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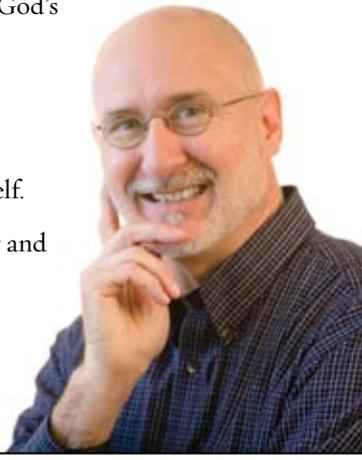
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Fall is family time—harvesting, canning, baking, and raking. It's a time when families gather together to reconnect, to reflect on God's goodness, and give thanks for His blessings.

Family is not only the foundation of society, but it is through the family that God has chosen to reveal Himself. In this issue, we hope you enjoy looking at the character and nature of God through the eyes of the family.

Gary Burns
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It's Family Time

Is there a better reason to give thanks than for our families? I think not. They launch us into this world, hopefully prepared to navigate its treacherous turns and frightening potentials. They teach us social and behavioral acceptance, and assist us in ridding ourselves of selfishness and unfair prejudices. The family provides love and security and a healthy dose of self esteem.

If we are fortunate enough to be raised in a Christian family, we early learn of a redeeming Savior and that Jesus loves us. What an awesome opportunity to shape lives! E.G. White said that the child's experience with earthly parents gives a view of what God must be like.

The family provides lots of fun, too. Each member is unique, and therefore adds to the fun and diversity of interests. The family I grew up with was morally strict and surely conservative, but never oppressive. We had fun. We even looked forward to church each Sabbath as a special time of joy. Consequently, each member of our family held elective office in the local church, and several went on to administrative offices in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

I remember what a special time we had on Thanksgiving Day each year. Food, of course, was a very important part of the celebration. I actually assisted my mother in making gluten loaf. I was allowed to crank the handle of the food grinder as Momma fed in the nuts, celery, onions, and gluten in turn. She shaped the loaf into a giant turkey with popsicle sticks for drumsticks.

I wish you could have heard the blessings that my daddy pronounced over those Thanksgiving dinners! As a little kid it sounded to me as if God, Himself, had provided and cooked every morsel of food we were about to eat. It looked and tasted good enough for our heavenly Father to have prepared it all.

There were pies and cakes and puddings. Candied yams and collard greens had honored positions on the big, groaning table. Cornbread and homemade dinner rolls competed for our attention. We drank fresh-squeezed lemonade from Mason jars because no formal dinner glass was adequate.

Momma and Daddy have long since fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, but I look forward to this Thanksgiving Day 2007 because of all the ideas and ideals that they engendered in our family. What about you? Call your mom and dad, call a sister or brother, and call someone who has no family. Make it a real time of thanksgiving. Be sure to count your blessings. Start early, because there are lots of them. Happy Thanksgiving!

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Illinois Sabbath, August 18, was a “high day” with much rejoicing amongst the Noble Church family. Anticipation had been building all summer long. In February, **Blaine, Austin, and Shelby Rich** (father, son, and daughter), **Luke Foll, April** and **Macy Ehrhardt** (mother and daughter), **Kailee Sabin**, and **Rachel Arner** had all attended a series of messages entitled, “A Man For All Time,” presented by Joe Arner, Noble Church pastor. Early in the meetings, these individuals expressed their desire for baptism.



There were tears of joy at the Noble Church when eight new members were added to the church family. From left: Shelby Rich, Blaine Rich, Austin Rich, Luke Foll, Rachel Arner, Kailee Sabin, April Ehrhardt, Macy Ehrhardt, and Joe Arner, pastor

The pastor, with assistance from local elders, Frank Toten and Clyde Liston, studied with them during the summer months. It was a joy to see the group meet together after potlucks or on Wednesday evenings for their class. The church family took interest in the Bible students’ journey in their relationship with Jesus. Their friendships with each other grew richer and stronger from spending so many hours studying the Bible together.

The first ones baptized were Blaine, Austin, and Shelby. When Joe asked Blaine if he had any words he would like to share, Blaine answered, “I think I’ll just let the Lord speak!” Blaine just didn’t realize how eloquently God was about to speak. The Creator of the whole universe, who can speak and hang galaxies in space, began to unfold Himself in the

beauty of simplicity of each heartfelt and simple testimony unhurriedly shared by the pastor.

The pastor related how Shelby never has a problem praying when she is at home. He said she likes to pray, and always prays for every member of her entire family in each prayer.

When baptismal plans were discussed, Austin made it clear he wanted to stand next to his good buddy, Luke, and in his opinion, baptismal robes should be worn as early in the service as possible!

In their classes, Luke was never short of answers. Praise God that Luke has answers anytime. It was heartwarming when the pastor invited two special members to stand up with Luke while he was baptized.

When April and her daughter, May, entered the baptistry, the pastor informed everyone that April was terrified of water. April later reported, “I was shaking like a leaf in a thunderstorm before I went down into the water, but when I came up out of the water [my fear] was all gone! I know they say to ‘put all your trust in the Lord and He’ll take care of you,’ and that’s just what I did! And He truly did help me!”

There were a lot of tears of joy during the service, but when the pastor looked at Macy, he helped those present remember that it’s okay for church families to have fun. And thanks to Macy’s flair for red hair, Ronald McDonald socks, and fish gum, our church laughs a lot.

When Kailee and Rachel stepped into the baptistry together for their baptisms, the pastor told of the delayed arrival of one of Kailee’s correspondence Bible lessons. Kailee was so eager for the next lesson that she told her mother, “I think I’ll just call up and see why my lesson is so late.” He added that Kailee often delights her family with her unique creativity.

When Joe prepared to baptize his daughter, Rachel, it was hard for him to hold back the tears while sharing with church members that Rachel is a “pray-er.” She wants to be a pastor when she grows up and has already written a sermon. What an incredibly beautiful, yet simple testimony of God’s work!

The celebration was far from over. The spiritual blessings continued with special music, singing, and then came the gifts. Each of the newly-baptized individuals received a beautiful New King James Bible with their name engraved

on it. Also, each of the five families represented were happily presented with a 3ABN satellite system for their home to assist in their Christian growth.

God once again mightily revealed His incomparable love for His people. It was such a happy time. No one wanted the service to end, even though the clock showed 1:00 p.m., and the pastor hadn't delivered his sermon yet. It was a taste of Heaven. Everyone received a glorious blessing. We will continue to pray for these eight new members as they experience God showing them more and more of His matchless love.

Alyce Muhs, communication secretary, Noble church, as shared with Bruce Babienko, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

Indiana For as far back as she could remember, **Paula Waltman** loved reading the Bible, starting with the stories in the New Testament, then going back to the Old Testament. As she read and re-read the fourth commandment, she couldn't help but question why the whole world worshiped on Sunday. Since Jesus was a Jew and worshiped on Sabbath, the seventh day—the day of the fourth commandment—something just didn't seem right about Sunday worship!

On July 20, 2006, Paula went to the LaPorte County Fair. While there, she stopped by the LaPorte Seventh-day Adventist Church's booth and was handed *The Great Controversy*. In the book, she found answers to many of her questions, including the one about what happens to you when you die. Doug Batchelor's pamphlet, "Amazing Facts," clarified additional questions for her.



Baptized on June 23, Paula Waltman is now joyfully continuing to learn about the wonderful truths she sought all her life.

Paula was subsequently invited to visit the Adventist church, where she started to study with Wayne Morrison, pastor, and Dave Sanders. On June 23, Paula was baptized, and she is now joyfully continuing to learn about all the wonderful truths she sought all her life. Paula's face glows with her new-found faith and love for Jesus, as she worships with her new church family each Sabbath.

Mary Wadsworth-Cooke, communication secretary, LaPorte Church

Michigan **Melissa Thornton** was walking to work at 10:00 p.m. in the pouring rain. She worked the midnight shift at the local restaurant. Her neighbor, Jill Shafanek, a member of the Metropolitan Church in Northville, Michigan, saw Melissa walking and asked if she would like a ride.

When Melissa got into Jill's car, she noticed colorful brochure-like documents tucked behind the sun visor. Melissa asked Jill what they were. Jill explained they were *Historicals of Prophecy* Bible studies. Melissa then asked if she could



After studying with Jill Shafanek (not pictured) and Sandi Stewart (right), Melissa Thornton decided to be baptized. Melissa is thrilled with the Bible truths that are still being revealed to her.

have them. Jill hesitated because they were for studies she was conducting with another friend, but then she told Melissa she could have them.

Jill set up a time to meet with Melissa to study the Bible together. Melissa and Jill began studying in November 2006 and completed the entire set of lessons by early January 2007. While studying with Jill, Melissa began to attend the Metropolitan Church where she met Sandi Stewart, the church's Bible worker.

In February, Sandi began to study with Melissa as they listened to the "Daniel Prophecy Seminar" from Seminars Unlimited. As a result of these studies, Melissa was baptized on May 26. Melissa and Sandi continue to study together, and Melissa is thrilled with the Bible truths that are still being revealed to her.

Melissa has two children, ten-year old Rebecca and five-year-old Gregory. She continues to work at the restaurant, but now she works the day shift and not on the Sabbath.

Joy Hyde, communication secretary, Metropolitan Church

Share the Good News!

Do you know of someone who recently made a decision for Christ? We're always on the lookout for inspiring stories of how people have come into the church.

Contact the *Lake Union Herald* staff by sending an email to herald@luc.adventist.org.

Unto the Least of These...

BY DIANE THURBER

On a September Sabbath morning, Cassie Stokes joined other prison ministries volunteers at the Rockville (Indiana) Women's Prison. After being searched for contraband, Cassie proceeded with the group to a check-in gate. Although it was her eighth prison ministry outreach, Cassie said, "When you walk into a prison there is always a bit of uneasiness. The clanging of the doors behind me sends shivers down my spine."

As Cassie entered the assembly room and greeted inmates, her uneasiness seemed to dissipate. Meeting inmates is one of Cassie's favorite parts of outreach. She said, "They've been told in advance that we are coming, and they are excited. As they file in, I like to shake everyone's hand and give them a big smile to make them feel welcome."

The volunteers and inmates sang hymns together, and messages of hope and encouragement were shared by several. Cassie spoke, too. She was only 19 the first time



The Rockville (Indiana) Women's Prison houses inmates sentenced for crimes of all levels, including murder.

Le-muel Vega, the *Christmas Behind Bars* prison ministries coordinator, asked her to talk to a group of young male inmates (two of whom Cassie knew "quite well" in elementary school). Cassie prayed, and then stepped forward to tell them why she believes in God and of her struggles and desire to become closer to Him. She remembers, "I could tell by looking into just a few eyes that they had actually heard me. It was amazing. From that moment on, I wanted to tell everyone about Jesus, and my relationship grew."

At another prison, Cassie met a 16-year-old girl who kept hopelessly telling Cassie that God

could never forgive her because she had done so many horrible things. Cassie said, "I looked into the eyes of a child, crying because she wanted something that she thought she could never have. I put my arm around her and told her that Jesus came

and died on the cross for that very reason—because we are sinful people—but He loves us just the same. I saw the hope in her eyes."

Cassie identifies in a personal way with the inmates she ministers to. "I've had family go through the system, so I know what it's like to be the family member on the outside. ... I [also] identify with the fact that we are all prisoners of sin. We all needed Jesus to die on the cross for us."

At the Rockville prison, Cassie helped pass out Christian books and gift bags with items such as snacks and toiletries. *Christmas Behind Bars* volunteers assembled and distributed approximately 15,000 gift bags in Indiana in the past year.

Cassie encourages others to become involved in prison ministries. She says, "The experience will change your life. It changes mine every time I go. I always receive a blessing. ... You may not know that you changed someone's life that day, or you may never find out while you're here on Earth, but how great will it be to see just one of those faces in Heaven!"



Cassie Stokes shared her testimony about what Jesus Christ means to her before inmates at the Rockville (Indiana) Women's Prison.

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To learn more about the *Christmas Behind Bars* prison ministries program, read the online version of this issue at www.lakeunionherald.org.





Love in any Language

BY MARK BOND

We wove in and out of tiny back alleyways, searching for a small house church tucked away in a dingy part of downtown Bangkok's lower middle class housing district. The heat and humidity were constant reminders that I was a long way from the cool, crisp air of approaching fall back in Montana. I was in the middle of a ten-day trip to visit friends who have served as missionaries in Thailand the last five years.

We drove past numerous street vendors cooking up smells that would tempt anyone with a penchant for international cuisine. After several cell phone calls to clarify directions, we arrived at a small, neat, little classroom full of Thai students. They were singing songs and eagerly awaiting our arrival. The little school, tucked unobtrusively between a laundry and a small restaurant, offers English language classes during the week, and becomes a makeshift Adventist church each Sabbath. Most of the students gladly attend the church services, since they provide an extra opportunity to expand their English skills, but they also find welcome truths that nourish their hungry souls.

I was asked to teach the Sabbath school class that morning, and was excited to find out that as I taught in English my words would be translated into Thai. It was the first time I had the opportunity to teach or preach through a translator, and I found that it's actually an enjoyable experience.

The week's lesson was the story of the prophet Hosea and his wife Gomer. Arguably one of the more colorful stories in the Bible, I was a bit hesitant at first about how to share it with this class of new believers and would-be English speakers.

When I asked the class, "How many of you are familiar with the story of Hosea and Gomer?" I received blank stares, and realized I was entering new Biblical territory.

I asked them to read the highlights of Hosea's story directly from their Thai Bibles. And as the powerful story



Two recently-baptized members at the Adventist English language school in Bangkok posed with Mark Bond after he taught Sabbath school class.

of betrayal and redemption unfolded there in that little classroom halfway around the world, it was clear that its meaning was not lost on my students. I listened as they read aloud. The strange-sounding phrases meant nothing to me, but it was obvious the theme was hitting its mark on their hearts. Heads nodded in approval, and smiles formed on each face.

Then one lady who had been quietly taking it all in raised her hand to speak. "It isn't fair," she told me through my translator. "This lady left her husband and gave her love to another, and then he bought her back anyway."

Another quickly raised her hand to agree with the first.

I had to agree with them. And it's also not fair that God has sent His Son to die in our places—for your sins and mine. But that's the beauty of the story. That's what Amazing Grace means.

As we sang the words of that familiar hymn a few minutes later—some singing in Thai, some in English—the beautiful blend of voices made me realize that God's love is the same in any language. The same Amazing Grace that touches hearts here in North America also touches hearts on the other side of the world.

If you haven't read the story of Hosea lately, take a few moments to read it. It's fairly short, but the meaning is clear—no matter what language you happen to read it in.

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Welcome Home, Children!

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

The Adventist family comes in an interesting variety of configurations. Adventism is a personal choice, a culture, a theology, and a love relationship with an amazing God who desires to save all His children. The Adventist family also has a growing number of persons who, for personal reasons, have walked away from the church. We know of young people who have turned away, but losses involve all ages. When those who don't attend regularly, or haven't for many years, slip into the pew on Sabbath morning, do they find a welcoming church family?

Let me tell you about one church service that comes to mind. We were at an academy alumni homecoming. The Sabbath speaker was a pastor and alum and, from our vantage point, had one agenda in mind. When a call was made at the end of the service, no one responded by going up front. The call became even more impassioned and urgent. "I know you," said the preacher. "Many of you have left the church. You haven't been to church for years. In the process, you have lost God and your souls are in peril. You are sinners in need of a Savior. This is your opportunity to begin again. You must not let it pass by! Could this be the day probation closes?" I didn't doubt the sincerity of the appeal, but it wasn't working.

The call was prolonged and repeated. As a number of returning alumni, some with spouses, got up from their places and headed for the nearest exit, we were disheartened as they left. That experience generated discussion later in the day, with some being angry at what they had been subjected to. In general, they shared what it was like to be there that morning. To most, it felt like religious manipulation. Some thought it was this kind of guilt-inducing manipulation that had motivated them, and others, to step away from the church in the first place. While many remembered their



academy experience in a mostly positive light, they didn't like the memories of an academy experience that was guilt and shame inducing.

I recall another Sabbath sermon at a homecoming. After a special music featuring the song, "Welcome Home, Children," the message was all about the copious love of God. It was also a celebration of the honored classes, the friendships that had endured through the years, and of worshiping together. There were no troublesome comments. They had come home, and they knew that's where they belonged that day.

What is the lesson for us? We need the "Welcome Home!" sermons in our churches. We need to step up to those who come in the doors and make a connection with them. Filled with grace and love, the Adventist family must be in the business of celebrating with all who return home. For those visiting for a Sabbath or those considering returning home for good, we can be assured that part of the family probably knows all the rules and knows of their need for a Savior. What they need most is an opportunity to be reconnected to the family. It is where they belong!

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Chronic noise exposure can suppress the immune system.



Noise Stress

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Noise can impair short-term memory.

Noise can be very unpleasant and may affect the quality of our lives. Today's lifestyle can present quite a few ways in which noise can disturb our space—the person talking loudly on their cellular phone, music blaring from a stereo system, snow blowers and air-conditioning units burring away, and the constant barking of the neighbor's dog disturbing your sleep.

How do all of us cope with these noise challenges? Different people respond in different ways depending upon their personality, noise sensitivity (introverts show a higher sensitivity than extroverts), age, and what activity they are involved with. What scientists have found is that everyday noise can take a toll on your health.

Typical sound levels in an open office area can make workers feel more tired, decrease their ability to concentrate and their reading comprehension, increase their risk of errors, lower their productivity, and raise cortisol, the stress hormone. This can negatively impact their ability to solve problems and impair short-term memory, especially in those who are noise sensitive.

Noise can significantly disturb sleep and produce a poorer quality of sleep to a degree that mood and work performance the next day can be seriously affected. Creative work such as poetry written by persons exposed to noise typical of the level found in a crowded restaurant was assessed as less creative than the poetry written by persons in a quiet atmosphere.

European studies revealed that children constantly exposed to high traffic noise had slightly higher blood pressure values and an increased risk of respiratory health problems than children exposed to lower levels of noise. Classroom noise can increase the prevalence of fatigue and headaches in school children.

Men living in areas with high traffic noise are reported to be 30 percent more likely to experience a heart attack than those living in quieter neighborhoods. Adults who reported severe annoyance of neighborhood noise also

had a greater risk of migraine and depression. Chronic exposure to stressful noise levels suppresses the immune system. Occupational noise can also produce hearing impairment over time.

There are numerous ways to combat the noise that surrounds us. Curtains and carpeting are effective ways to reduce unwanted noise. Music CDs playing pleasant environmental sounds—for example, steady rainfall, waterfalls, ocean waves, or gently bubbling streams—can produce a calming influence. White or pink noise can be used to mask various disturbing noises. One can also utilize periods when noise levels are higher than normal to accomplish routine jobs that don't require a high level of creativity.

It is important to have some quiet time for reflection and meditation. The psalmist admonishes us to be still and know God (Psalm 46:10). Paul urged the importance of striving to live a peaceful and quiet Christian life (1 Timothy 2:2).

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EXTREME GRACE

Santa Manna

BY DICK DUERKSEN

“The best fun I’ve ever had? That’s easy. It was the year I got to play Santa in a town that had no people.”
Pinkie was hosting the Sabbath potluck out under his prune trees, and I was moving from an incredible potato salad to the dessert—fresh corn on the cob! Conversation had ebbed, so while slathering butter on the corn I asked a couple of the folks, “What’s the most fun you’ve ever had?”

Ralph was the first to talk.

“I was working at an Adventist hospital,” he began, “when the county Social Services department called and asked if I would help them with a problem. I love problems, so I immediately agreed and then asked what kind of problem we had.”

“There’s a whole town filled with farm laborers about three miles from your hospital. The people there are very poor, and most do not have green cards to work in the U.S. They need clothes, food, toys, and medical care, but whenever someone from our department shows up to help, the town is empty. They scatter, fearful that we’re there to send them back across the border. It’s July, but could you help these families have a good Christmas?”

Ralph was director of Environmental Services at the hospital, and most of his staff were naturally fluent in Spanish.

“I called a special staff meeting,” Ralph forgot all about his dessert as he told me the story. “I told them about the call from the county and then said, ‘We’ve all got good jobs, and enough

clothes to give everybody up there something to wear. Bring in what you’ve got, and let’s give ‘em Christmas!’”

Two weeks later they were ready. The entire hospital staff jumped at the invitation, and the housekeepers’ cars were overflowing with piles of clothing, sacks of toys, cases of food, and enough kids’ vitamins to last a year! They were ready for a party.

“I wanted to go along to help deliver the goods,” Ralph said.

“But I’m a short, round, white-haired Norwegian who looks like he may be from the border patrol! They’d all run away if they saw me.

Then one of my employees handed me a Santa suit.”

Ralph, 74, and now a veteran of many July Christmases, blinked away his tears before finishing.

“The people in that town treated us like we were bringing them manna directly from Heaven! And I got to be the Santa!”



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No Need to Fear

BY GARY BURNS

It was in a small town hospital with a nighttime staff of three. He was the crotchety ol' husband of a dear, sweet faithful member of my church. The hospital called because they did not expect him to live through the night. When I arrived, his wife begged me to pray that God would not let her husband die. She knew he wasn't ready. It wasn't as if she was desperate to hang on to him. It's that she wanted him to have just one more chance to accept the gift of eternal life that Christ freely extended—even to the likes of him. Even if he refused, she was thankful she wouldn't have to go on living with the haunting lie that every moment he would be tortured in some underworld inferno. Her prayer for him was motivated out of compassion and love rather than fear.

He was afraid—but barely alive enough to know it. Somehow we had connected on my first visit to their home—only enough so that he didn't throw me out. He later told me, with obvious delight, how many pastors he had chased off his property. Now he was dying and afraid—not believing what his wife knew to be true.

The room was silent except for the beep of the monitor recording his vital signs. Several times it stopped, only to resurrect again. He was hanging on for dear life.

Sometime in the middle of the night, he became lucid enough to know we were there.

"Do you want me to pray for you?" I asked. He nodded. I held his hand. "I know you are afraid, but you don't have to be," I assured him.

In the moments that followed he found forgiveness and drifted back to sleep.

As the light of dawn spilled into his room, he awakened to realize he was alive. At the prompting of his wife, he asked to be anointed. Three days later he went home

to live a very different life. He was learning to be kinder and less critical of others. The little town where he lived noticed the change.

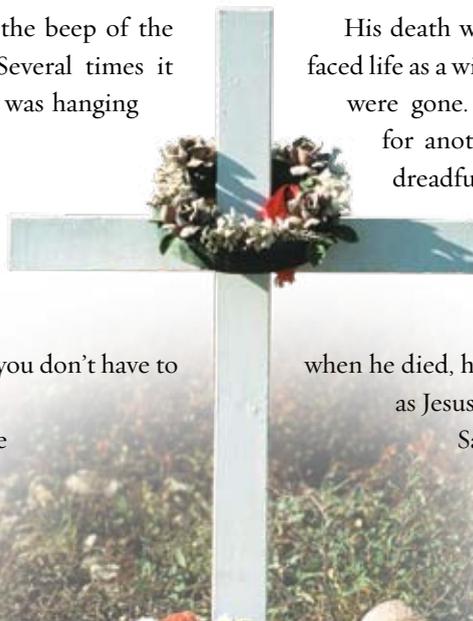
Several years later, he fell asleep in Jesus whom he had come to tolerate even more than he tolerated me. He wasn't a model member, but he wasn't afraid. He was a saint.

His death was still a loss to his dear wife who now faced life as a widow. But the pain and the sting of death were gone. She wasn't desperate for me to pray for another "resurrection." The loneliness was dreadful, but her antidote was hope, knowing that his Savior promised to be her constant companion.

She took comfort in what she had been able to teach him—that when he died, he would be at peace and rest. He would, as Jesus said, "sleep" until the morning when his Savior would call them both home.

Since that day under the tree in the garden, death has been with us. It is painful. It is sad. But we do not grieve as those who have no hope. It's just a sleep until the dawn.

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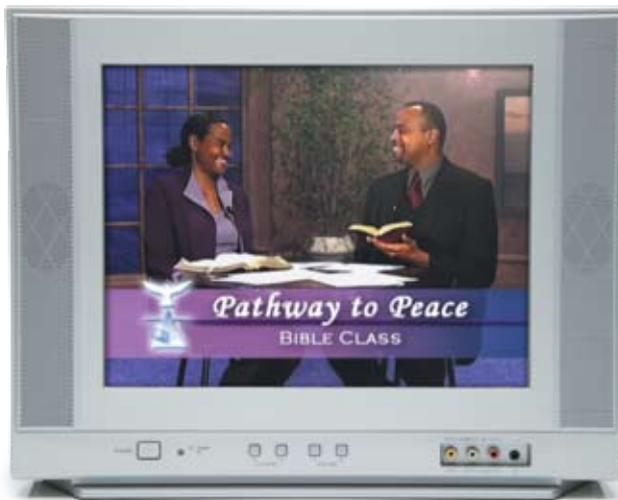
Answering God's Call

BY DEBBIE YOUNG

In the Fall of 2005, Pathway to Peace Ministries partnered with members from various churches in the Metro Detroit area in a cooperative effort to spread the Gospel via television. Pathway to Peace Ministries, a non-profit organization founded by Cary and Elene Rodgers, began as a weekly radio program on one station in Charlotte, North Carolina. Currently, the 30-minute Bible class airs weekly on more than 20 radio stations across America as well as in Belize, Central America, and Africa. The Bible class explores various foundational Bible truths to teach listeners about Jesus Christ, who offers the only true pathway to peace.

When the Lord expanded the vision of Pathway to Peace to reach out through television, Cary and Elene recruited volunteers to work on various television projects. Fourteen members from the Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, London (Maybee, Michigan), and Sharon (Inkster, Michigan) Seventh-day Adventist churches completed free training classes at Community Television Network (CTN) in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Once the first team of volunteers completed the classes, they went into the studio for production. As a result, fifteen 30-minute "Pathway to Peace" programs were produced and aired on CTN, a cable station which broadcasts in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and surrounding communities.

God has blessed their efforts. Volunteers shared that their co-workers reported seeing the programs and noted the names of volunteers they knew in the credits. Last spring, while in the process of recording a program, the television studio gave tours of the facilities. While the Pathway to Peace team was on a break, one of the tour participants said she regularly watched their broadcast on the local cable channel and had learned a lot. She also told them that she actually gets out her pen and paper to take notes during the Bible class.



Elene and Cary Rodgers, co-founders of Pathway to Peace Ministries, share Bible truths during their weekly Bible class television broadcast.

Cary, Elene, and their family have since relocated to North Carolina, but have left a spark that continues to burn in the hearts of the volunteers who have remained together as a production team. The team is currently producing a 26-session series to air on CTN. The presenters are Jim Merrell and Kim Mills, members of the Ann Arbor Church. They are using the *New Beginnings* DVD sermon presentations. Volunteers also

have access to CTN's state-of-the-art equipment to use off-site anywhere within Washtenaw County, to record programming that will be aired on CTN.

Jim and Teresa Rodgers, members of the London Church, coordinate the team which will produce other projects to spread the Gospel. The volunteer team is an example of how much can be done when we work together. The only qualification is a sincere desire to answer God's call to service. Teaming with the Divine is the key. Then we can accomplish "exceeding, abundantly, above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

For more information about Pathway to Peace Ministries and a complete program listing, visit www.pathway-topeace.net.

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SUS PROMESAS SÍ SE CUMPLEN

POR CARMELO MERCADO

En junio de este año un grupo de jóvenes de nuestra Unión fue a Lima, Perú, con el propósito de presentar campañas evangelísticas en algunas iglesias. Al regresar, los jóvenes me dijeron que la experiencia había sido una gran bendición. Una de las jóvenes, Cindy Fonseca, de la iglesia hispana de Indianápolis, compartió conmigo la siguiente experiencia que tuvo en esta misión.

“Ciertos hermanos de iglesia me pidieron que fuera al hospital para visitar a un joven que había tenido un accidente. En camino al hospital yo me preguntaba: ‘¿Y qué le voy a decir? Yo no sé qué le puedo decir a una persona que ha tenido un accidente. ¿Cómo se supone que yo le dé ánimo?’ Mientras todos hablaban, yo estaba en silencio y orando a mi Dios y pidiéndole ayuda. Luego recordé el versículo que había leído un día o dos antes y que me había ayudado a poner mi confianza en Dios. Resulta que mientras yo le pedía a Dios que me ayudara con la predicación y leía la Biblia, encontré ese versículo que luego se convirtió en mi versículo de toda la semana: “Clama a mí y yo te responderé cosas grandes y ocultas que tú no conoces” (Jer. 33:3). Entonces clamé a Él y le pedí que cumpliera su promesa.

“Cuando llegué al hospital aún no sabía qué decir. Entré al cuarto y todavía no lo sabía. Finalmente un hermano dijo: ‘Aquí tenemos a una hermanita de Norteamérica que ha venido a verte y ella quisiera decirte unas palabras.’ Dentro de mí había una voz que decía: ‘Dios, estoy clamando a ti. Por favor, cumple tu parte de la promesa.’ Y así fue. Dios permitió que me vinieran a la mente unos versículos de la Biblia muy apropiados. Y de pronto, recordé una situación similar en la que había podido testificar de cómo Dios había convertido un gran problema en una gran bendición. Las palabras fluían al punto que el joven que se había accidentado, estaba por



Los jóvenes que fueron a Perú. De izquierda a derecha: Zoheth Torres, Olga Hernández, Zaida Sanraella, Cindy Fonseca, Luis Andrade y Dennisse Rodríguez

llorar. Entonces me detuve y pedí que cantáramos. Oré por él y las palabras nuevamente fluyeron. Al abrir los ojos, noté que él y su esposa estaban derramando muchas lágrimas. Fue entonces que yo también sentí muchos deseos de llorar porque Dios había cumplido con su parte. Él no me falló y pude ver que yo sirvo a un Dios real. El joven accidentado y su esposa me dijeron que estaban muy agradecidos. Según los hermanos, los versículos y el

testimonio habían sido muy apropiados.

“Luego de esa experiencia, ese versículo se convirtió en mi versículo favorito en las semanas subsiguientes. Cada vez que yo iba a hacer una visita, recordaba ese versículo y sin sospecharlo, decía lo que aquellas personas necesitaban oír. Pues las personas que visitaba siempre me decían: ‘esas eran las palabras que necesitaba escuchar,’ y a la noche las veía en la iglesia. Cada vez que visitaba a alguien que no había estado asistiendo a la iglesia, esa misma noche veía a esa persona o a su familia en la iglesia.

Me di cuenta que las visitas ayudaban mucho. Me daba mucho gusto cada vez que yo predicaba, ver los rostros de las personas que yo había visitado durante ese día. ¡Qué bendición tan grande!

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A Match Made in Heaven

BY GARY BURNS

Loaded down with packages, Greta stepped in the elevator at the 47th floor. It was Christmas Eve, and she had been working late. Greta struggled to press the button that would take her down to the bustle of New York City below. She leaned back against the wall, thinking about the gifts and the family they represented. The thought of Greta's sisters pressing her as they did every Christmas produced a sigh. "Have you met anybody interesting this year?" she could hear them say.

The reality of Greta's loneliness dimmed as she dreamed of one day meeting the right man—someone with whom she could share her life, her family, and especially, Christmas.

"Ding," the elevator stopped on the 39th floor and a gentleman stepped in. After barely acknowledging each other's presence, the door closed and the elevator began its rapid descent to the street below.

Suddenly, it came to an abrupt stop on the 26th floor as if it smacked against the pitch darkness that now filled the enclosure. What a predicament—trapped in dark silence with a man she did not know. Chad introduced himself and made Greta feel at ease. Within a short time, they decided to make the best of it while waiting for their rescuers.

Though their cell phones didn't work, they pooled their cache—a candle, some matches, freshly-baked bread, jelly, fruit, cookies, and a drink. Among their resources was a sense of humor, emotional support, and a song—Chad's favorite Christmas carol, "The First Noel," which they sang.

Hours passed before the elevator service personnel arrived. When they emerged, Greta's anxious parents were there to meet her. Though eager to go home, Greta was reluctant to say goodbye to her elevator companion. Chad had been so nice, and had provided a sense of security and comfort during the traumatic ordeal. She wondered, *Will I ever see him again?*

The next morning, as was her tradition, she and her family attended the Christmas service at her church. When the organist began to play “The First Noel,” tears began to well up in Greta’s eyes. Just hours before, she and Chad had sung that song. Fighting back the tears, Greta thought she recognized someone sitting nearby. It was Chad. He came. During their long wait in the elevator, Greta had, just by chance, mentioned the church where she and her family attended Christmas mornings.

An invitation was extended, and Chad canceled his other plans to join Greta and her family for a very special Christmas dinner—one Greta did not attend solo—her first, but certainly not her last.

One year later, on Christmas Eve, Chad and Greta were married. A year after that their first child was born on Christmas Day. Her name? You guessed it—Noel.

“Just an accident,” someone might say. But Greta is totally convinced that God brought her and Chad together—that the dream God put in his heart and hers, started to become a reality that Christmas Eve.¹

lighting effects produced by the sun and the moon, followed by the birds of the air and fish of the sea. By day six, the new planet was ready for the animals and the crowning act for which this dream home had been prepared—a man and woman—a self-portrait displayed in two distinct and complimentary beings that together embodied the nature and image of the triune God.

Their creation was distinct and personal as God stooped to mold their forms and breathe life into them. They were taken from the very earth over which they were to have dominion. God engaged them in conversation, giving them the gift of language so they might explore the depths of relationship, wisdom and knowledge. Inherent was their ability to create—not just to procreate, to be like Him—to come up with original ideas that had not previously existed. Elephant, wolf, macaw, whale. God honored them with mission and purpose, giving them the privilege of caring for His creation.

And what a match! Perfect complimentary beings with different dimensions of abilities, skills, and interests. Enhancing each other’s spiritual, mental, social, physical, and

AND WHAT A MATCH! PERFECT COMPLIMENTARY BEINGS...

Do you think that something or someone is guiding in the events of your life? This earth is not just a random hit-and-miss operation: Someone is watching over you. He knows your dreams. He knows your name, the elevator you’re riding, and the house you live in. He knows your discouragements, your health problems, your economic necessities, your cravings for friendship—your family’s joys and sorrows.

Do you have a dream about who you long to be, about love, about marriage, about children and family? Where do your dreams come from?

Let’s go back to the beginning when God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) had a creative summit meeting.

He must have looked out from His majestic throne room into the vastness of space at the trillions of twinkling stars, galaxies, whirling planets, and perhaps even other civilizations unknown to us and dreamed: “Let’s think outside the box and create a new world of happiness with all the beauty of our imagination.”

With His divine, infinite intellect, He pictured each moment of a seven-day earth creation—to make a dream home for the first newlyweds. Can’t you just hear the spontaneous responses? “Awesome! Terrific! Delightful!”

First came light, then the atmosphere, followed by a variety of plants and trees. The third day was filled with amazing

emotional growth, they were able to nurture one another with mutual love, respect, and understanding. They discovered their forms fit together as one—God’s fabulously intricate design—life by design.

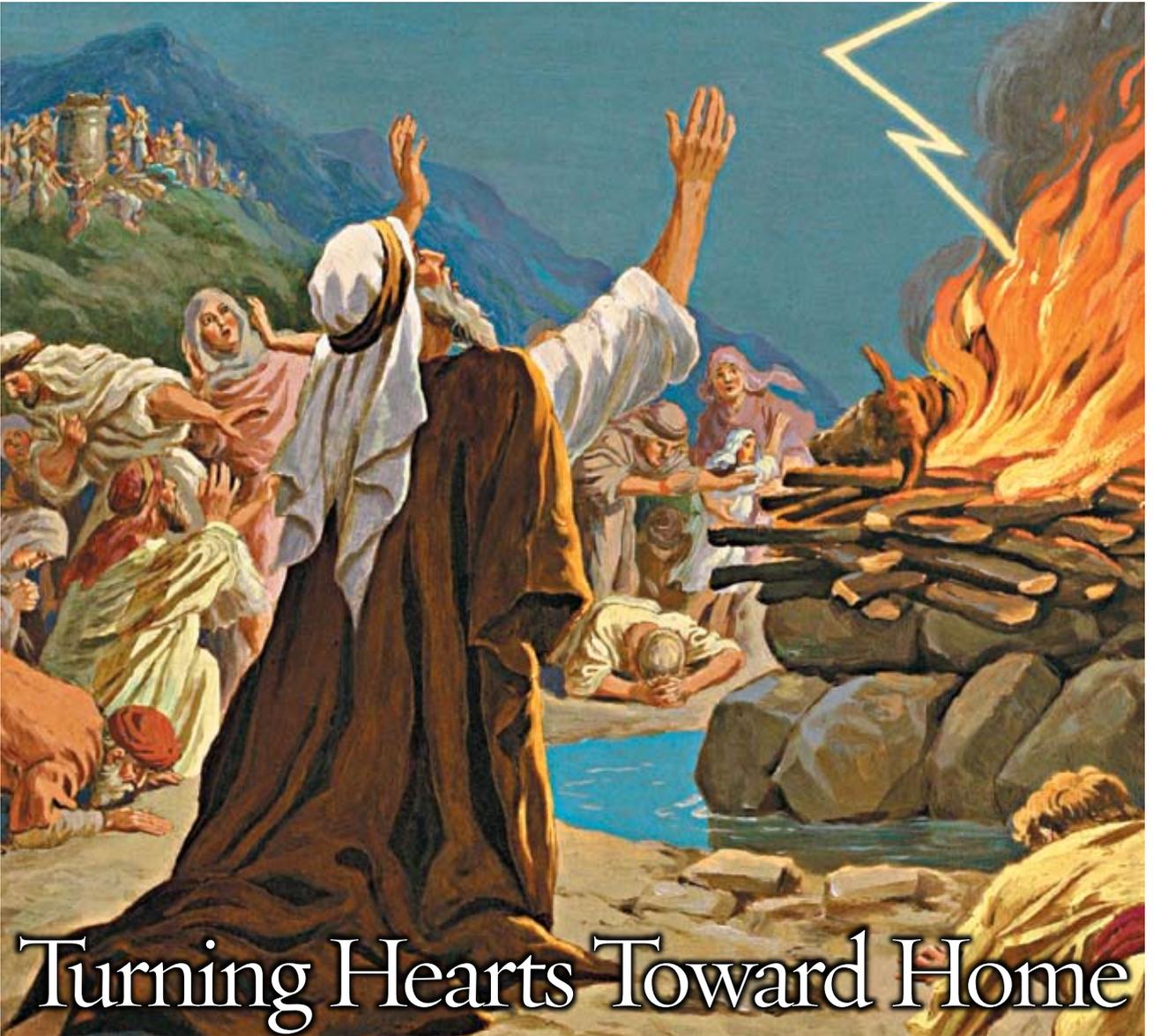
So that’s where your dreams come from. When God created you, He instilled in you not only purpose, but hopes, aspirations, curiosity, creativity, desire—each of us similar, but unique—able to make significant contributions to the whole.

But rather than setting us aside to live on our own, God, being true to His nature, offered Himself to complete the triune relationship—Adam, Eve, God. And He did so by instituting a day to commemorate His special availability—the Sabbath—a 24-hour weekly honeymoon to build relationships.

That is it! We’re not alone. We are a special creation. We have purpose, mission, destiny. And together we’re a perfect match—a portrait of the image of God.

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Turning Hearts Toward Home

BY GARY BURNS

It was the last night of Carthage. Destiny and the Pearl of the Mediterranean stood face to face. The Roman legions thundered at the gates. The fair daughters of the rich had long since given their hair to be woven into bowstrings for the beleaguered archers on the crumbling walls. In his book, *Suffer, Little Children*, Max Rafferty describes how after darkness fell that fateful night in 146 B.C., the people of Carthage gathered in the center of the city. Torches were lit, and soon the huge brazen form of the god Moloch was heated to incandescence.

An inclined runway led to the door of the idol, which gaped open just below his navel. Up this ramp, driven by whips in the hands of foaming priests, crept the children of Carthage. Babes carried by older brothers and sisters, toddlers, and little girls and sturdy boys went to the embrace of Moloch. Below their tearless parents shrieked and implored their god that the sacrifice be accepted and the destruc-

tion of the city averted. One by one, sobbing and crying to their unhearing parents, the little ones were shoved to the edge of the runway, where they gazed down into the furious flames before they toppled pitifully into the molten bowels of the grinning god. The next day the Romans sacked the city and destroyed its remaining inhabitants. Moloch was thrown down, shattered, and spat upon.

Lawrence E. Stager and Samuel R. Wolff excavated in ancient Carthage near the present city of Tunis, North Africa, and identified nine stratified layers in a cemetery where an estimated 20,000 urns containing the burned bones of children were deposited. How could the Phoenician colonizers of Carthage ever have sacrificed their own children to a grotesque brazen god?

We wish the story ended there, but it doesn't. The almost incredible facts are that these criminal practices of child sacrifice actually infiltrated Israel and flourished in the ninth century B.C. You see, Phoenicia with its royal cities of Tyre and Sidon (in modern Lebanon) was the closest northern neighbor of ancient Israel. Ahab was the king, and he chose as his wife and queen, Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, the king of Sidon.

The nation prospered financially, and people enjoyed the good life.

and priestesses. They have a showdown on Mt. Carmel. At the risk of his life, Elijah prays a simple prayer before the assembled: "Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again" (1 Kings 18:37 NKJV). That's what those people needed—hearts turned back again toward God and home!

The final words of the Old Testament carry a similar thought. "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:5, 6 NKJV).

Notice God's promise of a message to strengthen the family is for our generation. Seeing down through the ages to our day, Jesus said in Matthew 24:12, "And because lawlessness (sin) will abound, the love of many will grow

THAT'S WHAT THOSE PEOPLE NEEDED—HEARTS TURNED BACK AGAIN TOWARD GOD AND HOME!

King Ahab established a free trade treaty with his northern neighbor. Merchandise poured in from various parts of the civilized world via their powerful navy and merchant marine, which brought manufactured goods and textiles. Demand for local agricultural goods was seldom better. Export products included wheat, livestock, olive oil, wine, and dried fruit. They got top dollar in the trade and option markets of the time. The nation's strong armies protected her borders from any enemy incursions.

But while everything seemed to be prospering, to the discerning eye all was not well. The rich took advantage of the poor, reducing them to near economic slavery. Respect for human life was on the skids. Even as the children were brutalized, divorce thrived. Juvenile delinquency was on the upswing, and a crime wave began to sweep the country. The king himself made a land-grab after his beloved Jezebel murdered the owner of the vineyard next to the palace. Prostitution thrived and was even enshrined as an essential part of the national religion! Queen Jezebel had 850 priests and priestesses of sexual orgy cults seated at her table.

Was there any hope? Had morality and principle gone down the drain forever?

Enter the prophet Elijah—native of a backwater part of the country. He confronts the robber king and the priests

cold" (NKJV). And He was right. Today we have a massive breakdown in the ethic of love and compassion around the world. There is a virtual bankruptcy of human compassion, love, forgiveness, and healing. But into the coldness of society, God proposes to send one final message of love—a message that will turn the hearts of the fathers (and mothers, the older generation, including grandparents, uncles and aunts) to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

Now that's good news!

That message is embodied in the life of Jesus, who brought comfort and hope to the grieving widow of Nain, who embraced the children, blessed them and restored their true value, who reached out and helped a desperate father with his special needs son, who restored dignity and purity to Mary of Magdala, who while dying on the cross made provisions for His mother's care in her old age. It's a message of loving service and restoring dignity. As we follow Christ's example, as we live the principles that He lived as revealed in scripture, we are proclaiming the message that will turn hearts back home.

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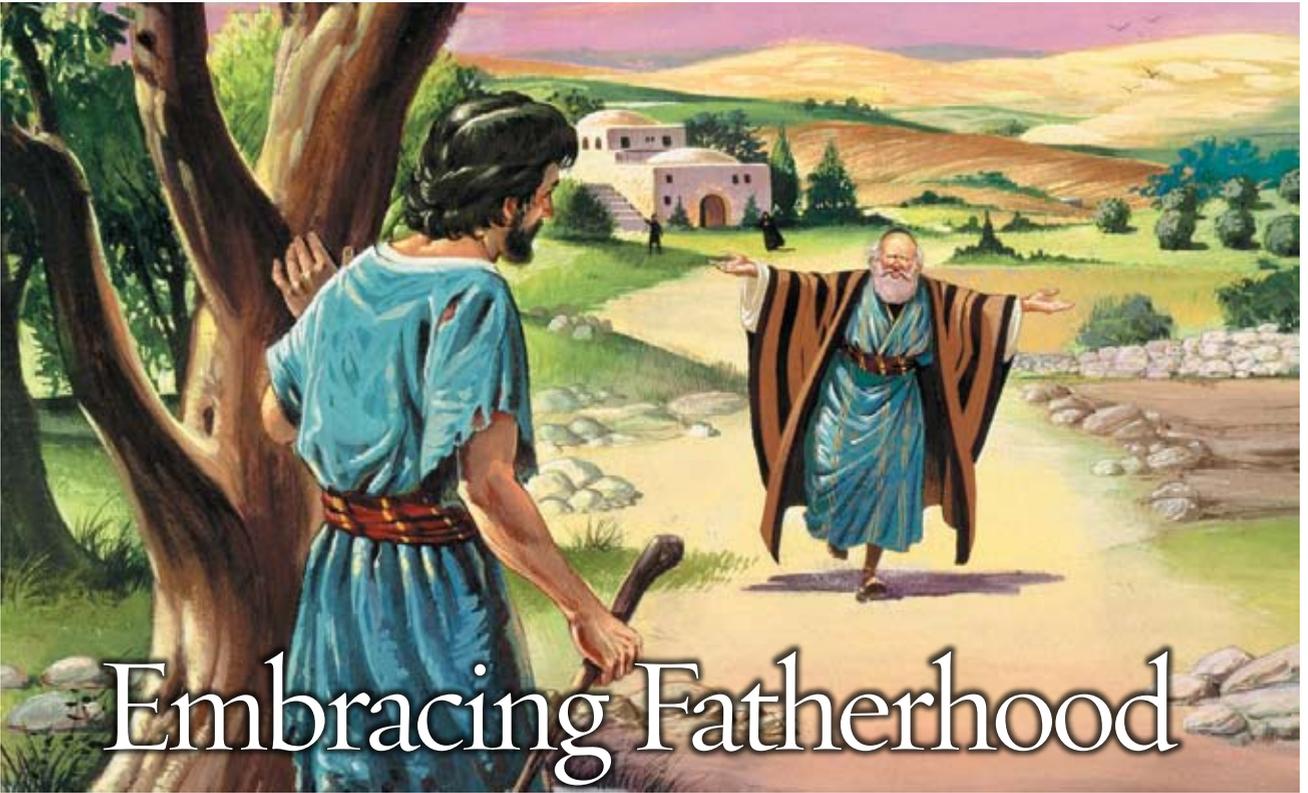


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Embracing Fatherhood

BY DIANE THURBER

In 1989, there was a terrible earthquake in Armenia that came with the force of 8.9 on the Richter scale. When the earthquake tremors subsided, one father ran quickly through the streets toward his son's school. Arriving at the scene where his son's classroom should have been, all he saw was debris and rubble everywhere. Immediately, he began to pull away the debris that formed a barrier between him and Armen, his son.

Soon others arrived on the scene. "What are you doing?" they queried.

"Don't waste your time."

"No one could possibly have survived in this pile of debris."

But the father, taken aback by their pessimism, responded, "Don't talk to me that way. Help me dig in the rubble."

The father dug for 36 hours without stopping. And finally, after all those hours, he heard a voice. It was his son Armen who answered his calls. "Father, I knew you would come; you had promised that if I ever needed you, you'd be there."

There are still true fathers. And they are present when their children need them. However, not everyone is as fortunate as Armen. For many children and teens, when the earthquakes of life hit, there is no father to lend a helping hand. But there is comfort in the knowledge that God says He is a father to the fatherless (see Psalm 68:5). In Zephaniah 3:17, it is revealed that God is present, He is protective, He is attentive

and special, He quiets our fears, and He enjoys being with us. If we take our problems to Him, He can be trusted and depended upon. He is the God of the impossible, and nothing is too difficult for Him.

A FATHER'S INFLUENCE IS DIFFERENT FROM A MOTHER'S

Parents influence the character development and emotional stability of their children, says Armand Nicholi II of Harvard University. And parents model how children should live and solve problems. However, according to two leading authorities in the area of fatherhood, Henry Biller and Dennis Meredith, father power is different from mother power, and children need both in order to develop properly.

Deep in the heart of every child is the intense desire to be accepted and affirmed by a father. He is such an important part of the family. The father is a leader, a priest, a helper, a friend. In order to have the child's needs met, the father must love

them. He must talk to them. He must spend time with them. If we want our children to grow in faith with God and transmit our religious heritage to them, we have to spend more time with these precious little ones whom God has loaned to us.

In his book, *Fatherneed: Why Father Care Is as Essential as Mother Care for Your Child*, Kyle Pruett of Yale University Child Study Center notes specific outcomes for children when their father is positively engaged in their lives:

- ▶ More securely attached to important people in their lives
- ▶ More empathetic towards others
- ▶ Less impulsive; better self-control
- ▶ Higher conformity to rules
- ▶ Intellectual advantages
- ▶ Have fewer school behavior problems
- ▶ Less likely to drop out of school

upon you, and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24–26). As the two opened their eyes, there were tears running down their cheeks. It was one of the great privileges of the father’s life.

A Father Disciplines—Children need to be self-disciplined and have boundaries. They learn from experiences in life. Parents who implement the authoritative style of parenting provide high support and high control. Children see the clear standards and expectations set for mature behavior, while parents also consider their children’s needs. Children are encouraged to be independent and responsible. Rules are explained in an overall climate of warmth. Children are listened to, and respect is shown for their feelings. They know their parents care for them. Children in authoritative homes develop strong values and learn to stand up for them.

LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON, WE ALL WANDER FROM OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FROM TIME TO TIME.

WHAT KIND OF FATHER ARE YOU?

Parents in general, and a father in particular, are modeling for God. Recent studies have concluded that there is a significant correlation between the way a child perceives their father and the way they perceive God. It is important to answer the question, “What kind of father/leader are you?”

A Father Leads—He fills the role of protector, spiritual leader, teacher, and friend. As the primary family executive, the father is expected to supply authority, discipline, and sound judgment.

A Father Meets the Needs of His Children—Beyond supplying physical needs, a father communicates to a child “it is good to be me.” Children also need to feel needed and important to the family. As children are trained, they come to realize they are responsible for their destiny. They are architects of their own lives, so they must choose well what they do daily. A child’s self-concept is formed by how he or she perceives what the father thinks of them.

A Father Blesses His Children—A father took his 35-year-old son to a beautiful park—just the two of them, father and son. As they canoed on the lake, enjoying nature and its beauty, the son said, “I would like to ask you a favor. Would you give me the paternal blessing?” So in the middle of the canoe, the father placed his hand over his son’s head as they bowed their heads in prayer. The father prayed for his son and his new job. He prayed for his children and his wife, and he invoked the Biblical blessing on his firstborn. “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance

A Father Reconciles and Forgives—Fathers and mothers do their very best, but sometimes they do hurt their children and wound their spirit. Fathers are reconcilers and forgivers. That’s what turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers is all about (Malachi 4:5, 6). Some never hear the words of forgiveness they long for. Don’t wait until it’s too late.

A Father Studies the Heavenly Father—A father who seeks to parent like God, the Heavenly Father, will spend time learning His fathering characteristics. He will learn of God’s attributes, such as merciful, just, faithful, and eternal. Zephaniah 3:17 presents the father image of an ideal father—it is the portrait of our Father God. “The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

AN INVITATION

Like the prodigal son, we all wander from our Heavenly Father from time to time. He is waiting to accept us as His son or daughter again. It is not too late to come back home. God will help us be better parents, and direct our children to Him as we turn their hearts toward their heavenly home.

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Employee Receives Recognition for Efforts to Alleviate Hunger

Mike Yore's efforts to alleviate hunger make him a true hero to two local food banks in Chicago's western suburbs.

Yore, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital in La Grange, Ill., has been named a "Hero of Everyday Life" by The Sodexo Foundation. He was one of eight heroes across the United States to be recognized by the foundation, the independent charitable arm of Sodexo Inc. that provides food service to the hospital.

As part of the award, the foundation donated a \$5,000 grant in Yore's name to the charity of his choice. He selected the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Cicero-Berwyn-Stickney Food Bank, and the Food Pantry at the Second Baptist Church of La Grange.

"Hunger is a year-round problem that we must try our best to conquer," Yore said. "In fact, nine percent of households in Illinois don't know where their next meal will come from. Hunger is a bigger problem than most people realize."

Since 2004, Yore has been the driving force behind Sodexo's STOP

Hunger efforts in the Greater Chicago-Land area. At the hospital, Yore works with the Spiritual Life Committee to coordinate food drives. Three food drives have been held so far, collecting more than 1,700 pounds of food for local pantries.

"Mike's dedication to this cause is inspirational," said Tim Cook, CEO of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. "We're proud to be able to take his lead and support the fight against hunger within our own community."



Mike Yore displays the award he received when he was named a "Hero of Everyday Life" by The Sodexo Foundation.

Occasionally, Yore brings his two daughters, ages 10 and 12, to work with him at the food banks. "I want my kids to realize the truth about hunger," Yore said. "They have come to appreciate how much food a family of four needs for an entire week."

Yore also helps coordinate volunteer opportunities for hospital employees with the local Public Action to De-

liver Shelter (PADS) program. PADS provides beds, showers, a hot dinner, breakfast, and a sack lunch to about 50 people a day. The hospital donates all food, and Yore prepares the food at the hospital then delivers it.

"This is my way of doing God's work," Yore said. "I grew up in a modest home on the south side of Chicago. My family never went hungry, but we never had leftovers either. I became acutely aware of the need for food."

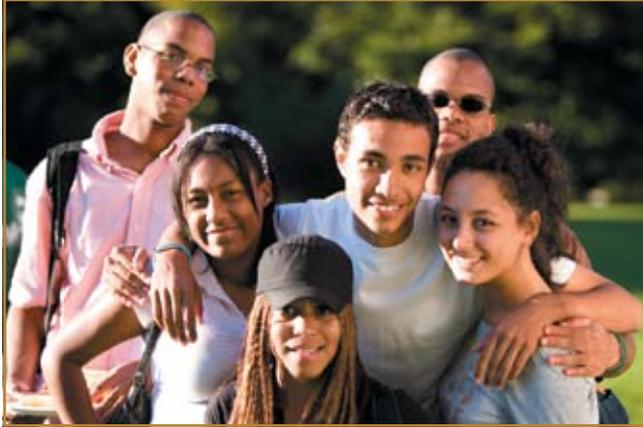
"It's very simple," he continued. "I allow the Lord to use my hands. I guess you could call it my personal ministry."

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



Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital

will collect food donations for the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry, and will also accept clothing for the needy through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Both drives will be held November 1-16. For more information, call the Pastoral Care department, at the hospital, at 708-245-3920.



Andrews Experiences Record Enrollment

Final reports reveal that the 2007–2008 enrollment numbers have reached a record high, with 3,221 students enrolled overall at the university. This is a headcount increase of 500 students since 2001. Additionally, the new freshmen population is the largest Andrews has seen in ten years, with 337 new freshmen enrolled. The new freshmen population increased this year by 47 students. A rapid increase of this size has not occurred since 2002. While the overall graduate school population decreased by one percent (or 18 students), the percentage of students enrolled in doctoral programs increased by five percent.

“Thanks to a challenge by Dr. Heather Knight, our new provost, and an Ad Hoc Enrollment Growth Committee, we’ve been challenged to grow the student population, including significant increases in our new freshmen group in the undergraduate programs,” says Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management. “We’ve worked across campus to better communicate with and serve our prospective students. The academic advisors, residence halls, Student Financial Services ... everyone has done more this year than ever before. We want to continue to streamline the registration and enrollment process, designing it

with students in mind.” This work is now paying off.

Don May, assistant dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and director of general education and student retention, reports that retention rates—the number of first-year students who

return—at Andrews look to remain steady, as well. Overall, retention rates are generally predicted to be around 71 percent, due to Andrews’ admission standards and the type of university it is. Since early this decade, Andrews has consistently exceeded this expected retention rate, and this year appears to be no different.

May observes, “The new students this year are incredible. Even as you pass them on the sidewalk, they are engaged, thoughtful, and friendly. The university’s faculty, staff, and students are more focused on what Andrews can be. We’re off to a year where God is blessing, and Andrews can be proud of itself.”

Gillian Sanner, student news writer,
University Relations

L. Monique Pittman Named New Director of Honors Program

Starting this fall, L. Monique Pittman will add to her duties as assistant professor in the department of English the new responsibilities of director of the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program.

Since she started teaching at Andrews in 1999, Pittman has contributed to the program both as a member of the Honors Council, and as the teacher of “Literature and the Arts.” Her ef-

forts won her the award of Honors “Teacher of the Year” in 2002.

Pittman’s affiliation with the program, however, extends back to her time as a student at Andrews, where she graduated in 1991. As a product of the Honors Program, Pittman holds a personal interest in it. “I’m thrilled to be given the trust of overseeing a program that

has been such a part of my own academic formation,” she says. “When I came to Andrews, I joined the Honors Program as a freshman,



L. Monique Pittman

and it was in those early days of honors classes that I found my own vocation as a Christian educator and my life’s calling to learning.”

As director, Pittman plans to expand the Junior Research Pro-Seminar as a preparation ground for the Honors Research Project, which stands out alongside the Honors curriculum as a major requirement for graduation from the program. “Our culminating research project offers students a rich opportunity to test out the waters of research and scholarship that they may embark further on in graduate and professional school programs,” says Pittman.

In spite of the added workload, Pittman is excited about her future as Honors director. “I’ve taught in the program for the last eight years and thoroughly enjoyed it,” she says. “The students are caring, humane, and thoughtful individuals with whom it is a pleasure to learn. It gives me joy to be working with them.”

Robert Moncrieff, student news writer,
University Relations

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Bathroom Renovation Project Seen as Gift from God

Michigan—Things are happening at Battle Creek Academy (BCA). Gone are the old foggy mirrors, the crowded sink area, and the broken stall doors. Those bathrooms have been replaced with pristine, modern bathrooms, and it's all because of a series of miracles that the Lord performed.

It all started at the end of last school year when Larry Ashdon, whose son, Andrew, is a student at BCA, volunteered to donate his time and talents toward the project of renovating the high school bathrooms. What a blessing! Kevin Kossick, principal, saw more to this than just volunteered labor: "What's really great about this story is that Larry was taught at a young age to use his hands for the Lord's work by his late father Lyle Ashdon, and now he's passing that value on to his son—a great example for all of us with children."

The next hurdle in the way of getting this project started was funding. The academy needed to raise approximately \$20,000 for the materials. One week later, BCA development officer, Sallie Meyer, visited with a donor, and in the conversation the donor stated, "Sallie, didn't you mention a year or so ago that the high school bathrooms needed renovating? I'd like to make a gift for the project." Upon hearing the estimated cost, the donor wrote a check to BCA for \$20,000—yet another blessing!

Toward the end of the summer, there were several unexpected challenges, which ended up increasing the project totals by approximately \$5,000. But the Lord already knew the need before we did. Here's what He supplied: Earlier in the summer, Meyer had written a grant request for the bathroom project, and a \$5,000



Larry Ashdon donated his time and talents toward a complete bathroom remodel at Battle Creek Academy.

donation for the project was received before we knew the project was going to go over budget. Surprisingly, another \$5,000 check from the same foundation arrived the very week we learned of our additional project expenses. Meyer called the foundation to verify the duplication and asked the foundation how the academy should proceed. "Should the school return the check, or would they be interested in helping us meet an unexpected expense for the project?"

When Meyer called back two days later, the foundation's director started the conversation by saying, "Would it be an imposition for the academy to...." Meyer expected to hear that she would need to return the check. But imagine her surprise when the sentence finished this way: "Would it be an imposition for the academy to keep the check and use it for your bathroom project?" Meyer said, "I had the opportunity to share with the director how their foundation's gift had answered our school's prayer before we even knew we would have the need."

The Lord provides for us time and time again. Every need was met, every

problem solved, and everyone has a greater appreciation for the renovated bathrooms knowing they were a gift from God.

Wendy Keough, co-director of marketing and recruitment, Battle Creek Academy

Cultural Diversity Enhances Learning Experience

Michigan—Students at Battle Creek Academy (BCA) are learning about cultural diversity in a whole new way this year. They are not just reading about it in Social Studies class. They are experiencing it firsthand thanks to the 13 or so new students who have enrolled for the 2007–2008 school year. These students or their parents have come from Russia, Brazil, Peru, Vietnam, Korea, and several countries in Africa.



Chloe Jang, a foreign exchange student from Korea, is a sophomore at Battle Creek Academy this year.

"It's certainly a different group than last year," says Nicole Mattson, who has taught Kindergarten at BCA for the past four years. "The cultural diversity creates a different and exciting atmosphere. The dynamic in the classroom is interesting and fun." Mattson says that more than 50 percent of the students in her class speak English as a second language.

The local students aren't the only ones who benefit from this "cultural melting pot." There are six foreign exchange students in the academy grades this year, representing the countries of Vietnam and Korea. Many of these students have come from public schools. God has given these students the opportunity to come to BCA to learn in an Adventist atmosphere and to live with Adventist host families. The students, host families, and BCA staff members are certain to gain a blessing during their time together.

Wendy Keough, co-director of marketing and recruitment, Battle Creek Academy

Magabooks Net Mega Enrollment

Illinois—Throughout the summer, students in grades six through eight from the Crest Hill Christian Junior Academy participated in the Magabook program, going door to door to distribute literature. Nearly 100 cookbooks were purchased by families in the Crest Hill area, and more than 300 *Steps to Christ* were left on a donation basis. More than 100 *Darkness Before Dawn* (the last ten chapters of *The Great Controversy*) and several full versions of *The Great Controversy* books were purchased. By the end of the summer, more than \$3,000 of truth-filled literature was delivered by these students. Every student earned a scholarship equal to 50 percent of their sales. And everyone who purchased a book was offered Bible studies and an invitation to attend a variety of seminars, including Vacation Bible School for their children.

One of the students saw a four-year-old girl and her grandmother walking down the sidewalk. The student handed the little girl a flier advertising the school. As soon as her grandmother delivered her home, the little girl excitedly gave the flier to her mother, and stated questioningly, "Maybe I can go to this school?" The girl's mother checked out Crest Hill



From left: Karla Diaz, Frida Hernandez, Orlando Hernandez, and Fritz Tacala, students from Crest Hill Christian Junior Academy, received "Certificate of Excellence" awards in recognition of their willingness to serve the community as canvasser evangelists. Each certificate recorded the amount of literature sales as well as the scholarship amount received by the student. Standing behind the students is Tom Ferguson, pastor, who organized the initiative and went with the students as they canvassed in the community.

Christian Junior Academy online. She was amazed to learn that Seventh-day Adventists attend church on Saturday and thought, *that makes sense*. Two weeks later, her husband died suddenly. A week after that, she showed up at Crest Hill Christian Junior Academy. The little girl is now enrolled at our school, and her mom is taking Bible studies.

There were many more experiences during the summer which the students will never forget. Every day they went out, one or two families expressed an interest in sending their children to the school. Not one, not two, but 18 new students were enrolled this year because of the Magabook program. Of these new students, nine are enrolled in pre-kindergarten, one in kindergarten, and eight are scattered throughout grades one through eight. These new students are a direct result of one church's decision to make their school a missionary school and an evangelistic tool.

While it has been said that "success is often an unintended side-effect," the truth is, while the pastor, Tom Ferguson, had hoped that there would be interest generated in Crest Hill Christian Junior Academy, the real objective was to give students from the school a deeper spiritual experi-

ence through talking and praying with people they encountered. In addition to Bible enrollment cards, and other small literature for those who did or did not purchase literature, the pastor and students carried fliers that told about the school. What triggered the most interest was a simple answer to an oft-asked question of the students, "What school do you go to?"

Ferguson shared a text with the student workers this summer, Psalm 126:5, 6: "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." That text means much more to them now, at the end of the summer, than it did from the very beginning.

Perhaps this program would work for your church and school as you "Touch Every 1 for Jesus" in your community. For more information, contact Ron Clark, Illinois Youth Challenge, at 314-422-4096 or by e-mail: rclark.rh.iyc@gmail.com.

Rachel Terwillegar, assistant to the president for communication, Illinois Conference, with Tom Ferguson, pastor of the Joliet and Southwest Churches, and Ron Clark, Illinois Youth Challenge coordinator

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Church Benefits from Lifestyle Seminar

Michigan—Members of the Buchanan Seventh-day Adventist Church want to build better lifestyles—mentally, physically, and spiritually. Because of this, they attended the Lifestyle Matters® seminar entitled “Living Free: Finding freedom from habits that hurt.” The seminar was put on by fellow church members for six nights between Aug. 18 and Aug. 29.



Karl Tsatalbasidis, Buchanan Church pastor, welcomed participants and introduced the Buchanan Church Lifestyle Matters Living Free seminar.

A welcome by Karl Tsatalbasidis, pastor, preceded the get-acquainted time, during which members tasted delicious healthful food samples. Recipes for each of the samples were provided for those who wanted to start on their healthier lifestyle (two recipes are available for readers in the November online issue at www.lakeunionherald.org). Following was an informative video presentation from Lifestyle Matters that gave tips on how to change lifestyle choices and

bad habits. The video emphasized that bad habits need to be replaced with good habits. It also included helpful ideas on how to incorporate good habits into our lives, whether it's at home or away from home, and included tips on what to eat at a restaurant. One seminar participant commented that

changing bad habits with good ones “really does work if you challenge yourself to follow the principals presented.”

Audience interactive lifestyle features followed the video to provide visual input on how bad habits affect us. One demonstration, illustrated by a young volunteer being wrapped in rope as each addiction was called out from the audience, showed how addictions can literally tie up your life. PowerPoint presentations concluded the seminar, and shared other great ideas on how to

change your lifestyle habits, including putting God in the empty hole of your life, exercising, taking time to rest/relax, drinking water instead of soda, making time for family and friends, and getting a support group. The interactive lifestyle features and PowerPoint presentations were led by professionals from the church.

To end each session, everyone divided into discussion groups to review the evening's worksheet. Each person went home with new ideas to put into practice for making a better life as well as information they could share with their families and neighbors. This seminar provided good training for church members so they can invite the community of Buchanan to another seminar at a later date.

On the last night, when asked what good habits had been put into place in their lives since being to the seminar, participant responses included “reading labels,” “looking at servings,” “paying attention to exercise,” and when under stress telling themselves to “let it go.”

To learn how your church can hold a seminar like this, visit www.lifestylematters.com on the Web, and click on *Living Free: Finding freedom from habits that hurt*.

Judi Doty, Buchanan Seventh-day Adventist Church member and *Lake Union Herald* back pages editor



There was a colorful food sample table at the Lifestyle Matters Living Free seminar. Participants enjoyed tasting the healthful food and picking up the recipes.



Darah Regal, assistant professor of Audiology at Andrews University and a Buchanan Church member, gave the lifestyle feature of the Living Free seminar using interactive illustrations to bring the point across to the participants.



Attending the celebration were Edna Lett Williamson (left), retired extraordinaire Seventh-day Adventist educator, and Barbara Lett Simmons (right), retired educator and civil activist. They were joined by Juanita Goodwin (center), a former college mate and long-time friend of Simmons.

Charles Bradford Speaks for 75th Anniversary Service

Lake Region—Members of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Battle Creek, Mich., recently completed their celebration of 75 years as a congregation. Six pastors who previously served the congregation spoke on a designated Sabbath during the months preceding the grand celebration on September 15. A mini-concert featuring musicians of the church set the stage



Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president, delivered the morning message. He admonished the congregation to raise their Ebenezers—their stones of hope.

for worship. Tears flowed as former members from within the city and neighboring communities began to fill the pews. Other former Bereanites drove or flew from as far away

as Atlanta, Ga., and North Carolina, to be a part of this event. Octogenarian sisters, Barbara Lett Simmons and Edna Lett Williamson, traveled from Washington, D.C., and New York City, in order to participate in the celebration of the church in which they were raised.

Divine worship speaker, Charles Bradford, retired president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, having lost none of his oratorical stature, admonished the congregation to raise their Ebenezers—their stones of hope. He reminded us that we need help, and wherein our help lies.

Bradford's presence held special meaning to Berean because of his familial ties to the church's history. In 1931, ten African-American families pulled away from the Battle Creek Tabernacle and began to worship in the home of Bradford's cousin, Katie (Buckner), and her husband, Herbert Seeney. On Feb. 6, 1932, Berean officially joined the fellowship of churches of the Michigan Conference.

A well-attended banquet concluded the months of celebration. From the moment united voices rang out, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," it was apparent that this would not be an ordinary evening. The audience was awed by the performance of violinist, Roland Sunkins, and gained a new appreciation for the psalmist's

words, "Let us praise Him with dance," as praise dancer Daisy Young worshiped God in her unique way. Lake Region Conference president Jerome Davis, key-note speaker, reminded those present that "we have come this far by faith." Chaplain and Gwen Hardy reminded everyone of the blessings of the Lord



Present for the celebration, Florence Dennis is the oldest member of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church.

by singing, "He's Been Faithful." An audiovisual presentation pictorially traced the history of Berean from its conception.

To conclude the celebration, the 100 people in the banquet hall formed a circle and sang with deep emotion, "Side by Side We Stand." As we at Berean continue our service

to God and our fellow man, we look forward to the day when we will be reunited in Heaven and "pray that we all will be there."



Granddaughters and great-granddaughters of Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church co-founder, James Seeney, gathered for the special occasion.

Jackie Sheppard, 75th Anniversary chairperson, Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church

[LAKE UNION NEWS]

Living Free Seminar Changes Lives

Michigan—"What I learned at the *Living Free* seminar has revolutionized my life. I'm in control now, not my bad habits."

That's the common testimony given by those attending the new Lifestyle Matters® seminar entitled "Living Free: Finding freedom from habits that hurt" (*Living Free*). The *Living Free* seminar, researched and written by experts in the field, shows attendees how to break bad habits, establish new good habits, and achieve and maintain their long-term goals.

"New scientific research in this area is very exciting," says *Living Free's* lead author Vicki Griffin, health ministries director for the Michigan Conference and author of four books. "The truth is the human brain is very plastic, or moldable, throughout life and responds to our lifestyle choices, either for good or bad. As a result, any bad habit or negative thinking can be overcome by implementing simple, effective, powerful lifestyle strategies. And that is what *Living Free* teaches people how to do."



Vicki Griffin, Michigan Conference health ministries director, presented the nightly lifestyle features and PowerPoint programs.

One man who attended a *Living Free* seminar at his dentist's office in Detroit not only learned how to break bad habits, he got an added bonus: "I've lost 18 pounds since coming to the *Living Free* seminar and feel better than ever. My blood pressure is now

130 over 80—and it hasn't been that low in years! I'm also controlling my blood sugar better than ever. *Living Free* has revolutionized my life."

The *Living Free* seminar is the third module in the Lifestyle Matters health intervention series developed and produced by the Michigan Conference health ministries department. It is a turnkey program designed so any church, business person, or individual can do quality, cutting-edge health outreach in their community. Like every module in the Lifestyle Matters family, the *Living Free* module includes a double DVD set, a four-color 368-page participant's workbook, fully scripted nightly PowerPoint presentations, an in-depth facilitator's training DVD, a plant-based cookbook, and a complete facilitator's guide that includes nightly program outlines, handouts, interactive health demonstrations, and much more. The nightly PowerPoint presentations and health features are also on DVD, making it easy for anyone to present these seminars with confidence.

"We've done all the research and all the work so that individuals or churches can get all the blessings," says Evelyn Kissinger, M.S., R.D., nutrition director for Lifestyle Matters and former president of the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association (SDADA). "Any church, big or small, urban or rural can now reach out to the community with the Lifestyle Matters programs as a part of its evangelism cycle."

Wendell Lawrence, a dentist in Southfield, Mich., recently conducted a seminar for his patients. "I used to practice dentistry just to help people," Lawrence said. "But now, I do it to win souls to Jesus, and I've never enjoyed dentistry so much. The *Living Free* seminar has made it even more enjoyable. *Living Free* has transformed my office staff and my patients' lives. We're starting Bible studies right after the *Living Free* semi-



Wendell Lawrence (second from left), a dentist in Southfield, Mich., conducted a seminar for his patients.

nar, with the goal of raising up a new church here in Southfield. We'll call it the Living Free Seventh-day Adventist Church."

The *Living Free* seminar generated so much interest in Lawrence's office that his office phone rang constantly the morning after the first *Living Free* session. People asked if they could bring their neighbors, friends, or family members. "We have so much interest now," Lawrence said, "that we're holding another *Living Free* seminar in a few months."



James Price lost 18 pounds and saw his cholesterol and weight drop to his lowest levels in years.

A woman who attended a *Living Free* seminar in Marshall, Mich., said this: "The *Living Free* seminar gave me hope that I could establish new, healthier habits. And what I learned isn't hard to do. Anyone can do it."

Karl Bailey, assistant professor of psychology at Andrews University and a guest on the *Living Free* program DVD, explains why *Living Free* gives people hope. "The brain you have right now," Bailey says, "is different—structurally different—from the brain you woke up with this morning. Your brain is constantly changing and restructuring, based upon the decisions you make and the input you allow to come in. So, except for rare cases, no brain is beyond helping or rebuilding or improving. It all depends upon your choices and your attitudes."

"What I learned at the *Living Free* seminar was so exciting," one participant said, "that I went right home and

[WORLD CHURCH NEWS]

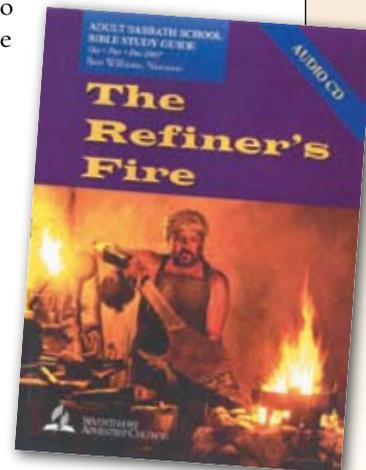
Sabbath School Quarterly Is Now Available on Audio CD

Pacific Press Publishing Association and Christian Record Services for the Blind have partnered to make the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* available on audio compact disc. "In today's fast-paced society, where so many people listen to books on CD and download podcasts, it is important to make the Sabbath school lesson more accessible," says Warren Riter, director of periodicals at Pacific Press®. Now church members can study the weekly Sabbath school lesson in the car while commuting to work, while working out at the gym, or even while cleaning the house.

The audio version of the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, narrated by Bert Williams (an editor at Christian Record Services) was released on CD beginning with the 2007 fourth quarter curriculum. It includes five discs per quarter that follow the weekly Sabbath school lesson. Each lesson will be approximately four minutes long and will include Bible texts from the New King James Bible.

The audio version of the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* is available through your local Adventist Book Center® or online at www.Adventist-BookCenter.com. For more information, e-mail Warren Riter at warrit@pacificpress.com.

Nicole Batten, director of publicity, Pacific Press Publishing Association



"Christmas at Cadillac Jack's" tells the story of a search to find a long-lost daughter on Christmas Eve. The program's executive producer, Fred Kinsey, hopes those who watch will "more fully realize that Seventh-day Adventists see Jesus as the central hope of the holiday season."

lost daughter on Christmas Eve. Emmy winner, Joseph Campanella; stage and screen star, Ruta Lee; and Latin Grammy nominee, Patty Cabrera, star in this musical drama. Other guests include Mary McDonough, who played Erin on *The Waltons*; two-time Oscar nominee, Talia Shire; and actor/singer, Joey McIntyre.

"Millions of people see the Christmas show each year and hopefully will more fully realize that Seventh-day Adventists see Jesus as the central hope of the holiday season," said Fred Kinsey, executive producer of the Christmas special. "Christmas at Cadillac Jack's," written by Jeff Wood and Donald Davenport, is the third dramatic Christmas program produced by the North American Division since 2005.

Check your local listings to find out when "Christmas at Cadillac Jack's" is scheduled to air, or visit www.nadadventist.org. If the program is not airing in your town, have the station manager call 805-955-7681 to request "Christmas at Cadillac Jack's."

George Johnson Jr., associate director, North American Division Office of Communication

called all my friends and invited them to come with me to the next meeting."

The *Living Free* seminar consists of only six sessions, so it's very easy to attend and to conduct. And after just a few seminars, the Lifestyle Matters meetings can be self-funding, meaning they'll help a church's evangelism budget, not drain it.

For more information about the *Living Free* seminar, or the other two modules in the Lifestyle Matters series, call 1-866-624-5433 or visit www.LifestyleMatters.com.

Dane Griffin, assistant to the president for media, Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

[NAD NEWS]

Sixth Christmas Production for Network Television Announced

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is releasing its sixth Christmas program entitled "Christmas at Cadillac Jack's." This hour-long program will be broadcast nationally during the month of December on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, Hallmark Channel, and Hope Channel as well as many local affiliate stations in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

The premise of the story surrounds an unexpected road trip to find a long-



The "Christmas at Cadillac Jack's" cast paused for a group photo during filming. The hour-long program will be broadcast nationally during December.

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

Anniversaries

Gomer and Beryl Evans celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21, 2007, by having a reception for more than 100 friends at the Holly (Mich.) Church multi-purpose room. They have been members of the Holly Church for 49 years.

Gomer Evans and Beryl Pearce were married Aug. 21, 1957, in London, England, by Elder Gordon Hewlett. Gomer is a retired civil engineer and C.A.D. coordinator. Beryl has been a homemaker and part-time nurse and activities director.

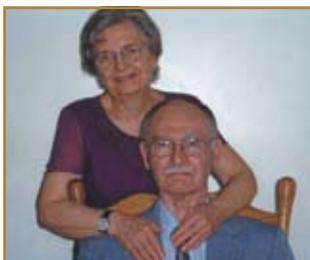
The Evans family includes Tim and Sonya Evans of Highland, Calif.; Nick and Kim Evans of Fenton, Mich.; David and Erin Evans of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren.



Oscar and Virginia Gally celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, 2007, by a family dinner at Don Pablo's restaurant in South Bend, Ind. They have been members of the South Bend First Church for 65 years.

Oscar Gally and Virginia Syson were married Sept. 15, 1957, in South Bend, by Pastor Melvin Johnson. Oscar has been retired from Indiana Michigan Electric Power Co. since 1994. Virginia has been an inspector for Trinetics for 24 years.

The Gally family includes Becky and Dennis Matlock of Osceola, Ind.; and Barbara and Timothy Young of Lawrenceville, Ga.



Lewis E. and Ardith R. Owen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26, 2007, by repeating their vows and a reception at the Paw Paw (Mich.) Seventh-day Adventist

Church. They have been members of the Paw Paw Church for 16 years.

Lewis Owen and Ardith Wheeler were married May 26, 1957, in Kalamazoo, Mich., by Pastor Church. Lewis has been a tool and die maker for 45 years. Ardith has been a homemaker and day care provider.

The Owen family includes Craig and Elliott Owen, both of Paw Paw; Cheryl and Jon Gibson of Mattawan, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Weddings

Nancy Khillah and Clinton M. Hansen were married Aug. 19, 2007, in Paw Paw, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Paul Pellandini and Chuck Randall.

Nancy is the daughter of Latif and Sania Khillah of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Clinton is the son of Marlis Martin of Bellevue, Idaho, and the late Ted Hansen.

The Hansens are making their home in Lansing, Mich.

Shannon E. Prosser and Joe Yoon-Ho Lee were married June 10, 2007, in Taylor, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Steve Conley and Samuel Koranteng-Pipim.

Shannon is the daughter of James and Paula Prosser of Fenton, Mich., and Cathy and Mark Dunning of Howell, Mich., and Joe is the son of Jai and Mija Lee of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Lees are making their home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Tabitha E. Gage and Joshua J. Quick were married July 12, 2007, in Holly, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Steve Vail.

Tabitha is the daughter of Randy and Chris Gage of Flushing, Mich., and Joshua is the son of Paula and James Prosser of Fenton, Mich.

The Quicks are making their home in LeHigh Acres, Fla.

Andrea R. Edwards and Dylan A. Tribbey were married June 2, 2007, in Farmington Hills, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mark Jensen.

Andrea is the daughter of Steve and Ellen Edwards of Waterford, Mich., and Dylan is the son of Stuart and Lynn Tribbey of Oshkosh, Wis.

The Tribbeyes are making their home in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Obituaries

GRENTZ, Erika K. (Berner), age 74; born July 11, 1933, in Endevik, Yugoslavia; died Aug. 13, 2007, in Cheshire Twp., Mich. She was a member of the Gobles-Pinedale Church, Gobles, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Edmund; sons, Dietmar and Daniel; daughters, Gudrun Mahrle and Gerhild Ulrich; brother, Richard Berner; stepbrother, David Denninger; stepsister, Eunice Wagner; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Delmar Austin and Don Williams Sr., and interment was in Lindsley Cemetery, Cheshire Twp.

HAYNOR, Arthur R., age 87; born Sept. 9, 1918, in Holton, Mich.; died June 12, 2006, in Ludington, Mich. He was a member of the Ludington Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy E. (Evans); brother, Brian; sister, Eleanor Dill; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Daniel Mesa, and interment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington.

HEBARD, Barbara G. (Baker), age 78; born Apr. 4, 1929, in Miles City, Mont.; died Aug. 14, 2007, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include her sons, George, Fred, Ken, and Richard; daughter, Jannell Savatobich; brother, Bruce Baker; sister, Janet Hancock; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bill Dudgeon, and interment was in Smith Chapel Cemetery, Niles.

HENLEY, Herbert E., age 70; born Sept. 27, 1936, in Bronx, N.Y.; died Aug. 17, 2007, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Lenier I. (Bowman); sons, Herbert E. and Arthur E.; daughter, Sheryce C. Henley; brother, Charles; sister, Esther Henley; and four grandchildren.

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

MCCULLOUGH, Laura I. (White), age 96; born May 21, 1911, in Easton, Wis.; died Aug. 26, 2007, in Friendship, Wis. She was a member of the Oxford (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Wendell Springer, and interment was in Mt. Repose Cemetery, Friendship.

MCDONALD, Tamara J. (Ahlers), age 30; born Apr. 28, 1977, in Sheboygan, Wis.; died Aug. 5, 2007, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her sons, Kaleb L. and Kyle E.; father, Floyd Ahlers; mother, Irene (Herbst) Ahlers; and sisters, Lisa A. Ahlers and Lori L. Jones.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kevin McDaniel, with private inurnment.

NICKLESS, Mary P. (Ellsworth), age 88; born Dec. 7, 1918, in Benton City, Ind.; died May 9, 2007, in Bloomington, Ind. She was a member of the Bedford (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Michael L. and John E.; daughters, Mary F. Hutton and Avonda M. Krause; brother, John Ellsworth; sisters, Lucille Bass, Virginia Moyer, and Marge Webster; 11 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Michael Nickless and Peter Neri, and interment was in Old Union Christian Cemetery, Fayetteville, Ind.

PELTON, P. Lloyd, age 86; born Sept. 14, 1920, in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada; died Mar. 21, 2007, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen F. (Cove); son, Robert; and brother, Grant.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Sharon Terrell and Arnold Swanson, and interment was in Union Cemetery, Berrien Center.

STEIN, John K., age 91; born May 17, 1916, in Schonnebeck, Germany; died Sept. 12, 2007, in Shelby Twp., Mich. He was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Dorris Allen and Beverly Shoemaker; sister, Anna Ignasiak; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Paul Larsen, and interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

TOMPKINS, Paul E., age 87; born Oct. 24, 1919; died Sept. 11, 2007, in Waterford, Mich. He was a member of the Waterford Riverside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; son, Roger; daughter, Sharon Erickson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Michael Nickless and Marshall McKenzie, and interment was in Great Lake National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

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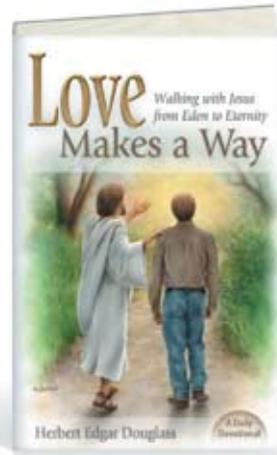
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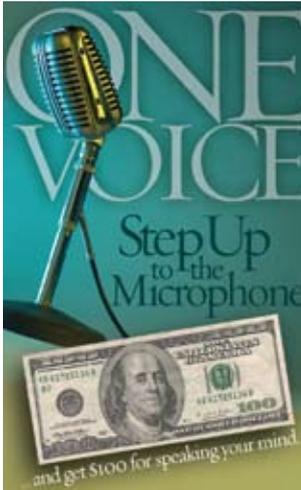
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A Time of Preparation

BY GARY BURNS

F all is my favorite time of year. You might wonder why I choose a time when things are dying all around me. I guess it is because fall is a time of preparation. The cold, hard winter is approaching. With the convenience of modern shipping, we have forgotten that our grandparents' lives depended on the work they did through the growing season, the gathering at harvest, the preserving, canning, drying, storing, and freezing.

We used to grow several acres of sweet corn that provided enough to share several dozen ears with each of the families in our three little churches, and still have 1,200 ears left over to steam, cut, bag, and freeze.

This summer we put up 120 pounds of blueberries (our favorite source of antioxi-

dants), and several bushels of peaches. The aroma of homemade applesauce blended from a variety of apples from our friend's orchard still lingers in the kitchen.

This cycle of life, so much a part of my heritage, has its parallel in the spiritual life. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. Working in cooperation with God's Spirit, we have stored up precious memories year after year—memories of worship, healing, reflection, and reconciliation. These acts of love build my spiritual reserves and prepare me for whatever trials, challenges, and heartaches may be in store for the year ahead. In addition to the daily, this yearly heart preparation provides a bounty of faith in my own soul.

Gary Burns is the communication director for the Lake Union Conference.

I Am Someone's Legacy

BY CARESSA ROGERS

The last few days my mind has entertained thoughts of my biological father, Rick Rogers. It has been 15 years since the day our lives were changed instantly by the knock of a police officer at our front door in Cicero, Indiana, who informed us of my dad's fatal car accident. At first, I sat looking out the front window, waiting for him to come home from work. Soon, our family did not dwell on who was coming home, but rather the home in Heaven where we are going. We grew closer and were content with our happy little family.

It has gotten to the point where I do not think of him daily, which, in a way, makes me sad. Should I not remember him every day? Instead, at times, I feel as though the family I now have, and the life we live, has always been this way. Then there are the times when something jogs my memory of him and thoughts invade my mind of what life would have been like if he had lived.

Recently, those memories were touched with a call from my grandparents, his parents. They kept a vehicle that belonged to my father years ago, and fixed it up almost as good as new. They graciously offered it to my brother, Adam, and me. One side of me would like to have something of his near. Yet, I do not want the reminder—the sadness—to envelope me every time I get in it. When talking about this dilemma with my mom, she told me that his car is not what is left in this world of him. The car was simply his material possession. Nothing more. The real part of him that is left is my brother and me. We are his legacy, the remnants of his life here.

That made me think, “Wow! I have to carry on for him.” I want to live a life that he would be proud of, because in a way I am living the rest of his life by showing Christ's love like he did. It's the same awesome responsibility for us as Christians. We are what is left of Jesus on this earth. We are to live the rest of His legacy through our example and actions to others.

I asked Jesus to be my earthly Father soon after my dad died, and felt sure He was taking care of us. I would have loved to grow up with my father alive, but God had another plan. He sent us a wonderful new family. I have a dad again, and our bond is extra special.

It is as though we have a biological father-daughter relationship. We also gained an awesome older brother and sister. They make our lives complete and full. We've been restored. And that restoration will come full circle when I have the ultimate privilege of introducing my two extraordinary earthly fathers to each other in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Caressa Rogers is 19. She lives in Calhoun, Georgia, and attends Southern Adventist University where she is majoring in Elementary Education. Caressa will receive a \$100 scholarship since her article was selected for publication.



Maida Jeanette Hage, 16, was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She moved with her parents Jose and Quelli Hage to the United States in 2000. Maida is a member of the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“Maida is a wonderful Christian young woman, and the type of student every teacher enjoys having in class,” says Rebecca Garrett, marketing director at Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA). “She is hard-working, dependable, enthusiastic, helpful, and is always smiling. It is evident that Maida loves Jesus, and does her best to ensure that everyone feels welcome at HAA.”

A member of the National Honor Society, Maida has been a Student Association officer for all four years of high school—this year serving as president. She has held a class office each of her four years of high school as well. Maida loves music and has been in band and choir since her freshman year. She is also a member of the *Lady Hurricanes* basketball team.

Upon graduating in May 2008, Maida plans to attend Southern Adventist University. She will study pre-optometry and biology, and then continue her education at Illinois School of Optometry. She plans a career as an optometrist.



Maida Hage



Janeen Morgan

Janeen Arielle Morgan, 17, of Evanston, Illinois, is the daughter of Valerie Morgan. A member of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Evanston, Janeen’s ambition is to be an optometrist or ophthalmologist, and a professional pianist.

Janeen attended North Shore Junior Academy for grades nine and ten, and she completed her junior year of high school through Broadview Academy’s distance learning program.

Now a senior at Hinsdale Adventist Academy, Janeen enjoys music, volleyball, tennis, and swimming.

“Janeen is a gentle soul, and has blended seamlessly into the HAA family,” says Martiza Newman, English teacher at Hinsdale Adventist Academy. Lovelyn Sampayan, HAA music teacher, calls Janeen “a phenomenal young lady, who is a gifted musician. She will succeed in anything she chooses to do with her life.”

A member of the National Honor Society, Janeen is also listed in *Who’s Who Among American High School Students*. She has held both Student Association and class officer positions, and is the flute section leader in band.

When asked about her plans for the future, she stated, “to put God first in my life, graduate from La Sierra or Loma Linda University, travel, get married and have three children, and go to Heaven!”

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