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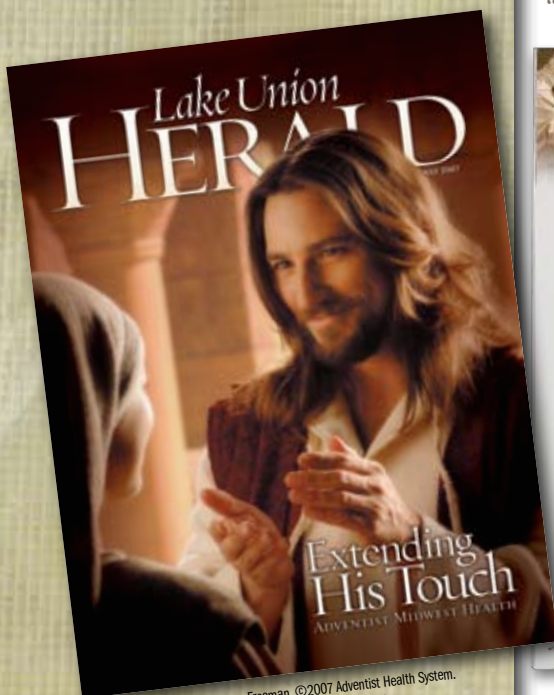
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Extending
His Touch

ADVENTIST MIDWEST HEALTH

"Telling the stories of what God is doing in the lives of His people"



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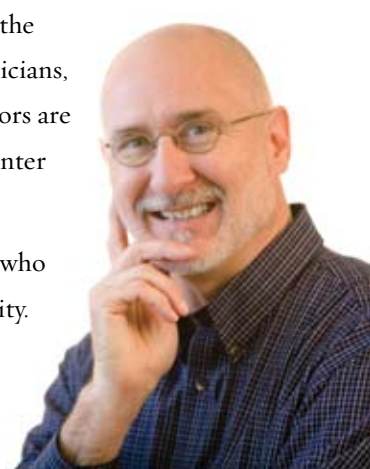
in this issue...

The first time I saw the cover photo for this issue, I was drawn to want to reach out and touch the Healer. This image is part of a series of photographs commissioned by the Adventist Health System to communicate their mission.

These images are reminders to their employees and the community that God is the true Healer and that technicians, support personnel, physicians, nurses, and administrators are called to bring His healing touch to the patients who enter their doors.

This issue helps us get better acquainted with those who are engaged in this front-line ministry to the community.


Gary Burns, Editor



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*A series of seven articles by Julie Busch about
Adventist Health System in the Lake Union.*

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

More Than Just Hospitals

This month's *Lake Union Herald* features the Adventist Midwest Health (AMH) region of Adventist Health System (AHS). In thinking about that I realized some of our readers may not be familiar with just what AMH is. Here is a quick explanation.

AHS is the corporate parent company made up of two divisions, the Florida Hospital Division and the Interstate Division. It comprises 38 hospitals and nursing homes—the largest not-for-profit, protestant hospital system in the United States. The AMH region is located in the Lake Union. There are other regions located in the Southern Union, the Mid-America Union, and the Southwestern Union, all of which comprise the Interstate Division. The four Union presidents are the Board leadership for the main company located in Orlando, Florida. That gives a little overview of the organization our AMH region is affiliated with.

When I was a young ministerial intern, I was a member of the board of another Adventist health system. It was not a pleasant experience. The “churchmen” and the healthcare leaders were in constant conflict with each other. The church and the hospital seemed to be headed down different roads. I was young and inexperienced, but it didn't seem right to me, especially since I had heard from childhood that the “medical work is the right arm of the message.”

Let me tell you that it is a blessing to be affiliated with a system that has at its head the “churchmen” who lead the various territories where the hospitals locate. When there are questions, and there are, since none of us are perfect or have figured out the perfect will of God on every issue, they can be corrected early on through consultation and prayer. That way, we are able to stay on mission, which is “extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.”

And so, I say they are more than just hospitals because they really are ministry centers that offer healing. Much to my surprise, David Crane, president and CEO of AMH, entered my hospital room. This was not so unusual because David has visited me before, along with the chief of chaplains, John Rapp. But this time they brought with them eight other officials from the region. That included the president/CEO of each hospital, the CFO of the region, the chief of the medical staff of the two largest hospitals, and other vice presidents.

These Christian gentlemen entered my room bearing a card and a large sign with the words: “Blessings to you.” John offered up a most beautiful prayer for me and Jackie. I said to them, “I am not allowed to have flowers in my room, but today each of you is a big bouquet that fills my room with joy.” What a blessing!

I have watched these men. This is what they do. They take seriously the words of Jesus when He said, “Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.” Amen! With leaders like this, ours are more than just hospitals.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Indiana As a new member of the Terre Haute Seventh-day Adventist Church, **Sean Newman** began to tell his spiritual journey with the words of a familiar song:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long!*

I think it was January 30, 2006. I remember the day, because it was a very unusual 60 degrees outside. A friend of mine called to see if I wanted to ride motorcycles. It sounded like a great idea, so I invited him over.

of Revelation. So I started reading, determined to read the entire book in one sitting.

The book didn't make a lot of sense to me. But when I came to chapters 17, 18, and 19, I suddenly concluded: "I have cracked it! I have figured out what everyone else has missed!" I thought those three chapters were talking about September 11. I was on a mission now. I read and reread, matching up facts about 9/11 with text after text. (God would later reveal to me what those chapters were really talking about.)

As I read, a burning desire grew within me to continue studying. I felt, for the first time in my life, that God was communicating with me. I began to watch Christian television, and searched for any information I could get about prophecy. I prayed earnestly. I told Jesus I knew He had tried to speak to me for years, but I hadn't listened. "I'm ready to listen now," I said. "So, here I am. Come in and take over."

When I gave Him control, He didn't waste any time! I was at home one day not long afterward, when, for no apparent reason, I cried like a

baby. It was at that moment that I realized something was different. Life had taken on a new meaning for me.

My wife, **Rhonda Newman**, and I began to attend a local church. I invited my mom, **Laura "Dodie" Newman**, to attend with us. She had attended church at various times in her life, but never found one she was comfortable with. She eagerly accepted the invitation, tickled that for a change she wouldn't be dragging me to church.

For the next few months, my mom and I studied Revelation together, attempting to link texts with 9/11. As we studied, we grew closer than we had ever been before.



Immediately after their first discussion with the pastor, the Newman family began to attend church services and prayer meeting; and Rhonda and Sean's son, Aniston, began second grade at the Terre Haute Adventist School. On the day of their baptisms, the church congregation welcomed the Newmans into membership, exclaiming they were already a part of the Terre Haute Church family. From left: Laura Newman, Rhonda Newman, Sean Newman, and Ernie Peckham, pastor

We enjoyed riding as usual, but somehow our time together that day consisted more of conversation than recreation. We talked about how unusually warm it was. I shared how I had always heard that the Bible says the seasons will change rapidly before Jesus' return. My friend had heard the same thing, but since neither of us had ever studied the Bible for ourselves, this information was only hearsay.

Later that day, with the topic pressing on my mind, I headed for the only Bible my family owned, a pocket-sized edition. I figured that whatever I needed to know about the end of the world would be found in that "scary" book

I became infatuated with world events and enjoyed reading world news online. One evening as I read, I came across an ad for free information regarding end-time prophecy. I jumped at the chance and obtained the information. The article explained how church leaders had changed Sabbath observance to Sunday, contrary to scripture, and how the books of Daniel and Revelation together give answers for our times. I proceeded to research documents and study the prophecies. The more I found, the more it all made sense! I had been deceived all this time! The seventh day was the Sabbath. It was time to take my stand for God!

By then it was April, and I began to research Sabbath-keeping churches online. I discovered the website for the Terre Haute Seventh-day Adventist Church. I called the local pastor listed, Ernie Peckham. We discussed the things I had learned, and he invited me to attend church the following Sabbath. We did just that, and immediately felt right at home.

We began to study the Bible with the pastor and with members of our new church family. We have been amazed at all we have learned.

My mother, my wife, and I were all baptized November 4, 2006. Since then, my dad, Jim Newman, has begun to attend church and is studying the Bible with us. We thank God for His many blessings, for our new church family, and most of all for leading us to the truth.

Sean Newman, Terre Haute Church member, as told to Karen Peckham, Terre Haute Church communication secretary

Michigan Alana Rupert began to attend the Metropolitan Church in Northville, Michigan, with her parents, Gus and Sally Laslett, in 2005. Alana was going through a rough time in her life and needed peace and comfort. She had seen a change in her brother, Gerald Laslett, whose baptism she had witnessed in September 2005. Gerald was so much happier and loved studying his Bible. Alana wanted that kind of experience. She, too, wanted to be baptized.

Alana's parents introduced her to Sandi Stewart, Metropolitan's Bible worker. Soon Bible studies began, and



Alana Rupert's parents and her brother, Gerald, encouraged her during some tough times when she needed peace and comfort. From left: Gus Laslett, Sally Laslett, Alana Rupert, and Gerald Laslett



Now that she has been baptized, Alana Rupert is happy and says she wants to serve her church community.

Alana's life began to change. She learned that she should pray about everything, and that God answers one way or another, but He always answers. So, Alana began to pray "a lot," and God responded.

Studying with Sandi allowed Alana to satisfy her many questions. As she studied and prayed, Alana's faith grew stronger, and she knew this was the path the Lord wanted her to take. After a year of studying and learning to love Jesus more and more, she was baptized on November 11, 2006.

Alana is so happy and wants to serve her church community. "The Metro Church congregation is wonderful," Alana said. "The people, especially the ones in the prayer group, are so welcoming and warm and friendly; it just makes you want to be a member of this church."

Joy Hyde, Metropolitan Church communication leader



Bending Over Backward for God

BY ARLENE LEAVITT

The Great Lakes Adventist Academy *Aerokhanas* (Aeros) gymnastics team performed the play “Who Is He?” for audiences all year. “Our Friday night play is the most important part of every tour we’ve done. We experienced God working through this play in amazing ways this year. People have been touched for Him. It’s also touched the team members, and five *Aeros* were baptized at the end of the year as a result,” said Jessica Weaver, GLAA ‘07.

Not only do the *Aeros* do flips in the air and complex routines, they are a powerful witnessing team. They like to say, “We’re a witnessing team that happens to do gymnastics.” *Aeros* presented 18 shows last school year and traveled as far as Arkansas, where their powerful Week of Prayer series sparked a spiritual revival at Ozark Adventist Academy.

The team saw God work in mighty ways this year. Except for the Homeshow, some team members were absent at each of their performances due to illness or other reasons. Brock Willey, GLAA ‘07, remarked, “We would say, ‘God, we can’t do this! It’s going to be all You.’ And we’ve learned that when our strength is at its lowest, God can bring His glory out in amazing ways.”

The *Aeros* do a *Listen America* tour every year, to help promote a drug-free lifestyle. This year they presented eight exhausting shows in three days. Through skits, emcee acts, audience participation, and gymnastic routines, the students encouraged kids to live clean and take care of their bodies. “This tour is the most tiring, but we look forward to it the most,” said Brock. “At one show, an autistic child was brought onto the mats. He wasn’t smiling; but, when we lifted him up into an elevator, his face lit up with the biggest smile! Later, his teacher told me with tears how much that meant. Even though we’re not allowed to mention our faith, we are able to make an impact that is not only a blessing to them, but also to us.”



The Aerokhanas received medallions for their participation in the Listen America tour.

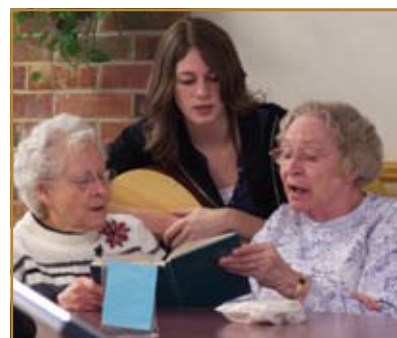
couldn’t tell the kids directly about Jesus, they could still let His love shine through them.

The *Aeros* were honored with a Certificate of Achievement from the State of Michigan for their participation in *Listen America*. Each team member received a medallion from *Listen America* and a Certificate of Tribute from Michigan’s Governor, Jennifer M. Granholm.

The team’s capable leadership shapes its spiritual tone. “The two things that made me the happiest this year were the amazing Week of Prayer series at Ozark and the five *Aeros* who were baptized at the end of the year. God has been so good,” says Tedd Webster, coach.

The *Aeros* were blessed as they told others about Jesus, and the question “Who is He?” was answered firmly in their own lives.

Jessica said that at one of the shows a little girl yelled, “Hey you! I wanna be just like you! Yes, you!” These moments helped them realize that even when they



Ashleigh Jardine, GLAA ‘08, enjoyed visiting with some nursing home residents. The Aerokhanas gymnastic team visited several nursing homes, where members sang and brought cheer to the residents.



Arlene Leavitt is the assistant alumni/development director, Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association, Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

BEYOND *our* BORDERS

Maasai Mara Mission Trip Yields Unforgettable Memories

BY NORBERT SCHWER

Joshua shook violently against the hard wooden pew as a grand mal seizure powered through his small frame. His breathing had stopped, his jaws clamped down like a vice, and his heart was racing, pounding against his chest wall. I earnestly lifted him up in prayer to the Almighty God. Almost immediately, the tension in his body started to wane. Joshua's jaws relaxed and let some air pass into his lungs, and the convulsions gradually subsided. Now we were free to help his dad understand the situation better and get him in touch with a qualified physician in Nairobi.

Joshua was just one of those we were privileged to touch during our stay in southern Kenya. Curt DeWitt and his wife Kim led a group of 30 across the ocean to the Maasai people. After a brief rest at Maxwell Academy, and a visit to the Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe House, we spent Sabbath with our Maasai brothers and sisters in Loadariak.

They welcomed us with "Enchipai Esabato!" (Happy Sabbath!) Later, we served them and their neighbors in a very busy afternoon clinic.

The next four days we held clinic in Kajiado at our school for "rescued girls" whose fathers sometimes angrily demand their release so they can trade them in for a few more cows.

On Thursday, we traveled to the Maasai Mara. Stationed just outside the game park in tents and rickety huts, we spent about two hours each morning and evening viewing the beautiful creatures who make this magnificent place their home, as we traveled to and from the clinic site.

Our second Sabbath was filled with worship, a picnic by the Mara river, and a drive to the hippo pool and the Tanzanian border. We saw many splendid animals, including the "Big Six" (elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah, and rhino), some of which even visited our camp during the night.

Praise God! No one was harmed or became seriously ill, although some GI tracts were a bit out of sorts, and the faith



A short-term mission team of 30, led by Curt and Kim DeWitt, brought back unforgettable memories from their trip to Kenya.

and trust of some a bit stretched. Because of God's bountiful love and generosity, and because of Kim's careful preparation, we all slept and ate well, traveled safely, and brought back many unforgettable memories.

We saw more than 3,000 patients, freed about 12,000 of

their parasites, extracted more than 500 decaying teeth, matched 350 with glasses, cleansed and bandaged wounds, and dispensed thousands of dollars in medicines, toys, school materials, and dental supplies. Lay workers were trained, and adults and children taught about the saving love of our Lord.

We thank all who gave generous support in prayer, time, and funds to accomplish this important mission. It is a privilege, not taken for granted, to be part of such a loving and giving church family. Pray with us that through this ministry many Maasai might find the way to eternal life.

Norbert Schwer is a surgeon and a member of the Stevensville Church in Michigan.



Maasai mothers brought their children to the clinics for treatment. More than 3,000 individuals were seen and treated by the mission team.





FAMILY TIES

Thinking About Thinking [PART I]

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Thinking is a skill, and one you can always get better at if you take the time to think about your thinking!

The brain is incredible in its ability to take in information, but what it does with this information is a unique process that, in part, results from your own thinking. For example, if you are thinking about something at one level and someone else is thinking at another level, do you think you will end up with the same results? The answer is “No,” because each person processes information very differently. Thinking along that same line, what if you take current information you have and change the way you are thinking about it, could you come out with a different result? The answer is “Yes!”

I invite you to think about six levels of thinking skills. Which do you use the most?

Knowledge—This is basic fact or word gathering. We do fact gathering all our lives, but especially when we are young.

Understanding—Facts don’t mean much unless you understand what they mean.

Analyze—This is pushing into high-level thinking. It requires the knowledge, understanding, and the risk of applying this knowledge. Many quit thinking at this level because it takes great effort. It involves making choices, comparing one to another, and the realization that more than one choice is possible. This confusion of what choice to make often shuts down our thinking process.

Creativity—New thinking! Creativity requires you to take old facts you’ve understood, and come up with a whole new way to use them.

Evaluating—This is the toughest level. One has to place value or judgment on an object or idea. Sometimes, we have to reject our current way of thinking, and with that comes different ways to do things. How creative!

Thinking is very important to individuals, and within families. Do you want to build your own thinking skills? Do you want your children and other important people to be involved in thinking to the best of their ability? You can set the stage. An idea to improve thinking is to imagine. Imagination is a high-level thinking skill that requires creativity, analysis, and in some cases evaluation, if what you are imagining is also to have a practical application later on.

Brainstorming can be great fun and an important step in problem-solving. Think about how to do this for yourself or at home. For example, with your family at the dinner table, come up with ideas to keep the house cleaner that you can all work on together. Remember—there are many okay ways to do things! Bored at work? Take time to brainstorm ideas to change how and what you do at work; find ideas that are more stimulating for you and better for the business.

Next month, join me as we consider the impact of positive thinking versus negative thinking, and what God desires for us, His children.

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**Pomegranate juice can
inhibit tumor growth.**

Please Pass the Pomegranates

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

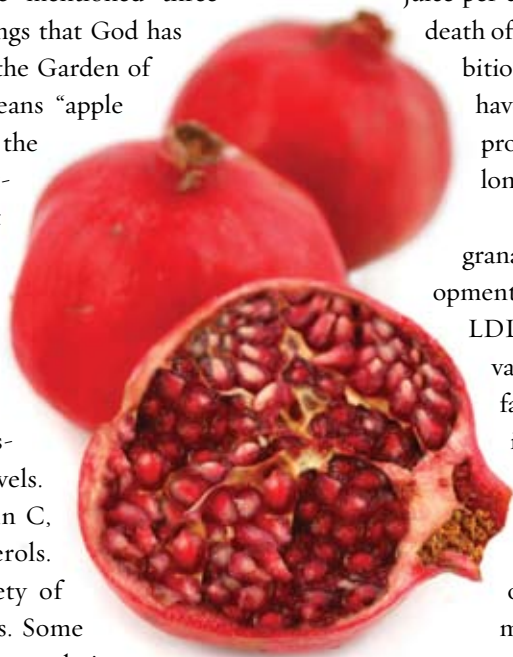


Pomegranates have been valued since antiquity. They were found in ancient Egyptian tombs, and the medical papyri of 1,500 B.C. indicate that pomegranates were used in herbal medicine. Their astringent properties were utilized to treat diarrhea and sore throats.

Pomegranates were prominent in the life of early Near East residents and were associated with a long and healthy life. In Palestine, pomegranate flowers and fruits were embroidered on the bottom edge of the high priest's robe. The capitals atop the pillars on the porch of Solomon's Temple were each adorned with 200 carved pomegranates. In Greece, pomegranates are considered a symbol of abundance, fertility, and good fortune.

In the Koran, pomegranates are mentioned three times—twice as examples of good things that God has created, and once as a fruit found in the Garden of Paradise. The name pomegranate means “apple with many seeds,” which refers to the many clear, ruby-colored seeds. According to Jewish tradition, the perfect pomegranate has 613 seeds, one for each commandment of the Torah.

A medium-sized pomegranate is 80 percent water and only 105 calories with less than one-half a gram of fat. Its rich content of potassium helps lower blood pressure levels. The juice is a good source of vitamin C, folic acid, ellagic acid, and phytosterols. Their taste depends upon the variety of pomegranate and its state of ripeness. Some are sweet, while others are tangy due to their high tannin content. Pomegranates possess very high levels of antioxidants and anti-inflammatory substances. These polyphenolic compounds include the health-promoting anthocyanins, and occur in levels higher than that of blueberries and grapes.



Pomegranate trees grow well in the dry conditions of California and Arizona, where the pomegranates are grown commercially for their juice. Products available include 100 percent pomegranate juice and juice blends containing blueberry or red cherry juice, all anthocyanin-rich juices.

Pomegranate juice was recently shown to retard the growth of highly aggressive prostate cancer cells. Men with prostate cancer who consumed one cup of pomegranate juice per day experienced an increase in the death of tumor cells, and a significant inhibition of tumor growth. Other studies have shown that the juice inhibits the proliferation of breast cancer and colon cancer cells.

The potent flavonoids in pomegranates significantly inhibit the development of atherosclerotic lesions, lower LDL cholesterol levels that are elevated, and reduce heart disease risk factors. Elderly individuals drinking pomegranate juice also experienced a small drop in their systolic blood pressure levels.

The seeds and reddish pulp of the fruit are edible and can be made into a jelly or sauce. In Turkey, pomegranate sauce is used as a salad dressing and pomegranate seeds are used in salads and desserts. In Greece, pomegranates are used in salads, in avocado dips, fruit salads, mixed with yogurt, or made into jams or ice cream toppings.

Winston Craig, R.D., Ph.D., is a professor of nutrition at Andrews University.



EXTREME GRACE

Showers of Blessing

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Jocelyn (Jocy) is an Adventist Health System chaplain, a woman in love with her job and with the people she serves. And that's despite the odd hours, the intense emotional roller coaster, and the high demands for her full attention at all times.

Like all hospital chaplains, Jocy lives on the edge of the unexpected, knowing that an adventure in extreme grace awaits behind every door.

Jocy opened the door to Room 212 that Friday night, just as she opens the door of every hospital room.

First: meet with the nurse to learn as much as possible about the person you will be visiting. Second: pause outside the room and pray for God to guide your visit.

Room 212 is on an oncology unit where all of the patients have cancer, and where many are learning to live with the word "terminal."

Three women looked up when Jocy opened the door—two from beside the bed, and one who was lying on the edge of the mattress with one arm hooked up over the railing. All had been talking excitedly.

"You're so happy!"

"Oh, yes," the woman in the bed answered Jocy. "This has been a very good day!"

"Good day" and cancer deemed a bit dissonant, so Jocy

came over to the bed, took the patient's hand, and asked, "How has today been special for you?"

"I was really sick at home," the patient began, "so I called my

friends and asked them to

bring me to the Emergency Room. When

we arrived, there was a nurse—a beautiful young Christian nurse—who saw my need and treated all three of us as if we had been sent straight from God's throne room. She cared for me. She told me what was happening. She watched to be sure everything was okay. And when I hurt the most, she came over and prayed for me."

"Her prayer was so beautiful," one of the other women interjected, "that I cried!"

"And now we're here in this room praising God for that nurse, for life, and for this wonderful place. Would you like to join us? We were about to sing Mama's favorite hymn."

Jocy choked back her tears, and joined an impromptu oncology choir for an, "every verse and many choruses," version of "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing."



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ADVENTISM



Adventist Health System

BY GARY BURNS

Medical pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church established an innovative healthcare program in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1866, looking to the healing ministry of Christ for inspiration.

Part of this worldwide network, Adventist Health System was founded in 1973 to support and strengthen Seventh-day Adventist healthcare organizations in the southern and southwestern regions of the United States. It quickly became the largest not-for-profit Protestant healthcare provider in the nation.



Today, Adventist Health System organizations provide 36 hospitals, totaling more than 6,000 licensed beds, care for nearly 4 million patients each year in inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room visits, and employ almost 43,000 members of their communities in full- and part-time positions.

Many Adventist Health System hospitals offer home health and other services to meet community needs. Seventeen extended-care centers provide more than 2,000 beds for patients who need long-term medical or rehabilitation services. Adventist Care Centers, Adventist Health System's long-term care connection, contracts with 16 of these facilities. As recognized leaders in the delivery of skilled care, these sites provide specialized services including respiratory therapy, cardiac care, and others.

To best meet the exact needs of their communities, every Adventist Health System entity operates independently in hiring employees and delivering care and services. The corporate office reinforces these efforts by sharing management and clinical expertise, providing access to a greater number of managed care plans, and making available a wide range of additional resources and services.

Although separated by geography and as unique as the varied communities we serve, Adventist Health System organizations will always be united in their efforts to improve every aspect of life.

The pursuit of excellence and promise of compassion that formed the foundation of Seventh-day Adventist healthcare continue today in the largest hospitals and the smallest clinics.

Within our region, Adventist Midwest Health operates four hospitals as part of the Adventist Health System with a fifth under construction. In addition, they provide hospice and care at home programs, and operate a medical clinic.

In the Adventist tradition, Adventist Midwest Health provides more than acute health care. Part of their healing ministry is leading the community to better health. Through a number of health education programs and services, many are led to a better and more abundant life.

When Seventh-day Adventist healthcare began, philosophy was translated into life-saving and life-enhancing service when mission was put into action. Today, our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ depends not only on our commitment to Christian ideals, but on our efforts to provide nothing less than extraordinary compassionate care.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

Portions of this article are from the Adventist Health System and Adventist Midwest Health websites.



SHARING *our* HOPE

Computer Connection

BY RAY YOUNG

On February 20, the Detroit Better Living Center (BLC) offered its first six-week computer class series. Held every Tuesday evening from 7:00–8:30 p.m., the eight computer stations were not enough to accommodate all who responded to the first call for sign-up. It was somewhat of a surprise that there was such a high interest from residents in this dilapidated neighborhood.



Better Living Center computer class students listened intently to instruction given by Mark Ruffin.



Reuben Mitchell displayed his certificate of completion. The computer class helped him complete assignments for school.

The BLC is located in one of Detroit's poorest areas. Owned and operated by the Lake Region Conference, the goal of the BLC is to make a positive difference in a community ravaged by crime, unemployment, and drug infestation.

Despite the overwhelming poverty and seeming hopelessness, we are planning pro-

grams to meet the needs of the community. The computer class was one of the first, following the philosophy of a popular Chinese proverb, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

For several years, Comcast has provided the BLC with free high-speed Internet connection for educational purposes. Four computers were donated by Wayne County. Our contacts netted a donation of four more computers. While sharing our dream for the computer class with Ypsilanti (Michigan) Church member, Mark Ruffin, we were thrilled when Mark volunteered his time to teach the class. The dates were set, fliers distributed, and an

announcement posted on the BLC marquee sign. Then we prayed that God would send people to the BLC who needed this help. To our amazement, the response was overwhelming.

People from every walk of life called to register—ex-prisoners, housewives, the unemployed, the employed, and youth of various ages. One parent registered her three boys, and another family asked if they could just stand and watch when they were told the first class was full. Eight students attended faithfully—the youngest ten and the oldest 65. One had recently been released from prison. He was anxious to turn his life around and knew that computer skills would be an asset.

On graduation night, April 10, the celebration included pizza and the presentation of certificates of completion. As graduates of the class, they are now welcome to use the BLC computers anytime, if needed. Other programs are planned for the near future. Substance abuse counseling, a clothing bank, a food pantry, a soup kitchen, dental clinic, and mobile health screenings are on the horizon. The BLC is using Christ's method to share His love with a community who needs Him. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

Ray Young is the Lake Region Conference communication director and newly appointed Better Living Center director.



UNIDOS EN MISIÓN

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“El argumento más convincente que podemos dar al mundo acerca de la misión de Cristo se encuentra en una unidad perfecta. La unidad que se encuentra entre el Padre y el Hijo debe manifestarse en todos los que creen la verdad. Los que están unidos de esta manera en una obediencia implícita a la palabra de Dios serán investidos con poder”.¹

En el mes de mayo de este año la División Norteamericana auspició un programa de entrenamiento en el campamento de la Asociación de New Jersey, para formar entrenadores de grupos pequeños. Más de 400 pastores y laicos de toda la División asistieron al evento, cuyo propósito fue ayudar a los líderes de las iglesias locales a organizar grupos pequeños, para cumplir la gran misión que nuestra directiva hispana tomó como su lema para este quinquenio—Dilo al mundo—dilo a tu mundo.

El programa estuvo bien organizado y hubo buena instrucción de parte de los maestros. Hubo una variedad de recursos que se distribuyeron a los asistentes. La predicación de parte de nuestro dirigente hispano de la División Norteamericana, Ernie Castillo, fue sin duda inspirada por el Espíritu Santo. Pero lo que más me impresionó fue la asistencia de hermanos provenientes de diferentes países



Delegados hispanos de la División Norteamericana en New Jersey responden al llamado de Cristo.

y culturas hispanas que ahora viven en diversas partes de los Estados Unidos. También noté que había una variedad de edades entre los asistentes, tanto jóvenes como adultos. Pero a pesar de las diferencias de edades y culturas reinó un espíritu de unidad en misión, que me tocó el corazón.

Como dijo la señora White en el párrafo citado arriba, Dios está esperando que su pueblo esté unido para poder darnos el poder que necesitamos. Pero la realidad es que vivimos en un mundo fracturado en donde no se ve esa unidad. Desafortunadamente este espíritu de fractura ha penetrado la iglesia en varias formas - hermano contra hermano, hermano contra pastor, pastor contra pastor, y hasta asociación contra asociación. Este tipo de espíritu está

en contra del espíritu de Cristo y creo que es la razón principal por la cual no se ha terminado la obra.

Un pastor que trabajaba en New Jersey me contó la siguiente historia. Al salir de su auto alguien lo asaltó sin razón alguna y comenzó a golpearlo en forma agresiva. Las heridas fueron tales que una ambulancia tuvo que llevarlo al hospital. La policía arrestó al agresor pero el

pastor decidió no presentar cargos en su contra. Le pregunté por qué no lo hizo y él me respondió: “Yo pensé que en la cárcel se echaría a perder aún más. Me pregunté qué haría mi Salvador en tal caso. Decidí perdonarlo e invitarlo a asistir a la iglesia.”

Al escuchar este testimonio pensé, cuán pronto terminaríamos la obra si todos tuviéramos ese mismo espíritu. Mi deseo es que no sólo hablemos de amor pero que también lo pongamos en práctica en la vida diaria para así cumplir la misión de Cristo.

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

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An Angel to Troubled Children

BY JULIE BUSCH

Although she lacks wings, Lisa Grigsby, program director of Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School in Glendale Heights, Illinois, is considered an angel.

In February, Lisa received the Angel Award for community service at the Adventist Health System Conference on Mission, for her generous contributions that have improved the quality of life within the community.

“The Therapeutic Day School was created to fit our hospital’s mission of giving and caring for those who need it the most,” Lisa said. “I was honored to be selected for this award, and I feel it is a wonderful reminder to all of us about the meaning and significance of teaching, with the future of our youth in mind.”

Lisa’s dedication dates back 12 years ago, when she identified a program needed to serve students with learning disabilities and/or emotional disorders. Developed under her leadership and in conjunction with school leaders, the Therapeutic Day School is thriving and serves a five-county region.

“We have seen first-hand how lives have been changed,” said Brinsley Lewis, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital CEO. “Lisa and her team give students the tools they need, like confidence and problem-solving skills, so they can re-enter the community school setting.”

The Therapeutic Day School stretches across three campuses with an average daily enrollment of 200 students ranging from the lower grades to college prep. “Lisa’s leadership has enabled this fully accredited and licensed educational program to become the premier program in Illinois, and



Lisa Grigsby, program director of the Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School, received the Angel Award for community service at the Adventist Health System Conference on Mission. Presenting the award were (from left) Brinsley Lewis, CEO, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital; Walter L. Wright, Adventist Health System board chairman; and Donald Jernigan, president and CEO, Adventist Health System.

it is highly recognized by the State Board of Education,” Brinsley said. “At the beginning of each year, school districts quickly reserve slots to guarantee placements. Some schools bus students as far as an hour and a half to attend this fabulous school.”

Students benefit from a three-to-one student-faculty ratio. The school is staffed by caring teachers, nurses, social workers, therapists, clinical psychologists, and a psychiatrist.

“We look at students’ needs and create an indi-

vidualized program to [offer] hope,” said Lisa. “Our wish is that they will learn new coping skills, utilize some of the therapy methods we offer, have more academic success, or pursue an aspect of life that they have not tried before.”

Lisa is also an active member of the local police youth commission and a valuable resource to the police department. She has supported the community’s *Character Counts!* coalition since the school opened its doors, and is instrumental to the community’s annual health and safety fair. Lisa founded the *Parents Day Out* program at her church, and she tutors underprivileged children.

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The Power of Prayer

BY JULIE BUSCH

Adventist Midwest Health (AMH) hospitals recognized and celebrated America's 56th annual National Day of Prayer on May 3.

"National prayer has been a part of our history since the Pilgrims landed 400 years ago," said David Crane, president and CEO, Adventist Midwest Health, as part of his devotional. "Prayer comes to prominence during crisis; for instance, at Valley Forge, during the Civil War, on D-Day, or September 11th, and today the need for prayer is as great as ever. Our nation again faces international challenges, violence, moral confusion, and social strife. Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Reagan never underestimated the power of prayer. Neither should we."

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital Mission and Ministries department was a community sponsor of a special breakfast at a local golf club. Community leaders came together to pray for the nation and its future, and Larry Hartwig, the mayor of Addison, Illinois, was the guest speaker.

Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital hosted four complimentary meals throughout the day, and Rich Hynes of St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs spoke and prayed at each.

Adventist Hinsdale Hospital served three complimentary lunches, and at each, Ron Schultz, senior pastor of Hinsdale's Seventh-day Adventist Church, offered prayer and a brief talk.

"Everything we do in Christian healthcare at Adventist Midwest Health ultimately serves our mission, which is to extend the healing ministry of Christ into the 21st century," said John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Missions. "Ultimately, our hospitals are not healthcare institutions which are religious, but religious institutions that do healthcare."

Charles R. Swindoll, preacher, author, seminary president, and honorary chair of the 2007 National Day of Prayer,



Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital employees Michael McGarvey and Frieda Bertello led a prayer in honor of National Day of Prayer.

composed the following prayer that was shared with all AMH hospitals:

2007 Prayer for our Nation

*Almighty God,
we pause to reflect on Your character
as we seek wisdom for such a time as this.
In these unsafe days,
You remain all-powerful and able to protect;
In these uncertain times, You remain
all-knowing, leading us aright;
In the unprecedented events we're facing,
You remain absolutely sovereign.
Our times are in Your hands.
Therefore, our dependence on You*

is total, not partial.

Our need for Your forgiveness is constant.

Our gratitude for Your grace is profound.

Our love for You is deep.

*We ask that You guard and guide our President
and all who serve the people of these United States.*

May uncompromising integrity mark their lives.

We also ask that You unite us as truly "one nation, under God."

May genuine humility return to our ranks.

And may that blend of integrity and humility heal our land.

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Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ to Bolingbrook

BY JULIE BUSCH

Throughout Illinois, hospitals have expanded and been renovated. But Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital has the distinction of being the first new hospital in Illinois in 25 years.

“We are proud to be the vehicle God chose to extend the healing ministry of Christ to Bolingbrook, Illinois,” said Isaac Palmer, chief executive officer of the hospital. “Everyone is highly anticipating our grand opening this December.”

Construction will be completed in early October, followed by approximately two months of inspections, moving in, training, and mock patient drills.

“We’re working on one of the most exciting aspects of our future—building the medical staff and recruiting for key management positions,” Isaac said. “To be able to build a new facility and then fill it with the best physicians and staff is truly rewarding.”

The new hospital will focus on women’s, emergency, and surgical services, and the hospital’s surgical suites will be the most state-of-the-art in the area. A medical office building will open in April 2008, and will house the hospital’s physician specialists as well as the Women’s Center with mammography, bone density, and ultrasound.

The hospital’s exterior will appear modern, but the interior will showcase colors and patterns from nature, which have been shown to be warm and soothing. To further the idea of “natural” design, the ground floor materials are browns and tans to indicate the earth, the middle floors use



Roger Claar (left), Bolingbrook mayor, and Isaac Palmer, CEO of Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, made clay tile handprints that will be displayed at a new retail center in Bolingbrook. The center’s developer, Forest City Enterprises, donated all proceeds from its grand opening events, about \$400,000, to support a new children’s emergency department at the hospital.

green colors to signify plants and trees, and the upper floor is blue for the sky.

“Just walking through the hospital will connect patients and visitors to the beauty of God’s creation,” Isaac said.

The hospital recently benefited from the generosity of Forest City Enterprises, which opened a new retail center in Bolingbrook. A special grand opening event took place, and the developer, along with Macy’s department store, donated all the proceeds, more than \$400,000, to support a new children’s emergency department.

“When our first patient is admitted on December 2, we’ll know the power of His hand will be felt in the touch of ours,” Isaac said. “Christ focused on the needs

of people who were desperate for a healing touch. We’ll use whole-person care and spiritual encouragement to revolutionize healthcare and continue His mission.”

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New Emergency Department Enhances Adventist GlenOaks Hospital

BY JULIE BUSCH

Whenever Brinsley Lewis speaks of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital's newly opened, 21,000-square-foot Emergency Department (ED), he mentions the high patient satisfaction scores the department has consistently earned for its short wait times.

"In fact, wait times were so short in our former space that the new facility does not even *have* a waiting room," said Brinsley, the hospital's chief executive officer. "Patients are escorted directly to a treatment area and are registered at the bedside."

The new ED also has larger treatment rooms. Family members can now accompany the patient to the bedside which, of course, is of tremendous importance to the well-being and stress level of the patient and the family members.

The behavioral health care offered at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is also a source of pride. A department of 56 beds offers a full range of inpatient services including a separate geriatric unit.

"With three levels of care available, we tend to the wounds of the psyche," Brinsley said. "We always have the goal, with the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we can be an instrument to help to heal the broken hearts and dashed dreams of these patients."

For students challenged with emotional and/or behavioral problems, the Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School has proved enormously successful. With three campuses, the fully-accredited school meets the needs of students who



Adventist GlenOaks Hospital CEO Brinsley Lewis (right) discusses plans for the hospital's new Emergency Department with Joseph Shanahan, M.D., medical director, ED. The new ED opened to the public in June.

require individualized behavioral health treatment.

"With school violence in the forefront of the news, it is essential to identify at-risk students," Brinsley said. "We have students who have been unable to cope under normal circumstances, and we found that many had undiagnosed or misdiagnosed conditions. The kids tell us they felt unheard, anxious, and overwhelmed in the traditional school setting. Here, with the proper therapy and attention, they have a good chance of restored mental health."

The hospital is meeting the needs of a growing community in another way—with an expanded cardiology program that includes interventional procedures. It's an important service to provide to

the residents of Glendale Heights and surrounding area.

"In *all* things we do, we serve a higher power," Brinsley said. "Above all, we are a Christian healthcare provider partnering with communities, physicians, and employees to provide excellence in healthcare while extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

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Lives Touched and Healed at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital

BY JULIE BUSCH

The impact of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital (AHH) can be measured in the numbers of procedures performed, babies born, and patients discharged. But the real impact is measured in terms of the lives touched and healed at the spiritual level, said Todd Werner, chief executive officer.

“People come to us injured or ill, and it is our responsibility to provide quality medicine,” Todd said. “And we do. But we also care deeply about spirit, healing, prevention, and comfort. Said more simply, it is about taking good care of people. In the end is a child of God.”

In 103 years of healing service, AHH changed, improved, and transformed time and time again to become today an extraordinary center of excellence. For three consecutive years, AHH was named by *U.S. News and World Report* one of the Top 50 hospitals in the nation for neurology and neurosurgery. In addition, *HealthGrades* found Hinsdale a “distinguished hospital,” a designation reserved for the top ten percent of hospitals. For a hospital that is not part of a university setting, such tributes are humbling, Todd said. He gives full credit to the nurses and physicians who deliver outstanding patient care.

In partnership with the community, Hinsdale Hospital Foundation took a substantial step in support of the hospital’s mission with a \$3.2 million digital mammography initiative. With the equipment now available for patient use at AHH’s DuPage Imaging Center, the foundation has



Adventist Hinsdale Hospital CEO Todd Werner speaks with Bill Burt, a volunteer at the hospital for the past nine years.

pledged the entire amount, an endeavor that, to date, is more than half realized.

“Women in the community need the best technology *today*, not a year or two from now when funding was complete,” Todd said.

The hospital’s Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit—the highest designation available—serves children of God at the very earliest stages of life.

“Christ’s fondness for the little ones is well documented, and we are so pleased that we can care for the most vulnerable babies in a community hospital setting close to home and family,” Todd said.

In cardiac care, a top program has been in place for many years, and it

keeps getting better. Most recently, a comprehensive electrophysiology program has been created that allows patients to have advanced diagnostic and therapeutic procedures to address malfunctions of the heart’s electrical system.

“I know that God leads this organization,” Todd said. “I see many committed, hard-working people each and every day. As a result, immeasurable good is accomplished.”

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Balancing Business and Mission at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital

BY JULIE BUSCH



Certainly healthcare is a business, and Tim Cook, chief executive officer of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital (ALMH), agrees that it is, but he prefers to view his work as a mission.

“Yes, we have to deal with all those other things,” Tim said, “but at the heart and essence of this, we want to extend God’s healing touch.”

In June 2006, ALMH opened its new Patient Care Center to replace the 50-year-old structure that had been a community mainstay to the mature population of La Grange, Illinois, and surrounding suburbs.

“We deal with a unique situation in that we serve a distinct segment of the population,” Tim said. “That means we look to take care of the people in the community with the specific needs of aging: cardiac, cancer, and orthopedics.”

With superior technology and a strong infrastructure in its cardiac and cancer services, ALMH is adding orthopedics to its roster of superior service lines. By late summer, the hospital will be a national showcase for Brain Lab, a medical navigation company, featuring a state-of-the-art ortho-navigation system. This technology assists surgeons in aligning joint implants with great sophistication, enhancing the quality outcome of the surgical procedure.

The hospital’s cancer program recently received three-year approval with commendations from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.



Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital CEO Tim Cook anoints the hands of nurses with oil during a Blessing of the Hands ceremony for nurses and staff at the hospital.

An interdisciplinary team approach in oncology includes a Tumor Board at which oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, and internists meet together regularly to discuss, decide, and coordinate the best treatment options for each oncology patient.

“When you think about our mission and who we represent—the Creator Himself—you can’t escape the importance of clinical qual-

ity,” Tim said. “Poor clinical quality does not bring glory to God. In all we do, we want to pursue excellence, in service and in quality.

“Our team here at ALMH is built on many values and principles, and we regularly summarize them this way: ‘One Mind, One Heart, One Spirit.’ The concept of ‘One Mind’ is the power we possess each moment to choose. We as a team choose to be part of the solution even in difficult and stressful times. ‘One Heart’ is our acknowledgment that this is more than a job but a noble calling to a ministry. And ‘One Spirit’ is the unified and consistent way we approach our healthcare ministry.”

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New Adventist Midwest Health President and CEO Aims to Change Lives

BY JULIE BUSCH

Live your life with integrity and make a difference in the lives of others. It's a poetic statement, one we should all live by. But for David Crane, president and chief executive officer of Adventist Midwest Health, the message is the core of his personal mission statement.

Meet a person's physical needs first, and then you can serve them spiritually. Maybe even change their lives. As in Proverbs 3:27, when a neighbor asks for help, you deliver.

"We are God's hands," David said. "Two thousand years ago, Jesus was here in person. But today, we're His hands doing His healing, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Since joining Adventist Midwest Health in October 2006, David has combined his love of business and helping people into a mission of changing patients' lives through compassion and healing.

As the son of a missionary, David grew up with the "give-back" mentality. Packing mules to deliver medical supplies in Guatemala was nothing unusual. He enjoyed the servant approach to life, he said.

Today, his family, including wife Heidi, and sons Andrew, 17, and Zachary, 15, continue to take mission trips to far-away places such as Nepal, Peru, Rwanda, and Tonga.

"I can remember as a child in the mission field, someone knocking on our door asking for permission to go through our trash for food," he said. "That has left a permanent impression on me, because we live in such relative af-



David Crane is the new president and chief executive officer for Adventist Midwest Health.

fluence here in North America. Heidi and I hope our sons grow up with a sense of responsibility to others."

Christ reached out to touch all in need, and Adventist Midwest Health's nurses and employees will reach more than 500,000 patients this year alone. "I believe each one of us has a responsibility to open doors to our patients to meet Jesus personally," David said. "We will create opportunities for lives to be changed."

"I came from Littleton Adventist Hospital in Colorado," David said. "There is a housekeeper there named Maggie who comes in to clean the patients' rooms. Almost always, she prays with

them. She feels empowered to do that. We can make a difference in patients' lives no matter what our role is in the organization."

David's first order of business for Adventist Midwest Health is to revisit the strategic plan and make sure that each hospital meets the "Mom test."

"I want to make sure I can admit my mom to any of our hospitals for any service, day or night, and have confidence that she will receive the best care possible," he said.

Brian Westbury

Perhaps one of the most exciting undertakings within AMH is the new Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital in Bolingbrook, Illinois, scheduled to open in December.

"My whole life I've wanted to be a part of building a hospital from scratch," David said. "This is the closest I've gotten. The facility is just the beginning. We have the opportunity to re-design healthcare and the type of experience our patients will have."

The Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital executive team has created a declaration of the kind of hospital they will strive to be—offering patients a personalized, unique experience not found in any other area hospital.

The idea revolves around the realization that we're not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience. "Because of this, we will dispense peace with our procedures, solace with our surgeries, and meaning with our medicine," the declaration reads.

All of the Adventist Midwest Health hospitals are becoming more efficient to free the time needed to make the extraordinary more possible. New technologies, such as iConnect, an electronic medical record, and PACS, a picture archiving and communication system for medical imaging, are in place or will be by the end of the year. Both systems will advance this goal, David said.

"Time is a precious resource," he said. "These systems will re-define the way we deliver care. We'll enhance quality, be more efficient, and will be able to anticipate the needs of the patient in a way we've never been able to before."

Efficiency is a good way to describe Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital's (Glendale Heights, Illinois) new Emergency Department, which opened to the public June 11. The \$7 million project tripled the size of the Emergency Department and includes private treatment suites and a unique concept—no waiting room.

Patients are immediately triaged and treated in a private room, with bedside registration and enough room for loved ones to remain with the patient.

"This is a whole new level of service that will enable us to become the best Emergency Department in the area," David said. "It's an amazing transformation."

The hospital is expanding clinical services, offering cardiac catheterization and interventional radiology procedures, and excelling in many quality indicators.

"We have the opportunity to be an excellent provider in the Chicagoland market," he said. "Our employees are

our ambassadors, and through word of mouth, the kind of care we're delivering here will continue to spread throughout the community."

With more than 100 years of history, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital (Hinsdale, Illinois) is truly a legacy hospital. Through its strategic planning process, the hospital is continuing to focus on its clinical excellence and centers of excellence.

"We need to continue to tell our stories of tertiary excellence," he said. "Our Neuroscience program has ranked in the Top 50 Hospitals in the country for the last three years by *U.S. News and World Report*. That's just one of our amazing stories here that we need to tell patients within the community."

Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital (La Grange, Illinois) is more aesthetically beautiful than ever, with the opening of its new patient care center last year. And like Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, a strategic plan is under way to best determine its focus. One potential area: orthopedics. "It's becoming an area of promising growth that we will continue to explore," David said. "The hospital has a wonderful culture, full of giving, inspiring employees."

Chippewa Valley Hospital (Durand, Wisconsin) continues to serve its rural community with a 25-bed critical access hospital and an attached 58-bed skilled care nursing facility licensed for Medicaid and Medicare.

"Chippewa Valley is providing critical access to healthcare within this community," David said. "It's the only hospital in the area and meets an essential community need. As the community grows, we'll be there to support that growth."

As Adventist Midwest Health strives to alleviate pain and suffering in every community it serves, it will continue to focus on its primary strength—its employees.

"Within the heart of every person is compassion and a power to heal," David said. "Before we can change patients' lives, we must be inspired to great things. Once we see ourselves as healers, regardless of what specific job we have within the hospital, we can offer hope through the touch of compassion. This allows us a perfect opportunity to introduce our patients to the ultimate Great Physician—Jesus Christ."

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New Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Begins Hiring Process

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Illinois' first new hospital in 25 years, has begun the process to hire high-quality, compassionate staff members.

"From the laborers to nurses to the office staff, we are building a very strong team, and I feel wonderful about the progress we're making," said Isaac Palmer, chief executive officer of the hospital, which will open in December.

The hospital will employ approximately 600 area residents. Senior leadership and key management positions are currently being recruited, followed by interviews for front line staff such as nurses, technicians, and pharmacists. "We're looking for employees who embrace their role as stewards and healers and can touch the lives of our patients and visitors," Palmer said.

To date, more than 200 physicians have applied to join the team of nearly 2,000 system-affiliated physicians. The hospital offers a great opportunity for physicians to work in a state-of-the-art facility, which will be equipped with the technology physicians desire, including electronic medical record and PACS digital radiology systems.

As positions become available, they will be posted on the Adventist Midwest Health Web site, www.keepingyouwell.com. Simply click on Careers and select Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. More information can be found on the hospital's page under Facilities. Visitors may sign up to receive hiring updates and physicians can download a pre-application form.

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital's chief nursing officer, Kathy Mitchell, is hiring key nursing staff for both the clinical inpatient and outpatient programs.



This artist's rendering shows the design for the interior of the new Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, which will open in December.

"I'm looking for candidates who demonstrate compassionate care and help fulfill our mission of whole-person wellness," Mitchell said. "We not only advocate whole-person health to our patients, but we do that for our employees, too. I strongly believe that we have to take care of ourselves first in order to be effective in serving our patients, their families, and our guests."

The 138-bed hospital will include 106 medical/surgical beds, 20 obstetric beds, and 12 intensive care beds, along with a Level II trauma center. Private patient rooms will include a sleeper sofa for overnight family stays, a flat screen TV, and wireless Internet access.

"We are going to treat each day of our healthcare work as sacred, because it has been given to us by God, to use as we choose," Palmer said. "What we do today is important because we are exchanging a precious day of our life for it. When we treat every day not as the best time or the worst time, but as the only time we have, we will leave a distinct and indelible mark on healthcare."

For more information about working at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, please contact Audra Treacy at 630-856-3016 or by e-mail at audra.treacy@ahss.org.

Julie Busch, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Hospital

Andrews Receives \$8.5 Million Gift

Andrews University recently received its largest gift—\$8.5 million. The donors were an Adventist couple, whose names are not being released at this time.

This gift will transform the campus in several ways. Per the donors' request, the money will be disbursed as follows:

1. Construction of the new entrance on Old US 31
2. Two endowed chairs: one for the Marketing department, School of Business Administration; the second in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary's Christian Ministry department



Niels-Erik Andreasen, Andrews University president, addressed the media at a press conference just after announcing the \$8.5 million gift at a special chapel.

3. A new milking parlor for the Andrews Dairy
4. Refurbishment of the kitchen and dining facilities in the Campus Center
5. Support for the Aeronautics department's educational program

The largest portion of the gift is designated for the refurbishment of the top floor of the university's Campus Center, which includes an expansion of the Terrace Café.

Construction of the new university entrance, scheduled to begin this summer, will help the campus "recapture its physical connection and visibility to

the local community and provide a focal point for future campus development."

The new milking parlor will allow for a more efficient milking operation in several ways, including computerized data tracking and a reduction in milking time and equipment maintenance. It will also increase cow comfort-level and provide a modern visitors' viewing area.

"Andrews University is preparing to meet the educational challenges it faces in the 21st century, challenges of educational quality, values, diversity, and a world perspective," stated Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen. "Andrews must develop its resources and facilities to meet these challenges. The Legacy of Leadership campaign is designed to accomplish that, and this latest major gift will give both the campaign and the university a significant push forward. We are deeply grateful for the support of these special Andrews friends and to God for His blessings."

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

Andrews Hosts Adventist Robotics Challenge

On May 14, elementary and high school science enthusiasts gathered at Andrews University for the Adventist Robotics League's (ARL) second annual Adventist Robotics Challenge. Andrews coordinator and engineering professor Bill Wolfer said, "These are the best of the best."



Elementary and high school science enthusiasts from across the country gathered at Andrews University for the Adventist Robotics League's second annual Adventist Robotics Challenge.

Teams were judged on robot performance, teamwork, technical precision, and a research project based on this year's theme: Nanoquest. The students designed and programmed robots to navigate through an obstacle course, engaging various Lego contraptions. Although technical difficulties were few, Wolfer insisted that, "These robots are not as easy as they look."

Cloud Nine team members, from Lansing, Mich., were excited to use their scientific skills on their research project. "We are working on a device that could cure cancer," said Tamara Naja. While the project is still in development, Naja offered that, "we have worked on the areas where scientists went wrong."

Chad Bernard, Cloud Nine team coach, said, "These kids have been highly motivated, and working with them has been a real blessing."

The excitement reached its peak at 4:00 p.m., as the contestants awaited the presentation of the Lego Cup. Three teams, including Cloud Nine, were awarded the prize.

ARL director Mel Wade expressed satisfaction with the event: "It's fun watching kids come together to get real life experiences—experiences you can't get out of a book."

Robert Moncrieff, student news writer, University Relations, Andrews University

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God Answers Prayers for New School

Indiana—Southside Church members have always believed in Christian education, and they have faithfully helped their children attend an Adventist school. Most of the members live near the church, which is located on the very south side of Indianapolis. It has taken true dedication to carpool the children more than 16 miles one way to have access to an Adventist Christian education, but they have done so for many years.

The members have always dreamed of having their own church school. As the parents with young children pursued the possibilities, excitement



God provided many of the items Southside Church needs for its new church school.

began to mount! Much discussion and many, many prayers ascended to God. A study to see how many school-age children were possible students was presented at a church business meeting. The results were encouraging, and the vote was unanimous. Everyone wanted a school.

Members wondered where money would come from for the initial school set-up. The church had a large room that could serve as a classroom, but not one thing to put in it. They would have to raise money for desks, chairs, library books, and other basic education materials. Trusting God wanted them to open a school, Southside members

knelt in prayer. Brian Yensho, Southside pastor, asked the Lord to clear the way for the church to come up with the necessary money.

The next morning Lavon Siador, one of the members, reminded her husband Abe about a Christian school that closed four years earlier. She wondered what had been done with all its school equipment. So Abe and Lavon investigated. When they arrived at the closed school, the very person in charge of the equipment was there, and he invited them in. They told him about the school their church was starting and asked if he had anything left that could be donated to their school. He was most cordial, and immediately gave them desks, chairs, shelves, blackboards, bulletin boards, and

library tables. There is even a possibility they will receive some playground equipment.

As they talked, the man said he now knew why he had kept all the school supplies for four years. He then asked Abe and Lavon if they had books for their school. As he spoke, he opened a door where they saw a complete library filled with books, including many written by Adventist authors. "You can have the whole thing," the man said.

In 24 hours, God had affirmed Southside members' decision to open a school! He had provided nearly everything they needed to have a school! Lavon said, "We serve an amazing God! Before we called, He had already answered! Praise God!"

The school will open for the 2007–08 school year! For additional information, contact Joseph Stoia, school board chairman, by e-mail at stoiarj@gmail.com or call 317-894-2450.

Judith Yeoman, Indiana Conference correspondent, as told by Lavon Siador, Southside Church member

Wisconsin Academy Yearbook Receives Award of Excellence

Wisconsin—The anticipation and excitement of a school yearbook full of pictures recounting the year cannot be measured. On Wednesday, May 2, the yearbook staff introduced the newest yearbook by showing a video they had made.



The Wisconsin Academy yearbook staff received an Award of Excellence from Walsworth Publishing Company. From left: Yenifer Sosa, Tera Brandenburger, Brennan Hallock, Marcia Sigler (sponsor), Jessica Stotz (editor), and Marlyn Santiago

Then, to the surprise of the yearbook staff, the Walsworth Publishing Company representative that they had worked with all year appeared and said he had a special presentation that he wanted to make. He called all the staff to the front and told them that their 2006–2007 yearbook would be entered into the Gallery of Excellence as a showcase of the best yearbooks published by Walsworth. "Gallery books are outstanding examples of a yearbook's purpose—to provide thorough coverage of the school year with intriguing stories, superior photography, and innovative design."

In a letter from Jim Pinney, vice president for sales and marketing, he stated: "Induction of your yearbook recognizes your staff's dedication to producing a high-quality publication." Congratulations to the Wisconsin Academy Badger staff.

Marcia Sigler, Wisconsin Academy yearbook sponsor

Great Lakes Adventist Academy Receives Award for Excellence

Michigan—Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) received the Academy Award for Excellence from the Alumni Awards Foundation at a weekend event Feb. 23–25, in Scottsdale, Ariz. A \$25,000 check was presented to the staff and students who came to represent GLAA.

“It was an honor to be chosen to represent our school. I enjoyed being a part of the weekend activities,” said senior Ryan Williams. Seniors Brooke Durst and Erick Olteanu, and junior Chett Clayton, were also chosen to attend the weekend event. The sponsors who attended were Ray Davis, principal; Skip Hann, development director; Arlene Leavitt, assistant development director; and David Carter, science teacher.

The Alumni Awards Foundation exists to inspire and reward excellence in Adventist K–12 schools, educators, and alumni. The Alumni Awards Foundation was born in 1995 when a group of alumni envisioned an independent organization that would help revitalize quality Seventh-day Adventist Education.



Arlene Leavitt, Gary Randolph, Ryan Williams, David Carter, Chett Clayton, Brooke Durst, Erick Olteanu, Ray Davis, Duane Roush, and Skip Hann were present to accept the \$25,000 check awarded to Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

Carter also received the Excellence in Teaching Award and was honored with a \$1,000 check. He has taught at GLAA since 1993, and is known by teachers and students as an outstanding teacher, as well as someone who truly cares about his colleagues and students.

This weekend event was started to bring together friends, alumni, and supporters to recognize quality Adventist education and re-connect graduates with their schools. During the last twelve years, this organization has awarded grants totaling more than \$800,000. The foundation has honored and rewarded individuals who demonstrated compassion and commitment to Adventist education.

Arlene Leavitt, assistant alumni/development director, Michigan Boarding Academies Alumni Association, Great Lakes Adventist Academy

Oakwood Blankets Community

Michigan—Can tying knots help keep a person warm? The ladies at Oakwood Church in Taylor, Mich., certainly seem to think so. These women came together on January 11 with one goal in mind: to make a difference in the lives of children. During this women’s ministries meeting, fleece material was turned into two-sided blankets, tied together with small knots around the edges. These blankets were created to cover a specific group of young men and women without homes. They were lovingly made for the New

Directions Teen Home in downtown Detroit. As fingers, young and old, flew around the fringes of these warm, fleece blankets, Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Even the children at Oakwood Academy were involved in this project. Students in Lynnette Jefferson’s classroom (grades 4–6) decided to use extra material to

create more blankets and scarves. Then they helped students in grades 7–10 design cards, which were attached to the blankets to encourage these youth and share the love of Christ with them.

Upon arriving at New Directions to deliver the handmade gifts, we were

unsure of how we would be received. Many of the youth who live there have had very unfortunate previous home lives, abuse, and more. We were warned that this was an especially difficult day for the girls in this building. But that didn’t put a damper on our spirits. As the children filed into the gymnasium, students, church members, and teachers greeted them with smiles, and we quickly made some new friends. The looks on the faces of these children when their names were called to pick up their carefully wrapped gifts



Blankets and scarves made by students and church members were given to the young people at New Directions Teen Home in downtown Detroit.

was something we will remember for quite a while. Such a simple act will help these children know they are loved and that someone cares for them.

The idea for this service project came from Dora Cupp, a long-time member of the Oakwood Church. She explained that she felt a calling to help the children of New Directions, and this was something she knew she could do. Many women commented that this was an especially meaningful women’s ministry project because it was service-orientated. Oakwood’s recent women’s ministries events were also service minded; the ladies created cards for shut-ins, sick, and others. What a blessing it is when God’s church can come together and reach out to blanket the hearts of others.

Sarah Canada, Oakwood Junior Academy K–3 teacher, and Julie Woolf, Oakwood Church women’s ministries leader

School and Parents Combine Efforts to Benefit Students

Indiana—Indianapolis Junior Academy (IJA), a pre-school through 8th grade school for the Greater Indianapolis area, is completing a very successful year. The school serves the families of at least seven local Seventh-day Adventist churches, as well as families from the community who are dedicated to seeing their children receive a quality Christian education.

The parents of IJA students have become very involved in the educational program, making school an enjoyable experience for all. Recently, following the Education Sabbath service at the Glendale church, Saul Alonso, a parent and the owner of the Tuscany Italian Grill, offered the use of his establishment to help raise money for IJA. A portion of the proceeds from the selected IJA night were donated to the school.



A retired General Motors employee, Connie Waters continues her mother's legacy of volunteerism by helping at Indianapolis Junior Academy three days a week. She has passed on this legacy of helping others to her daughter, Karen Waters, who also contributed her time and talents to the school this year.

Invitations were sent out to ensure the restaurant was full. This was a win-win endeavor for everyone—a “fun” evening out for many of the church and school families, and a “fun”d-raising event for our school.

Another important way the parents have banded together to help is with volunteer support. At least

three days a week, one of our grandparents, Connie Waters, spends time at the school answering the phone, grading papers, and assisting visitors to the school. Connie's daughter, Karen,

also helped by planting flowers around the school, organizing a silent auction fund-raising event, and writing about the great things at the school for publication on our website at www.great-schools.com.

After hearing that we could not find enough drivers to take our students on a field trip, another one of our parents arranged to borrow a bus from a nearby church. The church was so willing to help, they also offered to supply the driver and the gas for the bus. Sharing the dilemma with the vice



Students from Indianapolis Junior Academy performed a pantomime rendition of “Because of Who You Are” during the recent Education Sabbath program.

principal of the public school where she works produced another bus and driver from her church as well. Now IJA has the use of two small buses, complete with drivers and gas for the end-of-the-year field trip.

God has blessed in so many ways. What a joy to partner with Adventist parents, as well as parents from the community, in educating their children for eternity.

Wanda Lee, Indianapolis Junior Academy principal and teacher

Fairhaven Church Members Celebrate 75 Years of Christian Education

Lake Region—The year was 1932. The place, a small building located at 810 Gillespie St. in Flint, Mich. A small group of Seventh-day Adventist believers put their faith into action,



The weekend of May 4–6, Fairhaven Church members celebrated 75 years of Christian education at their school.

starting a Christian school for their young people. H.T. Saulter was the first teacher and principal. His salary was \$5 per week; \$20 per month. He roomed with one of the church members. The parents of the students paid no tuition, but they gave of their time and efforts at the school to help out.

For 75 years, the school thrived and continued to train students for service for God. To commemorate its 75-year existence, Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist School supporters held a Diamond Jubilee Homecoming Celebration, May 4–6, at the Fairhaven Church. The theme for the weekend events was “We’ve Come this Far by Faith.”

There were musical selections by a reunion choir, Fairhaven's youth choir, a program with reflections of former students, and a basketball game where the “old school” alumni challenged the “new school” students. Fairhaven Church member Esther Mattox created a wonderful display of old and current pictures in the school's hallway, which literally was a “Walk Down Memory Lane.”



Founded in 1932, the Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist School continues to be operated by members committed to Christian education.

Looking back, it is clear to see that the Fairhaven Church members have had an enduring commitment to keep Christian education alive at the church. They have come this far, 1932–2007, by faith, and it is certain they will go on until the Lord comes. In-depth news and video of the weekend's events are online at Fairhaven's website: www.fairhavensda.org.

Trevor Schluter, Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist Church communication leader

[UNION NEWS]

Lake Region Conference Holds 25th Constituency Session

Lake Region—At 10:50 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, George C. Bryant, secretary of the Lake Region Conference (LRC), called to order its 25th Constituency Session. “Mr. President, we have 1,025 delegates on hand to do business.” The Session was held at the Milwaukee YMCA facility across from the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Milwaukee, Wis.

The devotional was presented by the LRC communication department



(From left): Returning to serve as vice president for multilingual ministries, Eddie Allen is seated next to newly voted executive secretary, Donald Bedney.

and focused on evangelism and education. A 15-minute video production highlighted the prison outreach of the Sharon Church, the host church for the Session. There have been significant evangelistic efforts throughout



Jerome L. Davis presents Theodore “Ted” Brown to the delegates who just voted overwhelmingly to return him to office.

the LRC territory, and this video report was one of five produced to recount the success of those efforts. A second video featured Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, Mich.

As the Nominating Committee was seated to begin its deliberations, reports and presentations were given to the delegation. It wasn't until after the lunch break that the Nominating Committee returned with recommendations. Returned to office by vote of the constituency were Jerome L. Davis, president; Theodore Brown, treasurer; and Eddie Allen, vice president for multilingual ministries. Donald Bedney, director of stewardship, trust services, public affairs and religious liberty, was elected executive secretary, replacing George C. Bryant, who had indicated a desire to return to pastoral work.

The Session concluded by voting into office the LRC Executive Committee, with plans to elect departmental directors at a later date.

The tone and atmosphere of this constituency session was best described in the comments of one delegate who, in her mid-20s, identified herself as probably one of the younger delegates. She articulated with passion her experience as a delegate at the previous session, reflecting on her disappointment with the behavior then displayed. This year was different. She commended her fellow delegates on



Lake Region Conference delegates registered their votes for recommendations brought forward from the Nominating Committee.

their deportment and attitude of deference, with her final comment that she was proud to be a member of the LRC. This was the overall sentiment expressed by attendees.

Ray Young, Lake Region Conference communication director

Executive Committee

Jerome L. Davis, president, chairman
Donald Bedney, executive secretary
Theodore Brown, treasurer
Eddie Allen, vice president
Karen Allen
Leon Bryant (pastor)
Shawna Campbell
Robert Casey
Joyce Coffee
Gerald Coleman
Ray Daniel
John Grier (pastor)
Michael Horton (pastor)
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Curtis Taylor
Richard Washington (pastor)
Irish Williams
Vacancy—to be filled with a teacher



The Lake Union Conference Executive Committee

Lake Union Executive Committee Convenes

Walter L. Wright, Lake Union president, greeted Lake Union Executive Committee members at the May 10 meeting with a message of hope and thanksgiving. Those who are members of the Executive Committee by reason of their position include the Lake Union officers, and officers of the Illinois, Indiana, Lake Region, Michigan, and Wisconsin conferences. The balance of the membership is comprised of people chosen from each conference, including laypersons and church employees, to represent the broad interests of the nearly 80,000 Lake Union members.

The Executive Committee meets at three regularly scheduled meetings in February, May, and November each year. In addition, the committee may convene for specially called meetings at the Lake Union Headquarters, some other designated location, or through the means of emerging technology where all are able to hear and participate.

The Executive Committee serves as the governing body for the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church within the Lake Union territory and functions between constituency sessions held every five years.

One of the tasks of the Executive Committee is to guide the planning and funding of the overall evangelism plan for the Union.

Reports from Treasury included the December 2006 and March 2007 financial statements, the proposed 2007 budget, capital expenditures, a plan for



Walter L. Wright, president, calls the Lake Union Executive Committee to order at the May 10 meeting.

working capital/surplus share adopted for future calendar year-end cycles, and appointments to the audit committee.

The actions taken at the May 10 meeting included personnel decisions regarding worker's credentials, ordination, retirement, and a remuneration audit.

Gary Burns, Lake Union Conference communication director

Women's Ministries Coordinator Retires

At the May 10 Executive Committee meeting, Walter L. Wright accepted the resignation of Myrna Earles, women's ministries coordinator for the past eight years, and presented her with an expression of appreciation for her valuable service. Earles has provided positive leadership that has helped advance women's ministries at all levels within the Lake Union. She has provided



Walter L. Wright expressed appreciation to Myrna Earles for eight years of service as Lake Union women's ministries coordinator.

Passionate Leadership training, encouraged hundreds of women's retreats that have been friendship-building opportunities with women from the community, and provided *Hope for Hurting Hearts*, a weekend for survivors of abuse.

Earles has seen women's ministry as a redemptive ministry. Through the *Heart Call* program, many women from the community and those who find themselves distanced from the church have received gift subscriptions to *Women of Spirit* magazine as well as personal attention from caring members eager to help the hurting and disenfranchised.

In addition, a number of women have been encouraged to conduct evangelistic meetings with positive results.

We are grateful for Earles' vision and leadership, and she will be missed. Kathy Cameron has been a strong supporter and will be taking up Earles' responsibilities for women's ministry.

Gary Burns, Lake Union Conference communication director

[NAD NEWS]

Adventist Rodders Club Invite Others to "Get on the ARC"

The Adventist Rodders Club (ARC) has celebrated its tenth anniversary. A handful of couples founded the club in June 1997 during Washington Conference Camp Meeting. They desired to network Seventh-day Adventists and other Christians to provide a way to share their hobby of special interest vehicles, such as street rods, classic cars, motorcycles, or convertibles, and God's love. The club membership has now grown to more than 450 families in ten countries.

An ARC flier encourages readers to consider that just like a car enthusiast recognizes value in a rusty piece of junk, Christ sees their potential and wishes to "restore" them to His image. "Christ Restores" is the club's motto, derived from 2 Cor. 5:17 which says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature ... behold all things are become new." The flier also includes the basic beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and an invitation to join the ARC club. Members often provide Christian fellowship for those who feel they do not really belong because they are car enthusiasts or ride Harleys.

ARC events bring together interested members to a central location. Sometimes the events dovetail with a major car show such as the NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Goodguys, or regional car shows. Since these secular events usually overlap the Sabbath, ARC events provide fellowship off-site for Sabbath-keepers on Sabbath. Often ARC members attend a local Seventh-day Adventist Church, where they offer to provide special music, teach the Sabbath school lesson, give the children's story, or preach the sermon. Local churches are often willing to coordinate a visible parking area for their cars so passersby are drawn to the church service.



Adventist Rodders Club members Brenda Pierce and Mary Little enjoy Mary's '68 Camaro RS at an ARC event.

The ARC message reaches around the world with an extensive website found at www.adventistroddersclub.com. There is an impressive photo gallery of club members' vehicles and many of the past ARC events. Join the club free at www.adventistroddersclub.com and follow links to the "Get on the ARC" section. For more information, you may e-mail info@adventist-roddersclub.com.

Donn Leiske, Adventist Rodders Club president

Pacific Press Launches New Magazine for Adventists 50+

Pacific Press Publishing in Nampa, Idaho, is launching a new magazine for Adventists 50 years and older called *Renewed & Ready*. It will be a 64-page monthly magazine designed to celebrate the best of mature Adventist living. Topics will include spiritual life, service, health, relationships, travel, finances, encouraging stories, humor, and more. The magazine will also highlight prominent Adventists and share their inspiring stories. *Renewed & Ready* is the first print magazine to be launched by the church in more than a decade.

"With the over-50 demographic making up a significant portion of our church membership, we felt it was time

we launched a magazine that directly addressed their concerns and needs—that helped them with the particular issues they face, such as planning for retirement or raising grandchildren. We also wanted to launch a magazine celebrating the Adventist lifestyle. We feel *Renewed & Ready* is just the resource our church needs to support mature Adventists in living their life to the fullest," says Dale Galusha, president

of Pacific Press Publishing Association.

The premiere issue of *Renewed & Ready*, which is currently available at your local Adventist Book Center, features a guest editorial by Lake Union president, Walter L. Wright, and an article by *Healthy Choices* columnist and Andrews University professor, Winston J. Craig. Mark Bond, art director and designer of the *Lake Union Herald*, was hired as the art director and designer of *Renewed & Ready*. Bond will be working with Ginger Church, former

editor of *Kids Ministry Ideas*, who was hired as the editor of *Renewed & Ready*.

Representatives of Pacific Press and the Adventist Book Center will hand out complimentary copies of the premiere issue at camp meetings throughout North America.

Complimentary copies

of the premiere issue of *Renewed & Ready* may also be obtained by contacting Nicole Batten at nicbat@pacificpress.com. To learn more about the magazine, go online to www.RenewedandReady.com.

The first official issue of *Renewed & Ready* will be mailed in September. To subscribe to *Renewed & Ready*, call 800-765-6955 or go online to www.AdventistBookCenter.com. There is a special introductory offer of \$14.99 a year to subscribe to the magazine.



Nicole Batten, director of publicity, Pacific Press Publishing Association

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Birthdays



Francis Gardner celebrated his 100th birthday on Mar. 25, 2007, by a gathering of family, friends from Ind., and church friends from the Spartanburg (S.C.) Church at Colburn Hall in Spartanburg. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church from 1970-1998, and has been a member of the Spartanburg Church since 1998.

Francis was married to the late Myrtle Ann Amen.

Francis was a State of Indiana employee, working for the Indiana State Board of Accounts from 1955 until his retirement in March 1977. He also served in the military during World War II, serving in South Wales and Germany. If you visit the Spartanburg Church, on almost any Sabbath you will find Francis enjoying his Sabbath school class and visiting with friends after church in the foyer.

Francis has three children: Valerie and Joe Smith of Spartanburg; Charles and Marge Gardner of North Port, Fla.; Kathy Tamayo of San Antonio, Texas; and one grandson.

Weddings

Tracy A. Tate and Marvin J. Lewis were married Mar. 5, 2007, in Indianapolis, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Charles M. Willis II.

Tracy is the daughter of Walt and the late Betty Winder of Indianapolis, and Marvin is the son of the late Wallace and Doreatha Lewis.

The Lewises are making their home in Indianapolis.

Amber D. Shepherd and Richard D. Merrill were married Dec. 17, 2006, in Anderson, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Clinton Meharry.

Amber is the daughter of Sue and Frank Rosenbaum of Fortville, Ind., and Richard is the son of Richard and Peggy Merrill of Noblesville, Ind., and Rosemary and the late Tubby Chamberlain of Anderson.

The Merrills are making their home in Anderson.

Obituaries

ANDERSON, Susie B., age 73; born Dec. 14, 1933, in Henderson, N.C.; died Mar. 14, 2007, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Howard Anderson, and Wayman and Marcus McGill; daughters, Carol Richardson and Evette McGill; sister, Mary Etta Terry; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dan Rachor, and interment was in Mitchell Baptist Church Cemetery, Louisburg, N.C.

BLIESATH, Robert L., age 90; born Jan. 26, 1917, in Napoleon, Mich.; died Feb. 25, 2007, in Napoleon. He was a member of the Jackson (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, M. Arlene (Moore); daughters,

Maris K. Hodges, Roberta A. Litchfield, Sheila K. Bliesath, Carol A. Bostedor, and Marti S. Weiss; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Gene Hall, with private inurnment.

BRUMFIELD, Olivet (Atwood), age 83; born Nov. 27, 1923, in Brush, Colo.; died Jan. 27, 2007, in Evergreen, Colo. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) and Rockford (Ill.) Churches.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; son, John; daughter, RaeNell Mittleider; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kenneth Mittleider, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

FEIDER, Charles M., age 59; born July 17, 1947, in Madison, Ind.; died Mar. 10,

2007, in Seymour, Ind. He was a member of the North Vernon (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Eric M.; daughter, Ellen N. Bentley; mother, Laura (Rector); brother, Richard; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Aubrey Bessenger, and interment was in Dupont (Ind.) Cemetery.

HOPKINS, Mabel M. (Christensen) Hosford, age 98; born Feb. 15, 1909, in McBride, Mich.; died Feb. 27, 2007, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ralph Jr. and Theron B. Hosford; stepson, Norval Hopkins; stepdaughter, Shannon Ansley; sisters, Irene Williams and Hilda Giles; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 34 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Paul Pellandini and Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Garden Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

HULSE, Mary L. (Hammersley), age 90; born Dec. 26, 1916, in Vermillion, Ind.; died Mar. 30, 2007, in Columbus, Ind. She was a member of the North Vernon (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Sam and Mark Hulse; stepson, David Hulse; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Manuel Ojeda and Elder John Thornton, and interment was in Vernon (Ind.) Cemetery.

KITSON, Georgia D. (Smith), age 90; born Aug. 21, 1916, in Dighton, Mich.; died Mar. 14, 2007, in Edmore, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint Church, Flint, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Lewis, Clair, Lyle, Leonard, Larry, and L.D.; sisters, Geraldine Lundborn, Loralli Samuelson, and Verna Snowden; 21 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Leonard Kitson, and interment was in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery.

LEE, Barry G., age 40; born Nov. 7, 1966, in Waukesha, Wis.; died Mar. 5, 2007, in

Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Anderson (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his father, Robert; mother, Bonnie (Patton); brothers, Owen and Brent; stepbrothers, Michael and Larry Head; sister, Regina Lee; and stepsister, Mary Jane Head.

Memorial services were conducted by Elders Peter Neri, Joe Spillman, and Paul Yeoman, and William Menshausen, and inurnment was in Vinson Memorial Cemetery, Summitville, Ind.

MARTIN, Ruth A. (Foster), age 71; born July 24, 1935, in Harris, Mo.; died Mar. 14, 2007, in Moline, Ill. She was a member of the Moline Church.

Survivors include her brother, Kenneth Foster.

Funeral services were conducted by Anthony Hunter, and interment was in Greenview Memorial Gardens Cemetery, East Moline.

MCCLARY, Mary E. (DeArmond), age 89; born May 11, 1917, in Knoxville, Ind.; died Apr. 3, 2007, in Sheridan, Ind. She was a member of the Anderson (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Betty L. Spiker and Nancy J. Head; brother, Thomas DeArmond; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman, and interment was in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

MICKELSON, Opal M. (Hand), age 96; born June 23, 1910, in Delong, Ind.; died Mar. 18, 2007, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She was a member of the Edmore (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Gotshall, and interment was in Vinewood Cemetery, Edmore.

PETERS, Judith L., age 59; born Dec. 17, 1946, in Vallejo, Calif.; died Oct. 18, 2006, in South Bend, Ind. She was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include her father, Walter Peters; mother, Dorothy (Buttisbach); and brothers, David and Harold Peters.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Abbott, and inurnment was in Chattanooga, Tenn., cemetery.

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Lansing, Mich.	9:19	9:16	9:11	9:05	8:58	8:49
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Women's Ministries Fall Weekend Retreat is **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 North American Division. For registration

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A Stewardship Seminar for Pastors, by G. Edward Reid (North American Division stewardship director), will be held **Dec. 2-4** in Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich. Persons interested in attending should contact their local conference stewardship director.

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Student Bible Kit. Many academy or high school graduates will be attending public colleges and universities this coming Sept. Recently, a Bible Kit for Adventist students attending public secular colleges or universities was developed as a pilot project. Pastors may wish to have a special recognition/dedication service for those students in their church and present the kit as a gift to the young adult heading

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His Healing Touch

BY GARY BURNS



There is something healing about a loving touch. In fact, without a loving touch we die. My association with REACH, International began in 1990, and I was able to observe firsthand the conditions that had resulted in the most dramatic evidence of that claim. It happened in Romania under the oppression of a dictator's agenda. Thousands of babies were displaced from traditional families to state orphanages. The babies received food, water, and shelter, but no loving arms to hold and caress them were provided. The mortality rate was staggering. Scientists learned by studying this tragic experience that we need loving touch to survive.

As Jesus mingled with hurting and broken

humanity, He reached out and touched their lives—sometimes with dramatic and instantaneous physical healing, sometimes a healing of the soul, and sometimes, both. That same Jesus mingles with us today through the loving and healing touch of those who bring His abiding presence into the hospital room, the surgery suite, or the clinic.

The Adventist Health System institutions take the responsibility of sharing the healing touch of Christ as their primary reason for existing. Together, they are committed in a partnership with God to bring His healing touch to all.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director.

Airport Appointment

BY DUSHIME GASHUGI

My story of hope, inspiration, and challenge begins when I embarked on my first summer of literature evangelism in San Francisco, California. It was an unlikely way to spend my summer, but through a number of closed doors and God's divine intervention, I went knowing it was what God wanted me to do.

I was 15 years old and incredibly money-driven. No doubt, I did want to tell others of the love of Jesus and His plan for their life, but more than that, I wanted to set a record for sales.

It didn't take long for me to realize that God had different plans for me that summer. For the first seven days, I sold nothing! Week after week, I struggled from door to door in the hot California sun only to receive rejection after rejection. Every week, I called my father to book a plane ticket back to Michigan, because I was starting to think that I had misinterpreted the call of God. But every week there was always a small experience, letter in the mail, or special encouragement from other literature evangelists in my group that kept me going.

But, at the culmination of the fifth week, I had become so burned out with the most underwhelming sales record in my group that I was consequently asked to leave.

On the ride back to the airport, I was so mad that God would bring me out to California—3,000 miles from home—just

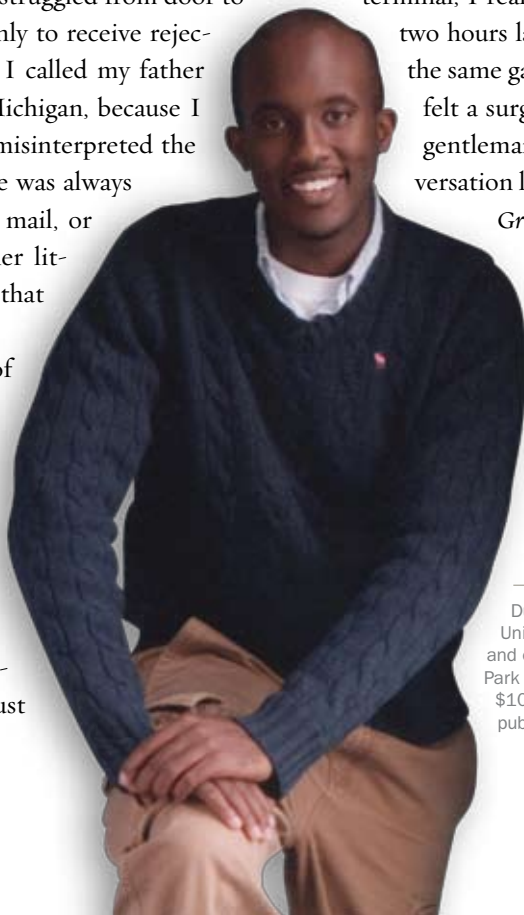
to "fail" me; and that, despite every effort, I didn't make any money. In fact, the day I left I broke even!

Suddenly, a thought ran through my head. I remembered that I had a copy of the book, *The Great Controversy*, with me, and I wanted God to give me the opportunity to reach someone even without the pay. Upon my arrival at the terminal, I realized I had seven hours to wait. Then,

two hours later, a man walked in and sat down at the same gate. He was in his mid-50s. Suddenly, I felt a surge of confidence to go and talk to this gentleman. To make a long story short, our conversation lasted five hours. He curiously took *The Great Controversy* from me, knowing that it was a religious book, while not even believing in God!

My perspective of that summer had instantly changed. I believe the gentleman in the airport might have been my true purpose for going to California. I hope one day we'll meet again in a terminal for the flight bound for Heaven.

Dushime Gashugi (19) is a freshman at the University of Chicago. He is majoring in mathematics and economics. Dushime is a member of the Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. He will receive a \$100 scholarship since his article was selected for publication.



JaQuese “Tweece” Hawkins (17) was born in Wayne County, Michigan. She is the daughter of Michael Caston and Valerie Hawkins, and JaQuese attends the Burns Seventh-day Adventist Church in Detroit.

A junior at Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA), JaQuese plays the clarinet and piano. She also enjoys singing, and is a member of the school choir, youth choir, and Adventist Youth Choir.

JaQuese says the most important thing she learned from PWA was “to be a leader, and to not let anyone but God tell me where I need to go or [what to] do.”

Her most memorable experience at school was helping repair and paint a Habitat for Humanity house as a part of the Helping Hands group.

JaQuese’s favorite class is Bible because “Mrs. Shaw gives me a better understanding of the people and events in our history.”

Nettie Gray, PWA counselor, said, “JaQuese is a born leader, organizer, and all-around student. When she speaks, her classmates listen. She is a no nonsense young lady. She is helpful and an academic achiever. Aside from the Helping Hands group at school, she also works in the soup kitchen. JaQuese is a cooperative young lady.”

JaQuese aspires to be a social worker and to one day build her own organization. She also would like to travel to China to widen her horizon and become acquainted with another culture.



JaQuese Hawkins



Christopher Holloway

Christopher “Chris” Keith Holloway (16) was born in Detroit, Michigan. He is the son of Nola and Ronnie Holloway, and Christopher attends the City Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Detroit.

A junior at Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA), Christopher enjoys playing basketball, reading, and listening to music—especially classical. He plays the piano, trumpet, and trombone.

Nettie Gray, PWA counselor, says, “Christopher has always been an aggressive student who challenges himself to achieve. He is active in church, serving as an usher and youth elder, and helping with Pathfinders. Christopher is the pianist for the school choir, and a member of the National Honor Society and the Helping Hands group.”

Christopher says attending PWA for 11 years has taught him to be responsible and to be a leader. He said, “I have constantly been encouraged by my teachers to do community outreach and to glorify God in a positive light.”

Christopher’s ambition is to be a neurologist or cardiologist. This summer he will participate in the MITHS (Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences) program at Loma Linda, California, to gain further insight into the medical profession.

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