to accomplish this feat.

Because of Mathis' involvement with the academy, the school has received a good deal of positive publicity. The

academy was featured in a documentary, aired in October, about the life and success of the Hon. Judge Greg Mathis.

Juanita Martin, Peterson-Warren Academy principal

"I will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever ..."

Lake Union — Abby Martins from Chicago, Ill., and Wanda Granados from Atlanta, Ga., are two Heritage Academy students who love to sing. While on the Magabook program one afternoon, the girls were walking by a pasture where a large bull stood close to the fence. Being nervous that the bull was so close to where they were walking, the girls began to sing. The bull responded to the song by walking even closer to the fence, hanging his head over listening to them. They stopped walking and sang to him. As they sang, cattle nearby made their way to the fence and listened attentively. Before they moved on, a large "Bovine congregation" had gathered.

The girls began walking as they sang so they could get to the next home. As they arrived, a repair man pulled up into the driveway to wait on the owner of the home. The girls told him about the books, and he bought three of them. Abby realized the hand of God working through them. If they had not stopped to sing to the cattle, they would have missed the repair man. Praise the Lord for His wonderful timing. He can even use the animals to help further His work!



Abby Martins



Wanda Granados

Niles Pathfinders March in Memorial Day Parade

Michigan — Niles Four Flags Pathfinders participated in the Niles, Mich., Memorial Day Parade on May 29, which was organized by the American Legion. The purpose of the parade was to show respect and honor for our fallen military personnel. Pathfinders and staff marched a 1.5-mile route behind their 16-foot float. The float depicted a camping scene with two "pup-p e t"



Niles Four Flags Pathfinder Club members march the 1.5-mile route in Niles, Mich., on Memorial Day.

Pathfinders—Bobby and Sandy—their tent, a campfire, and numerous stuffed wild animals and birds. A banner on the side of the float which read "Showing Youth the Way for 50 Years," was in celebration of 50 years of Pathfinding. A tape of the Pathfinder song played continuously during the parade.

A 21-gun salute performed by veterans of the American Legion at the end of the parade route was given to honor our veterans.

Elenor Williams, Niles Westside Church communication secretary



The 16-foot float celebrated 50 years of Pathfinding.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Wisconsin Pastor Ordained

Wisconsin—**Loren Nelson** was born in Springfield, Ore., to Loren M. K. and Linda Nelson. Growing up in a pastor's family had its ups and downs, but Loren felt the call to ministry very early. At three years old he announced that he was going to be a preacher boy and preached to his teddy bears.

During high school an academy Bible teacher, Helmer Heggison, encouraged Loren to be a pastor. Later in college, Loren fought the call to ministry and tried to take other majors, but God closed those doors. Finally, during the 1992 school year, Loren decided to follow God's call all the way.

A 1993 graduate of Southern Adventist University, Loren met his wife, Suzanne J. Rempher, the next year at a social event in Berrien Springs, Mich. They were married in July 1996. In the fall of 1995 Loren moved to Green Bay to become assistant pastor for the Green Bay district. The year was spent working with Pastor Marvin Clark.

In 1998, after spending a year studying for his master's degree at the Adventist Theological Seminary, God led Loren and Sue to pastor the Fox Valley district where Sue teaches at the Fox Valley Elementary School.

Six Pastors Ordained at Michigan Camp Meeting

Michigan—On July 22, during Michigan's first nine-day camp meeting in twelve years, six young pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry in the new Great Lakes Adventist Academy auditorium/fitness center at Cedar Lake. Each couple beamed with happiness as they stood at the pulpit to be introduced by a significant friend, after which they were given the opportunity to respond with their personal statements of faith.

Ryan and Marija Counsell are at the Michiana Fil-Am Church in Berrien Springs. Born in Washington state, Ryan became a Baptist in the sixth grade at one of their revivals. As a 14-year-old, he visited his Adventist grandparents and aunt and uncle, where both sides tried to convert the other, with no success. However, a unique dream about death and the resurrection lead Ryan to study the Bible's teachings, and he was soon baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist.

As a student missionary from Walla Walla College, he went to Burma and Laos and stayed to graduate from the Adventist college in Singapore. In Europe he met Marija, and after their wedding they became missionaries in Burma. Because of the war, they were moved to Hawaii, and then a call brought them to Michigan. Today they serve God with their young children, Flory and Floyd.



From left, the newly-ordained Michigan pastors and their wives are: Marija and Ryan Counsell, Ana and Barry DeWitt, Annemarie and Jeff Freeman, Beth and David Kobliska, Nancy and Terry Nelson, and Barbara and Charles Possenriede.

Berry and Ana DeWitt are a Michigan born and raised pastoral couple who are now serving in the Port Huron/Lapeer churches. Although he began his college education thinking of becoming a physical therapist, a set of circumstances clearly indicated God wanted him in the pastoral ministry. This conviction set his spiritual vision forward towards that goal, and after graduating from Andrews with a Master of Divinity degree, he has continued in pastoral ministry. Ann has assisted him as she works as a Registered Nurse.

Jeff and Annemarie Freeman are serving God at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) where they help the youth understand Christ's vision of service for their lives. Although Jeff was born in Florida, he moved with his brother and mother to Michigan to live with his Christian grandparents when he was just a few months old. Living in the military, his family moved many times, and after high school he earned a degree in automotive and diesel technology before he moved back to Michigan to begin a career in education.

Then God lead him into the Lake Union Magabook program, where he could continue his education at Andrews as he ministered to young people. His call to be the associate pastor in a Washington state church and his decision to finish his degree in religious education climaxed with an invitation to teach religion at GLAA, where the Freemans are serving Christ today.

David and Beth Kobliska are now using their spiritual talents to minister to the Charlotte/Marshall churches where Beth also is the teacher and principal of the Charlotte Adventist school. Born into a Lutheran family in Illinois, David's college experience developed him into a successful computer programmer and consultant. When his parents became Seventh-day Adventists, he earnestly committed his life to Christ and was also baptized. Then he began using his technical abilities to assist a New York church in launching a Christian satellite television network. The members recognized his pastoral skills and encouraged him to attend the Adventist Theological Seminary. God's providence has been a wonderful guide, and today he and Beth rejoice in their ongoing passion of bringing Christ to others.

Terry and Nancy Nelson and their four children are currently doing pastoral evangelism in the Boyne City, Central Lake, and Gaylord district. Terry grew up as an Adventist on a Michigan farm and attended Michigan Adventist academies, later meeting and marrying his wife while at Andrews University. But it was God's miracle of saving Terry's life after an automobile accident that made them believe they were destined to be soul winners for Jesus.

Still it was not easy for him to make this final commitment to pastor. It took a lay Bible ministry series, an invitation to preach when he had never done public speaking, his grandmother's funeral, and working two years with the Dan Collins evangelistic team before his final surrender to accept God's call to the ministry. Today his calling has been confirmed, for God used him to help give birth to the Holt Church.

Charles and Barbara Possenriede pastor the Detroit Northwest and Farmington churches, a long way from Queens, N.Y., where Charles was born. He became an Adventist because a fellow worker gave him a copy of *The Great Controversy* which he read twice in two weeks while riding the subway to work. He attended his friend's church and was later baptized before he began working in the New York Evangelism ministry. It gave him the opportunity to lead 12 of his 14 family members into the Adventist Church.

It wasn't until he and Barbara and their three children moved to Oregon that Charles felt God's call to the pastoral ministry. He attended Southern Adventist University and Tyndale College and finished his degree in two years. This second college proved to be a witnessing opportunity, for today one of his classmates is a member of his Farmington Church.

The Michigan Conference family welcomes these six newly-ordained pastors to the blessings, joys, and challenges of their church pastorates.

Bruce Babienko, Michigan Conference Herald correspondent

Oliver Archer Ordained

Michigan — Oliver Benjamin John Archer, youth pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) in Berrien Springs, was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 26, at PMC.

Archer was born and reared in an Adventist home in Brooklyn, New York. His entire educational experience has been in Adventist schools. He attended Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania and then Andrews University.



Oliver Archer

Especially interested in aviation, Archer had already earned his private pilot's license before he graduated from academy. When he first entered Andrews University, he pursued a program of study in aviation maintenance, but later he responded to God's call to study religion. After graduating with

his undergraduate degree, Archer began a graduate program in religious education, with an emphasis in youth ministries in the school setting. He completed his master's degree in June 1994.

That same year Archer accepted the position of chaplain and Bible teacher at Wisconsin Academy, where he served for three years. He then became the witnessing/service coordinator at Andrews Academy until the spring of this year, when he was called by the Michigan Conference to fill the youth pastor position at PMC.

Indiana Ordinations

Indiana — Four pastors were ordained this past summer in Indiana. They were given a choice of a group ordination at camp meeting or individual services held in their local districts. They chose to share their special service with the members of their own churches. "It made it more personal for the pastor, and that's what is important," says John Morrison, conference ministerial director.

Gene A. Hall was ordained on Sabbath, July 22, during an afternoon service at the Terre Haute Church. His father-in-law, Harold DeWitt, a retired pastor from Michigan, gave a very personal ordination message, which included tributes written by the Hall's three children.

Gene began his denominational career in 1976 as a Literature Evangelist in Michigan and spent 21 years in the publishing ministry. For 12 of those years he was an



The Hall family, from left: Chandra, Rachelle, Cindy, Gene, Jeremy, and Donna.

area director, but he preferred going door to door and witnessing to the people, so he went back to the streets, mainly in the Detroit area, where he led the Lake Union in sales from 1993 through 1996. In February, 1997, he answered the call to the ministry and joined the Indiana Conference as pastor of the Terre Haute/ Lewis/Greencastle district.

Gene and his wife Cindy have three children. Their son Jeremy is the boys' dean at Great Lakes Adventist Academy; daughter Rachelle is a nurse living in Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Chandra, their youngest daughter, is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

Bela Kobor was ordained on Sabbath, July 29, at the Community Church in Monterey, Ind.

The guests for this special service came from all over—Canada, Bermuda, Hungary—and included 25 who were not Adventists.

Born in Hungary, Bela grew up in a Catholic home without a Bible. At age 14, he had a dream that he would see America



From left: Igor Botansky, Bela, Joanna, & Diane Kobar, and Richard Davidson.

led to his conversion and a deep study of the Scriptures. After attending a prophecy seminar, Bela joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1982. Hearing the call to ministry, he spent two years at Andrews University in ministerial training and three years at Uchee Pines in health evangelism, where he met his wife, Diane Bloom. They became part of the Indiana team in 1996 when they began their ministry in the Community/Plymouth /Rochester district.

Bela and his wife, Diane, have a daughter, Joanna, who is a student at South Bend Junior Academy.

The ordination service for **Brian William Yensho** was held on Sabbath, Aug. 19, at the Kokomo Church where he has been pastoring since November 1998. Brian attended Mount Vernon Academy where he met his wife, Rosie.

Brian and Rosie were married in March of 1980 in Wooster, Ohio. From 1980 to 1993 Brian says he was basically running away from God, but God caught up with him. Brian and Rosie had moved with their three young children to South Carolina. Shortly after the move, their pastor began talking to Brian about becoming a minister. Although he had considered the ministry years before, he had long since given up on the idea. However, when a recruiter from Southern Adventist University contacted him, it soon became clear the Lord had plans for Brian Yensho.



From left: Brian and Rosie Yensho with three of their four children; Brad, Andrea, and young Christopher.

In 1993 the family moved to Collegedale, where Brian majored in theology at Southern Adventist University. He graduated cum laude in the spring of 1996. The Yensho's began their ministry in the New Albany/Scottsburg/Jeffersonville, Indiana district. In November of 1998 they were transferred to the Kokomo/Logansport /Monticello district where they are serving the Lord today.

The Yensho's have four children; Brian, 19; Andrea, 17; Brad, 16; and Christopher, 4.

someday; it became a reality when he moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1977. Bela was told to avoid drugs and churches if he wanted to be happy in America. But three years later, he visited the Gospel House out of curiosity and was drawn to Christ. This

Born in Acatla, Guerrero, Mexico, **Gilberto Bahena** immigrated to the United States in 1979. In 1981, during an evangelistic campaign conducted by Sergio Ortiz, Gilberto was baptized.

The following year, while Gilberto was a Literature Evangelist, he met Cruz Maria, who was a member of the Little Village Church in Chicago. They were married in 1986.

Gilberto graduated from Montemorelos University in Mexico, with a bachelor's degree in theology in 1992, and the Illinois Conference assigned him the task of planting a new church in Moline. In 1994 he served as an associate pastor in the Joliet Church.

In February of 1995, Gilberto moved with his family to Indiana to plant a Hispanic church in Fort Wayne. In 1997 he became pastor of the Fort Wayne, East Chicago, and Mishawaka Hispanic churches. In March of this year, Gilberto was transferred to a district which includes the East Chicago Hispanic Church and the recently-formed Frankfort, Lafayette, and Logansport companies. Gilberto is a true soldier for Christ, and in 1999 was the top soul winner in the Indiana Conference.

Gilberto and Cruz have two children; Josias, age 11, and Isaac, who is ten months old.



From left: Gilberto Bahena, his wife Cruz Maria, and their two sons, Josias, age 11, and ten-month-old Isaac.

Gilberto was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, Sept. 9, at the Fort Wayne Church where he began his Indiana ministry.

Sheri DeWitt, Indiana Conference correspondent

Family Ministry Leaders Acknowledged at Adventist Family Conference

Michigan—This past summer, family ministry leaders, community health professionals, pastors, graduate students and others from throughout the world convened at Andrews University for the first annual Adventist Family Conference.

The conference is sponsored by the General Conference and the North American Division family ministries departments for the purpose of providing training and enrichment opportunities, communicating initiatives for family ministry within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, encouraging networking of individuals in different family ministry venues, and recognizing the accomplishments of individuals who have made a significant contribution to family ministry.

This year the General Conference family ministries department presented a Distinguished Service Medal to **Don and**

Sue Murray, of Andrews University, for their many years of ministry to families. The Murrys have conducted many Engaged Encounter weekends for students considering marriage, mentored young men and women, taught workshops in the areas of marriage and family, written marriage and parenting enrichment materials, interacted with leaders wishing to establish guidelines for strengthening marriages in their communities, and made other contributions too numerous to mention.

For the past 25 years Andrews University, under the leadership of John and Millie Youngberg, has played a significant role in establishing the relevance of family life education. For several decades, people traveled from around the world to equip themselves with the education needed to strengthen families in the church, community, and school settings. Hundreds of these people became certified as family life educators through the rich educational opportunities offered through the former program, Family Life International, and the impact of the training received has been far reaching.



Lake Union members who received their family life education certification at the Adventist Family Conference banquet are (from left) Isaias Santos, Steve Veres, Glen Middaugh, Sylva Middaugh, and Dorothy Hayward.

This summer began a new chapter in family life education at Andrews University. Under the sponsorship of the School of Education religious education program, people may now register for graduate courses, which are fully transferrable into religious education graduate degree programs. Now available to family ministry leaders, community health professionals, and others is an academic program leading to a graduate certificate in family life education. The courses are taught in the summer, on a 3-year rotation, scheduled in one-week intensives before and after the Adventist Family Conference.

If you are interested in this educational opportunity which prepares you to minister to families in a powerful way, please contact Jane Thayer, assistant professor of religious education and the coordinator for the graduate certificate in family life education program at Andrews University, by calling (616) 471-6703.

Diane Thurber, CFLE, Michigan Conference family ministries director

Mother of the Year

Lake Region — The Beacon of Joy Church has chosen Ella Shelley as "Mother of the Year." Shelley has been a member of the Beacon of Joy Church since 1983. Although formerly she had followed her husband and joined four other different churches, Shelley told her husband that this would be the last church she would ever join. She was right. Seventeen years later she has found the truth, a loving church family, a host of friends, and she has decided this is where she belongs.

Having given birth to three daughters, Jean Arnwine, Marjorie Blaimayer, and LoRita Bell, and one son Leander, Shelley added to her family by adopting her grandson Marshall when he was five years old. Marshall is now 21, in the Marines, and stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Shelley has raised her granddaughters, Szymone (9) and LoRita (7) since birth. In addition to that, she assumed the role of mother for her mother, mother-in-law and father-in-law in their declining years. She has nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In 1979, Shelley was diagnosed with a debilitating disease known as Sickle C. The disease causes severe pain in her arms and legs and sometimes immobilizes her, causing her to be in bed for two or three days at a time. But through the grace of God, she has always managed to regain her strength.

The Beacon of Joy Church, where Shelley has served in Community Services and as a deaconess, presented her with a dozen roses and honored her with both musical and verbal tributes.

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communications secretary



"Mother of the Year" Ella Shelley poses with her granddaughters Szymone (left) and LoRita.

Community Services at Vassar

Michigan — Visitors are impressed when they come to the Vassar Community Services Center. Not only do they receive food, clothing, and literature, but they learn of the far-reaching effects the Community Services Center has. A total of 176 boxes were sent out to be used worldwide.

Rosemary Marvosh, director of the Vassar center, makes quilts that are sometimes given to the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. This has been a valuable method of connecting with the community.

Altogether, 675 hours of service were given by the volunteers and more than 200 people were helped during the year.

Carol Leach, Vassar Church communication leader



From left: Rosemary Marvash, Margaret Lanfear, and Jean Ross all volunteer to make the Vassar Community Services Center an outreach to their community.

Annual Council 2000— “United by the Word of God”

Silver Spring, Md. [Adventist News Network] — The need to sustain growth, nurture church members, and streamline the use of resources in light of the rapid growth in church membership in many areas of the world were recurring themes at Annual Council 2000. The meetings, running from Sept. 26 to Oct. 1, brought together an international decision-making body comprised of some 260 Seventh-day Adventist Church administrators, pastors and laypeople representing each of the 12 administrative regions (or divisions) of the Adventist Church worldwide.

Reports to the council focused on the challenges and opportunities that have been created as the Adventist Church has increased in size over the past decade. A number of major new initiatives voted at Annual Council—such as a new leadership training initiative and the establishment of a higher education commission—were, in part, direct responses to the needs created by this unprecedented growth.

In his keynote address to Annual Council members on Sept. 26, **Jan Paulsen**, General Conference (GC) president, said the impact of this church growth was one of the most important issues facing the Adventist Church. For a Real Audio recording or a transcript of Paulsen's speech, go to www.adventist.org.

Matthew Bediako, secretary of the GC, reported the latest growth statistics to Annual Council on Sept. 27, saying that membership of the Adventist Church had increased to more than 11.3 million as of June 30, 2000, representing an average growth rate of 3,176 new members each day.

Developing “mission-driven” methods of allocating the church's resources will be a priority over the next five years, said **Robert L. Rawson**, GC treasurer, in his financial report.

“All strategies, initiatives, plans, goals, and objectives are to be held accountable to the mission,” said Rawson.

Rawson explained that based on the extraordinary growth of the Adventist Church during the past five years, the church of 2005 is projected to be one of “exceptional diversity,” with more than 16 million members worldwide. One of the challenges raised by this rapid growth rate, he said, is planning for the “recruitment, retention, remuneration, and preparation” of the church's future leaders.

Other issues of concern raised by Rawson were the need to develop “financial systems and administrative structures that are efficient, effective, and responsive to a rapidly-changing world environment,” and the development of a “wage scale philosophy that is in accord with the biblical injunction of simplicity and sacrifice yet is sensitive to the issues of fairness, market, and economic realities.”

Within the Lake Union the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Former members 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 to obtain the forms for submission. Milepost forms are also available at luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 31.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce V. and Marilyn R. Christensen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 30, 2000 by a family dinner in the Lincoln Room of Andrews University cafeteria. They have been members of the Buchanan (Mich.) Church for 50 years.

Bruce Christensen and Marilyn Kidder were married July 30, 1950, in Berrien Springs, Mich., by Pastor Otto H. Christensen. Bruce was an engineer with Clark Equipment Company until his retirement in 1986. Marilyn has been a homemaker.

The Christensen family includes Judi and Gary Doty of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Jim and Cheryl Christensen of Stevensville, Mich.; Mike and Debbie Christensen of St. Joseph, Mich.; and Bob and Wanda Christensen of Louisville, Ky.; and 6 grandchildren.

Richard L. and Lois E. Elliott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6, 2000 at an open house held in the Cicero (Ind.) Church. Lois has been a member of the Cicero Church for 62 years, Richard for 50 years.

Richard Elliott and Lois Moore were married Aug. 9, 1950, in Anderson, Ind., by Pastor Leonard Holst. Richard has been a farmer most of their married life and now operates the Elliott's Harness and Tack Shop in Atlanta, Ind. He is a Korean War Army Veteran. Lois retired from being an office worker to assist her husband in his current business enterprise.

The Elliott family includes Ronald and Roberta Elliott of Anderson, Ind.; Jerry and Maureen Elliott of Home, Pa.; and Annette and James McLamb of Elwood, Ind.; 7 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Ammi and Edna Pierce celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2000, by an open house and card shower given by their children at Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church Fellowship Hall. They have been members of the Lansing, Grand Ledge, and Frost (Mich.) Churches.

Ammi Pierce and Edna Booth were married June 20, 1925, in Cedar Lake, Mich., by Elder T.M. Summerville. Until retiring in 1969, Ammi was a general contractor in heavy construction. Since retirement he has built seven churches (six in Michigan, and one in Arizona). Edna has been a homemaker most of that time.

The Pierce family includes Rhonald and Mary Pierce of Lansing, Mich.; Jewel and Cecil Buck of Cedar Lake, Mich.; Ramona Snively of Cedar Lake; Juanita and Richard Retzlaff of Cedar Lake; and Audley and Kay Pierce of Cedar Lake; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

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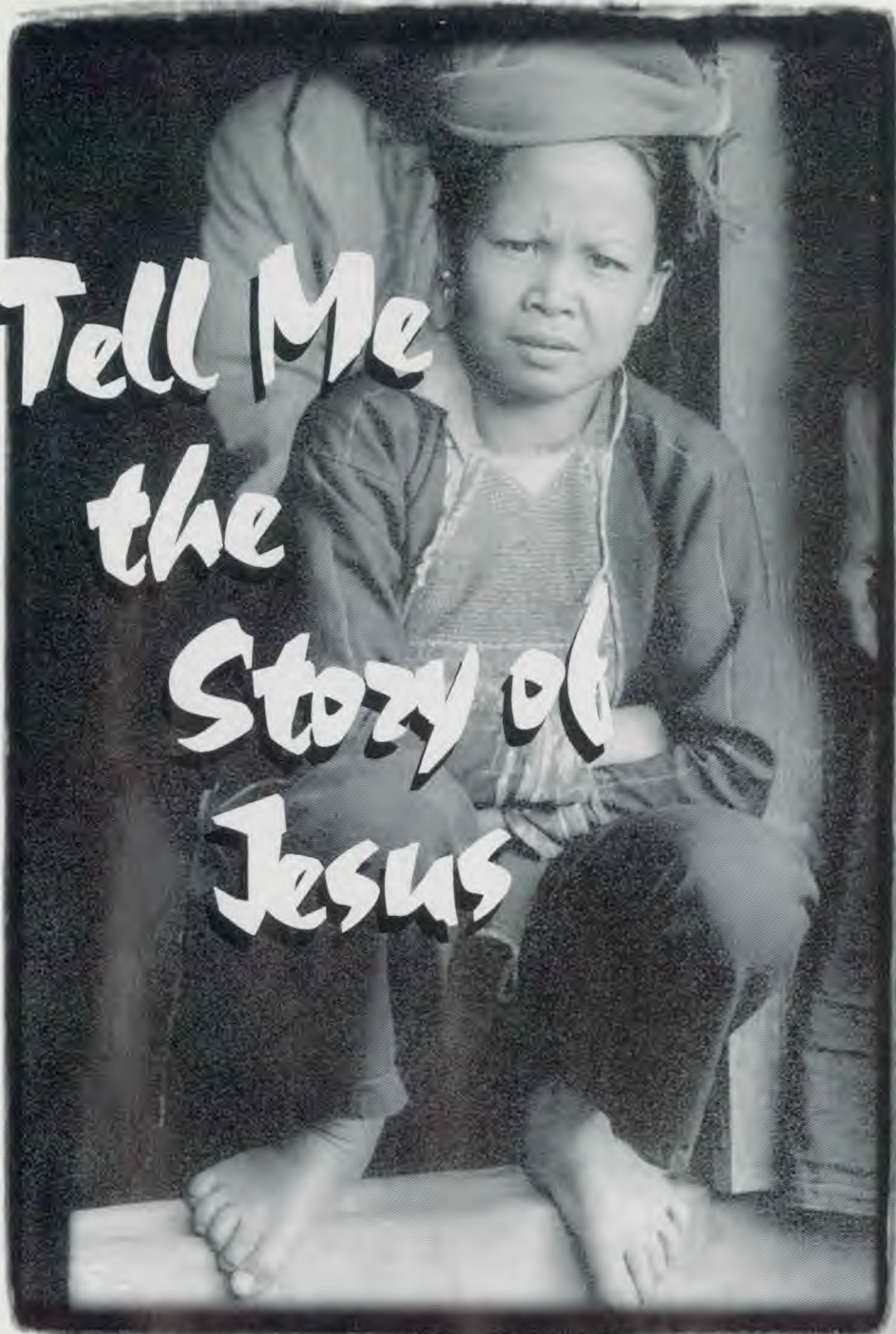
Heidi K. Britain and Travis J. Renfro were married July 2, 2000, in Clear Lake, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Wendell Springer.

Heidi is the daughter of Norm and Joy Britain of Clear Lake, Wis., and Travis is the son of Willard and Linda Renfro of Great Bend, Kan.

The Renfros are making their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

Kristin L. Doss and Adam D. Kiš were married June 18, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Miroslav Kiš and Gordon Doss.

Kristin is the daughter of Gordon and Cheryl Doss of



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Berrien Springs, Mich., and Adam is the son of Miroslav and Brenda Kiš of Berrien Springs, Mich.

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Marie R. Ilibagiza and Gaetan Gatete were married July 30, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Amon Rugelinyange.

Marie Rose is the daughter of the late Evariste and the late Marie Kamugunga of Butare, Rwanda, and Gaetan is the son of the late Francois and the late Generose Mbonyumushi of Butare, Rwanda.

The Gatetes are making their home in South Bend, Ind.

Kristin K. Lockwitz and Mark E. Ingersoll were married June 25, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dale Ingersoll.

Kristin is the daughter of Edgar and Linda Lockwitz of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Mark is the son of Clifford and Karen Ingersoll of Urbana, Ill.

The Ingersolls are making their home in Valparaiso, Ind.

Kimberly C. Sorensen and Adam W. Owen were married June 25, 2000, in Ann Arbor, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Patrick Morrison and Michael Dunbar.

Kim is the daughter of Bill and Charlyn Sorensen of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Adam is the son of Ethan and Linda Owen of Durham, Maine.

The Owens are making their home in Loma Linda, Calif.

Clarice S. Taylor and Shawn D. Merriman were married Aug. 5, 2000, in Champaign, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Ronald Bell.

Clarice is the daughter of Clarence and Leneva Taylor of Chicago, Ill., and Shawn is the son of Alice Taylor of Badin, N.C.

The Merrimans are making their home in Urbana, Ill.

OBITUARIES

BOYER, Frances M. (Chapman-Balch), age 85; born Aug. 27, 1914; died June 29, 2000, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Ivan Balch; daughters, Sylvia and

Donna Wentland, Anna Summers, Ila Scott, and Mable Erickson; brother, Roy Chapman; sisters, Ethel Austin and Ruth Walker; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Raymond J. Plummer, and interment was in Forest Hill Mausoleum, Madison, Wis.

BREDEWEG, Ruth (Dorgelo), age 65; born Mar. 7, 1935, in Pontiac, Mich.; died May 25, 2000, in Holland, Mich. She was a member of the Holland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald; son, Ken Race; stepson, Ron Bredeweg; daughter, Pam Schweitzer; stepdaughter, Sharon Nienhuis; sisters, Shirley Peroek and Sharon Plooster; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Grams, and interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland, Mich.

DECAMP, Rollin L., age 77; born Sept. 12, 1921, in Battle Creek, Mich.; died June 17, 2000, in Lansing, Mich. He was a member of the Bunkerhill Church, Stockbridge, Mich.

Survivors include his son, David; brother, Donald; sister, Ruth Jones; and 4 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Roy Castlebuono, Elder William Lykins, and Donald DeCamp, and interment was in Rawley Cemetery, Williamston, Mich.

FLANNERY, Alberta G. (Wheeler), age 96; born Sept. 2, 1903, in Fish Creek, Wis.; died June 21, 2000, in Crandon, Wis. She was a member of the Crandon Church.

Survivors include her son, Ward O.; daughters, Olive M. Glasgow and Rhoda Spencer; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Ellsworth Moses, and interment was in Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater Lake, Wis.

FORTNEY, Charles S., age 53; born Oct. 19, 1946, in Detroit, Mich.; died July 26, 2000, in Traverse City, Mich. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include his sisters, Marie Mayor and Linda White.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Frank Haynes, and interment was in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, Mich.

FRANCISCO, LaMont J. Jr., age 77; born Mar. 28, 1923, in Tulsa, Okla.; died June 23, 2000, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was a pastor in the Illinois Conference.

Survivors include his sons, LaMont III, Ron and Jack; daughters, Sharon Barret and Carla Thorne; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Bob Everett, and interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa.

HOARD, Emily L. (Joslin), age 63; born Mar. 22, 1937, in Birmingham, Mich.; died June 21, 2000, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a member of the Hillsdale (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis; daughters, Sylvia and Stephanie; brothers, Lyle and Ralph Joslin; and sisters, Barbara Dunham and Alice Cass.

A memorial service was conducted by Elder Don Siewert, and interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Mich.

HOLM, Arni, age 64; born Dec. 3, 1935, in Reykjavik, Iceland; died June 28, 2000, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a

member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Soley (Gudsteinsdottir); son, David G.; daughter, Svanros A.; brothers, Olafur, Helgi, Karl, Fridbjorn and Sigurdur Holm; sisters, Mjoll and Svala Holm; and 2 grandchildren.

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

HOPKINS, Howard T., age 87; born Dec. 24, 1912, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died June 16, 2000, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mable; son, Norval; stepsons, Ralph Jr., Lyle, Darrell, and Theron Hosford; daughters, Sharman and Ansley; sister, Lois Loudon; and 2 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Philip Colburn, and interment was in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

HOWELL, Ruth, age 88; born Apr. 25, 1912, in Caledonia, Mich.; died June 21, 2000, in Jackson, Mich. She was a mem-

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ber of the Hillsdale (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her adopted daughter, Barbara Cabellon.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul S. Howell, and interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Onaway, Mich.

INABNIT, Ralph E., age 83; born July 20, 1916, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died July 6, 2000, in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Brownsburg (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Christine (Lively); sons, Ralph Jr., William, and John; daughter, Joann O'Neal; stepdaughters, Betty Scott and Wanda Branch; sister, Ruth Luther; 10 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Peter Kulakov and Jerry Lastine, and interment was in Brownsburg Cemetery.

LAW, Robert V., age 92; born May 14, 1908, in Armenia, Wis.; died June 17, 2000, in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Madison Church.

Graveside services were conducted by Elder Donald Corkum, and interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison.

LEWIS, Lloyd M., age 99; born Oct. 7, 1900, in Manistee, Mich.; died June 15, 2000, in Hart, Mich. He was a member of the Shelby (Mich.) Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Don Williams, and interment was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Manistee, Mich.

MAHONEY, Evelyn E. (Welch), age 83; born Jan. 18, 1917, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died

June 10, 2000, in Naples, Fla. She was a member of the Columbus (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Hershal C.; sons, James and Jon; daughter, Janyce Ford; sister, Hazel Stich; 14 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Daryl Crane, and interment was in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus, Ind.

MORAN, Marvel I. (Austin), age 89; born Oct. 10, 1910, in Buffalo, Wis.; died July 20, 2000, in Reedsburg, Wis. She attended the Reedsburg Church.

Survivors include her son, John; daughters, Virginia Rabine and Judy Moran; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor William Ochs and Elder Willis Graves, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Wis.

NICHOLS, Abe, age 95; born June 8, 1905, in Osceola County, Mich.; died July 24, 2000, in Cadillac, Mich. He was a member of the Mesick (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; sons, Roy and Wayne; stepson, Jack Hamilton; daughter, Betty Gehring; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Quentin Purvis and Art Covell, and interment was in Bristol (Mich.) Cemetery.

WALLER, John O., age 83; born Oct. 29, 1916, in Los Angeles, Calif.; died July 6, 2000, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine (Johnson).

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Dwight Nelson, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

WOLF, Ethel (West), age 83; born Dec. 18, 1916, in Bradford, Pa.; died May 22, 2000, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Edmore (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Pearsal and Michaelene Basney; 7 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Gotshall, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Louis, Mich.

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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Campus Events: Nov. 3-5—Adventist Engaged Encounter. Whether engaged or recently married, this weekend will strengthen your relationship and deepen your commitment to your partner. For more information, contact Campus Ministries at (616) 471-3211. **4, 11 and 18—Student Concert Series,** 6:30 p.m., University Towers Auditorium. AU's student contemporary Christian groups in concert. Call (616) 471-6568. **11—AU Symphony Orchestra concert,** "Mozart and More," 8:00 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church. **19—WAUS benefit** presentation of "Messiah," 2:00 p.m., St. Mary's College, O'Laughlin Auditorium, South Bend, Ind. For more information, call radio

station WAUS at (616) 471-3400. Check for changes in dates or times of programs at www.andrews.edu or call the music hotline at (616) 471-3600.

Apr. 12-15, 2001: The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians will meet at Andrews University. Teachers may receive continuing education credit for attending or presenting papers on historical subjects or pedagogical issues. For further information, contact Gary Land, Department of History and Political Science, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104. E-mail: land@andrews.edu.

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Nov. 4—Church

Budget; 11—Annual Sacrifice (see story on page 12); **18—Church Budget; 25—Local Conference Advance. Dec. 2—Church Budget; 9—Inner City.**

Special days: Nov. 4—"ADRA Annual Appeal" begins; **4-11—Week of Prayer; 11—Human Relations Sabbath; 18—Welcome Home Sabbath; 25—Bible Sabbath. Dec. 2—"ADRA Annual Appeal" Sabbath.**

The Lake Union Herald editors would like to run regular stories about the involvement of young adults in their churches and communities. If you know of someone who is making a real contribution, or have an idea that others could implement in their churches, please tell us about it. Go to luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html to submit story ideas or stories.

No One But You is a quarterly series of good news reports on video created exclusively for the Lake Union churches. The fourth quarter program, "To the Rescue," tells how the Michigan Conference mobile kitchen was sent to North Carolina to feed the volunteers who were assisting victims of last year's floods. If you do not see the *No One But You* programs in your church, contact your local conference

personal ministries director.

The 2001 Guidelines for Submission to the Lake Union Herald is ready for distribution. Church communication leaders will be receiving it from their local conference communication director. If you have not received one by the end of November, or if you are not the communication leader for your church but would like to write for the *Herald*, please contact your communication director and ask for a copy.

ILLINOIS

BVA 50-year Reunion: We are looking for the following people who attended Broadview Academy from 1948-1951 with the graduation class of 1951. Raul Anton, Frances DeCarlo, Georgia Ruth Edwards, Alois (Owens) Ewaschuck, Floyd Girven, Ronald Greer, Beverly Halvorsen, Myrna Holm, Anna Kopf, Grace Krchnavi, Bob Kuhns, Phillip Laker, Richard Mahoney, Otilia Miranda, Floyd Peterson, James Robinson, Delores Rodriguez, Don Simonar, Betty Simons, Ardella Rebecca Stratton, Dorothy Syers, Larry Teter, Dave Vance, Britt Vreine, Patricia Williams, Dave Wolcott.

If you have any information to help us contact these people, please contact Jan (Pitts) Miskiewicz, 3333 Edgewood Dr., Berrien Springs, MI 49103; or Barb (Minear) Miswander, 1305 Hampshire Pl. Cir., Altamonte Springs, FL 32714; e-mail: BarbMiswander@juno.com.

Reunion weekend is **May 4-6, 2001**.

WORLD CHURCH

Thanksgiving & Christmas TV specials to air on Odyssey: Special Thanksgiving and Christmas telecasts, produced jointly by the *Voice of Prophecy* and *Faith For Today*, will air on the Odyssey cable network during the holiday season.

The first special will air on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, at 10:00 a.m. EST and PST. The second special, "Christmas Joy," is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 21, at 10:00 a.m. EST and PST, and again on Sun., Dec. 24, at 2:30 p.m. EST and PST. Joining Lonnie Melashenko and Dan

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date

35 weeks ending Aug. 31, 2000 compared to 35 weeks ending Aug. 31 1999

Average Membership Basis		Conference			Increase (Decrease)	% Inc. -Decr.	Per Capita	
30-Jun-00	1999		2000	1999			2000	1999
11,467	11,159	Illinois	5,480,837	5,121,543	359,295	7.02%	477.97	458.96
6,203	5,938	Indiana	3,813,973	3,673,176	140,797	3.83%	614.86	618.59
23,702	23,142	Lake Region	5,923,911	5,752,966	170,945	2.97%	249.93	248.59
23,772	23,461	Michigan	15,675,745	14,476,493	1,199,252	8.28%	659.42	617.05
6,311	6,266	Wisconsin	3,420,928	3,172,447	248,481	7.83%	542.06	506.30
71,455	69,966	Totals	34,315,395	32,196,625	2,118,770	6.58%	480.24	460.18
		Tithe per Week	980,440	919,904	60,536	6.58%		

2000 Sunset Calendar

	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8
Berrien Springs, MI	5:37	5:29	5:23	5:18	5:15	5:14
Chicago	4:44	4:36	4:29	4:25	4:21	4:20
Detroit	5:25	5:17	5:10	5:05	5:01	5:00
Indianapolis	5:42	5:35	5:29	5:24	5:21	5:20
La Crosse, WI	4:55	4:46	4:39	4:34	4:29	4:28
Lansing, MI	5:31	5:22	5:15	5:10	5:06	5:04
Madison, WI	4:49	4:41	4:34	4:28	4:24	4:23
Springfield, IL	4:56	4:49	4:43	4:38	4:35	4:34

Matthews for the Christmas special are soloist Wintley Phipps, Ralph Carmichael and his Singers, and Sheri Rose Shepherd, Mrs. United States 1994.

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Nov. 1, 7:30–8:30 p.m., ET—*First Wednesday.*

Nov. 2–Dec. 9, 8:00–9:00 p.m., ET—*Samuel Thompson Crusade*, uplinked from Columbus, Ohio.

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:00 a.m.–noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour.*

Nov. 11, 4:30–5:30 p.m. ET—*Together Again Roundtable:* What are former/inactive members saying (research findings) to the church?

Dec. 2, 9, 11:00 a.m.–noon, ET—*Adventist Worship Hour.*

Dec. 6, 7:30–8:30 p.m., ET—*First Wednesday.*

ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER SCHEDULE

Be sure to check each ministry's web page for the latest in programming information and station schedules. *Faith for Today's Lifestyle Magazine* program titles were not available at press time.

Breath of Life television
Faith For Today television—
www.lifestyle.org

It Is Written television—
www.iiw.org

La Voz de la Esperanza
radio—www.lavoz.org

Voice of Prophecy radio—
www.vop.com

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5

Breath of Life—If God Be for You, Part E.

It Is Written—“What's Left?”

La Voz de la Esperanza—
“The Secret to Success in Life”
(El Secreto De La Victoria) (CD #S0045).

Voice of Prophecy—Sun.:
“Watch for Falling Rocks!” (CD #F89); Mon.–Fri.: “The Lottery Queen—1” (CD #F90).

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12

Breath of Life—“When God Steps In,” Part E

It Is Written—Questioning the Supernatural [QS]. “Can Angels Go Bad?” [QS, Part 1].

La Voz de la Esperanza—“A Rebirth of Hope” (Renovando la Esperanza) (CD #S0046)

Voice of Prophecy—Sun.: “2 Samuel” The Perils of Power—1 (CD #F89); Mon.–Fri.: “The Lottery Queen—2” (CD #F92).

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19

Breath of Life—“Walls” If God Be for You, Part B.

It Is Written—“Magic Versus Miracles” [QS, Part 2].

La Voz de la Esperanza—
“The Power of Forgiveness” (El Poder del Perdon) (CD #S0047)

Voice of Prophecy—Sun.:
“Needed: a Savior” (CD #F93); Mon.–Fri.: “Never on the Sale Rack” (CD #F94).

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26

Breath of Life—“Overnight” If God Be for You, Part B

It Is Written—“Finding the Pumpkin Pie.”

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“The Power of Prayer” (El Poder de la Oracion) (CD #S0048)

Voice of Prophecy, Sun.: “1 Kings” The Perils of Power—2 (CD #F93); Mon.–Fri.: “Does Heaven Ever Panic?” (CD #F96).

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My name is Mephie, grandson of King Saul, Israel's first king.

The night my father and grandfather were killed in a battle with the Philistines, my legs were crushed beneath the wheel of a heavy wagon. Since then I have been a useless cripple, a nobody.

Yes, my legs hurt, but my heart hurt even more! I could never be king. I had no family. I could never run or walk. I had become a useless nothing, a person with the value of a dead dog.

The bodyguards took me far away to a place called Lo Debar, a tiny desert settlement. The very name of the place depressed me. "Lo Debar" means, "No Place!" I was nothing, living in no place.

Someone made a wooden palette for me to sit on, a false throne covered with dirty rags. Regularly, the families of Lo Debar described what would happen to me if the new king, David, learned I was alive. "Kings search out and destroy all would-be-kings!" Every day it felt as if the steel of David's sword was scratching the back of my neck.

There was little for a cripple to do in Lo Debar, except to feel sorry for himself and wonder what was happening at the palace.

That all changed the day the wagons came. Guarded by a dozen of David's mighty men, they rolled into the settlement searching for me. Victory was written across the face of each warrior.

"King David," they said as they threw me and my rags into a wagon, "wants to do you a kindness!" I had been betrayed, and the laughter of his "mighty men" proclaimed that they were hauling me off to my doom.

I cried with each lurch of the wagon. A dead dog from no place, I was being delivered to the enemy

king. Every stone on the road filled my legs with pain, but my greatest hurt was my fear of dying under the sword of David.

I hardly noticed as men carried me beneath the scarlet silk banners of "The Lion of Judah." I hardly heard as people laughed and whispered about me. I glanced up for a quick moment and then bowed low before the giant marble throne, the king, and the two life-size golden lions beside him.

I had seen the face of David and the certainty of death lay cold and sharp upon my neck.

Then David spoke.

"Mephibosheth! Don't be afraid! Your father Jonathan was my best friend, and I am thrilled to know you are alive. Welcome to my palace. I've asked the carpenters to make a special seat for you so you can always eat at my table here in the palace. You will be treated as if you were my own child."

The words ran through me like lightning. Me? Of value? Like the king's own son?

"My king," I heard my voice say, "what am I that you should even notice a dead dog like me?"

David laughed, embraced me and began raining gifts upon me. "I'll tell you who you are, you're Jonathan's son. That means you are of greatest value! You're going to be treated like one of my own children. My home is happier because you are now here. Welcome to my table."

My name is Mephibosheth. No longer a nothing from no place! Not a dead dog! I am a person of great value!! I am Mephibosheth, child of the king!!!



So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. Galatians 4:7

Dick Duerksen

The eXtreme Team Looks Forward to Relaunch

YouthNet eXtreme, the touring revival ministry of the North American Division, is looking forward to redesigning its ministry. YouthNet eXtreme launched June 1998 with a tour lasting until August 2000. In this time, the eXtreme Team has traveled all over North America, providing revival, ministry and leadership training, and support for local youth ministry. This first phase of the eXtreme ministry has been praised, affirmed, and has resulted in changed lives, baptisms, and changed youth groups.

Now, the eXtreme Team is looking to the future. With the end of phase one, the eXtreme Team is relaunching and changing its emphasis. It will expand its role from simply a revival team to an evangelistic/empowering ministry designed to work with the unchurched;

public schools, youth crusades, evangelism, creative outreach; and to provide training for youth and young adults in creatively reaching the world.

The team will expand its number of members to ten, including a full musical group and drama troupe. The eXtreme Team is hiring a drama director, music director, and

a technical director for the new season. If you feel the calling to travel all over North America telling all that will listen, young and old, about Jesus, give us a call. We would love to talk to you. The eXtreme Team has the added blessing of being spiritually fed while helping feed the ones they come in contact with.

The eXtreme Team will also be booking for the new season soon. For more information on booking or hiring, call 1-800-YOUTH-2-U and ask for Michelle Coursey; or e-mail yne@juno.com



Check out the eXtreme Team's website! <http://www.extremegeneration.org>

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