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As I read Walter Wright's editorial, the tune "Take Me to the Water" began playing in my mind. I recalled a number of baptisms—some at camp meeting, and many in the lake at summer camp. This issue features both our camp meeting and summer camp programs; the waters of baptism remind us of the ultimate purpose of each.

As you turn the pages of this issue, we hope you are inspired to make camp meeting and summer camp a part of your family's agenda. And who knows, you or someone you love might just be singing, "Take Me to the Water."



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Take Me to the Water

t is time again to feature the summer camps and camp meetings that we enjoy so much. I am not an authority on summer camps, because I have never worked at one nor have I been a camper. When I was a kid growing up, our state's conference did not enroll Black children in summer camp. Regional conferences had not yet come into existence, and when they did budgets could not support youth camps.

After regional conferences were formed, many rented the facilities of close-by state camps for camp meetings, and there was generally not enough money left to again rent those facilities for a youth camp. Now all regional conferences own their campgrounds, and the constituent children are blessed with wonderful summer youth camp programs. Praise God for progress.

So, I haven't had experience with summer camps, but oh, how I love camp meeting! My dad took his vacation each summer in order to take the family to camp meeting. Even though we attended a very racially segregated camp, there was true joy in the fellowship and spiritual uplift provided at camp meeting time.

I have always been impressed with the evangelistic mode of most Adventist encampments. Baptisms were always a high point, and they reminded campers that our main reason for existence as a church was to disciple and nurture candidates for the Kingdom of Heaven. Pastors were encouraged to bring candidates for baptism from their respective churches and districts for inclusion in the baptismal service at camp meeting. Everyone looked forward to this service, traditionally held on the last Sabbath of camp meeting.

You can't imagine my total surprise and the special honor I felt when I was first selected to conduct the baptism of many of these precious individuals. I had just been ordained as a minister the previous year, and now this wonderful privilege came to me. As I have always done when about to baptize, I bowed my head in silent prayer to ask the Lord to first baptize me anew. Then, the hymns wafted out across the camp as the believers began to sing. There was, "Shall We Gather at the River," "Take Me to the Water," and "It Cleanses Me."

As each candidate was announced, the appropriate pastor stepped forward, beaming with joy at what the Lord had done to convict and convert someone they had labored for. It was a special time.

Yes, other wonderful things took place at camp meeting. Attendance at early morning meetings seemed to be the measure of your spiritual commitment. Union, Division, and General Conference speakers joined with local pastors throughout the week to bring rich, spiritual food in the sermons presented. Informative workshops, with something for almost everybody, were features to look forward to. But for me, the baptisms were always the high point.

Do you attend summer camp, family camp, or camp meeting? I want to encourage you to do so because they are much the same as they were in the good old days. Let's begin praying now for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our encampments this summer. And take your family. Who knows? This may be the year.

MEMBERS

Michigan Within the past couple of years, Urbandale Church members witnessed the Lord's leading when nine individuals were baptized and joined their church family.

Alma Ort was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home, attended Battle Creek Academy, and was baptized at age 14. Through the years, she lost interest in what she had been taught and eventually left her Christian beliefs. Many years later, Alma asked her nephew, Conrad DuBois, to give her Bible studies. He readily accepted her request, and as they studied together Alma became so excited about learning the truth again that she decided to be re-baptized.*

During Camp Meeting 2005 and on her birthday, Chelsea Gruver decided she wanted to be baptized and follow the example of her parents, who were baptized earlier in the Spring. Together with her sister, Allison Gruver, they requested that Tim Healey give them Bible studies. At these

weekly studies, a younger sister, Lillian Gruver, also listened in on the studies and occasionally asked questions, which also led to her decision to be baptized together with her two sisters.

Alyssa Thomas, and Amy Creech, also attended the series of meetings. As they felt the Holy Spirit speak to their hearts, they were prompted to make a stand for Jesus. Together this family also joined God's family through baptism.

As Kathy Nelson, Terry's sister, listened to his messages from the Word of God, she felt the Holy Spirit move in her heart and desired to make some life changes. Kathy prayed and studied before she, too, reunited her life in Jesus.

May we do our part in leading those who don't know Jesus to experience the joy of a life in Him.

Velda Grubbs, Urbandale Church correspondent

*Alma passed away on January 26, 2007.

Wisconsin Charles Kohley, Rhinelander Church pastor, had the pleasure of baptizing nine new and recommitted members into the Rhinelander Church. Here are the stories of two new members.

Donna Gerstel says, "I was raised and baptized as a member of [another denomination], but felt that something was missing in my religious experience and daily life. When I was an adult, I met a gentleman and married him in his stately church. Yet something was still missing in my search

> for a satisfactory spiritual meaning in my life. I am sorry to have to share this, but my marriage did not last. Next, I joined another church, but inside my heart I still felt empty, as if my search for God was still not successful.

> "About this time, my house was struck by lightning, and it damaged my telephone and TV cable service. The Christian repairman who came to restore my electrical systems shared his faith and personal beliefs with me. This led me into an interesting series of Bible studies, which introduced me to Jesus Christ as a loving and caring God. Then I began to understand this

Last fall, during Terry Nelson's evangelistic series, Sage Taylor was impressed to give his heart to Jesus. As he learned Bible truths, he was certain that he was making the right decision. The rest of his family, Zach Thomas-Taylor,

Allison Gruver, Lillian Gruver, Chelsea Gruver, and Alma Ort

was the Person whom I had been missing in my religious life. When I surrendered my heart to Jesus Christ, I discovered the personal relationship I had always wanted. I was then so blessed by this loving and caring Savior whom



Nine individuals united their lives with Jesus and joined the Urbandale Church recently. From left (back): Kathy Nelson, Alyssa Taylor, Zach Thomas-Taylor, Sage Taylor, Amy Creech, Terry Nelson (evangelist); (front)



Rhinelander Church members recently welcomed nine new individuals to their church family. From left (back): Andrew Toms, Nancy Dean, Donna Gerstl, Jean Cummings, and Patricia Pierce; (front): Kira Peters, Casey Peters, Peggy Jansen, and Marjorie Rathert

I needed, plus the truths I learned; I was led to join the Adventist church. There, I also found the truth about God the Father, who also loves me and has sought to lead me into Heaven and everlasting life. Now, at last, I was spiritually at home."

The second testimony was submitted by **Peggy Jansen**, who grew up in a religious home. When she was in the eighth grade, Peggy joined a class where she was required to memorize the Ten Commandments. Peggy began questioning, "Why do we go to church on Sunday when Saturday is the day we are told to 'Remember'?"

The next summer Peggy went to a Bible camp where she learned about Jesus Christ. While there, she asked Him into her life. Peggy's family also moved that year. Since there wasn't a church of the denomination she attended before the move, Peggy began to visit different churches with friends.

As an adult, Peggy fell in love with a devout Christian, and because he insisted on a united home she joined his church.

In 1989, because of multiple sclerosis, Peggy's eyesight drastically worsened, and she had to read from a "giant print" Bible. This brought Fran Fisher from Christian Record Services, an Adventist organization, to her home. Fran brought a machine that allowed Peggy to listen to recorded books. He also introduced her to Mary Perlberg, who sometimes provided transportation needs since Peggy could no longer drive.

One day, Mary brought Peggy home from shopping, and remarked that her leaves needed to be raked. Then Mary casually asked if she could have them raked for Peggy? At first Peggy declined, but Mary insisted, so she agreed. A few days later, Mary came with rakes and several church members, including the pastor and his wife. This led to a close friendship, and in time Rose, the pastor's wife, and some ladies began a prayer and Bible study group in Peggy's home, which continued

15 years. Two pastoral couples arrived and moved on before Charles Kohley became the local pastor. He started a prophecy series in the church, which Peggy attended, and then he visited Peggy and answered her questions. She was considering becoming an Adventist, but hesitated because she still felt close to her former church.

One day the pastor asked Peggy if Tuesday night would be a good time for her baptism. Peggy didn't know if she was ready, but agreed. Then she went into turmoil as she questioned her decision. She read many books, and became more confused.

Peggy decided to telephone an Adventist lady, a former member of the same denomination she was, to ask for advice. They visited awhile, and the lady told Peggy she had never regretted becoming an Adventist. Then she added, "Peggy, just put away everything except your Bible, and talk to God and ask His guidance."

Peggy followed that good advice, and for the next two days she was at peace. She decided to take the "leap of faith." When she arrived Tuesday night for her baptism, the church was more crowded than on Sabbath. After the service, Fran gave the benediction and made the statement: "It has taken 17 years to get Peggy baptized!"

So never give up on seeking to win people for Jesus Christ and His church. You never know when the Spirit will cause their baptism to happen.

Donna Gerstl, Peggy Jansen, and Donna Peters, Rhinelander Church members, with Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

YOUTH in Action,

Defining Success

BY JACQUELINE MARTINEZ

y name is Jacqueline Martinez, and I am the Student Association (SA) president at Wisconsin Academy and a four-year senior. Ever since my freshman year, I knew I wanted to be SA president my senior year. At the time, the SA officers were excellent role models and I desired to follow in their footsteps.

When the 2006– 2007 SA officers were elected last year, we decided that this school year we would have a different approach than in past years. We wanted this school year and ourselves to be dedicated to helping others by doing community service.

We have hosted a Run/ Walk for Breast Cancer, which raised more than \$1,000 for breast cancer



Wisconsin Academy SA officers focused on community outreach this year. They wanted to help their friends experience the meaning of true success—making a difference in the lives of others less fortunate than themselves. From left: Jessica Stotz, Peter Gust, Jacqueline "Jaci" Martinez, Jordan Steffen, Josh James, Brennen Hallock, Jenny Duan, and Allison Hanaway

\$1,000 for breast cancer Brennen Hallock, Jenny Duan, and Allison Har research; two blood drives where an accumulated 60 pints of blood were collected, which averages out to 180 lives that were affected by our donations; and a Christmas banquet for the families who live at the Salvation Army, and we rang bells for the Salvation Army.

Many people ask why we took this different approach, since normally SA is known for hosting the regular school activities such as banquets, spring and fall picnics, class scramble, etc. Although those are all wonderful activities, we wanted to help our fellow students glimpse the big picture.



In recent years, I have changed my mind many times concerning the career choice I will make when I graduate. Ideas have ranged from neurosurgeon, astrophysicist, to a lawyer; but is wasn't until this year that nonprofit

work became an interest. After working with people less fortunate than me, who search for someone to reach out,

I have decided that some day I will open my own nonprofit organization, directed at helping children throughout the world. In the meantime, I plan to earn a double major in Public Communication/Intercultural Communication and Business in order to acquire skills needed for my long-term goal. It may seem a little far-fetched, but with God's help and hard work I believe it can be done.

Most of the time, we get so wrapped up in our own lives

and in the monotony of it all that we lose focus of our purpose. I, for one, have decided that I have it made—a wonderful family, friends, a home, food, and education. There are many people out there who have so much less then me. This is why I have decided to dedicate my life to helping others. I used to define success as going to the best school, getting the best education, getting the best job, and marrying the best man, but now my views have changed. Success is measured by the change and effect you have on another person's life.

This was the reason SA officers chose to begin a new tradition at Wisconsin Academy. We wanted to show there are bigger and more important things out there than ourselves. It's our duty as members of society and Christians to help others and be willing to fight for what we all deserve—life.

Jacqueline Martinez is a senior at Wisconsin Academy. She plans to attend Columbia Union College in the fall.

BEYOND our BORDERS

Spared from Danger in "4 Angel Drive"

t a training session in Tanzania, East Africa, Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) vice president for evangelism Viorel Catarama quipped, "I'm not sure why I said 'yes' for this project in Tanzania. … Once we arrived, it became evident that it indeed was God's will."

The team with Viorel included Rachel Terwillegar (formerly Rachel Twing) and Randal Terwillegar from Illinois, and Carol and Curtis Frembling from Texas. Tammy Twing Pannekoek came from Sydney, Australia. Their project was to teach laypersons to use the *New Beginnings* DVD series, just one of many initiatives by ASI, in partnership with the



Travel in Africa becomes quite challenging when it rains. Curtis Frembling and Randal Terwillegar waited to help as the Land Rover, "4 Angel Drive," was freed from the mud.

at Heri Mission Hospital. She believed the work in Africa would be successful if Africans were educated and empowered for ministry. Musa is one of her many "children."

Lay people traveled as long as three days to the training session. After a dedication service and technical training by Randal, each layperson received a bag

church. ASI plans to empower more than 2,500 laypersons to spread the gospel to thousands, using materials in their own language.

Thirty bags with training materials (weighing 70 pounds each) passed quickly through Kenya Customs, but Tanzania was a challenge. Twenty-four hours after entry, negotiations completed, the bags were released. With joy and thanksgiving, the team journeyed to Morogoro for the training event.

Passing a cemetery en route to the church where the training seminar would be held, Rachel remarked, "I did not know our training session would be held just a few hundred yards from the place my father-in-law, Dr. James Twing, was laid to rest. ... Seeing his grave put finality to the story I had shared over the years with my children."

"It was amazing to me that almost everyone I talked with had a connection to Ethel 'Mama' Twing, who served the church in Africa for 30 years after the death of her husband, James A. Twing," Viorel explained. "It is fitting that we train laymen here."

Training coordinator Musa Mitekaro (a pastor and professor at University of Arusha) was just 14 years old when he came to live with Mama Twing, who was a nurse with a DVD player, accessories, *New Beginnings* DVDs, and presentation printouts in Kiswahili.

Some team members later visited the Kigoma region where the Twings served. They toured Heri Mission Hos-

pital and brought gifts to 230 students at the newly established Twing Memorial School. Their trip was perilous, and they even got stuck in the mud with a vehicle they renamed "4 Angel Drive."



As the team journeyed across Tanzania, they stopped at a refugee camp for a photo. Musa was concerned a person nearby would notify friends that their vehicle was a profitable ambush target. After the photo was taken, Musa drove away quickly. A phone call later confirmed two vehicles behind the team were robbed. "Yes, we were riding in a '4 Angel Drive,' with the Master of the Universe watching out for us," exclaimed Rachel.

This project is told and illustrated at http://africaoutnback.blogspot.com. Each team member would be honored if just one person blessed by the story is inspired to serve.

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FAMILY TIES Is It LOVE or an ADDICTION?

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

ur culture glorifies the notion of love and romance, with people "falling in love" and "living happily ever after." Each of us feels the desire for belonging, importance, and intimacy. God has given us a way to relate to one another and to Him so that our need to "feel good" through relationships can be fully satisfied. Unfortunately, many of us have no idea how to relate to God or to our fellow human beings in any way other than "this makes me feel good." So we are vulnerable to a relationship that offers to fulfill that God-given need.

Addiction is an intensifying experience which grows out of someone's habitual response to something that has special meaning to him or her. That behavior produces feelings of safety, reassurances, affirmation, and even pleasure. It is our nature to repeat that which produces pleasure, affirmation, reassurance, and safety. As the addictive process grows in intensity, providing the desired result, we gradually lose our power to choose for or against the activity. Instead, we compulsively repeat the activity or return to the object of our affection. "We don't have it anymore, it has us,"¹ suggests William Lenters.

Love addiction is often perceived to be "less serious" than other process addictions such as eating disorders, self-harming addictions, or sexual addictions. Perhaps because it sounds "softer" and because of the "love" part people are less likely to see it as it is. In reality, it is extremely painful and can be very dangerous. Suicides, murders, stalkings, rapes, and other crimes of passion have their roots in this addiction.

An addiction says, "I can't live without you. You give my life meaning. You make me feel valuable. When I'm with you, I'm somebody. I want you to be a total part of my life, and I want to be a total part of yours. You should be sensitive to my needs. I have feelings, and I need you to take that into consideration (i.e., take care of me). If you really care, you'll treat me the way I need to be treated to feel good."

These are dangerous ways of thinking and relating. A relationship addiction can be devoid of romance, and can take on the total care of another person. This can involve calling the boss to explain someone else's behavior, making excuses for another, or making sure their every need is met by you (co-dependency).

I invite you to recognize the problems dependency creates. It creates loss of choices, loss of creative energy, your perspective of other people, your own personhood, your dreams, and even your fellowship with the Lord.

> Ellen White was ahead of her time when she wrote, "Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on the merits of the Savior. By prayer, by the study of His word, by faith in His abiding presence, the weakest of human beings may live in contact with the living Christ, and He will hold them by a hand that will never let go."²

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IEALTHY CHOICES

Sleep deficiency increases risk of heart attack, stroke, and diabetes.

mericans have accepted sleep deprivation as a new way of life. They consider sleep as an expendable luxury. Such is the conclusion of a recent government report. About 15 to 20 percent of adults regularly get less than six hours of sleep a night. Sleep deprived people don't feel as well, don't function as well academically, and they have more accidents than people getting adequate sleep.

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A Wake-Up Call

With sleep deprivation, one can also experience impaired memory, anxiety, and lowered immune defenses. The cumulative long-term effects of sleep loss have been associated with a wide range of deleterious health consequences, including an increased risk of hypertension, diabetes, obesity, depression, heart attack, and stroke.

In a ten-year study, persons who got five hours or less of sleep were more than twice as likely to develop hypertension as those who got seven to eight hours a night. Adults who reported five hours of sleep or less were 2.5 times more likely to have diabetes compared with those getting seven to eight hours per night. In

the Nurses Health Study, five hours of sleep or less was associated with a 45 percent increase in risk of heart attack.

In another study, individuals who slept less than six hours a night were seven and a half times more likely to be overweight. The hormone ghrelin, produced by the gastrointestinal tract, stimulates appetite; while leptin, produced in fat cells, signals the brain when one is full. Sleep deprivation causes leptin levels to drop (so you don't feel as satisfied after eating) while ghrelin levels rise, so you want to eat. Hence, sleep deficiency can set the stage for overeating.

To improve your chances of a good night's sleep, the National Sleep Foundation recommends seven steps:

I. Have a regular schedule for going to bed and waking up. Consistency is important. Sleeping in late on weekends can throw off your rhythm.

Loss of sleep lowers immune

defenses,

2. Create a safe environment for sleep. A comfortable mattress and a dark, quiet room are essential. The ambient temperature should be not too cool or warm.

3. The bedroom should be a designated sleep area and not a work zone with a computer or TV available.

4. Bedtime should be approached in a relaxed mood. Avoid achievement-oriented tasks and lively discussions just prior to bedtime. Light reading, sooth-

ing music, or a warm bath help to relax you.

5. Avoid caffeine-containing foods and beverages. Such stimulants can keep you awake and affect the quality of your sleep.

6. Quit eating three to four hours before regular bedtime. A big meal late in the evening usually guarantees that you will not awaken refreshed and rejuvenated the next morning.

7. Exercise or work out regularly. The workout should finish long before bedtime to enable you to wind down and prepare for sleep.

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EXTREMEGRACE

A PRACTICAL BIBLE STUDY FOR GOD'S CHILDREN IN 2007

BY DICK DUERKSEN

hey had called for him to come, but hoped he would be kind and forgiving. Instead, he arrived like a tornado on a hot Indiana afternoon, leaving a wake of fear through all the towns, a terror that stripped the vestige of hope from the land.

His message was clear, identical on every street corner, delivered with the whine of the violated and accented with the power of vengeance. Their cries for help had awakened a giant, and He was not happy.

"This is what the LORD, the GOD of Israel says...," the prophet quoted as if he had just come from the Divine throne. Old men shivered at his voice, and little children clutched mother's skirts like chicks hoping mother's wings would protect them from an attacking hawk.

He always spoke only five lines, forcing them home with crooked fingers that drew blood from each heart.

Quoting God:

I. "I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt.

2. I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you.

3. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land.

4. I told you, 'I am the LORD your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.'

5. BUT YOU HAVE NOT LISTENED TO ME."

No one breathed till he moved to the next corner. Then they pointed fingers at each other, slowly realizing that they should be fearing themselves more than the Midianites. If "sin" was "distance from God," then they were the problem!

The Midianites had started it all, slipping over the hill-

sides and stealing crops. That had been seven years ago just a few marauders stealing a small portion of the harvest. But the next year those few had brought friends, and now swarms of camel-riding terrorists regularly stripped the land and its people bare.

> It had become so awful that the people had cried out to God. To the God they had forgotten. First they cried because of the Midianites.

They cried because of the prophet. Then, finally, they cried because of their sins.

That was the day Gideon—son of Joash, son of Abiezer, the weakest in Israel's weakest clans—crept to his

father's winepress with a basket of scraggly wheat, ready to be threshed.

And that was when God, finally, could speak directly to one who was ready to hear.

Please read Judges 6:1 through 7:25, and discuss the following questions:

I. How is your family (and church family) like and different from the Israelites?

2. Who are the terrorists in your community today?

3. How does the prophet's five-point message speak to you personally?

4. What must happen so you can be "one who is ready to hear?"

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ADVENTISM BAPTISM IOI

BY GARY BURNS

ater plays a significant role in Scripture. It appears in the very beginning when God moved over the face of the waters. Later, water was used to cleanse the earth and begin again through the descendants of Noah. When the children of Israel were brought out of Egypt, they passed safely through the water of the Red Sea in their escape from Pharaoh's army. When they were thirsty in the wilderness, springs of water were brought forth from the rock.

The sanctuary service included the washing and cleansing at the golden sea (laver). At the end of their wandering, the Israelites passed through the Jordan into the Promised Land. Jesus began His ministry by being baptized by John in the Jordan. The night before His crucifixion, Jesus stooped to wash the disciples' feet. At Pentecost, the day that marks the beginning of the church and the intercessory work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, 3,000 new "members" were baptized. And the promise of Scripture assures us that one day we will all gather around the Sea of Glass, which is formed by the River of Life proceeding from God's throne.

Most reading this article have had the experience of following the example of Christ by being baptized. It marks the passing away of the old life of living for self and the new life of living for Christ.

"By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life. Thus we acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour, become His people, and are received as members by His church. Baptism is a symbol of our union with Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, and our reception of the Holy Spirit. It is by immersion in water and is contingent on an affirmation of faith in Jesus and evidence of repentance of sin. It follows instruction in the Holy Scriptures and acceptance of their teachings." $\ensuremath{\sc v}$

Whether in a heated baptistry in a beautiful church, a portable tank or swimming pool at camp meeting, a river, creek, or a lake at summer camp, or even a bathtub in a nursing home, this holy rite of passage is God's chosen method to signify the rebirth experience necessary for eternal life.

> The cover theme of this issue refers to a song mentioned in Walter Wright's editorial, the words of which signify an essential element and truth

about the rite of baptism. The appeal, "take me to the water," signifies the community of the church. Baptism is not something that one does for oneself. Christ did not even baptize Himself, but came to John on the banks of the Jordan. You will recall that John did not feel worthy to fulfill Christ's request, and none of us are worthy to baptize. It is not an act

performed by the holy on the unholy, but sinners saved by grace serve in obedience to Christ's command, "Go throughout the whole world and make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to follow all of my commands" (see Matthew 28:18–20).

For further study see Romans 6:1–6; Colossians 2:12, 13; Acts 16:30–33; 22:16; 2:38; Matthew 28:19, 20.

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^{1.} Source: www. adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html. Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief, No. 15

SHARING our HOPE Strengthening Homes & Building Bridges

BY JAMES FOX

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CONFERENCE

n March 31, the Wisconsin Conference Family Ministries department sponsored "A Growing Marriage Conference," by Gary Chapman, which was promoted and marketed by 13 pastors of other Christian denominations and Moody Bible Institute.

DRAWS

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As a result, more than 600 participants crowded into the Mitby Theatre on the Madison Area Technical College campus for Chapman's presentations; at least 400 were not Seventh-day Adventists. When the program began, Chapman's associate interviewed Abraham Swamidass about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its sponsorship of the event. The audience responded with thunderous applause, loud and long.

The story of this breakthrough ministry began in 1995. After reading the compelling book, *The Five Love Languages*, by Chapman, Abraham (a pastor) was inspired to invite the author to hold a seminar in his community of Windsor,

There's More Online? * More Pictus * More imperator * www.lakeEnionHerald.org Ontario, Canada. Chapman came, and the event was a huge success.

MARRIAGE

HUNDREDS

When Abraham (currently Wisconsin Conference Family Ministries director) relocated to Madison, Wisconsin, he joined Madison Mar-

riage Task Force (MMTF), an interdenominational group of pastors existing to foster family life growth. MMTF had earlier sponsored John Trent, an associate to Gary Smalley, to present a marriage weekend in Madison with some success. In September 2005, they asked Abraham to contact Chapman to see if he would come to Madison. Chapman remembered Abraham and their great experience in Windsor, and he persuaded Moody Bible Institute, his sponsoring organization, to include Madison on the 2007 schedule, to the delight of MMTF.

Abraham's three goals in sponsoring the enrichment weekend were to: (I) personally network with other Christian leaders in the common pursuit of uplifting family life



The Mitby Theatre was full for Gary Chapman's marriage enrichment seminar.

ministry in the Christian Community; (2) communicate with other faith groups that Seventh-day Adventists believe in marriage and family very strongly; and (3) create an opportunity for Seventh-day Adventist members to network with people of other faith groups and build friendships in their community.

^{har.} When asked if he succeeded in these goals, Abraham responded, "Oh yes, resoundingly! We were a little nervous last week. Our contract required that we have 200 couples signed up, and we only had 100 who had called our Conference headquarters to register. I called Dr. Chapman's organization and discovered that they had more than 400 people register through their website! 'Fear not, Pastor Swamidass,' they said, 'The Lord is with you.'"

Robert and Sherry Sa came from Jefferson, Wisconsin. Sherry stated, "We're not perfect. We need more improvement to become a better husband and wife. We need to become better examples for our children; we need to work on our marriage."

Robert continued, "I need to love her better. ... The Holy Spirit touched me in areas that I needed to hear. It has been II years since our last marriage retreat. That has been way too long."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church shares a common goal with other Christian groups—the enhancement of marriage and families. Chapman conducted a tremendous seminar in Madison. It was a wonderful day for Jesus and family!

James Fox is the Wisconsin Conference communication director.

CONEXIONES EN ESPAÑOL

El contacto directoñLa mayor bendicion

POR CARMELO MERCADO

"Las bendiciones del Evangelio deben comunicarse por medio del contacto directo y del ministerio personal. Los que cumplen la obra que les ha sido asignada, no sólo serán una bendición para otros, sino que ellos mismos serán bendecidos. ... Los desalentados olvidarán su desaliento, los débiles se tornarán fuertes, los ignorantes llegarán a ser inteligentes, y todos encontrarán un ayudador infalíble en Aquel que los llamó." (CONSEJOS SOBRE LA SALUD, 388)

e sentí tan bien al estar en esa iglesia", fueron las palabras de Alicia Torres cuando hablé con ella por teléfono. Sucede que yo había recibido noticia que la Iglesia Central de Chicago había tenido su primera Feria de Salud para la comunidad en su nuevo templo, y quería saber cuáles eran las impresiones de aquellas personas que habían asistido y de las que habían ayudado en el programa.

Alicia y su esposo Pablo habían asistido por primera vez al culto de la Iglesia Central el 24 de febrero. Allí se enteraron que la iglesia iba a tener su Feria de Salud el siguiente día. Al regresar a la iglesia se maravillaron al ver una iglesia en acción con las puertas abiertas a la comunidad. "Todo fue muy bonito y profesional. Aprendí mucho sobre cómo cuidar el cuerpo y a la vez llegué a conocer a más miembros de la iglesia adventista."



Ernesto Sánchez, pastor de la Iglesia Central de Chicago, con Alicia y Pablo Torres

Hablé también con Joel Mancilla. Él y su esposa Sandra se habían comprometido para ayudar en el programa. Su responsabilidad era la de ayudar con la distribución de comida para los que vinieran al evento. Joel esperaba recibir las donaciones de comida con mucha anticipación y se sentía nervioso porque al acercarse el día del evento no llegaba lo que esperaba. Pero él siguió orando y decidió ponerlo todo en las manos de Dios. Cuando concluyó la feria Joel se maravilló al ver que la comida no sólo fue suficiente para todos, sino que hasta había sobrado. Joel me dijo: "El Señor siempre abre las puertas".

Idalia Zúñiga tenía la responsabilidad de organizar a los ujieres, quienes estaban encargados de saludar a la gente,

vinieron muchas personas y me sentí tan feliz al verlas venir para recibir nuestros servicios de salud." Roberto Lillo, pastor asociado de la iglesia Central y director del

ayudar en la inscripción y guiar a los

participantes a los diferentes puestos

de la feria. "A pesar del mal tiempo

evento me dijo: "No hay duda que en verdad la Feria de Salud llegó a suplir las necesidades de la comunidad y los voluntarios recibieron una gran

bendición el poder ayudar a la gente."

Hay personas en nuestras comunidades que nunca se han encontrado con un adventista y necesitan nuestro contacto personal. Desafortunadamente existe el peligro en nuestras iglesias que lleguemos a ser un club social en vez de ser un hospital para pecadores. La Iglesia Central ha demostrado que una iglesia que sirve a la comunidad no sólo ayuda a la comunidad, sino que ella misma recibe una bendición. Mi desafío a las iglesias hispanas de nuestra Unión es que abramos las puertas a la comunidad y que dejemos así brillar el amor de Dios en nuestras acciones.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente general de la Unión del Lago.

Illinois Camp Meetings

Illinois

Touched by His Wounds

The Illinois Conference has three camp meetings this year:

Northern Illinois Camp Meeting

This camp meeting will be held on May 19 at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The first meeting is Sabbath school, where you'll hear exciting reports about how people have been "Touched for Jesus."

Mike Tucker, speaker/director for Faith for Today television network and senior pastor of the 1,800-member Arlington (Texas) Seventh-day Adventist Church, will speak Sabbath morning and evening. Mike has served the church as an academy Bible teacher, youth pastor, and as chaplain for medical and psychiatric facilities. He holds a master's degree in counseling and has served as a pastors' pastor for Adventist ministers. Mike was chosen to conduct the NET 2007 satellite series he titled, *"HeartQuest: Finding the One Who Has Loved You All Along."*

Also speaking will be Lael Caesar, professor of religion at Andrews University.

Special music will be provided by Jennifer LaMountain, a recording artist whose dynamic presence and exceptional musical talent are tools she uses to help others



Recreational opportunities at Akita Camp Meeting include an enjoyable canoe "cruise" down the Spoon River.

experience the abundant life Christ offers.

The young adult program will be provided by My Town Ministries, promising youth an encounter with God during the worship service with their peers.

Akita Camp Meeting

This week-long camp meeting (June 10–16) is jampacked with activities designed to bring your family closer to Christ. Enjoy seminars and meetings, nature walks, paddling down the Spoon River, waterfront activities,

scrambling up the climbing wall, or all of the above.

Guest speakers include Jack and Jean Sequeira and Marvin Moore. Jack and Jean were missionaries for 17 years in Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Jack has served as Bible teacher, departmental director, university chaplain, union ministerial director, and college president. Jean taught English, served as administrative assistant and secretary, as well as trained pastors' wives in Africa.

Marvin has authored more than 30 books. He speaks nationwide about end-time events, salvation, the books of Romans and

Galatians, and how to overcome temptation. He is currently editor of the *Signs of the Times* magazine.

Guest musicians include Kateena LeForge, a Christian recording artist from Southern Illinois, and *Brothers in Him*, a young, diverse group of male voices who celebrate the power of God through Jesus Christ in music.

An Akita camper last year, Celita Finney was baptized in her youth, but became discouraged with her new church family because the pastor preached almost entirely from the Spirit of Prophecy.

"I learned from guest speaker, Dr. Merlin Burt of the Ellen G. White Estate, last year, that Sister White never wanted her writings to be placed above God's Word. My faith was restored in the messenger God sent to the church," reported Celita.



During free time, Akita Camp Meeting attendees can gain a new perspective on the climbing wall.



Oh what fun, being launched into the water at the end of Camp Akita's newest attraction—the Blob.

After camp meeting, Celita was re-baptized along with her friend, Janice Anderson, whom she met through a magazine ad. "I explained the plan of salvation to her, and we began Bible studies. It wasn't until we both attended camp meeting that I was convinced to return to the church I had discovered in my youth," Celita shared. Today Celita and Janice have a tract distribution ministry. At Akita Camp Meeting you'll hear more exciting stories like theirs.

Space in Camp Akita cabins and lodge guest rooms is limited. You'll want to make your reservation quickly unless, of course, you have an RV or prefer to tent camp on Camp Akita's spacious, well-maintained grounds.

More information about the Northern Illinois or Camp Akita camp meetings may be obtained by calling 630-856-2850; e-mail: reservations@illinoisadventist.org; or visit www.illinoisadventist.org/.

Hispanic Camp Meeting

The annual Hispanic Camp Meeting is August 31 through September 2, at Camp Wakonda in Wisconsin. The guest speaker for this event is Daniel Perk, Ellen G. White Estate director, from Argentina. The theme is "Reform and Revival in the Prophetic Church." For reservations, contact the Hispanic Ministries Department, Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 619 Plainfield Rd., Willowbrook, IL 60527; call 630-856-2854, or e-mail: hispanicministries@illinoisadventist.org

Rachel Terwillegar is assistant to the president for communication for the Illinois Conference.



Jennifer LaMountain



Kateena LeForge



Brothers in Him



Marvin Moore



Jack Sequeira



Jean Sequeira



Mike Tucker



Lael Caesar

Northern Illinois Camp Meeting May 19

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Camp Akita Camp Meeting

June 10–16 Camp Akita 1684 Knox Rd. Gilson, Illinois Call: 630-856-2850 E-mail: reservations@illinoisadventist.org Website: www.illinoisadventist.org

Illinois Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 31–September 2 Camp Wakonda W8368 County Rd. E. Oxford, Wisconsin Call: 630-856-2854 E-mail: hispanicministries@illinoisadventist.org

Indiana Camp Meetings

A Closer Walk

When Christian brothers and sisters come together as happens at camp meeting, God pours out His blessings on that convocation in a beautiful and powerful way.

ast summer, our week of camp meeting was going beautifully. Our speakers and presenters were touching hearts, and a warm, gracious spirit permeated the campgrounds. It was Thursday afternoon, and

for our camp meeting. As you know, speakers are normally asked months, and at times years, in advance because of their very full schedules. As we thought about our theme for camp meeting and who could step in to help us, Ron Halv-

It Is Written's speaker/producer Shawn Boonstra was on his way to the Los Angeles airport to begin his trip to our camp meeting to be our weekend keynote speaker. Unfortunately, as he was driving to the airport, an intense abdominal pain overcame him. It was so excruciating that he drove directly to Loma Linda Medical Center where he was admitted for testing and treatment. He

Indiana



Tent camping creates lasting memories.

immediately asked his team at It Is Written to contact us to



Many responded to a commitment call by speakers David Asscherick and Walter Wright last year at camp meeting.

let us know he would not be able to keep his commitment to speak at the Indiana Conference Camp Meeting.

On that Thursday, we had much to pray about. First, that the Lord would take care of Shawn, and secondly, that God would provide a weekend speaker and agreed to call him on our behalf. Ruthie reached Ron just as he was getting on a boat for a weekend retreat. She

shared with him the predicament and decided that God must have wanted him to respond to this because of the incredible timing.

To make a long story short, within just a few minutes we not only had a



Sam Zacharias (left) and Bill Hicks (right) served guests at the annual Senior Citizen Banquet.

speaker, but all his transportation and logistical needs were arranged. It was a miracle, and what a blessing he was to our camp meeting attendees last year! We are also grate-

ersen Sr. came to our minds. We knew, however, that we had little chance to secure him the day before he was needed. Thankfully, Ruthie Jacobsen, prayer ministries coordinator for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, was on the campground with us that week. She had been working with Ron closely during the past months. She had his cell phone number



The Down Home Boys with our own youth director, Charlie Thompson, will provide music nightly and on Sabbath.

ful God took care of Shawn and brought him healing and relief as well. We look forward to having him come back another year to be our speaker.



Children always enjoy getting a ride on one of the camp meeting golf carts with Paul Yeoman, pastor.

Camp meeting is a place where miracles happen. We have seen God heal people as we have come together and prayed. We have seen marriages that were strengthened and even saved through enrichment seminars during camp meeting. We have seen young people take a stand for Jesus for the first time during camp meeting, and many who made a commitment to serve their Savior. Good stuff happens at camp meeting.

This summer, in addition to Christ-centered general sessions, there will be seminars on family ministries, women's

ministries, healthy living, discipleship, prayer, and the

study of God's Word. Music will be provided by Jennifer LaMountain and the Down Home Boys, with our own Charlie Thompson. Plan now to be a part

of this life-changing gath-

ering this summer where



These four young attendees were glad to be at the 2006 Camp Meeting Sabbath school.

our theme is "A Closer Walk" with Jesus.

The Indiana Conference Camp Meeting will be held on the Indiana Academy campus, June 10–16. For registration information, contact Julie Loucks at 317-844-6201.

Gary Thurber is the Indiana Conference president.





Roscoe J. Howard III



Jennifer LaMountain

Walt Williams



Roxy Hoehn



Ben and Susan Kochenower



Bill Knott

Indiana Conference Camp Meeting

June 10–16 Indiana Academy 24815 State Road 19 Cicero, Indiana Call: 317-844-6201 E-mail: c2jloucks@aol.com

Indiana Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting June 16

Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church 24445 State Road 19 Cicero, Indiana Call: 317-209-8246 E-mail: yorland@aol.com



Lake Region Camp Meeting

Lake Region Conference

No Other Name BY JEROME L. DAVIS

s I reflect on last year's camp meeting, I am truly thankful for the blessings of the Lord.

I've taken the time to highlight last year's camp meeting because this year's encampment, June 22–30, will be just

Here's why: I. We were able to commemorate and celebrate our 61st anniversary as a regional conference. Each night a video presentation was shown highlighting some aspect of our history.

2. There were more seminar and workshop presentations than our campers had opportunity to attend. Facilitators came from far and near to train and equip our people for Christian service.

3. There was a heavy empha-



From left: Jerome L. Davis, Lake Region Conference president, and Walter L. Wright, Lake Union Conference president, shared a humorous moment last year at camp meeting.

as Spirit-filled, if not more so. Our theme will be, "No Other Name," for we believe that no other name than the name of Jesus has brought this conference such a mighty long way. Through His name, we are witnessing healing and reconciliation. Through His name, the lives of men and women and boys and girls are being changed. Through His name, this conference will attain spiritual heights that it has never reached before.

sis on leading individuals to Jesus. Our own pastors and Bible instructors taught classes daily on the art of bringing men and women to Christ.

4. The Holy Spirit fell upon our members in a marked way for two consecutive Sabbaths as Debbie Young and Freddie Russell preached the Word of God. Several thou-



Leroy Logan, Lake Region Conference worship leader, and his son led the camp meeting congregation in a rousing song service last year.

sand people came to hear their messages.

5. There were no major accidents, injuries, or deaths which had marred our camp meeting in previous years.

6. Our members left camp meeting with feelings of rejuvenation and thanksgiving for God's blessings in their lives. Each morning will begin with Power Hour (6:00 a.m.), coordinated by Doris Gothard, Lake Region women's ministries director. Immediately following will be the daily morning Devotional Hour (6:30 a.m.), featuring dynamic sermons from the pastors of the conference. They will follow this up with inspiring messages at the 7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Hour.

Christian education will again be one of our main focuses. Lake Region Conference teachers will be commissioned for service in the schools where they labor and the churches where they serve.

Since last year's camp meeting, we have several new departmental directors. One is Pamela Daly, who replaced Phyllis Washington (now with the Children's Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America). Pamela will have her team in place as they lift up the name of Jesus to our boys and girls. These 400 children are our Beginners, Kindergartners, Primaries, Juniors, and Earliteens.

Another new leader is Leon George, a pastor who is Youth and Pathfinder director. He steps in for Anthony Kelly. He,



More than 400 children are reminded of the love of Jesus each year at Lake Region Camp Meeting.

too, will have his team in place as they focus on kingdom building, seeking to challenge our youth to mold characters that will prepare them for the coming King.

The Illinois Adventist Book Center will be with us Monday through Friday. They will have available Bibles, books, magazines, literature, CDs, and other Christian materials. Additionally, the Natural Connection (LRC health food store) will have in stock both frozen and canned vegetarian foods for purchase.



Ray Young, Lake Region Conference communication director, and his communication team streamed the camp meeting services last year from a portable control room trailer at the back of the pavilion.

be featured the second Sabbath. Camp meeting will conclude Saturday evening with the traditional ordination services.

If you have not registered for camp meeting, you may receive the necessary information by contacting the Treasury department of the Lake Region Conference at 773-846-2661.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Jerome L. Davis is the Lake Region Conference president.

We feel privileged and blessed to have two outstanding speakers for the Sabbath Divine Worship services. Ronald Smith, *Message* magazine editor, will speak the first Sabbath. Calvin L. Watkins Sr., evangelist and personal ministries director for the South Atlantic Conference, will



Ronald Smith



Jerome L. Davis

Lake Region Conference Camp Meeting

June 22–30 Camp Wagner 19088 Brownsville Street Cassopolis, Michigan Call: 773-846-2661



Calvin L. Watkins Sr.

Michigan

Michigan Camp Meetings

The Camp Meeting Tradition

y earliest memory of camp meeting was when I was a boy growing up in Idaho. We were a new Adventist family, and my parents felt that camp meeting was an important event in

our newfound faith.

Camp meeting for the Idaho Conference, at that time, was held at Gem State Academy in Caldwell. I don't really remember a lot about what happened, except for two significant events that impacted me personally. The first was when I broke my arm while playing soccer, and the second was when Eric B. Hare came to our junior meetings and spent

Young campers enjoyed some good clean fun on the water slide during scheduled recreation.

the entire week telling his fabulous tales of the people who lived in some far-off, exotic land. As he told those stories of mission service, I found myself wide-eyed, bursting with excitement and anticipation of the day when I, too, could be a missionary and go to those places to tell people about Jesus. As the years went by, many things changed for me. Grad-



Many people joined in the annual Fun Run/Walk held each year at the Cedar Lake Camp Meeting.

ually, camp meeting was crowded out of my busy life. But I never forgot those mission stories and the dream of one day going to the mission field. Although that opportunity never came my way, the memory never died. Even today, I can still feel the same goose bumps I felt as Eric B. Hare looked right into my eyes while painting his wonderful word pictures. I have no doubt that in some way that experience had much to do with my sense of a calling to the pastoral ministry.

> Many years later I was a young pastor working in the Iowa Conference. Camp meeting time came, and I was assigned to work with the locating committee which helped people find their tent or camper site and get their trailers situated. I will never forget the excitement on the faces and in the voices of the people as they hurried to get settled, so they would be ready for that first

meeting on Friday evening. The conversations were glowing with anticipation as people spoke of the various preachers and musicians who were to be there. H.M.S. Richards Sr. and Del Decker were on the program one year and, of course, included in every conversation. Those conversations and the contagious excitement all over the campground rekindled earlier memories in my heart when Eric B. Hare had fixed his eyes on me and, without actually saying it, challenged me to give my life in service for the Lord.

There is no doubt in my mind that camp meeting was a powerful influence in shaping my spiritual commitments and my sense of ministry, and it still is today.

Throughout the years, I have served the Lord in a number of conferences and have experienced camp meeting in a variety of places and formats. One conference held camp meeting on a public university campus, meeting in a large auditorium for the services and housing the people in the dormitories. Another conference held camp meeting in a beautiful mountain campground with tall pine trees mingled with the cabins and campsites. The meetings



Bob and Cheryl Wilson pray with individuals who have special prayer requests.

were held in a wonderful open-air pavilion with the scent of fresh pine filling the air. Other conferences have held camp meeting on academy campuses. But wherever camp meeting is held, the experience is always the same. God's people come together in His presence to worship, to praise, to share, to rejoice together, and to recount His wonderful love and goodness.

In 1989, my wife and I came to Michigan. We are sorry

that we never had the oppor-

tunity to experience camp

meeting at Grand Ledge,

but we certainly heard the

stories of the crowds and the spiritual feasts that drew people from throughout

North America. But, camp

meeting didn't die in Michi-

gan when the Grand Ledge

campgrounds were closed.

It just shifted gears and kept



Friendships are renewed at camp meeting.

on going. And I still find myself standing in awe in the presence of God as I mingle with my brothers and sisters for a few minutes before the early morning meetings, shaking hands and exchanging hugs and greetings. That same tingly sense of wonder and anticipation is there. God's people have come together in holy convocation to worship, to praise, to share, to rejoice together, and to recount His wonderful love and goodness.

These gatherings are God's appointed times for the outpouring of His Spirit on His people. May the God of Heaven pour out His Spirit on the Michigan camp meetings and on camp meetings throughout the world to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus.

Fred Earles is the secretary of the Michigan Conference.

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Jay Gallimore



Paul Ratsara



C. Raymond Holmes



David Gates



Ganoune Diop



Mike Oxentenko

Michigan Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

May 25–27 Camp Au Sable 2590 Camp Au Sable Drive Grayling, Michigan Call: 517-316-1562 E-mail: dscarone@misda.org

Cedar Lake Camp Meeting

June 15–23 Great Lakes Adventist Academy 7477 Academy Road Cedar Lake, Michigan Call: 517-316-1581 E-mail: cstephan@misda.org Website: www.misda.org

Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting

August 10–12 Camp Sagola 2885 SR-M69 Sagola, Michigan Call: 906-639-2440 or 906-875-4203 E-mail: campsagola@gmail.com

Wisconsin Camp Meeting

Tell the World

n the Old Testament, God gave very clear instruction to the Israelites, His chosen nation:

"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. On the first



day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye

"The Rock" is a favorite attraction for kids at Wisconsin camp meeting.

shall do no servile work therein" (Leviticus 23:34-36).

When God's people were defined as a nation, the Feast of Tabernacles was the required time for fellowship, religious instruction, and inspiration. Now that spiritual Israelites are recognized from all nations, camp meeting is the privileged time for spiritual blessings, training, fellowship, special offering opportunities, and instruction.

Wisconsin Camp Meeting 2007 will be held Friday, June 15, through Sabbath, June 23, and the theme is, "Tell the World." This year camp meeting will include the following features:

The Clinton Anderson family will minister to us in sacred concert on the first Sabbath afternoon as well as with concerts throughout the weekend. This family is gifted by birth and by the Spirit in music ministry.

The Hmong work continues to be blessed with five new members in 2006 and six more are preparing for baptism currently. Ko Saelee, pastor, and his wife Terri organized the first international Hmong Camp Meeting in March 2007, with believers attending from Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and even North Americans from Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. The camp meeting focused on training lay workers and the development of the work worldwide. Our featured camp meeting offering this year will be for the Hmong work and the training of lay workers.

The following featured speakers will highlight our schedule:

- ► Jose Rojas, renowned youth speaker/director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, will share from the Word on Friday night, and Sabbath morning and evening.
- Hal Thomsen, assistant to president for the Seventhday Adventist Church in North America, is the early morning speaker.
- ► Lincoln Steed, editor of *Liberty* magazine, will speak mid-morning.
- Denis Fortin, the new dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, is the late morning speaker.
- ► Richard Stenbakken, former director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, is the evening speaker, and he will present "Faces Around the Cross."
- ► Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, will speak the closing weekend.
- ► Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, will participate in the ordination service and speak for the closing meeting on Sabbath, June 23.

Every day amazing seminars will be presented at 2:15 p.m. They include:

- ► Tom and Alane Waters, of Restoration International, Inc., in Eureka, Montana, will speak from their album, *Parenting Heart to Heart*. Their talks will include messages such as "Parenting with a Purpose," "God's Word: The Parent's Guide," "Reaching the Heart," "The ABCs of Parenting," "Developing Independence," and "Counting the Cost."
- ▶ Denis Fortin will speak on Ellen G. White.



Wisconsin Camp Meeting is a wonderful time for children. The Primary class brought special music to the adult main tent last year.

- Paul and Carol Cannon, founders of The Bridge to Recovery in Bowling Green, Kentucky, will speak on addictions. The Bridge is a "residential facility with short- and long-term programs that jumpstart people's recovery from negative behavior patterns that sabotage their lives and relationships" (see www.thebridgetorecovery.com/about.htm, or call 877-866-8661).
- Teenie Finley will present seminars on lay training. Her seminars are a must for those who have never led anyone to Jesus and for experienced lay workers. She will be teaching "Five Keys to Successful Evangelism," "Finding and Developing Interests," "An Effective Biblical Plan of Giving Bible Studies," "Reaping a Harvest," and "Reducing Apostasy and Nurturing New Converts." Her emphasis throughout the seminars will focus on the power of the Holy Spirit and intercessory prayer.

Wisconsin Camp Meeting is held in rural central Wisconsin at Camp Wakonda. Camp Meeting 2006 was a tremendous blessing with more than 30 people baptized for Jesus. We were blessed with music ministry by Stephanie Dawn and tremendous preaching from Lonnie Melashenko, Ken Mittleider, and so many more.

God's plan for ancient Israel was national in concept, and the Feast of Booths was a time to get away from the routine and enter into the holy. In a similar manner, God's plan for spiritual Israel is that she be energized and fortified by the Spirit by coming away from the routine and entering the holy again. Come to Camp Meeting 2007, and be blessed.

For accommodations or information, call Aileen at 608-241-5235, ext. 104, or e-mail akking@wi.adventist.org.

James Fox is the Wisconsin Conference communication director.



Lincoln Steed



Denis Fortin



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Illinois' Camp Akita

Choose to Stand

ummers at Camp Akita just get better each year as the newest camp in the Lake Union is developed. Each year something new is added to our program, like the "blob" (an inflatable air pillow used for water recreation) and the basketball court added last year.

Illinois

Our theme this summer is "Choose to Stand" with counsel taken from Ephesians 6:13: "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand" (NIV).

Young people will enjoy many exciting activities at Camp Akita—horses, swimming lessons, climbing tower, cr



The Deming family spends their summer together at Camp Akita. From left (back): Jeff Deming, Illinois Conference youth director and camp manager, and his wife Amy; (middle) Sabrina and Robert; (front) Tanner

Coming to Camp Akita will bring about new challenges, exciting adventures, and lasting friendships. Above all else, campers will become closer to their very Best Friend, Jesus.

One day there was a young lady named Suzi at the campfire talking to a counselor, Carol. "You know what," Suzi said, "I really want to come live here."

Puzzled by this remark, Carol decided to find out what brought this comment about. She asked young Suzi, "Now, just why would you want to live here?" Thinking the young girl had a nice home and everything she could want, Carol didn't expect the

swimming lessons, climbing tower, creative arts, videogra-

answer she heard.

Experience the thrill of "flying" off the blob this summer!

phy, horsemanship, water-skiing, and the wake-

board—and meet new friends and visit with friends from camps gone by. Campers will see great plays performed at campfire, learn new songs, and laugh along with enthusiastic Camp Akita News Anchors. Campers enjoy Sabbath at camp with the Bible Quest play. "Because, because I see Jesus most when I'm here in this place."



One of the favorite waterfront activities is being towed around the lake on a tube.

I see Jesus most! That is what Camp Akita is all about, an opportunity for kids of all kinds to see Jesus most—to see Jesus through our staff, in their cabins, in the lessons they learn in classes, and through campfire programs—in everything we do. Come, see Jesus most!

A week at summer camp builds confidence young people need to make it in the complicated world in which they live. One small Adventure camper was quite frightened by the



Wednesday night's staff shared at the largest campfire many campers had ever seen.

big horses. She watched all week as friends experienced the thrill of their lives on the animals. On the way out of the camp, she got her mother's attention. "I must come to Camp Akita next year. I'm going to sign up for horses." Upon looking through those who have already registered for this summer, camp staff saw the girl's name. And, she's signed up for horses as well as many other first-time activities.

sign up for Wilderness Adventure will take a trip to



In addition to our general camps, campers who Tom, sports coordinator, gave direction to a camper during class.

Minnesota. Also included in the schedule is a full week of camp meeting (a family-style program with activities in the afternoon) as well as a camp for those who speak Spanish.

Write today for a cool brochure: Camp Akita, Youth Department, Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 619 Plainfield Rd., Willowbrook, IL 60527. For more information, call 630-856-2857, email info@campakita.com, or go on-

line to register at www.campakita.com/.

Jeff Deming is the Illinois Conference youth director.

CAMP AKITA DATES

Camp Meeting: June 10–16 (All Ages) Adventure Camp: June 24-30 (Ages 7-9) **Junior Camp I:** July I-7 (Ages 10–12) Junior Camp II: July 8–14 (Ages 10–12) **Teen Camp:** July 15–21 (Ages 13–15) Wilderness Adventure:* July 19–31 (Ages 14+) **Teen Extreme Camp:** July 22–28 (Ages 13–17) Hispanic Junior Camp: July 23–29 (Ages 9–13) *Off-site trip to Minnesota



Counselor Grant and a camper enjoy the staff nightly kickball game.

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Indiana's Timber Ridge Camp

God Still Performs Miracles

riday night programs are the most important we have at Timber Ridge Camp (TRC). This is the time we invite campers to make a decision for Christ. Last year at TRC 155 campers gave their hearts to Jesus for the first time, 187 camp-

Indiana



Everyone enjoys riding the Timber Ridge Camp shark!

ers requested baptism, and 220 campers rededicated their hearts to Jesus.

Last summer we were reminded of God's awesome ability to take a situation that seemed impossible and turn it around to be one of the most memorable Friday evening campfires we have ever had. The evening started with a 50/50 chance of thunderstorms. Brianna Payne, our program director, was forced to make a tough decision concerning the campfire location. If we met in the cafeteria



Campers enjoy swinging on the big rope swing, but sometimes discover the water is chillier than they expected.

basement, we would be dry, but the evening's program would be difficult to pull together in the cramped space. If we had campfire in our regular place, we believed we could have a maximum effect on campers, so they could focus on that most important decision—giving their hearts to Jesus.

Brianna was in such anguish over what to do that she came to me, and we discussed it. We decided to trust that God would hold back the storms and allow us to do our program in the campfire bowl. Surely, He wouldn't allow a storm during this important night when so much was at stake.

Our staff set up the sound system, spotlight, and props. The campfire was lit. Campers and their counselors filed

down to our campfire bowl by the lake. Song leaders gathered together and prayed that God would bless our ministry that night, and then they made their way down to the front and led campers in worship and praise to God.

Part way through song service, we thought we heard thunder but decided to stay the course. At the end of the singing session, I got up to tell a story that set the tone for our short drama. The story Corrie ten Boom told of a time when she was forced to either forgive someone who had wronged her or lose her faith in God.

In the middle of the story, it happened. There was a flash of lightening, the boom of thunder, sudden wind, rain, and the screams of fearful campers. Our campfire was invaded by the forces of evil. Immediately, without any direction, our staff sprang into action. They gathered frightened campers and hustled them through the pouring rain to the cafeteria basement. Other staff quickly tore down the sound equipment.

As I scrambled up the muddy hill, I felt a sudden calm in spite of the chaotic scene around me. I felt God had things well in control in spite of how things seemed.

When all the campers reached the cafeteria basement, I grabbed a guitar and led the campers in a few songs. Then I finished the story as the rest of the staff arrived, and Brianna assembled the cast for our short drama presentation.







Teen campers enjoyed watching Manny Ojeda, camp pastor, try the hula hoop during the Hawaiian luau on the beach. Looks like he's about to lose it!



Campers discover that life is good at Timber Ridge Camp.

At the close of the story, without our carefully prepared sound effects and music, the staff performed the drama. Our campers were riveted! The final scene of the drama depicted Jesus hanging on the cross. As the staff actor portraying Jesus hung silently, the thunder rolled and the lightning lit up the sky outside the cafeteria—just like it did 2,000 years ago when our Savior died that we might live.

When it came time to ask campers to make a decision for Jesus, every camper came forward.

The staff and I were in awe as we watched God turn a disaster into a total victory. God still performs miracles just when they are needed the most.

The Lake Union has five summer camps, led by those who love God, love young people, and have a passion to see campers make a decision for Him. The miracle at TRC is repeated at every one of these camps each summer. If you have a young person who needs the miracle of salvation to take place in his or her heart, send them to camp this summer.

Camp brochures may be picked up at local churches, or applications may be requested from www.trcamp.org. Completed forms should be mailed to: Indiana Conference Youth Department, P.O. Box 1950, Carmel, IN 46082-1950. For additional information, call Trish Thompson at 317-844-6201. After June 15, call Trish at the camp at 812-829-2507.

Charlie Thompson is the Indiana Conference youth director.

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP DATES

Single Mom's & Kid's Camp: June 21–24 (All Ages) Blind Camp: June 24–July I (All Ages) Cub Camp: July I–8 (Ages 7–10) Junior Camp I: July 8–15 (Ages 10–13) Junior Camp II: July 15–22 (Ages 10–13) Teen Camp: July 22–29 (Ages 13–16) Family Camp: July 29–Aug. 5 (All Ages)

Timber Ridge Camp

Youth Department Indiana Conference P.O. Box 1950 Carmel, IN 46082-1950

Call: 317-844-6201 Call: 812-829-2507 after June 15 E-mail: youth@indysda.org Website: www.trcamp.org

Take Me to the Water Lake Region's Camp Wagner

Lake Region Conference

Come Where the Fun Begins!

e had so much fun last summer; I don't know where to begin. I enjoyed the carnival as much as the campers did. As program director last year, I arranged for a blow-up slide. We added water to it, and I'm sure you can imagine the fun. The slide was the highlight of the carnival.

We concluded week one with an Agape Feast where we were reminded of the kind of love God has for each of us. Many campers shared their testimony of how good Jesus has been.

During week two, we took the boat

to the lake. Some rode the Wasp, pulled behind the boat. Talk about an adrenaline rush!

Campers were treated like superstars at the annual banquet. Each walked the red carpet, and we were later entertained with



There is no shortage of fun activities at Camp Wagner.

talents that blossomed at camp.

We were blessed with our own gokarts last summer. I believe everyone enjoyed them. Some drivers found out that they were a bit "vehicularly" challenged.

Week two ended with an interactive fireside vespers by Phyllis Washington. Paper dolls were torn in pieces to show how life's trials break us apart. Using tape to repair the doll, she told how when we allow Jesus in our lives, He will be the tape that holds us together and mends the bruises to make us whole again.

The inflatable slide was a highlight of the carnival.

At Camp Council, campers were introduced to Jesus. Each lesson encouraged campers to take a stand for Jesus, be proud to be a Christian, and never to be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result of these Spirit-filled meetings, six campers were baptized.

I pray last year's experience was one many cherished, and that all will come to Camp Wagner's summer camp year after year. Until next time—Camp Wagner, it's just all that.

LaShawne Suggs was summer camp program director at Camp Wagner in 2006.

I was at Camp Wagner during the last week of February. The grounds were covered with about two feet of snow, and trees looked as if they were dead or dying. The winter winds blew fiercely across the camp, and it was cold to the bone.

Visiting again the last week of March, I found the snow gone. Everywhere were signs of change and new life. I sensed the great change that took place in nature as we progressed from winter to spring.

Change has also taken place at the camp's grounds and with its directorship. Last year Anthony Kelly was the camp's director. I was asked to serve as the new camp director, and the summer cannot come soon enough.

Summer ministries at Camp Wagner is a place where youth come every summer for fun, faith, fellowship, and friendship. Life-long friendships have been forged throughout the years at Camp Wagner. Satan tried to destroy the ministry at Camp Wagner last summer; however, no weapon formed against us shall prosper. We are taking all necessary steps to ensure that Camp Wagner remains a safe and Christ-centered haven for our children and youth at all times.





Try new adventures like horseback riding at camp this summer.

We plan for camp to be more exciting than ever before. There will be something GOOD for everyone, with opportunities to experience God as we take nature walks through the forest. Campers will also experience God at Camp Council as biblical principles are learned through drama, songs, prayer, and praise.

Camp Wagner will be a safe place for youth and children to come for adventure, fun, excitement, and spiritual awakening. Great activities are planned such as horseback riding, skating, bowling, basketball, and volleyball, along with a



Campers really enjoy being pulled behind the boat on the Wasp.

Christ-focused and caring staff. There's good food, and much more!

Campers will enhance their spiritual and personal development, and prepare for "life" on planet Earth as well as in the "earth made new." Our goal is to equip each person physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially to conquer the challenges of life. Positive Peer Teen Retreat helps high school students learn techniques to become A+ students in preparation for college. The registration fee for this camp is \$150.

You just cannot afford to miss out on the experience at Camp Wagner this summer! A special \$10 discount will be credited upon registration for each new camper that campers bring to camp! HURRY! Early bird registration is \$185 per camper and ends June 30. After June 30, the cost is \$205 per camper. Call Josie at 773-846-2661, Ext. 206, for registration information, or write Lake Region Conference, 8517 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60619.

Leon L. George is the Lake Region Conference youth ministries director and Camp Wagner director.

CAMP WAGNER DATES

Junior Camp: July 8–14 (Ages 8–11) Junior Camp: July 15–21 (Ages 8–15) Junior Camp: July 22–28 (Ages 12–15) Basketball Clinic and Drum Corps: July 29–August 4 (Ages 10–17) Positive Peer Teen Retreat: August 3–5 (Ages 16–18)

Camp Wagner

Youth Department Lake Region Conference 8517 S. State Street Chicago, IL 60619

Call: 773-846-2661, ext. 206

Take Me to the Water Michigan's Camp Au Sable & Sagola

Experience Jesus this Summer!

sing of birds chirping, wild life roaming, horses neighing. I sing of sunny days, games of fun, and children playing.

Michigan

I dream of summer days, carnivals, Christian plays.

I sing of a shop of souvenirs, forests of tall trees, and sunsets of pinks, blues, and grays.

I sing of a Christian camp, warm cabins, and a place were friendship grows.

I write of arts and crafts, swimming in lakes, and high ad-



Shoot some hoops down at the waterfront

venture where braveness shows.

I sing of beautiful crystal blue lakes, the safety and security I feel, and a fort that's realistic.

I write of green grass, nature swaying in the wind, and cameras that click.

I sing of the love that floats around the camp, the magnificent staff, and a place that's a world of its own.

ence the love of Jesus.

Come, explore the exciting possibilities waiting for you at Camp Au Sable-new friends, morning worship with our camp pastor, interesting classes, go-carts, horses, and ex-

moan.

Camp Au Sable.

wait for camp!!!"

citing water adventures. Not only do we have five weeks of youth camps, but we have four weeks of family camps.

Registration for Camp Au Sable began March 6. The best way to register is online at www.campausable.org. If you have any questions, you may e-mail Lyn White, youth ministries department secretary, at lwhite@ misda.org.



I sing of morning bugles,

I dream of summer at

Tricia Martin is 12 years old. She

attended Junior, Tween, and Specialty camps in 2006, and says, "I can't

Camp is a place that leaves

an indelible imprint on

campers and staff alike. To

experience camp is to experi-

nighttime songs that sing you to sleep, and kids that never

Test your skills on the high ropes course.

One camper said, "The go-karts are more fun than my Ninetendo Wii."

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This photo of the campers from Cabin 4A took only a few seconds to capture, but the memories will last a lifetime.

If you live in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and would like to attend Camp Sagola, please contact Nathan Stearman at campsagola@gmail.com, or call 906-748-0059.



Everybody enjoys riding the horses at Camp Au Sable.

youth department secretary.

Lyn White is the Michigan Conference

CAMP AU SABLE DATES

Adventure Camp: June 10–17 (Ages 8–9) Junior Camp: June 17–24 (Ages 10–11) Tween Camp: June 24–July I (Ages 12–13) Teen Camp: July 1–8 (Ages 14–16) Specialty Camp: July 8–13* (Ages 10–16) Family Camp 1: July 15–22 (All Ages) Family Camp 2: July 22–29 (All Ages) Family Camp 3: July 29–August 5 (All Ages) Mini Family Camp: August 8–12 (All Ages)

*This is a five-day camp. Campers are picked up on Friday.

CAMP SAGOLA DATES

Youth Outpost: July 15–22 (Ages 13–16) Junior Camp: July 22–29 (Ages 8–12) Family Camp: July 29–August 2 (All Ages)

Camp AuSable

Youth Department Michigan Conference P.O. Box 19009 Lansing, MI 48901

Call: 517-316-1500 E-mail: lwhite@misda.org Website: www.campausable.org

Camp Sagola Call: 906-748-0059 E-mail: campsagola@gmail.com Website: www.campsagola.org

Wisconsin's Camp Wakonda

Under the Pines

BY ANDRÉ WESTON

ew plants in nature can grow underneath a pine tree. Primarily, this is because the acidic level of the soil creates an environment that is not conducive to growth. However, when we move away from plants to that which holds a higher value, there is growth shooting up spiritually and emotionally every summer. Where flowers and weeds fail, children thrive.

Wisconsin

Under the red pine treetops of Camp Wakonda, the next generation of Christ-seekers is generated and cultivated each summer. The beauty of it comes in knowing how simple the needed variables for reaching a child are: One God, one

dedicated staff, one random location in the Wisconsin wilderness, and any given child.



Smiling campers pause from their water activities for a quick picture.

At Camp Wakonda, the objective is more than having children come to camp. The power is not in their coming to camp but in our going into their world. I can imagine that God whispered to the pine trees at Camp Wakonda when they

Each summer many campers make life-changing decisions to love and follow Jesus.

were yet saplings. I can picture Him instructing them to grow for the shade of the children they would one day serve. I can see Him positioning the waterfront lake, so that it was in the perfect spot to catch the sunset. I can imagine God scattering, all throughout the forest, a billion hidden devotional illustrations for children to learn from.

And in thinking about all this, I must conclude that long before Camp Wakonda was Camp Wakonda, God was preparing this special spot—this sacred place—to be a world children will never forget. Camp Wakonda gives children, young adults, and adults one week of

high adventure and high-spirit memories that resound like the echo of songs off of Sandow Lake.

The good news is that it does not take a week to fall in love with Jesus. It takes a moment. Camp Wakonda is an endless collection of such moments. Those moments, when capitalized on, will have resounding results.



Special friendships are made at Camp Wakonda each summer.

Years after camp, campers may not remember names such as Oxford, Wisconsin, or Marquette County, but



Even clean fun can get a bit muddy for campers and staff like on the teen survival outpost.

there are two names that I believe can forever become a part of who they are. Those names are Camp Wakonda and God. And somehow, those two names seem very much related.

The children and young people who play underneath Camp Wakonda's pine trees are the children we want playing under the pine trees in Heaven.

For information, call Aileen at 608-241-5235 or visit www.wakonda.org

André Weston is a boys' counselor and nature instructor at Camp Wakonda. He attends Andrews University where he is majoring in English and minoring in journalism.

CAMP WAKONDA DATES

Blind Camp: July 1–8 (Ages 9–65) **Junior Camp:** July 8–15 (Ages 8–10) **Tween Camp:** July 15–22 (Ages 10–12) **Teen Camp:** July 22–29 (Ages 13–16) **Family Camp:** July 29–August 5 (All Ages)





Campers and counselors enjoy time on the waterfront together.



Experiencing Jesus through Bible, nature, and the life-witness of staff members is common at Camp Wakonda.

A smile mixes with watermelon juice for this young camper at Camp Wakonda's weekly rodeo.

Camp Wakonda

Youth Department Wisconsin Conference P.O. Box 7310 Madison, WI 53707-7310

Call: 608-241-5235 Website: www.wakonda.org



Mission Trip to Ecuador Brings Medical Support and a Very Special Greeting

Adventis

"The reality was even better than the expectation," said John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Mission. "It was a life-changing event for all those involved."



Jim Today helped build two churches while on the mission trip. The group held a special service in the church at the end of the week to celebrate the construction project being completed.

John Rapp is referring to a ten-day mission trip to Ecuador that provided many uplifting memories for the 25 Adventist Midwest Health employees who traveled there in January 2007. Physicians, nurses, and staff treated ear and urinary tract infections, provided dental care, prenatal care, and education.

James Today, administrative director of facilities for Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, jumped at the chance to go with the other employees. Actually, Jim had two missions on the trip: one, to help as part of the construction team to build two small churches, and the other, to meet a shy nine-yearold girl who Jim had been sponsoring for the past three years through World Vision.

In 2004, Jim was browsing in a Christian book shop near his home in Downers Grove, Ill., when he noticed a child's photo on a poster encouraging sponsorship through World Vision. The child had the same birthday as his, and Jim felt a connection. He filled out the paperwork, sent \$350 for a year's sponsorship, and waited.

When World Vision sent him his sponsored child, it was not the samebirthday child, but a small girl named Julissa.

"God knew I would be going to Ecuador three years from then," Jim said. "I just didn't know it."

During the three years, Jim sent Julissa letters (with vital linguistic help from his son Kevin, 15, who knows Spanish). Julissa sent back colored drawings and photos, which were extremely gratifying. Jim noticed that in each photo her smile grew broader.

Miguel Luna, Security Department supervisor at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, was instrumental on the mission trip and especially to Jim. The two men traveled two hours away to Julissa's village. Miguel knows Spanish and did much of the interpreting, and a driver and a van were supplied by World Vision. Upon arrival, Jim and Miguel were coached to allow Julissa to initiate contact and/or conversation.

A mother and daughter shyly entered the room. Julissa averted her eyes, but sat coloring pictures for Jim.



This is a photo of Jim Today with Julissa and the new bed frame he purchased for her while in Ecuador.

Jim ventured a question: "What is your favorite color?" After things warmed up a bit, Jim asked Julissa (through Miguel) if he was what she pictured.

"You are taller, thinner, and your skin is not as brown as I thought it would be," Julissa answered.

Jim asked the World Vision staff if giving a gift to the family would be acceptable. After a discussion with Julissa's mother, the staff member reported that the mom asked for a bed. (Julissa is one of six children.) The group walked to a small furniture store down the street, and during this walk Julissa reached up for Jim's hand. Julissa kept looking at a full-size bed with great big red hearts in the headboard, and Jim happily arranged delivery of the heart bed. At this, Julissa gave him a big hug.

"These mission trips are rough." Jim said. "We give up comforts such as cars, our homes, our family, but God gives everyone involved something better in return. I will never forget that hug."

> Julie L. Busch, Adventist Midwest Health public relations specialist

Andrews 🛆 University

2007 Faculty and Staff Service Awards

Andrews University's faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees enjoyed their annual banquet on Sunday, March 4. The evening opened with a reception and student art exhibition in the lobby of the Howard Performing Arts Center, then continued with the entertainment and awards presentation in the concert sistant to administration, and Patricia Mutch, professor of nutrition.

Three staff members were honored for Excellence in Service. This year's awardees included Ildiko Gyeresi, assistant to the financial records director; Sandra White, interlibrary loans associate for the James White Library; and Barbara Friesen, assistant in administration.

The Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award was given to seven faculty members. This award

is intended to recognize

reflects the high standards

Augsburger in his 60 years

of teaching at Andrews Uni-

school nominate and choose

their individual candidates.

Those recipients included

of Hebrew and Old Testa-

ment exegesis; Stan Beik-

mann, assistant professor

Jacques Doukhan, professor

of excellence modeled by

versity. Faculty from each

faculty whose teaching



Ildiko Gyeresi, Barbara Friesen and Sandra White (not pictured) were this year's recipients of the staff Excellence in Service Award.

hall. The program, "The Golden Cardinal Awards," was styled after the Oscars, with spoof categories like "Best in Shoes," "Best Golf Cart Driver," and "Best Milker" mixed-in with the more serious Excellence in Service, Excellence in Teaching, and Years of Service awards. Attendees closed off the evening with a dinner catered by the campus cafeteria.

Almost 90 faculty and staff members were honored for anywhere from five to 35 years of service at Andrews. Three were honored for 30 years of service: Gary Marsh, professor of aviation technology; Daniel Bidwell, senior systems administrator; and Tom Baker, teacher of English and German at Andrews Academy. The two 35-year honorees were Barbara Friesen, as-



Rhonda Root, Stan Beikmann, and Arlene Saliba are three of the 2007 recipients of the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award.

of agriculture; Arlene Saliba, assistant professor of nursing; Janice Wrenn, associate professor of social work; Shirley Freed, professor of teacher education; Leonard Gashugi, associate professor of economics and finance; and Rhonda Root, professor of art.

Glenn Russell, assistant professor of religion, received this year's Spiritual Life Award, which is awarded to any faculty or staff member who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of the campus. Names are considered and voted by the Spiritual Life Committee.

> Beverly Stout, media relations coordinator, University Relations, Andrews University

See You at Camp Meeting!

One of the great Adventist traditions is summer camp meeting and the spiritual refreshment it offers. This summer, the Andrews University enrollment management team, along with other Andrews faculty and staff, will be at most of the Lake Union camp meetings, where they'll share information about Andrews University and the educational mission and ministry it fulfills. You'll have a chance to meet with representatives at the Andrews University exhibit or through their involvement in programs in the youth and young adult areas of these camp meetings. This will include Andrews University enrollment coordinator, David Hall, who will be featured for the entire youth program at Wisconsin Camp Meeting.

Also, Andrews University alumni and friends are cordially invited to gather at the various camp meetings for refreshments and fellowship. The latest details on these alumni gatherings are available online at www.andrews. edu/alumni/.

Some of the specific alumni events that are being planned by the Andrews University Alumni Association will include:

Indiana—Indiana Academy, Sabbath, June 16

Lake Region—Camp Wagner, Sabbath, June 23

Michigan—Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Sabbath, June 23

Wisconsin—Camp Wakonda, Sabbath, June 16

> Rebecca May, director of University Relations, Andrews University

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Facilitators Bring Rainbows to the Rescue

Lake Region and Indiana—This summer Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church's pastor, Tunde Ojewole, and the Indianapolis-area Spirit of Unity coalition successfully conducted a month-long Vacation Bible School for inner-city children. Afterward, school leaders asked Ojewole what other assistance could be offered to the school children by area churches. He moved



Rainbows volunteers from the Richmond Church meet weekly with young people to talk about personal losses they have faced. From left: Shannon Becker, Mary Polley, and Shirley Tate

and process their

feelings. In train-

ing, facilitators are

taught what to do

divorce or the death of a parent. In the program, kids meet in groups of three to five with a caring, listening adult to share their experience, play games,



School children meet with Rainbows facilitators during their lunch hour each week. The volunteers provide a place for young people to share their experiences and feelings of loss caused by divorce or the death of a loved one. From left: Keith Jones, Annetta Lesure, Jackie Bailey, Tunde Ojewole (Emmanuel Church pastor), and Angel Allen

quickly to recruit volunteers for *Rainbows* teams, and arranged training for them with Shirley Tate, the *Rainbows* registered director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.



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Rainbows, a peer support program for grieving children, was voted as a major outreach opportunity by the Children's Ministries

department at the Seventh-day Adventist Headquarters in North America. Statistics show that grieving children often develop at-risk behaviors in their teens that bring them in conflict with the law. Early intervention through a program such as *Raínbows* can prevent teen problems.

Rainbows is also in great demand during times of disaster as well as when families experience a loss, such as and say to start each session, and learn how to keep the children focused. Facilitators and coordinators attend a one-day training session and agree to a 13week commitment with the children. The facilitators and coordinators Ojewole helped train meet weekly with 20 children during their lunch period at school. Facilitator Jackie

Bailey enthusiastically remarked, "Just two weeks into the program, and I can

see the excitement on the faces of the

children who attend. The children are

eager to talk to someone. They want

the program moving from strength to

Annetta Lesure added, "The

Raínbows program is a good [way] for

children and teenagers to get in touch

with themselves, by asking questions,

communicating with each other, and

will make a major impact on the lives

program will give the kids an oppor-

of the kids." He added, "I feel the

Keith Jones believes "the program

feeling free to talk to adults"

someone who will listen. I can see

strength."

tunity to talk about feelings of anger and sadness in a healthy and constructive way. I feel *Raínbows* will give them the freedom to discuss their feeling emotions. Most of all, I feel *Raínbows* will provide them with the tools that will help them deal with future issues and concerns."

Ojewole reports, "It gets better each time." Children look forward to *Rainbows*

because they talk with other kids about what is going on in their families and know the others understand and promise to keep their confidence. They also like the fact that there's no stigma attached to attending *Rainbows*.

Ojewole has developed an acronym for *Raínbows*:

- Reassuring
- Activity-filled
- Inspiring, and
- Non-threatening program
- that fosters healing and
- Builds up children and teenagers who are

Overwhelmed by life-altering

changes and losses into

Winners and

Survivors

Experience shows the most effective way for Adventist churches to conduct *Rainbows* is to nurture trusting relationships with area school administrations, so they can take a *Rainbows* team in during the school day. The alternative to this is for churches to conduct the program for their own children, providing they have enough to create a program.

The Richmond (Ind.) Seventhday Adventist Church has successfully conducted the *Rainbows* program at the church. The staff and parents bring in Sabbath lunch each week and immediately follow with the *Rainbows* sessions. Shannon Becker, facilitator for the teen group *Spectrum*, stated, "My group is amazing me every week. The hurt they have felt and are releasing is incredible. They inspire me."

As her second- and third-graders
meet around Mary Polley's rainbow-striped tablecloth each week, she is amazed at how well the children respond to this program. She says that at times the venting is so fast-paced that it keeps her "on her toes" to just keep up with her active-listening part.

With 75 percent of our nation's children now living in non-traditional homes, there is work for us all, on behalf of these children and the future of our society. If you would like information about how your church could train members for the *Raínbows* healing ministry, please contact Shirley Tate, at rainbowsst@verizon.net or call 765-966-3548.

Shirley Tate, Richmond (Ind.) Church member

Note: To date, Shirley Tate has recruited more than 100 Seventh-day Adventist volunteers for the *Rainbows* program. For her dedication, she was selected to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent Church Ministries Convention in Tucson, Ariz. Illinois members may be interested to know that a new *Rainbows* program has recently been started at the Maywood (III.) Church.

Niles Philadelphia Church Hosts Annual African Heritage Day

Lake Region—On Feb. 17, 2007, the Niles (Mich.) Philadelphia Seventhday Adventist Church hosted its seventh annual Niles Annual African Heritage Day under the theme "We



Andrews University English faculty and graduates attended the Niles Annual African Heritage Day. From left (back): Meredith Jones Gray and Beverly Matiko; (front) Joseph Warren, Loretta McLean (AU graduate) Stella Greig, Valerie Gray Lee (AU graduate/speaker), and Gary Gray



Niles Philadelphia youth prepare to "Carry the Legacy Torch," led in song by Karen Alford.

Must Carry the Torch." The day's programming centered on two major themes. First, African-Americans must remember the "way God has led us in the past" as an act of grateful worship. Second, African-Americans must go confidently, with God's grace, into the future "till victory is won."

Between Sabbath school and the Divine worship hour, several miniskits reenacted the well-documented history of the "Underground Railroad" which conducted thousands of slaves to freedom in the North and Canada. The highlight of the worship hour was the Call to Worship during which six young people carried torches of hope, prayer, music education, contribution, and service as a witness against the hopelessness, despair, and dislocation common among some African-American young people.

Throughout the service, the congregation sang traditional African-American spirituals and concluded with "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the

National Negro Anthem. Valerie Lee, chair of the English Department at The Ohio State University, delivered the sermon, "God of Our Weary Years." In the traditional African-American call and response method, she encouraged the congregation to always remember the "God who has brought us this far ... will lead us into the light."

> Joseph W. Warren, Niles Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church men's ministry leader

[WOMEN'S NEWS]

Elkhart Hosts Women's Ministries Program

Indiana—"Give Me Jesus" was the theme song for a Sabbath afternoon women's ministries program at the Elkhart Church. Sixty ladies gathered for REST (Rest, Energizing, Spiritual, Time). Following a delicious lunch,

Linda Nelson, Michigan Conference church records clerk and mother of Elkhart pastor Loren Nelson III, presented a lively and



From left: Linda Nelson and Linda Gallimore provided interesting insights into men and children in their seminars.

informative presentation about what women should know about men.



Laurie Snyman, a family therapist from Lansing, Mich., shared ways to reduce stress.

Linda Gallimore, Michigan Conference children's ministries director, spoke about the birth-order connection. The final speaker was Laurie Snyman, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., a family therapist from Lansing,

Mich. Snyman shared 50 ways to help decrease stress in our lives. Some of the admonition concerning stress given in Ellen White's writings was given out as handouts at the close of the meeting.

Janine Finkbeiner and Kim Grigsby, Elkhart women's ministries leaders, said the day was truly a blessing for all who attended, and they hope this type of seminar will become a regular event at the Elkhart Church.

Clareen Colclesser, Elkhart Church communication leader

Women's Ministries Retreat Delivers Blessings

Indiana—The Lord poured out blessings that stretched across three generations at the Indiana Conference women's ministries retreat at the beautiful Oak-



The Page sisters, aka red hat ladies, look forward to attending the women's ministries retreat in September. From left: Marcie Ford, Junice Anderson, and Cleata Kirkman

wood Inn in Syracuse last fall. Doranita Tyler, a member of the Hammond Church, attended with her mother Daisy Thames, and her daughter Daisy Malcom. Tyler says the entire weekend provided confirmation for each of them of how the Lord is using them in His own special way. Malcom is in her first year at a public high school and said she received confirmation the Lord is using her to be a light in her school. She enjoys ministering to her friends about the love of Jesus, abstinence, and looking at the positive side of life.

Another three generations of ladies who attended the retreat included Angela Benfield from the Columbus Church, her mother Ruth Cherry from



the Shelbyville Church, and her daughter, Erika Benfield, a junior at Indiana Academy. Angela says the women's retreat

is definitely a family affair for them! One year two of her aunts and another daughter also attended the retreat with her. She says the annual retreat provides an opportunity for them to laugh, cry, pray, and grow closer to one another and to the Lord. "It has made a difference in my life and the life of my family."

Also known as the red hat ladies, three sisters from the Bedford Church also attended. Marcie Ford, Junice Anderson, and Cleata Kirkman say they have always been known as the Page sisters. There is a fourth sister, but she was unable to attend this time. Marcie says, "I was so very moved by the humble, down-to-earth way the speaker, Ginny Allen, touched my heart." Cleata says not only are they

> sibling sisters, but they are also sisters in Christ with each other and with all the other women at the retreat. "We all share the same Big Daddy in the sky." As they waved good-bye, Junice called out, "I love each and every one of the ladies who come to the women's

retreat, and I will miss them until I see them again next year."

This year's Indiana Conference Women's Ministries Fall Retreat will be held Sept. 21–23 at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park. Guest speaker will be Carla Baker, women's ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. For registration information, speak with Julie Loucks at the Indiana Conference office at 317-844-6201, or call Shari Blackburn, Indiana Conference women's ministries director, at 260-450-2534.

Judith Yeoman, Indiana Conference correspondent

[UNION NEWS]

Children Build Church to Honor Parents

Honoring parents is a biblical command, and something that often seems even more important as children mature and realize how much Dad and Mom sacrificed, and how much they loved and shaped them all those years.

Last year the children of James E. Schneider looked for a meaningful way to honor their loving, Christian father who passed away in 2000. The children say James quietly lived his 80 years loving and serving his Lord before he died in Columbus, Wis., where he had lived for more than 40 years with his wife Virginia. When they heard about an opportunity to sponsor a church in India, through Maranatha Volunteers International, the family knew they'd found something special to create a legacy for their father and to honor their mother on Mother's Day.

Together the Schneider's children, Patricia (Robert) Magray of Green Bay, Wis.; Nancy Scott of Willowbrook, Ill.; Kate Schneider of Ukiah, Calif.; Alan (Connie Best) Schneider of Hinsdale, Ill.; and Sandy (Jerry) Alexander of Berrien Springs, Mich., raised funds



To honor their parents, the children of James E. and Virginia Schneider, collaborated with Maranatha Volunteers International to build the new Narsipalli Seventhday Adventist Church in Andhra Pradesh, India.



to build a sturdy Adventist Church in Andhra Pradesh, India, for a new congregation which now has more than 200 members. The surprise is a meaningful one. As new people accept the gospel in India, it is especially important that they have a permanent place to worship. This church will forever pay tribute to the love of the Schneider family and their Christian spirit.

The plaque near the entrance of the church bears an inscription denoting the gift. As far as Mother's Day goes, this year Virginia's children are very proud of the gift they picked out, and say, "Happy Mother's Day!"

For more information about a unique naming gift like this, contact Shawnda McCaleb, director of Donor Administration for Maranatha Volunteers International. Call 916-920-1900, or e-mail smccaleb@maranatha.org.

Carrie Purkeypile, Maranatha Volunteers International communications specialist, with Alan Schneider, Schneider family representative

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Anniversaries



John and Roberta Ross celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 2006, by having an open house at the Coloma Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship hall. They have been members of the Coloma (Mich.) Church for 18 years.

John Ross and Roberta Hakes were married Nov. 24, 1946, in Albion, Mich., by Pastor Lambert McClintoch. John has been a general contractor and retired from Hinsdale Hospital in 1986. Roberta has been an administrative secretary and retired from Hinsdale Hospital in 1988.

The Ross family includes Pat and Bill Lykins of Parma, Mich.; John and Beverly Ross of Wisconsin Rapids, Mich.; James and Ruby Ross of Colville, Wash.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

BOYD, Shawn B., age 26; born Dec. 12, 1980, in Allegan, Mich.; died Jan. 15, 2007, in Van Buren Cty., Mich. He was a member of the Gobles Pinedale Church, Gobles, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Amy (Wright); father, John Boyd; and mother, Carol (Oxender) Boyd.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Craig Harris and Don Williams, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Van Buren Twp., Mich.

BROWN, Joyce Ann, age 64; born Dec. 17, 1942, in Madison, Wis.; died Feb. 1, 2007, in Beaumont, Calif. She was a member of the Madison East Church.

Memorial services were conducted by Richard Habenicht, and inumment was in Roselawn Cemetery, Madison.

CARRON, Mary C. (Jansen), age 92; born May 19, 1914, in Norway, Mich.; died Oct. 26, 2006, in Powers, Mich. She was a member of the Escanaba (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Betty Southerland and Barbara Poupore.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Brandon Korter, and interment was in Norway (Mich.) Twp. Cemetery. DAVIS, Arthur D., age 86; born Sept. 2, 1920, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Jan. 24, 2007, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Neva (Keiser); son, James S.; brother, John H.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

DEAN, Myrle D., age 89; born June 10, 1917, in Milford, Mich.; died Dec. 13, 2006, in Grand Blanc, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Anna (Greavu); daughter, Peggy Hoffmeyer; and foster child, Rosemary Ward.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Robert Benson, Earl Zager, and Paul Pellandini, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly.

DENSKI, Stanley F., age 83; born Dec. 17, 1923, in Plymouth, Mich.; died Jan. 5, 2007, in Canton, Mich. He was a member of the Plymouth Church.

Survivors include his wife, Merrilyn (Woodman); sons, David Escalante, and David and Tom Denski; daughters, Stefania Dziewinski and Barbara Christner; brothers, Cass and Henry; sisters, Alice Bugby and Mary Franciscan; four grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Royce Snyman in Mich. and by Pastor Kevin Doe in Tenn., and interment was in Frazier Cemetery, Williamsburg, Ky.

DYE, Lester G., age 99; born May 5, 1907, in Crown Point, Ind.; died Aug. 30, 2006, in Crown Point. He was a member of the Northwest Church, Crown Point.

Survivors include his son, Roland; and daughters, Virginia Blake, Ruth Bruno, and Eloise Wineland.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Don Inglish and Alan Shepherd, and interment was in Salem Cemetery, Hebron, Ind.

EDGAR, Betty Jane (Snyder), age 80; born Nov. 26, 1925, in Ferndale, Mich.; died Oct. 11, 2006, in Troy, Mich. She was a member of the Troy Church.

Survivors include her husband, Phil; sons,

Kevin and Keith; daughter, Karen Fishell; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Nathan Renner, and interment was in Christian Memorial Cultural Center Cemetery, Rochester Hills, Mich.

FIVASH, Kathleen J. (Snively), age 79; born Mar. 10, 1927, in Mason, Mich.; died Jan. 23, 2007, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Matthew J.; son, Matthew J. Jr.; daughter, Terri L. Calkins; brother, Keith Q. Snively; half-brother, Leo Snively; sister, Natalie J. Wolfer; and three grandchildren.

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

FREEMAN, Wanda M. (Collins) Troyer, age 69; born Mar. 28, 1937, in Knox, Ind.; died Jan. 19, 2007, in Knox. She was a member of the Monterey (Ind.) Community Church.

Survivors include her sons, Dewey Jr. and Rick Troyer; brother, Larry Collins; and sisters, Rosalind Taulbee, Sadie Collins, and Patsy Romine.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Don Inglish, and interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

GUTH, Grant E., age 92; born Oct. 6, 1914, in Franksville, Wash.; died Jan. 24, 2007, in Walla Walla, Wash. He was a member of the Grand Ledge (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen I. (Stevens); sons, William L., Richard H., Ronald E., and Leonard D.; sister, Rose M. Oakley; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Stafford, and interment was in Hope Cemetery, College Place, Wash.

KLINGER, Lois M. (Stone), age 81; born Nov. 25, 1925, in Wabash, Ind.; died Feb. 7, 2007, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. She was a member of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Church and a co-founder of the Markle (Ind.) Chapel Hill Church.

Survivors include her sons, Donald A., Dean E., and David R.; daughters, Carolyn E. Mattson and Joanne M. Klinger; brother, Donald Stone; sisters, Ruth Ellen Stone and Emma Lou Rice; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Don Inglish, and interment was in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville, Ind. MORROW, Mary P. (Menzies), age 88; born Mar. 25, 1918, in Rockford, III.; died Jan. 29, 2007, in Benton Harbor, Mich. She was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor.

Survivors include her son, Bob; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dan Rachor, and interment was in Coloma (Mich.) Cemetery.

MORSS, James L., age 95; born Mar. 17, 1911, in Abingdon, III.; died Jan. 16, 2007, in Dowagiac, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his son, Donald J.; daughter, Shirley J. Nielson; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

MOSLEY Jr., James C., age 55; born Feb. 14, 1951, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Jan. 28, 2007, in Atlanta, Ga. He was a member of the Glendale Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha "Peggy" (Allen); son, James C. III; daughters, Sandria Mosley and Sherri L. Mosley; father, James C. Sr.; mother, Jimmy Lee (Fanroy); brothers, Anthony and Phillip; sisters, Valerie Green, Priscilla Mosley, Jacqueline Mosley, Jennifer Stone, Desiree Davis, La Tonya Mosley, and Chemeka Johnston; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Lloyd Johnson, Emmanuel Jackson, and Godwin Mitchel, and interment was in Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Columbus, Ga.

ROLLINS, Susan J. (Hammond), age 50; born Oct. 10, 1956, in Lansing, Mich.; died Dec. 5, 2006, in Lansing. She was a member of the University Church, East Lansing.

Survivors include her husband, John; father, Bob Hammond; brother, Scott Hammond; sister, Sandra Anderson; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Malcolm Magee, with private inurnment.

WHITING, Doris W. (Knight), age 92; born Oct. 16, 1914, in Brantford, Ontario, Canada; died Feb. 5, 2007, in Port Huron, Mich. She was a member of the Port Huron Church.

Survivors include her sons, Gary G., John W., and William D.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her son Gary and family, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron.

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CORRECTION:



On page 23 of the April 2007 issue, **Katie Paul's** name was accidentally removed during the final design process. We apologize to Katie for this error.



On page 31 of the April 2007 issue, **Donald McGill** was mistakenly identified. He is an elder of the Hyde Park (III.) Church.

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Historic Adventist Village

The Historic Adventist Village is open again for full tours. For information, call Stanley Cottrell, tour director, at 269-209-2915 or 269-965-3000. Remember, donations (\$5/person is suggested) support the Village.

Illinois

Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend is **May 3-5.** We want all Alumni who are able to be there to be in attendance on the campus of our beloved school. Please put these dates on your calendar, and make a point of being there. We will miss you if you aren't. We want to honor all former faculty and staff. For more information, contact Ed Gutierrez at 630-232-9034, or visit website www.broadviewacademy.org/.

Bike-A-Thon: Sun., **May 20**, the Northern Illinois Bike-A-Thon will begin right at 9:00 a.m. This is a 50-mile ride to raise funds for the KABINS 4 KIDS project, building more cabins at Camp Akita. There are some cool prizes, including a laptop computer, for those who raise the most. For more information, call 630-856-2874, or go online to www.campakita.com/.

North Aurora Seventh-day Adventist Church Celebrates Its First 100 Years: North Aurora Church, located at 37W219 Mooseheart Road, was formally organized as the Aurora Adventist Church 100 years ago on Jan. 12, 1907. A number of celebratory and memorial events will be held throughout 2007 in celebration, culminating in a Centennial Sabbath weekend, Sept. 28-30. As part of the celebration, church officials are gathering information about the church and photos from throughout the years. Information on previous members and pastors as well as students and teachers at the Aurora Adventist Elementary School is needed. Please contact Pastor Ken Veal by e-mail at unkv@aol.com or phone 630-208-0121.

Illinois Youth Challenge 2007: Wanted! Youth ages 15 and older for summer missionary work. Meet and make new friends, witness of Jesus, learn lifelong skills, and earn a good summer wage, including scholarship toward academy or college tuition! If you are college-age and have experience, you may qualify for student leadership! Contact Ron Clark and ask for details about Illinois Youth Challenge 2007. Call 815-372-2913 or 314-422-4096, or e-mail rclark@rhpa.org for more information.

Indiana

Pathfinder Fair: Enjoy this exciting annual event at Timber Ridge Camp May 4-6. For additional information, contact Dean Whitlow at 812-829-2507 or dwhitlow@hughes.net.

Conference School Outdoor Education Week is **May 14-17** at Timber Ridge Camp for fifth and sixth graders. For registration information, contact Lutricia Whitlow at 812-829-2507 or lwhitlow@hughes.net, or contact the Indiana Conference education department at 317-844-6201.

The Third Annual Indianapolis Junior Academy and Cicero Elementary Golf Outing will be held May 17 at Bear Slide Golf Club, 6770 East 231st St., Cicero. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; team tee off starts at 8:30 a.m. Fee includes green fees, cart, practice range, trophies, door prizes, and a fantastic lunch. Sign up your team or join a four-person scramble with men's, ladies', and coed flights to choose from. Corporate sponsors, prizes, and items for the auction that follows are sought; donations are tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit the two schools. For additional information, contact Mark Fogg at 317-513-3774 or e-mail mark.fogg@unitedagy. com. Download registration forms at www.glendalesda.org.

Adventurer Family Weekend, May 18-20, is a special learning and camping weekend for families with Adventurerage children at Timber Ridge Camp. For registration information, contact Dean Whitlow at 812-829-2507 or e-mail dwhitlow@hughes.net.

B.I.K.E. (Bike Indiana Kilometer Excursion): Join this long weekend (**June 7-10**) of biking 50–70 miles a day in northeast Indiana. Sabbath is a layover day of rest and fellowship. Camping will be in state parks; bring your own tents, etc. All meals and a sag wagon (mobile snack shop) will be provided. Go to www.trcamp.org to download registration forms, or call the Indiana Conference youth department at 317-844-6201.

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Adelphian Academy Homecoming: Alumni, faculty, and friends of Adelphian Academy are invited to the Annual Homecoming Weekend June 8-9. Randy Roberts will speak during the Sabbath worship service. Honored classes: 1957, '67, and '82. For additional information, go to the Adelphian Academy website, www.adelphianacademy. com, or call Clarence Brummett at 909-796-8593.

Tri-City Seventh-day Adventist School's 50th Anniversary: Saginaw, Midland, St. Charles, and Bay City Churches are planning an **Aug. 3-5** celebration. Former teachers, students, or supporters of Tri-City School, Intermediate, or Junior Academy should contact Esther (Kroulik) Trombley at 989-790-2508, e-mail tricity@misda.org, or mail to Tri-City Seventh-day Adventist School, 3955 Kochville Rd., Saginaw, MI 48604.

North American Division

Camp Blue Ridge summer camp and retreat center will celebrate 50 years of service to the youth and Adventist congregations of the Potomac Conference the weekend of June 1-3. On this date, the camp staff want to invite former campers and staff to return for a reunion weekend in recognition of the ministry impact the camp has had during the last 50 years. Come for just a day or for the weekend and visit with friends. To register for this weekend, call 540-886-0771, or visit us on the Web at www.cbrsda.com. Registration deadline is May 21. For more information you can also e-mail 50thcelebration@cbrsda.com.

First Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Convention will be held July 5-7 in Orlando. Approximately half of the Seventh-day Adventist Church membership is made up of singles. When Adventist couples divorce, 70 percent will leave the church in one year. Adventist singles need attention and encouragement from their church, with opportunities to meet and to network. This year ASAM will hold their first division-wide convention. Powerful plenary speakers, networking opportunities, and lots of seminars. Churches, start promoting this information now-many singles will need to budget as far in advance as possible. For more information and to register, contact www.plusline.org and www.pursueyourpassion2007.com.

Stonecave Homecoming Association is pleased to announce Homecoming 2007 scheduled for July 11-15 in Chattanooga, Tenn. If you once attended the (former) Adventist academies of Stonecave, Castle Valley, Stoneybrook, or Beautiful Valley, we

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Wisconsin

Did you know that Seventh-day Adventists ride Harleys? They sure do, and Wisconsin Academy is planning its third Annual Motorcycle Rally. The Rally will take place in Door County, Wis., the weekend of July 20-22. Come out and share your love for riding with other Adventists. For more information, contact Michelle Shufelt at 920-623-3300 ext. 18, or e-mail development@ wisacad.org.



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PARTNERSHIP with GOD Blind Freedom

BY GARY BURNS

magine standing at the top of a 300foot grassy slope on the rim of a pristine canyon. The chin strap of your helmet is snugly fastened. Elbow, knee, and hip pads are secure. You stand, not on the grass, but on a mountain board (a snow board on wheels), and the last thing you do before heading down the slope is slide your hands into your protective leather gloves. Oh, and by the way, you're blind.

Year after year, mountainboarding was the favorite activity for our blind campers (followed closely by water-skiing). None of my staff were brave enough to try it (blind folded), but our blind campers couldn't get enough. You should have seen their faces as they swooshed down the hill, holding on to their counselor's hand, as he or she ran alongside, trying to keep up. I've thought of those campers from time to time with wonder and amazement—at their courage, their sense of adventure, and their complete trust and confidence in those responsible for their safety. I'm puzzled by the fact that their inability to see has not taken away their freedom, their sense of adventure, and their joy for living. I admire them. I wish I had that degree of trust in my Counselor.

"Lord, give me the faith and the courage to trust You to care for me, whatever challenge I face. And help me to face it with joy, confidence, and a sense of adventure, because I know You are with me."

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

ONE VOICE [YOUNG ADULTS SPEAK THEIR MIND]

What a Bargain!

ecently, I went to India with a group of 36 enthusiastic evangelists. We were there during my Christmas break and had quite successful meetings. That's not to say we didn't have problems, but we were there on the Lord's business, and He took good care of us. It was a great trip, and I was glad I could do something to help the Indian people and be working for God.

Toward the end of the trip, I found out there was an opportunity for us to sponsor children through school. This wasn't any normal, mediocre school; this was education through the tenth grade at one of our Adventist boarding schools. The selected child would receive food, clothing, a Christian education, and a beautiful Christian environment. I visited the school where the sponsored students would attend, and I was favorably impressed. The best part was that it was a mere \$25 a month.

When we heard about this, several of us decided to sponsor a child from our meetings—a child we saw frequently. A friendly, cute little girl

about the age of six kept coming to mind as someone I would like to sponsor. But when she asked her parents if she could go away to the school and study, her parents said she was too young and they didn't want her going away to boarding school at such a young age.

After that, I wasn't really sure who to send to school, so I just started praying. A few minutes later my transla-



Nathan Kelly (left) hugs his "adopted" friend, Thalladu, who will benefit from a Christian education in India because of Nathan's decision to sponsor him through the tenth grade.

tor told me that a boy's parents were requesting for their eight-year-old son to be sponsored. I was not really sure at first that I wanted to sponsor him, since I didn't even recognize him from the meetings (I really wanted to support someone I had seen at my meetings). But I felt the Lord leading me to him as the one to support through school. So after praying quite a bit more, I decided to sponsor eight-year-old Thalladu through the tenth grade.

> I felt very happy leaving the meeting that last night knowing a young Indian boy was going to get a good, Christian education. When I got back to the United States, I thought about how much we spend on things that don't really

matter. Most of us would barely have to strain

to come up with \$25 a month. I would just challenge each one of you to think about the way we spend our money. In Heaven, it will matter far more if you sponsored a young person and possibly helped them meet the Lord, than if you had some extra luxury in your life.

Nathan Kelly is a sophomore at Indiana Academy and a Cicero Church member.

Profiles of Youth [grand rapids adventist academy]

Ellen Christine Seymour, 15, from Holland, Michigan, is a freshman at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy and has been a student there since seventh grade. Ellen is no ordinary student because she is an Albino and legally blind. To see her around school, you would never know she had limitations, because she is so actively involved in her academics and music. Because of her Albinism, she has had opportunities to explore avenues others probably have not, including learning to drive with a special pair of glasses.



lien Seymour

Ellen has been her class's treasurer for two years now. The most important thing she has learned in her first year of academy is how to be organized and work better with others. She has also discovered that success is built on failure. Her long-term ambition is to some day be involved in medical science and genetics, which could explain her love for her physical science class.

Ellen takes a special interest in swimming, reading, volunteering, choir, and playing both the clarinet and the piano. She wants to be known for her humor, her Albinism, and that she cares about others.

Ellen in the daughter of Daniel and Judith Seymour, and she attends the Grand Rapids Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Natanael "Naty" Tejeda, 15, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a sophomore at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy (GRAA). Naty, as he is affectionately known, has been at GRAA since Kindergarten. He was religious vice president his freshman year and is currently the sophomore vice president and the Student Association social vice president.

Natanael Tejeda

Since Naty plans to be a doctor, biology is important to his future and consequently his favorite class. He finds it interesting to learn how everything functions. The most

important thing Naty has learned in academy is that procrastinating on homework is not wise.

Naty enjoys basketball, reading, violin, and hanging out with friends. He wants people to know him for who he really is, that he is fun to be around, trustworthy, and most of all a Christian. Those who know him best remember his quick wit and humor. His teachers since Kindergarten have enjoyed watching him grow into a very courteous, Christian young man.

Naty is the son of Hermis and Eunice Tejeda, and he attends the Maranatha Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church.

These students were selected and profiled by faculty members at their school. To recommend outstanding students for recognition, speak with your pastor or a faculty member. Visit www.lakeunionherald.org for selection criteria.

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