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Photo by Gary Burns. We all look forward to summertime when our kids go off to summer camp and the whole family gets spiritually recharged at camp meeting. The cover photo was taken of a young camper getting ready to ride the zip line at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan.

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Camp Meeting in the "Good Old Days"

She was a thin, wiry, sprightly little lady that wore a funny little black hat, a formal frilly white shirt, and a black bow tie. She loved children, and we loved her. No campfire circle was complete until she had regaled us with stories from the mission field. We imagined all sorts of scary things lurking out past the light where the shadows danced on the trees. We huddled together, afraid to hear and even more afraid to leave the security of the others gathered around the fire.

Our favorite story was "Thirteen O'clock," and we begged her to tell it every year. Her story-telling skills were such that you imagined yourself to be right in the scenes she described. She also loved to hear good gospel music sung in the meeting tents around the camp. She could preach when asked, and nobody complained that she was a lady preacher.

I was absolutely thrilled upon a recent visit to Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, to see her little hat, shirt, bow tie, and pictures displayed in the William J. Hardy home. She was Anna Knight, better known to all African-American Adventists as "Sister Anna Knight." She was the first black missionary woman to be sent overseas by the General Conference. We laughed with her about this because she surely did not look typically black, with her keen features and very white skin complexion.

That is the way camp meeting was in the "good old days." My dad took his vacation each summer at camp time. My family never missed a camp meeting in 66 years. Mom and the other ladies brought sheets from home, and they sewed them together to make ticks. Yes, we filled the sheets with straw from the barns at Mount Vernon Academy, and later at Pine Forge Academy! What good sleeping!

I remember the camp store on Saturday nights after the Sabbath had passed. There were always samples of the newest health foods, and we kids would get in line several times until they caught on and ran us off. Cooking around the camp stove was a social event as well as a cooking event. And you could count on the very best preaching and music ever to be heard if you attended camp meeting. It was the spiritual high time of the year.

I can hardly wait. See you at camp meeting this summer!



YOUTH IN ACTION

MISSION POSSIBLE: YOUTH EVANGELISM OUTREACH

BY LAURIE SNYMAN

“Let us change our world, one person at a time,” preached David Yeagley one Sabbath to his Lansing congregation. On the projector screens at the front of the church, he flashed a sign that read: “Warning: The Devil has plans for your children, do you?” Both David Yeagley and Chad Bernard, Lansing Adventist School principal, believe that children need to be focused on how to help the community.

Mission Possible was designed to be a service-based evangelistic series for youth. Each Sabbath morning, Pastor Yeagley presented a sermon based on a grouping

community events for students and members to get active in helping others. Students canvassed the neighborhoods, meeting neighbors and passing out free book markers. Each marker had a phone number for the Lansing Church prayer line, encouraging people to call with their prayer requests.

A Lansing team helped side a new house with the local Habitat for Humanity organization which will benefit a needy family. Another team painted a fence at the local community park. Youth and adults wrote thank you letters to community leaders and service

great to help people.”

Jade Bennison, another Lansing student, enjoys working at the Humane Society as a part of her Bible Labs program. “I love playing with the animals, especially the puppies,” she says. Students also help at a Lansing homeless shelter.

Lower-grade students volunteer at a local nursing home, visiting with the residents and playing board games with them. Sometimes they read to them or sing with them.

Steve Blosser, a parent who also participated in Habitat for Humanity, said, “I was impressed



Samuel Schultz painted fences with about 25 youth and adults at Sharp Park.



Youth prepare thank-you cards to distribute to people in the community who seldom receive appreciation.



Six groups of young people took dinner to shut-ins.



A Mission Possible team helped side a Habitat for Humanity house. The team also framed a shed behind the house.

of Adventist doctrines, and the following week we went into the community to live out those doctrines. “I believe that our doctrines are not nouns, but verbs,” says Pastor Yeagley. “Doctrines should change more than just how we believe, they should change how we live.”

Both men have organized

people. Mike Davis’ favorite community event was when he and other church members spent an afternoon pumping gas at the local Meijer. The group also treated customers to washing windows and free maps. Mike said, “People tried to give us tips, but we refused. Customers couldn’t get over how nice we were being. It felt really

to see how so many members and youth have come together to make a difference for others. I am glad our pastor was willing to organize projects as they were such a blessing to all who were involved.”

Laurie Snyman is the Lansing Church communication leader.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Illinois

One day in early March 2002, I (**Nancy Gable**) picked up a colorful flyer that arrived in the mail. It caught my interest because it was an invitation to a Bible prophecy seminar starting later in the month. My husband and I were not churchgoers, but we had a special interest in the prophecies of Revelation. This seminar would cover the prophecies of Daniel and include several topics about which we had questions.

Through the series of meetings, we listened, learned, and questioned. When the series was completed, we were invited to attend weekly Bible study sessions to learn more. Sometimes we had questions about the things we were learning, and the pastor would come to our home to help us get answers. Our grown son, **Jeremy**, sometimes joined us during these home studies.

As I became convicted of the Sabbath truth, I began to make changes in my life so I could start keeping the Sabbath. Jeremy was also learning, and he, too, began to turn away from working on the Sabbath.

When our study group completed the Revelation studies, we decided to focus on biblical teachings for healthful living, primarily healthful eating. I was particularly interested in that

topic because I had been trying to lose weight and wanted to make a lifestyle change that would not only take off the weight but would keep it off for good. Through our studies, we learned about the good foods that the Creator gave us for healthy living and why many of the foods in our American diet are

not good for us. We received and shared recipes for healthy eating and sampled many delicious new foods.

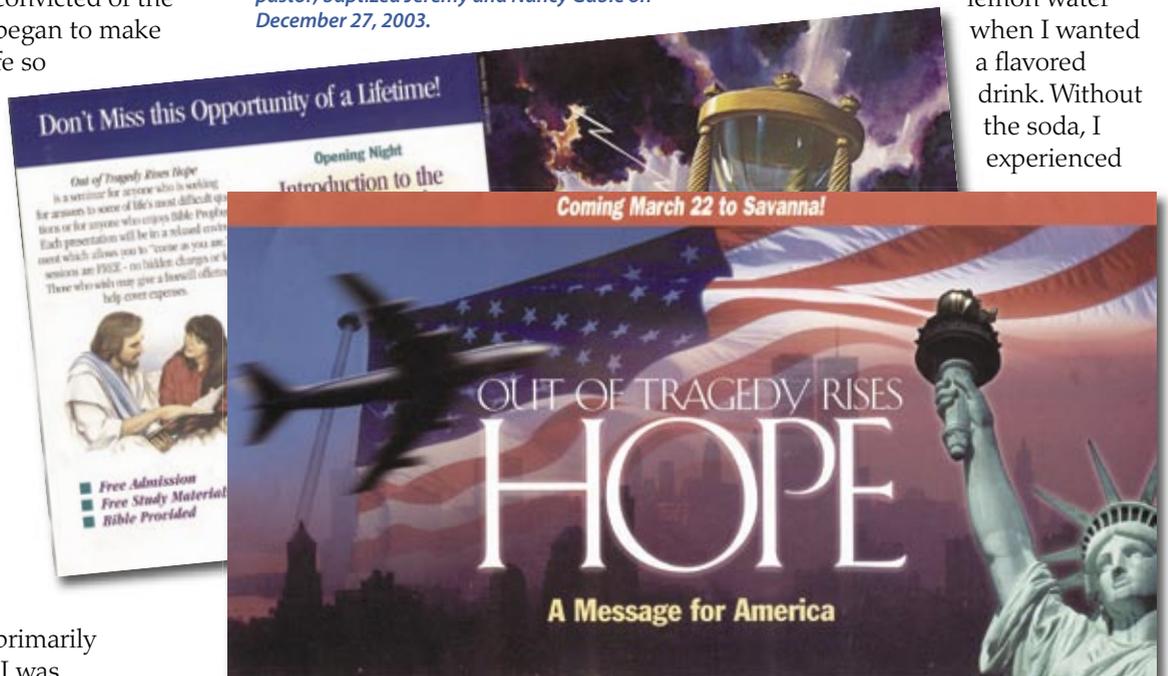
As we learned how to eat healthfully, I began to change my diet. Soon, I was losing weight without counting anything and without going hungry. I had more variety in my diet than ever before, at less cost, and my cravings and urges to nibble between meals were disappearing.

Having learned that caffeine and artificial sweeteners were unhealthy, I knew that I should give up drinking soda—my preferred drink for over 30 years. I prayed for help in dealing with this addiction, but wasn't yet truly committed to giving it up. One day we ran out of soda and would have no money to buy more for several days. I knew that if I could go without soda that long, I could give it up for good.

With no soda to drink, I substituted lemon water when I wanted a flavored drink. Without the soda, I experienced



From left: Mark Jagitsch, Savanna Church pastor, baptized Jeremy and Nancy Gable on December 27, 2003.



This invitation to study Bible prophecy arrived in the mail and caught the Gable family's interest.

a constant mild headache for three days from caffeine withdrawal, but successfully gave up the soda for good. Jesus had answered my prayer.

My relationship with Jesus was growing, and I made the decision to be baptized. Jesus was changing my life, and as I prepared for baptism, I was surprised at changes I didn't even intend to make. I found that I now preferred Christian music to the music that I had previously enjoyed, which was no longer enjoyable. Even my blood pressure improved.

Jeremy, too, was making changes in his life and growing in his relationship with Jesus. He had signed up for the Army, and just before leaving for Basic, he decided he wanted to be baptized, but there was insufficient time for him to prepare. While he was in Receiving (pre-Basic preparations), he joined a small group of recruits who were studying the Bible. As questions arose, Jeremy quickly located the Bible passages that provided answers. He was soon nicknamed "Preacher."

When Jeremy came home for Christmas, he was as committed as ever to leading a Christian life, including keeping the Sabbath and being baptized. He knew that keeping the Sabbath would be especially difficult while in Basic, but he was committed and prepared himself for whatever consequences he would face when he returned to Basic and took his stand.

Jeremy and I were baptized December 27, 2003. By the time I was baptized, I had lost 46 lbs. with the biblical principles of abundant living and Jesus' help. We praise God for that colorful flyer (the little seed) that came in the mail and changed our lives.

Nancy Gable, new member of the Savanna (Illinois) Church

Michigan

My search for God's truth started in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. I had gone through a heartbreaking experience and needed to find some answers that



Rebecca and Allen Bierschback, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, found God and each other.

would bring me peace with God. I did not have a church background, and wanted to understand God's character and what the Bible taught about life after death. I also knew that I did not want to live my life without God in it. Although my parents had told me about Jesus, they did not attend a local church. In my search, I began to study with people from various denominations, but I was never satisfied with what I was learning.

While I had been studying with different denominational church instructors, a close friend told me that someone in his Bible study group had said we were attending church on the wrong day. The right day to worship God was on Saturday. I responded that I wanted to meet the person who made those statements. It was then that the Lord began to answer my prayers and show me the satisfying truths which are in His Word.

The person who had made the statements about worshiping on Saturday was an Adventist Bible worker, Victor Marshall. We began studying together for several months. During this time,

I felt impressed to tell everyone I met that Saturday was the day we should attend church, not Sunday. As a result, some of my family began attending the Adventist Church with me. It was a wonderful day when I was baptized in the Portsmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was at this point that my father told me his parents in Michigan were Seventh-day Adventists.

I left New Hampshire to attend Southwestern Adventist College for two years, but finished my course at another Texas college. After graduating, I was impressed to move to Grand Rapids,

Michigan, to seek employment. This is where I met my husband-to-be, **Allen Bierschback**. He impressed me with the deep love he had for the Lord, but he was not attending any particular church. A few months after we met, I asked Allen to attend a Revelation Seminar, presented by a local Adventist pastor, with me. He attended all but one of the meetings.

During the series, he accepted all the biblical truths, but had some habits he had to give to the Lord before he was baptized. Thankfully, the Lord gave him the victory, and the month after he was baptized, we were married. Since then, we have been a dedicated husband and wife team, working for the Lord by teaching in the children's Sabbath school division, giving Bible studies in our home, and taking Bible lessons to other homes. Presently, Allen is Maranatha Bible Fellowship's deacon and the Community Service Center director.

Rebecca Bierschback as told to Bruce Babienco, volunteer Lake Union Herald correspondent



Living the Good Life

BY ANN FISHER

Are all Adventists vegetarians? Will I have to give up my morning cup of coffee? Does baptism mean no more TV? As a new Adventist, how do you distinguish between church doctrine and personal choice? What is an Adventist lifestyle? As Adventists, we pride ourselves on our adherence to biblical truth, so let's look at what the Bible has to say about Christian lifestyle.

"Therefore, my brothers, I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable, and perfect" (Romans 12:1, 2 NEB).

These verses clearly point out the transforming nature of Christianity. They also emphasize our relationship with Christ, and therein lies the key. As Adventist Christians, we believe that we have entered into a partnership with Christ. There are three important aspects of this partnership.

1. Christ has the controlling interest. We recognize His Lordship over us and our dependence upon Him.
2. The partnership is unlimited. Adventists are holistic Christians. Our Christianity affects the way we spend our time and money, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the words we say—because everything we do makes an impact upon our relationship with Christ.
3. The partnership must grow and strengthen or it will fail. When you were baptized, you began a process—the process of becoming like Christ. That's what being a Christian is all about.

How can I know what a 21st-century Jesus would do in my place? I must get to know Him and develop a personal relationship with Him through Bible study, prayer, the Holy Spirit's guidance, and through Christian fellowship. By beholding Him, I will be changed into His likeness. "For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him" (Philippians 2:13 NLT).

We've talked about the principles and the resources, but we still haven't answered the question whether or not all Adventists are vegetarians. What is the Adventist lifestyle as it applies to health, stewardship, interpersonal relationships, leisure activities, and adornment?

Some people believe that Adventism is completely prescriptive. It isn't. The disciples decided early on not to "burden" new members with a long list of do's and don'ts (see Acts 15:22–33)—although you will find some members who will try to share their burden with you.

Paul cautions new believers not to let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or let anyone disqualify you for the prize. The key to success is to continually let Jesus Christ be Lord of your life (See Colossians 2).

I am thankful that my church emphasizes my personal connection with Christ and leaves room for individual differences. We don't all see things the same way, and we don't all grow at the same rates. There is room in Adventism for personal spiritual growth and personal expressions of faith.

Merely believing a set of doctrines and following a list of do's and don'ts will not change you into a loving, Christ-like Christian. That will only happen during the life-long process of allowing Jesus to be your very best Friend.

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MEXICAN MISSION CHANGES LIVES

You Paid To Do That?

BY LAURELLA CASE

“You paid to do that?” Those were the words that many of us heard as we prepared to go to Mexico for a one-week mission trip. On Wednesday, April 19, 2003, we began our trip from Wisconsin to Ciudad Victoria, located 200 miles south of Brownsville, Texas. The group of 35 were members from many different Wisconsin Adventist churches—Sheboygan, Green Bay, Fox Valley, and LaCrosse—as well as several from Texas. Bob Stauffer, Sheboygan district pastor, and Otoniel Reyes, former Lake Union Conference vice president for Hispanic ministries, led our team.

After a bit of a delay getting across the border into Mexico, we arrived in Ciudad Victoria late Sunday night. Early the next morning, we began our projects: 1) to finish a concrete play area for the local Seventh-day Adventist school, and 2) to put up walls for a new church building in San Jose De Flores.



Delmar Austin, from Green Bay, moves concrete to finish the play area at the local school.

We formed two teams. Each day we shoveled sand and rock and mixed concrete. We moved the concrete in wheelbarrows and buckets and watched the building grow. Lindsey Shotwell, 13, of Fox Valley, observed, “It was a lot of fun working. It was interesting to talk and work with the local people.” Both projects progressed quickly, and by the second day, the walls of the church building were up and one-half of the play area was finished.



Bernadette Dorin, from Green Bay, supervises the children coloring pictures at Vacation Bible School.

By day, the Mexican school children had English classes. We helped the students with their pronunciation. Matthew Klug, 14, from Merrill, said, “Teaching kids English and helping level concrete were my favorite parts of the trip.”

We held three evening evangelistic meetings and a



Matthew Klug, from Merrill, and Trevor Hallock, from Hylandale, level concrete at the school site.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for the children. These evening meetings were the highlight of our trip. Those who didn't preach participated by singing special music and visitation. The average attendance at VBS was between 25 and 30 children. Crayons are rare for them, so they treated them with great care. Felicia Gordon, 16, from Sheboygan, said, “My favorite part of the trip was working with VBS kids and how they looked up to us.” Brad Austin, 17, from Green Bay, was amazed at how friendly the people were.

Every day, several ladies from the local churches came and prepared our meals. Charissa Sykes, 15, from LaCrosse, said, “Trying the different foods was one of my favorite parts of the trip.”

On our final night there, the people threw us a “thank you” fiesta with food, games, confetti, candy, gifts, and a special program by the school children. We went to serve the people in Mexico, but we received the greater blessing. The words of Pastor Stauffer rang true: “You never feel better than when you are doing something for Jesus.”

Laurella Case, Green Bay Church correspondent

Family Ties

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

While the hymn that shares this title was not written about families, but as a farewell to John Fawcett's parish in the 1700s, it struck a chord with me as it relates to the new title for this column. Ties with our families can certainly bind our hearts in Christian love. It is with our families that many of us go before our Father's throne, pour out our ardent prayers, share our fears, our hopes, and our aims. It is within our families that we share our mutual woes, bare one another's burdens, and share a sympathizing tear. When we are apart, we miss one another and long for when we shall be together again, knowing we are joined in heart.

Family relationships can also bind us in ways that hurt. Sometimes the hurt is like "Ouch!" and we distance ourselves for a few minutes or hours. Sometimes the ties are too binding, and we struggle to be free. Sometimes we feel as if we are being strangled and gasp for air. We let the hurts hurl us far, far away from the people and the memories. Ties that bind families together in unhealthy ways can affect us profoundly.

One coping method is to take our reality and normalize it. Another coping method is to physically separate ourselves from family members.

Perhaps you have heard the saying, "Family, you can't live with them, and you can't live without them."

Some of the every-day issues that strain family ties include poor communication, inability to resolve conflicts and disagreements, poor problem-solving skills, poor division of responsibilities, insufficient emotional support, intolerance of differences, and overdependency on others. Families who share these characteristics are likely to have trouble coping with life's inevitable crises. Even relatively simple problems not resolved become major dilemmas. By their lack of successful coping skills, these families create additional problems for themselves and go from crisis to crisis with little relief and little pleasure from life or from one another.

If any of these characteristics describe your present family or the

family in which you grew up, take heart. Many have hurtful memories from childhood which continue to haunt them. Trying to forget doesn't work very well. While everyone deserves freedom from the past, and there are professionals to assist in that journey, I suggest that even difficult memories have something to teach us.

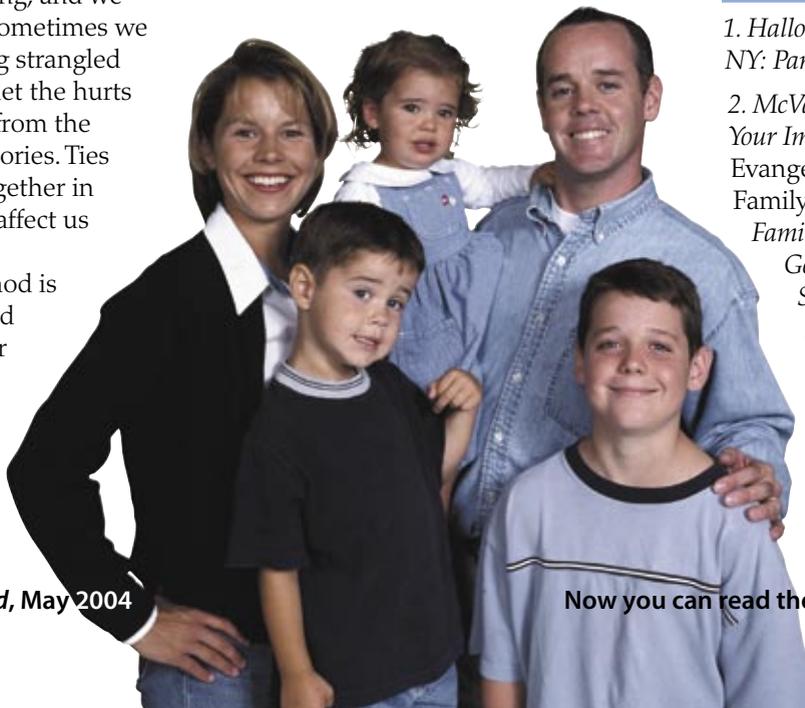
Rather than trying to completely break away from the ties that bind you, Edward Hallowell suggests there is some goodness or usefulness left back there, even if it is only in giving you a sense of continuity.¹ Instead of just pulling away, remember that it's never too late to start doing things differently.

At the 2002 Adventist Family Conference, John McVay shared that the message of the gospel story is that the change in Jesus' family was not an isolated case. God loves your imperfect family and every imperfect family. He longs that each family might acknowledge Him as the Father of all and lay hold of the resources that He has to help them live life as a family of faith.² Blessed be the tie!

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EXTREME GRACE

The End of the World

BY DICK DUERKSEN

We were studying about the last days ... raging fires, shivering mountains, approaching soldiers, and fearful saints. We charted the time of Jacob's trouble, the time of Jacob's little trouble, the results of the Sunday laws, and God's promise of deliverance.

Our group was diverse, a summer camp staffed with essential skills packaged in a crazy crowd of personalities. Chief "Runamuck" lit the tepee fires, "Mare" ran the horses, John milked the rattlesnakes, and John Wycliff burned at the stake every Friday night. We worked hard, caring for 100+ kids each week. Then the scheduling gods gave us a week off to clean the pool and recuperate before joyful parents put 120 more kids on the buses.

We cleaned. Slept. Studied. Talked. Prayed. And ate all of the ice cream bars in the dining room freezer.

Frank came on Tuesday. Frank, a forestry service ranger in a Smokey-the-bear hat, told us that our water supply had run out, and that he was not going to allow our camps to continue.

We begged a four-day extension and prayed for rain. Frank promised to return with his yellow "CLOSED" tape Sunday morning. The "time of Jacob's trouble" had arrived. The end of camp was near.

We prayed for rain—enough rain to fill the tanks and care for the needs of kids.

Everything stayed dry.

Discouragement grew. "Maybe God doesn't care about our camp." "Maybe we haven't been praying hard enough." "Maybe there is sin in the camp."

We prayed longer, confessed deeper, studied harder, and watched for clouds.

No clouds. Much discouragement.

Don wondered, "Maybe God is waiting for us to get ready for the rain." In case he was right, we worked all day cleaning the spring and digging trenches.

Clouds came. And went away.

Saturday night we met in the dining room and whined about God. "He doesn't listen." "He's ignoring us." "We've done our best, and nothing's happening." "He doesn't care."

We were not a pleasant group.

Then Cindy exploded. "I don't understand you guys! You say you believe in

God and talk as if you can hardly wait for Him to come, yet you whine if He doesn't do everything you demand. So what if He didn't answer our prayers with a thunderstorm. Maybe He has a better way. Why does He have to fit into our box? Maybe He wants us to fit into His!"

We sat in stunned silence, waiting for the next shoe to drop.

"OK!" she continued. "Get out of here, get down on your knees and tell God you're sorry. Ask forgiveness for your pride. Tell Him you trust Him with or without water. Apologize! Repent! Let God be your God His way!"

We followed her out the door and knelt in the dust.

Twenty minutes later Chief Runamuck came screaming down the hill toward the dining room.

"TANK!"
"TANK!"
"TANK!"

We ran to the

empty water tanks and found them overflowing with clear, cold, sweet water. The spring was still dry. The pipes were still dry. But water was gushing out the overflow valves.

We were all amazed! But Cindy just smiled and pointed up through the dry sky. The "end of the world" would have to wait awhile.

Dick Duerksen is the director of mission development for Florida Hospital in Orlando.



The Entertainment Trap

BY VICKI GRIFFIN

William Wordsworth wrote that some people had a “degrading thirst after outrageous stimulation.”¹ Like an overly salty meal that produces insatiable thirst, uncontrolled television exposure seems to create an increased but unsatisfied craving for more.

The average U.S. home has the TV on six to seven hours a day. When TV time is combined with playing video games, many teens are spending 35–55 hours in front of the television every week, according to a study by the American Academy of Pediatrics.²

Social scientists like Robert Kubley and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi verify that television addiction is more than a metaphor. “Most of the criteria of substance dependence apply to people who watch a lot of TV.”³ Recent reaction to the Super Bowl half-time show awakened America to the fact that the entertainment industry understands the addictive nature of television and appears to be intent on burning increasingly questionable images into our brains at potentially toxic doses.

Although people will say they watch TV to relax, ironically, it is more likely than any other leisure activity to leave people passive, tense, and unable to concentrate.⁴ In fact, prolonged viewing leaves people in a worse mood than when they started watching.⁵

In addition to fostering

boredom and restlessness, many studies have linked excessive TV viewing to obesity, physical inactivity, increased severity of asthma, increased stress hormone production, weakened immunities, and elevated blood pressure. It is also associated with negative psychological characteristics and numerous attention, behavioral, and learning problems.⁶

Seattle pediatrician Dmitri Christakis surveyed 1,300 children ages one to three and found that the more time kids spend with media the more trouble they have concentrating and paying attention. His conclusion is that the highly intense stimulation in media appears to mesmerize the kids. Every hour of TV viewing per day increases the odds of having attention problems by 10 percent.⁷

Why not pull the plug long enough to consider some great alternatives to watching television? Ask God to help you follow the principles of Philippians 4:8 and Psalm 101. Then enjoy the many healthy, rewarding, and life-giving activities available for your leisure time.

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Neighbor to Neighbor: A New Approach to Community Service

BY DIANA BRUCH

The Berrien Springs, Michigan, Adventist Community Services Center is taking on a new look. In an attempt to expand their services to help more people, it has changed its name to Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) and enlarged its client base. For 33 years, students, families, and individuals in financial difficulty have received clothing, food, furniture, and other needed items at no charge—and they still can. The difference is the delivery system.

The center has taken all the donations it receives, clothing and otherwise, and opened the center to the perusal of all who enter. Formerly, clients waited for a volunteer to choose their clothing for them and bring it out to the waiting area. One volunteer stated, "The biggest thrill is to see our former clients leaping down the aisles after they learn that we no longer pick out their clothes for them, but they may choose their own clothing from the racks just like at Wal-Mart."



At the N2N thrift store, many items are on sale at low prices. Shoppers search for the various items they need.

This change has made another type of ministry possible—thrift ministry. In addition to improving client care, they are able to serve the general public by allowing them to shop in the store. Many families with limited income just slip through the cracks of government aid and need help through their tough times. These are individuals who have limited income but do not qualify for assistance. They are able to stretch their dollars by purchasing needed items from the thrift store at a fraction of the cost of department stores.

Thrift ministry is just that: a ministry. They plan to fund many projects to help the poor in their county with money they receive through the thrift store, making it possible to help many more clients and customers than ever before. The store allows those who can afford to pay to do so, thus helping to raise funds to help other ministries get started. The thrift store opened its doors officially in June of 2003. With the increase in volunteer help, they are now able to stay open three days a week instead of one.

N2N provides many services. Emergency assistance provides food, clothing, and necessary items for those who qualify and for victims of fire loss at no cost to them. A food pantry is stocked. A safe-sleep program is offered for

parents of infants. A dinner-plans service shares menus, recipes, and teaches basic cooking skills. A rape-



Robert Fuste (left), N2N development director, talks over some issues with Jack Iverson, the store manager.

aggression defense program for women is also offered. All these services offered by N2N are free. All these initiatives cost money, and the thrift store will help maintain existing ministries and start new ones.

Improving and maintaining the self-worth and dignity of the client has always been the motivating factor behind their change of venue. Clients are now able to shop along with customers by the use of gift certificates. N2N also helps clients move from a receiving-only mode to a helping mode by giving them an opportunity to help at the center.

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Nurturing the Community Through Outreach

The Adventist Health System Midwest Region (AHSMR) Department of Ministries and Mission is made up of a team of Christian professionals committed to providing the healing ministry of compassionate care to patients, staff, and associated families. Team members seek to provide emotional and spiritual nurture, always being sensitive to the traditions and beliefs of those served and ensuring on-going access to the clergy of all patients. The department collaborates with hospital physicians and staff in support of holistic care and to facilitate the spiritual dimension of health care.



The first members of the Elk Grove Village Company to be baptized were (from left) Samantha Garvanovic, Steven Kukich, and Melissa Bikichky.

In addition, the department's mission is to act as a bridge between the churches and communities served. A recent church planting is a demonstration of that commitment.

Chaplains helped start a new Seventh-day Adventist company of believers in Elk Grove Village, Ill. The company was formally organized by the Illinois Conference on Feb. 8, 2003. Hospital leaders—including La Grange Memorial Hospital CEO Tim Cook and Jonathan Leach, ministries and mission regional director—have preached at services. Chaplains Ron Yabut, Edgar Urbina, Branislav Dedic, and Sam Hope also preach at the 56-member company.



Burgess Square residents are being ministered to by caring members of the Elk Grove Village Company.

Through this new Elk Grove Village Company, Adventist Health System Midwest Region is seeing community outreach developing throughout Chicago's western suburbs. The first new members were baptized on Sept. 20, 2003,

at the Hinsdale Adventist Church and welcomed into the newly organized Elk Grove Village Company fellowship.

This new group of believers is already active in the community. Their mission outreach has included providing gifts to 255 residents of Lexington Healthcare in La Grange, Ill. A friend of one of the recipients wrote to thank the members for their generosity. "She lives in a vacuum and welcomes visitors, as she has few. Thank you for remembering her at Christmastime."

Another outreach project involved hosting a themed party for the residents of Burgess Square nursing center in Westmont. In March, members of the Elk Grove Village Company provided Yugoslavian foods—meats, pasta, and soup—for more than 100 residents and staff members.



Church members prepared food for a Yugoslavian themed party at Burgess Square in Westmont.

The social activities director of Burgess Square commented, "It was a pleasure to taste all the wonderful food, and our residents enjoyed your presentation on the art and music of Yugoslavia."

According to Chaplain Dedic, the new company is planning its third outreach to residents of Briar Place nursing home in Indian Head Park, Ill. Members are collecting new and good used clothing for needy residents.

Lynn Larson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region
Lake Union Herald correspondent

Teacher in the Spotlight

It takes a lot of patience to be Mary Ann Hofmann. Every year on April 15, the Andrews University associate professor of accounting is bombarded with distraught students who can't make sense of their tax return forms. "My phone rings from morning to night," she says. She takes it with good humor though. "It's fun, and I always plan for it. I know I'm not going to get anything else done!"



Mary Ann Hofmann

When Hofmann was starting college, she did not see accounting in her future. Quite to the contrary, she wanted to become a veterinarian. "I sort of fell into accounting more by accident than by design!" she said. With more and more experience in college, she decided to switch to studying business. "Accounting kind of appealed to me," she said.

Teaching was also something that interested Hofmann, and the fusion of her two interests put her on the road to teaching accounting.

It was in 1991, while teaching at Andrews, that Hofmann decided to take the Certified Management Accountants exam. She felt it was a good thing to do since she was teaching classes in cost and managerial accounting. When the results for the exam came back, she received a gold medal for having received the highest score nationwide. "I think I was as shocked as anyone when I found out that I had gotten the highest score!" said Hofmann.

In her classes, she stresses to her students that they always should strive for excellence: "Mediocrity is never good enough," she says. Also, in a fast-changing area such as accounting, education never ends. Most importantly, she says that, "Careers and money are secondary to your relationship with God. The true measure of success is not measured in dollar signs." With the recent scandals in the accounting world, Hofmann tells her students to decide in their own hearts where their own ethical boundaries lie, and then they have to be true to that.

Grounded in solid accounting principles and a Christian sense of ethics, how can her students go wrong?

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer

Andrews University faculty, staff, and board members enjoyed their annual banquet on Mar. 7. The banquet featured "An Evening in New York," complete with genuine New York emcees—Jack Mentges, director of social recreation, and David Faehner, vice president for university advancement—musical entertainment, and prizes.

Mentges alerted Michael Bloomberg, New York City mayor; George Pataki, New York state governor; and Marty Markowitz, Brooklyn borough president, to the university's plans for the themed evening. All three sent letters of good wishes and congratulations on Andrews' commitment to educational excellence. Governor Pataki wrote, "Not only in the Empire State, but all across our nation, we recognize those outstanding educational institutions that foster the intellectual growth and enrichment of our young people. Religious schools, in particular, strengthen the spiritual and moral fortitude of the community by imparting solid values in the excellent education they offer."

Six staff members received Excellence in Service awards:

Joshua Baltazar (James White Library), Karen Wade (financial records), Tamara Condon (enrollment management), James Lim (information technology services), Pat Spangler (university relations), and Renee Copeland (student services). Seven faculty members were awarded the Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award: Delyse Steyn (communication), Kathy Berglund (physical therapy), Laun Reinholtz (technology), Tom Lowing (architecture), Mary Ann Hofmann (business), Hinsdale Bernard (education), and Jon Paulien (seminary).

Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration, presented the Excellence in Teaching awards and said, "[These teachers'] excellent work in their departmental environments makes Andrews a very special place to learn. We are very proud to honor them in this way."

Katie Shaw, news writer



Tamara Condon, Pat Spangler, James Lim, and Renee Copeland were some of the Excellence in Service award recipients. Other recipients not pictured are Joshua Baltazar and Karen Wade.



We Love Camp Meeting

BY DAVE AND DAWN HEEG

My first camp meeting was in 1987 at the Grand Ledge, Michigan, campgrounds. The speaker that year was H.M.S. Richards Jr. At the time, I was taking Bible studies and came at the invitation of Dorothy Davis from the Morrice (Michigan) Church. I responded to the altar call and was baptized in September of that year. In December, I married Dawn, who was not an Adventist, but who agreed to go to camp meeting with me in 1988. Finally, in 1991, Dawn became an Adventist and was looking forward to the time when camp meeting would start up again.

We attended the first camp meeting at Cedar Lake and have been attending ever since. It is the whole camp meeting experience that keeps us going. We take advantage of the opportunity to learn and further our walk with Jesus from the classes and the evening meetings. It is also an enjoyable time to meet with friends from the other churches and fellowship with them. When possible, we volunteer to help in different areas of camp meeting—driving

the shuttle, running the video cameras, telling stories in the junior tent, driving the conference truck back to Lansing after camp meeting, and making the curtains for the cabins.

One memorable experience happened when our grandson came with us. Like all kids, he was trying to catch a ride on the golf carts. He flagged one down by yelling “Taxi, Taxi,” and one stopped to pick us



Dave Heeg, from the Owosso Church, enjoys volunteering at camp meeting. Here he operates a camera to record the service.



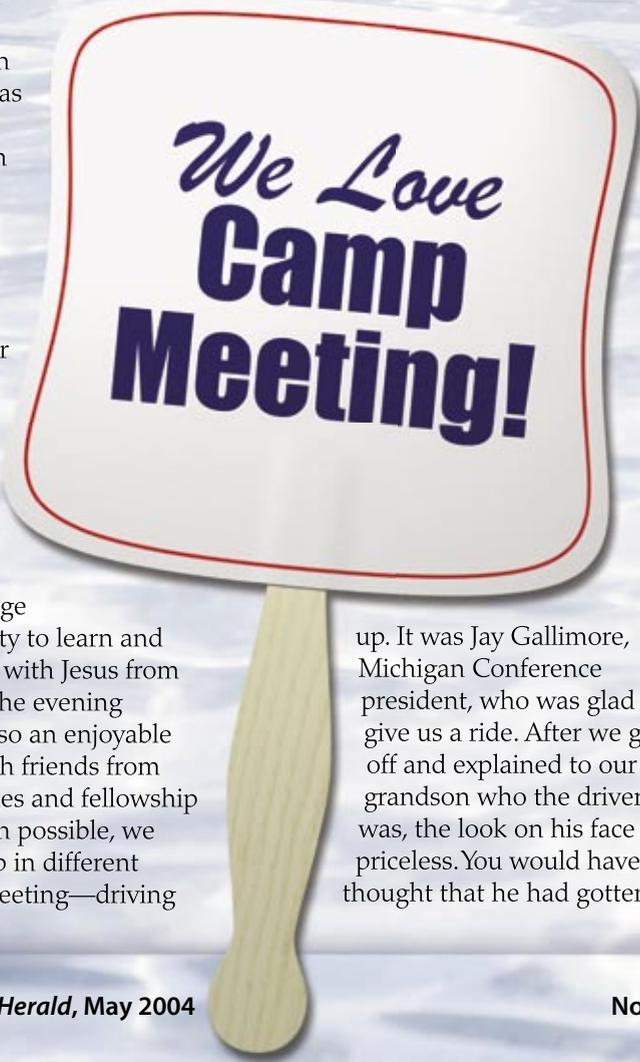
Salem Mangles, grandson of the authors, enjoyed camp meeting, especially riding on a golf cart with the Michigan Conference president.

ride from the president of the United States.

It is good to see some of the people from 3ABN in person and hear what God has laid on their hearts for us here in Michigan. It also encourages us to stretch our faith with the challenges from the camp meeting speakers and the seminar teachers. It is a well-rounded experience that we don’t want to miss. Camp meeting is a part of the Christian lifestyle to us.

The camp meeting experience helps us to broaden our vision. There are a lot more Adventists than just those from our own local church family who are also our brothers and sisters. We get to experience a bit of what we expect to have in heaven—one big family, with the same goals and beliefs.

Dave and Dawn Heeg are members of the Owosso (Michigan) Church.



up. It was Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, who was glad to give us a ride. After we got off and explained to our grandson who the driver was, the look on his face was priceless. You would have thought that he had gotten a



Illinois Camp Meeting

BY KEN DENSLOW AND RICK REMMERS

I was four months old when my parents packed me up and took me to stay in a tent in Grand Ledge, Michigan, for a week and a half. My earliest memories include stories from Josephine Cunningham Edwards, music from the King's Heralds, crafts at the craft tent, the children's choir singing in the main auditorium, and grape Popsicles. I would be willing to say that one of the reasons that I stayed in the church as a young person was because of friends and memories made at camp meeting.

I hope that you are planning to create some memories for yourself

Sabbath afternoon at Camp Akita, he was rebaptized. Soon after, he started studying the Bible with his 11-year-old daughter, and she was baptized this past January.

He continues to share his renewed faith with numerous Bible study students in Danville, Illinois. He is starting a Discover Seminar. He ministers through a character-based youth program for minority kids. Ivan began to share the prophecies of Revelation with a pastor of a different denomination. The pastor became so excited by the truths he was hearing that he gave Ivan an open invitation to speak in

coming to the Camp Akita Retreat Center to enjoy some relaxation and spiritual renewal.

Camp meeting is known for providing strong preaching, and Rudy Torres, from Newport Beach, California, will be among the speakers you'll want to hear. In addition, there will be various seminars to help you dig deeper into the Bible and find ways to make practical applications of spiritual truths.

The Akita camp meeting also offers the opportunity to enjoy recreational activities such as swimming, canoeing, tubing, repelling/climbing, and hiking as well as crafts and nature events.

Lodging options include cabins, tents, RV's, or area hotels. We look forward to seeing you there!

Northern Camp Meeting: June 11-12

Broadview Academy will be the host site for the northern Illinois camp meeting, June 11-12, where we'll enjoy the preaching of Derek Morris, former professor of religion at Southern Adventist University and now senior pastor of the Calimesa Church in Yucaipa, California.

A special feature of the weekend will be a choral festival featuring the choirs of our Chicagoland churches.

Ken Denslow is the Illinois Conference president, and Rick Remmers is the executive secretary.



Kenneth Denslow, Illinois Conference president



Rick Remmers, Illinois Conference executive secretary



Rudy Torres, Akita camp meeting main speaker



Derek Morris, northern Illinois camp meeting main speaker



John Lomacang, Akita camp meeting guest musician

and your family by attending an Illinois camp meeting this summer. Come for the fellowship and the inspiration. Leave to serve and fulfill the mission to "Share God's grace with our world through preaching, teaching, and healing."

Camp Meeting Changes Lives

Camp meeting last year marked a turning point for Ivan Smith. On

his 400-member church.

Camp meeting provides the opportunity for a new direction in your life. Just ask Ivan.

2004 Camp Meetings

Akita Camp Meeting: June 20-26

For the first time in many years, there will be a full-week camp meeting in the Illinois Conference. Set aside June 20-26 and plan on



Indiana Camp Meeting

BY GARY THURBER

Last year at the Indiana camp meeting, I was privileged to teach a class on the book of Romans. Each day it was a pleasure to meet with fellow believers, to pray and open the Word of God together.

One day, having been unexpectedly detained, I arrived at my class just a few minutes late. I was embarrassed and hoped everyone would understand. Upon entering the room, what I saw touched my heart. One of my regular attendees was kneeling on the floor, surrounded by friends she had



Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president

This year we have an excellent menu of speakers and workshops planned for the whole family at the Indiana camp meeting, June 6–12, on the campus of Indiana Academy.

Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, will be our speaker on Sabbath, June 12. The original Wedgwood Trio, a musical group which has blessed Adventists for many years, will present a special concert on Sabbath afternoon.

Miroslav Kis, a professor from Andrews Theological Seminary, will be our mid-week nightly speaker. Cheri Peters, founder and director of True Step Ministries, will challenge and inspire our young people. Rescued from the streets, she shares how she

relates to healthful living. Vicki Griffin, Michigan Conference health ministries director, will also be here to share a variety of topics on health and life-style issues, including obesity and addictions. Danny Shelton, 3ABN president, will be the opening night speaker on Sunday, June 6.

Our Hispanic members always enjoy a special camp meeting Sabbath as they worship together. This year Roberto Giordana, new pastor of the New Albany (Ind.) Hispanic Group, will be the guest speaker. Last year over 400 Hispanic members enjoyed fellowship at the Indiana camp meeting.

Make plans now to attend the Indiana camp meeting! You may



Indiana camp meeting offers a memorable experience. Your children will love camping in "Tent City!"



Walter Wright



The Wedgwood Trio



Miroslav Kis



Cheri Peters



Don Morgan



Vicki Griffin



Roberto Giordana

made in her camp meeting class. I later discovered that as they talked together before I arrived, it became apparent that she had a need that called for prayer, and her new friends were there for her. Many prayers ascended heavenward on her behalf. That is what I believe camp meeting is all about!

discovered that "God cannot resist His children, no matter how ragged and beat-up and sinful they may be." Cheri is planning very special workshops for parents as well. Don Morgan, an associate professor of kinesiology at Arizona State University, will speak to us about physical activity as it

download a registration form at www.indianaadventist.org or call lodging coordinator Julie Loucks at (317) 844-6201 for additional information.

Gary Thurber is the Indiana Conference president.



Lake Region Camp Meeting

BY NORMAN MILES

Lake Region camp meeting 2004 begins on Friday evening, June 18, and concludes on June 26. The theme for this year's camp meeting is:



Norman Miles, Lake Region Conference president

"Experience the Power." This is the same theme adopted by the Breath of Life telecast for the NET 2004 program. A major focus of the encampment will be to help prepare people for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, especially in the area of evangelism.

doctrinal seminars, and a number of guests will be presenting topics on health, family life, and education.

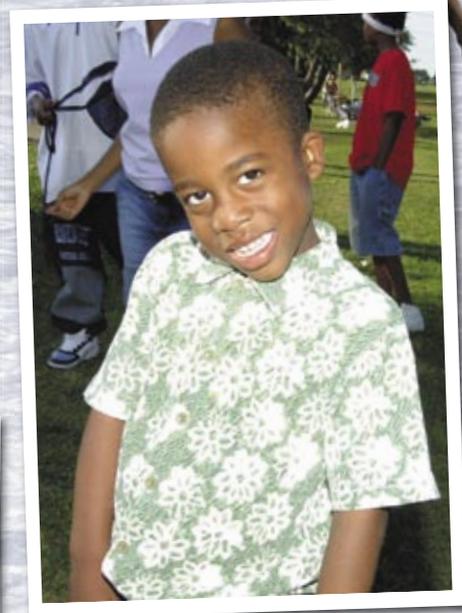
Training sessions are planned for those who will be participating in various evangelistic meetings, especially the NET meetings. On the afternoon of June 19, a layman's



rally will be held to give instruction and inspiration to those who will be working with the NET program in their local churches.

Various Lake Region pastors will speak at the early-morning prayer services, and each evening will be concluded with a special evening worship service.

The youth and children also have a very exciting daily program with special speakers for the weekend services. A highlight for children is the opportunity for them to present a program, featuring all of the children sharing their songs and recitations in the Bradford Pavilion for the entire encampment. Each year a child is selected to present a sermon for "Children's Program." This year's speaker will be nine-year-old Christina Miles.



Lake Region camp meeting will conclude with two significant services. On June 26, the annual sunrise communion service will be held in the Bradford Pavilion. On Sabbath afternoon, June 26, the camp meeting will conclude with a service of ordination to the gospel ministry. Those to be ordained are: Garth Gabriel, Richard Garcia, and Keith Paschal.



Randolph Stafford

We expect an unusual spiritual blessing this year, and encourage all to be a part of this special spiritual experience.

Norman Miles is the Lake Region Conference president.



Featured Sabbath speakers will be: June 19—Walter Pearson, Breath of Life speaker/director, and speaker for the NET 2004 program. June 26—Randolph Stafford, South Central Conference evangelist and assistant to the president.

E. E. Cleveland, a perennial favorite, will be presenting



Michigan Camp Meeting

BY FRED EARLES



Fred Earles, Michigan Conference executive secretary

I'm looking forward to camp meeting this year. Camp meeting is certainly a time for social interaction among our members. It's a time for families and friends to renew relationships. But most importantly, it's a time of spiritual renewal and regeneration, a time for God's people to appear before Him. The Spirit of Prophecy tells us, "The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain" (Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, p. 508). The angels of heaven walk the campus, and the Lord Himself is present through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

Camp meeting should be a time of celebration, but not as the world celebrates. It should be a time of solemn and holy joy for God's people as we recognize the Divine Presence among us. It is time to go

home. Let's recognize camp meeting this year as what God intends it to be—an opportunity for the outpouring of His Spirit. "Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done" (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 2, p. 575).

This year's camp meeting theme is "We Have Nothing to Fear, Except as We Forget." Interesting and inspirational speakers will be there to lead us into a deeper study of God's Word. Do not let these opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal pass you by.

Cedar Lake Camp Meeting: June 18–26, Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Michigan.

Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, will speak the first Friday evening. Dwight Nelson, author of *What Left Behind Left Behind*, and speaker for the telecast *New Perceptions*, will be the main speaker for Sabbath and Sunday of the first weekend, June 19–20. Shawn Boonstra, associate speaker for *It Is Written*, will speak Friday evening and Sabbath

June 25–26. Ron du Preez will present the early morning worship series. Samuel Korentang-Pipim, Michigan Conference public campus ministries director, will present the evening meetings, June 21–24. Dane Griffin, Michigan conference assistant to the president for media development, will share some powerful insights on the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. each morning. In addition, several training workshops will be offered throughout the week.

To register for Cedar Lake camp meeting, go to www.misda.org and click on "registration," or use the paper registration form that was distributed in the April issue of *Michigan Memo*, or call Ruth Bradfield at (269) 565-0663.

Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting, Camp Sagola, July 23–25.

The keynote speaker is Randy Skeete, from American Cassette Ministries. There are a few rustic camping cabins available for rent, as well as trailer and tent sites. For information, call Duane O'Fall at (906) 779-5554. For reservations, call Jerri Onjukka (906) 523-0120.

Hispanic Camp Meeting, May 28–30, Camp Au Sable, Grayling, Michigan.

Fred Earles is the Michigan Conference executive secretary.



Jay Gallimore



Dwight Nelson



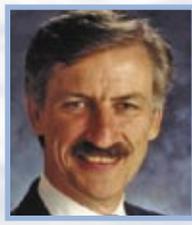
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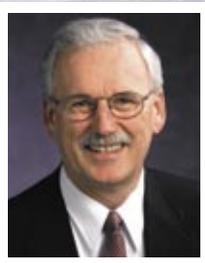
Dane Griffin



Wisconsin Camp Meeting

BY DON CORKUM

There is a sense of excitement and expectation in Wisconsin as members prepare for camp meeting 2004. While camp meetings here are always keenly anticipated, this year marks the 25th anniversary at the Wakonda site. There will be a celebration of this milestone with stories, pictures, and people who have had a significant part in the transition from Portage to Wakonda.



Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president

Added to the 25th celebration will be the opening of the Fireside Lodge. This is a new cafeteria and multi-purpose facility that will be a center of ministry on the camp ground for years to come.

Civic leaders, denominational representatives, and members of the churches in Wisconsin will gather on Sunday afternoon, June 20, for this special event.

The heart of the camp meeting, of course, will be the inspiration, fellowship, worship, and instruction that comes from each day's meetings. The theme this year is "Return unto Me." God often encourages His people to return to the places, people, and situations where they have been blessed previously. Attendees will be encouraged to review God's leading by returning in thought and testimony to these special times of inspiration.

Each day is filled with inspirational meetings and seminars. Mark Finley, It is Written speaker/director, will be the featured speaker for the opening

weekend. James Gilley, North American Division vice president for ministry and evangelism, will be the featured evening speaker throughout the week. Des Cummings Jr., executive vice president of business development for Florida Hospital, will be the featured speaker for the closing weekend. Ron Flowers, co-director of the General Conference department of family ministries, will teach a family-life seminar. DeWitt Williams, General Conference health ministries director, will present health seminars. Ric Swaningson, pastor/evangelist in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will teach a seminar focused on winning souls in harvest evangelism, and Steve Wohlberg, the popular author of *AntiChrist Chronicles*, *Israel in Prophecy*, and *The Left Behind Deception*, will present a seminar on prophecy.

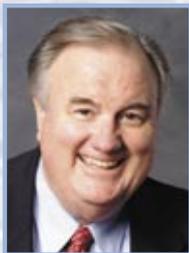
Added this year will be a series of worship opportunities for experiencing the presence of God through music, testimony, and reflection. Jennifer LaMountain, a gifted vocalist, will be our featured musician for the opening weekend and will present a sacred concert Sabbath at 4:00 p.m.

Wakonda means "set apart." Truly God has set apart this special place on His earth to experience His presence and power. Its natural beauty and developed facilities make it a place where people return to renew their walk with God. Come and experience God at this year's camp meeting experience at Wakonda.

Don Corkum is the Wisconsin Conference president.



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Steve Wohlberg



Jennifer LaMountain

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DIVE INTO A SUMMER



INDIANA: **TIMBER RIDGE CAMP**

Every week at Timber Ridge Camp miracles happen. It can be as simple as an answered prayer over a lost pair of eye glasses or as magical as a soul saved for the kingdom.

The girl had been caught red handed; she had stolen items from several campers in her cabin. The camp director had been called, and she knew she was going home in disgrace. When Pastor Charlie showed up, something unexpected happened.

Instead of yelling and condemning her, he spoke of confession and forgiveness. She was sent into the cabin with her counselor to gather the stolen articles. Outside, Pastor Charlie talked to her cabin mates about forgiveness and forgetting the past.

When she stepped out of the cabin and returned the stolen items, she was greeted with hugs and affirmation. The girl had never seen anything like this and had expected the opposite. As her friends led her into the cabin, she had tears of joy and true remorse on her face. Was her life changed? You bet!

God works in powerful ways each week at Timber Ridge Camp. To request a camp brochure, e-mail Pastor Charlie from the Web site: www.timberidgecamp.org or call the youth dept. at (317) 844-6201.

ILLINOIS: **CAMP AKITA**

Hey, campers! You're invited to spend a week or two of your summer at Camp Akita! We have lots of fun activities planned for campers of every age. Just a few of the activities we offer are horse trail rides, climbing tower, archery, mountain biking, lots of crafts, nature classes, and waterfront activities of all kinds. Come and show your expertise or learn something new. Our newest attraction at the waterfront is a big water swing—won't that be great!!

Most importantly, Camp Akita provides a Christian atmosphere in which young people of all ages and faiths can enjoy wholesome recreation for the mind, body, and spirit. Campers are provided with the opportunity to learn more about themselves and their Creator, and to experience a personal relationship with their most important Friend, Jesus.

For a brochure or more information, please call us at (630) 734-0920 or visit our Web site at www.campakita.com. The staff can't wait to meet you, so sign up early and bring a friend!



OF FABULOUS FAITH AND FUN.



LAKE REGION: **CAMP WAGNER**

Exciting things are planned this summer at Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, Mich. A junior camp for ages 8–15 will be held July 11–24. A basketball and drum corps clinic will be held July 25–31.

For registration information, contact the Lake Region Conference youth dept. at (773) 846-2661, ext. 205.

MICHIGAN: **CAMP AU SABLE AND CAMP SAGOLA**

Come and explore the exciting possibilities waiting for you at Camp Au Sable—making new friends, morning worships with our camp pastor, fun and interesting classes, go-carts, horses, and exciting water adventures. Not only do we have six weeks of youth camps, but we also have four family camps. Plan your vacation and come to camp with your whole family.

Our theme throughout the summer is “God’s Amazing Love.” If you want to discover God’s amazing love at Camp Au Sable, call Lyn at (517) 316-1570 or register online at www.campausable.org. If you live in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and would like to attend Camp Sagola, please contact Pat Murphy at pmurphy@misda.org or call him at (906) 249-3772.

WISCONSIN: **CAMP WAKONDA**

Excitement, fun, friends, and adventure are just around the corner at Camp Wakonda. Days are filled with riding horses, scaling our 40-foot climbing wall, playing games with friends, making discoveries in nature, swimming, and much more. Each evening is special as we go to our own Indian village, wagon train, and pioneer meadow to enjoy a play portrayed by our staff. Our staff, chosen for their love for Jesus and young people, will guide campers through activities and toward a closer walk with Jesus.

So whether you are eight and wide-eyed for discovery, 13 and have the courage to try out our new giant swing or high-ropes course, or 35 and want to bring your young children to camp so both you and they can enjoy the thrill of summer camp, a week at Wakonda is for you!

For more information or a free brochure, contact Aileen at (608) 241-5235 or take a look at www.wakonda.org





Christ Changes Lives at Camp

A Counselor Testifies about Renewed Hearts

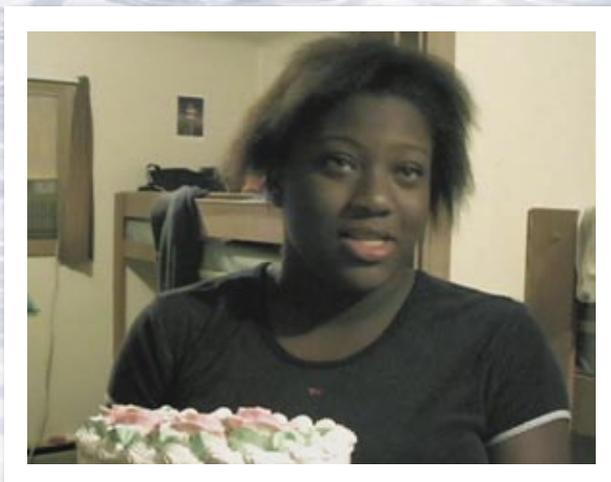
BY MINDY MECKLEBURG

I knew this particular week would be different. The girls arrived on Sunday for Teen Camp, and it was soon apparent they did not connect, coming from a wide range of backgrounds. The week was rough because of arguments and tension. It was frustrating to see no spiritual change in the girls' lives as the week went on. I tried to help them feel at home and enjoy spending time with everyone, but nothing seemed to work. I could tell Satan was working.

During the middle of the week, one of my girls, Hannah, had a birthday. A few of the staff planned a little surprise party for her. Justin Sanders, the nurse for the week and a very good baker, made her a birthday cake. While the girls and I were getting ready for bed that evening, Justin and some staff members snuck over to our cabin and surprised Hannah with the beautiful homemade cake. She was so surprised that she began to cry and say, "Thank you!" over and over again. She told us that this was the first birthday cake anybody had ever made for her. That night the girls ate cake and connected with each other through the staff's act of kindness.

The birthday was great, but the next morning the tension reappeared. I continued to pray,

but nothing seemed to change. When Friday arrived, I was relieved because the week was almost over,



When Hannah received her very first birthday cake ever, it wasn't long until her expression of surprise was exchanged for tears of joy.

yet worried that the girls had not grown spiritually. At campfire the staff acted out the messages in the song, "What Sin?" Pastor Charlie spoke about giving our hearts to God, and I wondered if any of it made an impact on my girls.

When campfire was over, the girls and I walked back to our cabin in complete silence. As I walked, I begged God to give me the right words to say to the girls when we arrived at the cabin, but the words did not come. Entering the cabin, the girls sat in a circle as I lit all the candles and turned off the lights.

I began to talk. It was amazing. I could hear my voice speaking,

but the words were not my own. The words kept coming. Then I felt impressed to open my Bible to Luke and read the last part of the crucifixion story. Next I heard myself talking about the two thieves on the cross at the crucifixion, and how we all need Christ's forgiveness. I knew what I needed to do next, so I asked for their forgiveness.

All week I had tried so hard, but felt that I had failed at showing them Christ. When I was done, we sat in complete silence. Then the walls of hatred began to crumble. Tears began to fall as each girl asked for forgiveness from Christ and their cabin mates. It was

beautiful. The girls had gone from arguing, disliking and hurting each other to hugging, accepting, and forgiving.

Christ revealed Himself that night. Even though there had been tough spots during the week when I had felt hopeless, He had been there. Each of those girls gave their hearts to Jesus that night. There is no greater joy than to see 11 girls make the decision to follow Jesus. Jesus changes lives through camp!

Mindy Meckleburg was a counselor last year and will be the girls' director at Timber Ridge for 2004 summer camps.



Broadview Academy choir students performed at 3ABN for a live television program.

Students Help Improve Their Community

Michigan —The Village Adventist Elementary School students are actively engaged in the process of helping people in the Berrien Springs community.



The third-grade class raked leaves for John and Marilyn Dry as a class project to help the community.

Here's what John and Marilyn Dry, community residents, had to say about our students:

"My wife Marilyn and I became orthopedic patients between August and November of 2003, and were not able to be home for four months. Throughout those months, your students both sent a steady flow of get-well cards, and visited us with smiles and heartfelt prayers. The answers to those prayers made a remarkable difference in our lives. Then the third-grade students with their teacher, Ann-Marie Reichert, came and raked the 'dry' (pun intended) leaves at our home.

"Many citizens in our community will see and acknowledge Christ as a result of your students' good deeds."

Gary Gifford, Berrien Springs Village Adventist Elementary School principal, as told to Bruce Babienco, Herald volunteer correspondent

Broadview Academy Choir Performs Live at 3ABN

Illinois —The Broadview Academy choir went on its annual southern Illinois tour and performed at many places. But we will never forget the exciting opportunity we had performing on international television at 3ABN. Many hours of hard practice and memorization went into the preparation for this event.

The choir sang at a series of meetings presented by John Lomacang. The people gathered for the meeting especially enjoyed the mini concert the choir sang for them before the show aired. Pastor Lomacang introduced the choir before we sang, pointing out his two nieces that attend Broadview. With the support of 3ABN and the willingness of Broadview Academy, the evening went beautifully and everyone had a great time.

The people at 3ABN were very generous and opened up their homes for us to stay overnight. After a good night's sleep, we all met at the production studio

where we were given the full tour of the system that allows people all over the world to hear about Jesus. We were shown where all the interviews take place and where all of the different props are stored in order to have the many different shows filmed in one place.

The administration and staff of Broadview Academy were very proud to see our choir of over 60 students with our director, Cathe Morse, on television singing to the glory of God.

Melissa Boryca, Broadview Academy senior

IA Hosts Music Festival

Indiana —Indiana Academy hosted the 10th annual Indiana Music Festival, Mar. 4–6, for students in grades six to 10 across the state. More than 70 students from Indiana Adventist elementary schools, home schools, and public schools came to sing in a festival choir.



Photo by Doreen Smith

Parents and friends enjoyed a Sabbath afternoon concert at Indiana Academy presented by guest clinician Candace Myers-Nesmith and the Festival Choir

Candace Myers-Nesmith, choral director at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, served as the choral clinician. She introduced exciting new ways of learning music to each of the students. Over the course of two days, she encouraged the choir to do their best in praising God through music. They also learned a bit of the French language and what is needed to be a good singer.

The students arrived on Thursday afternoon to begin rehearsing music they had been given a month in advance of the festival. They had an opportunity to listen to academy ensembles, stay in the dormitories, associate with other Christian young people, eat cafeteria food, and imagine what life is like at an Adventist Christian boarding academy.

A special Friday vesper's concert by Chaplain Luis Beltre was also a highlight of the weekend. Each year Christian musical artists are asked to present a concert Friday evening for the festival.

Next year's festival is scheduled for Mar. 3–5. We hope to see a lot more young people from across Indiana share this Christian music experience.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations



Sietie Heslop was chosen to receive the Excellence in Teaching award. Here she is pictured (center front) with some of the students she has taught.

Math Teacher Receives Excellence in Teaching Award

Michigan—Sietie Heslop, Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) math teacher, is one of the recipients of the 2004 Excellence in Teaching awards. This award was created by the Alumni Awards Foundation in partnership with the North American Division to thank and recognize secondary teachers who have dedicated their lives to excellence in Adventist education.

Every year, teachers from Adventist schools across the country are nominated for the award. Only 15 were chosen to travel to Arizona for the Alumni Awards Foundation's annual convention. During a formal Friday-evening program on Feb. 27, Gerald Kovalski, North American Division vice president for education, presented the award and a cash prize to Heslop.

Although this was a great honor, Heslop said that being nominated by the people who know her at GLAA was the greatest honor, even greater than being one of the final recipients chosen. Raymond Davis, GLAA principal, said, "Mrs. Heslop's teaching and interaction indicates that everything she does is designed to help teenagers become all they can be in Christ."

During the nomination process, Heslop was asked to write a 750-word essay, describing why she became a teacher. What she wrote came from the heart. "Teaching is in my blood," she said, as she is a third-generation teacher. Her students would quickly agree.

Teaching seems to come naturally to her, but she also becomes involved in her students' lives. Each class begins with a prayer request time, followed by prayer. This is an important bonding time when the students realize how much she really cares about them. "I tell my students regularly, 'I don't just teach math, I teach life,'" said Heslop, who has been teaching math at GLAA since 1985. But this comes with a cost. "I cry on every graduation day because each student that leaves takes a part of my heart."

Arlene Leavitt, Great Lakes Adventist Academy assistant development director

Dr. King Visits Highland

Lake Region—The Highland Avenue Church in Benton Harbor, Mich., celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a very special guest—Dr. Derek R. King Sr., nephew of the honored civil-rights leader. King teaches sociology and religious studies at Martin University in Indianapolis, Ind. He came at the invitation of Highland member Derrick Whitlow, graduate of Martin University.

"Dr. King helped me to anchor religion between the spiritual and social," said Whitlow. "He taught that the history in the Bible is a history of everyday living."

Dr. King opened his remarks by saying, "People often adjust the Scriptures to fit the occasion, but we are to adjust the occasion to fit the scriptures."

He opened the Bible and presented the pure gospel as the world's only hope.

"The love of God transcends race, gender, religion, and creed. God's

love is clearly expressed in the Bible and teaches us about the divine nature of God. Through Christ's life, God desires all people to become more like Jesus, despite our social, political, and religious differences," said King.

Special musical guests, Perseverance, also of Indianapolis, added to the worship experience through their ministry. What started as a Capital City Church worship team expanded to include community outreach to houses for AIDS victims, correctional facilities, nursing homes, and churches. "That's when



"Perseverance," an outreach musical-ministry team from Indianapolis, added their talents to the worship experience.



From left: Edward Woods Sr., Lake Region Conference education director, Derek R. King Sr., Donald Bedney, Highland Avenue Church pastor, and Derrick Whitlow.

everyone really started to understand ministry," director Sherita Moses-Whitlow said.

At the conclusion of the divine service, the congregation responded enthusiastically to King's invitation to embrace Christ's message of love and hope.

Gary Burns, Lake Union communication director

Terminally Ill Man Baptized

Illinois—I had the pleasure of baptizing Ryszard Gryczon, the terminally ill husband of our member Kazia Gryczon, who was the first person baptized after we arrived in Chicago in 1986. Gryczon has a deadly form of stomach cancer and can't speak and hardly moves. He listened to me intently, though, and said clearly "Yes" when I asked him if he understands and accepts biblical teachings, including baptism.

Later he clearly said "Amen" to a prayer of confession and forgiveness. Then, with help from our elder and deacon, I baptized him at home in a bathtub.

I have prepared about 40 people for baptism in Chicago since 1986, but I don't recall anyone so thankful and joyful as this terminally ill man. His decision helped his sister Krystyna to make a decision for baptism also.

Alfred Palla, Chicago Polish Church pastor



Ryszard Gryczon, suffering from a terminal illness, celebrated the joy of his salvation by baptism at home in his own bathtub. From left: (front) Kazia and Ryszard Gryczon, Alfred Palla, pastor; (back) Mariusz Stojanowski, head deacon.

Heart-healthy Cooking Classes

Michigan—The Chikaming Church in Sawyer, Mich., sponsored the first of three heart-healthy cooking classes for the community on Feb. 29. The little church was excited to see their fellowship room filled with 73 people—52 non-members and 21 members.



The Chikaming Church, with only 89 members, had 73 people attend their first heart-healthy cooking class. Fifty-two of the attendees were non-members.

Harry Rogers, Chikaming Church pastor, shared his experience on how he lowered his cholesterol by 91 points and triglycerides by 264 points in six weeks with exercise and a natural diet.

JoAnn Rachor, Harry and Ingrid Rogers, and Duci Hulick demonstrated 13 heart-healthy dishes. My favorite was JoAnn's golden flax seed biscuits. Every one that attended received a copy of the recipes and a portfolio with information on health and different foods that are good for the heart. At each class, participants will receive more pages to insert into their portfolios.



Jin Jyung, M.D., gave an informative health talk about cholesterol and your heart. He ended his session by answering questions from the audience.

Everyone was given food samples to taste. Thirteen samples were enough for most people to go home satisfied.

Ingrid Rogers, Chikaming Church news correspondent

Illinois Conference Constituency Meeting

Delegates Support Broadview Academy

Illinois —At a special meeting of the Illinois constituency on Mar. 7, delegates considered the future of Broadview Academy (BVA). After much discussion regarding educational needs and options, constituents voted down a recommendation from the Conference Executive Committee to close Broadview Academy at the end of the current school year. This action was taken largely on the strength of a promised grant of \$2 million arranged for by a BVA alumnus.

An offer received from another not-for-profit organization to purchase the 140-acre campus for just under \$10 million, roughly double the appraised value, was also considered. Constituent and alumni support of the school and its continued operation resulted in a defeat of the motion to close BVA by a 5 to 2 margin. Efforts are now focused on planning for its success.

Two additional actions were taken to address the issues and challenges ahead. First, it was voted to establish an educational task force to promote, market, develop, and finance Christian education. Second, an action was taken to restructure the subsidy by involving the educational task force. As a result, the conference subsidy would be limited to \$200,000 for the 2004–2005 school year, and all additional subsidies would be generated through the activities of the educational task force and the BVA Alumni Association. Currently, BVA is receiving about \$400,000 from the conference operating budget for the 2003–2004 school year.

After the conclusion of the previous actions, delegates indicated their support by pledging \$61,000 in response to a special appeal.

Gary Burns, Lake Union communication director

Home Health Education Service Enters New Era

Lake Union —In response to current trends and an increased focus on lay involvement and local participation, the management of publishing, colporteur, and the magabook program has been turned over to the local conferences. Home Health Education Service (HHES) is no longer operational at the union office here in Berrien Springs, Mich.

There are some economic advantages, but greater flexibility at the local level is probably the greatest benefit of this restructuring. It provides for a greater number of people to participate at varying levels. If you would like to be involved in your area, contact your local conference office for more information.

Gary Burns, Lake Union communication director

Wakonda's Fireside Lodge Nears Completion

Wisconsin —It's hard to believe that just a few short months ago a flat slab was all there was to show for our new Fireside Lodge. But then 70+ Maranatha workers arrived and erected the structure. Throughout the cold winter months, plumbers, electricians, and heating installers Jim Johnson and Floyd Brock have diligently labored, and the new lodge is nearing completion.

The first week of March, drywall was finished up, and the installers began placing tile on kitchen walls and floors. The rock is looking great, as the fireplace begins to take shape. Already some of the kitchen equipment has arrived. Visible changes are happening very quickly. There is still much to do, and your prayers and support are much needed as camp meeting is just around the corner.

Sunday, June 20, will mark a historic point in Camp Wakonda's history. That afternoon, there will be a celebration service looking back over our 25-year history. Also, we will have a special grand opening of our new Fireside Lodge. You won't want to miss the historic pictures, the stories, and the food.

Mike Edge, Wakonda camp director



The new Fireside Lodge will be ready for Wakonda's 25th anniversary celebration at camp meeting, 2004.

A Reaffirmation of Christian Marriage

The Administrative Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists voted to approve the document "Seventh-day Adventist Response to Same-sex Unions—A Reaffirmation of Christian Marriage," which reads as follows:

Over the past several decades, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has felt it necessary to clearly state in various ways its position in regards to marriage, the family, and human sexuality. These subjects are at the heart of many pressing issues facing society. That which for centuries has been considered to be basic Christian morality in the marriage setting is now increasingly called into question, not only in secular society but within Christian churches themselves.

The institutions of family and marriage are under attack and facing growing centrifugal forces that are tearing them apart. An increasing number of nations are now debating the topic of "same-sex unions," thus making it a world issue. The public discussion has engendered strong emotions. In light of these developments, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is clearly restating its position.

We reaffirm, without hesitation, our long-standing position. As expressed in the Church's Fundamental Beliefs, "Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship."¹ Though "sin has perverted God's ideals for marriage and family, the family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred of any human relationship," and thus "families need to experience renewal and reformation in their relationships" (An Affirmation of Family, 1990). God instituted "marriage, a covenant-based union of two genders physically, emotionally, and spiritually, spoken of in Scripture as 'one flesh.' The monogamous union in marriage of a man and a woman is ... the only morally appropriate locus of genital or related intimate sexual expression. Any lowering of this high view is to that extent a lowering of the heavenly ideal" (An Affirmation of Marriage, 1996).

Homosexuality is a manifestation of the disorder and brokenness in human inclinations and relations caused by sin coming into the world. While everyone is subject to fallen human nature, "we also believe that by God's grace and through the encouragement of the community of faith, an individual may live in harmony with the principles of God's Word" (Seventh-day Adventist Position Statement on Homosexuality, 1999).

We hold that all people, no matter what their sexual orientation, are children of God. We do not condone singling out any group for scorn and derision, let alone abuse. However, it is very clear that God's Word does not countenance a homosexual lifestyle; neither has the Christian church throughout her 2000-year history. Seventh-day Adventists believe that the biblical teaching is still valid today, because it is anchored in the very nature of humanity and God's plan at creation for marriage.

1. Seventh-day Adventists Believe—A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines, *Doctrine 22 on "Marriage and the Family."*

Hope Channel Launches Broadband Video

Last December, Christians around the world were brought closer together when the Adventist Television Network (ATN) launched Hope Channel, a 24/7, spiritually based broadcast designed to reach people searching for biblical truth and the real meaning of life.

Hope has now hit the cyber world with streaming video on its new Web site (www.hopetv.org), putting the virtue back into virtual, so to speak, and making it accessible to the masses.

The programs selected so far have been chosen for their global perspective, diversity, and ability to present God's Word with a fresh approach that's appealing to both the spiritually inquisitive public and Seventh-day Adventists.

Hope Channel is looking for assistance to get the message of hope out to the world's half-billion computer users, and would like to solicit your help.



If everyone who reads this article forwards an invitation to everyone on their e-mail lists, it shouldn't take long for the Hope Channel to fulfill its ambitious slogan: "The fastest way to reach a billion."

Go to www.hopetv.org and click on the "Watch Video Clip" graphic. You will see an invitation there that you can e-mail to your friends. To view a 30-second animation, introducing the Hope Channel, type the following link into your Internet browser: <mms://media.hopetv.org/atn/hope-v3.wmv>. For optimum viewing, use Windows Media Player 9.

So go online. Check it out. And then, tell a friend ... or maybe 100.

Lori-Anne Charlton,
Adventist Television Network correspondent

MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 39.

ANNIVERSARIES



MIKE AND PAULA ALESI celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 14, 2004. A dinner gathering was held with their family. They have been members of the Troy (Mich.) Church for 52 years.

Mike and Paula were married Jan. 14, 1944. Paula has been the Troy Church secretary for 16 years and recently retired.

The Alesi family includes Michael and Hope Alesi of Clarkston, Mich.; Paul Alesi of Rochester Hills, Mich.; and four grandchildren.



GORDON AND IRENE FRASE celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 29, 2003, by renewing their marriage vows with Elder Paul Yoeman from Cicero, Ind., followed by a reception in the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church fellowship hall. They have been members of the Bessemer (Mich.) Church for 14 years.

Gordon Frase and Irene Simkin were married Nov 26, 1953, in Wichita Falls, Texas, by Marvin Montgomery.

Gordon has been a pastor in Michigan, Gulf States, Utah, Nevada, and Michigan again and is partially retired and co-pastoring the Bessemer Church. Irene has been an academy music teacher, elementary school teacher, and a secretary.

The Frase family includes Autumn and Renae Frase of Malvern, Ariz.; Rhona and Jon Brown of Xenia, Ohio; Lester Frase of San Diego, Calif.; Esther and Bryan Erb of Carlisle, Penn.; Jonathan and Debbie Frase of Thornton, Colo.; and seven grandchildren.



FREDERICK AND SYLVIA STEPHAN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19, 2003. A dinner gathering was held with their family, including several from out of state, at the Community Service Center, Lansing, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church (Mich.) for 24 years.

Frederick Stephan and Sylvia Went were married July 19, 1953, in Portsmouth, Ohio, by J. R. Shull. Frederick has been the director of education for the North American Division and the Lake Union, and is currently retired. Sylvia has been a homemaker.

The Stephan family includes Brian and Cindy Stephan of

Grand Ledge, Mich.; Elise and Don Damron of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Jill and Matt Simon of Flint, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

MELISSA A. GOSS AND JONATHAN N. GARRETT were married Jan. 1, 2004, in Altoona, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Art Miller.

Melissa is the daughter of Terry and Rhonda Goss of Mondovi, Wis., and Jonathan is the son of Harold and Alice Garrett of Clear Lake, Wis.

The Garretts are making their home in Menomonie, Wis.

COLISTA M. NORRIS AND DANIEL J. WILLIAMS were married June 14, 2003, in Harbor Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Lawrence Wood.

Colista is the daughter of Carl and Debra Norris of Harbor Springs, and Daniel is the son of Dan and Terry Williams of Indian River, Mich.

The Williamses are making their home in Farmington Hills, Mich.

OBITUARIES

ADAMS, JETT W., age 87; born Sept. 9, 1916, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Feb. 14, 2004, in Martinsville, Ind. He was a member of the Martinsville Church.

Survivors include his sons, Michael J. and Stephen J.; brothers, Larry V. and James W.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Adrian Peterson, and interment was in New South Park Cemetery, Martinsville.

AUGSBURGER, DANIEL A., age 83; born July 31, 1920, in Lausanne, Switzerland; died Feb. 25, 2004, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce (Pamel); sons, Daniel E. and Michel; daughter, Lydie J. Regazzi; sister, Germaine E. Benezech; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steven Vitrano, and interment was in Rosehill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

BRALEY, DORIS M. (YOUNG), age 80; born July 27, 1923, in Detroit, Mich.; died Nov. 1, 2003, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She was a member of the Edenville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert J. Sr.; sons, Robert J. Jr. and Daniel; daughters, Sandee Lefler, Joyce Swartzmiller, and Sharen Krahn; and sister, Jean Strait.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Russell Thomas and Mike Wise, and interment was in New Hope Cemetery, Midland, Mich.

BUGBEE, HARRISON N., age 98; born Oct. 11, 1905, in Bottineau County, N.D.; died Feb. 9, 2004, in Midland, Mich. He was a member of the Edenville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Fowler); daughters, Loella Manning, Neva Jean McPherson, and Janice Loar; sister, Iva Bugbee; ten grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Donald Siewert and Michael Wise, and interment was in New Edenville Cemetery, Edenville.

CLARKE, HELEN M. (MERRIAM), age 95; born Aug. 27, 1907, in Otswego, Mich.; died Dec. 18, 2003, in Redlands, Calif. She was a member of the Redlands Church.

Survivors include her husband, C. Fred; stepsons, Wilton E. L. and J. Elwood; stepdaughter, Jane Stewart;

stepsister, Irene Sheldon; one great-grandchild; and six step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor P. Stevenson, Elder C. Fred Clarke, and Wilton E. L. Clarke, and interment was in Monteceto Cemetery, Loma Linda, Calif.

COCHRAN, CAROL (SHEETS), age 76; born May 25, 1927, in Ft. Wayne, Ind.; died Dec. 25, 2003, in Ocala, Fla. She was a member of the Angola (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Douglas; daughters, Ellen Scarlett, Phyllis Arellano, and Becky Bledsoe; sisters, Janis Myers and Delight Johnson; six grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale Martin, and interment was in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Ocala.

DEPAIVA, LARISSON, age 11; born Mar. 1, 1992, in Brazil; died Dec. 22, 2003, in Airai State, Palau.

He is survived by his sister, Melissa DePaiva.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tom Evans, and interment was in Keene (Texas) Memorial Cemetery.

DEPAIVA, MARGARETH (OTTONI), age 37; born Feb. 9, 1966, in Brazil; died Dec. 22, 2003, in Airai State, Palau. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughter, Melissa; father, Jose Ottoni; mother, Marina (da Silva); and sisters, Mariane Silva Ottoni and Marjorie Ottoni Marcondes.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tom Evans, and interment was in Keene (Texas) Memorial Cemetery.

DUCHATEAU, RAYMOND, age 90; born Feb. 14, 1913, in Green Bay Wis.; died Jan. 7, 2004, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Violet (Reinke); son, Lee; daughter, Donna Bruntz; foster child, Sheldon Cain; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one foster-grandchild; one foster-great-grandchild; five step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Fort Howard Memorial Park Cemetery, Green Bay.

ELLISON, DEE L., age 77; born Apr. 22, 1926, in Blount County, Ala.; died Feb. 29, 2004, in Walnut Grove, Ala. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church in Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie; and sister, Idell Saye.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kenny Clay, and interment was in Altoona-Walnut Grove Cemetery, Walnut Grove.

FARMER, DONALD, age 52; born Apr. 4, 1951, in Detroit, Mich.; died Jan. 31, 2004, in Lincoln Park, Mich. He was a member of the Ecorse (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patrice (Wesley); son, Donald Jr.; daughters, Sarussa S. and Sharmaine S.; stepmother, Daisy; and brother, Ricardo.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William E. Hughe, and interment was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

HAINY, ROGER M., age 75; born Dec. 9, 1927, in Washington County, Ind.; died Nov. 21, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Bloomington (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, L. Jeanette (Turpin); son, Roger C.; father, Floyd B.; mother, Virgie (Stepp); brothers, Clyde, Wilbur, and Russell; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David Fish and Larry Pumford, and interment was in Sparks Cemetery, Pittsboro, Ind.

KOEHLER, EVELYN E., age 90; born Sept. 13, 1913, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Feb. 21, 2004, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich.

She is survived by her brother, Ervin Koehler.

Interment was in Pinelawn Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wis.

MCBRIDE, PAULINE, age 89; born May 7, 1914, in Sturgis, Mich.; died Sept. 27, 2003, in Auburn, Ind. She was a member of the Angola (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ross and Norman.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stan Wilkinson, and interment was in Fairfield Center Cemetery, Hudson, Ind.

POTTER, JILL R. (PETROIT), age 43; born July 12, 1960, in Ann Arbor, Mich.; died Jan. 26, 2004, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Robert and Daniel Couchman; daughter, Stefanie Potter; mother, Joanne (Abbott) Kazlauska; sisters, Karla Petroit, Karen Fellows, and Deborah Mattson; and one grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Danny Velez, with a private inurnment.

POWERS, LAURA E. (CRONKRIGHT), age 84; born Dec. 14, 1918, in Flint, Mich.; died Aug 18, 2003, in Millington, Mich. She was a member of the Otter Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel N.; son, Gary; daughters, Nancy Powers and Linda Hamstra; sisters, Merleen Harelson and Deidra Johnson; eight

grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Joel Nephew, and interment was in Smith Hill Cemetery, Otisville, Mich.

REIDL, ANN, age 84; born Feb. 10, 1920, in Pontiac, Ill.; died Feb. 10, 2004, in Shelby, Mich. She was a member of the Ludington (Mich.) Church.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Interment was in Brookside Cemetery, Scottville, Mich.

ROSEN, RUTH E. (WRESSELL), age 74; born May 3, 1929, in Cumberland, Wis.; died Feb. 29, 2004, in Clear Lake, Wis. She was a member of the Clear Lake Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dwight and Jeff; sisters, Hazel Smutny and Nellie Kallsen; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Vassili Khrapov, and interment was in Clear Lake Cemetery, Clear Lake.

SCHMITZER, EULETH (KOEHLER), age 103; born Mar. 22, 1900, in Saginaw, Mich.; died Feb. 1, 2004, in Saginaw. She was a member of the Center Road Church in Saginaw.

Survivors include her husband, John Schmitzer; step-daughter, Leone Furman (Radde); five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Saginaw.

SIAS, VESPER C., age 80; born Feb. 3, 1924, in St. Louis, Mich.; died Feb. 23, 2004, in Saginaw, Mich. He was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Doug, John, Dave, and Bob; daughter, Mary Lou Pride; brother, Bill; 13 grandchildren;

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and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mickey Mallory, and interment was in Cedar Lake (Mich.) Cemetery.

TABOR, LAKE W., age 84; born June 20, 1919, in Cherokee County, N.C.; died Feb. 2, 2004, in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the First Flint Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Sandra Stroth and Terri Martin; brother, Bill; sisters, Susie, Hilda, and Charmie; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Barry DeWitt, and interment was in Crestwood Cemetery, Flint.

THOMAS, HELEN (MARSHALL), age 79; born Jan. 21, 1925; died Feb. 8, 2004, in Tallahassee, Fla. She was a member of the Edenville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Delbert; son, Allen; daughters, Barbara Barnes, Mary Thomas, and Janet Hafey; brothers, Earl and Julius Marshall; sisters, Edith Wenglikowski, Betty LePan, Ann Parseh, and Mary Milligan; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Dick Thomas and Mike Wise, and interment was in New Hope Cemetery, Midland, Mich.

WILSON, CLEO C. (HOLLIS), age 95; born July 23, 1908, in Elizabeth, Ind.; died Dec. 31, 2003, in Clarksville, Ind. She was a member of the New Albany (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice K. Timberlake; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Emmitt, and interment was in Bethesda Cemetery, Elizabeth.

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Lake Union Conference Tithes Comparison Year-to-date

9 Sabbaths ending February 29, 2004, compared to 8 Sabbaths ending February 28, 2003

Number of Members:					Increase	%	Average Tithes Per Member	
12/31/03	12/31/02	Conference	2004	2003	-Decrease	Inc. -Decr.	2004	2003
12,503	12,205	Illinois	1,348,624	1,288,525	60,100	4.66%	107.86	105.57
6,712	6,619	Indiana	979,249	812,116	167,133	20.58%	145.90	122.69
26,826	26,065	Lake Region	1,566,034	1,531,215	34,819	2.27%	58.38	58.75
24,692	24,489	Michigan	4,173,853	3,587,108	586,745	16.36%	169.04	146.48
6,685	6,648	Wisconsin	946,134	850,024	96,109	11.31%	141.53	127.86
77,418	76,026	Totals	\$9,013,893	\$8,068,987	\$944,906	11.71%	\$116.43	\$106.13
Average Weekly Tithes:			\$1,001,544	\$1,008,623	-\$7,080	-0.70%		

Sunset Calendar

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	Jun 4	Jun 11
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:51	8:58	9:05	9:11	9:16	9:20
Chicago	7:56	8:03	8:10	8:16	8:21	8:25
Detroit	8:38	8:46	8:53	8:59	9:04	9:08
Indianapolis	7:45	7:52	7:58	8:04	8:08	8:13
La Crosse, Wis.	8:15	8:23	8:30	8:37	8:42	8:47
Lansing, Mich.	8:48	8:56	9:03	9:10	9:15	9:20
Madison, Wis.	8:05	8:13	8:20	8:27	8:32	8:37
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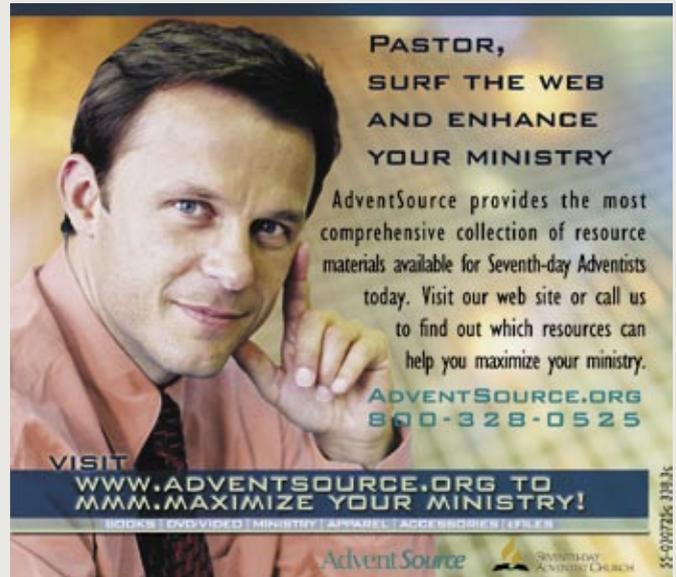
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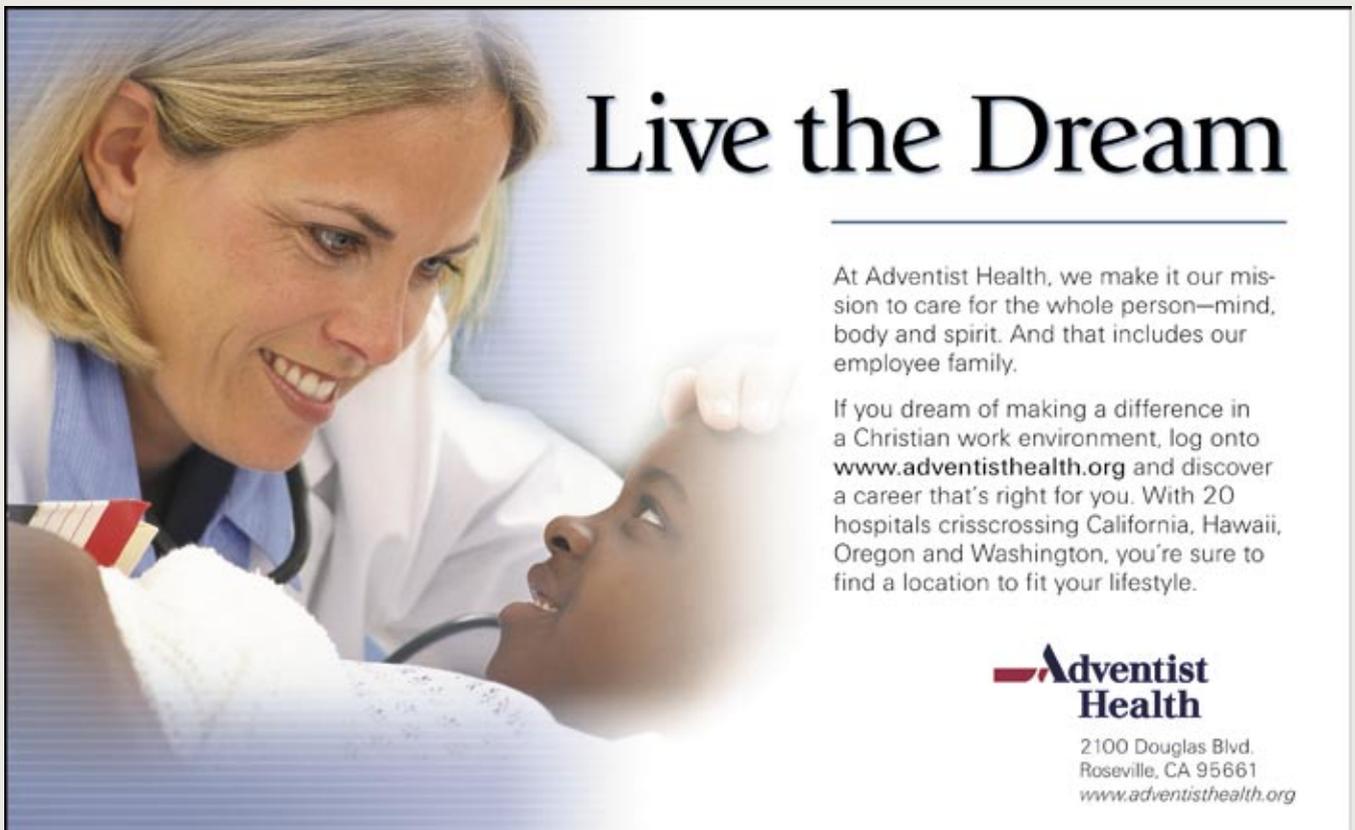
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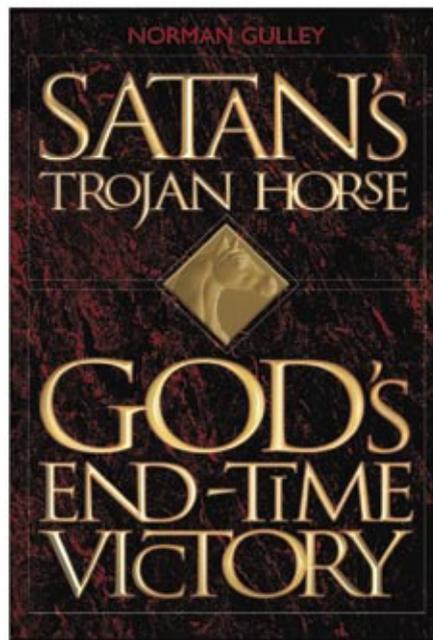
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PLAINVIEW ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION will be held on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy in Bismarck, N. D., June 25–27. Honor classes are those ending in four or nine and include all who attended or graduated from Plainview Academy. A special invitation is extended to all former PVA students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends. For information, contact Charlene (Scholl) Binder at (402) 489-1702. Plan now to attend.



He'll Keep You from Falling

BY JODY MICHEFF

"I'm FALLING!" a young voice shouted in desperation. An Adventurer camper had lost her foothold and was frantically grabbing at the face of the climbing wall. The staff person 30 feet below had a tight grip on the belay rope and assured her that she was safe. I don't know how you would react to this news if you were 30 feet off the ground, but this camper didn't take it so well. She screamed at the top of her lungs and started kicking and crying!

Seeking to gain her trust, the belayer instructed, "Just sit back calmly in your harness, and I will safely lower you to the ground." Terrified, the camper refused, certain that if she sat back in her harness she would fall to her death. But after much persuasion, she timidly eased back. The sense of relief was evident on her face when she was surprised that she hadn't fallen.

With efficiency and ease, the belayer was true to her promise and gently lowered the frightened camper to the ground. As she went over to undo the girl's harness, she gave her a hug and prayed with her, thanking Jesus that she was able to come down safely.

A couple of days later the same camper came

back to climb the wall again. Can you believe it? And as you might have guessed, she asked for the same person to be on the other end of the rope. And she made it to the top on her second try. I've noticed that children at that age have a lot of faith in people. They trust so easily.

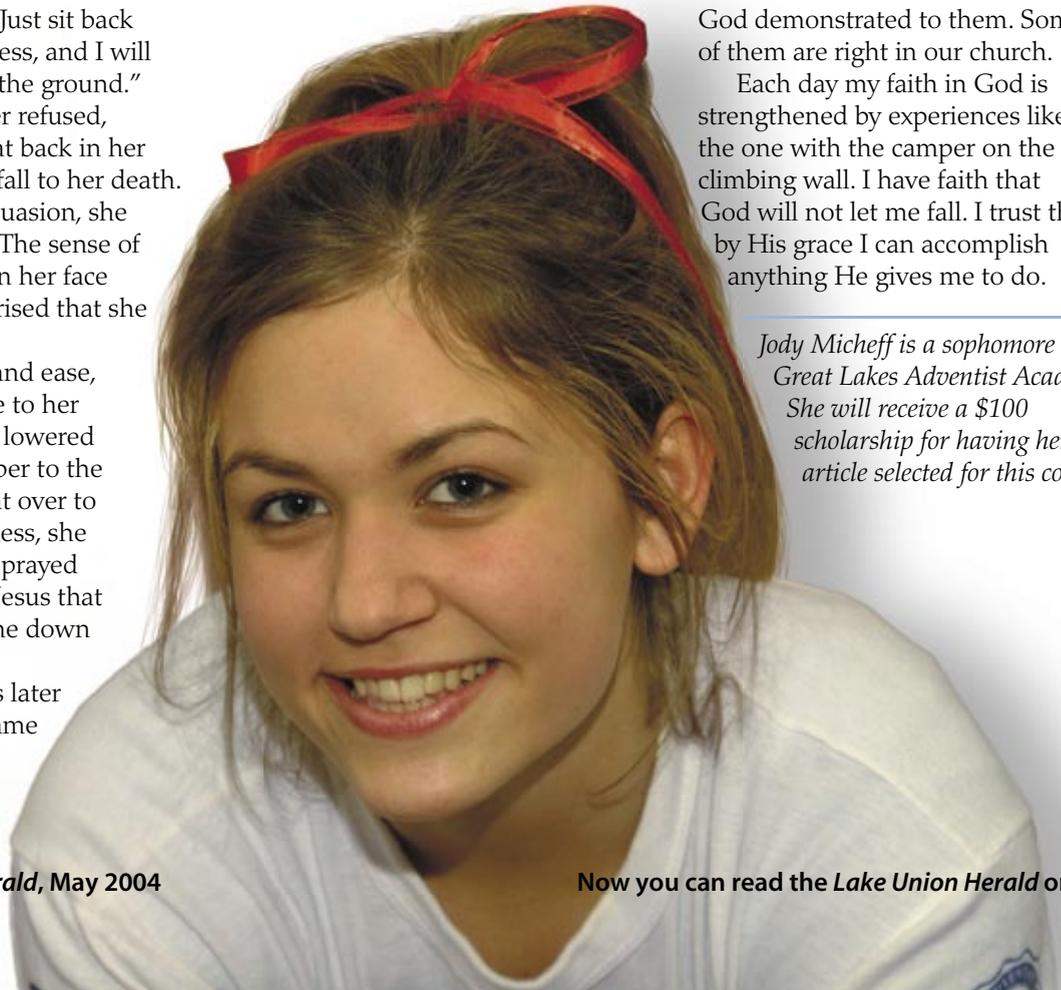
I've worked at camp for five summers. I am so thankful that I can be a part of a Christ-like program. Camp is the number one place where kids give their

hearts to God. It's awesome to look back and see how God has used us in powerful ways. But the only way God can use us is if we are willing to have faith to believe that He knows what is best for us. He knows where we need to be used, and we don't have to be afraid to go where He leads us.

There are so many ways that you can witness for God. You can visit a shut-in or someone who is in the hospital. Just a smile can lighten up a person's day. There are people all around us who need the love of God demonstrated to them. Some of them are right in our church.

Each day my faith in God is strengthened by experiences like the one with the camper on the climbing wall. I have faith that God will not let me fall. I trust that by His grace I can accomplish anything He gives me to do.

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Profiles of Youth

Andrews Academy senior **Benjamin Samuel Panigot**, born just outside of Paris, France, is this year's senior class pastor and last year's student association pastor. The son of Jillian Panigot of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Michel Panigot of Santa Fe, N.M., Ben has shown his love for music by being actively involved in the academy's handbell choir. Wherever there is something to be done—planning a Wednesday morning worship, serving at the soup kitchen, volunteering to be a Postponing Sexual Involvement presenter, or simply setting up for some academy activity—that is where you will find Ben.



Ben Panigot

Next year Ben plans to attend Newbold College and become better acquainted with his father's family. He plans to major in either architecture or photography and possibly teach overseas. He enjoys photography, woodworking, knitting, and basically any other hands-on activities.

Ben has a burden for the spiritual growth of his fellow students which he has demonstrated during his four years of academy. His desire is to "stay listening to Christ."

Born in Yankton, S.D., senior **Brianna Gale Payne** is enjoying her experience as she finishes four years at Andrews Academy. The daughter of Brooks and Susan Payne, Brianna's plans include a Spanish/biology major from Andrews University with a possible teaching certificate.



Brianna Payne

Brianna's interests include any type of outdoor activities, such as backpacking and spelunking; reading and drama. As president of the National Honor Society, she has had numerous opportunities to share her love for Jesus through service. At Christmas, she spearheaded a food drive that supplied food baskets to needy families in our local community.

Brianna is involved in Pathfinders at the Eau Claire (Mich.) Church. Having written a Pathfinder honor on heredity, she received an award for excellence in Pathfinding at the NAD youth ministries convention last February in Denver, Colo. Brianna has learned through her academy experience. She says, "I am extremely thankful for the teachers that have encouraged me and given me opportunities to grow. I pray that God will help me continue to use learning opportunities as I work for Him."

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