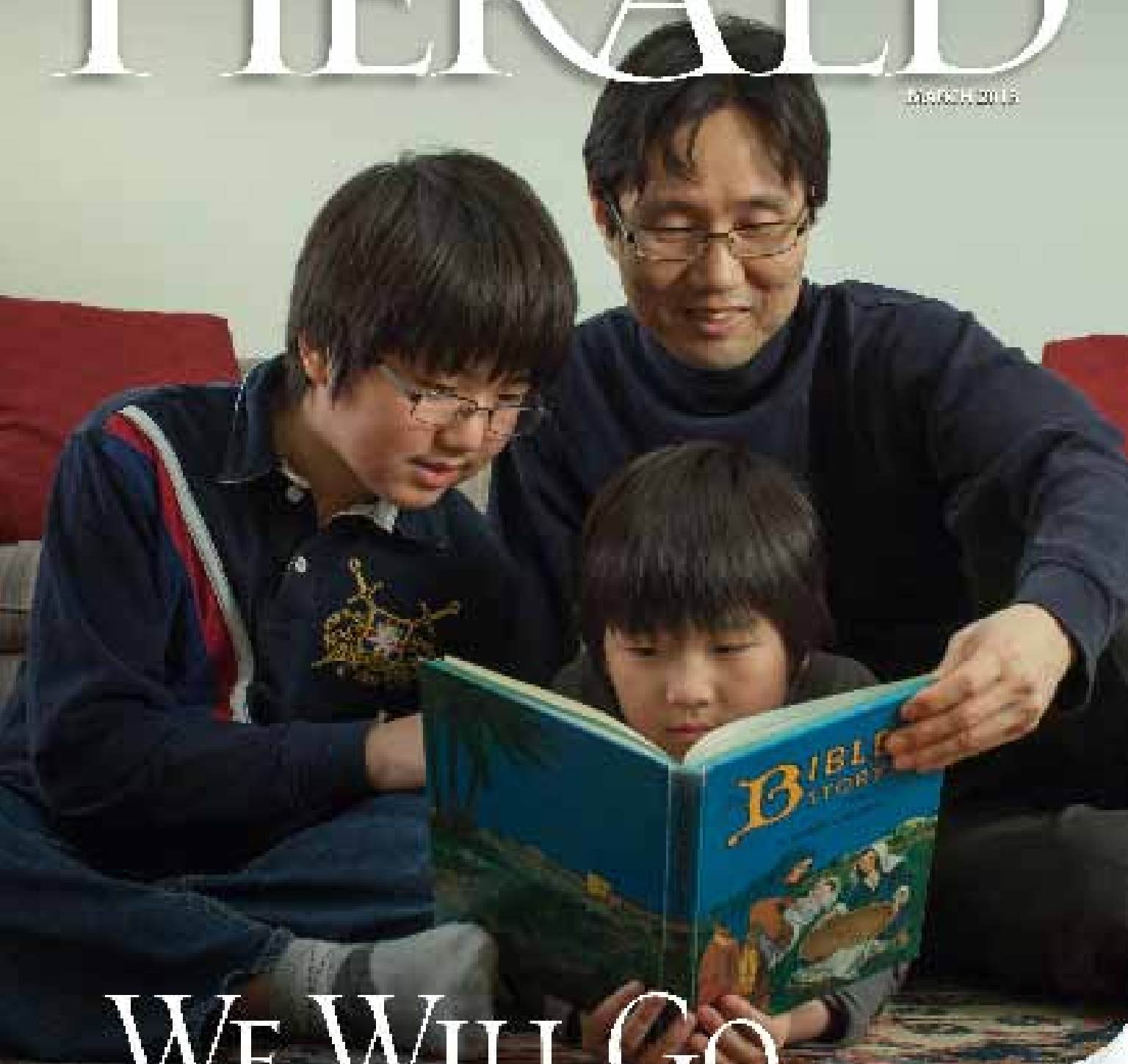


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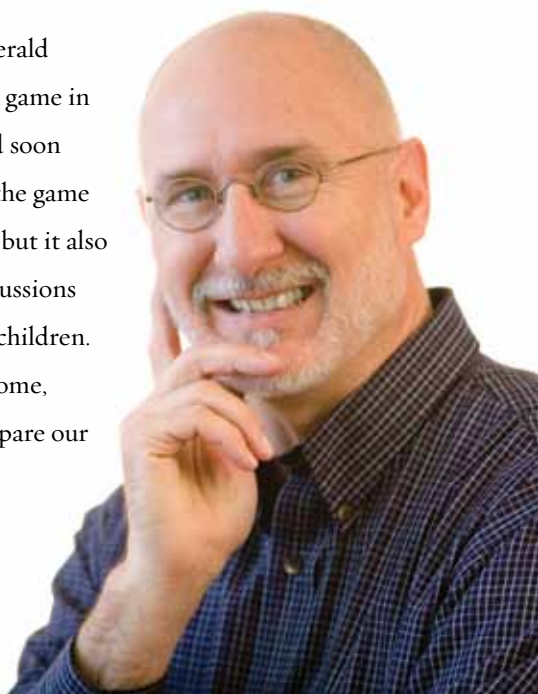
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I remember when the Review and Herald produced the first Bible Journeys board game in 1957. It was called Egypt to Canaan, and soon became a family favorite. Not only did the game provide a great way to learn Bible facts, but it also provided an opportunity for family discussions about how intent God is on saving His children. Christian education works best when home, church and school work together to prepare our children for life's journey.

  
Gary Burns, Editor



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## Intentional Parenting and Grandparenting

It's enjoyable to observe our adult daughters. They are capable, caring and super-committed parents. Our sons-in-law are quality men who love the Lord and are loving dads to our grandchildren. The spiritual, mental, physical and emotional development of their children is a high personal priority.

While parents are the primary foundational source of child development, Barbara and I are convinced that grandparents also are a core basic of that development. Research has shown that non-parental spiritual influences are often extremely important to the shaping of young lives. Grandparents, and others, fit that description.

So, grandparents, what is our role? It is, frankly, quite easy to only focus on the fun side of grandparenting. Last month, I wrote about the pitter-patter of little feet and the joy of being seen by our grandchildren as very special; it's great not being the bottom line with discipline, watching our grandchildren and being reminded of their mothers at the same age. It's really enjoyable to provide fun things and experiences for our grandchildren and let the parents do all the hard stuff. But should we, as grandparents, bring a greater intentionality to the developmental stage(s) of a child's growth? I think the answer is "yes, Yes and YES!" We can model values and important life skills, like honesty, caring, generosity, loyalty, integrity, forgiveness, faithfulness, diligence, sharing, humility, altruism, stewardship and inquiry, and the list goes on.

Have you read Proverbs lately? They're all there! Read it again and notice how the values are applied in practical ways. As you read, make a list of the age-appropriate values you want to pass on to each of your grandchildren.

Clearly define each value. Articulation is most effective when a value is underscored with definitions, synonyms and examples. Repackage the values into your own family setting with specific applications. Biblical examples and personal stories that reflect each value are anchor points in the transference of values. For example, the life of Joseph includes many of the values listed above, such as loyalty, integrity, forgiveness, faithfulness and diligence. If you have a laminated or framed list of these values while telling stories, it is easier to guide young minds to identify and articulate the value described in a story. For instance, honesty means moral uprightness, truthfulness, candor or sincerity. But this official definition often will not be clear enough for the young mind, so you might say, "if you want people to trust you, you must always tell the truth. Honesty helps people to trust you."

We must be careful to not transfer negative values. I recently heard the story of a person who had experienced some disappointments in church life. He had unintentionally but successfully transferred those negative feelings to his children. Their values were altered and, as adults, they were not connected with the church or walking with God. Paul's counsel is appropriate: *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things* (Philippians 4:8 NIV).

The more our children or grandchildren understand our great love and care for them, the easier it is to transfer important values which are necessary for spiritual and social development. When we hear children able to repeat back the value, the transference of that value is taking place. When we observe them living and applying those values in their world, they've got it. When they begin holding us accountable to those values, they've really got it!



## Changing the World

BY COLLEEN LAY

I must tell you that it was definitely not in my original plan to be a teacher. I believe God chose me to be a teacher, and then He chose me to work at Indiana Academy.

When I graduated from Chisholm Trail Academy, in Keene, Texas, I had every intention of majoring in business/marketing. During the summer between academy and college, my Sabbath school class started volunteering at a homeless shelter in downtown Fort Worth, Texas. Working at the homeless shelter opened my eyes to the needs of others, and I realized I did not want to work in the business world where I would work in a tall building making a large salary. I decided I wanted to help people. I wanted to change the world — to make it a better place. Thus, I started thinking about a new major.

I instantly checked a few off the list and, finally, was down to teaching. In academy, I often had helped my fellow classmates with their math homework, so I decided to major in mathematics and become a math teacher. One year later, I added my chemistry major.

After five years in college, I graduated with a double major but needed to return to Southwestern Adventist University for an additional year to receive my teacher's certification. It was in May, about two weeks after graduation, when I received four phone calls, in one week, from four different academies, each offering me a job for the next school year. I politely declined all the invitations, explaining that I needed to finish my certification.

I had forgotten about the phone calls until the end of July. One day, as I was looking at my finances for the upcoming school year, I discovered I had misunderstood how much it



Colleen Lay

was going to cost for the additional year. I was really discouraged. During my lunch hour, I prayed and asked the Lord to please tell me what to do during the upcoming year. It was that evening when I received a phone call from the principal of Indiana Academy.

I explained to him that, normally, I would again tell him “no” (as the school had called me in May) but, since I had prayed that prayer, I thought maybe the Lord was trying to tell me something.

Through a series of miraculous events during the next few days, I soon found myself on a plane to Indiana. I signed a contract less than 24 hours later, and school began in two weeks! (Incidentally, on the first day I arrived on campus for the interview, I met Andrew Lay, then music teacher at Indiana Academy. Very shortly afterward, we began to date, which was an exciting event to the students on campus. We were married two years later. Through

Photos by Allen Smith

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the years, many students have taken credit for bringing us together.)

As a teacher at Indiana Academy, I have had the privilege of fulfilling my dream of changing the world through my students. Each day is a new experience as I teach future doctors, engineers, lawyers, pastors, musicians, teachers, nurses and businessmen and -women. As I see a student grasp a concept, as I watch the freshmen grow into seniors, as I answer the question from a student who has finally asked one, I am reminded of the privilege I have of being a teacher. I am also reminded of the grave responsibility I have of not just teaching them mathematics and science, but also responsibility, honesty, social skills and, more importantly, about the awesome God whom we serve.

I am so thankful that I teach at an Adventist school where I can give God the glory for all of the wonderful things He has created, and show my students how our God is truly a God of order, even to the smallest subatomic particle. I also am thankful that my answer as to why something is the way it is can be “because God made it that way.”

I am thankful I can share prayer time with my students each day in my classroom and remind them that God loves them and hears each of their prayers. At the same time, they challenge my faith and encourage me to become a better Christian. God uses these students to remind me of His great plan for all of us.

Seeing my students learn and understand new things is always rewarding. However, watching them grow and develop into God’s servants — that’s an even greater reward. When I see them helping others with their homework, listen to their first prayer requests or volunteer during Project 58 outreach days, I am thrilled to know that I have had a small part in it. Ultimately, my final reward will be to spend eternity with them where we can learn many more things together from the Master Teacher and, finally, take all of those fields trips I promised them.

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## Lesson from a Dahlia

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

I grew up wishing I had known my great-grandfather, Thomas Fontaine Bullock. As a child, my great-grandmother was in my life regularly, and how I loved her! But my great-grandfather died several years before I was born. My grandmother, Dorothy, always spoke fondly of her dad, and I knew she continued to miss him throughout her adult life. His oldest daughter, Aunt Mildred, continued his professional photography studio in Oakland, California, and I had many photographs taken in that studio while growing up.

Recently, I learned a little more about my great-grandfather — a lesson from one of his other daughters, Hazel. My great-grandparents raised their five children in a house close to his studio and, after his death, she continued to live there until the end of her life. I spent happy childhood hours in the very backyard where the following event took place so many years ago.

Aunt Hazel, born in 1909, recalled an experience she had with her dad when she was eight or nine. “I don’t know what I did, but I know I had been disobedient. Along our fence grew tree dahlias, and they were staked. So he took me out there and said, ‘I want you to look at that row of tree dahlias. Is there anything different about any one of them?’

“‘Yes,’ I said.

“‘Why is it different?’ he asked.

“‘It has broken away from the stake.’ I responded.

“‘Now, the plant is you; and the stake is an aid to what is keeping the plant straight. We will tie rags around it to accomplish this. The rags of life are the rules. The rags are around to keep the plant growing straight. The rules are there to keep you growing straight. Now, at any time of your life you break away from the family, you can go. You will continue to grow’ (he was holding my hands in his); ‘but, as you grow without your rules, this is what can happen.’ (There was this dahlia just lying on the ground with leaves



and covered with mud.) ‘The dahlia will be dumped in the trash, but it is your decision what you want to make of your life. You watch this and think about it,’ and he went into the house.

“‘I don’t know if it was minutes or half an hour, but he came out and asked if I had thought about it. He never referred to it again, but, wow, the lesson he taught. It made perfect sense! That kind of teaching is so powerful. We were all so lucky!’”

Powerful teaching, I agree! He took the time needed. He approached her gently. He gave her a tangible object lesson she could relate to. He made meaningful physical contact with her. He let her decide for herself what was right. I believe he had the confidence that she would make the right decisions in the future. He built the relationship, and he respected it.

My great-grandfather serves as an example of the type of father Ellen White wrote about when she said, “The father may exert an influence over his children which shall be stronger than the allurements of the world. He should study the disposition and character of the members of his little circle, that he may understand their needs and their dangers and thus be prepared to repress the wrong and encourage the right” (*Review & Herald*, August 30, 1881).

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**Organic foods  
tend to have more  
disease-preventing  
phytochemicals.**

## Mighty Magnesium

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

**Organic farming is  
more eco-friendly.**

**M**agnesium is the fourth most abundant mineral in the human body. About 50 to 60 percent of magnesium in the body is found in bone. In addition, our bodies utilize magnesium for more than 300 different biochemical reactions. Magnesium is important for synthesizing DNA and important proteins, regulating blood pressure and blood sugar, for energy metabolism, keeping your immune system healthy, and assisting with muscle function, nerve function and insulin action.

Sadly, many Americans fall short in getting adequate dietary levels of magnesium. The recommended dietary allowance for a male adult is 420 mg a day and for a female adult 320 mg. A typical man gets 335 mg of magnesium a day while a woman gets about 250 mg. It's no wonder that some food companies are now adding magnesium to their products.

Older persons tend to consume less magnesium in their diet, and their ability to absorb magnesium diminishes with age. In addition, they are more likely to use medications, such as diuretics and antibiotics, which interfere with magnesium absorption, increasing the likelihood of a magnesium deficiency.

Higher magnesium intakes have been associated with a significantly lower incidence of stroke and heart failure, and a 50 percent reduced mortality from heart disease. Magnesium also may protect against abnormal heart rhythms and lowers the risk of high blood pressure. A Swedish study found that for every 100 mg of additional magnesium ingested per day, risk of stroke decreased eight percent.

Lower magnesium intakes are associated with a higher risk of Type 2 diabetes. Tracking large population groups for many years, it was found that risk of diabetes was lowered 15 percent for each 100 mg of magnesium ingested daily. An increased consumption of magnesium-rich foods were suggested to lower the risk of Type 2 diabetes. In a German clinical trial,



overweight people with insulin resistance developed lower fasting blood sugar levels and improved insulin sensitivity after a magnesium supplement was consumed daily for six months.

In a study of young adults, those who consumed the highest level of magnesium were 31 percent less likely to develop metabolic syndrome (a cluster of symptoms that can lead to heart disease) than those with the lowest magnesium intake. Along with calcium and vitamins D and K, magnesium is important for maintaining bone density. Magnesium also helps prevent gallstones. Higher levels of magnesium may alleviate the symptoms of PMS.

Magnesium is obtained from a variety of foods such as peas, beans, lentils, nuts, peanut butter, seeds (sunflower, flax, sesame, pumpkin), raisins, berries, bananas, avocados, molasses, low-fat milk and yogurt, and baked potato. Whole grain breads and cereals (especially oatmeal, barley, corn and rice) are important sources since magnesium is largely located in the bran and germ of the kernel, and these get removed in the refining process. Leafy greens, rich in the green pigment chlorophyll, are also a good source of magnesium.

A healthy diet containing whole grains, beans, nuts and green leafy vegetables can provide adequate levels of magnesium for its many important body functions.

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# PRESENT TRUTH

*Following the Lamb wherever He goes*

## Caring for God's Creation

BY THE EDITORS

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. — Psalm 24:1 NIV*

Some of you may remember America's first Earth Day, founded by Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. senator from Wisconsin. He and co-chair, Pete McCloskey, a conservative congressman from California, along with national coordinator, Denis Hayes, and a staff of 85, promoted a "national teach-in on the environment."

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans participated in demonstrations and rallies, and many students learned about the environment and helped clean up debris from rivers, streams and parks. The event gained broad support with virtually no opposition and, ultimately, led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species acts.

As care for the environment began to impact corporate profits, however, opposition began to mount. The message of the 2006 documentary, "Inconvenient Truth," has come under much attack by some. Though the reality of global warming becomes increasingly undeniable, especially in light of the sustained drought in America's heartland and the escalating extreme weather events, the controversy over its causes continues.

Recently, the world was shocked by images of off-the-chart air pollution from China, where seven of the top ten most polluted cities in the world are located and many of the products we depend on every day are manufactured. Are we partly responsible?

Following are excerpts from "Caring for Creation — A Statement on the Environment," General Conference Executive Committee, October 12, 1992.

"The world in which we live is a gift of love from the Creator God, from Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water (Revelation 14:7; 11:17, 18). Within this creation He placed humans, set intentionally in relationship with Himself, other persons, and the surrounding world.

Therefore, as Seventh-day Adventists, we hold its preservation and nurture to be intimately related to our service to Him.

"God set aside the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial and perpetual reminder of His creative act and establishment of the world. In resting on that day, Seventh-day Adventists reinforce the special sense of relationship with the Creator and His creation. Sabbath observance underscores the importance of our integration with the total environment."

This column is designed to promote searching the Scriptures on current topics — in community, through prayer. Invite others to join you in a prayerful response to these thoughts:

- Should one make personal sacrifices to protect the environment, when so many others don't?
- In what ways are human poverty and environmental degradation interrelated?
- In what ways can materialism and greed cloud the issues on the environment?
- What responsibility do we have to the rest of the global community for our degree of unsustainable consumption that has a negative impact on their quality of life?
- Is confession for the harm we have caused our environment appropriate?
- What are the implications of this relatively unnoticed text in Revelation 11:18? *The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small — and for destroying those who destroy the earth.*

Spend extra time in additional research for the March 2–8 *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide: Origins*.

The Lake Union Herald editors



# A Prayer for Spiritual Riches

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

*We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience and joyfully giving thanks to the Father. — Colossians 1:9–12 NIV*

Some years ago, this great prayer of Paul for the Colossian Christians took me on a prayer journey. It began as I contemplated the amazing depth and scope of Paul's prayer for the Colossians and thought, *It sure would be great to have Paul as a prayer partner.* Then it occurred to me that if I prayed for these blessings for myself, God surely would grant what I asked, since these are all in line with His will. I immediately began to claim them.

Then I thought, *I can't have Paul praying these things for me, but I can be the one who prays them for others.* So I began to pray these petitions regularly for my wife and children, as well as for other family members and friends.

What impresses me most is that these intercessory requests are all spiritual in nature. There is no prayer here for the physical or material concerns of life. Of course, we should pray for physical things like health, energy and protection. But in Paul's praying, the spiritual blessings clearly overshadow the physical.

Imagine what would happen in a person's spiritual life if these blessings were granted in increasing measure. Wow! I'd sure like to be that person, wouldn't you? So would many believers who live and work near you — and your prayers can help make this a reality for them.

I am sure that Paul's prayers made a real difference in the Colossian congregation he prayed for. God, you see, is eager to answer these kinds of prayers because what is being prayed for is exactly what God wants to see happening in our lives and in the church.

Aren't there some folks you would like to bless in this way?

## Reflect

- Are the kinds of things Paul prays for in Colossians 1:9–12 the kinds of things you really, truly want in your life? If so, then ask for them, not just now and then, but every day.

- Imagine what would happen in your family or congregation if every person was prayed for each day with a prayer like Paul's Colossian prayer. Is there some way to make that happen?

## Pray

- *Praise* the graciousness of God, who is willing and able to bless us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
- *Thank* God for giving us prayer as the means for bringing His blessings to others and ourselves.
- Have you sinned by failing to pray for persons you know (see I Samuel 12:23)? If so, *confess* this to God and start afresh today.
- *Ask* God to do for you the things Paul prayed for the Colossians.
- Using this pattern, *intercede* for your children, grandchildren, parents, friends or other loved ones.

## Act

- Memorize Colossians 1:9–12 so you can pray these verses daily, without having to refer back to the text. As you pray these prayer themes, try to expand on them and tailor them to specific persons and situations.

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## Quiet Moments of Hope

BY BARBARA WEIMER

Everyone enjoys quiet moments. For Ray and Debbie Young, Quiet Moment Radio is the media ministry they began in 1989. Their goals were threefold: to share the Gospel, highlight the contributions that Seventh-day Adventists make to the local community, and look at current events through the lens of the Bible.

The ministry began in a spare bedroom in the Youngs' apartment. They quickly outgrew their tiny space and moved to the Ypsilanti Church located in a Detroit suburb. The church provided a studio and control room in the basement of the church.

Early programming for the first few years of the ministry included Randy Skeete as the speaker and Maydis Caldwell Skeete as the host. Quiet Moment Radio wanted to remain relevant, and gradually evolved and changed with the times. With many radio stations changing their programming format, Quiet Moment Radio made the decision to jump to Internet only, providing Christian music and programming 24/7. The response has been wonderful. They have received many positive emails from across the United States and as far away as China. Some wrote that their workplace allowed them to listen to Christian music. They were thrilled to be able to access Quiet Moment Radio via the Internet (<http://www.quietmomentradio.org>).

Quiet Moment Radio then expanded into the television arena, producing their own programs and streaming events held at Adventist churches, camp meetings and other venues. Ray and Debbie now produce two programs for the Dare to Dream Network, a subsidiary of Three Angels Broadcasting Network. "Making It Work" focuses on the blessings and challenges of marriage and family relationships. "For Guys Only" is hosted by three guys (no surprise there!) who discuss issues facing men today. Ray and Debbie pray for God's leading in the creation of additional programming that will fulfill Quiet Moment Radio's original vision to spread the Gospel.

Quiet Moment Ministries continues to provide support to other media ministries. While the Ypsilanti Church streams



Debbie and Ray Young

its church services live, Ray facilitates the media ministry at the Oakwood Church in Taylor, Michigan.

Ray and Debbie are part of a growing number of ministry entrepreneurs who are active members of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI); they have played an active role in the Lake Union chapter since 1992.

Though currently serving as Lake Union chapter president, Debbie also served as president of the ASI national organization from 2003 to 2007, and Ray has served on various ASI committees through the years. When they attended their first ASI national convention in Toronto, the Youngs were amazed and thrilled to see that some of the very same people they interviewed for Quiet Moment Radio were ASI members.

Debbie admires the energy and zeal of ASI members: "We started Quiet Moment before discovering ASI, but the ASI organization and the energy and passion of its members have increased our motivation for evangelism tenfold. Involvement with ASI has been a tremendous inspiration for our ministry and has helped us do more to spread the Gospel."

The weekend of March 22–23 will be a historic one. The Lake Union and Mid-America Union chapters of ASI will be the first to co-sponsor an ASI chapter event. The combined annual event will be held where both unions meet: St. Louis, Missouri. Speakers include Barry Black, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, and evangelist Mark Finley. Ray and Debbie hope to see you there. For more information, go to <http://www.asi-lakeunion.org>.

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## La Iglesia de Waukegan se compromete hacerse una iglesia saludable

POR CARMELO MERCADO

*En este artículo, el pastor Félix Hurtado comparte con nosotros el desafío que la iglesia de Waukegan se ha propuesto enfrentar durante el año 2013. — Convertirse en una iglesia saludable.*

**E**l primer sábado del 2013, la Iglesia Adventista de la ciudad de Waukegan, estado de Illinois, llevó a cabo una segunda encuesta con respecto al “Desarrollo Natural de la Iglesia”. Después, una de las damas que participó en la encuesta me preguntó: —¿De qué me sirve a mí, y de qué le sirve a mi iglesia hacer esta encuesta? Ella había sido seleccionada para participar en la encuesta, pero al momento de contestar las preguntas, no parecía comprender la importancia de dicha encuesta. En este corto artículo trataré de responder brevemente a esa pregunta.

Así como existen ocho principios de salud y estilo de vida, de cuya aplicación depende que estemos sanos o enfermos, así también existen ocho principios de salud que indican cuán saludable o enferma está una iglesia determinada. Estos principios se encuentran en la Palabra de Dios.



*Miembros de la Iglesia Hispana de Waukegan toman una encuesta para evaluar la salud espiritual de la iglesia.*

Cuando estamos enfermos, recurrimos al médico, y su primer paso es hacer una evaluación de nuestro estado de salud. Hecho el diagnóstico, tenemos la opción de abandonar aquello que nos está dañando y adoptar los principios de un estilo de vida saludable. Con cambios en la dieta, en la manera de trabajar y descansar, en la manera de relacionarnos con los demás, así como estar al aire libre y tomar sol, consumir una cantidad correcta de agua y usar el dominio propio, encontramos que nuestra salud se favorece. Así como existen ocho principios de salud y estilo de vida, de cuya aplicación depende que estemos sanos o enfermos, así también existen ocho principios de salud que indican cuán saludable o enferma está una iglesia determinada.

Cuando nuestra iglesia está enferma, lo primero que debemos hacer es una evaluación de su estado de salud. Pero sí podemos saber cuál es el estado de salud de nuestra iglesia. ¿Cómo? se preguntará usted. Precisamente para eso existe la encuesta.

Un estudio llamado “Desarrollo Natural de la Iglesia” ha encontrado que existen ocho principios que determinan la salud de una iglesia. Si el liderazgo de la iglesia es capacitador, lo más seguro es que los líderes podrán faltar sin que la iglesia se extinga. Si en lugar de simplemente nombrar a

diferentes miembros para ocupar cargos en la iglesia se organizan ministerios basados en los dones que estos han recibido del Espíritu Santo, podemos esperar que no se desanimen y renuncien en poco tiempo sino que hagan con felicidad su trabajo. Si se organiza la iglesia en unidades pequeñas y se les da la importancia que les corresponde en la estructura de la iglesia cristiana, veremos consolidados a los miembros nuevos. De esta manera podremos clausurar mejor la puerta de atrás por donde los perdemos cuando la iglesia está enferma.

La Iglesia de Waukegan comenzó el año 2013 llevando a cabo esta encuesta para descubrir cuál de los ocho principios estaba más débil y entonces poder tomar las medidas necesarias para fortalecer ese “factor mínimo”. Si desean saber más de esta estrategia, les invito a obtener de la Unión del Lago el libro *Iglesias Adventistas Saludables*, escrito por el renombrado pastor adventista Russell Burrill.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente de la Unión del Lago.

# Let's Go Together

BY GARRY SUDDS

**D**o you remember *The Bible Story* books by Arthur S. Maxwell? If you've ever had your teeth cleaned or had a physical exam, you've probably seen them among the magazines in the waiting room. Published by the Review and Herald, *The Bible Story* books hit the market in 1954, in response to the sudden boom in babies following World War II. It's hard to believe that the generation that was introduced to these wonderful stories from the Bible have now passed them on to their children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren.

Maybe you have a special memory of a particular story. Have you thought of one? My guess is that one of those colorful picture illustrations came to mind. For me, it's the one found in Volume 2, p. 132, from the story, "Walking Through the Sea." What caught my attention as a young child was the two young boys throwing stones into the wall of water while narrowly escaping Pharaoh's army.

As a child, I wondered what it must have been like for them to play their way across to the other side. As an adult, I'm amazed at their ability to be caught up in the adventure, totally oblivious to the potential dangers that surrounded them. I imagine their parents may have had a bit of a challenge. Now, as I read the same story, it's not the blind faith of two playful boys that grabs my attention but, rather, the thought of the responsibility of their safety and security.

When Pharaoh asked Moses and Aaron who they wanted to take with them out of Egypt, they responded: *We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters...* (Exodus 10:9 NIV). Pharaoh's response was No! *Thus may the Lord be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go!* (Exodus 10:10 NASB).

We are living in the time of another Exodus. *Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "Come out of her, my people," so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues* (Revelation 18:4 NIV).

Together, our response must be, "We will go, and we will take our children with us!" And you can count on the enemy's response to be the same, "No! ... if I ever let you and your little ones go!"

As the whole Children of Israel community came together in a united and successful exodus, and all their children with them,



we must also work together — home, church and school — to take our children with us. And what better way to bring them along than to give them opportunities to serve?

Laura Damon, principal and teacher at the Sheridan Seventh-day Adventist Church School, describes how their school family has volunteered at The Closet, a resale store run by Church Women United located in Princeton, Illinois. They provide clothing, household goods and other needed items to low income families and individuals at reduced prices. Proceeds from the sales are then donated to local community organizations and agencies.

On their most recent visit, the students were divided into groups and then were assigned various tasks. Most of the work involved sorting, organizing and displaying the many items that had been donated for resale. One group of students sorted boxes of hangers while another group worked the sales floor, put items out for display and organized the children's area. Some of the students also were asked to greet customers and assist with bagging their purchases.

Due to the time of year, several large carts filled with winter coats and other cold weather outerwear had to be sorted. For the same reason, some of the boys assisted the regular workers by carrying boxes to and from a large attic filled with items specifically geared to the Christmas season.

At the end of the day, the students were asked how they felt about the experience. One of the new students said that, at first, he thought it was just going to be free labor, but admitted he really enjoyed the work and felt good about what the school was doing. Some of the other students said they appreciated knowing they were helping others by making available to them items they might not be able to afford otherwise.

The Sheridan Church School's theme song is "Make Me a Servant," and Laura says, "We believe this outreach activity is an opportunity God has provided to fulfill this request."

With help from one of the parents, Jean Andersen and her sixth- and seventh-grade students at Battle Creek Academy provided assistance to a family in their community. In addition to having a child with special needs, the family also faced unemployment. The students were impressed that, despite their own needs, this family never complained and always showed a willingness to help other people who were struggling. After learning of the family's greatest needs, several students purchased items

from funds they had raised by selling magabooks. As a result, the class agreed wholeheartedly that it is better to give than receive.

Elsie Caceres reports that, in places like Gurnee Christian Preschool, the children experience the joy of connecting with Jesus through prayer and songs each morning. They listen attentively as simple Bible stories come to life each afternoon during story time. Older students are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills each Wednesday as the preschool and school students come together for joint worship in the church sanctuary.

Parents from a variety of religious and non-religious backgrounds report how their children have touched their hearts with their prayers for their teachers and peers, and they enjoy listening to their child retell the Bible story of the day and hearing them sing those "Jesus" songs.

Recently, Wisconsin Academy has experienced rapid growth in enrollment. To meet the challenge of the culturally-rich, diverse student population that had nearly doubled in the past 15 months, the faculty and staff, under the direction of their new principal, Keith Nelson, put together a plan for a Christ-centered, student-led relevant ministry model.

They dared ask the question: Is Christ and His mission the center of this approach or activity? Placing Christ at the center allows for real discipleship among staff and students, creating a team with a single focus moving in one direction.

Following the biblical model, spirit-filled student leaders were chosen and empowered to perform tasks leading toward mission-driven activities. Coordinated by the religious vice president, a student chaplain from each dorm leads out in worship, conducts Bible studies, designs programs and coordinates guest speakers. In-reach and outreach coordinators develop spiritual programming for on- and off-campus venues, and a music coordinator helps provide music for each event or program.

The large student initiative includes a student-run church plant in nearby Watertown, Wisconsin. Nearly every Sabbath the school is in session, students are responsible for the Sabbath school and worship services there. Rather than preparing students for some future role, they've made it relevant to the here and now.

You know, as I think about it, those two boys throwing stones into the wall of water, appeared to be at the head of the line.



Photos by Derek Peters

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# Environment of Christian Care

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

BY CHERYL TUHOLSKI

**N**athan was overwhelmed with school from day one. In kindergarten, we thought a full day was too much for him. *Maybe he's just used to being at home with me,* I thought.

In first grade, Nathan was diagnosed with a slight form of Aspergers. It made sense. He was very smart, but had a hard time interacting with children his own age. He would much rather be with older children or adults. Nathan had no emotion or feeling toward others, was bored learning at the same level as the other kids, had a high energy level and a hard time sitting all day. School just wasn't working for him at all, and the anxiety kept getting worse.

Nathan was stressed about school. A large classroom was too much. Kids were loud. Teachers overwhelmed. The environment gave him sensory overload.

We had to put Nathan on anxiety medicine. He often got hives, stomachaches and fevers from worrying.

We prayed about Nathan's school situation and considered moving to a different school district, but didn't think that would resolve any problems, just add new ones. We thought our only option was to homeschool him and keep sending our other son to school, as he does great there.

One Saturday night at our church service, there was a bulletin insert advertising the Door Prairie Adventist Christian School. I wasn't sure what the Adventist religion was, but was very curious about the school. We live five minutes from where it is located.

We prayed about it all weekend and studied the Adventist religion. We couldn't pinpoint how Adventists were different from our nondenominational Christian religion. The Adventist Church in La Porte, Indiana, prayed like we pray. They even sang the same songs we sing in our church.

I called our minister Monday morning and questioned him. "I fully support the school. As a matter of fact, I would have sent my kids there," our pastor told us.

That night I went to the Open House at Door Prairie School.

"You might as well stay home with the kids," I told Joe, my husband. "After all, we're not serious about this, yet."

I walked in the school doors, got goosebumps and started to cry.

"Is everything okay?" The principal, Hilda Scott, asked.

"I have never been so sure about something in my life. This is where our son needs to be!"

I told her we would enroll Nathan to start the next August.

I was crying so hard when I got home that Joe thought something bad had happened.

"We have an answer to our prayers!" I could hardly get the words out.

"Then why did you tell them August instead of right now?" Joe pointed out. I was worried if we made a change in the middle of the school year, then he would have a hard time adjusting.

I didn't sleep that night. I kept waking Joe with more exciting news about the school as it poured through my mind.

"You don't have to convince me. I trust you," Joe said.

"I'm not trying to convince you. I'm just so excited!"

The next day I sent Nathan off to school. It was another normal, rough day. He cried, was visibly scared and I, again, felt like a bad mother. I called Joe and we decided we were going to



From left: Lukas, Cheryl, Nathan and Joe Tuholski

transfer Nathan right away, but I was nervous to tell Nathan — change was hard for him.

When I picked Nathan up at school, I gave him a big hug and said, “Tomorrow is your last day here. You’ll need to clean out your desk and tell your friends goodbye.”

I have never seen a bigger smile on his face. The smile assured me we made the right decision!

When Nathan was in public school, we had a specialist come to our house once a week to help us learn how to help Nathan deal with his anxiety and Aspergers, as that was all new to us. She suggested we enroll him in speech and occupational therapy at the doctor’s office. We were confused by this because he has never had a speech problem. That was to teach him how to understand other people’s emotions, by listening to the their tone of voice. It also helped him to learn how to show his emotions, express himself and communicate with others in social situations. He loved going every week. It was through playing one-on-one with the therapist that Nathan was learning new social skills.

When we told his therapists and school that he was being transferred to this small, Christian school to see how it goes, they all frowned on it. They were all concerned that if Nathan ever needed any at-school therapy, special-needs classes or an individualized education program that the small, private school would not be able to fulfill that and we would have to transfer him back to public school. We did question Door Prairie School about this, just in case it ever came up. They assured us they would work with us and do everything they could to meet his needs, “if needed,”

As soon as we switched schools, we realized this took care of most of the problems. The anxiety was gone immediately. He was able to work at his own pace and was never bored, so we were able to also take him off the medicine that helped him focus and pay attention. He also stopped going to therapy altogether, and the specialist who came to our house no longer saw a need! She could not believe the change in him and was thrilled to see him doing so well.

We now look back and wonder if he was properly diagnosed, or if most of it was just anxiety? We know we made the right choice, and now have a very happy (prescription-free) third-grader! He hugs his teachers, which means a lot coming from a kid who has never shown emotion. Nathan brags to his friends that he gets to go to church six to seven times every week. On Saturdays, Nathan plays in the front yard, and waits for people to walk by so he can tell them stories about Jesus — and then he always invites them to church with us. One kid took Nathan up on it.

“My son hasn’t ever been to church,” the kid’s dad warned us. “He won’t like it, and you’ll have to leave early.” That kid had never heard about Jesus. Now, he asks us every weekend if he can go with us. His dad said, “I don’t know what you’re doing there, but my son loves it!”

I am so proud of Nathan for being a servant of the Lord. He can hardly wait to get baptized and talks to so many people about it. I can hear Nathan in the bathtub at night, practicing his baptism. He also practices by baptizing his little brother in the pool! That makes us so proud.

We know that raising our kids to know the Lord is the most important thing that we can do as parents. Nathan has been at Door Prairie School for almost one year, and now loves school. Socially, this has been so much more fulfilling for him. Nathan has the opportunity for so many field trips and ample hands-on learning, and never gets bored sitting at a desk. I love that he can work at his own pace and get ahead. I really do think the employees at Door Prairie School are angels doing God’s work.

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# Something Better

THE PROMISE OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION

BY SUNIMAL KULASEKERE

**T**he educational smorgasbord offers parents several schooling options for their children. For more than 140 years, Adventist schools have brought our unique philosophy of education, leading to the holistic and restorative development of the individual into the marketplace of learning, giving parents a schooling opportunity framed within the context of the Seventh-day Adventist world view. SDA schools were established with the understanding that educating children and youth in an environment framed by biblical values offers the next generation, as Ellen White observed, “something better,” which she claimed was to be “the watchword of education, the law of all true living” (*Education*, p. 296).

But, one would question: Doesn't all education offer children and youth “something better”? What, then, is different about Adventist education?

Through the years, several small studies here and there, along with anecdotal evidence, hinted that students graduating from Adventist schools do well academically. Graduates from SDA educational institutions successfully entered the world of work and mission. In recent years, the Cognitive Genesis study has provided researched-based, quantitative evidence to verify that the academic health of SDA schools is significantly better than we even had suspected.

Results of the study, available at <http://www.cognitivegenesis.org>, indicates that students who attend SDA schools, when compared with their age/grade level counterparts in public schools and other private schools, are:

- Above average in achievement.
- Above average in ability.
- Above prediction in achievement.
- Above average and above prediction in all subjects.
- Above average and above prediction in all grade levels.

- Above average for all school sizes.
- Above prediction at all ability levels.

Data generated by CognitiveGenesis also shows the following results for students who continue in SDA schools:

- Yearly gains in achievement are greater than expected.
- Yearly gains in ability are greater than expected.
- Yearly gains in achievement and ability increase for every year spent in SDA schools.

Clearly, these findings are impressive! But is this the “something better” that Ellen White was alluding to? Academic excellence is an obligation that SDA educators take very seriously, but that is not a quality unique to SDA schools. Other institutions of learning also offer quality educational experiences. Do we operate a worldwide network of schools, at a significant outlay of resources, merely to offer better academics? This is the question that begs consideration. Is academic excellence the foundational reason for our being?

For the decade following the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, little attention was paid to the formal education of children as a denominational imperative.



Beginning in 1868, G.H. Bell operated a locally-supported school for Adventist youth in Battle Creek, Michigan. In April of 1872, spurred on by special Divine revelations, James and Ellen White urged the church to establish denominationally-supported schools. Ellen's first essay titled "Proper Education," published in the September 1872 issue of *The Health Reformer*, laid out in broad strokes an outline for Adventist schooling. Today, the church operates a worldwide network of educational institutions from early childhood centers to the highest levels of tertiary learning.

As in all other matters, the church has turned to Scripture and the counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy for guidance in formulating and managing its educational enterprise.

Deuteronomy 6 suggests a model for the big picture in education. Moses urged Israel to *impress on your children*, the way God led them and how He expected them to live. He continued, *Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates* (Deuteronomy 6:7, 8 NIV). In other words, saturate children and youth with the culture of the Kingdom, leaving little or no occasion to step into the pagan culture that surrounded them. Transmitting the God-defined cultural heritage of His Kingdom to the next generation, unadulterated by the culture of the world around them, was the Divine mandate. Certainly, this was "something better" than Moses had experienced in the schools of Egypt.

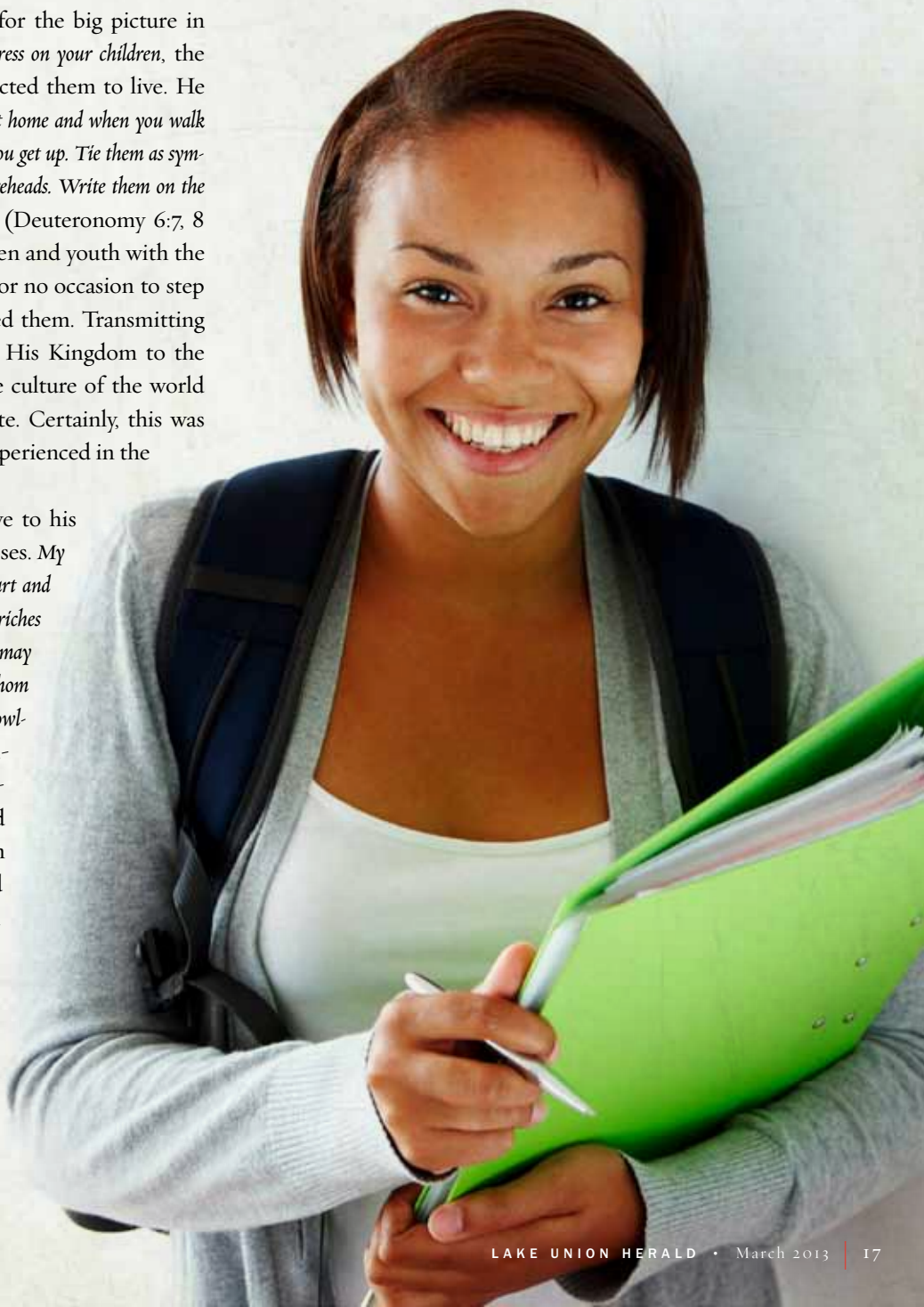
The apostle Paul's objective, relative to his work, complements the counsel of Moses. *My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge* (Colossians 2:2, 3 NIV). The traditional model for education, appropriately, mandates imparting wisdom and knowledge. Paul moves the bar much higher. He urges that we go beyond that mandate and introduce children and youth to Christ, the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Truly this is "something better!"

Commenting on the words of Jesus' prayer, *Now this is life eternal, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent*

(John 17:3 NIV), Ellen observes, "This is true education. It imparts power. The experimental knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, transforms man into the image of God" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 114).

Consider the following statements, in the context of education, as a vehicle designed to convey "something better."

"To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized — this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life" (*Education*, pp. 15, 16).



“God’s purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. ... [It is] studying God’s word and his works, and learning the lessons for faithful service.” (*Education*, p. 262).

“Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God’s ideal for his children. Godliness — godlikeness — is the goal to be reached. ... He has an object to achieve, a standard to attain, that includes everything good, and pure and noble” (*Education*, p. 18).

“In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one...” (*Education*, p. 30)

“Something better,” indeed, something far better than merely imparting wisdom and knowledge. The goals of “something better” in schooling moves educational horizons

Conformity to worldly customs converts the church to the world; it never converts the world to Christ. Familiarity with sin will inevitably cause it to appear less repulsive.

far beyond academic excellence to forging Christlike characters in children and youth. Wouldn’t the world be a better place if all educational institutions focused on leading children and youth to “everything good, and pure and noble,” and if the ultimate conclusion of all our institutions of learning went beyond mere rhetoric, and were genuinely and intentionally focused on the redemption of every member of the younger generation?

The outline for a school curriculum, ordained by Divine direction, also included the essential component of unselfish service. By the instruction that Ellen received, education was complete only as it was designed to “prepare the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come” (*Education*, p. 13).

After all, one cannot emulate the life of Jesus and not be sensitive to the needs of one’s fellowmen. One receives only so that one has something significant to give. This integral element of service in Adventist education is designed to capture the spirit of the Son of Man [who] came not to be served but to serve... (Matthew 20:28 NIV). Curiously, even secular education has discovered the value of community service as “something better” in school curricula.

Long before Adventist schools were even considered, James turned his thoughts to the salvation of children. In an article titled “Sabbathkeepers’ Children,” published in *The Review and Herald* of August 20, 1857, he posed this perceptive question and offered this insightful counsel: “Shall we come out of Babylon and leave our children behind? You pray, Lord, lead us not into temptation — then, do not consent for them to be placed where they will meet unnecessary temptations.” Must we not consider the obvious and equally compelling follow-up question to that of James? If it is ill-advised to “leave our children behind” in Babylon and expose them to “unnecessary temptations” out there, might it not be just as ill-advised to bring “Babylon” into the safe environment we hope to create for our children and youth and expose them to “unnecessary temptations” in our own homes, our own schools and our own churches?

Often, our minds are quick to rush to conclude that since “Babylon” refers to an apostate religious organization or even a collection of religious organizations, we have little to worry, since we have already separated ourselves from them. However, early Adventists had a broader definition of Babylon. Consider Ellen’s words: “If the professed followers of Christ would accept God’s standard, it would bring them into unity; but so long as human wisdom is exalted above His Holy Word, there will be divisions and dissensions. The existing confusion of conflicting creeds and sects is fitly represented by the term, ‘Babylon,’ which prophecy (See Revelation 14:8; 18:2) applies to the world-loving churches of the last days” (*From Eternity Past*, p. 73). Permit me to explore that last line. Might Babylon, then, apply to a church that yields to the temptation of engaging in a love affair with a secular, humanistic, materialistic and, often, a hedonistic popular, world culture? Might there be a danger that we may have compromised the spiritual wellbeing of children and youth, to say nothing of our own, by borrowing from that culture?

Not long after the establishment of our first church-supported school, Ellen wrote, “God has revealed to me that we are in positive danger of bringing into our educational work the customs and fashions that prevail in the schools of the world. If teachers are not guarded, they will place on the necks of their students worldly yokes instead of the yoke of Christ. The plan of the schools we shall establish in these closing years of the message is to be of an entirely different order from those we have instituted” (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, p. 532).

Might it not behoove us to consider the following counsel as we examine our own institutions? “It is high time for Sabbathkeepers to separate their children from worldly

associations, and place them under the very best teachers who will make the Bible the foundation of all studies” (*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 2, p. 464*).

“Conformity to worldly customs converts the church to the world; it never converts the world to Christ. Familiarity with sin will inevitably cause it to appear less repulsive. He who chooses to associate with the servants of Satan will soon cease to fear their master” (*The Great Controversy, p. 509*).

“To lower the standard in order to secure popularity and an increase of numbers, and then to make this increase a cause of rejoicing, shows great blindness. If numbers were an evidence of success, Satan might claim the pre-eminence; for in this world his followers are largely in the majority. It is the degree of moral power pervading a school that is a test of its prosperity. It is the virtue, intelligence, and piety of the people composing our schools, not their numbers, that should be a source of joy and thankfulness. Then shall our schools become converted to the world and follow its customs and fashions? ‘I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye . . . Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. See Romans 12:1, 2” (*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 143*).

Could there be any doubt that the spiritual forces marshaled against our children and youth are no mere trifle? Little wonder that George Barna discovered that the “ministry to children is the single-most influential and life-changing ministry you (the church) can engage in.” Can we then afford to experiment with strange ideas borrowed from sources that don’t share our commonly-held values, sources that are committed to promoting a worldly, secular-humanistic culture rather than the culture of the Kingdom? Is there any doubt that these implants could undermine efforts to help children and youth forge a lasting, spiritual relationship with Jesus?

“Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now, as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death” (*Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students, p. 156*).

Seventh-day Adventists world over have been committed to the salvation of children and youth through

our educational efforts. Recognizing the ever-increasing pressures of a popular culture to undermine our efforts, we are intentional about employing our best energies to create that total environment in our homes, schools and churches, so these institutions of learning will place us in the most favorable position to claim the promise, *All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace* (Isaiah 54:13 NIV).

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## Miracles at Madison

BY SUE MARTIN

“Dad, your grandson, John, is getting baptized next Saturday morning at the Adventist church. Would you like to come?” I didn’t expect a “yes.” Dad was 100 years old, a life-long agnostic, and I never had seen him attend any church.

I was surprised when he said, “Yes, I’ll come.” More than a little shocked, I wanted to be sure he understood me. I clarified that John’s baptism was going to be in the church. Did he want to come? His answer was clear, “Yes. I said I’d come.”

Sure enough, on Sabbath morning, September 29, 2012, Dad came to church. When it was time for John, our 20-year-old son, to be baptized, Dad and all our family stood to watch. My heart was full of praise to God in seeing John’s baptism. We were just finishing an evangelistic series, and two other people were being baptized as well. Joy and love seemed to be seen and heard everywhere that morning.

After the service, everyone went downstairs for a luncheon. Dad could not make the stairs, so I stayed with him as others went for food. While everyone was downstairs,



*It was a thrilling day in the Madison Community Church when 20-year-old John Martin (seated, right) gave his life to Jesus and was baptized. His 100-year-old grandfather, Ervin Anton Salak (seated, left), attended the service and also gave his heart to Jesus later that day.*

Mark Fox, our guest evangelist, spoke with Dad about the Bible, Jesus and what life with Jesus would be like. I praise the Lord I was privileged to witness the Holy Spirit lead my father, Ervin Anton Salak, to ask for forgiveness of his sins and then invite Jesus into his heart. What a miracle! The three of us clasped hands in prayer and praise to God.

Our entire congregation is overflowing with love and joy. Many in our church have

been visiting, praying and working for these children of God.

As I drove Dad home after church, he said, “I think your little church will grow quickly, don’t you?” I smiled, “Yes, there is so much love there.”

Sue Martin is a member of the Madison Community Church in Wisconsin.

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# CONEXIONES EXTRA

## Jesús

EXPERIENCIA EXTREMA

POR ENRIQUE CAMPBELL

**C**onocí a Mayte y Armando, una pareja muy joven, junto a su hijito, en una de mis iglesias en Chicago. No eran miembros de ella pero un hermano los contactó y fueron nuestros invitados en varias ocasiones a reuniones donde compartimos hermosas veladas en las que sintieron el calor del amor del pueblo de Dios.

Recibieron estudios bíblicos y después de un tiempo se bautizaron en la Iglesia Hispanoamericana de Chicago, se integraron y aunque han pasado algunos años, son fieles miembros de Iglesia y trabajan activamente sirviendo en los diversos ministerios.

Al momento del bautismo y de su experiencia extrema con Jesús, yo trabajaba en un distrito vecino, en eventos donde coincidíamos siempre nos reuníamos a conversar y hablar de la salud de Mayte, quien era una paciente que requería diálisis y un donante de riñón.

Siempre estuve muy sorprendido al observar el amor, la preocupación y la solicitud de Armando hacia su joven esposa. En momentos en que por mucho menos las parejas deciden por la separación y divorcio, veía a Armando, atender, apoyar, amar y sufrir por su esposa.

El día maravilloso de la experiencia extrema con Jesús, Armando decidió visitar a un amigo que trabajaba como empleado en un lavado de autos. Allí mientras esperaba que lavaran su carro, sintió el dolor de la gran necesidad: “pasa el tiempo y mi esposa no tiene un nuevo riñón”. Lloraba sin saber que el dueño del lavado de autos, Juan Manuel, lo estaba observando, y en la curiosidad consultó con su



Enrique Campbell

empleado quien le contó el motivo de las lágrimas de Armando.

Juan Manuel Vargas, un hombre joven, había tenido en el pasado una experiencia maravillosa con Dios y sin ser una persona activa en alguna iglesia, hizo un pacto con Dios y prometió que si Jesús sanaba a su hijito de la enfermedad grave que padecía, él donaría un riñón. El

Señor contestó su oración y sanó a su hijito.

Precisamente en ese tiempo Juan Manuel había estado en contacto con un hospital donde pretendía donar su riñón, y debido al trato rudo e imprudente de empleados del hospital, se retiró y postergó el cumplimiento de su pacto con Dios.

Juan Manuel pidió que invitaran a Armando a su oficina y allí le expresó la determinación de ser el donante de riñón para Mayte.

Que día maravilloso, Armando fue a lavar su carro y consiguió un riñón para su esposa. La pregunta que surge y que Armando no pensó es: ¿será Juan Manuel un donante compatible? Es frecuente aún en la propia familia no encontrar donantes que posean el grado de compatibilidad necesario, pero el día de la experiencia extrema con nuestro amado Jesús, todo debía estar en orden, y así fue como Juan

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# Dios siempre dirige la vida de sus hijos

POR ANA RUTH LIZARDO

**M**i nombre es Ana Ruth LizarDO. Hoy quiero compartir con ustedes, algunas de las tantas bendiciones que Dios me ha dado en mi vida.

Yo soy originaria de la Republica de Honduras de un pueblo muy hermoso que se llama Catacamas y pertenece al departamento de Olancho. Llegué a los Estados Unidos en 1998 junto a mis tres hermanos. Cuando llegué a este país, no hablaba ni una palabra de Inglés pero, Dios tenía grandes planes para mí. En estos 14 años, termine la escuela secundaria, fui a la



Ana Ruth y Andres LizarDO

universidad donde hice una licenciatura en Sistemas y en el verano del 2012, termine una Maestría en Administración de Negocios. Todas estas cosas han sido respuestas a mis oraciones y deseos de superación. Durante los últimos 8 años, he estado ayudando en varios ministerios en mi iglesia.

Estoy casada, tengo cuatro hijos (Andry, Gianna, Frexi e Hilsa). Mi esposo, Andrés LizarDO, originario de la Republica Dominicana, es la respuesta a una de mis oraciones. Cuando le ore a Dios por un esposo, le pedí que fuera alguien comprometido con la iglesia y que quisiera caminar a mi lado por la senda de la fe. Dios contesto mi oración porque me dio un esposo que no solamente quiere ir a cielo; si no tambien es una persona comprometida con el Señor Jesús. Desde temprana edad se ha dedicado a la

predicación del evangelio, en diferentes ciudades en su país y ahora, aquí en Estados Unidos. Su sueño es terminar su carrera en teología.

Uno de mis deseos había sido trabajar en la organización de la Iglesia Adventista de Séptimo Día; siempre me preguntaba “¿Porque no poner mis conocimientos al servicio de Dios?”. El contesto mi oración y me ha dado la

oportunidad de ahora trabajar en dicha organización, en la Unión del Lago; después de haber trabajado por casi diez años en College of Lake County, en Grayslake, IL. Es para mí y mi familia un privilegio y de gran bendición trabajar en el ministerio en esta nueva experiencia. Gracias a Dios, hoy me puedo dedicar tiempo completo a trabajar en el ministerio con el apoyo de mi familia. Dios me ha bendecido grandemente pero, he tenido que luchar mucho y depender de Dios a cada instante. Dios siempre tiene cosas hermosas para nosotros pero, Él nos las da cuando Él considera que es el tiempo apropiado, no necesariamente cuando nosotros queremos.

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Dios siempre tiene cosas hermosas para nosotros pero, Él nos las da cuando El considera que es el tiempo apropiado.

# Reporte de la Federacion de Sociodades de Jovenes Adventistas de Illinois

POR SABÁS SALGADO

**¡Q**ué bendición obrar por nuestro Señor Jesucristo para nuestros jóvenes! En este año pasado, los jóvenes de la Conferencia de Illinois estuvieron involucrados en varios eventos en la cual pudieron compartir su fe, amor y gozo. El 2012 comenzó con el evento “Noche de Amistad” en la cual corren, brincan, se ensucian y conocen nuevas amistades. Al igual celebramos un Sábado Joven con la compañía hispana de Light House, en Zion, Illinois.

En abril se lanzo el primer “College Fair” patrocinado por la Federacion de Sociodades de Jovenes Adventistas (FeSJA). En este evento, se le invito a varios ayudantes de la comunidad educacional para informar a los padres y estudiantes que aspiran tener una educación colegial y universitaria. Hubo quien explicará como conseguir becas para estudiantes que aun no tiene documentación migratoria. Y tuvimos representación de la universidad de Andrews a través de Skype para aconsejar a los padres y revisar aplicaciones. Esperamos de que este evento su vuelva a repetir y sea una bendición para padres e hijos.

En mayo, un Sábado Joven en la Iglesia de Melrose Park fue dirigida por varios jóvenes y la participación del servicio a la comunidad les permitió introducir la iglesia a la comunidad. Muchos de la comunidad agradecidos por la visita pidieron muchas oraciones para sus familias. Fue un triunfo para Dios ver a los jóvenes, adultos y ancianos disfrutar de este sábado especial.

En junio, el segundo congreso hispano de la Unión del Lago, “CONECTATE 2012: Experience Jesus”, se llevo a cabo. Fue hermoso ver a algunos pastores acompañar a sus jóvenes y compartir del fin de semana de talleres espirituales, obra misionera, un concierto musical, y la palabra de Dios presentada por Elizabeth Talbott. El viernes por la

noche hubo muchos ojos húmedos al escuchar las diferentes “chamaras” que la predicadora cargo a través de su vida. Fue un fin de semana lleno del Espíritu Santo y de gran bendición especialmente para los que obtuvieron su Biblia de estudio de Andrews (*Andrews Study Bible*) o Biblia bilingüe.

La noche de talentos en agosto, con participación de varios jóvenes de la Conferencia Regional fue una gran bendición para los que nos gusta la música. Hubo una presentación especial de líderes de FeSJA donde usaron sus iPads, iPhones, y Androids, para presentar varios himnos. ¡Qué creatividad!

¿Y que seria un año lleno de actividades para jóvenes sin sus torneos? Es más, hubo dos torneos de fútbol, uno de basquetbol y uno de voleibol.

Les invito a poner en oración la nueva directiva de FeSJA de Illinois al igual las viarias federaciones a través de la Unión de Lago. Trabajemos juntos los lideres juveniles, pastores y padres para edificar a las vidas de nuestros jóvenes; para que sigan adelante con la gran comisión que nuestro Señor Jesucristo nos ha mandado. El obrar con nuestros jóvenes es una muestra de gran amor.

Sabás Salgado es el presidente de FeSJA en la Asociacion de Illinois.

Manuel se convirtió en el donante compatible a un grado tal, que solo se puede encontrar dentro del más íntimo lazo familiar. Si en este milagro hay varias aristas, ésta es una de ellas porque fue asombroso para todos el grado de compatibilidad que mostraron los exámenes. Y si hablamos de aristas milagrosas otra de ellas fue encontrar un hospital que hiciera este trasplante sin que Armando y Mayte debieran cubrir los elevados costos.

La cirugía se realizó con éxito y vemos ahora a Mayte en esta nueva etapa de su vida, como fiel miembro de la Iglesia Hispanoamericana de Chicago.

En otra de mis iglesias un fiel hermano, Alejandro Jiménez había sido internado por una crisis renal y necesitaba un donante de riñón, estuvimos orando por él y decidí contactarlo con Armando con el propósito de que se le transmitiera fe, confianza y donde encontrar un hospital que hiciera esta cirugía a bajo costo.

Por una coincidencia dirigida por el Altísimo, Armando visitó mi iglesia y me comentó que necesitaba ayuda

económica para comprar un medicamento que necesitaba Mayte. Nuestra Iglesia proporcionó exactamente la cantidad de dinero para adquirir el medicamento, y tuve la oportunidad de pedirle que visitara a Alejandro que estaban pasando por una situación similar al necesitar un donante de riñón.

Al día siguiente Armando estaba visitando a Alejandro con quien estuvo orando y compartiendo su experiencia. Allí en ese hogar, puede parecer increíble, -compartió el dinero- que le habíamos entregado para el medicamento de Mayte y comunicó la noticia de que había decidido ser el donante de riñón para Alejandro.

Cuantos milagros en esta experiencia extrema con Jesús, por cierto, queda una arista más. ¿Quieren saber si son compatibles Armando y Alejandro? Alabado sea el Señor, Dios Todopoderoso, son absolutamente compatibles.

El pastor Enrique Campbell es el coordinador del ministerio hispano de la Asociación Regional del Lago

# Calendario de Anuncios

POR CARMELO MERCADO

**7-9 de marzo:** Convención de Música y Adoración en la Universidad de Andrews. Los esposos Andrés y Janette Flores ofrecerán los siguientes dos seminarios:

“De Diversidad a Unidad: El Impacto de la Adoración Privada en la Adoración Pública” (Janette Rodríguez-Flores)

“Celebremos en el Exilio: Un Modelo Práctico de Adoración Hispana Adventista” (Andrés Flores)

“Planificación y liderazgo de cultos con latinos de 2da y 3ra generación: desafíos y oportunidades” (Andrés Flores)

Todos están invitados. Para registrarse y conseguir más información vaya al sitio web: <http://www.cye.org/mwc>.

**15-17 de marzo:** La Asociación de Illinois junto a la Unión del Lago y la División Norte Americana auspician un evento de certificación de ministerio infantil en Burr Ridge, Ill. El evento consistirá de clases interactivas en las áreas de drama, títeres, narración de historias, globos y payasos. Los participantes podrán escoger una de las clases dictadas por maestros de la División Norte Americana y asistirán durante los tres días. El costo de inscripción de \$60

por persona incluye la inscripción y el almuerzo del sábado. El último día para inscribirse es el 7 de marzo. Para más información o para inscribirse puede contactar a su director de ministerio infantil o directamente a la Asociación de Illinois llamando a 630-856-2854 o por email a [vsotelo@illinoisadventist.org](mailto:vsotelo@illinoisadventist.org).

**23-31 de marzo:** Campaña evangelística de Semana Santa en Iglesias de la Asociación de Indiana.

**6 de abril:** Seminario de predicación para la mujer en la Asociación de Illinois. Celebración sabática en la Asociación de Indiana en Cicero.

**3-5 de mayo:** Feria de Conquistadores de la Asociación de Indiana en el campamento Timber Ridge.

**5-11 de mayo:** Campaña de evangelismo laico de la Asociación de Illinois.

**24-26 de mayo:** Campestre hispano de la Asociación de Illinois.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente de la Unión del Lago.



## Sharing Jesus with Milwaukee

BY JUANITA EDGE

**T**atiana Lopez Fonseca seems like any other 13-year-old girl. She lives with her mom, dad and little sister, Elizabeth, in a duplex in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Tatiana rides a yellow school bus to school, takes piano lessons, shares a room with her sister, and likes to play volleyball and badminton.

Yet, she is doing something most girls her age don't do. Tatiana is studying the Bible with six to 12 friends every Sunday and Monday at 6:00 p.m. Tatiana, her mom and little sister drive down to a friend's house in downtown Milwaukee. As Tatiana and Elizabeth go door-to-door

inviting friends to come, her mom unloads a dozen folding chairs from her van and sets them up in her friend's yard. Soon, Tatiana and Elizabeth return with their group of Bible study interests.

"I'm very pleased that you could come tonight and learn about God," begins Tatiana. "First of all, let's pray." After a song, she begins with a review. "What did we study yesterday?" No one says anything. "That's okay," says Tatiana, "That's why we are here — to study."

Tatiana opens her Bible, reviews things they can't remember, then moves on to the evening's lesson with patience and skill. No one but Tatiana has a Bible. They listen as each verse is read. Then each writes in their own notebook what the Bible has to say on the topic. "We really need Bibles and study lessons," said Tatiana; "these kids don't have Bibles."

"They call me the little preacher," laughs Tatiana. "We study the Bible, play Bible games, sing and pray. They didn't know how to pray, so I told them it was just like having a conversation with a friend but you do it with your Heavenly Father, God. We all made a circle and each one prayed, asking God to forgive us for things we've done wrong. It was wonderful!"



Tatiana Lopez Fonseca (center) stands with Quinteria (left) and Christina (right) who attend Tatiana's Bible study group each Sunday and Monday evening. Christina is planning to be baptized.

Tatiana's mom works as an in-home caregiver. One morning Christina, one of her patient's daughter, said, "I want to learn more about God." That night, Tatiana's mom asked Tatiana if she would study the Bible with Christina. "I was excited to meet Christina," said Tatiana. "We studied the Bible once, and the next week lots of kids came because Christina had invited all her neighborhood friends."

Christina and friends have been studying with Tatiana for several months. "I've learned to pray," says Christina. "I now know there is only one God, and that Jesus is about to come back to Earth. Tatiana reads her Bible, and we write the Bible answers in our notebooks."

While teaching Christina and her friends, Tatiana is growing as well. "I've learned that doing God's work is such a joy that you can't explain it," said Tatiana. "The kids ask questions about things we've already studied, and then I know that they were paying attention. They are putting in their hearts more thoughts about God. I know Jesus would be doing the same thing if He was here. My friend, Christina, asks questions after the study like, 'Does God care when I get sick?' It's just exciting!"

"I like to talk to them about God. I want them to know that Jesus is coming, and I want to see them in Heaven. I also would like to motivate the kids to share what they learn with others. I pray they will say, 'If she can do it with the help of God, maybe I can too,' then they will start doing this work also."

Many like Tatiana are sharing Jesus with their neighbors as a part of Milwaukee Miracles, a five-year outreach project to share Jesus in the city of Milwaukee.

Juanita Edge is the director of communication for the Wisconsin Conference.



## Centinarian uses gifts and talents to bless others

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. —1 John 4:7 NIV*

For three decades, Kathryn Brackett has been quietly showing her love for God one small pillow at a time.

Kathryn is a longtime member of the hospital's sewing circle, a group of volunteers which meets weekly to hand-sew dog and cat pillows for patients in the pediatric unit. She started volunteering at the hospital more than 30 years ago and, during that time, has logged about 5,500 lifetime hours and created countless pillows.

"Each one is special," said Kathryn, going through some of her pillows. "Every week, I look forward to coming here and being with my friends and helping children feel a little better."

Most weeks, Kathryn meets up with her fellow volunteers in the hospital's basement to put together the pillows. The ladies, always dressed in their peach-colored volunteer jackets, pour coffee and ask about each other's families before opening their sewing containers and getting down to work.

One particular Tuesday volunteer session, in early January, was extra special for Kathryn. Surrounded by her family and sewing circle friends, she celebrated her 100th birthday with a cake and visits from hospital executives. Tricia Tref, a pastoral care manager at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, opened the celebration with a prayer.

"Kathryn is a living example of how we live our mission," Tref said. "Not everyone is called to be a doctor or nurse. We can all help others using the gifts and talents God gave us. I'm sure most of our pediatric patients have no idea where their pillow came from but, somehow, they can feel the care Kathryn puts into each one, and that makes them feel just a little bit better."



Kathryn Brackett, right, a centinarian and legacy member of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, volunteers, most weeks, to help create pillows for pediatric patients. Also pictured: Michael J. Goebel, chief executive officer, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital



Kathryn Brackett

Kathryn is also a legacy member of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation, along with her husband, Harold, who died Nov. 26, 2012, at age 100. Harold spent many years working as a hospital escort; the couple was married for 74 years. Volunteer Services director Lora Cummings said Adventist Hinsdale Hospital would not be the special place of healing that it

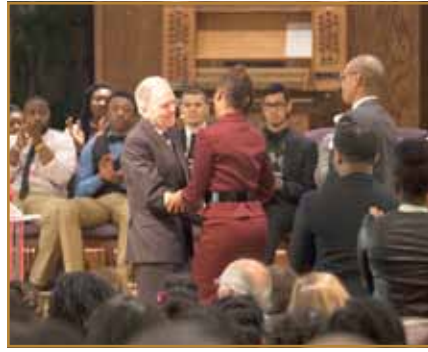
is if not for people like Kathryn and her late husband.

"In Kathryn's group, each person has a role in making the pillows," Cummings said. "Because each woman has a particular role in creating each pillow, a little bit of love from each goes into each one."

Sheila Galloro, public relations specialist,  
Adventist Midwest Health

## 'Marching On ... Together' themed weekend commemorates Martin Luther King Jr.

The long weekend of Jan. 17–21 was dedicated to the theme "Marching On ... Together" for the University's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. The weekend events included activist and author Shane Claiborne as a guest speaker for University Forum and Seminary Chapel. Students had a chance to chat one-on-one with Claiborne at a luncheon held for leadership students. Other events included a screening of the documentary "The Barber of Birmingham" and a Day of Service coordinated by Service Learning, Student Life and AUSA officers. The Day of Service was geared toward children living in University Apartments and included



During the New Life Fellowship church service, Niels-Erik Andreasen, University president, presented the 2013 Legacy of Freedom Award to Camille and Joseph Warren II. They accepted the award on behalf of their father, the late Joseph W. Warren Sr., professor of English. Warren passed away in October 2012.

a short viewing of King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Andrews students provided worship, games, crafts and other activities for nearly 90 children.

On Sabbath, Jan. 19, during the New Life Fellowship church service, this year's Legacy of Freedom Award was presented posthumously to Joseph W. Warren Sr., professor of English, who passed away in October 2012. Two

of his children, Camille and Joseph Warren II, accepted the award in honor of their father. "What an honor and privilege to be a part of presenting this award to Joseph and Camille," said Debbie Weithers, chair of the MLK Planning Committee. "Their father was such an important part of our campus and the guiding force behind the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Andrews. He was sorely missed in the planning and implementation of this year's festivities. His positive and significant impact on his children was evident as they presented the Dr. King oration at New Life Fellowship, [which] was a blessing to all in attendance."

Camille and Joseph II then presented King's speech, "But If Not." The sermon was originally delivered by King at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., on Nov. 5, 1967. The topic was civil disobedience using the biblical Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as examples.



Shawn Boonstra

## Boonstra speaks at annual Graduate Students Consecration Service

The School of Graduate Studies & Research teamed up with the Office of Campus Ministries for a joint University vespers and Graduate Students Consecration Service on Friday, Jan. 18,

featuring special guest speaker, Shawn Boonstra.

Boonstra currently serves as associate ministerial director for the Seventh-day Adventists in North America and formerly served as speaker/director for It Is Written. His sermon was titled "This Incredible Moment," and focused upon the lessons found in Philippians 2:5–8.

Held at Pioneer Memorial Church, this event is designed to recognize the graduate student population and to consecrate their pursuit of higher education. "Philosophically, Seventh-day Adventist education is holistic. Therefore, our students should experience intellectual stimulation, social interaction, emotional well-being and spiritual renewal," says Christon Arthur, dean of the School of Graduate Studies & Research. "The Graduate Students Consecration Service calls students to

holiness, spiritual connectedness and consecration. This year, we included undergraduate students in the service. We want them to know that spirituality is experienced in community and that when we come to God in worship, we are no longer faculty or staff; we are no longer graduate or undergraduate students; we are equal before God in community worship."

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president, and Andrea Luxton, provost, each addressed students during the service. Each graduate student was presented with a copy of *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers. Previously, at Graduate Student Orientation held at the beginning of the academic year, each graduate student received a copy of the *Andrews Study Bible*.

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Communication

## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

### Mission team builds church in Juigalpa

Michigan—"Where did you go?" the car rental agent asked as she sorted through the travel documents.

"Juigalpa," came the unexpected reply.

Startled, the young lady looked up from her paperwork, "Juigalpa? Nobody goes to Juigalpa. Why would anyone go to Juigalpa?"

Why did the Michigan Mission team spend their 2012 Christmas season in the cattle town of Juigalpa, in far away Nicaragua? Twenty-eight volunteers from Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina and Georgia became part of a volunteer church-building team, sponsored by the Lansing Church along with help from the Grand Rapids Central Church.

More than 40 years ago, the Seventh-day Adventist faith arrived in Juigalpa with one woman and her family. Today, there is a very active Adventist church in this city. As membership grew, some began meeting in homes as they tried to reach more of their neighbors. This outreach proved so successful that, this past year, a second Adventist church was needed.

Early in 2012, David and Judy Shull and Lansing pastor, Justin Ringstaff, began talking about a mission trip for the next year. They decided to work with Maranatha Volunteers International.

The Maranatha ministry helps provide church buildings, and one of the countries they worked in this past year was Nicaragua. The local Adventist conference and the church group only had enough funding for the One-Day Church structure, which consists of steel columns, trusses and a roof. A couple months after accepting the Juigalpa project, the team decided they also wanted to raise the necessary funds to provide a completed church with block walls, doors, windows, painted stucco walls, electricity, lights



Children attend their first Sabbath school in their new classroom, which the Michigan Mission team built during their 2012 Christmas break.



Adam Shull and Eric Shull hold the new Seventh-day Adventist Church sign in place as it is secured.

and fans. This was a challenging commitment, since local Michigan churches and schools also have financial needs.

The fundraising commitment required a great deal of faith and lots of prayer, as well as asking church members, family, friends and co-workers to help support this project. Two weeks before the team departed for Central America, the Lord blessed and the goal was reached. The volunteers would be able to work on building a sanctuary and Sabbath school classroom for the new church family in Juigalpa.

A full church and classroom is a big project, and the volunteers were not always sure they would be able to complete such a large structure, along with holding a five-day vacation Bible

school program in the morning and three days of afternoon dental clinics.

After eight long, hot, exhausting days on the construction site, the team achieved success. Friday afternoon, an hour before sunset, the last roofing panel was fastened in place. The weary volunteers watched with satisfaction, from across the street, as the steeple was erected above the doorway. As the sun set, the group sang the "Doxology" to welcome in the Sabbath and thank the Lord for blessing them with the opportunity to build this church, and realize, again, that nothing is too hard for God.

Judy L. Schull, principal, Greater Lansing Adventist School, as shared with *Lake Union Herald* staff



Cherie Jackson

Members of the January 2013 CNA class at Hinsdale Adventist Academy include (from left): Walter Plasencia, Nathaniel Leon, Josue Montilla, Malcolm Calhoun, Rachel Mittrache, Malik Calhoun, Jadelyn Bautista, Katherine Vicente and Elizabeth Alfaro.

## HAA and Adventist Hinsdale Hospital enroll second class in CNA program

Illinois—Hinsdale Adventist Academy and Adventist Hinsdale Hospital joined forces to develop one of Illinois's only private school-based certified nursing assistant program. Twenty students, comprised of HAA seniors, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital employees and community members, graduated from the course last June, having learned hospital-based skills twice per week at the hospital. Twenty more students commenced the second course at the beginning of January.

The program coordinator, Cherish Martinez, R.N., MSN, said, "We are so thankful to the hospital for partnering with us, and we are very pleased with the results. Thirteen of our original class are now studying toward a career in medicine, or intend to be. We were able to get approval from the Illinois Department of Health in record time, which I count as a miracle."

HAA's administrative principal, George Babcock, was the brainchild behind the initiative. "We have done a major overhaul of Hinsdale Adventist Academy in the past two years. One thing I want for my students is to have them graduate with a marketable skill. These young people will now be able to fund themselves through university or commence a medical career with much better insight into the realities that they will face." Babcock's philosophy is founded in Ellen White's counsel on the importance of training our youth for useful purposes. "That which trains the hand to helpfulness, and teaches the young to bear their share of life's burdens, is most effective in promoting the growth of mind and character. The youth need to be taught that life means earnest work, responsibility, care-taking. They need a training that will make them practical — men and women who can cope with emergencies. They should be taught that the discipline of systematic, well-regulated labor is essential, not only as a safeguard against the vicissitudes of life, but as an aid to all-around development" (*Education*, p. 215).

Daniel Antwi, a graduate from both the CNA program and HAA, said, "I am planning to become a doctor. The CNA course has given me the real-life experience I needed to know I am on the right path. I hope to work as a CNA throughout college to keep me grounded and, of course, help pay off the loans!"

Marcie Calandra, director in Nursing, Magnet and Process Improvement at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital stated, "This has been such a blessing for our hospital. We are training young people with the highest possible standards, right from the beginning of their careers. Medical work is one of the highest callings from God that a person can have." Shawn Tyrell, regional vice president for Nursing, said, "Patient satisfaction definitely increased when our CNA students were on the wards. To receive that little extra care — maybe a massage or just a conversation — certainly helped boost the healing process."

Students are taught by Marilyn Bumber, a College of DuPage instructor. Clinical skills were assessed by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Graduates sat for State exams in June 2012 and passed with flying colors.

HAA is a preschool through 12-grade Christian school nestled in the northwest corner of Hinsdale, just a few blocks away from Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. For more information, email [CNA@haa.org](mailto:CNA@haa.org) or go to <http://www.haa.org>.

Cherie Jackson, communications director,  
Hinsdale Adventist Academy



Cherie Jackson

E.J. Villasin, left, and Daniel Antwi, right, both graduates of the CNA program at Hinsdale Adventist Academy, practice checking blood pressure.



Cherie Jackson

Presidential Fitness Award recipients: Kia Williams, Estefania Hage-Gonzalez, Matthew Agard, Jadelyn Bautista, Austin Currie, Justin Caston, Megan Donato, Aline Pulbere, Malcolm Calhoun (lying down)

## HAA recognized as a State Champion school in the Presidential Fitness Awards

Illinois—Every year, the President's Challenge presents three schools from each state with its exclusive State Champion Award. State Champions are the schools with the highest percentage of students qualifying for the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. Hinsdale Adventist Academy was the only private school in Illinois to receive this award across all categories.

Administrative principal George Babcock stated, "I am tremendously proud of our students for their achievement and of our athletic director, Coach [Alex] Adams, for inspiring them along this path. Physical health and fitness is very much a part of the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy, where optimal physical health is believed to enhance mental, emotional and spiritual health."

Adams also is pleased with the results: "My main aim with the physical education and athletics program at HAA is to get our kids moving, and loving activity for the rest of their lives.

Too many kids do not get the chance to see what their bodies can really do. I also intentionally incorporate lessons so that students gain knowledge and an appreciation for the biblical principles of healthful living." Students are taught the principals of health by examining the life led by Daniel, Adam and Eve, and other characters. "We also study Ellen G. White's nutrition principles. It is always amazing to the kids that what she was inspired to write all those years ago is cutting-edge nutrition science today," Adams said.

White spoke volumes on the importance of incorporating exercise as part of a child's education. In *Special Testimonies on Education*, p. 39, she wrote, "The time spent in physical exercise is not lost. The student who is continually poring over his books, while he takes but little exercise in the open air, does himself an injury. A proportionate exercise of all the organs and faculties of the body is essential to the best work of each. When the brain is constantly taxed while the other organs of the living machinery are inactive, there is a loss of strength, physical and mental. The physical system is robbed of its healthful tone, the mind loses its freshness and vigor, and a morbid excitability is the result."

In addition to the physiological benefits of exercise, Adams focuses on interpersonal skills, such as cooperation, sportsmanship, leadership and respect, in his P.E. classes. "I want the students to develop a Christlike attitude and help them understand that God's ideal for quality living includes a healthy and active lifestyle."

To this end, all physical education students in grades 3–12 participated in the Presidential Challenge for physical fitness. Five HAA students were rewarded with the Presidential Fitness award and 22 more achieved the national award.

The Presidential Fitness Challenge is comprised of five tests: muscular endurance (mile run), upper body strength (push-ups or pull-ups), abdominal strength test (curl-ups), agility (shuttle run) and flexibility of the hamstrings (sit and reach). The five tests are challenging for all students and motivate them to push themselves to become more fit.

The goal of the Presidential Fitness Awards is to help educators to motivate students to be physically active and fit for life. It has been promoted across the nation since 1966.

Exercise and physical education is integrated into HAA's program starting with a Pee Wee program for pre-schoolers, conducted by Robert Jackson, associate principal. He developed this successful program for preschool through fifth-graders when an athletic director in Florida and Boston. "Parents are excited when they realize their little ones will get a chance to exercise in a fun way as part of their day," Jackson said. "It has been the deciding factor for some who were on the fence about choosing to come to an Adventist school. It is great to see kids from all different faiths learning to pray before and after they play, and to learn about good sportsmanship from the outset of their education."

For more information about HAA, please visit <http://www.haa.org> or call Cherie Jackson at 630-323-9211.

Cherie Jackson, communications director,  
Hinsdale Adventist Academy

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

## University Church focuses on others at Christmas

Michigan—Amidst the holiday hustle and bustle, two teams, comprised mostly of women, took time away from their schedules to gather together with the focus of helping others in the community. Most likely, these individuals will never meet the recipients of their gifts, but it didn't matter to these dedicated individuals. They were focused on making sure others knew that someone cared about them and to share the love of Jesus.

The call went out and, over the course of just three months, the University Church congregation in East Lansing, collected enough items to fill more than 150 mugs (111 for adults, 42 for children) with personal care items for Christmas as a mission project for the Lansing Women's and Children's Shelter. This project was near and dear to the project facilitator, Marilyn Powell, who faithfully collected items throughout the year during hotel stays, many times asking hotel housekeeping staff for additional supplies. Powell and the congregation teamed up to collect Christmas-themed mugs, travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body soap and lotion), dental supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss) and various items to complete this gift to the homeless in the area. Generous donations also were received from two local dentists who supplied most of the dental supplies, and a local hotel that supplied at least half of the toiletries for this project.

The dust had hardly settled on the "Mugs with a Mission" project when a different team of women and a couple of men gathered together in the fellowship hall of the church one blustery Sunday afternoon to assemble no-sew lap quilts for long-term residents at an Ingham County medical care facility. What made this project particularly



Marilyn Powell, left, spearheaded the University Church women's ministry project to bless the needy at Christmas. Marsha Brandon, right, opened her home for the volunteers to prepare and package the mugs filled with gifts.



Elizabeth Dunham (left) and Tennille Shin (right) hold one of the lap quilts made for a resident of a long-term medical care facility in Ingham County, Mich.

special was that these "gifts of warmth" were made specifically for individuals who rarely get visitors. The therapeutic activities director identified 30 residents who "fit the bill," and the congregation again responded to the call. Thirty-three lap quilts were assembled and provided to the facility staff to be distributed on Christmas day!

Brenda Roys, the women's ministries leader, hopes these projects will become annual events for the University Church women's group. "We will likely never meet the individuals who receive these gifts, but it is our prayer



Bob Hammond, a member of the University Church who lives in a different care facility, also received a lap quilt. "He seemed thrilled to be thought of in such a special way," Brenda Roys stated.

that these gifts will truly be a blessing to the recipients," stated Roys.

If your group is interested in starting a collection drive to help the Lansing area homeless shelters, visit: <http://www.bearescuer.com/donate.htm> for ideas and/or to volunteer. To see other activities involving the University Church women's ministries group, visit: <http://www.elawog.blogspot.com>.

Brenda Roys, women's ministries leader, University Church, as shared with *Lake Union Herald* staff



James Saune

Leadership from the Michiana Fil-Am Church; Roy Castelbuono, Michiana Fil-Am Church pastor; Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president; Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference vice president; Peter Ahn, Living Word Fellowship pastor; and leadership from the Living Word Fellowship are ready to cut the ribbon.

## Congregations unite to launch Discipleship Center

Michigan—On Sabbath evening, Dec. 1, 2012, the Michiana Fil-Am Church and the Living Word Fellowship joyfully joined together to dedicate a new 10,000-square-foot Discipleship Center. The Discipleship Center is a joint project between the two churches.

The Living Word Fellowship provided the funds for the building, which will house 32 students and has three offices, a multipurpose room which will seat 450 people, a large kitchen and a conference room.

The Michiana Fil-Am Church provided the land for the building and also is providing additional classrooms and conference rooms that will be needed for the training classes.

At the dedicatory service, leaders from both churches spoke about how this vision had become reality.

Chil Kang, of the Living Word Fellowship, shared the original vision: “Initially, [the 5,000-square-foot building] was meant to house Korean

students who would come from out of town, especially university and high school students who did not have an opportunity to attend Adventist institutions. These students would come here to be trained to go back and work in their local churches.” However, during the last two years, this vision grew until, today, it is 10,000 square feet and will be a training center for youth and young adults of all ethnicities, to prepare them for mission service at home and abroad.

Arlyn Drew, of the Living Word Fellowship, addressed the gathered members of both churches: “You are a little crazy! Because you believed that, in this sleepy, little village of Berrien Springs, God wants a school of prophets to send out young people — an explosion of mission — to finish the work on Earth! If God’s dream for this Center and all the sons and daughters of the prophets that will be coming here is insanity, then may God strike us all with some of that!”

In addition to the two churches, the Michigan Conference is also a partner in this exciting ministry. Loren Nelson, vice president for human resources, and Jay Gallimore, president of the

Michigan Conference, also spoke at the dedication service. They congratulated the two congregations in this new, joint mission. “You had a vision to do something for the next generation. You wanted to stop the loss of your young people from the church,” said Nelson. “I congratulate you, Living Word Fellowship, and you, Michiana Fil-Am, for seeing the potential of this vision and for completing this building where training will take place.”

Roy Castelbuono, pastor of the Michiana Fil-Am Church, said, “We are joined together with bonds that cannot be separated. It was not as a result of careful business planning that we are here today. We are here today for the simple reason that a man had a vision. God opened doors as the Holy Spirit moved, and two congregations acted in extraordinary ways and moved forward in faith. We go forward on our knees, trusting to the same Spirit that brought us [together].”

Following the service, the audience was invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the Discipleship Center. Leadership and members from both churches as well as conference officials cut the ribbon together and opened the building for a grand celebration, which included self-guided tours and an abundance of delightful cuisine from both the Filipino-American and Korean-American cultures.

Heidi Magesa, communications secretary,  
Michiana Fil-Am Church



James Saune

Arlyn Drew speaks to the two church families and guests who gathered at the dedication of the Discipleship Center.



## Preaching skills honed at a different kind of school

Illinois—This year, two members from the Illinois Conference and one from the Lake Region Conference were graduated out of a class of six members at a different kind of school where preaching skills are honed. The graduation took place Dec. 1, 2012, at Morgan Park Church. The graduates were Cozetta Coleman, Colette Leonard and Stefanie Oworu.

Often, church members are asked to preach, but they are given little or no training — until now, that is. Introduction to Preaching has changed all that. The class lasts for 12 weeks and carefully navigates elements to preaching, such as: uplifting Christ and the cross, injecting spirituality, applications, appeals, illustrations and sermon outlines. The itinerary includes weekly homework exercises and in-class evaluations.

Coursework also requires students to preach to have satisfactory grades in five areas: attendance, homework, a 15-minute sermon, a 30-minute sermon and an exam. Unsatisfactory



The recent graduates include (back row, left): Cozetta Coleman, Colette Leonard and Stefanie Oworu. The instructors are pictured in the front row: Wayne and Coral Odle.

grades in any one area disqualifies a student from graduation.

There are two advanced preaching courses: Intermediate Preaching and Advanced Preaching.

The 2012 class instructors, Wayne and Coral Odle, both graduates of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological

Seminary at Andrews University, ensured that the students' hard work is rewarded with a certificate and a full-scale graduation ceremony.

Wayne Odle, co-instructor, Introduction to Preaching, and pastor of the New Heights, New Jerusalem and Vernon Heights churches, as shared with Cindy Chamberlin, communication director, Illinois Conference



The New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists gratefully accepted the donations from the Hinsdale Church. In the photo, from left, are the three individuals who drove the trailer load to New Jersey: Ole Mercado, Denny Kukich and Kevin Connell. Representing the New Jersey Conference are Eileen Gill; Mike Gill, director, New Jersey Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response; and Jim Greene, New Jersey Conference secretary.

## Hinsdale Church initiates 'Load the Trailer' for New Jersey

Illinois—"We are so grateful for the support that has been shown toward the survivors of Superstorm Sandy. The items donated were just what we are seeking to distribute," said Mike Gill, director of New Jersey Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response. About their work, he added, "Many volunteers are here every day since the storm hit. For a number of us, it feels like we have been called up full-time in the reserves. But God is blessing us with health and increased strength."

On Dec. 18, 2012, the loaded Pathfinder trailer reached its destination with

a driving team of three: Ole Mercado, Kevin Connell and Denny Kukich. Leaving in the dark, at 4:00 a.m., they headed east. After continuous driving for 16 hours, they arrived at the New Jersey Conference headquarters where they unloaded the donated supplies and handed over a check for \$1,200.

How did this project come about?

Superstorm Sandy came ashore in late October 2012, along the mid-Atlantic region, leaving devastation in its wake. New Jersey was hit especially hard. The New Jersey Conference mobilized its disaster relief team to address the needs of those who had been evacuated from their homes. Some of those homes were completely destroyed by the storm.

Within a few days, at the suggestion of Carolyn Snyder, Hinsdale Church community services leader, the New Jersey Conference was contacted to ascertain how the Hinsdale Church might help. A plan, named "Load the Trailer," was developed that involved using a Pathfinder trailer, finding a towing truck and drivers, funding the fuel costs, and collecting the needed items. As those needs changed, updated lists were provided in the weekly bulletins.

The Illinois Conference volunteered to fund fuel costs up to \$500. The Conference also facilitated the distribution of information about this plan to sister churches so the potential response could be greater.

"Thank you to all who responded as we reached out to help. Many of you gave generously of money, and donated the requested items," said Snyder. "We really appreciate your response."

When the drivers learned that Hinsdale Adventist Academy also was collecting items to help New York victims, they loaded those items as well to save shipping costs. Arrangements were made with the New York Conference to pick up those items so they would reach the intended destination.

Dorothy Deer, communications leader,  
Hinsdale Church

## Burns Church recognizes members with long-standing church attendance

Lake Region—During December 2012, the Burns Church in Detroit chose to honor individuals who had held membership for 50 or more consecutive years at the church.

The annual Senior Appreciation Day, Dec. 1, 2012, coordinated by Beulah Brown and her team, was a Sabbath celebration packed with activities focusing on the legacy, contribution and blessing of being a senior and serving God.

The idea of publicly recognizing longevity of church membership was conceived by the late Shirley Tatum during the Burns 75th anniversary celebrations in November 2009. It then took three years of research, prayer and hard work for her vision to become a reality.

The 62 names placed on the Honor Roll included living and deceased members of the Burns family, and represented more than 3,000 years of combined membership. Membership commences at baptism, transfer of membership, etc., and ceases



The Burns Honoree Plaque, held by Leonard Davis (head deacon), was presented to the Burns Church family by Sybil Marshall (left) and Preston Jowers Sr. (right) on Senior Appreciation Day, Dec. 1, 2012.

at transfer-out or death. Honoree candidates' names were derived from obituaries, church records and consulting with several individuals who have been members of the Burns Church family for at least 20 years.

During the Divine worship service, living honorees were presented with the Spirit of Detroit Award by Brenda Jones, councilor of the City of Detroit. This was followed by Michigan State representative Alberta Tinsley-Talabi who presented a Certificate of Recognition from the State of Michigan. It is proposed that in each and every year

after 2012 that new names be added as more Burns Church members reach the 50-year membership threshold.

Longevity in service and faithfulness to God are priceless blessings that will be rewarded by Him.

Oliver Page, communication director, Burns Church

For a list of those honored, please see page 11 of *The Herald*, the Burns Church's Nov./Dec. 2012 newsletter: <http://theburnschurch.org/burnsfiles/NovDec12.pdf>.

## Hinsdale CHIP celebrates fifth graduation

Illinois—Nov. 4, 2012, marked Hinsdale's fifth CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program) graduation. In the Fall 2012 program, there were 11 new participants and four alumni repeaters. To date, there are 47 graduates, with 40 percent of the participants being new contacts from the community.

According to Debbie Ward, CHIP director, "During our most recent program, everyone lost weight, an average of six pounds lost per person. Everyone walked and increased physical activity. Collectively, the group of 15 participants expended the equivalent of 1,753 miles of physical activity during the program."

Dan Maletin, a former CHIP graduate and class repeater, cycles often and reported riding 328 miles during the five-week program. He also lost the most weight. Three participants dropped their cholesterol level by 10 to 24 percent. Three people dropped their LDL cholesterol by 11.8 to 32.7 percent. (High levels of LDL in the blood can put a person at greater risk for heart disease or a heart attack.)



From left: Graduates of Hinsdale's Fall 2012 CHIP program are (front row): Louise Thompson, Linda Gabriel, Luivina McCash, Shelley Maletin; (middle row): Dympna Regan, Maria Goldstein, Debbie Ward (CHIP director), Alyce Barnicle; (back row): Jon Goldstein, Cecelia Littlefield, MaryAnn Lespinasse, Pamela Bosterud and Dan Maletin. Not pictured: Jim Porter, Dorothy Kozimor and Theresa Barnicle.

Triglycerides is another fat found in the bloodstream, and can contribute to hardening and narrowing of the arteries. One individual dropped her level of triglycerides by 60 percent. Blood pressure also dropped for most individuals.

The new, updated CHIP+ program was unveiled at the CHIP Summit in December 2012. The program will be 12 sessions plus four alumni sessions to help support participants in their newly-learned lifestyle changes. Globally, CHIP's goal is to expand by more than 500 new programs and 11,000

new participants annually. Another CHIP goal is to highlight the Adventist Church as a Center for Health and Hope in the communities served.

The next Hinsdale CHIP program will start in March. If interested in helping or learning more about this program, contact Debbie Ward at 630-403-8095 or email [hinsdalechip@gmail.com](mailto:hinsdalechip@gmail.com).

Dorothy Deer, communications leader, Hinsdale Church, as shared by Debbie Ward, RD, LDN, Hinsdale CHIP director

### [UNION NEWS]

## Andrews University Passion Play organizers announce schedule change

Michigan—Now in its tenth year, the 2013 Andrews University Passion Play will be offered two days — Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7. This marks a significant scheduling change, moving the Passion Play from Easter Sunday, March 31, to the first weekend in April.

"There have been years when Easter weekend fell immediately before or after Spring Break, finals and even graduation, making it very challenging schedule-wise for the hundreds of students, staff and



faculty volunteers for Passion Play," says Japhet De Oliveira, University chaplain and Passion Play producer. "Likewise, Easter weekend can be a very busy time for families. We'd like to see this scheduling change provide new opportunities for members of the community to experience the Andrews University Passion Play."

Also new to the 2013 Passion Play are smaller group rotations. "The Passion Play tells an incredibly powerful story, but if you are lost in a sea of people, you

can feel disconnected and even miss key parts of the story," says De Oliveira. "We will be limiting each group rotation to 300 in order to create a more personal experience for each person who attends. To add to the ambiance of the Passion Play, while also helping with crowd control, we'll have Roman guard checkpoints where wristbands will be checked to ensure guests are traveling with their assigned 'tribe.'"

Passion Play wristband reservations open March 1. Wristbands will be available for pick-up at the first scene and can be reserved online for free at <http://www.andrews.edu/passionplay>. Reservations are required.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University

# Announcements

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## Andrews University

### Howard Performing Arts Center Concerts:

Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560. More information also can be found on our website at <http://howard.andrews.edu>.

**Sat., March 9, 7:00 p.m.:** Multi-Stellar Award winner Jonathan Nelson is one of the brightest young faces in Gospel music. His Top 10 smash hit, "My Name Is Victory," won him a Dove Award nomination as Best New Artist of the Year in 2009. This concert is an evening of worship and praise.

**Sun., April 7, 7:00 p.m.:** The last concert of the season features Christian artist Laura Story. With hits like "Blessings" and "Mighty to Save," this four-time Dove Award winner continually presents a heart of worship. Join us for an uplifting evening of music and ministry.

## Illinois

**Broadview Academy Alumni Association/ Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend is April 26-27.** All alumni are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars. Call your classmates and start planning for this weekend now. Honor classes: 1943, '53, '63, '73, '83, '88, '93 and 2003. This event will take place at North Aurora Church. Friday night vespers, Sabbath school and church. All ideas and information welcome. For communication purposes, we need your email addresses; postage is too expensive. Send it to Ed Gutierrez by email at [edjulie1@att.net](mailto:edjulie1@att.net), or call 630-232-9034. More information to come. Don't miss it!

## Lake Union

### Offerings

**March 2** Local Church Budget  
**March 9** Adventist World Radio

**March 16** Local Church Budget  
**March 23** Local Conference Advance  
**March 30** Conference Designated  
IL: Local Church Budget  
IN: Timber Ridge  
LR: Campground Development  
MI: Good News Farm  
WI: Outdoor Education

### 13th Sabbath

**March 30** South Pacific Division

### Special Days

**March 2** Women's Day of Prayer  
**March 3-9** Adventist Youth Week of Prayer  
**March 16** Disabilities Awareness Sabbath

## Michigan

**The Jackson Church relocated,** effective **Jan. 5.** The congregation meets at their school campus at 3600 County Farm Road in Jackson. The congregation plans to build a new church at this location. Until the church is completed, the congregation will meet in the school gym. For more information, visit the church website at <http://www.jacksonsdachurch.org>.

**Marriage Commitment Retreat** is held at beautiful Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Mich., **March 8-10.** The purpose of the retreat is for you and your spouse to get away and take some time to reconnect with each other and God. There are five seminar sessions throughout the weekend, each

one with topics designed to help strengthen your marriage. We provide lots of time to enjoy the natural beauty of the camp and fellowship with other couples as you eat and worship together. We will have planned activities for Sat. night and a special marriage re-commitment service on Sun. morning. This is a weekend you won't want to miss. Make plans now to attend and do something great for your marriage. To register or for more information, call Alyce at 517-316-1543, or ask your pastor, family life leader or bulletin secretary for an application. You may also download an application at <http://www.misda.org> (Family Life Department).

**Battle Creek Tabernacle Sacred Concert Series 2013:** Concerts will be held at 264 West Michigan Ave., Battle Creek. For more information, visit <http://www.battlecreektabernacle.com>.

**March 16, 7:30 p.m.:** Buddy Houghtaling, singer and songwriter. Free concert. Houghtaling is from Battle Creek and well-known in Michigan. He also can be seen on Three Angels Broadcasting Network as a solo artist as well as on the show "Kids Time."

**April 13, 7:30 p.m.:** Buddy Greene, singer, songwriter and musician. Admission charged. Buddy Greene is one of the most versatile and talented musicians in Christian music today. In addition to his solid reputation as a singer, songwriter and guitarist, he has established himself as one of Nashville's finest harmonica stylists.

**"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion** will take place **June 7-9** for alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1963 and earlier at Great Lakes

Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Mich. Honor classes: 1933, '43, '53, '63. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni office at 989-427-5181, or visit <http://www.glaa.net/> for further information.

## North American Division

**Washington Adventist University's Alumni Weekend:** You are invited to attend alumni weekend, **April 12-14.** For more information, visit <http://www.wau.edu/alumni> or call 301-891-4133. We look forward to seeing you!

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**La Sierra University Homecoming 2013, April 19-21.** "One University Changing the World." Celebrating 50 years of Adventist Colleges Abroad. To be held at La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Pkwy., Riverside, Calif. For more information, email Julie Narducci at [alumni@lasierra.edu](mailto:alumni@lasierra.edu); call 951-785-2578; or visit <http://www.lasierra.edu/alumni>.

**Alumni and friends of La Sierra Academy: Alumni Weekend 2013.** Golf Tournament Sun., **Apr. 21;** Alumni Weekend, Fri. evening, **Apr. 26,** to Sat., **Apr. 27.** Honor classes: '3s and '8s. Event is to be held at LSA Campus, Riverside, Calif. For more information, email [JNelson@lsak12.com](mailto:JNelson@lsak12.com); visit website <http://www.lsak12.com>; or call Judith Nelson, coordinator, at 951-351-1445, ext. 244.

# Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Mar 2	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 30	Apr 6
Berrien Springs, Mich.	6:37	6:45	7:53	8:01	8:08	8:16
Chicago, Ill.	5:43	5:50	6:59	7:07	7:14	7:21
Detroit, Mich.	6:23	6:32	7:40	7:48	7:56	8:03
Indianapolis, Ind.	6:38	6:46	7:53	8:00	8:07	8:13
La Crosse, Wis.	5:55	6:04	7:13	7:22	7:30	7:37
Lansing, Mich.	6:29	6:38	7:46	7:54	8:02	8:10
Madison, Wis.	5:49	5:57	7:05	7:14	7:22	7:29
Springfield, Ill.	5:52	5:59	7:07	7:14	7:21	7:28

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## Obituaries

**ALEXANDER, Sandra K. (Schneider) Olney**, age 56; born March 15, 1956, in Eau Claire, Wis.; died Oct. 6, 2012, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald; son, Jamin Olney; stepson, Rudy Alexander; daughter, Janessa Olney; stepdaughter, Heather Alexander; mother, Virginia (Sommi) Schneider; brother, Alan Schneider; sisters, Patricia Magray, Nancy Scott and Katherine Schneider; and five step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Esther Knott, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**BAKER, Myrna J. (Schaumburg) Judson**, age 77; born Jan. 25, 1935, in Poy Sippi, Wis.; died Oct. 16, 2012, in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. She was a member of the Portage (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Oliver; sons, Clifford and Ken Judson; stepsons, Ken, Terry, Brent and Brian Baker; daughters, Bonnie Rogge, Clara Berg and Marcia Bennet; stepdaughters, Sherry Nelson, Tina Muir and Tanya Pazera; sister, Louise Bogan; 27 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Stanley Cottrell and Christian Ronalds, with private inurnment.

**DILLEY, Margaret L. (Zielke)**, age 84; born Nov. 8, 1928, in Baroda, Mich.; died Dec. 3, 2012, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughter, Kim Dilley; brother, Roy Zeilke; and sister, Virginia Klug.

Funeral services were conducted by Walter Burn, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**EVANS, Aivena (Sloan)**, age 78; born Nov. 1, 1934, in Devon, Kan.; died Nov. 2, 2012, in Ormond Beach, Fla. She was a member of the Portland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon; son, Scott; and sisters, Dorayne O. Likely and Joyce L. Gaenz.

Memorial services were conducted by Bill and Carol Tol, Jack Clarke and Jerry Wasmer, and interment was in East Sebawa Cemetery, Portland.

**FUNK, Joan E. (Bolton)**, age 74; born Jan. 22, 1938, in Joliet, Ill.; died Dec. 7, 2012, in New Lenox, Ill. She was a member of the Joliet Church, Crest Hill, Ill.

Survivors include her son, Robert J. Jr.; daughter, Vicki Funk; and sister, Noreen Harrison.

Memorial services were conducted by Thomas Ferguson and Larry Clonch, and inurnment was in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet.

**GARRISON, Victoria J. (Levandowski) Bilski**, age 86; born Dec. 25, 1926, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Jan. 6, 2013, in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include her stepson, Mike Garrison; daughters, Linda (Bilski) Nestle and Nancy (Bilski) Sheler; sisters, Penny Simoncini, Eleanor Glusic and Virginia Kelly; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bob Stewart, and interment was in Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

**JUDY, M. Clayton**, age 88; born Jan. 3, 1924, in Marseilles, Ill.; died May 29, 2012, in Hawkeye, Iowa. He was a member of the Prairie du Chien (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Miller); sons, M. Clayton and Gary Judy, and Tom and Tim Weidemann; brothers, William Judy and Danny Halverson; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by David Scofield, and inurnment was in Hawkeye Cemetery.

**JUMPS, Emily J. (Jacobs)**, age 85; born Feb. 5, 1927, in Paris, Ill.; died Sept. 23, 2012, in Paris. She was a member of the Paris Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Jill Higginbotham and Lynn Keltz; brother, Paul Jacobs; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Jerry Lastine and Larry Clonch, and inurnment was in Vermilion Cemetery, Paris.

**SLATEN JR., William**, age 85; born March 25, 1927, in Chicago, Ill.; died Oct. 14, 2012, in Inkster, Mich. He was a member of the Ecorse (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonine (Rich); sons, William Jr., Patrick and Alonzo; stepson, Anthony Moore; daughters, Yvonne Jones and Renee Baxter; stepdaughters, Vanessa Hughes, Jennifer Lee and Cleo Lee Brezell; brother, Nathaniel; sisters, Rachael Franklin, Moselle Blackwell, Jessie Garner, Lucille Young and Mellaco Thompson; 21 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Errol Liverpool, and interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

**TRUBEY, Lester C.**, age 104; born Jan. 18, 1908, in Glen Elder, Kan.; died Dec. 11, 2012, in Union City, Mich. He was a member of the Burlington (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Charles and Edward; daughters, Eva Badger and Jeanette Bissell; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild; and five step-great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Paul Cannon and Joel Nephew, with private inurnment, Union City.

**VERLEY, Mildred J. "Brownie" (Tippett)**, age 103; born Jan. 30, 1908, in Negaunee, Mich.; died Jan. 12, 2012, in Quinnese,

Mich. She was a member of the Community Church, Iron Mountain, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Norman; daughters, Lois Ring, Della VanAlstine and Susan Kempf; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Jess Nephew, and inurnment was in Quinnese Cemetery.



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## Growing Fruit

BY DIANE THURBER



When we lived in Florida, my husband and I often admired the orange, grapefruit, tangerine and lemon crops in our neighbors' yards. We wanted to eat the fresh citrus fruits freely and squeeze juices ourselves, so we studied tree varieties, read about soil preparation and optimal plant depth and, eventually, purchased tangerine, red grapefruit and orange trees. We nurtured those trees like they were our own children, and depended on God to provide what we couldn't so they would reach their potential.

The first year we smelled a lot of fragrant blossoms, but they didn't produce the succulent fruit and flavorful juices we dreamed of. The second year we enjoyed the juice of one Valencia orange. The next year we answered a call to serve God in

Michigan, and now others are enjoying the benefits of our dream.

When we had children, we had dreams for them, also. We decided to partner with God so they could reach their potential, too. We discovered that enrolling them in Adventist education placed them in contact with others who also had a dream for their spiritual development. Each year, we watched our children blossom; and now, we enjoy their first fruit as we watch Ryan and Justin love God and serve those whom He places in their paths.

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within [Ryan and Justin], will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns (Philippians 1:6 NLT).*

Diane Thurber is the assistant director of communication for the Lake Union Conference.

## A Heart of Flesh

BY BEN SHELLEY

For the majority of my life, I lived in a tiny town in the rural mountains of Tennessee. It was there where both my sister and I were raised and learned the ways of life. It was commonplace. I knew everyone who attended the local Seventh-day Adventist church very well, and we were like family. It was home to me, and it would be so for nearly 11 years.

As I had grown up, I had become hard-hearted to a certain extent. Since I had received a certain level of rejection from some of the school children, I had become very defensive and skeptical. I never truly became a hateful person, but definitely a product of my environment. This became a major downfall of mine, and it was a significant obstacle for making any future relationships or improving current ones. Change was needed, and I knew it. *But how was I to change?*

One day, I received news from my parents that our family would be moving to a small town in Michigan. Truthfully, I was quite excited. Of course, I was sad to leave all of my friends and family in Tennessee, but it was time for change; time to explore a new world. So, my family and I “pulled up roots” and relocated to Berrien Springs, Michigan. Since I previously had been exposed to the community fairly early on in life, I had developed a love for the entire area and knew it well.

Immediately after my move, I started striking up relationships with people in the community, slowly making myself known throughout my new hometown. I also asked God to help me find acceptance with others and to become a more



Ben Shelley

Christlike person myself. He answered my prayer. I flourished! My peers, for the first time, showed me kindness, love and even genuine respect. It *was* a dream come true. Slowly, ever so slowly, my heart of stone began to crack and crumble. I no longer was as defensive or unkind as I once had been.

Once my heart changed, I found it was so much easier to maintain good relationships with others. True, there were still times when a friend would hurt my feelings or frustrate me in some way, but I had learned how to forgive more readily and easily. I had

found the light at the end of the tunnel. I was home.

It is obvious that God had a plan for my life, and I cannot thank Him enough for what He has done for me. He brought me into a new place, a new world. With good memories of my friendships in Tennessee, God led me to a place of belonging. And, most importantly, He gave me a new heart — a heart of flesh.

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26 NIV).*

Ben Shelley, 16, is a junior at Andrews Academy. He is a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

## Missions at Maxwell

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

*But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.* — Acts 6:4, KJV

Ever since she was a kindergartener, Jessica Stotz knew she'd be a missionary. The physical therapy student at Andrews University made her lifelong dream come true in 2010 when she went to Nairobi, Kenya, for the school year.



Jessica Stotz

Jessica applied for the student missionary position at Maxwell Adventist Academy just months before leaving. The academy was looking for a science tutor, a task Jessica describes as "perfect" for her.

"After I was accepted for the position, I kept thinking, *Okay! I have to get ready.*" she recalls. "As it got closer, I realized that you can't be fully ready for something like that."

Arriving in Nairobi that August, she found the setting wasn't exactly as expected. Jessica says she'll never forget the distinct smoky smell, from the trees burned there, and how people walked everywhere. Even trips into town were memorable.

"We would drive down the road, craning our necks out the windows to see baboons and hyenas," she recalls. "Actually, the area was more of a city than I've ever lived in. It's very packed and populated just outside of Nairobi."

At Maxwell, Jessica helped students in study hall, taught chemistry, biology and physics, and supervised recreations. She also tutored in the girls' dormitory and spent time with the students there. These experiences taught Jessica a lot about witnessing.

"I learned that students respond to different evangelism styles," she says. "God is so multifaceted, and He interacts with people differently. It was really awesome spending time with people who have a different Christian aspect than I do."

At the end of the school year, Jessica returned to Andrews where she stays involved with missions as co-director of Improv Ministry. The group uses drama, spontaneity and humor to tell stories and present Christian perspectives on life.

"Everyone can relate to a story," says Jessica about the ministry. "At the end of each program, we draw out spiritual aspects."

One day, Jessica hopes to return to Kenya as a physical therapist or teacher. Wherever she ends up, she aspires to help people in need.

Ashleigh Jardine is a freelance writer from Berrien Springs, Michigan, where she is majoring in physical therapy at Andrews University.

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