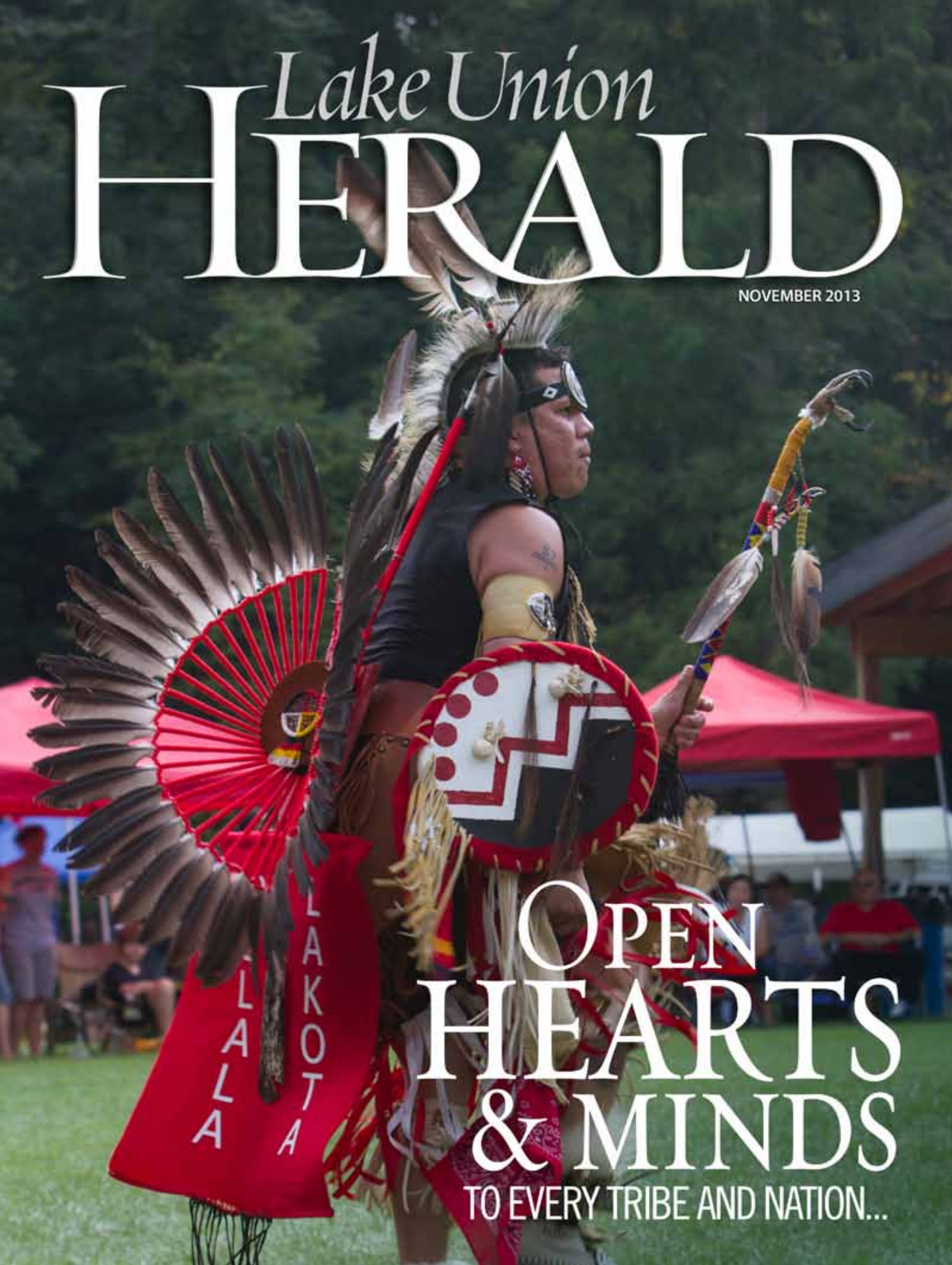


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Cover photo by Gary Burns, Ieksi (uncle) to Dennis Ghost, Lakota, from Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. Dennis now lives and works in Michigan. This photo of Dennis was taken at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow, Pokagan Band of Potawatomi Dowagiac, Michigan.



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The descendants of America's first civilization are rarely on our radar though we live on Indian lands and our cities have Indian names. We have approximately 175,000 Indian neighbors within the Lake Union. This edition of the *Herald* is dedicated to helping us become better neighbors to a people who may have experienced Christianity at its worst.

Gary Burns
Gary Burns, Editor



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A Wave of Relief

I'm quite sure that you, as I, have had several moments in life that could be described as a "wave of relief." Maybe it occurred when you discovered you had not left the keys in your locked car or you had not really lost your credit card, or when a pet was not lost.

There are simply those times when the potential of something extremely wrong turns out good, or at least okay, and the power of the just-understood blessing is difficult to describe. It is a range of emotions and feelings, including relief, joy, thankfulness, the consideration of what you had somewhat taken for granted and then the understanding of what you have been saved from.

My wife, Barbara, and I were recently with special friends as they waited for the outcome of the wife's surgery. They had just gone through two weeks of trauma as a procedure and pathology report indicated the presence of a very serious form of cancer. Quite frankly, the prognosis was not at all positive.

So this husband waited with his mother-in-law, his parents and another friend — bracing for the worst, praying and hoping for an outcome that would show, at least, a treatable condition and for the best possible outcome. To be in such a place is a sort of twilight zone, a place where hope and faith, reality and good, and terrible possibilities hover over the mind and heart with cycles of terror and peace. At least, those were my feelings that day.

Then there was that moment when the doctor emerged from the surgical suite to report to the family the outcome of the surgery. He reported the best possible news — no sign of additional cancer! It appeared to have been contained. The prognosis was very, very good!

Our friend came out to we three non-family supporters and shared the news. There were tears, waves of joy and relief, and, most importantly, prayers of thanksgiving.

But we all know this is not the outcome often experienced by many. My dear sister just lost her husband. There are many who experience waves of sorrow and agony because of terrible illnesses, chronic conditions and heartbreaking rejections.

Here's where our choice comes to bear. Our heavenly Father is consistently grieved by our sinful condition. He, in His infinite love, must endure waves of agonizing sorrow as He sees our sinful lives. On the other hand, our heavenly Father must experience waves of relief and sheer joy whenever a sinner repents.

Luke 15 describes those times when sinners come to themselves and return home. There is the scene of the Father running to the returning son. I think it is safe to say that whenever a sinner repents there are waves of relief, joy and exuberant happiness. He has given all to have the right to surgically remove sin from our lives via a graphically-bloody process on the cross. He works, guides, loves, impresses and moves in our lives to have the opportunity to do miracles for each of us. That's who our God is.

Have you given your heavenly Father the a wave of relief by coming to Him recently?



Care Enough to Listen

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO NATIVE AMERICANS

BY GAIL ELLIS

I'm from the Cabrini-Green Projects in Chicago, and I was adopted at an early age. I don't remember much of it, but I remember a lot of sounds, a lot of noise, fighting and stuff going on. It was a dream of mine to be out of the inner city during the summer. So I asked the Lord if He would send me to camp during the summer. I prayed for Him to work it out so I could be at camp as many summers as possible. God answered my prayer. I'll be retiring soon and, as I recall, I've been at a camp somewhere every summer since I was 16, except two — I stayed at Oakwood University one summer, and I attended the city college in Chicago one summer.

I started as a camper at 16 and entered junior counselor training. I became a counselor, did instruction, was the arts and crafts teacher and, eventually, became the girls director. One of the benefits of growing up in the Shiloh Church was that the Pathfinder curriculum was part of the everyday curriculum. That helped me, and it was exciting for me.

I love working for children, and I love to be outdoors. Being in the outdoors quiets my spirit. When you are in the city, things are just moving too fast. At camp, you can relax and enjoy nature. You understand nature more when you are out in it. When inner city kids came to camp, they didn't want to get off the bus. They were so used to the city, where shootings and killings and noise, noise, noise are all around, they didn't know what to do with all the calm. But by the sixth or eighth week, they didn't want to go home.

These last few years have given me some new opportunities to broaden my ministry to include Native Americans. My friend, Phyllis Washington, is the one who introduced me to her program, "Natives with a Mission." Phyllis and I think so much alike. When she asked for me to help, I didn't hesitate a moment, believing it would be good to learn a different culture.

Richard Deadman, a young Navajo and one of the program's leading workers, became a really good friend. Richard



Gail Ellis

has taught me a lot about Indian culture. My African-American background taught me Momma's rule: You look at me when I talk to you! But in Indian culture, to look is a sign of disrespect. To show respect, you look slightly away to listen. At first, I was taken a-back at Richard's behavior. I said to Phyllis, "Sister, why doesn't he look at me when I talk to him?" She explained that to look away from me was a sign of respect. It took some getting used to, but now I understand. It's not wrong, it's just something different, and you learn to accept that. As my friends know, I'm a hugger and a toucher. Well, that didn't go over too well at first. But we have built a relationship and learned from each other.

Adoption is a very common practice among American Indians, so Richard and I are now family. Now when he comes to see me, he get's out of the car and says, "Hi, Miss Ellis, my other mother." Richard is the only Native American I really know, but my relationship with him has really drawn me to want to work with Native American kids.

A few years ago, some Native Americans held their pow wow on the grounds at Camp Wagner. It was interesting to learn about their dress, what the colors meant and the meanings of the different songs.

A couple of years later, I attended the pow wow at the Pokagan Tribal Headquarters in Dowagiac, Michigan. When Richard came, we went up and met some attendees, and gave them some books and resources. We've also had some come to our school when my boy, Makenjon, was there, and they stayed the whole day.

There is an annual cultural fair near the beginning of school by the Minority Coalition, and it's held in different locations each year. I enjoy attending from year to year because they have crafts, do different traditional dances, and explain their cultures. We just have to get out there and build relationships! Trust is something you have to earn. The motive has to be pure and from the heart. We have to be willing to give and to serve. That takes a commitment to do whatever is needed.

Health is one way we can connect; it has become so important. Phyllis has a program, through the North American Division, where a child tells another child how to eat and how to live well. This takes children's ministry beyond doing arts and crafts; it gives them responsibility, and they are actually involved in the program. They enjoy it!

We had a health fair here at Camp Wagner last summer, and I helped Phyllis teach the kids how to set it up. It was amazing! They just took over and ran it.

I think I'm getting ready for a shift in my life, and God has a reason for it. I talked to Makenjon last night, and said, "You'll never guess who called me." He went on and on when I told him.

He said, "Mom, you're getting ready to work with Native Americans."

"Ahh, what?" I said.

He said, "Think about it. You just said you need more time to get out there and work for the Lord and do things." I've been so busy working in the office at camp that even when I've been asked I've said I didn't have the time. I've been just too busy, busy, busy. And for him to have that insight... I didn't even think of it that way.

"Okay, you put that back on me," I told him. "Yeah, you're right; you're right."

So, how do I get started? I'm going to go to the pow wow again next summer. But, this time, I'm going to take a different approach. Instead of just watching, I will probably try to be more open, you know, become friends. You make a friend by being a friend. You don't just walk in there and, *bam*, you're friends. You have to build trust. It took two years for Richard to accept Makenjon and me. Now, when he comes on the grounds, as long as one of us is here, he's okay. The two of them went to Just Claim It prayer conference, and did classes. That was a surprise to me because people had known Makenjon all his life and didn't

know he could talk. Now he's teaching classes! He taught animal sculpturing and juggling, and they're like, "We didn't know he could talk!"

Makenjon and Richard are best of friends. There's a reason for that. So, you just have to be a friend and be sincere. You can't be fake, or try to sell something like a used car salesman. They'll pick up on that. Just get out there and do something, and go with the attitude of, "I'm here to learn." You'll learn and they'll learn, and the trust factor will come together. That's hard for some people because, for them, it's "My way or the highway."

For me, I'm going to pray about it first. I had prayed about this time in my life. I wasn't sure, but things have happened so quickly — things I wasn't even expecting have come together.

When you pray, let God lead you. A lot of times, we humans pray, "Now, I'm praying about this, Lord, but this is what I want You to do." The older I get, the more I know you have to let go. Okay, you've prayed to the Lord, asking for something, and you're like 24 hours later, if He hasn't answered, you're ready to do what you want to do. Well, why did you pray? You're not exercising your faith.

The older I get, the more I realize I have to exercise my faith and learn to wait on the Lord. You have to wait on His timing and not your own. Why did you pray if you're not going to wait on Him anyway?

Even while you're waiting, something is happening. There are things to do while you're waiting. God has work to do in us to get us ready for His work He wants to do through us. Be a real person. Be a friend. Be a neighbor, and just sit down and listen to people. A lot of times we don't listen. We talk, but we don't listen. Just be available; care enough to listen.

And don't pre-judge. Seek to learn and understand. Involve yourself, and pray about it. Ask the Lord to help open up your mind, so you can accept people as they are. Plant the seed, then step back; let go and let God do His work. We have to get to that point in our life where we can do that. As humans, it's hard. As a Christian, single mother, it's hard for me not to be always in charge. You have to live and learn. Some of us just live. But learning is part of your experience, your Christlike experience. It's part of growing, and we just have to get to that point. Everybody isn't there, and everybody's not going to get there. But if you just let go and let God, and learn to enjoy things and accept things, and just enjoy the moment you're in, it will make a difference in your life — maybe someone else's life too.

Gail Ellis is a familiar face to all who visit Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, Michigan. She will soon retire from her many responsibilities at the camp office, and is looking forward to expanding her ministry beyond her own culture.



From Generation to Generation

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Sometimes we just pass on things because they were passed on to us. Traditions are good for us; they ground us. However, if they are not examined from time to time, we may find we do things without any good reason other than “That’s the way we’ve always done it.” Here’s an example of what I mean.

A young husband who watched his new bride prepare her first holiday meal for their family noticed she cut off the small end of the roast before putting it in the pan for baking. “Why do you do that?” asked the husband.

“I don’t know, but that’s the way my mom always did it,” she replied.

Later that evening, Mom arrived early to assist with last-minute preparations. “Mom, why did you always cut off the small end of the roast before putting it into the pan for baking?” the young bride asked.

“I don’t really know,” came the reply, “but that’s the way your grandmother always did it. Why don’t you ask her when she arrives?”

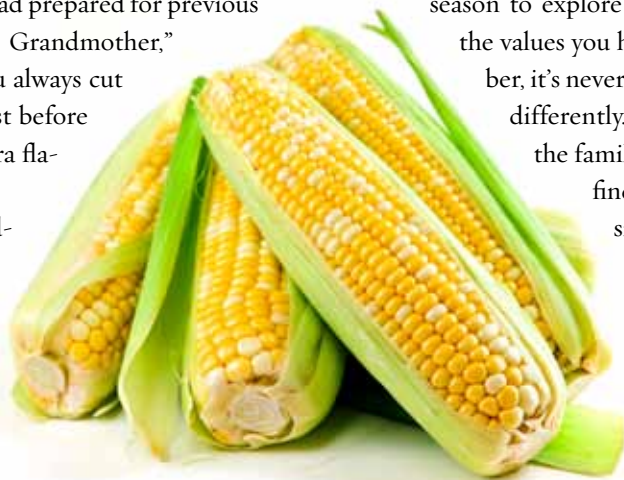
After the prayer of Thanksgiving, everyone passed the serving bowls around the table, and conversation ensued while everyone enjoyed the holiday roast, which had been baked to perfection. Grandmother commented that it was just as good as the ones she had prepared for previous holiday meals. “By the way, Grandmother,” asked the bride, “why do you always cut off the small end of the roast before baking it? Does it create extra flavor or something?”

“Oh, no!” said Grandmother. “I always cut off the end of the roast because I don’t have a pan big enough to cook the whole thing.”

I’m reminded of another “tradition” involving food that had a different outcome. Friends tell us of a couple they know who, early in their marriage, began a tradition, of sorts, in relation to eating sweet corn. The young bride, knowing her husband liked the sweet, more tender ears of corn, always took the less tender, more mature ears of corn for herself, leaving the others for her precious husband.

After several seasons of sweet corn, in exasperation he said to her one day, “Why do you always have to take the more mature corn? That’s the way I like it best!” She was so shocked and hurt! Actually, she preferred the sweet, more tender ears herself, but had willingly made a sacrifice for her husband. Her motives were pure, but she didn’t fully understand her husband’s preferences. Thus, a tradition was held in her family for some time — and it wasn’t meeting either one’s needs.

Why not take a few minutes with your family this season to explore the traditions you celebrate and the values you hold for these traditions. Remember, it’s never too late to begin doing something differently. I invite you to keep and celebrate the family traditions that are working, and find new, creative ways to make desired changes within your family.



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HEALTHY CHOICES

Some bottled waters offer health benefits beyond mere hydration.

Enhanced Water

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Beware of the sugar levels of some bottled water.

Water is critical for life. Bottled water has become a key component of the beverage market, with the average American consuming 31 gallons a year. Sale of bottled water in the U.S. has reached \$12 billion annually. Beverage companies have created a whole new category of bottled waters, and claim health benefits for the water beyond mere hydration. Most enhanced bottled water is made by PepsiCo Inc. and The Coca Cola Company, and is marketed as a healthy alternative to soda for adults who know they should be drinking more water. Choose wisely, since a bottle of GLACÉAU vitaminwater contains 33 grams of sugar, making it more akin to a soft drink than to a healthy beverage.

Enhanced water may contain a variety of ingredients, ranging from vitamins and minerals to natural or artificial flavors and other enhancements. A few of the waters, such as SoBe Lifewater, contain sugar, providing 40-50 calories per 8 oz. serving. Some utilize artificial sweeteners to cut down on calories. Other water beverages are enhanced with herbs and/or antioxidants.

Examples of substances added to the formulations include taurine for improved physical performance, B vitamins for stress reduction, zinc for enhanced immunity, ginseng for improved mental alertness, and certain flavors of superfruits, like acai, goji and pomegranate, to provide antioxidant protection. Most of these substances do not provide the health benefits claimed for them.

Smartwater is distilled water with small amounts of added electrolytes, such as magnesium, calcium and potassium salts. With fewer calories than soda, the company states that the drink both hydrates consumers and provides nutrients they are likely to be missing. Fruitwater is sparkling water with zero calories and comes in five light, fruity flavors. Aside from natural flavor, fruitwater does not contain any actual fruit juice.



Some of the beverages contain either caffeine or the natural stimulant guarana, an herb rich in caffeine. With names like Propel, Energy, Awaken, Energize Your Life, Refresh & Revive, they all convey the message that they can give a person a real lift, a surge of energy. Those drinks provide the consumer with the same buzz experienced by a cup of coffee.

While the enhanced waters contribute to our daily fluid needs, they do not provide much in the way of nutrition. Consumers increasingly are choosing these flavored, bottled waters instead of soft drinks, since they have fewer calories and consider them to be healthier. Be alert, since they may not deliver the health benefits they promise: relaxation, energy boost, improved immunity and endurance.

For some people, bottled water has become a fashion statement. The enhanced waters are essentially lighter alternatives to the energy or sports beverages, but cost substantially more than regular bottled water. One could add a drop of lemon or a mint sprig to filtered water to provide a nice flavor and make water more enjoyable. Remember to carefully recycle the plastic bottles to minimize the environmental impact of the empty plastic bottles.

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PRESENT TRUTH

Following the Lamb wherever He goes

The Path of Health and Happiness

BY THE EDITORS

God's people are to be genuine medical missionaries, ministering to the needs of soul and body. It is their privilege to lead men and women to see in Christ, the Great Physician, who understands their every need, and who will, if they will come to Him, save to the uttermost.

Physical healing is bound up with the Gospel Commission. When Christ sent His disciples out on their first missionary journey, He said, *As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give* (Matthew 10:7–8 NASB). And when, at the close of His earthly ministry, He gave them their commission, Christ said, *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; ... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover* (Mark 16:17–18 KJV).

The Divine commission needs no reform. Christ's way of presenting truth can not be improved upon. The Saviour gave the disciples practical lessons, teaching them how to work in such a way as to make souls glad in the truth. He sympathized with the weary, the heavy-laden, the oppressed. He fed the hungry and healed the sick. Constantly, He went about doing good. By the good He accomplished, by His loving words and kindly deeds, He interpreted the gospel to men.

"Just as we trace the pathway of a stream of water by the line of living green it produces, so Christ could be seen in the deeds of mercy that marked his path at every step. Wherever he went, health sprang up, and happiness followed wherever he passed."

"The tender sympathies of the Saviour went out for fallen, suffering humanity. Those who would be his followers must cultivate compassion and sympathy. Indifference to human woe must give place to lively interest in the suffering of others."

"We have an important work to do, a work that will not wait, a work that can be accomplished only in the power of the Spirit and under the guidance and direction of Christ. God expects believers to take up this work, and to do it with earnestness and diligence. Let every believer at this time show himself a laborer together with God. The Lord will work with the one who will yield heart and mind and powers to his control. To all who will be led by the Spirit he will impart his righteousness" (Excerpts from "Medical Missionary Work," *Review & Herald*, April 25, 1912).

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 and questions:

- Is it possible for believers to provide real physical healing without practicing medicine?
- The path of the American Indian is marked with "indifference to human woe." In what ways would that path be different if you walked it with them?
- Should health spring up and happiness follow wherever you pass?
- Many Indians have rejected Christianity legitimately (see Chief Red Jacket's speech on page 14). How can your "loving words and kindly deeds" re-interpret the gospel to them?

The Lake Union Herald editors

The Key to Great Works

BY ALVIN J. VANDERGRIEND

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. —John 14:12, 13 NIV

Jesus spoke these words shortly before He was arrested and crucified. He had just told His disciples He would be leaving them. This news left them confused and fearful — confused about the future of their work for the Lord and fearful they would not be able to do it.

Jesus' words were intended to allay the disciples' fears. He assured them they *would be able* to do the work. In fact, they would do what He had been doing — and even greater things.

On the face of it, this seems a preposterous thing for Jesus to say. After all, He preached great sermons, attracted huge crowds, spoke wonderful words of wisdom, walked on water, stilled a storm, healed the sick and raised the dead. How could the disciples possibly do such things?

Jesus explains that it would be possible because He was going to the Father, and they would be able to ask in His name for what they needed in order to do the work of God's kingdom.

Jesus' *going* to the Father meant He would be given all power in Heaven and on Earth. Thus empowered, He would continue His work on Earth in a different way — through them.

Their *asking* in His name would link Him to them. By means of prayer, His power would be at their disposal as they carried on His ministry *to the ends of the earth* (see Acts 1:8). Prayer would be “the talking part” of this ministry partnership in which He would supply the power and they would do the work.

These words of Jesus, though meant to comfort and encourage His first disciples, also were meant for us. Jesus, you will notice, addressed these surprising words to *anyone who has faith in me*. That includes you, if you are a Christian, and me.

What a powerful combination: Christ on the throne of the universe, empowering us, His disciples, here on Earth to build His kingdom. We ask and He

acts, and the work gets done — great works to the glory of God the Father.

What is Jesus doing through you today?

Reflect

- Have most of your prayers been for things that build the kingdom of God, or have they been somewhat more selfish?
- What things might the ascended Christ want to accomplish through you?
- Is there some place where you see great things happening in the Body of Christ today?

Pray

- *Praise* Christ for the mighty works He did while He was personally on Earth and for the mighty works He has accomplished through His disciples since that time.
- *Confess* if you find that your prayers have been selfishly motivated and not ministry-oriented.
- *Thank* God that He is ready to hear and answer the prayers that you pray in Jesus' name.
- *Intercede* for your neighbors and coworkers using the pattern of “The Lord's Prayer” (see Matthew 6:9–13).

Act

Make a short list of ministries that the ascended Christ might want you to engage in that will bring glory to the Father. Tell the Lord you are willing to do whatever He asks. Do what He calls you to do in prayerful reliance on Him.

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SHARING *our* HOPE

Sharing Songs, Sunsets and Jesus' Love

BY FRANCINE MESSENGER

Since 2007, Mark Ringwelski and his wife, Susan Slikkers, have held an annual beach concert at their home on the bay near Green Bay, Wisconsin. Mark and guest musicians share God's message of hope and salvation. Before each concert, prayers are sent heavenward by those involved, asking God's Spirit to be poured out on all who attend, that each heart would feel God's love, and that each performer's message would impact someone.

The beach concerts started with their desire to reach out to their neighbors. Mark and Susan live in a neighborhood filled primarily with summer cottages. With summertime schedules what they are, meeting and interacting with neighbors is a hit-and-miss proposition. Dates for opening up the cottages in the spring vary quite a bit, but almost everyone comes to close things up for the winter on Labor Day weekend.



A neighborhood crowd gathers for the beach concert at the home of Mark Ringwelski and his wife, Susan Slikkers, Sabbath evenings of Labor Day weekends.

reinforcement to follow the Word — our instruction book of life.”

First time attendee Debra said she enjoyed the whole evening. “From beginning to end, it couldn't have been more ideal. [It's] so enjoyable to attend an event without any alcohol or smoking going on. It was great to gather together with old friends, and make new friends, where the common interest of glorifying the Lord through song was truly felt. And the setting couldn't

It was Susan's idea to host an annual concert when most of the neighbors were around. “We've got the perfect venue! The patio is the stage, and the lawn and beach the auditorium! And we both believe God can use music to move a heart in ways the spoken word cannot,” she said. Mark agreed to sing, invited friends to join him, and the tradition began. So, on Saturday evening each Labor Day weekend, the concert starts at 6:00 p.m., and is coordinated to end at sunset. Bonfires get started, fixings for s'mores are available, and the evening continues with lots of fellowship. God has blessed with beautiful sunsets and by bringing more than a hundred co-workers, friends, neighbors and church members each year to hear of Jesus' love in song.

Bill, one of their neighbors, has attended every beach concert. “The wonderful message presented in spiritual songs has touched me more deeply this year since losing my elderly parents recently,” he said after the concert. “It brought back fond memories of how I was brought up, and the positive

have been more picturesque — gorgeous sunset overlooking the bay of Green Bay. So glad I came!”

Accompanying Mark on keyboards was Lucinda Roberts, a partner in Mark's gospel music ministry since 2008. This year's guest musician was singer/songwriter Nancy Morauske from Fall River. She stated, “When Mark called and asked if I would consider singing this year, I said to him, ‘Is that even a question? Of course, I would!’”

Rick, a Green Bay Church member, said, “The camaraderie everyone shares together is inspiring; it's a wonderful way to praise the Lord and bring the Sabbath to a close.” He came with friends and brought some of his family. His Uncle John said the depth of spirituality experienced at the concert was something he hadn't been exposed to before. “When I go to bed at night, my prayers are going to be different because of what I heard this evening.”

Francine Messenger is a member of the Green Bay Church.



Regresando al redil

POR CARMELO MERCADO

¡Ántimese todo el que se haya descarriado del redil! ¡El buen Pastor le está buscando! Acuérdense de que su obra es 'salvar lo que se había perdido'. Esto abarca a todos. — Cristo nuestro Salvador, p. 67

En el verano del año 1976 empecé mi ministerio en la Asociación de Indiana trabajando como obrero bíblico para colaborar en una campaña evangelística en la ciudad de East Chicago, en el estado de Indiana. Entre las personas a quienes yo les daba estudios bíblicos estaban Homer Leal y su esposa Alma. Desde la primera visita noté que ellos deseaban realmente saber más acerca del amor de Dios y eventualmente tomaron la decisión de unirse al pueblo remanente. Vi además, que a Homer le gustaba mucho compartir su fe con otros.

Una de las familias con quienes Homer hizo contacto fue la familia Prieto. Cuando los visitó en su hogar les ofreció estudios bíblicos y ellos aceptaron, pero prefirieron que fuesen en inglés. Entonces Homer se comunicó conmigo y me pidió que les diera seguimiento ya que yo estaba pastoreando la iglesia de habla inglesa en la ciudad de Hammond. Gracias a Dios, en el año 1982 tuve el gozo de bautizar a los esposos Prieto y a su hija Rosanne. Estaré siempre agradecido que Homer haya compartido su fe con la familia Prieto, pues cuatro años más tarde tuve la bendición y privilegio de casarme con Rosanne.

En el año 1987 cambié de distrito para pastorear otras iglesias, y como resultado perdí contacto con Homer. En el mes de julio de este año asistí a un funeral en la ciudad de Hammond y pregunté a algunos hermanos si sabían algo de Homer. Pude obtener el teléfono de su hermana y hablar con ella. Le pedí que le diera a Homer mi número de teléfono para que él se comunicara conmigo cuando pudiera. Pasaron varias semanas y pensé que por alguna razón no quería llamarme. Pero me llamó finalmente y me contó su historia.



Carmelo Mercado acompaña a Homer Leal en el día de su bautismo.

Homer se había ido de East Chicago y eventualmente se radicó en el estado de Ohio. Por un tiempo él y su esposa asistieron a la iglesia allí, pero por varias razones Homer dejó por más de 18 años de asistir a la iglesia. Cierta día cuando la iglesia celebraba una semana de oración Homer sintió la necesidad de asistir, y fue entonces cuando decidió que era hora de regresar a Dios. Como resultado, el 7 de septiembre fui a Ohio y tuve el privilegio de rebautizarlo. Lo animador es que Homer mantiene aún su fervor evangelístico, pues para dicha ocasión invitó a su familia, a sus compañeros de trabajo y a sus vecinos. Como resultado la iglesia estuvo llena de visitas que asistían por primera vez.

No tengo la menor duda que hay miembros de iglesia como Homer que se han apartado del buen camino y que sienten el llamado de Dios para regresar al redil. *Mi oración es que nuestras iglesias no se olviden de ellos sino más bien que todos hagamos un esfuerzo especial de buscarlos y hacerles sentir que Dios los ama, a y nosotros también.*

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente de la Unión del Lago.



There's Something About Jesus

BY FRED MOORE AND JUANITA EDGE

Fred Moore was born into a Christian family. When in high school, he read the entire Bible once and the New Testament a half-dozen times. Yet, without life experience, much of its meaning was unclear at the time. "I then tried out a lot of ideas before finally understanding what I have in Jesus," said Fred.

While majoring in physics and religion at St. Olaf College, Fred encountered world religions. He spent the next 18 years studying and practicing an Eastern religion. Finally, Fred realized that everything he wanted was in Christ. He returned to the Christian faith of his childhood, and remained in it for 15 years.

"I think there is something indisputably unique, precious and transformational about Jesus," said Fred. "I gotta tell you, I really tried hard to find something better."



Fred Moore

In the late 1990s, Fred began to watch Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), and that was a turning point in his life. "I have volunteered for 3ABN for nearly a decade now," said Fred. "I am struck by the intensity, earnestness and simplicity of faith of the Adventists I have met."

Fred was baptized and became a member of the Madison East Church on June 1.

Fred Moore is a member of the Madison East Church, and Juanita Edge is communication director of the Wisconsin Conference.

I Need to Be Like Jesus

BY JUANITA EDGE

As Kara Randall grew up, she attended church each week, although unwillingly. She preferred to sleep in. One year, her class visited many different churches and synagogues. "It was crazy," Kara said. "I thought either they are all right about something, or they are all wrong." So, at 15, she decided to be an atheist.

Kara felt most Christians seemed void of love. At age 17, a girlfriend of another faith invited Kara to her home. Kara was drawn in by the warmth, love and sense of community. Yet, something didn't feel right.

In college, Kara attended a group that always opened their meetings by reading I Corinthians 13. She grew up loving nature, beauty, peace and kindness, and soon fell in love with this chapter of the Bible.



Kara Randall

Kara graduated with a B.A. in Biology, earned an M.A. in Exercise Physiology, married and started her own business. Then, everything turned bad. Her business failed, her marriage fell apart, and her health broke.

"When all this happened, God sent me two very close friends who love God dearly," Kara said. "They taught me so much. Once, I asked myself, 'Who do I want to be like?' The words 'Jesus Christ' immediately came to my mind. I was horrified! Being like Jesus was

last on my list, yet I knew it was true. I remembered qualities of Jesus like ‘Do to others what you would have them do to you’ (see Matthew 7:12 NIV), and realized the qualities I wanted most were in Jesus Christ.”

An Adventist friend encouraged Kara to find a local Adventist church. She found Madison Community Adventist Church

online, and decided to go. “I immediately felt the warmth and love of Jesus through the members there, and kept coming back,” Kara said. She was baptized and became a member of the Madison Community Church on May 18.

Juanita Edge is the communication director of the Wisconsin Conference.



Camp Wakonda teen campers attend morning camp council, a worship held each morning that week by Jean-Marcel Clouzet, pastor. More than 86 out of 118 teens came forward to commit or recommit their lives to Jesus before the week concluded.

God Is Working at Camp Wakonda

BY GREG TAYLOR

Camp is an evangelistic series to which people pay to come. Think about that. People are invited to a new location, they hear 15 powerful messages along with amazing music, and it happens in God’s second book, nature. Campers are disconnected from their technology for a week and surrounded by an amazing staff who love Jesus. And for the past three summers, approximately 70 percent of all campers made decisions for Jesus, most of them for baptism.

Many people do not have the opportunity I have to work with this generation. Many have negative views about youth, and many things are said about their pride, selfishness, arrogance and indifference. I see another picture. I am blessed to work with young people who are passionate about reaching individuals for Jesus.

Every summer, we establish a united ministry focus with our camp staff, and it is amazing to see the growth that occurs. These young people give everything they have toward the mission of camp. Counselors lead out in cabin worships, instructors begin their classes with prayer, and campers are encouraged to make decisions for Jesus Christ.

This past summer, multiple young people gave their lives to Christ, and more than 80 made decisions for baptism.

Make no mistake about it, summer camp is one of the most effective forms of evangelism our church has.

This past year, my wife, Kim, and I stepped out in faith, and said any camper wanting to come to camp should be able to come. We didn’t want finances to stand in the way. God blessed. Every time we started searching for funds to cover the expenses, a donation was given for the amount needed. We are reminded daily of how the Lord provides for His people.

Summer camp is evangelism. Please know that every dollar given, every hour donated, and every prayer sent up is going toward the salvation of campers. God is good. God is in control. God is working at Camp Wakonda.

Greg Taylor is the youth director of the Wisconsin Conference.

RELIGION OF THE WHITE MAN AND THE RED

BY OTETIANA



Segoyewatha, also known as Red Jacket, was a Seneca chief, 1750–1830.

Otetiana, a Seneca Indian chief of the Wolf Clan from New York, was called Segoyewatha (Keeper Awake) by the Seneca because of his ability to captivate audiences with his great speaking skills. He became known among whites as “Red Jacket” because he often wore any one of a number of military red coats given to him by the British. Because of his alliance with the British, much of the Seneca lands were ceded to the newly-formed United States in the “Treaty of Canandaigua,” where he was able to secure some land for the Seneca in the state of New York, though most of the Seneca migrated to Canada. The following speech was delivered at a council of chiefs of the Six Nations in the summer of 1805, after Mr. Cram, a missionary, had spoken of the work he proposed to do among them. When Red Jacket moved forward to shake hands, the missionary abruptly turned away refusing to take his hand saying there was no fellowship between the religion of God and the works of the devil.

We are challenged to emulate Christ’s method as we reach out to lead His children to Him. His method is outlined clearly in The Ministry of Healing: “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (p. 143). —The Editors

Friend and brother, it was the will of the Great Spirit that we should meet together this day. He orders all things, and he has given us a fine day for our council. He has taken his garment from before the sun, and caused it to shine with brightness upon us; our eyes are opened, that we see clearly; our ears are unstopped, that we have been able to hear distinctly the words that you have spoken; for all these favors we thank the Great Spirit, and him only.

Brother, this council fire was kindled by you; it was at your request that we came together at this time; we have listened with attention to what you have said. You requested us to speak our minds freely; this gives us great joy, for we now consider that we stand upright before you, and can speak what we think; all have heard your voice, and all speak to you as one man; our minds are agreed.

Brother, you say you want an answer to your talk before you leave this place. It is right you should have one, as you are a great distance from home, and we do not wish to detain you; but we will first look back a little, and tell you what our fathers have told us, and what we have heard from the white people.

Library of Congress

Brother, listen to what we say. There was a time when our forefathers owned this great island. Their seats extended from the rising to the setting sun. The Great Spirit had made it for the use of Indians. He had created the buffalo, the deer, and other animals for food. He made the bear and the beaver, and their skins served us for clothing. He had scattered them over the country, and taught us how to take them. He had caused the earth to produce corn for bread. All this he had done for his red children because he loved them. If we had any disputes about hunting grounds, they were generally settled without the shedding of much blood. But an evil day came upon us; your forefathers crossed the great waters, and landed on this island. Their numbers were small; they found friends, and not enemies; they told us they had fled from their own country for fear of wicked men, and came here to enjoy their religion. They asked for a small seat; we took pity on them, granted their request, and they sat down amongst us; we gave them corn and meat; they gave us poison in return. The white people had now found our country; tidings were carried back, and more came amongst us; yet we did not fear them, we took them to be friends; they called us brothers; we believed them, and gave them a larger seat. At length, their numbers had greatly increased; they wanted more land; they wanted our country. Our eyes were opened, and our minds became uneasy. Wars took place; Indians were hired to fight against Indians, and many of our people were destroyed. They also brought strong liquor among us; it was strong and powerful, and has slain thousands.

Brother, our seats were once large, and yours were very small; you have now become a great people, and we have scarcely a place left to spread our blankets; you have got our country, but are not satisfied; you want to force your religion upon us.

Brother, continue to listen. You say you are sent to instruct us how to worship the Great Spirit agreeably to his mind, and if we do not take hold of the religion which you white people teach, we shall be unhappy hereafter. You say that you are right, and we are lost; how do we know this to be true? We understand that your religion is written in a book; if it was intended for us as well as you, why has not the Great Spirit given it to us, and not only to us, but why did he not give to our forefathers the knowledge of that book, with the means of understanding it rightly? We only know what you tell us about it. How shall we know when to believe, being so often deceived by the white people?

Brother, you say there is but one way to worship and serve the Great Spirit; if there is but one religion, why do you white people differ so much about it? Why not all agree, as you can all read the book?

Brother, we do not understand these things. We are told that your religion was given to your forefathers, and has been handed down from father to son. We also have a religion which was given to our forefathers, and has been handed down to us their children. We worship that way. It teacheth us to be thankful for all the favors we receive; to love each other, and to be united. We never quarrel about religion.

Brother, the Great Spirit has made us all; but he has made a great difference between his white and red children; he has given us a different complexion, and different customs; to you he has given the arts; to these he has not opened our eyes; we know these things to be true. Since he has made so great a difference between us in other things, why may we not conclude that he has given us a different religion according to our understanding. The Great Spirit does right; he knows what is best for his children; we are satisfied.

Brother, we do not wish to destroy your religion, or take it from you; we only want to enjoy our own.

Brother, you say you have not come to get our land or our money, but to enlighten our minds. I will now tell you that I have been at your meetings, and saw you collecting money from the meeting. I cannot tell what this money was intended for, but suppose it was for your minister; and if we should conform to your way of thinking, perhaps you may want some from us.

Brother, we are told that you have been preaching to the white people in this place. These people are our neighbors; we are acquainted with them; we will wait a little while and see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again what you have said.

Brother, you have now heard our answer to your talk, and this is all we have to say at present. As we are going to part, we will come and take you by the hand, and hope the Great Spirit will protect you on your journey, and return you safe to your friends.

Otetiana or Segoyewatha, also known as Red Jacket, was a Seneca chief, 1750–1830.

Source: Daniel Drake, *Lives of Celebrated American Indians*, Boston, Bradbury, Soden & Co. (1843), pp. 283–87.

DID YOU KNOW?

BY FRED ROGERS

Through the years there have been many stereotypes portrayed about Native Americans. As a young boy, even though I was born in a Native American family, the cowboy and Indian movies, along with other stereotypes, colored my thinking of what Native Americans were like. Native Americans have always been portrayed as not having a high IQ.

In most historical accounts of the American Indian, you read that they consisted of a small population; most state there were only about 1.5 million Indians in North America when White contact was made. Today, we are learning very different numbers as serious research is done. According to Francis Jennings, in his book *Invasion of America*, he quotes sources that state there were at least 80 million Indian people in North America, and believes this to be a conservative number.

In 1541, Hernando de Soto and his band traveled through what is now known as eastern Arkansas. The de Soto chronicles specifically state that in northeast Arkansas, from one Indian village, the smoke could be seen rising from many other Indian villages. From their account, it seems they made continual contact with Indian villages. By the time Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette made their trip down the Mississippi, 150 years later, they found only one or two Indian villages along the Mississippi River in eastern Arkansas. For more information, see *Indians of Arkansas* by Charles R. McGimsey III.

To get a better understanding of the extensiveness of the Indians population, search “Indian Mounds” in your favorite search engine.

Rubber Products: Native Americans made rubber products as early as 1700 BC. The Olmec and later the Maya collected the sap from rubber trees (*Hevea brasiliensis*) to produce many rubber products. They also understood the process of vulcanization used in waterproofing such items as capes, shoes, bottles, tarpaulins, ponchos and baskets, and also used in making rubber balls. A rubber ball has been found at the Olmec site of La Venta, dated to 1000 B.C. This process was not discovered by the European counterparts until Charles Goodyear discovered vulcanization and patented it in 1844. The Olmec became so identified with

rubber that they became known as the “Rubber People.” For more information, see *Encyclopedia of American Indian Contributions to the World* by Emory Dean Keoke and Kay Marie Porterfield, under the heading “Latex.”

Freeze-Drying: As early as AD 1000, Native Americans used the process of freeze-drying. It is basically the same process used today in making such foods as instant mashed potatoes. By freeze-drying, the shelf life of the product could be extended into years instead of weeks. Although the Inca used this technique on a number of vegetables, it was used mostly to preserve their surplus potatoes. For more information see *Encyclopedia of American Indian Contributions to the World* by Emory Dean Keoke and Kay Marie Porterfield under the heading “Freeze-drying.”

According to Virgil Vogel, in his book, *American Indian Medicine*, Native Americans were far more advanced in the medical field than most ever imagined. Listed below is just one of the medical advancements of Native Americans.

Hemostats: Hemostats are instruments or medicines used to stem the flow of blood either internally or externally. The Aztec developed a number of hemostats that were very effective even compared with today’s standards. Some North American Indians used spider webs to stem the flow of blood. The Chickasaw used alum in the treatment of wounds. The Catawba Indians used a powder made from dried, rotten corn kernels to stop bleeding. During the 20th century, Americans finally admitted corn smut into the official American pharmacopoeia. For more information, see *Encyclopedia of American Indian Contributions to the World* by Emory Dean Keoke and Kay Marie Porterfield, listed under the heading “Hemostats.”

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THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

BY GARY BURNS

I was taught, and maybe you were too, that the very first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621 during a feast shared with Indians at the Plymouth Plantation. Recently I learned, through my NDN (Indian) connections, that the Wampanoags (members of a widespread league of Algonkian-speaking peoples) practiced some beliefs that are very familiar.

The Algonkian taught that others should be treated with respect, and that it was their duty to provide hospitality to strangers. They would share from their own resources even if they were meager.

In addition, they began their year with a thanksgiving festival to the Creator when the maple sap began to flow, another to bless the seeds at planting, and then a strawberry festival to give thanks for the first fruits of the season. In midsummer, the Creator was honored again for the ripening corn, and then a harvest festival was held to give thanks to the Creator for the food He provided for the long winter.

When the new strangers arrived on the Mayflower, we (Richard Warren and Edward Fuller, signatories of the “Mayflower Compact” were my 10th great-grandfathers) were the beneficiaries of God’s blessings, expressed through the Wampanoag people. We were treated with courtesy and hospitality as prescribed by the beliefs of our Indian hosts.

For centuries, the Algonkian people recognized the Creator as the source of life and all blessings, and they believed sustenance came from the Creator’s hand. So, the first Thanksgiving was celebrated centuries before we arrived in America. The event at Plymouth in 1621 was just *our* first Thanksgiving.

*You provided that we inherit your creation
 You said: I shall make the earth on which people shall live
 You said that we should always be thankful
 For our earth and for each other
 So it is that we are gathered here
 We are your children, Lord of the Sky. ¹*

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1. Excerpt from an Iroquois (Seneca) “Thanksgiving Prayer,” translated by Chuck Larson, Seneca, retrieved from <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/FOLKLORE/1998-08/0903652742>, October 14, 2013.

AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES, BANDS AND COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE LAKE UNION

BY GARY BURNS

There are 30 Indian tribes, bands and communities within the Lake Union territory. In addition, there are thousands of new Indian residents who have come to this area from reservations out West, seeking education and employment. Dennis Ghost, Lakota, featured on the cover, is from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and now lives and works in Michigan.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, there are approximately 174,115 American Indians living within the Great Lakes region.

ILLINOIS: 38,492

There are no federally-recognized tribes in Illinois. Before the Indian Removal Act of 1830, Illinois was the land of:

Chickasaw Tribe
Dakota Sioux Tribe
Ho-Chunk Tribe (Winnebago)
Illinois Tribe (Illini)
Miami Tribe
Shawnee Tribe

INDIANA: 19,451

There are no federally-recognized tribes in Indiana. Before the Indian Removal Act of 1830, Indiana was the land of:

Illini Indians
Miami Indians
Shawnee Indians

Other Indian tribes, bands and communities remaining in Indiana today include:

- Miami Nation of Indiana: Peru, Ind.; <http://www.miamiindians.org>
- Upper Kispoko Band of the Shawnee Nation: 617 S. Washington St., Kokomo, IN 46901
- Wea Indian Tribe: Lafayette, Ind.; <http://www.angelfire.com/in4/weatribe/>
- Wea Indian Tribe of Indiana: Clinton, Ind.; <http://www.weaindiantribe.com>

MICHIGAN: 59,302

Michigan federally-recognized tribes include:

- Bay Mills Indian Community: Brimley, Mich.; <http://www.baymills.org>
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: Suttons Bay, Mich.; <http://www.gtbindians.org>
- Hannahville Indian Community (Potawatomi): Wilson, Mich.; <http://www.hannahville.com>
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community: Baraga, Mich.; <http://www.ojibwa.com>
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa: Watersmeet, Mich.; <http://www.lvdtribal.com>
- Little River Bay Band of Ottawa Indians: Manistee, Mich.; <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov>

- Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa Indians: Petoskey, Mich.; <http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov>
 - Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi: Fulton, Mich.; <http://nhbpi.com>
 - Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians: Dowagiac, Mich.; <http://www.pokagon.com>
 - Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe: Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; <http://www.sagchip.org>
 - Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa: Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; <http://www.saulttribe.com>
- Other Indian tribes, bands and communities remaining in Michigan today include:*
- Genesee Valley Indian Association: 609 W. Court St., Flint, MI, 48503; 810-239-6621
 - Hannaville Community House (Potawatomi): Bark River, Mich.; <http://www.hannahville.net>
 - Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Potawatomi (Gun Lake): Dorr, Mich.; <http://www.mbpi.org>
 - Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: Lac du Flambeau, Wis.; <http://www.ldftribe.com>
 - Menominee Indian Tribe: Keshena, Wis.; <http://www.menominee-nsn.gov>
 - Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin: Oneida, Wis.; <https://oneida-nsn.gov>
 - Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: Bayfield, Wis.; <http://redcliff-nsn.gov>
 - St. Croix Chippewa Indians: Webster, Wis.; <http://www.stcciw.com>
 - Sokaogan Mole Lake Community: Crandon, Wis.; <http://www.sakaogonchippewa.com>
 - Stockbridge Munsee Community: Bowler, Wis.; <http://www.mohican-nsn.gov>

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Source: Bureau of Indian Affairs, <http://www.bia.gov>; and the National Congress of American Indians, <http://www.ncai.org>, U.S. Department of Commerce, <http://www.2010.census.gov/2010census>, (October 6, 2013)

WISCONSIN: 56,870

Wisconsin federally-recognized tribes include:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: Odanah, Wis.; <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov>
- Forest County Potawatomi: Crandon, Wis.; <http://www.fcpotawatomi.com>
- Ho-Chunk Nation: Black River Falls, Wis.; <http://www.ho-chunknation.com>
- Lac Court Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa: Hayward, Wis.; <http://www.lco-nsn.gov>



NATIVE MINISTRY

The director of Native Ministries in the North American Division is Ken Denslow, who also serves as assistant to the president. Each of the nine unions in North America have a union director or coordinator who helps local conferences accomplish their mission to Native Americans.

OUR MISSION

To enhance, support and coordinate with the existing Native Ministries, both denominationally operated and supporting ministries, that exist throughout the NAD.

HOW WE SERVE

- Fundraising
- Bringing awareness to the NAD of the challenges of reaching the Native peoples of our territory
- Producing resources for reaching Native peoples or promoting existing materials that have been produced by entities already engaged in this work
- Coordinating efforts of the many ministries engaged in Native Ministry
- Developing relationships with leaders in the tribes of North America

RESOURCES

- *Moccasin News* is a newsletter for Native Ministries produced by the Native Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church in Canada.
- *Native New Health* DVDs are available from Native Ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church in Canada and at <http://www.NativeNewHealth.ca>.
- *Native New Day* Bible studies are available through the local Adventist Book Center.
- *Natives With A Mission* is a ministry for Native American children and youth sharing the gospel in Native American

communities and reservations. A newsletter is available at <http://www.nwamonline.com> (operated by the NAD Children's Ministries Department).

- "American Indian Living Radio" is a weekly health radio program available for free to American Indian radio stations. It currently airs on National Public Radio and NVI and Konic Native Networks. This program features Dr. David DeRose, Weimar physician, author and speaker. The program is mentioned as "the best health radio program in Indian Country" by many tribal leaders. To get American Indian Living on the radio in your area, contact Dr. David DeRose at drderose@compasshealth.net.
- Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, Arizona, is a K-12 boarding school which is funded by donors from around the North American Division

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New Wound Care Center provides needed service

With a flourish of four pairs of scissors, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital officially opened its Wound Care Center during a ribbon cutting ceremony, Aug. 14. The new center, housed in the medical office building on the hospital's campus, will provide modern clinical wound care as well as hyperbaric medicine to area patients.

Hyperbaric medicine is not offered by many other hospitals in the area, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital chief executive officer Rick Mace said. In just the center's first week of operation this past August, it saw nearly a dozen people seeking treatment. "We are very excited to be able to offer this needed service to the community," Mace said.

The center will specialize in advanced wound care treatment, typically treating people who suffer from chronic wounds, said Anjum Owaisi, the center's medical director. They may suffer from those wounds for a variety of reasons — perhaps pressure ulcers or diabetic wounds, or maybe surgical wounds that are slow to heal, or burns and other traumatic wounds. Fortunately, the center will have medical personnel on hand with a wide range of knowledge and expertise, Owaisi said. "We look at treating patients in a very holistic way, and from multiple viewpoints," she said.

Hyperbaric oxygen treatment is one of the most advanced forms of treatment available for wound care. Patients who receive this treatment will enter a pressurized chamber that, during the course of about 90 minutes, will provide an oxygen-enriched atmosphere for them to breathe. Those higher levels of oxygen enter a patient's bloodstream and promote the healing of chronic wounds.

The Center anticipates seeing about 300 new patients this year,



Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital chief executive officer Rick Mace, right, talks about the opening of the new Wound Care Center on Aug. 14 as Wound Care Center medical director Anjum Owaisi, right center, and Lisa Reil, left, of Healogics, look on.

said Lisa Reil of Healogics, who has partnered with the hospital to help run the center. About 10 percent of those will receive hyperbaric treatment. During the Aug. 14 opening event, hospital chaplain Vicky Syren led those gathered in prayer, seeking the Lord's blessing for all who would come to the Center seeking comfort and healing.

The addition of the Wound Care Center to the hospital's services will allow it to fulfill its healing mission by reaching out to an even broader group of patients. As read in Psalm 147:3, *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

This is the second Adventist Midwest Health hospital to house a Wound Care Center. Three years ago, Adventist La Grange Memorial opened such a center. It recently was honored as a center of excellence. In 2012, the Center saw 500 patients.

Chris LaFortune, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



The crowd gathers near a hyperbaric oxygen chamber at the new Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Wound Care Center.

Building our future: New leadership minor at Andrews

“Everyone is called upon for acts of leadership,” says David Ferguson, director of the undergraduate leadership program at Andrews University. “We tend to label people who do it frequently or who are in certain positions as ‘leaders,’ but those labels are misleading in terms of effect. Our goal is to teach students to take advantage of the leadership opportunities they’re given, regardless of whether they’ll be labeled ‘leader’ by society or not.”

Four years ago, Andrews University began offering a leadership certificate, with the intention of scaling that up, at some point, into a minor. Andrews is now offering that minor, which includes the certificate requirements and adds three specific classes. Students of any discipline may take Creative Problem-Solving, Theories of Leadership, or Introduction to Coaching.

“College is a hinge-point,” says Enoc Lopez, instructor of leadership. “The leadership program gives them techniques to drive how they relate to others and how they choose to build their characters.”



Christa McConnell

Enoc Lopez (left) facilitates discussion between the students in his Intro to Coaching class. Part of the new leadership minor, this class prepares students to enter any circle wherever they are and help others around them work to reach their full potential.

In the spring of 2013, Andrews awarded its first leadership minor to Claudia Allen, an English major. Each student chooses a project and works closely with an adviser to bring their vision to fruition. Allen’s Change Project (a required final assignment for leadership minors) was to work with the Departments of English and History to institute an African American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor.

“These classes aren’t just for those who plan on being CEOs or pastors,” says Ferguson. “They offer young people the skills they need to navigate the world and

to understand the influence they bring to any situation.”

Housed within the School of Education’s Department of Leadership, the program looks for ways to dovetail with others whenever possible. They build on the foundation that other major disciplines establish.

“We’re hoping how we equip these students makes each one a different person than they otherwise would be,” say Ferguson. “We want them to be better spouses, better community members, better parents, better parishioners and better employees in ways not easy to calculate.”

Lopez and Ferguson encourage all students to take just two credits in leadership courses so they can learn the basics to build on what they’re already doing. Students who do this frequently choose to work toward a certificate or minor anyway, because they see significant value in what they are learning.

“Once they get into our classes, students often start to realize who they are,” says Ferguson. “That morphs into a realization of who God wants them to be. And *that* is our mission here.”

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication

Paddock hired as interim Gymnics coach

Eric Paddock has been hired as the interim Gymnics coach for the 2013–2014 school year at Andrews University. Paddock holds an associate’s degree in pre-physical therapy, and a bachelor’s degree in sport studies with a concentration in human performance from Southern Adventist University.

With a background as boys director at two youth summer camps and coaching in the Gym-Kids Gymnastics Program in Collegedale, Tenn., Paddock brings excellent experience in leadership, coaching and team-building to his new role.

“We are committed to doing everything within our power to ensure the



Darren Heslop

Eric Paddock

Gymnics team has a successful and rewarding year under the leadership of Mr. Paddock,” says Emmanuel Rudatsikira,

dean of the School of Health Professions where the Gymnics program resides.

Paddock began coaching on Sept. 15, and will lead the Gymnics team for the entire school year, during which time the School of Health Professions will coordinate the search for a permanent coach.

“I’m very honored and excited to have this opportunity to become a member of the Gymnics family,” says Paddock. “The tradition of Adventist gymnastics is rooted deeply at Andrews University, and I aim to continue the pursuit of excellence here with the help of God, the University and the community. We appreciate your prayers as we endeavor to positively affect our community throughout the year.”

Becky St. Clair, media communications manager, Division of Integrated Marketing & Communication

[EDUCATION NEWS]



From left (front): Issac Donovan (2nd place) and Earl Pantig (1st place) were awarded cash prizes and a certificate for placing in a poetry contest sponsored by the Robert W. Rowe Public Library in Sheridan, Ill. They are pictured with Laura Damon (back row, right), Sheridan School principal and teacher, and Patty Smith, a librarian at Robert Rowe Library.

Sheridan School students win local poetry contest

Illinois—Each April during National Poetry Month, the Robert W. Rowe Public Library in Sheridan, Ill., sponsors a poetry contest which is open to students.

To celebrate this event, Sheridan School students participate in a month-long study of poetry during their usual Language Arts class. Various poetic forms are studied, and students are assigned written practice. Some of the poetic forms studied are cinquains, quatrains and diamantes, and the classic haiku. Although the emphasis of study is focused on these forms, the students' compositions demonstrate a depth of understanding of less-structured verse as well. As a culminating activity, students submit original poetry to the library to be entered in the contest.

Last April, the Sheridan School was well represented with winners in two age groups. Earl Pantig, a 4th-grade student, took first prize for his poem titled "The Song of the Wind," while Isaac Donovan took second place in the Grade 7–8 category for his poem, "The Wind Said Mary." Winners received a cash prize of \$25 for first place, and \$15 for second place, along with a certificate.

Laura Damon, principal/teacher, Sheridan School



The Gurnee School welcomed more than 50 students at the beginning of the 2013–2014 school year. Last year, the school ended with 23 students. They give praise to God for helping provide Adventist education for so many young people.

Attendance miracles witnessed at Gurnee School

Illinois—Based on enrollment trends, the Gurnee school board voted to reduce their three-teacher school to two teachers. But believing many families would choose Adventist education if they could afford it, the principal, Carl Bandy, secured Board support and drafted a plan to keep enrollment high. It was a simple concept: Fill the seats by lowering tuition.

The next day, Ramon Taveras, a member of the Lighthouse Hispanic Church, rang the school's doorbell. His message was straightforward: "Our church wants to educate all of its children in Gurnee School. How can we do this?"

"I could not believe my ears," said Bandy. "God was answering my prayers in less than 12 hours! That Friday evening, I was introduced to Camp Suescun, a leader of the Lighthouse Church. He confirmed the church's commitment and resources to achieve this goal. As the sun set and Sabbath began, we three men started our prayer journey together. I learned Taveras had a vision six months prior to provide Christian education for the children at his church."

Simultaneously, Bandy met Vicky Barajas, a parent. She said she knew of a number of her church members who wanted their children to attend Gurnee School, but they could not afford tuition.

Barajas arranged for Dan Pabon, Gurnee Church pastor, and Alex Caceras, a School Board member, to meet with Felix Hurtado, pastor of the Waukegan Hispanic and Round Lake Hispanic churches, as well as their elders.

Shalem Church has long supported the Gurnee School. Their new pastor, Paul Young, took up the mantle further.

While attending the Wisconsin Academy Choir Festival on a Friday, Bandy was impressed to call the people mentioned earlier. He requested a meeting the next evening at the close of the Sabbath. The purpose was to get various churches together to discuss the challenge.

The next day, as the sun set, 11 men and women bowed their heads in prayer and gave the problem to the Lord. Each church brought divergent solutions. It seemed it would be difficult to find answers, but prayer changes things. Though the participants were from different backgrounds, they worked to achieve a partnership providing equitable financial support from and equal representation for each church on the Board. There are no words to describe the spirit that was present in that "upper room."

Each team returned to its home church to obtain approval. As Gurnee School began the school year, they opened the doors to more than 50 students. All praise belongs to God!

Carl Bandy, principal/teacher, Gurnee School, with Cindy Chamberlin, communication director, Illinois Conference



Charlotte Erickson

Mike McKinsey (right), Battle Creek's emergency manager and Homeland Security officer was one of the instructors who taught Battle Creek Academy students in grades 9-12 how to become better prepared to identify and meet emergencies in their homes and communities.

BCA students complete CERT training

Michigan—Seventeen high school students and three teachers from Battle Creek Academy recently received certificates for completing the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) basic training program. They were the first youth in the Battle Creek community to receive the training. The certificate-awarding ceremony was held at the Battle Creek Tabernacle. A home-schooled student and her mother also received certificates. The group completed 25 hours of training to help them become better prepared to identify and meet emergencies in their homes and communities.

CERT was created by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1994 to train citizens in emergency response after a devastating earthquake overwhelmed the professional first responders' ability to care for the city. Since that start in California, CERT has been used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the certification is recognized nationwide. Locally, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office of

Emergency Management and the City of Battle Creek Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security each support CERT programs.

A report from the New York City Police Department after 9/11 showed that faith-based organizations had a measurable impact in the disaster response. Faith communities are a valuable source of assistance because houses of worship are seen as safe places, church members often respond to community needs, and members are already a unit and can be mobilized quickly. When Shirley Finneman, a member of the Battle Creek Tabernacle and a CERT trainer, learned of the need for a faith-based CERT training component, she offered to develop a model for the Battle Creek area. This model was used at BCA in the area's first faith-based training.

Students in grades 9-12 at BCA who volunteered for the training spent five hours a day for five days learning basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The instructors included Mike McKinsey, Battle Creek's emergency manager and Homeland Security officer, his staff, and Finneman. Using

the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, these new CERT members now can assist their families and others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

In his remarks to the students and adults receiving certificates, McKinsey expressed the importance of involving youth. "Having young people involved ensures the sustainability of the CERT program," he stated. "I am very proud of this group of young people."

In addition to their certificates, trainees also received backpacks containing a hard hat, vest and other disaster response equipment, and a pocket-size New Testament.

Eleventh-grade BCA student Aubraelle Porter said the training was very helpful and interesting. She believes it "will come in handy in the future" and will enable her and the other students "to be prepared to help in emergency situations."

BCA principal James Davis expressed his appreciation to the City of Battle Creek for the training. Because of the successful outcome, he plans to make training available to all of the students and faculty next year.

Charlotte Erickson, communication director,
Battle Creek Tabernacle



Charlotte Erickson

Battle Creek Academy students were taught fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.



Dwayne Clark

One of the community service activities Alpine School students participated in last year included "Feed My Starving Children." They helped package more than 80 boxes of food for Africa.

Alpine School serves the community

Illinois—This past school year, students at Alpine School in Rockford, Ill., engaged in several community service activities. At the beginning of the year, students collected more than 100 bags of clothing that eventually were sent to an orphanage in Africa. This was followed by a canned food drive for the 100th day of school. They collected more than 100 cans of food in each classroom, which were distributed to needy families.

Students in the upper-grades classroom made and decorated cards with Bible verses to be sent to local homeless shelters and nursing homes. This was done on a regular basis, and they received positive feedback from the shelters and nursing homes which received the cards.

Students in the upper grades also participated in "Feed My Starving Children." They helped package more than 80 boxes of food for Africa. They also collected loose change throughout the year to help sponsor a child at a blind camp, and collected enough money to feed 25 campers for a week. The students designed the collection container, and everyone participated by bringing in loose change for this event.

The school's puppet ministry also performed at a local nursing home. The residents and students both received a blessing from this activity. Students also performed puppet shows at the local church, and held many puppet shows for school worships.

Alpine School looks forward to more opportunities to serve others and

introduce them to Jesus throughout this school year.

Dwayne Clark, principal/teacher, Alpine School



Teresa Smith

Teachers at North Aurora School in Illinois and Dan Vis, North Aurora Church pastor, taught students in grades 5-8 how to conduct Bible studies last year. Some students are pictured here giving Bible studies.

North Aurora students lead Bible studies

Illinois—The Earth seems to groan and heave as if in its last death throes. This is exciting to those at North Aurora School. They believe it is their privilege to train students for service in God's last-day army.

Last year, teachers spent time teaching students to give personal Bible studies. Dan Vis, North Aurora Church pastor, taught students in grades 5-8 how to conduct studies. Many students were afraid, and did not think they could ever lead out. But after many pleading prayers, requesting guidance, courage, wisdom and ability from the Holy Spirit, five student-teacher teams were ready to go out and share the plan of salvation. What a blessing to sit in a home and listen to children teaching the Word of God.

At the end of nine weeks, two of the Bible students indicated they were interested in pursuing a career in ministry, and all the students were interested in continuing to learn more about their personal Savior.

Teresa Smith, principal/teacher, North Aurora School

[YOUTH NEWS]



Marshall Merkin

Eljasz Perez, 13, wrote "The Man With the Flashlight," which was published in the September issue of *Guide* magazine. He hopes other students will be encouraged to "share their inspirational story so others can see how God is working in their lives."

Young writer is published in Guide magazine

Illinois—Young writer Eljasz Perez, an eighth-grade student at North Shore Adventist Academy in Chicago, is now a published author. "The Man With the Flashlight" is an article in which he recounts a miraculous adventure he and his family had in a large city where they were strangers. The story was published in *Guide* magazine in September 2013.

Eljasz said, "While visiting New York City back in 2006, my family and I had an encounter with an angel of the Lord. As part of an assignment for Mr. [Edward] Cheever's Language Arts class, I was instructed to write a short story or memoir. That inspired me to write the story titled, "The Man With the Flashlight." After I handed it in and received it back with an "A" grade, I was impressed to submit it to *Guide* magazine so that other kids my age could read my story.

"When I received the good news that my story was accepted, I was extremely excited; I told everyone about it! It's a wonderful feeling to be published in your favorite magazine. It's also pretty nice to have your family, church and school friends, and teachers anticipate the arrival of my story in *Guide*. I'd like other students to be encouraged to do as I have done and share their inspirational story so others

can see how God is working in their lives, just as God is working in mine.”

According to the magazine’s website, “*Guide* magazine publishes nonfiction stories that show children ages 10–14 how to walk with God now and forever.” It is a weekly, full-color magazine which contains stories, puzzles

and games to challenge readers. The magazine is published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. For more information or to read Eljasz’ story and others, play games or watch videos, visit <http://guidemagazine.org>. If you are interested in submitting a story to *Guide* magazine, you may access

the “Writer’s Guidelines” at this link: <http://guidemagazine.org/writers-guidelines>.

Marshall Merklin, principal, North Shore Adventist Academy with *Lake Union Herald* staff

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Buchanan Church hosts commemorative Barn Conference

Michigan—Exactly 165 years ago, in 1848, the Seventh-day Adventist movement pioneers held five barn conferences. One was held Aug. 18–20, 1848, in David Arnold’s barn in Volney, N.Y. In order to relive that experience and recall God’s leading and teaching in the Church’s past history, the Buchanan Church organized and held a Barn Conference, Aug. 23–24, in an old barn located west of the town. Several area church members joined the Buchanan Church members, making approximately 150 participants.

The speaker for this event was Merlin D. Burt, founding director of the integrated Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University, as well as director of the White Estate Branch Office and professor of Church History at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Friday evening, Burt spoke on “The Everlasting Gospel.” Through stories of William Miller’s and Ellen G. White’s conversions, he showed how Scripture and Jesus remained at the core of the Church’s movement and how these themes were central to Ellen.

The first Sabbath morning message was titled “Organizing for Mission,” and focused on the Three Angels’ Messages in light of two historical anniversaries this year — the 150th anniversary of the organization of the General Conference and the 125th



Members of the Buchanan Church and community friends gathered Aug. 23–24 in an old barn located west of town to recall God’s leading and teaching in the Church’s past history.

anniversary of the 1888 Minneapolis Conference. The Barn Conference was an ideal time to examine how these two events helped refocus the Church’s evangelistic mission in light of the gospel.

While the adults’ first session was held in the barn, the children, ages 3–12, met for their Sabbath school in an adjacent, historic log house. Along with songs and other Sabbath school activities, the children’s leader explained a few things about life back in Ellen’s time, including how the women wore long dresses and the men wore suspenders to hold up their pants. Each little boy was given a pair of suspenders, and the girls received a bonnet to take home. They also were given handmade wooden mallets and felt flags on a dowel rod.

After a short break, everyone assembled back in the barn, and the church service began. The sermon, based on Hebrews 12:1–2, was titled “A Living Faith,” and Burt focused on how



At the Barn Conference, held Aug. 23–24, Merlin Burt, keynote speaker, shared a similar edition of the Bible that Ellen White held up in vision.

God’s children respond to the mighty acts of God in history, with an appeal to make heritage a living, personal experience.

Following a simple Adventist haystack and cookies lunch, the afternoon meeting took on a different flavor. Burt told interesting background stories about how several of the early Advent

hymns, published in our souvenir *Old Advent Hymns* songbook, came to be. Following Burt's story behind the writing of a hymn, attendees then sang the song together. Some examples were: "You Will See Your Lord a-Coming," James White's most-used song; "I Saw One Weary," by Uriah Smith's sister, Annie Smith; "What Heavenly Music," a hymn from the Seventh-day Adventist Church's first hymnbook; and "We Have Heard," based on Ellen's vision of the New Earth, and the first song distinctly connected to the Church's movement.

The Barn Conference was a great success, and seemed to be a time of spiritual revival for all. "The Barn Conference was very affirming to my faith as we reflected on how God has led our church every step of the way, and I es-



The children met in an adjacent historic log house for Sabbath school, led by Cecelia Hess.

pecially appreciated Merlin Burt's focus on Christ's love being at the center of every facet of our Church's doctrine and history. I'm already looking forward to the next Barn Conference," commented Kathy Parke, member of the Village Church in Berrien Springs. Many people expressed an interest in having another Barn Conference next year.

A quote read during the Conference added more insight: "All the

paternal love which has come down from generation to generation through the channel of human hearts, all the springs of tenderness which have opened in the souls of men, are but as a tiny rill to the boundless ocean when compared with the infinite, exhaustless love of God. ... You may study that love for ages; yet you can never fully comprehend the length and the breadth, the depth and the height, of the love of God in giving His Son to die for the world. ... Yet as we study the Bible and meditate upon the life of Christ and the plan of redemption, these great themes will open to our understanding more and more" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 740).

Judi Doty, member, Buchanan Church, and back pages editor, *Lake Union Herald*



Rowell Puedivan had long envisioned opening an all-inclusive missional café in Wausau, Wis. His dream became a reality in May, and now people are reached who ordinarily wouldn't step into a church.

NuLifeSong Outreach Café opens in Wausau

Wisconsin—Rowell Puedivan, pastor of the Wausau Church district, had long envisioned opening an all-inclusive missional café in Wausau, Wis. This dream was realized this past May. "I believe we have a lot to

offer people who ordinarily wouldn't step into a church," said Puedivan.

NuLifeSong Outreach Café, a ministry of the Antigo, Merrill and Wausau churches, is dedicated to reaching the unreached for Jesus. This evolving church plant café currently offers a casual Saturday evening open mic for the musically-minded, live Christ-centered entertainment, and an informal environment where

people are encouraged to interact freely.

The café offers tutoring classes, math and Spanish lessons, and English as a Second Language sessions. Puedivan and his wife, Eldinh, plan to offer guitar and keyboard lessons soon, with future counseling, coaching and other seminars planned.

Since opening, NuLifeSong Outreach Café has experienced a steady stream of 25–40 individuals attending each session and enjoying the music, programs and fellowship. Puedivan encourages anyone to come see what NuLifeSong Café is all about. "People can come and go as they please," he says. "There are no strings attached!"

NuLifeSong Outreach Café is located at 217 Scott St., Suite B, between Chi Chi's Gift Shop and Inner Sleeve Records in Wausau. It is open Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. Find NuLifeSong Outreach Café on Facebook, or call Pastor Puedivan at 715-297-8081.

Diana Spieth, member, Wausau Church



Edwin Flores

The Cherry Hill Church sanctuary was transformed to resemble a mountaintop for the church's vacation Bible school, Aug. 5-9. This year there was a 200-percent attendance increase.

Church vacation Bible school attendance increases by 200 percent

Michigan—Cherry Hill Church in Garden City is a little church with less than 100 members, but it is the “little church that could.” This year, under the direction of Ada Flores, the theme for their vacation Bible school was “Go Tell It on the Mountain.” The VBS was hosted at the church Aug. 5–9, and leaders decided to incorporate ways, within the VBS program, to provide the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project with school supplies.

This story is one that only God could direct. It began when Flores attended Schoolcraft College, and one of her reading requirements was the book *The Price of Stones: Building a School for My Village* by Twesigye Jackson Kaguri. As Flores read, she learned the author was a Seventh-day Adventist with a mission, so Flores invited him to the Cherry Hill Church to speak about his ministry. Kaguri's vision was a school for children in Uganda who are afflicted or affected by AIDS. He told of a long line of children who wanted to attend his school, but he could not enroll them all. The nonprofit school is

free for all who attend, and it provides uniforms, two meals a day, books and supplies for the children.

Normally, the little Cherry Hill Church has 20–30 children who attend the VBS programs they offer, and about 10 volunteers who assist with the program. This year, 60 children attended, and 30 volunteers assisted! A few of the volunteers were recruited from Oakwood Church, a larger Adventist church nearby.

There was an enormous amount of preparation done for the program before the first night, including redesigning the sanctuary, a few classrooms and the hallway. Volunteers transformed the sanctuary to resemble a mountaintop, and the preschool classroom included a bonfire built using real logs and creatively-painted paper tubes.

Each day, the children met in the redesigned sanctuary and sang songs. When separated into small groups, the children heard and watched a Bible story reenacted by volunteers, played a game with an object lesson, completed a craft item, and even prepared their own snacks! Of course, the preschoolers did not rotate to rooms, but rather did everything geared for their age group in the room with the bonfire, and they visited a second room for snacks and playtime activities.

Daily, the children earned “money certificates” to spend for rewards of their own choosing. Those rewards were granted for things like remembering their memory verses, bringing a friend, answering questions, and bringing school supplies for the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project. The total donations for the school included more than 600 pencils, several boxes of crayons, markers, paper, rulers, notebooks, glue, paste and scissors.

At the end of the closing program, the children visited the VBS store to purchase items with their money certificates. Then they enjoyed a feast, with pizza and salad for everyone. All the volunteers received a certificate commemorating their work.

With God's guidance and help, Cherry Hill Church saw a 200-percent attendance increase this year for the “Go Tell It on the Mountain” VBS! Of course, Flores already has started to plan the VBS program for next year.

Juanita Thomas, VBS volunteer and church clerk, Cherry Hill Church



Edwin Flores

A bonfire, with real logs and creatively-painted paper tubes, was added to the preschool classroom to add to the enjoyment of attendees of the vacation Bible school at the Cherry Hill Church in Michigan, Aug. 5–9.



Betty Eaton

This photo includes some of those who have attended the Lewis Church for the past 20 years.

Lewis Church celebrates 20th anniversary in church building

Indiana—The Lewis Church held a special Sabbath celebration on Aug. 24. Members and guests joined to commemorate 20 years of the little church built amidst corn and soybean fields. Near a town with a population of less than 1,500, the church's success stems from a heritage of faithfulness and dedication. Many young church members trace their background to childhood memories in the church family, even before it met in the current edifice.

The Lewis Church began with a small group of believers sharing their faith with neighbors. Bible studies were started in the home of one of the members. Each week, friends and neighbors watched filmstrips and discussed Bible truths. Public evangelistic meetings followed. One by one, neighbors joined the fledgling group.

Worship services moved from a store to a donated house, and then to a Methodist Church building, purchased in 1970. While it was a blessing to have a real church building, it was less than perfect. The basement flooded regularly whenever there was a heavy downpour,

and the building had the dubious distinction of being the church with an outhouse.

Oh, how the membership wanted a new church building! After 20-plus years, their prayers were answered when the nearby Sullivan Church members voted to sell their building and merge with the Lewis Church. At last, funds were available to build a lovely, little church on East State Road 246. The bell from the old church was placed in the parking lot at the front of the new building. The dedication was held Sept. 11, 1993, with a mortgage-burning ceremony following on July 22, 1994.

The Lewis Church continues to be blessed by the benevolence of members and church friends alike. Most recently, a new church roof was completed in April 2013, the result of volunteer labor from the Cicero and Terre Haute churches and local church members.

On Aug. 24, previous pastors joined current pastor Ernie Peckham, members and friends for the 20-year milestone. They reminisced past history and the ways God had led them. Individual testimonies and musical numbers were shared. The service concluded with a dedicatory prayer by Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president.

Following the service, attendees enjoyed refreshments and viewed posters and photo albums with historical



Betty Eaton

Ernie Peckham, Lewis Church pastor, led out in the 20th anniversary celebration service on Aug. 24.

church pictures. Many who began the journey of the Lewis Church no longer are present. They have gone to sleep in Jesus. Someday in Heaven, they will join those who followed them, and know their efforts were not in vain.

Phyllis Wrate, member, Lewis Church, with Betty Eaton, communication secretary, Indiana Conference



Betty Eaton

The church building is the pride and joy of the Lewis Church congregation. The bell from their old church stands in the parking lot, a reminder of the past. It is still used to signal the conclusion of Sabbath school and the beginning of the worship service.



Dana Carmona

Pastors Thorstur Thordarson, Oliver Archer and Daniel Carmona (on right) join Seminary students who surround the baptismal candidates from the "Live with Hope" meetings, which ended April 20.

Historic joint citywide evangelism occurs in South Bend

Indiana—By God's grace, Praise Fellowship, Berean and First Seventh-day Adventist churches of South Bend mobilized for joint ministry, March 30 to April 20. For the first time in history, all three churches were involved in a citywide effort to share the gospel in the greater South Bend area. By sharing a united vision, the three churches pooled resources, prayed and mobilized collaborative teams to reach their community during the "Live with Hope" meetings.

The evangelists for the nightly meetings were Daniel Carmona, pastor of the Praise Fellowship; Stephen Apola, associate pastor of the First Church; and Oliver Archer, then pastor of the Berean Church. The meetings also included an evangelistic field school coordinated by the North American Division Evangelism Institute and Andrews University, supported by Seminary students.

"The 'Live with Hope' experience in South Bend was a joy and victory for the kingdom of God," stated Carmona. "I experienced firsthand that joint

ministry is possible when there is a clear vision from God to work in unity. In God's hands, our differences become assets, not liabilities. A plethora of gifts is not something to be feared. The Holy Spirit can meet the diversity of needs in the mission field with a diversity of gifts given to the church. Being in one accord makes a difference — we are one people with different addresses! The people in South Bend are loved by an awesome God who believes in teamwork. What an uplifting and life-transforming experience to work beside fellow believers in the city to share the good news of Jesus Christ!"

"When the opportunity rose to join area churches in evangelism here in South Bend, I was eager to be part of the experience," stated Throstur Thordarson, senior pastor of the South Bend First Church. "I firmly believe we are one church bound together in Jesus. Geographic and/or conference boundaries are artificial, and we are to work as one people across all dividing lines. As we embarked on this journey, it was truly a beautiful experience of unity and cooperation in mission. To see our people come together on a regular basis to serve God as one people, in our diversity, is a highlight of

my ministry. I look forward to increasing cooperation as we approach the soon return of Jesus Christ," he added.

Archer says he will never forget the experience: "There is nothing quite like the beginning of an evangelistic campaign. The excitement, the energy, the nervousness is not quite like anything else. Paul admonishes every minister to *do the work of an evangelist* (2 Timothy 4:5 NIV), so we do. As pastor, I have encouraged congregations to participate, trained members to do Bible studies, planned and executed introductory events. I readily acknowledge that it is the congregation as a whole that undertakes a public evangelistic campaign, and I understand that results are the domain of the Holy Spirit; however, there is a heaviness that preachers bear as the campaign begins. You alone must step to the podium to deliver that evening's message. That's what made the evening of March 30 so extraordinary. I was the opening speaker for the 'Live with Hope' evangelistic series in South Bend but this time, when I stepped to the podium, I did not feel alone. Three other pastors shared the weight of the evangelistic preaching with me. In the end, it wasn't the fact that three churches from two conferences came together or that scores of individuals rededicated their lives to Jesus, or that individuals were baptized. These are experiences that were familiar to me. However, I will never forget the feeling of teamwork and camaraderie I experienced while working together with my fellow pastors for the saving of souls in the city of South Bend."

By God's grace, 14 people joined the Body of Christ; 13 through baptism and one by profession of faith. In addition, there were many persons interested in receiving Bible studies. The churches give credit to the One who is worthy! *Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power...* (Revelation 4:11 NASB).

Daniel Carmona, pastor, Praise Fellowship,
with Lake Union Herald staff

[UNION NEWS]



Karlee Macer, Indiana State Representative; Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president; Kortnye Hurst, Let's Move Day marketing director and community liaison; and Daniel Jackson, North American Division president, visit together at the beginning of Let's Move Day festivities, Sept. 22, at White River State Park in Indianapolis.

Let's Move Day festivities share Jesus' love and health message with Indianapolis community

Indiana—Rhythmic percussion cadences echoed throughout White River State Park in Indianapolis, Sept. 22, as members of the Emmanuel Praise Center drum corps played. People gathered at the staging area for the opening of the Let's Move Day activities. Minutes later, the number one Indiana state show choir from North Central High School filled the air with a heart-warming rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The ending notes were greeted with cheers and applause from hundreds of people, ready to be on the move. State Representative Karlee Macer counted down for the beginning of the 5K run/walk/move event. Zumba instructor Arlethea Scott ensured that those not doing the 5K would also move as she led exercises from the stage. The air was electric as everyone caught the spirit of movement!

Sponsored by the Indiana Conference, the Indianapolis Let's Move Day concept stemmed from a White

House initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama in 2010 with a goal to help solve the problem of childhood obesity within a generation. The Adventist Church in North America joined numerous faith and community organizations nationwide in support of this challenging goal. "The Let's Move initiative is consistent with our Church's approach to ministering to people physically, mentally, socially and spiritually," says Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church world church. North American Division (NAD) president Daniel Jackson, vice presidents Debra Brill and Ken Denslow, and George Brill, associate director IT Services for the NAD, attended the event.

Let's Move Day: Indy was an explosion of activity from beginning to end. More than 180 volunteers from 21 Adventist churches in the Indianapolis area put in countless hours of preparation time. Antonio Lopez, Glendale Church associate pastor and Let's Move Day: Indy Committee director, joined hands with Karlee Macer, Indiana State Representative; Kortnye Hurst, Let's Move Day: Indy marketing director and community liaison; and Steve Manoukian, Marketing Committee chairman, to plan and prepare every detail of the event in which more than 3,000 people participated.

Networking with the community, through businesses and industry, public school districts and the media contributed to drawing many to the event. Fox News, in partnership with Channel 40 TV, along with the Adventist News Network, chronicled the event. A parallel Pathfinder Health Expo, featuring eight interactive Laws of Health stations, gave Pathfinders the chance to share the Adventist health message with other young people. LetsMoveIndy.com, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, LA Fitness, and the YMCA provided inflatable slides, bounce houses, laser tag and other activities as well.

"I saw my grandchildren having fun for the first time I remember!" said one grandparent.

"Is this what your church is about? Wonderful!" commented one lady.

"I'm so glad to be an Adventist!" exclaimed one church member.

"Whatever you do, you must do this again!" stated Olympic runner Terry Brahm, after he and others finished handing out medallions to more than 1,500 individuals who participated in the 5K fun/run.

"How did you guys put together such an event? This requires good volunteers at every station! Thank you!"

Let's Move Day provided an opportunity for the Adventist community to interact with the public in a new, meaningful way. Sharing the health message and the love of Jesus with the Indianapolis community brought the Adventist area churches together. Planning, work and prayer made the event a dynamic success with results that will continue to be felt in the future.

Betty Eaton, communication secretary, and Van Hurst, president, Indiana Conference



Kortnye Hurst leads cheers for those who completed the 5K fun/run. Van Hurst, Indiana Conference president; Karlee Macer, Indiana State Representative; Daniel Jackson, North American Division president; Terry Brahm, 1988 Olympic champion; and Michelle Hursch, White House representative, join in the applause for the Let's Move Day participants.

Churches, schools, conferences, institutions and organizations may submit announcements to the *Lake Union Herald* through their local conference communication directors. An easy way to do this is to visit the *Lake Union Herald* website at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org> and submit the announcement online. Readers may verify dates and times of programs with the respective sources, as these events are subject to change. Submission eligibility guidelines are listed at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org>.

Andrews University

Howard Performing Arts Center celebrates its ten-year anniversary with a stellar line-up for the 2013-2014 season of its concert series, "*Howard Center Presents...*" More information is available on the website <http://howard.andrews.edu>, or by calling the Box Office at 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560.

Sat., Nov. 16, 2013, 8:00 p.m.: "A Night of Music, Art and Folklore in Mexico." Join us for an event featuring art songs from Mexico, including works by Manuel Ponce, Silvestre Revueltas and Rodolfo Halffner, as well as some of the best-known songs from the traditional mariachi repertoire. Special guests include an Andrews University mariachi band.

Sat., Jan. 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m.: Nationally-famous, lyric soprano Faith Esham will perform selections that include pieces by Hugo Wolf and Henri Duparc. Known both for her musicality and ability to express poignant emotion, GRAMMY award-winner Esham brings theatricality to the classical stage. Esham is currently an adjunct professor of voice at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in New Jersey.

Sun., Jan. 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m.: Israel Houghton and New Breed will take the stage at HPAC. The highly-popular group of world-class musicians unite to create a revolutionary fresh sound, which fuses gospel praise with contemporary worship music.

Sat., March 8, 2014, 8:00 p.m.: A piano trio performance featuring Andrews University professors Claudio Gonzales and Chi Yong Yun as well as renowned cellist German Marcano will wrap up the season.

Andrews University Department of Music invites you to attend any and all of their 2013 holiday concerts. Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert,

Nov. 23, 8:00 p.m.; Choral Holiday Concert, "Welcome Christmas," **Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m.;** and Wind Symphony Holiday Concert, **Dec. 7, 8:00 p.m.** For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Howard Center Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442.

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Offerings

- Nov 2** Local Church Budget
- Nov 9** Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission)
- Nov 16** Local Church Budget
- Nov 23** Local Conference Advance
- Nov 29** NAD Evangelism

Special Days

- Nov 2** Stewardship Sabbath
- Nov 2-30** Native Heritage Month
- Nov 3-9** Week of Prayer
- Nov 16** Human Relations Sabbath
- Nov 23** Welcome Home Sabbath

The One Project se ofrece por primera vez en español: Es un placer poder anunciar a nuestra comunidad hispana que se presentará en español un evento muy especial conocido en inglés como The One Project (Proyecto Número Uno). The One Project tuvo su comienzo 2010 en Atlanta en donde varios pastores sintieron el llamado de Dios de iniciar un movimiento donde el énfasis en las predicaciones y en el estudio de su palabra fuera conocer mejor a nuestro amado Señor Jesucristo. Cientos de personas han asistido a las reuniones de este evento en lugares como Seattle, Washington, Chicago,

Illinois, y hasta en otros países como Noruega y Australia. Gracias a Dios este año este evento se presentará en español titulado "Jesús. Todo". El programa se tendrá en la Universidad Andrews, del **8 al 10 de noviembre 2013**. El costo de registración regular es \$170 dólares, lo cual cubre comidas, recursos y asistencia a las presentaciones. Para los que son estudiantes el costo es de \$99 dólares (este precio es vigente sólo hasta el **8 de octubre**). La Unión del Lago está ofreciendo una ayuda de \$80 dólares para los que se inscriban antes del **5 de noviembre**. Para recibir más información pueden ir a la página web <http://the1project.org/auspanish-2013.html> o pueden enviar un email a vicepresident@lucsdca.org.

North American Division

Florida Keys Camp Meeting, Nov. 22-23, Camp Sawyer, Big Pine Key (Mile Marker 34). Beautiful locale, directly on the ocean! Speaker: Clifford Goldstein. Great music and children's program. Bring food for a Sabbath picnic. For more information, call 305-743-5268 or email prayingks@aol.com.

Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Council has become the largest continuous gathering of Seventh-day Adventist pastors and leaders in the world. Our theme this year is "Greater," and the event will be held **Dec. 8-11** at Oakwood University Church, 5500 Adventist Ave., Huntsville, Ala. This year's team of worship, plenary and seminar speakers have passionate hearts for ministers, since most are themselves "frontline" pastors. Every sermon, plenary and seminar has been prepared, planned and prayed over to have maximum positive impact on the life and leadership of every attendee. For more

information, visit <http://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=116&umschk=1>.

The 2014 NAD Prayer Conference, "I Go to the Rock," is a special conference which will include dynamic worship, inspirational speakers, powerful times of prayer and practical workshops. The Conference will take place **Jan. 9-12, 2014**, at Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, 1 Old Golf Course Rd., Monterey, Calif. Pastors, local church prayer coordinators, leaders and church members are invited to attend. For more information, visit <http://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=114&umschk=1>.

Just Claim It is a youth and young adult prayer ministry for the local church, designed to connect individuals in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Every two years, JCI convention attendees come together to celebrate the blessings of God through salvation and service. This year's event will be **Feb. 19-23, 2014**, at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 NW 72nd Ave., Miami. Who should attend? Local church youth, young adults, youth and senior pastors, teens and anyone with a passion for ministering to youth and children. For additional information, visit <http://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=115&umschk=1>.

Mesa, Ariz., SDA churches celebrate their 50-year anniversary! Former members, pastors and friends are invited to the weekend event. Mesa Palms Church will host the event on **March 1, 2014**, at 6263 E Thomas Rd., Mesa, Ariz. For more information, call 480-985-3140; Facebook: Mesa Palms SDA Church; or visit website: <http://mesapalmschurch.com>.

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6
Berrien Springs, Mich.	6:41	5:33	5:26	5:20	5:17	5:15
Chicago, Ill.	5:47	4:38	4:31	4:26	4:22	4:20
Detroit, Mich.	6:28	5:19	5:12	5:06	5:02	5:00
Indianapolis, Ind.	6:44	5:37	5:30	5:25	5:22	5:20
La Crosse, Wis.	5:58	4:49	4:41	4:35	4:31	4:28
Lansing, Mich.	6:33	5:24	5:17	5:11	5:07	5:05
Madison, Wis.	5:52	4:43	4:35	4:29	4:25	4:23
Springfield, Ill.	5:58	4:50	4:44	4:39	4:35	4:34

MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at <http://www.herald.lakeunion.org>. Conference addresses and phone numbers are listed in the masthead on the inside back cover.

Anniversaries



David and Marilyn Bender celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 8, 2013, by a reception hosted by their son, Jeffrey; sister-in-law, Sharon Ann (Bender) Plummer; and friend, Lisa Swafford, at the Whirlpool Room of Chan Shun Hall, Andrews University. The Benders have been members of the Pioneer Memorial (Mich.) Church for 19 years.

David Bender and Marilyn Neal were married Sept. 8, 1963, in Columbus, Ohio, by J.R. Shull. David has been an accountant, and recently was assistant treasurer of Pioneer Memorial Church. Marilyn has been a secretary, and recently administrative assistant in the University Plant Service Department and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews.

The Bender family includes Jeffrey of Collegedale, Tenn.

Richard and Marjory Rasmussen celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on Sept. 17, 2013, with a quiet day at home in Livonia, Mich. They have been members of the Metropolitan (Mich.) Church for 57 years.

Richard H. Rasmussen and Marjory J. Taylor were married Sept. 17, 1942, in Battle Creek, Mich., by Elder Pingent. Richard was a financial manager for Chrysler Corporation for 32 years, retiring in March 1987. After that, he worked for the Metropolitan Church for 23 years,

retiring in March 2013. Marjorie was an office secretary for Ford Motor, University of Michigan and a psychiatrist's office (for 15 years). She also played organ and directed choirs for numerous Adventist and Sunday churches for 32 years, retiring in 1999.

The Rasmussen family includes Eric and Rhonda Rasmussen of Howell, Mich., and two granddaughters.

Obituaries

AUGSBURGER, Joyce P. (Pammel), age 93; born July 3, 1920, in Niles, Mich.; died Aug. 25, 2013, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Dan and Michel; daughter, Lydie Regazzi; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

BAILEY, Marcella A. (Dent), age 90; born Jan. 29, 1923, in Sherman City, Mich.; died Sept. 14, 2013, in Grandville, Mich. She was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard; son, Larry; daughters, Nancy Dykgraaf, Shirley Marsh and Denise Bugbee; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dan Rachor, and interment was in Grandville Cemetery.

CHARLES, Raymond E., age 72; born May 7, 1941, in Cassopolis, Mich.; died Sept. 14, 2013, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Survivors include his sister, Verdella Charles.

Graveside services were conducted by Don Dronen, and interment was in Dailey Cemetery, Cassopolis.

CHITTICK, Judith A. (Demmings), age 68; born Nov. 19, 1944, in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada; died Sept. 1, 2013, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; sons, George and Jeremy; daughters, Debbie Lorenz and Jennifer Powers; sister, Marylyn Miller; and six grandchildren.

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

DANCER, Naomi R. (Terzenbach), age 88; born April 25, 1925, in Los Angeles, Calif.; died July 23, 2013, in Newburgh, Ind. She was a member of the Evansville (Ind.) Westside Church.

Survivors include her sons, Larry and Adin; daughters, Carol Frey and Joy Atkins; brother, Orville Terzenbach; nine grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bob Lloyd, and interment was in Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa.

GROSSWILER, Carolyn (Combs), age 70; born Nov. 24, 1942, in Bloomington, Ind.; died June 21, 2013, in Marion, Ind. She was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include her ex-husband, Larry R.; son, Larry J.; daughters, Eva M. Burchard, Anna M. Stephens and Lisa M. Grosswiler; brother, James R. Combs; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Javier Joe Quiles, with private inurnment.

HAYS, Shannon M. (O'Mara) VanDevander Biggs, age 90; born Nov. 23, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Sept. 22, 2013, in Dayton, Tenn. She was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

Survivors include her sons, Robert H. Jr., John M. and David J. VanDevander; brothers, James and Richard O'Mara; eight grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Chris Massengill, and interment was in Greenhill Cemetery, Etowah, Tenn.

HUDSON, Byron R., age 55; born Oct. 20, 1957, in Nashville, Mich.; died July 24, 2013, in Holland, Mich. He was a member of the Hartford (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Amy C. (Clayton); daughters, Kate Diehl and Mindy Kissinger; mother, Barbara (Singleton) Hudson; brothers, Ivan, Morris and Harlin; and sisters, Patricia Greutz, Deniece Mellor and Dorothy Ackles.

Memorial services were conducted by Doug Clayton, Moise Raysara and Kenley Hall, with private inurnment, Coloma, Mich.

KAISER, Harry R., age 88; born Sept. 16, 1924, in North St. Paul, Minn.; died April 18, 2013, in Merrill, Wis. He was a member of the Merrill Church.

Survivors include his wife, Clara (Fender); daughter, Sally Dahl; sister, Ruth Kaiser; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Private services were held.

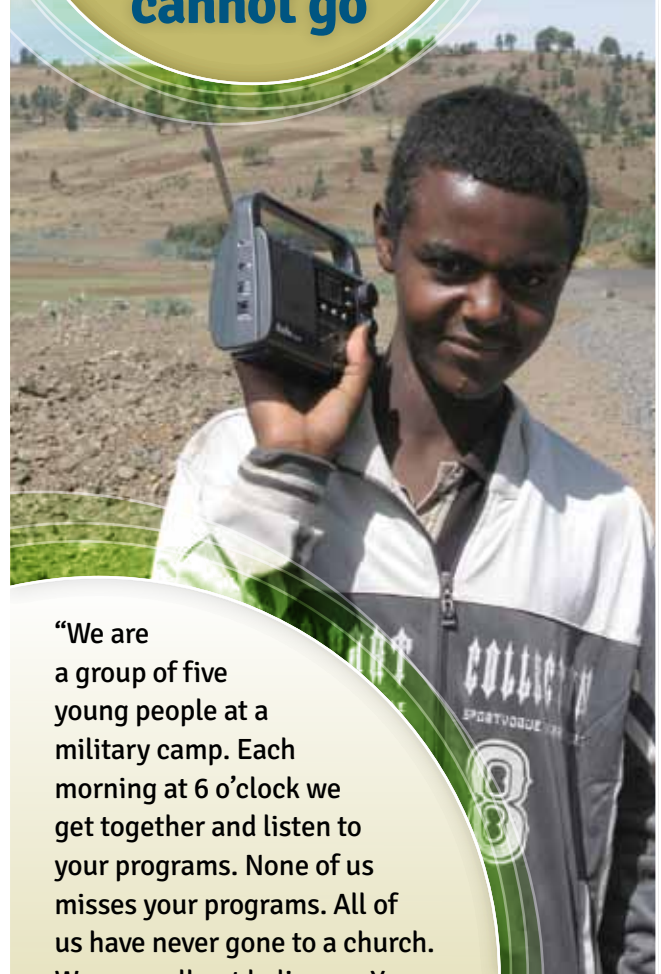
ROTHENBACH, John A., age 96; born Sept. 16, 1916, in Springfield, Mo.; died July 31, 2013, in Neilsville, Wis. He was a member of the Marshfield (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Joseph, John Jr., Peter and Donald; daughter, Mary Baker; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by David Scofield and James VanArsdale, and inurnment was in Rockton (Ill.) Cemetery.



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BY DIANE THURBER



Swift Arrow and Spotted Boy and the Comanche were two compelling books I read again and again as a young child. I was drawn to them to better understand the struggle of Indians to cohabit in their land with the arriving Europeans.

I also watched the gripping play, "Unto These Hills," in Cherokee, N.C., which dramatically portrayed the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who inhabited that region for thousands of years before the arrival of European settlers. I was appalled to learn the horror of the Trail of Tears which disbanded the Cherokee Nation, many at bayonet point, in a forced march of 1,000 miles to "Indiana Territory." Countless Cherokee died along the way or in internment camps. I thought of those who survived – my Cherokee ancestors, and

this poignant heritage influenced my life, thoughts and actions.

The Cherokee Nation is still "marching," with other displaced Indians, in a land that is not our home. This is why I strongly desire for my Church to partner with Jesus to touch the lives of all Indians. I want us to offer healing and hope of a better life. I long for the day when we are one, and see that *vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb* (Revelation 7:9 NLT).

Home at last... *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away* (Revelation 21:4 NIV).

Diane Thurber is the associate director of communication of the Lake Union Conference.

Let Go ... Let God

BY CHRISTINA LAMBERT

Two years ago my dad left his prosperous job as a military contractor in Germany to move back to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Dad's plan was to go back to college and get a degree that wouldn't require one to drive into a large metropolis each day as his other job had. He chose the medical laboratory technician field.

Dad successfully completed his schooling with honors. In the spring of 2013, through a series of events, the Lord showed us clearly it was time to move and find work elsewhere. We searched in the areas we wanted to go but, as a new graduate, no one seemed interested; the only choice was to look in areas we didn't particularly like. This was a struggle for me, at first, as I really had my heart set on specific areas such as northern Idaho, and to see my dad looking at areas such as Nebraska was a huge trial. Just put yourself in my shoes ... dry, flat areas or green, mountainous regions?

Whatever the case, I felt the Lord calling me to surrender myself and to let go and let Him be in control. Finally, after fighting and resisting, I realized that if God wanted me to go somewhere, I couldn't resist no matter how hard I tried. I chose to surrender, and it's amazing how my attitude changed. I was willing to go to Nebraska and be a "Corn Husker" if that's what God wanted me to do. I was actually kind of excited about it when they set up an interview; and let me tell you, that is not my "natural self."



Christina Lambert

At the "eleventh hour," 30 minutes before the Nebraska interview, we received news that my dad had a job offer in Kellogg, Idaho. I was elated! We arrived in Idaho in the middle of August, after traveling nearly 2,000 miles. The area is above my fondest imaginations. It is gorgeous. The views from the tall hills overlooking the valleys are breathtaking. The

Lord found us a place to rent with horse options, even though everyone in this valley said we couldn't. Beyond our backyard are thousands of National Forest acres to hike, ride my horse, and explore. I feel like I am on vacation here! God truly has given me the desires of my heart. It's not trial-free, of course, but every trial is made a bit easier when I surrender to Him.

Through this whole experience, I discovered that when I surrender I win. Yes, something much richer and better than my own plans was waiting. I encourage each person: Submit to God. Surrender. Let Him guide you. His plans are amazing. Let go.

Christina Lambert, 18, currently attends the Osburn Church in Idaho. She loves serving Jesus and the joy and happiness it entails. Christina plans to become a nurse.

Playing God

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us. —Ephesians 5:1, 2a NIV

Joe Mayor enjoys mission work of all kinds. The senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy has been on numerous mission trips and participates in ministries with his school. As a member of the Aerokhanas, GLAA's gymnastics team, Joe especially enjoys being in the team's "Who Is He?" play — a passion play-like drama about the death and resurrection of Christ. The team performs the play several times each year at different churches and academies. It includes characters like Peter, Judas and John, who each answer the question of who Jesus is to them.



Joe Mayor

When Joe was a sophomore, he portrayed the character of John. The following year, coach Tedd Webster asked if he would be Jesus. "Of course, I had to think and pray about it," recalls Joe. "Representing Jesus is different, and you have to try and portray Him the whole time. ... I didn't want to mess it up."

When he accepted the role, Joe took the part very seriously. At the team's first performance, he recalls praying a lot and counting on God to work through him.

"I had a really late night the night before and was tired but, at the end of the play, people told us how touched they were," recalls Joe. "I remember thinking to myself, 'There's God.'"

Besides his ministry with the Aerokhanas, Joe serves others overseas. In July, he went to Ecuador on his fourth mission trip. The Ultimate Workout sent Joe and 30-some other teenagers to finish a school building at their site. For two weeks, the group laid block and did construction in addition to holding worships and vacation Bible school for the locals.

"Mission work is really good for me and others, to have that experience of completely relying on God," he says. "On the other hand, the people are really appreciative and grateful for what we do. It's a very gratifying feeling."

This school year Joe continues his ministry with the Aerokhanas. He also serves in the academy's boys dormitory as the head resident assistant, and hopes to go on another mission trip in the near future.

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