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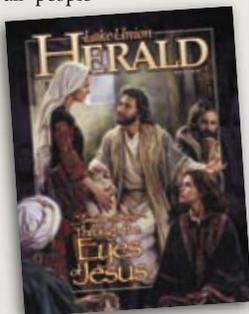


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of Jesus

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We are privileged to be the first to publish "At the Feet of Jesus," the latest painting by Nathan Greene. Looking into the eyes of Jesus, we can see that Nathan has captured Jesus' compassion—the personal care and attention that he extended to all people regardless of gender, race, age or background. The personal relationship that Jesus had with Mary, Martha and Lazarus is what He desires to have with each of us. And, we are to extend that love to those around us, seeing them through Jesus' eyes. You can see more of Nathan Greene's paintings at www.hartclassics.com.



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BY WALTER L. WRIGHT,
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

It's about Nurture!

My heart warms when I think of all the special ministries operating within our church. Ministry to men, women, children, singles, families, etc., are a blessing because they're about nurture.

Scripture reminds us of what sustained the early church in the wilderness: "They all ate the same spiritual food, and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor. 10:3, 4).

I believe that our church has been strong in evangelizing and taking the good news to a hungry world. Personally, I have laid elaborate and prayerful plans to conduct a tent or hall meeting in the hopes of gathering a fine harvest for the kingdom of heaven. And the Lord has never disappointed me. But we have sometimes been weak in nurture of the precious souls the Lord gives us.

Once these new family members are in our ranks, we must be as deliberate in our prayerful planning to keep them grounded and active in the Lord as we were in preparing to bring them to the Lord. While pastoring in a large midwestern city, we formed an Adventist men's group called "A-Men." It was our privilege to minister to members and non-members in our community. Clean-up, fix-up projects were done for the elderly. Children of single parents were given special attention and mentoring. The annual fund-raising banquet, along with membership dues, brought in the funds needed for the many projects. Scholarships and work programs for youth were established.

I must say that it was nurturing for both the recipients and the men who ministered. The closeness developed between us was refreshing. Men have a tendency to be private with personal issues. It means that we are unlikely to share with a brother when we are hurting. One of the good outcomes of A-Men was the trust we drew from each other. When it came time to tackle hard jobs and difficult programs, the team spirit that had already been developed helped to facilitate our mission.

If you need help in establishing one of these fine ministries in your church, please do not hesitate to contact your conference office for assistance. And there is some expertise here at the union office to support you. Nurture will help your church to grow and prosper, and create a spirit of caring that is so much needed now.



YOUTH IN ACTION



CAMP MEETING YOUTH IMPACT COMMUNITY

BY DIANE THURBER

Clinton Meharry, Indiana camp meeting youth leader, wanted the week's program to include some practical experiences. Before camp meeting began he lined up two youth service projects. He presented the first service project to the youth on Wednesday during camp meeting week, challenging them to volunteer their time to assist the staff at the Agapé Therapeutic Riding Center. Thirteen youth accepted the assignment, despite the extremely hot weather they had to work in.

organization aim to inspire, motivate, and challenge the children to reach their full potential by using horses as the therapeutic modality. Their mission statement is: "To Glorify Christ by Serving Others." Indiana's youth leaders were impressed with this Christian organization when they were looking for a service project for our young people.

During former service experiences, the youth have cut new riding trails, spread bark on the trails, and assisted Agapé by staining fences. This year they

Following the service project, the young people were taken to a nearby swimming pool in Noblesville, where I am sure they enjoyed the refreshing cool water after their hot and humid service experience.

On Thursday, the youth visited The Guardian Home in Indianapolis, where they intermingled with young people who are in a government temporary care facility. Indiana Adventist youth played games, conducted worship experiences, and ate lunch



Adrian Wasylyshen and Chris Mathis with Clinton Meharry, youth leader, load mulch into the wheelbarrows.



Alisha Widing and Joanna Kobar helped to spread bark on a trail at the Agapé Therapeutic Riding Center.



Miniature horses are used at the Agapé Therapeutic Riding Center to help physically and emotionally challenged children reach their full potential.

Photos by Diane Thurber

Our young people aren't new to the staff at Agapé. Staff member Scott Miller remarked, "I believe this is the third year the young people have come to help us. Every time they come, they are good workers, and we really appreciate them coming here."

Agapé is a Christian organization dedicated to helping those who are physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged. Located just a few miles from the camp meeting campgrounds, the staff of this

faced similar tasks. One group spread mulch at the front entrance to Agapé. Another spread bark in a different area. A third group painted a storage barn.

When I stopped by to take photos, the young people and their leaders were hot, but I sensed an enthusiasm for the work they were doing and satisfaction in helping others. Hrefna Thordarson, who helped spread mulch, remarked, "I came because I wanted to do something to help the handicapped children."

with the children. This experience was planned to help the Adventist youth understand the reality of those less fortunate, while extending their friendship and joy.

Thank you, youth, for representing your church well and for sharing the love of Jesus with our Cicero and Indianapolis neighbors during camp meeting.

Diane Thurber is the Indiana Conference communication director.

Wisconsin

Angela Tam (Becker) was born and raised as a Seventh-day Adventist. She remembers watching a religious television program when she was eight or nine years old that asked those who wanted to accept Christ as their personal Savior to pray a prayer of commitment. Angela remembers accepting Christ into her life and praying that prayer with the television speaker.



Angela Tam (left) is welcomed to the Milwaukee Northwest Church family by Dawn and Pastor Ric Swanson.

As she entered her teenage years she was busy working, going to school, and making friends which resulted in a neglected spiritual life. But according to the world's standards, she was "good" because she didn't get into partying and drinking.

When she gave birth to her daughter, Kaitlyn, outside of marriage, she began to reevaluate her life. She wanted her daughter to know Jesus and be a Christian. Being a single mom was one of the biggest challenges of her life, and she wanted to be a good mother. The combination of her school studies, working at her job, and the daily struggles of being a responsible parent were overwhelming. She acknowledges

that she could not have done it without her mother's help.

Today Angela is married, and has another daughter, Chloe-Mae. As her family grew she saw the need for a deeper commitment to Christ and the Bible's principles, so she made the decision to be baptized and join the Milwaukee Northwest Church. Now she feels she can be the Christian example for her family that she wants to be.

Angela says she made her earlier mistakes without thinking of the consequences. She has learned to accept God's forgiveness and to forgive herself for her wrong decisions. What impresses her most about her Savior, as she grows in her spiritual life, is that Jesus is always there—forgiving and welcoming her into His loving arms. Her daughter, Kaitlyn, is a beautiful blessing. God's promises are true—all things do work together for good as we daily trust in Him.

Debbie Laudon, Milwaukee Northwest Church communication leader, with Bruce Babienko, volunteer Herald correspondent

Wisconsin

I, **Curtis Eckstein**, grew up in the '60s on a small farm near Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I never thought our family was poor, but we wore handed down clothes and hunted for the food we ate. There were no neighbors my own age, so I spent a lot of time doing chores, or in the woods.

Our family was conservative Lutheran, and church was the only activity outside the farm. I hardly ever missed a Sunday service.

My parents always prayed before meals and read from the Bible each evening. Many of my friends stopped attending Sunday school in the ninth grade, but I continued—active in our youth and musical groups.

Because of time and distances, there was not much time to spend with my church friends. My friendships at school were centered in sports, drugs, and narcotics. During my senior year, I decided to attend college and worked to earn money. Once in college, I had to make all my major decisions alone. I struggled between the pull of academics, social activities, and church.

Since church was important to me, I made an appointment with the pastor to discover what leadership roles were available. When I walked out an hour later, I never returned because the path I had been counseled to follow was to listen to church laws, not the Bible. The last serious effort I made to be a Christian was to join Campus Crusade for Christ. They were interested in performance, but I was searching for God. I found it easier to just join a fraternity and immerse myself in my old habits. I turned my back on God.

One night in a bar, I met **Sandy**. We began dating, and five years later we were married. I am certain that if God had not brought Sandy into my life, it would have been a disaster. Married life helped me mature. Sandy and I decided to both work and earn enough money to move from the city to a country home where we could live simply and watch the world collapse, as the books we had read described.

During this time I had contact with different religious views, including mysticism, the occult, and new age. Then something changed, and both of us had a new desire to know God. Sandy, a Catholic, and I, a Lutheran, began to search for a meaningful church. I thought we

could find one through the Yellow Pages or a television program.

Provisionally, I discovered Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). As I watched, the messages did not mesh with anything I had learned. They did, however, cause me to begin to read my Bible again and to rethink the basis of my faith. As a Lutheran, I had gone through a life of “doing things.” The messages on 3ABN touched my heart. Faith became real to me. Now I saw Jesus as the Savior who had come to die for my sins and save me. I felt grief and shame.



Curtis Eckstein

That fall, Leo Schriener came to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to present a Bible prophecy seminar. Sandy heard a radio announcement, and a few days later a seminar flyer came in the mail. It seemed like something we should attend. Although we had been watching 3ABN, we had few ideas about the Adventist Church.

We went the first night and were welcomed as if we were friends who had been away. As we listened, the truths were laid out before us with a force and certainty we had never heard before. The Holy Spirit changed our lives. A week before the series ended, we were both baptized. It's been a long strange trip, but we have finally found our spiritual home!

Curtis Eckstein, as shared with Bruce Babienko, volunteer Herald correspondent

Michigan

In the fall of 1995, I, **Scot Coppock**, came out of the Western Michigan University book store and noticed a small paperback book on my car door titled *Will America Survive?* The book was an edition of *The Great Controversy* written by E. G. White. My roommates and I had been talking about how the world was heading toward ruin, and about secret societies that were running things throughout the world. I thought the book was on a similar topic, so I threw it into my book bag and went home. When I started reading the book, I realized that it wasn't so much about America as it was about God.

Earlier in my life, I had asked Jesus Christ to be my personal Savior several times. But I would soon go back to making the same mistakes and committing the same sins as before.

After graduation from college, I joined the Army and was stationed in Darmstadt, Germany, with the 440th Signal Battalion for three and a half years. I met my future wife, Manuela, and was surprised to find out that she was a Seventh-day Adventist. My paternal grandparents are Seventh-day Adventists, and I didn't know that the church was a world-wide denomination.

Much to my chagrin, I also found out that Manuela's father was a pastor in her German hometown church. I knew that the Seventh-day Adventist Church had a lot of “rules” that you had to follow—like not drinking alcohol or smoking, both of which I did. When Manuela and I were married, I wasn't sure if I would fit in with her family.

After I was discharged from the Army and returned to Michigan, we found the Wyoming Adventist Church and attended irregularly. We were invited to attend an evangelistic series conducted by Pastor Terry Nelson. At first I didn't

make it a priority to attend the meetings, but I began to realize that the speaker wasn't merely interpreting the Bible on his own. He was letting the Bible interpret itself.

I didn't like some topics he presented because they were challenging things I thought I knew all my life. But the Scriptures were clear on these points, and I was left with no argument. By the end of the series, I felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to rededicate my life to Jesus and be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I know that I will sometimes fail in living up to Jesus Christ's example, but I also know that He will be there to lift me up again and give me the strength to endure.



Scot and Manuela Coppock dedicated their baby daughter, Angela, to the Lord.



Scot met Manuela while serving in the Army in Germany. He is pictured here with his Command Sergeant Major from his unit in Germany.

Many people have asked me if the book I found in the college parking lot has changed my life. My answer is, yes. It did change my life, but it was just one of many signs that were pointing me in the right direction. It helped me to understand the greater truths of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for me. For that, and the wonderful works He has done in my life, I am truly grateful.

Scot Coppock, Wyoming Church member



What Can I Take to Potluck?

BY ANN FISHER

The Adventist Church has a passion for good health. Not just for the absence of disease or sickness, but for total wellness. And you'll see this passion—the urgent desire to return to Bible-based principles of good health—expressed everywhere you turn in Adventist circles.

Adventists developed a seminar program to help people stop smoking. The original Five-day Plan to Stop Smoking and its successor, *Breathe Free*, have been offered to millions of people. The church also has health and temperance departments that operate at each church level. And the church produces several publications designed to encourage the young to establish good health habits, including *Bodywise*, *The Winner*, *Vibrant Life*, and *Listen*. Cooking schools are held in local churches with an emphasis on low-fat, low-sugar, vegetarian cooking.

How can you, as a new Adventist, begin to participate in the church's emphasis on good health? The name NEWSTART® has been coined as an acronym for eight natural prescriptions for health and happiness based on biblical principles. Making the habit of including all eight of these

natural remedies in your life every day is a good way to start.

- Nutritious food**
- Exercise**
- Water**
- Sunlight**
- Temperate, drug-free living**
- Air, fresh and clean**
- Rest**
- Trust in divine power**

Are all Adventists vegetarians? No, but all Adventists are concerned about health, and as a result many North American Adventists—approximately 50 percent—have become lacto-ovo-vegetarians, which means that they don't eat meat, fish, or poultry, but they do eat eggs and dairy products. In addition, some Adventists have adopted a vegan diet, choosing not to eat any animal products at all.

These health decisions are personal choices that new members must grow into and make for themselves. You will find a few Adventists who believe in "salvation by diet," and they will scrutinize everything you bring to potluck. Don't let them discourage you. The goal of a healthy lifestyle is *balance*, and that includes much more than food.

I took an unscientific poll among

my Adventist friends to discover what they perceive to be the most traditional Adventist recipe. Hands down, "Special K Cottage Cheese Loaf" was the winner. The vegans among us will shudder at the thought, but for new members getting used to a non-meat diet, it's a good transitional recipe. You will find the recipe in the August issue on our Web site (www.LakeUnionHerald.org) under Adventism 101, or you can ask a long-time member of your church for it. Most Adventists have it in a cookbook or on a card in their recipe files.

By the way, even if Adventists eat meat at home or in restaurants, they don't traditionally take it to church potlucks. So if you need some good recipes to take to potluck, I recommend purchasing the *Apple a Day* cookbooks from your Adventist Book Center (ABC). They are favorite recipes of Loma Linda University alumni doctors' wives. There are two volumes. The second volume reflects Adventism's shift toward more healthful eating patterns and has less fat and cheese in the recipes.

Now, I'll let you in on an Adventist secret. You'll know you are a genuine, dyed-in-the-wool Adventist when all you want to eat on Saturday night is *popcorn* and *apples*!

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MISSION OUTREACH IN THE PACIFIC RIM

DATELINE CAMBODIA

BY MICHAEL STOUGH AS TOLD TO BRUCE BABIENCO

The saying, “You can never go home again,” is certainly true for my wife, Teeda, and I. Since our last return visit a year ago to Cambodia, Teeda’s homeland and my adopted home, remarkable changes had taken place. Roads that once had potholes so big they could swallow entire vehicles were now filled and smoothed by asphalt. The city of Phnom Penh now has a multi-story mall with a cineplex at the top. Places like *Lucky Burger* and *BB World* have appeared, reflecting the Western influence on society and the country’s growing tourist population.



These students study at the Kantrok Adventist School, a part of the SALT Center.

In spite of the many changes, there are several constants that have remained the same in Cambodia. Poverty still affects the lives of many, and government corruption still runs rampant. The average government employee earns only \$20 per month. The people are still thirsty for the gospel and the hope it brings to them.

Our friends, Tom Ringenberg,



Tim Maddocks, SALT Ministries director, and Tom Ringenberg, dentist, work on a patient.

a dentist from Richmond, Indiana, and his wife, Halley, wanted to do something for the physical needs of the Cambodian people. So they joined Teeda and me on our visit to Cambodia last November.

The Ringenbergs spent many hours pulling teeth and teaching basic dental hygiene at the Wat Preah Yesu Children’s Home (orphanage) and at the Cambodia Adventist Primary School. The small gifts—toy cars and dolls—they shared with the children brought smiles to their faces. Money that was donated by Indiana church members prior to the trip was used to assist the SALT Ministry Center, a lay training facility.

We were able to witness to our taxi driver, Heng Numg, who transported us to the various mission sites. He was able to observe the work that was being done and listened with interest to our conversations with him about Christ. Although it is typical for a taxi driver to simply



Wendy Maddocks teaches a lower-division Sabbath school class at Wat Preah Yesu.

wait around until needed, Numg helped with the medical clinic by preparing needles and disinfecting instruments.



A young Buddhist worships at Wat Phnom, Phnom Penh.

Cambodia will never be as we remembered it when we lived there. However, I praise the Lord that the people still want to know Jesus. Many still want Him to be their personal Savior and are preparing for eternal life with Christ in heaven!

Michael Stough pastors in the Indiana Conference and Bruce Babienco is a Herald volunteer correspondent.



A Disrespectful Culture

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

“Our children live in a culture of disrespect, and the cost is incalculable,” says Peter Yarrow. Statistics show 160,000 kids are afraid to go to school, and well over 30 percent of today’s children admit to being bullied at school. Yarrow, of the Peter, Paul, and Mary singing group, sees this culture of disrespect as a “national crisis.” Yarrow, along with his daughter, is making a difference in Illinois public schools by implementing his program, Operation Respect. He attributes much of this growing epidemic to the dehumanizing entertainment children have at their disposal.

The National Institute on Media and the Family is singing the same tune, as their research shows that even children who consume media violence early in the school year are more likely to see the world as a more hostile place and act more aggressively later in the school year.

This recent finding is an important one because of several implications. Multiple types of media violence exposure, including television, video games, and movies were considered; and the findings suggest that this type of media exposure may be related to lower grades in school and physical and verbal aggressive behavior.

The children who displayed antisocial and aggressive behavior are the ones who were more

likely to be rejected by their peers, which leads to more educational and social problems for the child. Media violence appears to affect all children, boys and girls, and affect those who were already aggressive as well as those who were not.

This study also found that if parents are more involved in their children’s media habits, the risk of antisocial behavior is decreased. That’s where you, the parents and other important family members,

come in! Who is teaching values to your kids? Is there more influence from the media than from you? We live in a culture that is now being identified as a culture of disrespect, and Christians are not immune nor are they necessarily non-participants. Violence and aggressive behavior do not teach the value of respect.

A culture of disrespect is part of a “co-violent” society, one that celebrates mayhem while simultaneously condemning it. While violence and the media are inevitable, exposing ourselves to the negative aspects of it over and over reinforces the disrespectful aspects of our society. It is penetrating the hard-wiring of our children’s psyches.

Perhaps we should not be surprised at this. God’s Word predicts that Jesus will return at a time of unprecedented crime and violence (Psalm 119:126). But let us be committed to sacrifice some of our wants to the needs of our children.

Children need to see respect, hear it, breathe it, and feel it over and over again. I encourage you to take note of the values you are teaching those children for whom you are responsible by the types of media and the words and actions you are condoning in your home.

Susan Murray is an assistant professor of behavioral sciences at Andrews University.



EXTREME GRACE

Doña Nodosa

BY DICK DUERKSEN

She's not showy like a Vanda or Cattleya. Not outstandingly beautiful, or even gifted with beautiful sprays of tiger-colored Brassia blossoms. She's just a "marsh orchid," a "Brassavola Nodosa."

Her leaves are spiky little green sticks. Her creamy white flower averages one inch wide, and is shaped like a concave heart with little white tendrils shafting off into nowhere special. She grows high in the trees and is fairly common from Brazil to Florida. Nothing special.

Till nightfall.

When dark takes over, she takes on a new personality, transforming her world with a fragrance to make a Parisian perfumer take the

deepest breath of his professional career. "Like sandalwood mixed with cloves, and a hint of mint" one admirer says.

Doña de le noche, they call her in Costa Rica. The lady of the night. Like one of God's happy practical jokes, when the world is darkest, this plain orchid becomes the most powerful draw in the forest.

God must take special pleasure in bringing out His best when our times are the worst. He stands beside us, arms piled high with flashlights, waiting for us to walk into a dark valley. His promises are packed with hope:

I will be beside you. Even after the last light has gone out (Matthew 28:20).

When your tongue is tied, I will give you eloquence (Luke 21:15).

I will give you victory, and many will call on your wisdom (Revelation 2:26).

My peace will help you sleep like a baby. No troubles. No fears (John 14:27).

Your tears bring me running—with warm blankets, cool drinks, and open arms (Matthew 5:4).

Last night I sat on our back porch, as close as possible to the Doña Nodosa that blooms on our table. She's beautiful!

... with just a hint of mint.

Dick Duerksen is the assistant vice president for mission development for Florida Hospital in Orlando.

Goodbye to High Stress Diets

BY VICKI GRIFFIN

High protein, high fat, low carbohydrate diets have become increasingly popular. But people are trading their health for temporary weight loss. As with other extreme diets, the weight bounces back—with interest—in most cases. These diets stress your body over the long run and have been associated with:

- ▶ **Ketosis, a potentially dangerous condition associated with starvation**
- ▶ **More rapid weight gain after initial loss**
- ▶ **Water loss**
- ▶ **Loss of lean body mass (muscle)**
- ▶ **Heart disease**
- ▶ **Increased LDL “bad” cholesterol after initial drop**
- ▶ **Cancer**
- ▶ **Kidney disease**
- ▶ **Osteoporosis**
- ▶ **Gout**
- ▶ **Lethargy**
- ▶ **Constipation**
- ▶ **Irritability and depression**
- ▶ **Elevated insulin levels after initial drop**

At the cellular level, increased metabolism causes nutrients to be

used at a faster rate, while intake of vital nutrients is lower because of the severe restriction of fruits and vegetables.

Absorption of nutrients is impaired due to the high fat content of the diet.

Fats are prone to oxidation and the formation of free radicals.

Combined with the low fiber, nutrient, and antioxidant intake that characterizes these diets, there is increased DNA damage, inflammation, toxic levels of

nitrogenous waste, dehydration, and impaired immune status for the body to contend with. That spells stress!

Don't stress your body and your mind in an attempt to control hunger and lose weight. Give your body what it needs. You can reduce your weight, feel great, and reduce the risk of disease by choosing fiber-rich plant foods. Fiber foods like whole grains, beans, fruits, and vegetables are your friends—not your enemies—when it comes to sensible, sustained weight loss!

Vicki Griffin is the Michigan Conference health ministries director.



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

BY JESSIE OLIVER

Committed to making a difference in Niles, Michigan, a group of church members started a street ministry in 1998—Neighbors Helping Neighbors, commonly known as Neighbors. *Steps to Christ* was distributed at the park, and contacts were asked if they needed any assistance, like snow removal in the winter.

In 2002, a number of the Neighbors members were instrumental in starting the Edwardsburg Church. In recent years the thrust of Neighbors is sharing Bible studies on video, such as “Millennium of Prophecy” by Doug Batchelor, or the written series “Good News for Today.” Interested people are located through teams of two Neighbors members going door-to-door. Opinion surveys are used to engage the people in conversation.

Miracles have taken place as Neighbors members have prayed for Bible study students. Mary Hunt was scheduled to have another surgery on her eyes with an 80 percent chance she’d lose her sight. Since she was anxious about the operation, Ray and Jay Constable prayed for her. When the doctor checked her eyes, he told her she didn’t need surgery, for they were already healed.

When *The Passion of the Christ* was being shown in theaters, a survey about the film was conducted, and tickets to the Easter

weekend Passion Play at Andrews University were given away. In addition, another survey being used starts with “In your opinion, what is the biggest problem in society?” and ends with “Would you be interested in studying the Bible?” The free book, *The Passion of Love*, by Ellen G. White that is offered to contacts who take the survey, has been accepted by a large number of people. Jack Einhorn, personal ministries director, stated that 2,700 copies have been distributed, including those given by church members to family, friends, and coworkers. Near the front of the book is an address label for the Niles Westside Church.

As the evangelistic effort *Hope for Our Day* approaches, more books



From left: Jessie Oliver, Ray Constable, Mary Hunt, and Jay Constable pray in Mary’s home for her eyes to be healed.

will be given to the community as Neighbors members search for people seeking the Savior.

Jessie Oliver is a Niles Westside Church member and a Neighbors Helping Neighbors participant.



Jessica Rios shares the Bible with Augustine Kyles.

From Devastation to Blessing

Hospital Community Aids Family after Loss

Tragic events provide opportunities for God's people to show Christ's love in unexpected ways. The Coon family experienced that love recently after a house fire destroyed their home, cars, and other possessions.

"We stood on the curb at 8:30 in the morning, without shoes, watching our house in flames," Denise Coon relates. "We heard our well-kept cars exploding—an indescribable feeling! We were totally numbed, just like we were watching a terrible movie.



A fire of unknown origin claimed the house, cars, and other possessions of the Coon family on April 30.

"The night before, I was tired from housecleaning and considered skipping our daily worship, but instead, I picked up enough strength and called the children—Deborah, 23; Diane, 18; and Donna, 13—together. And as we each prayed, my husband came quietly and knelt down with us. He put his arms around the children, and we continued to pray. We shared with God our thanks and needs, including protection over us as we slept.

"And God did just as we asked. The next day we learned if the fire had occurred any earlier, none of us would have had a chance to survive. When we hold onto God's promises, we experience how true His promises are!"

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff they comfort me ... (Psalm 23:4)



The Coon family: (from left) Don, Denise, Donna, Diane, and Deborah, a month after the fire. "We were so blessed by everything donated, including nice outfits to wear to Donna's graduation from Downers Grove Adventist Academy," said Denise Coon.

"After the fire, God touched the hearts of so many people, and we saw that the spiritual mission of Hinsdale Hospital is true and well practiced," said Denise. Both Don and Denise have been Hinsdale Hospital employees for more than 25 years.

"Never would I have dreamt that there would be so many kind people from Hinsdale Hospital helping us out of such a tragedy! We would have had a very hard time picking up the pieces to go on otherwise. Our hearts are overwhelmed with what Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale Adventist Church, Joliet Adventist Church, my native church in Czechoslovakia, and our church, Downers Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church, have done for us," relates Denise.

From CEO to central supply, people reached out and surrounded the family with love, hope, and necessities to start over. An account was set up at the Salt Creek Credit Union, and employee donations flowed in. The family received housewares, clothing, food, toiletries, a microwave, a television, a computer, and so much more.

"I was unpacking a set of silverware, and as I put it in the drawer, I wished for a tray to hold it. When I opened the next box of donated items, there was the tray I wished for. I realized, even before we asked, God supplied our needs," said Denise.

"We felt like all heaven surrounded us. The hospital embraced us, and our church showered love on us. Thank you to all those many individuals who don't even know us, and yet they went out of their way to show us their compassion and care," said Denise on behalf of her family.

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

SmartLabs Provides Hands-on Physics Experience

The physics department at Andrews University conducted its second annual SmartLabs workshops for high school teachers and students from June 14–18. The workshops—co-sponsored by Andrews University, the Lake Union Conference, and the Berrien County Intermediate School District—welcomed teachers and students from Hinsdale, Indiana, Peterson-Warren, Battle Creek, and Puget Sound Adventist academies, as well as local area high schools, for five days of intense physics training.

Nine teachers and 11 students attended the program in order to enrich their physics classes. The students were handpicked by their teachers for their scientific potential, with the anticipation that they would function as laboratory assistants when they returned to school. As a team, the teacher-student pairs participated in demonstrations and lectures, and worked on projects that helped to expand their knowledge in areas such as rotational motion, forces and equilibrium, electricity and magnetism, wave mechanics, and nuclear physics.

SmartLabs began when a growing need was recognized. “Technology moves so fast, and oftentimes teachers just can’t keep up with it. They need help to learn what’s new in the area of physics, and they need assistance to present it to their classes,” explained Margarita Mattingly, physics department chair and director of SmartLabs. “SmartLabs expands the horizon of teachers and gives them more options. Bringing a student with them makes it possible to have help when they are ready to teach the whole class,” she said.

While in their labs, participants also got a taste of what it was like to use high-tech equipment that is not readily available in their classrooms. “Some of the things we’ve gotten to use in the labs are just out of sight,” Eau Claire High School teacher Les



Carl Bandy (right), Hinsdale Adventist Academy science teacher, and Anna Park study wave mechanics.

Knickerbocker said. Participants gained familiarity with high-tech computer data acquisition equipment such as force sensors, motion sensors, and digital video capture equipment. They analyzed their data using several powerful graphical software packages.

While some lab demonstrations require expensive equipment, SmartLabs included many experiments that were “low-tech” and less expensive, but still taught the same lesson as more expensive aids. To illustrate the Rutherford Scattering Experiment, the experiment which discovered that atoms have a nucleus, common hackey sacks were thrown at Styrofoam plates taped on the wall. There were eight demonstrations similar to this in which teachers were given the materials used so they could repeat the lab for their students at home.

Teachers and students who attended the workshops were enthusiastic about the time spent there. Carl Bandy, a teacher from Hinsdale Adventist Academy, was confident about his first year at SmartLabs. “The experience we have had here has been great; you just can’t beat it. We are able to visualize the concepts and then translate them to the young people we will be instructing. Rather than giving them formulas, I can now give them more experiments and hands-on material,” he said. “Being able to present subject matter that is outside of the normal textbook material is a benefit to teachers and students.” Monica Hardesty, a junior at Puget Sound Academy, also liked having the hands-on experience. “I can see what it is that I’m learning, rather than just reading it in a book,” she said.



Monica Hardesty (left), from Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Washington, and teacher Colleen Brundula, analyze data from standing waves on a wire.

The Andrews University physics department and its faculty are dedicated to expanding the minds and learning opportunities of teachers and young people. They look forward to the third annual SmartLabs and the new material they can present.

Erin Heldstab, University Relations news writer

by Debbie Young

TEAM

Together
Everyone
Accomplishes
More

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Women's ministries is frequently known for the support and opportunities provided to women in the church and community. But when there is a greater need in another area, what can women's ministries do? Robin Tait is women's ministries leader for the Voice of Hope Church in Michigan City, Indiana. She is pushing the

envelope to move the women's ministries team in a direction that will impact the lives of young people as well as women in the church and community.

She saw that there was a great need to reach the young people who visited their church. A couple of members bring their grandchildren to church. Because the church membership is small, these 20–25 young visitors from the community often outnumber the adults! The church did not have a formal program that would engage the interest and attention of the youth. This is where Robin saw a role for women's ministries. Ordinarily, this duty would fall to youth ministries, but rather than check that off as "not in my realm of responsibility," Robin sought to make a difference through women's ministries. She recognized the potential in these young people and was not willing to leave it to chance.

The first step Robin took was to mentor new member, Tahnee Casanova to guide the development of the youth ministries program. Women's ministries took an active part in this development, working with youth ministries to create a program to meet the needs of these young people.

Concerns were expressed about separating the youth from the adults for worship service, since the church was so small. However, Robin understood that these young people required a more flexible, tailored program to capture their interest and keep their attention.

A traditional adult service would not accomplish that goal. Robin says, "We wanted to give them something that would stick with them for life. I don't believe in coloring through the church service, but if they are going to do that activity, it needs to be part of a program that will reach them for Jesus."

Working with youth ministries, Robin and the women's ministries team started a youth church that took place twice a month. The



Robin Tait is women's ministries Leader for the Voice of Hope Church in Michigan City, Indiana.

service was designed to reach all ages and included a variety of approaches to keep everyone's interest. From Scripture readings and nature videos to snacks, coloring, singing, and sermons, the activities were planned to be Christ-centered and interesting.

The women's ministries team helped schedule speakers, inviting seminarians and presenters with youth appeal to share God's Word. Every month, the youth joined the adults for church service, leading out in certain roles. In this way, the youth church not only taught them about Jesus and biblical principles, but also how to contribute in a meaningful way to the worship

service.

This plan has been very well received by the youth who are sometimes tempted not to come to church on an "off-youth" week. Here again, the women's ministries team asserts their nurturing influence by phoning the youth and encouraging them to come to church, whether there's youth church or not. "We try and tell them that the adults are supporting them, and that church isn't just about their needs," says Robin.

There's a difference surfacing in the lives of these young people. These youth are not Seventh-day Adventists, but because of the love and faithfulness of their grandmothers, they have been introduced to Jesus through the Voice of Hope congregation and the youth and women's ministries partnership. They are bringing their Bibles to church with them—Bibles that were given by the women's ministries team. "We wanted to make sure they each had their own Bible;

and we gave them literature to help them connect with the message and mission of our church," says Robin.

Women's ministries at Voice of Hope demonstrates that care and concern for souls is a responsibility we share. Jesus invites us to partner with Him to save a world dying in sin. As we submit to Him and join hands with each other we will realize the true benefits of TEAM—Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Debbie Young is president of Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries and a Lake Region Conference communication staff volunteer.



A Tribute to Ann

BY GARY BURNS

When I arrived as the new editor of the *Lake Union Herald*, I was greeted by a very bright and competent Ann Fisher who had everything under control. She and our staff had just produced the second issue of our new full-color magazine designed by Mark Bond. Everyone loved the new look and there was a spirit of excitement and creativity.

Being new to the *Herald* office and to the world of editing a monthly magazine, I had much to learn. Ann's experience as a teacher was useful as she began to orient me to the process of producing the *Herald*.

Since this is Ann's last issue as managing editor, I'm taking this opportunity to publicly express my appreciation. I think it might be more meaningful if you understood what our managing editor does.

She gives general direction and operational oversight to the production of the *Herald*, including final evaluation of all materials for publication and ensuring that they meet our standards of appearance and content. She also collaborates with me in the selection of authors, illustrators, photographers, and other contributors, and approves their work.

She coordinates the entire publication process, communicating with all our

editors and authors, maintaining production specifications, and ensuring that deadlines are met. She painstakingly oversees the proofing process to ensure that all corrections are made before we go to press and then coordinates with the printer to ensure that the *Herald* is delivered promptly to your home.

Ann has consistently performed at the very highest standard. Many of you have commented to me on how pleased you are with the *Herald*. Although we give general direction, assignments,



Ann Fisher visits with Danny Houghton (left) and Larry Johnson (center) of Color Press in Walla Walla, Washington, to get a first-hand look at the printing process for the *Lake Union Herald*.

and supervision, Ann has been the individual responsible for producing the product you appreciate.

She is extremely well organized and efficient and has the skills necessary to plan and coordinate several issues in advance. She's always coming up with creative

ideas born from her desire to communicate the gospel and encourage growth.

She has been responsible for much of the copy editing which has given the magazine better readability. Ann is a creative writer and very skilled at helping others discover more effective ways to communicate.

It has been my privilege to work with Ann on the past seventeen issues. She has taught me much, worked extra long hours, and gone the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th mile to ensure that we have the very best publication possible. For all that she has done, I am truly grateful.

We are all sad to see Ann go, but we are glad that she will remain a part of our *Herald* family as she continues to write the Adventism 101 column from her new home in Walla Walla, Washington.

Ann, we wish you and Jim all the very best as you continue to serve God in the new capacities He has awaiting you. We look forward to hearing

from you each month through your creative counsel on how we can be better members of the body of Christ.

Gary Burns is the editor of the *Lake Union Herald*.



Broadview Academy



Broadview Academy (BVA) began with bold dreams to provide the youth of Illinois with a Christian Seventh-day Adventist education. A remarkable fusion of vision and determination more than 90 years ago, brought to life a school with a mission to prepare young people for the Second Coming of Christ while fostering a love for God, learning, life and service.

At the turn of the 20th Century, Broadview Swedish Seminary was established. Later renamed Broadview College, in 1934 the school merged with Fox River Academy in Sheridan, Hinsdale Sanitarium Academy in Hinsdale, and a day academy in Chicago, to form one school.

In 1958 the school property in Broadview, Illinois was sold, and the Savage-Marydale farm at La Fox

was purchased. Although the school's current location was once surrounded by corn fields, it is now located in the middle of a growing community, adjoining a forest preserve.

Boldly reflecting the vision of the pioneers, Broadview Academy's mission statement is put simply and succinctly: **Character Above Intellect**. The Class of 1961 further defined the mission directed at students on the sign they placed at the entrance of the campus – *"Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve."*

The Sabbath is observed between Friday sundown and Saturday sundown. During this time a variety of special activities take place, including:

- **Vespers** – After Friday evening worship, as the sun sets in the west, the school family gathers around a bonfire for songs and testimonies.
- **Sabbath Afternoon Walk in the Woods** – On a Sabbath walk into the forest preserve, you can hear God's voice whispering through the trees and see and hear many kinds of birds, warblers, blackbirds, and even hummingbirds.
- **Retreat** – Each fall student leaders head off campus for workshops and fellowship with other students in the Lake Union to prepare for their role as campus leaders.
- **Training Sessions** – There are other opportunities for BVA students to receive leadership training such as the annual Lake Union Prayer Conference and the annual campus Youth Rally.

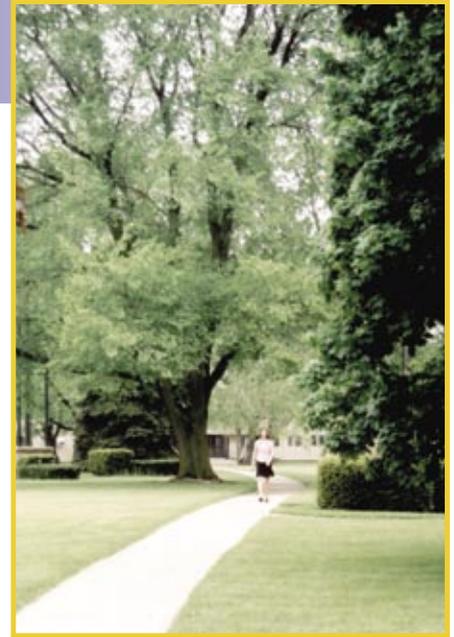


"We offer no apologies. Broadview Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist school, committed to the doctrine and mission of the church. Our young people will not only be prepared to meet the future in everything they do at Broadview, they will be prepared to lead others to the feet of Jesus and be ready themselves for His Second Coming."

Kenneth Denslow
Board Chairman



Student Life



Good Food

The cafeteria serves three meals daily (two on Sunday) when school is in session. A vegetarian menu is served with a wide variety of fresh, cooked, steamed, and baked items. Those interested in international foods are sure to enjoy BVA cooking, too, and those who prefer strictly vegan cooking will not be disappointed in their choices at each meal.

Technology

Our computer lab with broadband internet connection is open throughout the day. Not only will you learn basic computer skills, take classes in JAVA and html computer languages, you will be able to keep in touch with family and friends. Each dormitory has a computer lab which will also have high-speed internet connection and access to the campus network via fiber optic cable.

Dorm Life

An important part of the academy experience is life in the dormitory! At Broadview Academy you will most likely have a roommate, although private rooms are available. Occasionally you will want to have an overnight guest. That's okay. Once permission from the dean is obtained, community students are welcome.

As much as you will like it at Broadview Academy, you'll probably want to go home every now and then. Home leaves are scheduled once a month, beginning on Wednesday evening after work. The dorm is closed during home leave . . . sometimes students go somewhere other than home. It is easy to work out those details with parents and the dean. And for those who can't wait until home leave, you can go home after work on Friday on many "open" weekends throughout the school year.

Student Health

The school nurse visits the dorms each morning to check on students when needed. You will also find the nurse in attendance at major events. Students will want to schedule routine medical care, such as physicals, immunizations, eye exams, dental or orthodontic appointments, however, during home leaves.

Books, Books, & more Books



The Broadview Academy library is well stocked with reference materials, books, periodicals, and newspapers. If you don't find what you need for that research project, books and other resource materials may be requested through our link with the DuPage Library System. You will also have access to several online databases through the James White Library at Andrews University. You will be able to access just about any reference you need, and the library is also a great place to study.

Backpack fatigue doesn't exist here . . . There are lockers for students conveniently located near the classrooms.

Sports



Physical activity is an important part of every student's educational program. Broadview Academy has a huge heated gymnasium, and well groomed track and ball fields! Varsity sports include boys' and girls' basketball, boys' soccer, and boys' and girls' volleyball.





Lotsa Music



There is lotsa music at Broadview Academy, including the traditional concert band and choir. Many other groups make music, including the

small classical style choir, Praise Spectrum, made up from select members from the choir. Our music program also includes ensembles, quartets, and hand bell choirs as enrollment and schedules permit. Trips by each group are scheduled throughout the year to churches and schools in Illinois and the surrounding states.



Students speak out . . . in the school newspaper, which is called the Broad-View. It covers various campus events, offers a student point of view on current issues, and a much read advice column by Dr. WOW (*aka Doctor Words of Wisdom*). No one is exactly sure who Dr. Wow is or even where the questions come from . . . You'll have to come to Broadview Academy to solve this mystery.

The Encore is Broadview Academy's school yearbook. Creation of a digital yearbook offers students the opportunity to learn layout, design, and composition.

The Student Association is campus government with elected officers and faculty advisors. Want to become involved in your world? You will develop leadership skills, learn parliamentary procedures, and how to plan events.

Student
Government

Broadview Academy is convenient for air and ground transportation. By the middle of the 2004-05 school year there will be new METRA train service from Union Station in Chicago. Parents with their own private airplanes can land at the nearby DuPage Airport. Those who fly using commercial services will find it best to fly into Chicago's O'Hare International Airport or Midway Airport.

Transportation

You have a driver's license and a car, no problem! You can drive your car to Broadview Academy. If you keep your car on campus, you'll be assigned your very own parking space.

Parents and guardians are always welcome on campus. They may stay in the dormitory or at one of the hotels located within minutes of the campus.



Although it may be no longer possible to work your entire way through school, unlike other academies there is still opportunity to work . . . and study, of course! Whether you work at Academy Pak, sorting and packaging things, work in the library, grade papers for a teacher, or work on the grounds, you'll be building skills and character necessary to be successful once you leave Broadview Academy.

Opportunities
for work

Food Bank, distributing tracts of hope, and praying with people. Worship teams conduct church services, and students may also visit a local nursing home, singing, sharing, or just holding the hand of an elderly person.

Students depart to serve "while" they are at Broadview Academy, getting involved in community service activities such as food drives for the Illinois

English not your language . . . no problem! We will work with you as you learn to use English at Broadview Academy. Students from all around the world are drawn here to earn their high school diploma and get a head start for college. Foreign students must have a host family in the United States who is willing to provide room and board for home leaves.





We Want You!

Enter
to Learn,
Depart
to Serve . . .

Academics

Broadview Academy receives high marks . . .

Accredited annually by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, Broadview Academy continues a relationship of more than 75 years. The Illinois State Board of Education also recognizes Broadview Academy as a private school. Accreditation is ongoing through the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

ACT scores over the past five years have consistently shown BVA students perform above State and National averages. In all ACT categories tested – Math, Science, English, and Reading – Broadview Academy students have outscored National averages by as much as 51%.

BVA students are often recognized for outstanding academics by State and National organizations for scholarships and awards.

Over 90% of all BVA students pursue a college education.

Tuition

What does it cost . . . *"Our tuition and fees are about the same as other academies in the Lake Union. There's really no reason to compare. Any student who really wants a Christian education can attend Broadview Academy,"* states school principal, Art Nelson. *"Just give us a call. We're here to help each family find a way to fund Christian education. There are all kinds of discounts and scholarships available, and work in campus industries."*

You'll be back . . . Once you've graduated from Broadview Academy, you'll be back. Each year, the first weekend of May, alumni get together. You'll not want to miss alumni events, reunions, and class sponsored activities. Those who want to stay in touch can post their E-mail address on the Broadview Academy web site.

Apply Today

We Want You! Broadview Academy wants you regardless of your race, gender, religion, or national origin. All we ask is that you want a quality Christian education.

Operated by the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Broadview Academy offers you much more . . . the development of your spiritual life is our supreme objective.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 . . . To become a Broadview Academy student. Here's what you need to do:

1. Acquire a copy of your eighth grade diploma or copies of previous high school transcripts.
2. Request an application packet and complete the application forms.
At our web site: <http://www.broadviewacademy.org> you may print out the entire application package, or you may type in the information online, then print out the application forms, complete them and drop them in the mail.
3. Mail in your completed application and copies of all required forms to *(If you're a student from outside of the United States, please contact us for instructions and the proper fee to send with your application forms):*
Registrar
Broadview Academy
PO Box 307
La Fox, IL 60147

After receiving all forms, transcripts, and recommendations, the Admission Committee will review your application. You'll get a letter from our new principal to let you know their decision.

Any questions??? We'd like to hear from you.

Please contact us at: admissions@broadviewacademy.org

Won't you join us?

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

Indiana publishing director Dwight Kruger and I had spent the morning visiting medical offices in Indianapolis. We had just finished a midafternoon meal and decided to follow up several lead cards. The first card chosen was from Valerie Rodriguez. With traffic not too hectic yet at 4:00 p.m., we calculated a 15-minute drive to Valerie's home. Satan obviously had other plans!

Ten minutes into our journey, we encountered a bottleneck in the traffic caused by an accident. After 20 minutes of frequent stops, the afternoon sun decided to peek through a cloud and shine directly in my eyes. I complained to Dwight about my impaired vision from a dusty windshield. He volunteered to clean the inside of the windshield with some napkins, but the result was now a smeared, dusty windshield.

Finally the traffic pace started to pick up, when suddenly my map reader, Dwight, pointed

to our desired street just ahead. Unfortunately, a huge dump truck was blocking the entire entrance to the street, and we had no choice but to pass by and attempt to turn around. Meanwhile, I had had enough of Mr. Sun and my dirty, smeared windshield, so when I spotted a gas station, I jumped at

the chance to wash it.

Now 45 minutes into this adventure, with a cleaner windshield and the sun to our backs, we set out again to find Valerie. Dwight, who was concerned by all the delays, sent up a quick verbal prayer asking God to keep Valerie from leaving her home before we arrived. It was obvious Satan was trying to block our progress.

As we pulled up and knocked on her door, Valerie immediately met us on her way out, with purse in hand. Had she not received a last-minute phone call, we would have missed her.

As it turned out, we had a great experience visiting with Valerie in her home. This single Christian mother has had many trials during the last few years, but she was eager to purchase our 22-volume library for her family.



Roxanne Andersen is an Indiana Conference literature evangelist.

Women Share Unique Ministry Ideas

Michigan —The Charlotte women's ministries group has been busy these last few quarters with two major projects. One of the projects is presenting newly baptized women with worship baskets. These baskets include a church directory, a women's devotional book, a journal, and a Bible promise book. Also included is a pen set, music tape, and anything that can help "jump start" her devotional life and make it more meaningful.

The women are preparing for the baptism of a teenager and plan to include age-appropriate items to help her on her spiritual journey. "We want our new members to know that they have a women's ministries group that cares about them and their spiritual lives," says Dee Clements, Charlotte Church women's ministries leader.

The other project is a weekly exercise class. It is a low-impact, walking/aerobic class. The ladies are using the video "Walk the Walk" by Leslie Sansone. It is a Christian

inspired workout using old hymns as the background music. The ladies are thrilled to have found this video, since it stresses total health—mind, body, and spirit. Anyone can exercise to it, as it only has four

steps! The video is available at most Target and Meijer stores, or online at www.Target.com.

The first week, 14 members and a number of visitors attended the exercise class. The class is now available to the community. They begin and end with prayer. The rest is provided by the video.

What an easy way to reach out, invite others, get in shape, and share the health message!

Pat Bingham, Michigan Conference District 8 women's ministries representative



Love Blankets

Michigan — Something to have and to hold that you can call your own is very important to a child. At an August 2003 meeting, the Fenton women's ministries group met and decided to work on a community project making quilts for abused children. The group's goal was to make six quilts by December.

Twelve ladies met and began the project. What was so unique was that several of the ladies had never used a sewing machine before! They brought sewing machines and bright-colored material to their meeting. What a great fellowship time they had with each other, learning to cut, baste stitch, and use the sewing machines. Soon their initial goal to make six quilts turned into 15, and by Christmas they had made 33 quilts! A number of quilts were given to a shelter for abused children, and some were included in the Christmas baskets that the church provided to needy families.



The Fenton Church women's ministries group has adopted a community project to make quilts for abused children. Jean Bidelman, Fenton women's ministries leader (center), is flanked by women from the Linden Church who helped her display the blankets for this photo.

The ladies were especially blessed by a guest who had lost her husband and had made 15 quilts by herself! "This lady comes to the meetings and offers so much to our group," said Jean Bidelman, woman's ministries leader. Jean added, "It was a wonderful social time for us ladies as we sewed and cut the squares. Just to know we had a small part in wrapping a child in a soft quilt reminded us of Christ wrapping us in His love."

As of April 2004, a total of 35 quilts have been made. Another set of blankets has been given to a group that prepares baskets for newly diagnosed pediatric cancer patients at a local hospital. This project along with a number of other projects will continue throughout the year.

Pat Bingham, Michigan District 8 women's ministries representative

Glendale Women's Ministries Outreach

Indiana — The Glendale women's ministry team is serious about reaching out to women—both in our church family and in the community. Through careful planning, we hope to reach others for Christ.

The women's ministry leaders hosted the worship service on Sabbath, May 15, commemorating Mother's Day. Nordka Blackmon-Richards from Rosedale, N.Y., a renowned motivational speaker, author, and facilitator on women's issues, diversity, and education, was the guest speaker. The theme the committee selected for this special Sabbath was, "Every Woman Can Make a Difference for the Lord." We wanted to make the day special and to touch the lives of each woman who was present.

All women in attendance at Glendale that Sabbath received a carnation and a carefully prepared "care bag" containing a wealth of health information. A special presentation was made to Savelia Mansfield, 92, the oldest mother present.

Plans are underway for Glendale women's ministry to juncture with St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Working with the lead volunteer, Glendale women will initiate the "Mother Love Program." This program pairs church members with high-risk mothers and their babies. The ladies will form relationships with the mothers during their hospital stay and offer love and care to their babies. Business cards will be given to the mothers so they know how to reach caring women when they leave the hospital.

St. Vincent's is also excited that Glendale women are

willing to be involved in patient visitation in other areas of the hospital—visiting women who never receive visitors during their stay.

Paulette Taylor, Glendale women's ministry leader



Paulette Taylor, Glendale women's ministry leader, honors the church's oldest mother, 92-year-old Savelia Mansfield.



Glendale women's ministry team prepare to deliver special "care bags" to women in the congregation.

Indiana Pastor Prays for State Leaders

Indiana — Thorstur Thordarson, Lafayette (Ind.) Church pastor, is building bridges. On several occasions he has been invited to pray for state leaders. Last



Pastor Thorstur Thordarson stands between Indiana State Representatives Sue W. Scholar (left) and Sheila Klinker (right).

year he was asked to have the prayer at the State of the Judicial, an event where all the state judges, the governor, lieutenant governor, Supreme Court judge, and others were present. Thordarson writes, "It was an impressive event, and an honor to be there."

This year Thordarson was invited by State Representative Sue W. Scholar to have the prayer at the opening session of the Indiana General Assembly. Accepting the invitation to offer prayer in these government meetings provides opportunities for Pastor Thordarson to raise awareness of the Adventist Church as he builds relationships with government officials.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

South Bend Members Assist Needy Family

Indiana — Members of the South Bend Church have formed a fund-raising committee to help a very special child in their church, Jesús Navarro.

In April of 2003, physicians at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis examined Jesús and learned he was a very sick boy in need of a kidney transplant. They determined his kidneys failed to grow with the rest of his body, resulting in illness where his kidneys are functioning at only about five percent of normal capacity. Since that discovery,



Members of the South Bend Church are raising funds so that Jesús Navarro can receive a kidney transplant.

Jesús has been dependent on dialysis four times a day, requiring 30 to 40 minutes for each session.

Jesús' mother, Ernestina, is willing to be the kidney donor, but the operation will cost \$75,000 with an additional \$1,000 for medicine in the months afterward.

The South Bend Church family has planned a series of fund-raising events and is also working with the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NATF), a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to providing fundraising assistance to families who incur financial challenges due to organ/tissue transplant or other catastrophic illness.

For more information about this South Bend Church project, call Pastor Luis Beltre Sr. at (574) 251-0625.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

NAD NEWS

New Resource for Child Evangelism

Nampa, Idaho — A groundbreaking new resource for child evangelism called *Bible Treasures* has been released by Pacific Press. *Bible Treasures*, developed by Aileen Andres Sox, editor of *Our Little Friend* and *Primary Treasure*, is a collection of 10 different sharing magazines designed especially for children ages 6 to 10. Each magazine addresses a different core belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church written at a child's level.

Sox says, "Bible Treasures are designed to acquaint children with our beliefs in a friendly and easy-to-understand format, and can be used to share with non-believers or to reinforce these important beliefs to children within our own churches. This is the only material of its kind for children under 10 years of age."

Bible Treasures was especially designed as a tool for evangelists and pastors to use in evangelistic meetings as a handout for children. *Bible Treasures* ensures that the children are learning the same important truths at evangelistic meetings as their parents. And as parents read the magazines to their children, the message is reinforced for them as well. Sox says that *Bible Treasures* can also be used as part of a Bible curriculum or any other children's program. Some pastors are even using *Bible Treasures* to prepare young children for baptism.

According to Barna Research Group, one of the most effective uses of evangelism is targeting children's ministry. Their research has shown that the highest probability of a person accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior for a lifetime relationship occurs before the age of 13.



Research conducted by the Barna Research Group in 2001 revealed that 32 percent of adults accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior between the ages of 5 and 13, while only 4 percent between ages 14 and 18, and 6 percent for people 19 years and older. In other words, attracting younger children (*i.e.* families with young children) to a church to learn about God's love will have 5 to 8 times the impact of attracting the same number of older children or adults.

George Barna of the Barna Research Group states, "The research is very clear: if Jesus is not already part of their lives by the time they leave junior high school, the chances of them accepting Him as their Lord and Savior is very slim—6 percent, to be exact. With children, it is just the opposite. Because of the challenges and insecurities they face in life, they are very open to being a part of a community of like-minded people who grow together. Children have a tremendous influence within their families and on the choices they make in all areas of life. The greatest evangelical window currently available is among young children."

Dale Galusha, vice president for ministries and sales at Pacific Press says, "Evangelism is on the minds of Adventists regularly these days with initiatives like *Sow 1 Billion* and *Go One Million*. The General Conference has declared 2004 as the "Year of World Evangelism." Conferences and churches are sending out Bible studies and outreach materials, and the responses are coming in. But what about the children? Shouldn't we be evangelizing them, too?"

To purchase *Bible Treasures*, visit your local Adventist Book Center; or call (800) 765-6955. It is also available online at AdventistBookCenter.com.

Nicole Batten, Pacific Press Publishing Association publicity/public relations director

Adventist Deaf Ministries

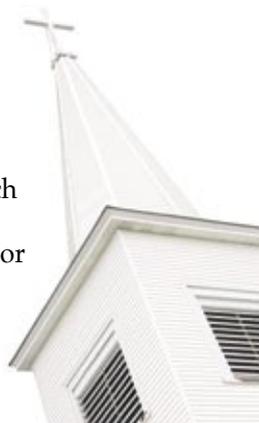
North American Division (NAD) — Adventist Deaf Ministries (ADM), a donor-supported ministry, was founded to fill the gap in the Adventist Church resulting from the closure of Deaf Services at Christian Record Services. ADM works in close association with the North American Division and currently serves on the NAD Deaf Advisory. ADM has a Web site at www.deafadventist.org. You will find Bible studies, deaf lay training seminars, deaf camp meeting dates, a deaf Adventist church directory, sign language resources, easy reading materials, and more. If you are deaf, you may want to logon to this Web site. Or, if you know someone who is deaf, you may want to share this information with them.

Judi Doty is the circulation manager and back pages editor of the Lake Union Herald

News Notes from the Center for Creative Ministry

An Increase in the Number of Unchurched

According to a Barna Group study, the number of adults who are not attending church has risen since the early 90s. In 1991, 21 percent of surveyed adults reported that they were no longer attending church. In 2004, that number has risen to 34 percent. The definition of “unchurched” is those who have not been in church during the past six months or those who only attend weddings or funerals or services at Christmas or Easter. Think about the challenge we have to create warm, welcoming worship gatherings for people who are unchurched.



Newsweek Publishes Letter from Adventist

The June 7, 2004, edition of *Newsweek* magazine includes a letter from Richard Utt, retired book editor for Pacific Press. Utt’s letter starts with the statement, “While most Americans recoil in horror at the idea of torturing Iraqis or anybody else, LeHaye and Jenkins



seem to joyfully proclaim coming torture and eternal suffering for those who disagree with them.” After pointing out that the character of Jesus is libeled by those who predict eternal suffering in a lake of fire, Utt proclaims, “As a lifelong Christian believer, I could never enjoy eternal life in heaven knowing that the

God I worship is guilty of carrying out unspeakable tortures in hell even as I sing praises to Him and His love.” Amen!

Paul Richardson, Center for Creative Ministry director

Sow 1 Billion Initiative Update

North American Division — Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders have declared 2004 as the “Year of Evangelism.” The North American Division (NAD) received the declaration and challenged its constituency to distribute 25 million Bible study invitation cards to contribute to the world church’s *Sow 1 Billion* project.

“The orders for the Bible study invitation cards totaled 25.9 million, which included 2.3 million Spanish and 1.5 million French card orders,” said Debra Brill, NAD vice president for ministries. The majority of requests are being managed by the *Voice of Prophecy* Discover Bible School, including those received online at HopeTalk.org.

Here are some tips for placing newspaper advertisements for the *Sow 1 Billion / HopeTalk Project* taken from “How to Place Newspaper Advertising” published by AdventSource.

1. Make a list of local or regional newspapers that serve your target area.
2. If you are located in a large metropolitan area, compare the costs of various ad sizes in several newspapers. You may also check with the smaller community papers.
3. Make an appointment to speak to the newspaper’s ad representative. Tell them you are interested in placing a display ad for your local church as part of an ongoing awareness campaign. Ask for non-profit organization prices. Many newspapers have special rates.
4. Talk to the ad representative about targeting your ad for its intended audience. Are you trying to reach the general population, Boomers, young adults, couples with children, retirees, etc. Ask their advice on ad placement, size, and costs.
5. Expand your coverage! Check out directory or calendar listings that may be free of charge to church organizations.
6. Share the cost of an ad campaign by including one or two other local or district churches in the ad. Negotiate for a larger ad if the combined budget allows.

Samples of *Sow 1 Billion* ads can be found at <http://www.nadadventist.org/article/articleview/436/1/13/>

Some church members have been placing the Bible study invitation cards into people’s personal mailboxes. In the United States, it is illegal to place anything in mailboxes unless it has postage affixed. Discover Bible School will be charged full price for any card placed in a mailbox, and it could jeopardize the *Voice of Prophecy*’s mailing permit.

George Johnson Jr., NAD communication department

ADRA Cookies “Smile” at North Korean Children

Silver Spring, Maryland — To help fight child malnutrition in the Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea (DPRK), the Adventist Development and Relief Agency’s (ADRA) bakery in Pyongyang, DPRK, is producing high-nutrient, whole wheat cookies to benefit 32,000 children.

Daily, 300,000 cookies are produced in two shifts by the 50 bakery workers. The cookies are delivered to the provinces of North and South Pyongan where they are packaged and weekly transported by ox cart to 450 local kindergartens.

The biscuits, each imprinted with a smiley face, are lightweight, easily stored, and readily packaged and transported. They are also simple to divide into servings and distribute to the children.

The machinery and personnel costs of this joint venture are co-funded by ADRA Switzerland and Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (DWHH)/

German Agro Action (GAA), and are valued at more than \$100,000. In addition, raw materials are being funded by DWHH.



In 1995, ADRA started project activities in North Korea that included the distribution of food, medicine, and seeds. ADRA has also introduced solar-powered cooking to parts of North Korea

where electricity and heat are not readily available.

Since 2002, ADRA has been operating a bakery that produces 50,000 bread rolls, six days a week, that are delivered to 25,000 children in Pyongyang. An additional 32,300 children in the north of the country receive a rice-milk blend produced by ADRA in cooperation with the World Food Programme.

ADRA has also rehabilitated a hospital and trialed a project that will use biogas plants to produce a year-round energy supply. In addition, using a truck provided by ADRA, the World Health Organization (WHO) partnered with ADRA to deliver hospital kits valued at \$83,000, following the train blast that occurred in April. Future projects in the area affected by the train blast are also under consideration.

ADRA Medical Supplies Arrive in Iraq

Weierstadt, Germany — On May 28, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) delivered 16 tons of medicine, valued at \$280,000 to hospitals and clinics in the Tel Afar, Sinjar, and Al Ba’aj regions of Iraq. More than 20 doctors, pharmacists, and assistants met ADRA at the Turkish/Iraqi border to receive the medicine as part of the third phase of an ADRA relief project.

In May 2003, ADRA delivered relief supplies to the area west of Mosul in Northern Iraq. While there, an assessment of the public health system found dedicated medical staff but a serious shortage of medicine. ADRA began a relief project to provide critical drugs to three public hospitals and 31 clinics serving an ethnically diverse population of Turcoman, Kurds, and Arabs numbering more than 1.2 million. The total value of medicines ADRA has sent to Iraq during the three phases is \$1 million.

The drug shortages and medicine rationing that were evident in the initial assessment have deteriorated. While delivering the second phase shipment of medicine, Alex Balint, country director for ADRA Turkey, visited several pharmacies.

“I found shelves bare of all but the most basic drugs. There was aspirin but nothing else,” reported Balint.

This is the third shipment of medicines ADRA has provided Iraq. With such instability and uncertainty surrounding their lives and future, many of the doctors expressed thanks that people from outside their country would care enough to provide help.

ADRA is present in more than 120 countries, providing individual and community development and disaster relief without regard to political or religious association, age, or ethnicity. Additional information about ADRA can be found at www.adra.org.

Frank Brenda, ADRA Germany



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



GORDON AND ALVENA EVANS celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 16, 2004, by financing (along with Glenn and Mary Alice Hill who were married May 17,

1954) the building of a school in Tripura, India. They have been members of the Portland (Mich.) Church for four years.

Gordon Evans and Alvena Sloan were married May 16, 1954, in Berrien Springs, Mich., by Elder Hal Rutherford. Gordon has been a teacher in Mich. for 43 years, 33 years in church schools, retiring in 1998. Alvena has been a secretary for the Lake Union Conference office, Cedar Lake and Battle Creek academies, and Michigan public schools, retiring in 1998.

The Evans family includes Scott and Sandy Evans of Oak Hill, Fla.; and the late Cynthia Evans.



WILLIAM AND EMMA FOUTS celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on May 9, 2004, with a surprise anniversary party coordinated by their children at their home in Crandall, Ind. They have been members of the New Albany (Ind.) Church for 47 years.

William Fouts and Emma Miller were married Mar. 6, 1943, in Byrnsville, Ind., by Pastor John Burns. William has been a truck driver, receiving several awards for thousands

of miles of safe driving before his retirement in 1984. Emma has been a faithful and caring homemaker.

The Fouts family includes the late Leland Fouts; Dallas Fouts of Milltown, Ind.; Larry and Barbara Fouts of Louisville, Ky.; Sherry Davis of Crandall, Ind.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

LORRIE J. GRUBB AND MICHAEL K. HUFFMAN were married May 18, 2003, in Bloomington, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Robert Helm.

Lorrie is the daughter of Larry and Karen Lawson of Anderson, Ind., and Michael is the son of William and Mitchelene Huffman of Bedford, Ind.

The Huffmans are making their home in Bloomington.

Lake Union Herald Welcomes New Managing Editor

We are happy to announce that we have found a creative member of the *Lake Union Herald* editorial staff to fill the managing editor position. Diane Thurber has served the Adventist Church in a variety of capacities. Most recently she has been the director of communication for the Indiana Conference. Before moving to Indiana, she held that position for the Northern New England Conference.

Diane is at home in the Lake Union because she and her husband, Gary, president of the Indiana Conference, were a ministry team in Michigan for 10 years. While serving the Lansing Church, Diane implemented creative ways to enhance the church's greeting ministry. She was the conference associate director of family ministries for five years, initiating the Welcome Baby program, Crystal Mountain marriage retreat weekend, the Father-Son Retreat, Michigan Men of Faith conferences, and Families: By God's Design seminars.

A graduate of Southern Adventist University, Diane has also earned a certificate in Family Life Education from Andrews

University and has served on the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP) board, and on the North American Division Family Ministries Advisory. She enjoys writing and is published in devotional books, the AAFLP journal, and in the adult Sabbath school leadership resource journal.

Diane also brings her experiences as office manager for the law firm of Sorrell & Palken in Seattle, Washington, and business manager for Life Care Center of Collegedale in Tennessee to this new position.

Diane and Gary have two children—Ryan and Justin. Diane remarked, "Working for the Adventist Church is a joy and a privilege. The rewards are many as I see first-hand how God is leading His church through to the end. I am challenged daily to dedicate every aspect of my life for His glory."



OBITUARIES

DUTTON, ROY A., age 86; born Sept. 24, 1917, in Monroe Cty., Wis.; died May 9, 2004, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include his wife, Tanna (Nutt); son, Kenneth; daughters, Velma Burns, Joy Alger, Carolyn Bell, Patricia Schnoor, and Nancy Sheppler; 18 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bruce Hayward, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery Columbarium, Berrien Springs.

KIMMEL, BESSIE M. (WOLFINGER), age 102; born Jan. 6, 1899, in Lawrence Cty., Ind.; died Dec. 6, 2001, in Bedford, Ind. She was a member of the Bedford Church.

Survivors include her sons, Charles, George, Jack, James, and Lloyd; daughters, Alice M. Kozik and Genevieve Armstrong; and 194 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Helm, and interment was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Bedford.

KUEBLER, CHARLENE A. (HABENICHT), age 67; born Aug. 2, 1936, in Ionia, Mich.; died Apr. 29, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Dave F.; son, Todd; daughters, Tammy L. Wellington and Shellie A. Kuebler; mother, Charlotte (Adams); brothers, Robert, James, and Richard Habenicht; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Skip MacCarty and Esther Knott, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

PACE, EVERETT "MACK," age 69; born Nov. 2, 1934, in Lawrence Cty., Ind.; died Feb. 9, 2004, in Bedford, Ind. He was a member of the Bedford Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian (Chapman); sons, Morrell and Nelson; daughter, Theresa Craft; step-daughters, Lee Ann Abner and Beth A. Johnson; brothers, Roy E., Jack D., and Morrell Jr.; sisters, Doris I. Bunch and Nancy Pace; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were

conducted by Pastor Fernando Ortiz, and interment was in Cresthaven Memory Gardens, Bedford.

RHYNDRESS, EMMA M. (MOYLE), age 83; born Nov. 4, 1920, in Calumet, Mich.; died Mar. 24, 2004, in Lansing, Mich. She was a member of the Holt (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Gary; daughters, Patricia Bodi, Darlene Townsend, Kathy Hubbard, Janet Bailey, and Dawn Robison; brother, Tom Moyle; sisters, Dorothy Widing, Beverly DeYoung, and Barbara Hall; 22 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Alan Meis and Olan Thomas, and interment was in Summit Cemetery, Williamston, Mich.

SCHILLING, JAMES, age 95; born June 26, 1908, in Council Bluffs, Iowa; died Mar. 15, 2004, in Lake Mary, Fla. He was a member of the Battle Creek (Mich.) Tabernacle.

Survivors include his sons, Jim and Jerry; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by James Coffin, and interment was in Floral

Lawn Memorial Garden, Battle Creek.

YOUNG, SHERYL L., age 47; born Sept. 2, 1956, in Mt. Clemens, Mich.; died May 18, 2004, in Bay City, Mich. She was a member of the Saginaw (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Kristopher Reinhardt; and daughter, Tasha Young.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, with private inurnment.



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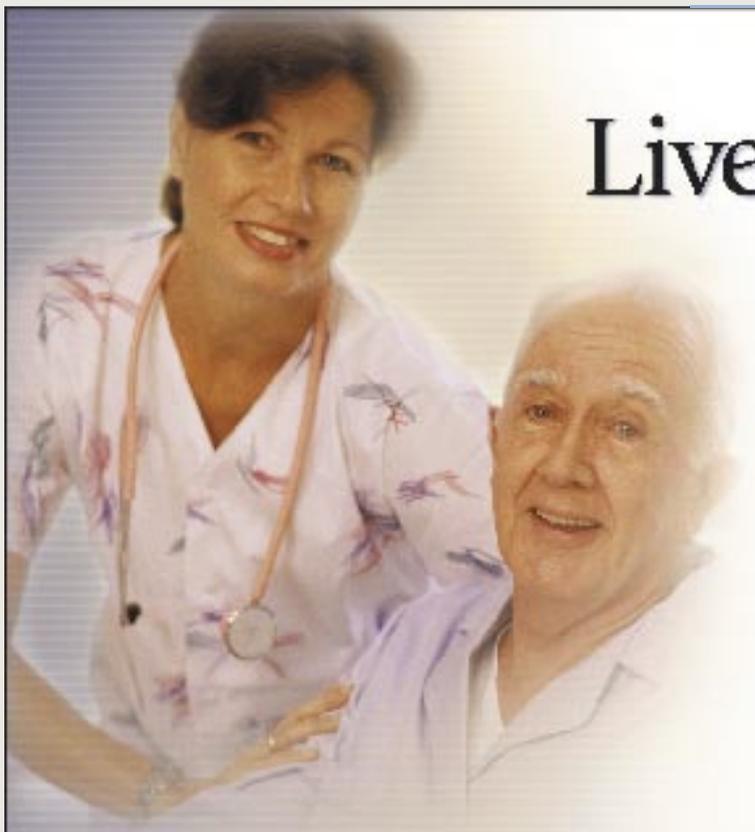
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Number of Members:					Increase	%	Average Tithe Per Member	
3/31/04	12/31/02	Conference	2004	2003	-Decrease	Inc. -Decr.	2004	2003
12,483	12,205	Illinois	3,834,825	3,811,798	23,027	0.60%	307.20	312.31
6,702	6,619	Indiana	2,570,845	2,545,731	25,114	0.99%	383.59	384.61
26,990	26,065	Lake Region	4,331,619	4,559,259	-227,640	-4.99%	160.49	174.92
24,632	24,489	Michigan	10,918,673	10,889,559	29,114	0.27%	443.27	444.67
<u>6,706</u>	<u>6,648</u>	Wisconsin	<u>2,446,639</u>	<u>2,381,144</u>	<u>65,494</u>	<u>2.75%</u>	<u>364.84</u>	<u>358.17</u>
77,513	76,026	Totals	\$24,102,600	\$24,187,491	-\$84,891	-0.35%	\$310.95	\$318.15
Average Weekly Tithe:			\$1,095,573	\$1,099,431	-\$3,859	-0.35%		

Sunset Calendar

	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:59	8:50	8:40	8:29	8:19	8:07
Chicago	8:04	7:55	7:44	7:34	7:23	7:11
Detroit	8:47	8:37	8:27	8:16	8:05	7:53
Indianapolis	7:53	7:45	7:35	7:25	7:15	7:04
La Crosse, Wis.	8:23	8:13	8:02	7:51	7:40	7:27
Lansing, Mich.	8:56	8:46	8:35	8:24	8:13	8:01
Madison, Wis.	8:14	8:04	7:53	7:43	7:31	7:19
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Aug. 1—Graduate/Undergraduate Commencement, 9:00 a.m., Pioneer Memorial Church; **Aug. 26–29**—“All Fired Up!” new student orientation conference; **Aug. 29**—Registration focusing on new students, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; **Aug. 30**—fall semester classes begin.

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ABC OPEN HOUSE: Stop by the Indiana ABC, located at 24845 State Rd. 19 in Cicero, for special savings on **Sun., Sept. 26**. For further information, contact Lloyd Jacobs toll free at (866) 222-6687, or send e-mail to: Indiana.ABC@verizon.net.

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THE MICHIGAN BOARDING ACADEMIES

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION invites all graduates/attendees and former staff of Adelphian Academy, Cedar Lake Academy, Grand Ledge Academy, and Great Lakes Adventist Academy to the 2004 Alumni weekend to be held **Oct. 8–10** on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy. The honor classes are ‘54, ‘64, ‘74, ‘79, and ‘84. This year’s theme, “Learning from the Great Teacher,” will celebrate what we have learned in the past as well as look to the future. For more information, please contact Skip Hann, Alumni director, at (989) 427-5181; e-mail: alumni@glaa.net; or, check our Web site at www.glaa.net.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

NATIONAL SINGLES CAMP: Join active singles from across North America at Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho, **Aug. 30–Sept. 6**, for a week of spiritual and physical renewal. Activities include waterskiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, challenge course, and many more. For a brochure, contact Lorene Soderstrom, 5261 Sonora Way, Carmichael, CA 95608; phone: (916) 967-6178; or e-mail: lsoder@softcom.net.

DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY, BISMARCK, N.D., ALUMNI WEEKEND:

Come and reminisce with old school friends from DAA/PVA/SRA the weekend of **Oct. 1–3**. Honor classes are 2000, 1995, ‘85, ‘80, ‘75, ‘65,

‘55, ‘50, ‘45. If you have any questions, contact Roger Boyko, alumni president, at (701) 448-2884.

ADVENTIST DIETETICS ASSOCIATION

50TH ANNIVERSARY: All Adventist dietitians are invited to attend the 50th celebration of the Adventist Dietetics Association. The celebration will be held **Oct. 6** in Loma Linda, Calif. For more information, e-mail: Lmarie5445@aol.com.

TAKOMA PARK (MD.) CHURCH CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL:

All former members and friends are invited to join this special event **Oct. 7–9**. Worship services and programs will be held jointly with the General Conference Fall Council, as in days past. Friday evening, 7:30 p.m., will be a musical drama. Jan Paulsen, G.C. president, will be preaching at the Sabbath morning service. There will be a Global Mission presentation in the afternoon. For more information, visit our Web site www.takomaparksda.com, and better yet—plan to attend!

THE SOUTHERN UNION MEDICAL/ DENTAL RETREAT

will be held at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tenn., **Oct. 14–17**. Featured speaker is Doug Batchelor of *Amazing Facts*. Continuing education credits for physicians, dentists, and optometrists are available. A golf tournament will be held on Friday morning. For further information, call (678) 420-1442.



ONE VOICE

BY CHRISTINA MICHELLE WILSON

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (Mark 1:3).

One voice, that of John the Baptist, "preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). He didn't sugarcoat the message either. "... You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance ... " (Luke 3:7, 8).

It was a straight message—too straight for most people, and certainly for King Herod. The result? When he had accomplished what God had called him to do, John the Baptist was thrown into prison, and later beheaded. A tragic end for someone who had done God's will? Not really. He had fulfilled God's purpose for his life, to prepare the way for the Messiah, and so he had peace in being a martyr.

Centuries later, another voice cried out, quite alone, this time crying out against the corruptness, pride, and pompousness of the religious leaders of his time. This did not set well with their

arrogance, and so he was called before the council to retract his statements—or else!

This one voice belonged to Martin Luther, the great reformer. His answer to the council and their threats showed his faith in God, whatever the outcome. "I cannot, and I will not retract, for it is unsafe for a Christian to speak against his conscience. Here I stand, I can do no other; may God help me. Amen." And God did help him. He was hidden in the castle of Wartburg, where he could write tracts in safety, which circulated

throughout Germany.

Years have passed since then. There have been many voices of people standing alone against sin, wickedness, and disregard for God's law. Some have been martyrs, others were imprisoned, and still others went into hiding to escape their tormentors. Through everything, they still had peace in the knowledge that God was on their side.

One voice speaking for God can override thousands speaking against Him. As long as God is on your side, you're never alone. Just remember that what is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular. This is especially true in our world of the 21st century. As the time of Christ's second coming draws nearer and nearer, there is a great need for people who will "stand for the right though the heavens fall" (E.G.W., *Education*, p. 57).

Will I be that "one voice?"
Will you?

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Profiles of Youth

Freemon O. Draw is an 18-year-old graduate of Chicago Adventist Academy, where he attended for eight years. Freemon is an honor roll student in the AE21 Program. He says the program is difficult and sometimes stressful; however, he is confident that it has prepared him for Andrews University this fall.

Freemon is a member of the Hyde Park Church, where he can be found each Sabbath playing for the adult Sabbath school division or faithfully working with the audio and video media ministries. He works with the media ministries leader to develop footage that is used in the weekly church telecast.

Freemon finds relaxation in basketball, listening to music, and playing any type of electronic game. He was a member of the Chicagoland Federation League (CFL) Junior Basketball Championship Team for 2004. He is also an active member of the Hyde Park Drama Club (M-KONO-NIA).

When speaking of his faith, Freemon is very clear about his conviction to stand for the right regardless of peer pressure. In his words, "There is nothing more important than making it to heaven."

Freemon is the son of Freemon and Lisa Draw.



Freemon Draw



Eric Wells

Eric Wells is the 17-year-old son of Larry and Videz Wells. As a member of the Shiloh Church, Eric has found an opportunity to serve in the youth ministries department. He especially enjoys working with Vacation Bible School each summer and participating in the monthly children's church service. Eric is also active

in the Pathfinder club and played shooting guard on the championship Chicagoland Federation League Junior Basketball Team for 2004.

Eric's parents are firm believers in Christian education and have been a constant source of support throughout the 12 years that he has attended Chicago Academy. As a graduating senior this year, Eric is looking forward to studies in the field of electrical engineering as he enters college in the fall.

Eric has strong oratorical skills which he demonstrated on Youth Day by presenting the sermon at his church. He is also an energetic member of the Hyde Park Drama Club (M-KONO-NIA).

Eric's source of faith is found in his favorite Bible text, Psalms 46:1. He personalizes the verse by saying "God is my refuge and strength, a very present help when I have troubles."

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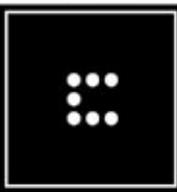
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