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On June 30, 1964, pilot  
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## THIS WEEK

This week we took two scheduled articles out of the magazine in order to publish nearly two pages of Letters. Most readers probably do not realize that, although we schedule the content of each magazine at least one and one-half months before going to press, we keep our plans flexible in order to publish late-breaking news, special articles, and reports to the church. This issue is a case in point. The Letters editor asked for more space to publish letters before they became out of date. Since the staff believes that comments from our readers are among the most important items that we publish, two articles were "bumped" to provide space.

Kevin Wilfley, author of "Let's Stay Home This Week" (Family Living, p. 8), knows what he is talking about when he describes Sabbath morning in

homes with small children, because he and his wife have two preschoolers. Therefore, his comments about the necessity of going to church on Sabbath and how to make the day less stressful, especially for mothers, derive from practical experience.

Recently Religious News Service ran an item describing the parallels between the popular movie *E.T.* and the life of Jesus. After examining several of the parallels, the item commented that modern people "have largely rejected the idea of a real Saviour who comes to heal, perform wonders, and to give up His life for mankind—and then miraculously take it up again (as proof that good is stronger than evil, that life will triumph over death in the end.)

"Evidently there is still a need to believe (or at least long for) this 'myth' of a Saviour, for

we are continually inventing fantasy versions that are entertaining and less demanding than the real thing."

Kenneth H. Wood, in the editorial "Counterfeit *E.T.*" (p. 10) mentions another important parallel that Adventists can draw from the current interest in space and the popularity of motion pictures about extraterrestrial visitors.

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### Christ-centered

I enjoy the articles in the REVIEW. They are Christ-centered, and that is the way they should be.

I am a retired physician and surgeon. I used to take care of Jim Jones, his wife, family, and his church members. One day I asked Mrs. Jones what her church taught about Christ. She said, "We don't teach Christ in our church—we have something better." Now more than 900 members of her church are dead, having committed mass suicide in Jonestown.

A church centered in Christ will always be a strong and winning church. It is wonderful to be a part of a movement that puts Christ at the heart of all its teachings. PAUL KING MARSH  
Ukiah, California

### Forgotten?

Re "The Forgotten Third" (editorial, July 8).

Although I live alone, most of the time I am not really lonely. Nor do I feel neglected by church members. However, there are those who do and they really need to be understood in this regard.

I am glad the editorial stated that the sole purpose of church members or ministers should not be to find spouses for those who are single. This type of behavior embarrasses people and sometimes causes deep hurt. M. MARILYN BROWN  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Adventists are not by nature a people that are unfriendly and negligent, but sometimes one would think that we are. The big trouble is that all of us simply are too busy "doing our own thing."

I know what it means to be neglected by our own people. Now that I have reached the so-called "golden age"—I am close to 90—almost all my former friends are gone. And the younger people have their

own circle of friends. The elderly are an afterthought. Few people realize that they too will get old someday and their bosom friends will disappear. Some will suffer with ailments that "ground" them.

Here is a suggestion that all churches should implement. Have the social committee place a second book beside the visitors' register. Here anyone can enter the names and addresses of persons needing attention. Members could take note of these individuals and indicate by putting their initials by the name that they will do something about it.

NAME WITHHELD

### Weight control

I followed the plan outlined in "Weight Management in a Nutshell" (Health Capsule, July 8) and lost more than 50 pounds in ten months. I eat three meals of unrefined foods daily and I am never hungry.

I walk one hour (about three miles) every day. When I started I could walk only a half block with a cane for support.

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# Our vacation

By ARLENE FRANKLIN, as told to ELLA RUTH ELKINS

**“Lord, please use me in some way,” I prayed.  
His answer was amazing!**

It was a hot July morning as I loaded the last of our things into our 24-foot Dodge motor home. My husband was hooking up our 24-foot flatbed trailer, which we would be pulling behind. We both were excited about leaving, and I hurriedly gathered together our field glasses and cameras, while he gathered together his chains, handyman’s jacks, and the binder for our chains. He was very interested in antique cars, parts, pieces, and any remnants that he might find of the 1932-1934 Ford vintage on this trip.

By Tuesday evening we were in a large city in Nevada where there was to be a big antique-car show and exchange the next day. Our fresh fruit and vegetable supply was low, so I suggested we park somewhere near a shopping center where I could get supplies for the days just ahead. My husband agreed and decided to go shopping with me.

As we walked through the door, I breathed a silent prayer: “Lord, please use me in some way this evening, if it be Thy will.”

I gathered fresh fruit from the fruit department and then went over to the dairy section. A little old woman with a cane in her hand was bent over trying to get some cottage cheese. She would straighten up and then bend over again. She seemed to be having some sort of trouble.

I stepped closer. “Please, may I help you?”

“Oh!” she smiled weakly, “I seem to be having some trouble with my heart. Every time I bend over, I get awfully dizzy.”

I helped her get the carton of cottage cheese she needed and then asked, “Please, is there anything at all I can help you with?”

Tears came to her eyes, and she seemed sad. Then she said, “Well, yes. There is one thing. Could you help me find a Seventh-day Adventist? I just don’t know whom to contact or where to go.”

I felt as if my heart would jump right out of my chest as I answered, “Oh, dear friend, I am a Seventh-day Adventist!”

She dropped her cane and threw herself into my arms, tears streaming down her cheeks. Then she told me that when her aunt died, she had been called to go through her aunt’s personal effects. During the process she had found a box with two books in it—*The Great Controversy* and *Bible Readings for the Home*. In the flyleaf of each book was written a note

that said, “To whom it may concern: Study this book. Search with all your heart, for it contains eternal life.”

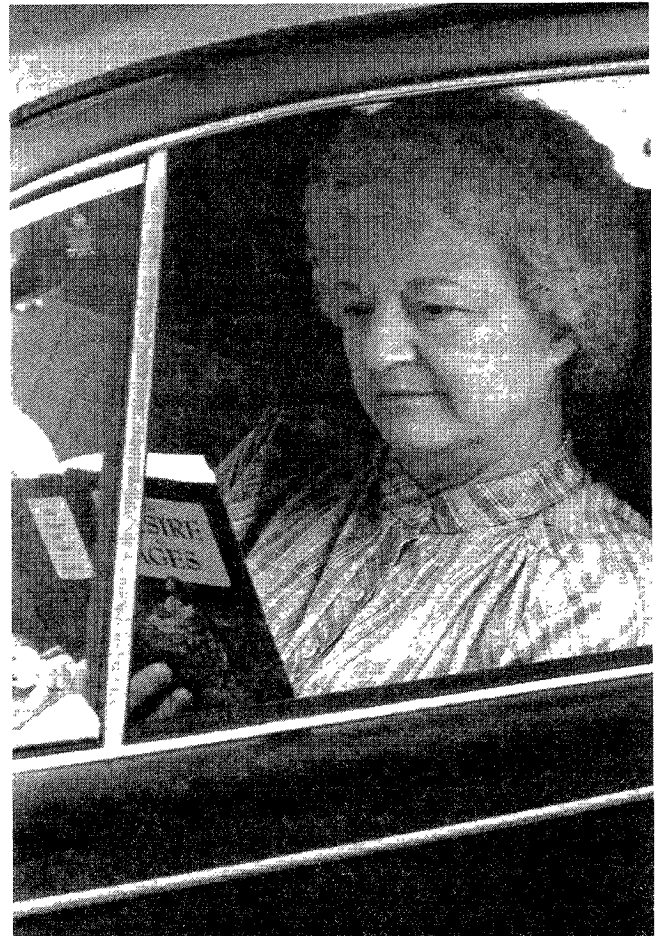
She regained her composure somewhat, but I could see that she was still burdened. I gave her a moment to catch her breath, and she continued, “I didn’t know anything of my aunt’s religion. But one thing I knew—when she said something, it was truth!”

She explained how she took the books and, searching sincerely and with prayer, found truth and Jesus Christ as her living Saviour.

She paused again to catch her breath and clutch at her heart. “But my doctor tells me that I need open heart surgery, and that even with the surgery I have only a small chance of recovery. He says I must have the surgery or die!”

Then she started to sob quietly again as she buried her head on my shoulder. “But I simply *can’t* have that surgery until I have been baptized!”

I comforted her as best I could, promising to put her in touch with someone in that town. I took her name, address, and telephone number and gave the information to an



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Adventist friend, who promised us that he would see that her wishes were fulfilled.

What a wonderful start to a vacation! "Use me again, Lord," I prayed. And He did!

Early the next morning we excitedly maneuvered our motor home and trailer toward the grounds where the antique show was to take place. Much to our delight, the guard at the entrance motioned us to the head of the line. We had been waiting about 15 hours to get into the official line to pull our motor home and heavily laden trailer into position. And now at last—we could hardly believe it! We were chosen to have *number one place* in line in preparation to pulling into the booth area for the old car sale and exchange meet!

After crossing a field behind a guide on a motorcycle, we parked. Seconds later a navy-blue Volkswagen pulled up and parked beside us. A little elderly woman sat at the wheel. We thought perhaps she was supposed to be helping in some way, as she had an orange flag tied to the antenna of her car. But when 12 o'clock came and passed and I had not seen her get out to do any type of business with any of the nearly 65,000 people being assigned parking spaces, we began to wonder, especially since she just sat and stared straight ahead.

### Lost for two days

Finally I went to her door and asked if she was helping, as I had noticed the orange flag on the radio antenna. She spoke sadly and said she had been lost for two days from her son and family who, like us, had a large motor home pulling a trailer loaded with old cars! There were tears in her eyes, and I assured her we would help her find them.

After taking care of food and drink for her, I said, "You need something to read, and I believe I have just the thing." So I hurried back to the motor home and found a copy of *The Desire of Ages* for her. She thanked me and began to read. Every once in a while we would look out our motor home window to check on her to see if her relatives had found her yet, and we would see her still reading. Evening drew on, and even after it grew dark, she continued to read, using a flashlight. Eventually when the batteries gave out, she laid down the book and curled up to sleep.

At dawn we could see her reading her book again. And she kept reading. Finally, she told my husband she would have to give the book back as she would be leaving soon.

"No way!" he told her. "You'll have to talk with my wife first!"

So I went to see if she needed something to eat before leaving. She turned to me with tears in her voice, telling me that, three months earlier, her grandson had been in an auto accident that had killed three of his friends. But he was spared though critically injured and in the hospital. She said he had begun to think of the miracle of his life being saved, and that when she went to visit him he had said, "Granny, get me books about Jesus. I want to know Him!"

Then she told me how for three weeks she had prayed to find a book she could take to her grandson! I could not allow her to return that book to me! We hugged each other, laughing and crying at the same time as we said goodbye.

I couldn't believe that this was the end of only our third day of vacation. What a time we were having!

Friday morning we were still at the car meet. It was rather

quiet, so I loaded my shoulder bag with *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages*. My husband gave me a reassuring kiss as I stepped out the door and into the huge crowd.

I began to whisper a prayer as I slipped in and out among the people. "Jesus, I don't want to waste these lovely books. But I do want to share them. Please lead me to someone who will gain the greatest benefit from them! I just trust You, Amen."

I came upon a man in a wheelchair. No, he was not interested. I walked on a while longer, but could not seem to find anyone who wanted what I had. The crowd was getting thicker and pushing and shoving. I seemed to be caught in a throng that led me a different way from what I had been planning to go. Or was it Jesus who was leading me?

After about two blocks, I came upon an old, white-haired man, shabby, unkempt, and lonely looking. I said to myself, "Oh no, Lord, not *him!*"

But then I remembered that I had asked Jesus to lead me, so I pushed the shoulder strap of the bag back into place and made my way through the parts and pieces that in the early 1920s had been someone's proud automobile.

I reached into my bag and offered the old man a copy of each book. I couldn't think of anything to say but finally muttered, "I would like to share two of my favorite books with you."

He reached out with his greasy, grimy hand and took the books. I started to hurry away.

"Come back! Oh, please come back!" he cried.

I turned. Tears were rolling down his cheeks, and his chin was trembling.

"Oh!" he cried. "Oh, thank God! Thank God you came at last!" He buried his face in his hands and sobbed bitterly.

I stood there, mouth agape. Him—expecting me? Why, I had never seen the man before!

He took a dirty, red, paisley-print handkerchief from his pocket and began to wipe away the tears and to blow his nose. Then he stood tall and straight and told me his story: "I was raised a Seventh-day Adventist. I had wonderful Christian parents. I went to Adventist church schools, academy, and college. When I was older, I began to have a great interest in antique cars. Then one of the church members told me he didn't think I could be a good Christian and still be involved in antique car sales. That really made me angry. I let it make me bitter; I felt the church was against me. That was 48 years ago, and I've never been back since. But oh! How I want to come back! I really want to be part of God's people!"

He paused to blow his nose again. "For three weeks now I have been praying and crying to Jesus to help me, lest I perish!" His lips began to tremble again.

We talked and prayed, and had sweet communion. Two hours later we were still talking, and again he buried his face in his hands and sobbed. But this time it sounded to me as if they were tears and sobs of joy! He seemed to have surrendered the bitter feelings to Jesus, as he said that, by the grace of God, he was going to come back to the church.

Once more he wiped his eyes and blew his nose, as he thanked me profusely for coming.

And as I walked back to the motor home I breathed a prayer of thanks to God. In ways altogether unforeseen He had made my vacation complete. □

# The character of the saints

By CARL COFFMAN

## Where perfect love exists, harmony with God's character is the delight of created beings.

After the devil's strong appeal for human allegiance in Revelation 13, and following God's call for loyalty and worship in Revelation 14:6-11, the three angels' messages conclude with these words: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). *The New International Version* reads, "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus."

The living saints in the closing days of time are called the 144,000 (verse 1). They are "redeemed" from the earth (verse 3), and are "blameless" (verse 5, N.I.V.). They have the Father's "name" in their foreheads (verse 1), and are sealed with "the seal of the living God" (chap. 7:2). Thus, we have pictured in these chapters not only the strong appeals of God and Satan for people's allegiance, worship, and loyalty, but the identifying marks of the two groups—the seal of God or the mark of the beast. Through all of the terrible deceptions of Satan near the close of time, those who would be God's saints must patiently endure. But their reward will be glorious.

What is the seal of God? Revelation 14:9-11 describes the awfulness of receiving the mark of the beast. In the previous article in this series we saw that the mark is given near the close of time to all who, having seen clearly the issue of God's true Sabbath and a changed day of worship, pledge their allegiance to the opposers of God. The seal of God is the counterpart of the mark of the beast. "The Sabbath is a sign of creative and redeeming power; . . . it . . . witnesses to God's purpose to re-create us in His own image."—*Education*, p. 250. "The Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 640.

Three other insights into the meaning of the seal are important. First, the seal is described as "a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they [God's people] cannot be moved" (*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 4, p. 1161). Truly, the saints patiently endure. Second, they know how to love. "Those who love God, have the seal of God in their foreheads, and work the works of God."—*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 51. "He who has the love of God in his heart has no enmity against the law of God, but renders willing obedience to all His commandments, and this constitutes Christianity."—*Ibid.* Third, those who are sealed have characters

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acceptable to God. "The seal of the living God will be placed upon those only who bear a likeness to Christ in character."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 7, p. 970. "The law of God, which is perfect holiness, is the only true standard of character."—*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 51.

In summary, the sealed have accepted the Christ of the everlasting gospel. He has created within them the ability to love—to love Him (Matt. 22:37), others (John 13:34, 35), and His truth (2 Thess. 2:10). They are securely settled into that truth and have proved their loyalty to their Lord in very difficult times. Their characters are Christlike, and by the indwelling power of His grace and Spirit and the motivation of love (John 14:15) they obey His commandments, including the "test" commandment of the last days—the seventh-day Sabbath.

No wonder that Christ's revelation to John of the last message to the human race before the end of its probation closes with the emphasis on God's commandments and faithfulness to Jesus. It points to the need for a true Christian character, which is developed only within a lasting, personal relationship. It show what it is to be "like him" so that one can "see him as he is" "when he shall appear" (1 John 3:2). When we have permitted Christ to reproduce within us His image, we will have no fear of a face-to-face meeting with Him.

## The work of transformation is accomplished by the working of God's indwelling grace.

The saints "keep the commandments of God." It is unfortunate that many understand, and teach, the Ten Commandments only in terms of what to do and not to do, rather than what the law really is—a revelation to all created beings, unfallen and fallen, of what God is. Ellen White wrote, "In the law every specification is the character of the infinite God."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 1, p. 1104. She also said that if God could have abolished the commandments, as millions believe He did, He "might just as well have abolished Himself" (*ibid.*). The principles included in the Ten Commandments are a portrayal of the transformed character of God's saints. It is not only a question of what they do, or refrain from doing, but a picture of what they are. As God is the law, the character of saints ready for our Lord's coming is the law as well. And the work of transformation is accomplished by the working of God's indwelling grace.

We can illustrate this concept by the use of the sun. When we think of the sun, we inseparably include heat and light. When we think of God, we inseparably include law (love) and grace (mercy). Christ, during His life on earth, told



Philip: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). The principles of the Ten Commandments were the very ingredients of Christ's life. When a sinner becomes a saint, it is the same. He has put on Christ's robe of righteousness because of his faith, resulting in conformity to the Ten Commandments, which are a transcript of the character of the infinite God.

"The law of God, from its very nature, is unchangeable. It is a revelation of the will and the character of its Author. God is love, and His law is love. Its two great principles are love to God and love to man. . . . The character of God is righteousness and truth; such is the nature of His law. . . . In the beginning, man was created in the image of God. He was in perfect harmony with the nature and the law of God; the principles of righteousness were written upon his heart. But sin alienated him from his Maker. He no longer reflected the divine image. His heart was at war with the principles of God's law. . . . But 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,' that man might be reconciled to God. Through the merits of Christ he can be restored to harmony with his Maker. His heart must be renewed by divine grace; he must have a new life from above. This change is the new birth. . . . In the new birth the heart is brought into harmony with God, as it is brought into accord with His law.'"—*God's Amazing Grace*, p. 20.

Have you ever considered the fact that it is because there are love problems that there are law problems? Solve the love

problem, and the law problem will cease to exist. Go back to the time when holy angels had never witnessed what we today call "sin." This would be previous to the time when Lucifer sinned and led multitudes of holy angels to sin (2 Peter 2:4). If sin is known only where there is law (Rom. 4:15), then we would rightly conclude that the angels were under law from their very creation by God. But was it a problem for them? "When Satan rebelled against the law of Jehovah, the thought that there was a law came to the angels almost as an awakening to something unthought of."—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 109. Why? Because they loved perfectly, and where there is perfect love, harmony with God's character is the delight of His created.

Likewise, Adam and Eve at their creation, and before they sinned, loved perfectly. Were they governed by God's law? Were they aware of it? If we take the line of reasoning that death existed from Adam to Moses (chap. 5:14), that death exists where there is sin (chap. 6:23), and that sin is the result of transgressing law (1 John 3:4; Rom. 4:15), then we would say that they were aware of, and were governed by, God's Ten Commandments. But their affections were pure (see *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 45). Thus, there were no love problems and no law problems. Ellen White summarizes: "Adam and Eve, at their creation, had a knowledge of the law of God. It was *printed on their hearts*, and they understood its claims upon them."—*The SDA Bible*

## INVITATION TO BIBLE STUDY

# High cost of forgiveness

By ROSALEE HAFFNER LEE

### 1. How much did God's forgiveness cost Him?

*John 3:16*—God suffered with His Son as He came down and bore in His own body the penalty for our sins. The cost of our redemption is beyond computation.

### 2. Why do we need God's forgiveness?

*Romans 3:23*—All have sinned and come short of God's glory.

All people suffer from guilt. Some guilt is self-imposed by society around us or by our own emotional feelings. Then there is that guilt that summons us before the judgment seat of God. Nothing except the grace of God can free us of that.

### 3. When the palsied man

came to Jesus for healing, what did Jesus offer him instead?

*Matthew 9:2*—Jesus pronounced his sins forgiven. This was a need deeper and more urgent than his need for physical healing. Forgiveness brought healing to both his soul and body.

### 4. Why did not Jesus forgive the Pharisees as He forgave poor sinners and publicans?

*Matthew 9:12, 13*—The Pharisees felt no need for forgiveness. They were righteous in their own eyes but were really worse off than the sinners they despised.

### 5. What two blessings of the new covenant are promised to believers?

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*—A new heart and forgiveness.

God calls Himself husband to Israel. The Israelites had proved unfaithful to their covenant vows, yet He was willing to forgive them and accept them back into covenant relationship, regardless of the sacrifice.

### 6. If God's forgiveness has been offered so generously, at such a high cost to Himself, why do not more people accept this gift?

*Luke 7:36-50*—Only those who feel their need are ready for the gift.

### 7. What should be our attitude toward those who sin against us?

*Matthew 6:12, 14, 15*—Forgive and ye shall be forgiven.

### 8. How many times must we forgive others?

*Matthew 18:21, 22*—The story Jesus told in verses 23-35 emphasizes how little we have to forgive in comparison to how much we have been forgiven.

### 9. In what spirit should we forgive others?

*Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13*—We must be willing to forgive even as Christ forgave.

### 10. What is the condition for receiving forgiveness?

*1 John 1:9*—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful . . . to forgive."

*James 5:15, 16*—"Confess your faults one to another."

### 11. What blessings will follow our acceptance of forgiveness?

*Psalms 32:1-5; 51:10-14*—Blessed—happy—is the forgiven person. He experiences the joy of salvation—a free spirit. He will want to share with others, to teach them the way of salvation. He will be filled with a spirit of gratitude.

God's forgiveness brings healing to our souls. It frees us from the bitterness and hostilities that lie deep within us. It cleanses us from anger and malice toward those who have hurt us. Then, as the healing balm of His love begins to flow through us, it will reach out to others. We will forgive them as we sense how much we have been forgiven.

Commentary, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 1, p. 1104. (Italics supplied.)

The saints again will “keep the commandments of God.” This they can do only when they come into such total and continual exposure to the sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary that they find themselves able to love again. They love, and they reflect what they behold. They obey *because* they love. The commandments are then written in their hearts (Heb. 8:10), as they were in the hearts of the holy angels and in the hearts of Adam and Eve. With the saints also, obedience is “delight” (Ps. 40:8). When we say that the remnant “keep the commandments of God” (Rev. 12:17) and that only commandment keepers enter the gates of God’s Holy City (chap. 22:14), we are simply saying that God’s last true followers on earth, those He will eventually save, are like Him—loving, pure, honest, loyal, truthful, and trustworthy. They are worshipers in the full sense.

### A hedge against evil

But what if God’s perfect people whom He put on this earth had not yielded to Satan’s temptation? We know that God’s law is eternal: “As it has existed from the beginning, so will it continue to exist throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.”—*Ibid.* But what purpose would it serve, other than to reveal to us the principles of God’s perfect character? And what about in the new earth, and into the endless future called eternity?

Let’s go back to Adam and Eve. “The law was placed around . . . [them] as a safeguard.”—*Ibid.*, p. 1084. Ellen White elaborates this protective function of the law: “In obedience to God’s law, man is surrounded as with a *hedge* and kept from the evil. He who breaks down this divinely erected barrier at one point has destroyed its *power to protect him*. . . .

“By venturing to disregard the will of God upon one point, our first parents opened the floodgates of woe upon the world. And every individual who follows their example will reap a similar result.”—*Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 52. (Italics supplied.) In the time of Moses and Israel, the law had the same purpose: “They were *hedged about* by the precepts of His law, and the *everlasting principles* of truth, justice, and purity. Obedience to these principles was to be their protection, for it would save them from destroying themselves by sinful practices.”—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 18. (Italics supplied.)

What a wonderful God! He revealed the principles of His character, His love, what it was like to be like Him—to allow His created beings to enjoy the perfect happiness that is His. Also, He gave us a hedge, a safeguard, protection, from all the misery that He knew sin would bring. God did not want men and women to experience the curses—the many, many curses—of sin.

Our wonderful God opens the door of forgiveness through Christ. Then He leads us into such a relation to His commandments that we again have a hedge, a safeguard, protection, from all the miseries of the human race. And the Holy Spirit is given to enable us to enjoy His presence. Thus, we become “saints,” and are able to love. And lovers have no law problems. Then God can take us home, to live joyfully with Himself, the great Lawgiver. □

*To be concluded*

## FOR THE YOUNGER SET

### Nail scars

By VIRGINIA HANSEN

It was worship time. Robbie prayed: “Dear Jesus, please forgive me for not coming when Mommy called me yesterday. I did hear her call and I’m sorry I didn’t come.”

Mother and Dad were pleased to hear Robbie’s prayer. They had hoped he would want to be a good, obedient, and helpful boy.

Robbie did want to be a good boy, but he forgot so easily. He heard his mother calling, but he didn’t always come when he should. He meant to be good, but then he just forgot.

Finally, his daddy and mother decided something must be done to help Robbie. So at worship time one evening Daddy brought out a hammer and nails of all sizes and a small, smooth board.

Daddy knew that Robbie loved to pound nails, so he handed him the board, hammer, and nails and said, “Robbie, will you take these outside and pound the nails into the board?”

Robbie smiled and soon had the nails pounded into the board.

Happily he presented the nail-studded board to Daddy, wondering, just a little, what it had to do with worship.

“Nice work, son. You did a good job. Now will you please pull them all out?”

Surprised, Robbie soon had all the nails pulled out.

“Now what?” he wanted to know.

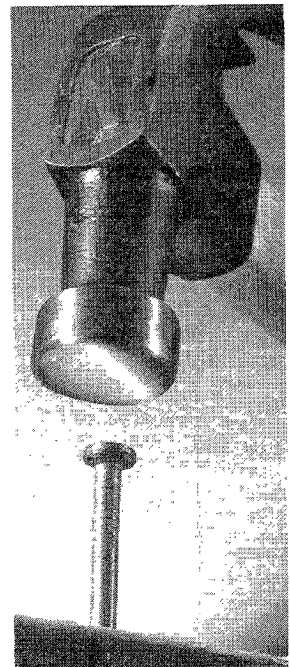
Daddy smiled. “I want you to do one more thing. Please pull all the holes out and bring me the board all nice and smooth.”

“But Daddy,” Robbie stammered, “you can’t pull holes out, can you?”

Daddy looked earnestly and lovingly into Robbie’s eyes.

“No, Robbie, you can’t pull nail scars out of a board, just as you can’t forget the scars that sins leave in the hands of Jesus. God forgives our sins, son, when we ask Him, but sin leaves scars. We must change our selfish disobedience into loving cooperation, so we won’t make more scars and have to ask for forgiveness time after time. Like coming when Mommy calls . . .”

Robbie understood the message Daddy intended. When he was tempted not to come when he was called he remembered that sin made scars in the hands of Jesus, and he came right away.



# Let's stay home this week

## Instead of making our children the excuse for missing church, let's make them the reason why we attend.

By KEVIN WILFLEY

There can be no greater privilege than raising small children. "The presence of a child in a home sweetens and refines. A child brought up in the fear of the Lord is a blessing."—*The Adventist Home*, p. 160.

But the task of child care is also a responsibility that brings many frustrations, especially when one has specific ideas about spiritual training. It often is a tedious and nerve-racking job.

Mother watches her brood constantly and does her best to make sure everyone is clean, healthy, happy, and even holy. This duty, if carried out conscientiously, is a full-time job. Seldom does she have any free time to call her own. Even when the children are blessedly asleep, her time is often consumed with mending, ironing, cooking, and so on. And just when she thinks she will be able to sew that new dress, or paint that picture, or anything else that brings her pleasure, the baby wakes up early, or some new duty presents itself to be attended to. Then when Friday night comes and the children are asleep, all she wants to do is collapse and get a good night's rest before the Sabbath-morning rush.

When she awakes on Sabbath, the first sound to greet her ears is "Maaaaama," and the race begins. She has children to change and dress, herself to dress, a meal to fix, hair to comb, shoes to tie, diaper bags to stuff, and . . . off to Sabbath school, maybe. But let's suppose she gets to Sabbath school. The first thing she has to do is go to the restroom and wash off her dress where the baby had an accident. When she finally gets the children settled in their seats for Sabbath school, she next has to keep them from destroying the decorations in the room or fighting with the children next to them. After Sabbath school is over and all the excitement is through, her husband comes and asks, "Shall we stay for church?" Mother looks down at her little ones still full of life and says, "Are you joking? What's the use?" And no one can really blame her.

*Kevin Wilfley was a Seminary student at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, when he wrote this article.*

But I feel there are strong reasons why an overworked, overstrained pair of parents should stay for church.

1. The children need to form a churchgoing habit. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). The older a person gets, the more difficult it becomes to change habits or begin new ones. If you want your children to love God and worship Him, now—while they are most impressionable—is the time to begin.

2. Children need to learn to reverence the things of God. When God rebuked Eli for the irreverence of his sons, Hophni and Phinehas, He made reference to the fact that Eli "restrained them not" (1 Sam. 3:13). The Lord expects us to train our children to respect Him and those who represent Him. And it is this very thing that makes taking our children to church so hard at times. They are so wiggly and noisy, as children are, and do not always realize why they should be quiet. But little by little, children may come to realize that church time is holy time, a time to be respected, if parents encourage them to be quietly respectful in God's house. But they cannot learn this reverence if they are not there in church to learn it.

3. Children need to associate with one another in a religious setting. No matter how old we are, we all are affected by peer pressure. I can remember seeing other children taken out and punished for not being quiet in church, and I decided I would not be one of them! Also, it is much easier to do something when you realize that everyone else has to do it too. When children see their friends sitting quietly in church, it is much easier for them, too. The idea of sharing Jesus with others should be cultivated when we are young, or we may never feel comfortable with it when we are older.

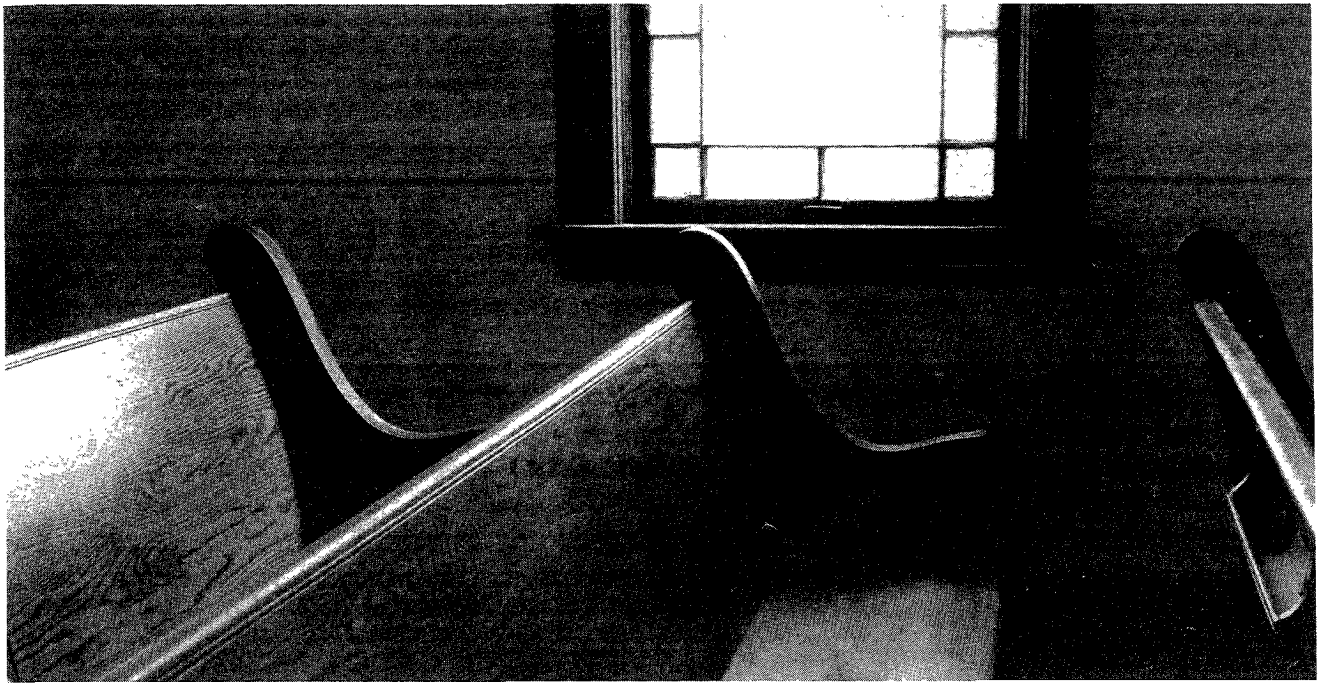
### By words and deeds

4. Parents need to set a good example for their children. It has been pointed out that children learn not only by words but by example. Children will respect God and church not because you *say* they should, but because you *do*. If your children see you criticizing others, despising the Sabbath, and restless in church (if you go), they will be much more likely to follow your example toward the things of God, and in addition they will be critical of you, despise your standards, and be restless under your authority.

5. Parents cannot afford to get out of the churchgoing habit: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). People who become backsliders gradually stop pursuing the habits of personal devotion and church attendance. We cannot afford to allow ourselves to form a negative attitude toward the time we spend in worship, both private and public. Eventually it could mean our salvation, because we will have cut ourselves off from God.

6. Parents need fellowship with other parents. "Let us





consider one another to provoke unto love and good works" (verse 24). One man has said, "Friendship starts at that moment when one person says to the other, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one . . .'" We all need to realize that others have the same struggles that we do. We need to learn what others do to cope. Just sharing makes it easier to ride out our problems. I long ago learned that my children are not unusual—or if they are, then there are many others that are unusual also! We as parents need to encourage and help one another. I believe that Sabbath school and church are good places to do this. We need one another.

7. God will bless us just for being there. Never mind that we have not heard the past 40 sermons. Never mind the unkind remarks and looks of others. By coming to church, we are making a public testimony to others and to God that we love Him enough to put up with the inconveniences, and I believe God will reward our faithfulness. Besides, there seldom has been a time when my wife and I did not remember something that was said during a sermon, even though our children distracted us. To come faithfully, even under these circumstances, is an act of worship.

In addition to these reasons for attending church, a few things can be done to make church more enjoyable and less burdensome.

Husbands may make church more pleasant for their families by helping their wives during the week. Many small tasks, such as folding clothes, reading a story to the children, or taking them for a walk will lighten the wife's burdens. Washing the dishes, giving the children a bath, changing their diapers, fixing a meal—helping with these duties will make the mother feel more like taking on Sabbath responsibilities.

Church also will be more enjoyable if we make time for devotions during the week. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). It is a law of life that the things we spend our time with are the things we cherish. If we spend time with God, we will cherish Him. We

will want to please Him and worship Him. Worshiping on Sabbath will be more beneficial if we have worshiped Him through the week. And daily devotions will draw the family closer together like the spokes on a wheel.

In church, husbands can help their wives share the burden of the little ones during services. This is not always possible, but it should be done at every opportunity. If one parent has to leave the sanctuary for a while, let it be the husband for a change. If the wife is able to hear a sermon once in a while, church will seem more worth the time. It is unfair for the wife to bear all the responsibility while the husband sits in church.

Make church fun for the children. Take things to church that they will enjoy—books that they like, and quiet toys such as pens and paper, and pictures. But I would like to encourage everyone to make their Sabbath toys as oriented toward God as possible to stay in harmony with the principles of the day. Also, the toys used on Sabbath should be used only on that day so as to make the day even more special.

God meant the Sabbath to be a day of rest, not turmoil. He never intended Sabbath and the church service to be looked upon with dread. We dishonor God when we hold such a view.

Next Sabbath when you have to change your child's clothes for the third time and your own for the second, when you realize you haven't heard a thing the preacher has said, when you remember you forgot to plug in the crockpot for the day's lunch in your rush to get to Sabbath school, or when you have to walk out of the sanctuary *again*, remember that God is honored by your presence and appreciates what you are going through to worship Him. Remember that the reason you are there is to instill in yourself and in your children love and reverence for God.

Instead of making our children the excuse for missing church, let's make them the reason why we attend. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). □

## Counterfeit E. T.

Intense interest in space and supernatural beings has been evident in the world during the past few years. Ever since the first Sputnik was launched in 1957, human beings have talked about the possibility of space travel. Whenever possible they have watched, awestruck, as each enormous rocket has bolted heavenward with its cargo of astronauts or cosmonauts, and they have sighed with relief and wonder as the spaceships have returned to earth gently and precisely on schedule after completing their flight.

Motion pictures and TV programs have capitalized on the interest in space and the possibility of visits by beings from other worlds. First there was *Star Trek*, then *Star Wars*, then *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. More recently there has been *E.T.* (Extra Terrestrial), which has been breaking numerous box-office records.

Does this phenomenon have any particular significance to Bible students? We think so, although we prefer not to be overly dogmatic about it. In our view the great deceiver is preparing the way for his counterfeit of Christ's second coming.

Decades ago, before the advent of the space age, human beings would have resisted—perhaps even rejected—the idea of extra-terrestrial beings appearing on earth. No longer. Today the idea seems quite natural. Thus, if a being should appear and declare himself to be Christ, few people in the world would be overly startled. Perhaps most would consider both his appearing and claims quite credi-

ble. But Jesus warned: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he [Christ] is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not" (Matt. 24:24-26).

Since most people will in all likelihood feel quite comfortable with the idea that an E. T. has appeared on earth, Satan will proceed to provide support for his claim that he is Christ. He will "manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 624). He will heal diseases. And he will present "some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered" (*ibid.*).

### Two things are wrong

Not being thoroughly grounded in the teachings of Scripture, millions of people will be deceived. But two things will make it clear to Bible students that this E. T. is Satan, not Christ. First, the manner of his coming is wrong. Instead of coming "as the lightning [which] cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west" (verse 27); instead of coming "in his own [Christ's] glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:26); instead of descending "from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" and raising the dead (1 Thess. 4:16); this impostor will appear quietly, in various places, perhaps at first even relying chiefly on the news media to attract attention. "Satan is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Christ's advent. . . . This coming there is no possibility of counterfeiting. It will

be universally known—witnessed by the whole world."—*Ibid.*, p. 625.

Second, Satan blesses "the worshipers of the beast and his image, the very class upon whom the Bible declares that God's unmingled wrath shall be poured out."—*Ibid.*

To us it seems quite evident that Satan is laying the groundwork for his final attempt to deceive the world. "Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only?"—*Ibid.*

K. H. W.

## The poor get richer

On August 15 the World Bank issued its fifth annual "World Development Report." Its purpose was to evaluate the shifting economic fortunes of various nations and regions. What makes the report of special interest to Adventists is that any economic change, no matter where, is likely to affect our church to a degree unmatched by other Christian bodies, for Seventh-day Adventists are at work in almost every nation, and our belief in a unified world church rather than a coalition of national churches makes us singularly vulnerable to economic shifts, wherever they may occur.

The report shows that economic recession, rather than being simply a problem in North America, is a worldwide phenomenon. So interwoven is the network of the world's industries that a weakness in one

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place sends ripples, or sometimes massive waves, elsewhere.

Despite the sluggish performance of industry, the study shows a heartening upturn in one major section—food production. Throughout the world, with the notable exception of Africa, per capita supplies of food continue to rise, easing the cruel blows of starvation. In certain well-favored lands, especially North America, Argentina, and Australia, large oversupplies of basic foodstuffs are driving prices to levels of the 1950s, threatening the continued survival of family farms.

This development brings to mind the dire predictions of some in the 1960s, who like prophets of doom, foresaw in chorus a Malthusian disaster by 1980 as the world's exploding population raced ahead of food supplies. This forecast was, for example, a major theme in the broadcasts of the Armstrongs—father and son, who claimed to base their detailed predictions on prophecy. How ironic it is that the decade of the 80s marks the first time in many years when food production begins to approach world need.

Developing agricultural technology and the spread of modern methods of production have carried their benefits in all directions. We are pleased that at least in a limited way, the Seventh-day Adventist system of schools around the world, and to a lesser degree our direct agricultural self-help programs, have contributed to the decline of hunger. It is far better to teach the hungry how to develop local resources than to continue to support them indefinitely on a gift basis. In addition, the self-help approach both builds a wholesome self-reliance and enables those who were once needy to become contributors to the needs, both physical and spiritual, of others.

According to the World Bank "Report," many of the poorest nations continue to make minimal industrial improvement; however, the so-called middle-income countries (those with annual per capita incomes above US\$410) are witnessing the near disappearance of absolute poverty. Examples of such nations include the Philippines, Camaroon, and Bolivia, where the narrowing of the gap between the rich and poor is significant.

Although Seventh-day Adventists understand that dire circumstances—including famine—will afflict major portions of humanity in the tumultuous times ahead, we rejoice in the good news that for the present, fewer and fewer of God's children must lie down at night wrenched by gnawing hunger. The religion of Jesus Christ forever keeps us sensitive to human suffering and moves us to provide relief in the wisest possible manner.

We are pleased also that the growth reported by the World Bank means a strengthening of the financial foundation that undergirds our institutions in many lands. As this base grows, it will make possible the planting of new work in areas peopled by hundreds of millions, among whom there is still no Adventist witness.

Our vision of the Adventist work is that of a truly international movement, not a North American church with colonial-style missions. Economic growth among the believers in widespread parts of the earth will bring to the worldwide church a mighty strength to hasten the proclamation of Christ's return to "all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" (Rev. 7:9).

G. W. R.

## The "trendiest" of businesses

Aware that Braniff Airlines and other businesses, large and small, have filed for bankruptcy in the past few months, we were surprised to read in a recent Religious News Service release of one business that is healthier than ever—the religious bookstore.

"The trendiest of businesses these days is the religious bookstore, and the Bible in a variety of editions and formats is the hottest item in it," writes William Griffin, religious books editor for the publishing-industry trade magazine *Publishers Weekly*.

Where is the best place to operate a Christian bookstore? According to Mr. Griffin, "Any place where factories have been closed and people are out of work. When bread from the grocery store is threatened, people turn to spiritual nourishment in the religious bookstore. Sales in Pontiac and Detroit and in central Indiana are running 20 percent ahead of last year."

We think this information should be of interest to those who are selling our church-produced literature and those who distribute it in their witnessing activities. People so willing to pay for spiritual food deserve to be supplied with the very best—and we know of none better than that published by our church.

As a people we have followed the counsel we have been given to publish "books that teach the doctrines of the Bible and that will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 61. Now that this spiritual feast has been prepared, it must be taken to where the hungry

are. We are being unrealistic if we think they are going to flock to our book centers for a product they know nothing about. But how important it is to take it to them via our bookmobiles, door-to-door, on street corners, or whatever ways are most effective.

Mr. Griffin suggests opening a religious bookstore in order to survive recession and inflation and to prosper during hard times. We

agree that a profit is not undesirable. Publishing workers' salaries need to be paid and our publishing houses must be maintained and expanded. But our church's goals go far beyond that: "In the work of scattering our publications, we can speak of a Saviour's love from a warm and throbbing heart. God alone has the power to forgive sins; if we do not speak this message to the unconverted, our neglect may

prove their ruin. . . . The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?"—*Ibid.*, p. 63.

J. R. F.

## LETTERS Continued from page 2

I drink at least eight glasses of water daily between meals.

The best news is that I have maintained my ideal weight for seven months with no effort.

I am 58 years old and have been overweight most of my adult life. I have tried and been tried by dozens of diets, but I never had real success until I followed God's principles for good health. **LORINE TADEJ**  
Sumner, Washington

### Shocking

Re: "The Sense of Shock" (July 8, 1982).

The editorial makes a statement about Simon the sorcerer that is contradicted by a quotation from Ellen White's book *Sketches From the Life of Paul*, page 328, published in 1883. In this quotation it would appear that Simon Magus remained a wicked man. The Biblical account says nothing about his repentance, but that he prayed that Peter would use his intercession to spare him the predicted judgments.

**MARIE HANSEN**  
Brewster, Washington

■ *Reader Hansen is correct. Although the Scriptures say that Simon asked Peter to pray for him, his repentance apparently was not genuine. Ellen White says: "He [Peter] had made himself especially obnoxious to the authorities by his zeal and success in exposing the deceptions and defeating the plots of Simon Magus the sorcerer, who had followed him to Rome to oppose and hinder the work of the gospel. Nero was a believer*

*in magic, and had patronized Simon. He was therefore greatly incensed against the apostle, and was thus prompted to order his arrest."*—The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 6, pp. 1056, 1057.

### Preventing divorce

Re "A Major Cause of Many Divorces" (July 22).

I am grateful for parents and conscientious teachers who made prominent the counsels of Ellen White before I entered into a serious relationship with a young man. I know of many other couples who sought to carry out her counsels in their courtship and today they have stable, solid, and happy homes.

**ELLEN BUTLER**  
Lake Hughes, California

### Hypnotism

Thank you for the timely reminder ("Hypnotism," editorial, July 15) that hypnotism should be shunned for the reasons given. In spite of near-miraculous relief from pain, reduction of stress, increase of recall, and its substitution for anesthesia, this apparent panacea brings concomitant mental and spiritual dangers.

In the middle 1970s a study committee of Seventh-day Adventist psychologists, psychiatrists, and educators was assigned by the General Conference Department of Education to re-explore aspects of psychology, and the 1977 Annual Council voted to endorse its findings.

A brief summary of that committee's findings, entitled

"Seventh-day Adventist Concepts of Psychology," which appears in the General Conference Education Department's Leaflet HE011578, deserves the attention of Adventist professionals. Page 14 of the document says: "Any practice or modality that would lessen man's capacity for self-determination violates the Creator's intention." The document then lists 12 ways in which control may be exerted; one of these is hypnotism.

Following the list the document states: "The common denominator in all of these is the heightening of suggestibility and the reduction of the individual's capacity to make responsible choices.

"It is a task of Christian psychologists to assist in restoring and protecting the image of God in man while helping people to maintain their individuality and their freedom to make independent choices in their lives."

**GARLAND MILLET**  
Colton, California

### Timid

"My Answered Prayer" (July 29) made me feel sad, and I determined to watch for visitors and endeavor to make them feel welcome and appreciated.

But I would say to the author, You had been praying for your daughter and her husband, and God worked a miracle to help answer your prayers for them. He impressed them that they needed divine help to rear their child, and impressed you and your husband to take them to church. He impressed the min-

ister to ask, "Have you had any prayers answered today?" Why did you not raise your hand and say, "Yes, and I would like to tell you about it after the service"?

But you were timid and failed to take the initiative to get acquainted after the service. Ask God to give you another opportunity to take your dear ones to church, and after the service introduce yourself and family to some who appear to be leaders and tell them your burden. Surely you will get a warm response.

May God bless your dear ones and guide them into His fold. And may your experience arouse us all to be more thoughtful about making our visitors welcome and blessed.

**EDWARD HOEHN**  
Angwin, California

When I take visitors to church, I call friends prior to attending and tell them I'll be there with visitors and to please show an interest in the strangers. This invariably works.

**NONNIE LONNIE**  
Portland, Oregon

### Singles

Many thoughts came to mind in response to the editorial "The Forgotten Third" (July 8).

The editor must have struggled often with one of our questions, How can we understand and help without seeming to condescend? More specifically, Can't we please talk about singles without so much emphasis on descriptions like "lonely," "unsatisfied," "forgotten," "tragic," and

"needy"? We believe the editor intended to encourage impartial love among the church family. We appreciate that. Yet, what the editorial tells us to do is remember the needy, forgotten single segment. That raises our second question.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could let church members "categorize" themselves by such things as common goals, complementary personalities, and shared skills or talents. Not all males in the congregation that wear size 11D shoes have blue eyes. Neither do all singles in the congregation have a great deal in common with one another.

What we are wishing for is a kind of impartial, self-giving love even if it is frightening. It is probably the kind of love that would extend hospitality to a stranger, the kind that causes families to include others—single or married.

What if all our families were strong enough to reach out to anyone in the entire church community? And what if all our singles were free—neither sacrificing integrity nor being oppressed by suspicion? Then just imagine what genuine, natural fellowship the church family could have. People could enjoy all those people with whom they have a great deal in common—not just the married or single ones of them. If that seems too idealistic to happen this side of heaven, then must we continue to improvise with hurtful segregation? Or can we move toward the goal?

BOB and DIANE FORSYTH  
College Place, Washington

### Doctrine of perfect assurance

The two articles on "The Sanctuary and Assurance" (July 15, 22) remind me that I am searching for a clear statement of belief from someone on the doctrine of perfect assurance. Among our varied teachers, speakers, and writers the basis exists for such a statement.

At times we do some beautiful sidestepping when confronted with the issue of salvation. But we should not. "The acceptance of the Saviour

brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love, perfect assurance."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 420. The plan of salvation is perfect, albeit we are not. The plan of salvation is simple; we make it complex. God cannot fail in His provision for salvation.

Great peace entered my life after studying Ephesians 1:13, 14, which states we are sealed with the "holy Spirit of promise" after believing in Christ. That is not once saved, always saved. Ephesians 4:30 warns that the seal can be broken. But what assurance!

I want to know and show that "glow of perfect . . . assurance." G. THOMAS WHITE  
Sullivan, Missouri

### Author responds

In response to the letter "Literature Evangelism" (July 22), I feel that something should be said regarding a positive approach to a career in the literature ministry. I agree with the letter writer that there are those who do not make a success as a literature evangelist. However, in my 35 years in the publishing program of the church, I have witnessed failures in every area of our work. Nurses, secretaries, physicians, missionaries, hospital administrators, ministers, are not immune to failure.

In my article "His Promises Fail Not" (June 10) I did not mention any discouraging experiences, but there were some. Six months after I began work as a literature evangelist, on the Friday night of a Week of Prayer, our home burned to the ground. All that my wife, our two small boys, and I had left were the clothes we were wearing. Even \$800 worth of books I had for delivery on the following Monday were consumed in the flames. This would have been a opportune time to quit and say that God's promises had failed. There were times during our 19 years of overseas mission service, also, that we could have given up and returned to the homeland.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that "there is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing."—*Colporteur Min-*

*istry*, p. 12. "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."—*Ibid.*, p. 6. These statements, and many others, tell us that God intends for many of His people to take up this important work. We also are told that "we are to work and pray, putting our trust in Him who will never fail."—*Ibid.*, p. 25.

I still stand on the premise that God's promises fail not, His work fails not.

E. A. BRODEUR  
Avon Park, Florida

### Deaf children

Thank you so much for "The Neglected Minority" (July 8). In our small church we have a 3-year-old deaf child that we are watching grow. She is a very bright child, and one cannot help loving her. Because I am the cradle roll-kindergarten Sabbath school leader, her mother has encouraged me to learn sign language. The mother is always there to help me when I forget and to fill in the "blanks" where I have not yet learned the signs. It has been a blessing to me to be able to communicate with this precious child, even a little bit. Her Sabbath school lesson teacher has also taken the time to learn some sign language, and always knows the memory verse in sign.

It has cost us so little effort to do this, but it has given this child contact with others outside her immediate family. I would encourage others who know of deaf individuals to take the time to learn a greeting and a few simple sentences in sign language so that they can communicate a little love to them.

JUNE WAGGONER  
Clark Fort, Idaho

Upon learning of our child's 100-plus decibel hearing loss, we were devastated. What helped us most in reconciling our minds was the presentation on "Godly Response to Physical Defects" by Bill Gothard, and having learned to praise the Lord in all circumstances, through the ministry of Glenn Coon and team.

Also of great assistance was

the wise counsel of our audiologist in recommending the balanced approach of total communication. TC, for short, pioneered by Dr. David Denton, of the Maryland School for the Deaf, gets the whole family involved in communicating. It combines sign language, lip reading, speech therapy, and the use of hearing aids. We praise the Lord our child is now developing apace with her peers.

As a start toward deaf awareness, we recommend reading *Gallaudet; Friend of the Deaf*, by Etta Degering (Review and Herald Publishing Association) and *Deaf Like Me*, by James Spradley and Thomas S. Spradley (Random House).

FRED and KATHIE  
CHRISTIANSEN  
Chandler, Arizona

### Fair booth

Re "World's Fair Booth Draws Many Visitors" (July 15).

My wife and I just returned from Knoxville, Tennessee, where we spent a week witnessing at the Seventh-day Adventist booth. I must say that our church can be proud of the exhibit. Jane Sines, who is the main coordinator behind the whole project (unfortunately, her name was not mentioned in the article), Elder and Mrs. Ray Jacobs, and many others have done an excellent job organizing the booth and the witnessing program there.

We were surprised to learn that the finances were all provided by lay people and through solicitation. A project of this magnitude requires a considerable amount of money; the total expenses are estimated at \$300,000. Besides the great cost of renting the booth space and designing and building the booth, there is the cost of the literature that is given out.

A great work for the Lord is being done in Knoxville. We all can participate by contributing funds. People who are interested in helping can write to Mrs. Jane Sines, World's Fair Project, P.O. Box 1982, Collegedale, Tennessee 37315. MIKE and NICKI MAMOULELIS  
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COVER STORY

# The *Andrew Stewart*—a star performer in Australasia

By MARY STELLMAKER

The first denominationally owned aircraft in the Australasian Division has an amazing history. Four times bought and three times sold by the church, VH-SDA once again is doing service for the church whose name it bears in its registration letters.

Len Barnard, missionary in Papua New Guinea, spent many days and months walking over mountains and through mud. While doing so he sometimes saw mission planes of other denominations swiftly winging their way overhead, giving him the vision of mission aircraft. Pastor Barnard gained his pilot's license and began fund raising, but many years were to go by before his dream became reality.

In 1964, with generous donations from friends and church members in Australia, New

Zealand, and North America, a Cessna 180-G aircraft was purchased. It was dedicated in Sydney on June 27, 1964, and named after veteran missionary A. G. Stewart. Two days later Pastor Barnard flew the *Andrew Stewart* to Papua New Guinea, arriving at his destination on June 30 and putting the plane into service immediately. Many missions of mercy were flown among the treacherous mountains of Papua New Guinea.

Pastor Barnard shared the aircraft with Colin Winch, who testifies: "To be associated with the *Andrew Stewart* from the inception of our aviation outreach in this division was a real inspiration to me. I saw God's hand move in wonderful ways as I flew VH-SDA into rugged, isolated, and inhospitable areas, seeing the clouds part, the storms dissipate, and above all, seeing the souls brought out of darkness and misery because of this wonderful aircraft. God truly blessed the work of this machine and its pilots."

After approximately nine years' mission service the *Andrew Stewart* was traded to Rex Aviation in Sydney, Australia, on a new aircraft for the mission field. However, at that time several former missionaries who had been closely associated with the mission aircraft in Papua New Guinea were settling into new fields of service in the Cooranbong area. Naturally, they could see the great potential of an aircraft for such a vast conference as North New South Wales.

Lay members, such as Barry Lawrence, a pilot who already was going on evangelistic trips to western New South Wales in chartered planes, had the same idea, and the plan was accepted enthusiastically by the conference executive committee. The

Adventist Aviation Association of North New South Wales (A.A.A.) was born.

In March, 1973, with gifts from church members, the association was able to buy back VH-SDA and donate it to the North New South Wales Conference.

Pastor Barnard rejoiced to be associated once more with the *Andrew Stewart*. He not only pastored the Hillview and Kanwal churches but also frequently flew groups of members to far western towns such as Wee Waa, Walgett, Collarenebri, or Mungindi, or piloted conference administrators speedily to their appointments around the conference.

Meanwhile, another amazing development was taking place—that of the Cooranbong



The *Andrew Stewart* was dedicated in Sydney on June 27, 1964. L. C. Naden, then president of the Australasian Division, is pictured with Pastor and Mrs. Stewart, veteran missionaries.



When the *Andrew Stewart* returned home to Cooranbong a year ago, runners held the plane, so high winds would not overturn it.



airstrip, first chosen as a suitable location for a landing field in 1937 by a young aviator, Albert Harris. The bush strip has been transformed into a modern, paved, lighted airport with hangar and office facilities, and the Cessna flying school operated by Avondale College.

Unfortunately, with six passengers the *Andrew Stewart* had a limited fuel capacity and no luggage weight allowance. The alternative was fewer passengers, and so it was decided once more to trade the faithful *Andrew Stewart* on a larger Cessna 206.

On Sunday morning, September 29, 1974, Pastor Barnard circled the *Andrew Stewart* around Cooranbong several times in farewell and then headed south to Bankstown aerodrome, Sydney. That same afternoon he landed in Cooranbong with the new Cessna 206, VH-TUD, dedicated later that day and named the *David Sibley*.

But truth is stranger than fiction, and generous donations from church members made possible the return of the *Andrew Stewart* to North New South Wales in October of 1974. Pastor Barnard's logbook records training flights in VH-SDA on January 27, 1975.

Pastor-pilot Geoff Helsby was located at Lightning Ridge, and it was this little airstrip that became the home of the *Andrew Stewart* for the next nine months. Pastor Helsby used it to visit station properties and towns in the vast western areas of North New South Wales. On November 4, 1975, Pastor Barnard made yet another nostalgic flight in the *Andrew Stewart*. He flew it from Lightning Ridge via Condobolin to Melbourne, where it was traded in on a newer aircraft for use in the western areas.

For a number of years the VH-SDA was owned and operated by a property owner in western Queensland. Early in 1981 it was blown over in a wind storm and (providentially, it seems) taken to be rebuilt at an aircraft service place in Bundaberg operated by a husband-wife team, the wife being a Seventh-day Adventist. They

offered the rebuilt aircraft, complete with new engine, to the Adventist Aviation Association of North New South Wales at a sacrificial price.

The executive committee of A.A.A. at first was cautious. After all, VH-SDA was 17 years old. But on Sunday, April 19, 1981, Pastor Barnard (A.A.A. president), pilots John Pocock and Ron Mills, and Aircraft Mechanic Hans Aberley flew to Bundaberg to investigate purchasing the aircraft. They came home excited and thoroughly convinced of the airworthiness of the veteran machine. The executive committee of A.A.A. caught the vision. They saw great potential in purchasing the *Andrew Stewart* and using it for aerial evangelism until it needs a major overhaul. Then it could be kept as a permanent memorial of the way the Lord has led in the development of aviation in the Australasian Division.

### Windy welcome

On September 27, 1981, the windiest day in 13 years, the *Andrew Stewart* was welcomed back home to Cooranbong. Both excitement and tension were in evidence as the crowd waited for the arrival of the veteran aircraft and its precious cargo of pilots Len Barnard and Colin Winch, and the man who chose the site of the Cooranbong aerodrome in 1937, Albert Harris.

In the adverse wind conditions, with velocities at times as high as 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) per hour, the landing was nothing short of miraculous, providing further evidence of God's protection over the *Andrew Stewart* and our pilots.

During the service of rededication there was much reminiscing about the introduction of the flying program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in this division, both in the mission field and the homeland. The *Andrew Stewart*, of course, had been the star performer in both of these milestones. Now based in Cooranbong, it is serving the church in a new capacity, taking the gospel message westward with conquering wings.

## Van ministry makes friends in New York

By OWEN A. TROY

Helping a man obtain clothes to wear, calming a woman who is about to kill her mother-in-law, encouraging a wife whose husband is trying to break a pack-and-a-half-a-day cigarette habit, and making a prosperous businessman happy while telling him to stop smoking, represent only part of the activity carried on by the Greater New York Conference van ministry. In the weekly staff meeting of the hypertension-testing van program, many similar experiences are recounted.

Lee, a young man who formerly had worked as an art director at one of the large advertising agencies in New York City, had come in contact with a man who had lost almost all his clothing. Finding the man seminude, Lee was so concerned about his condition that he went home and got some clothing and helped him get dressed.

Karin, a vivacious young student, worked on a van parked outside the most prosperous store in the area. The owner of the store was eager for the van to stop in front of his store because it helped his business. One day he had his blood pressure checked. It was abnormally high, so high that the technician felt he shouldn't even drive to see a doctor. The physician made him stop work immediately, ordering him to bed and telling him that he was almost a dead man.

Six months later the store owner returned to the van, where Karin found his pressure considerably lower. Then she suggested that he stop smoking. Because Karin had given him information that had saved his life once, he readily accepted her advice about smoking. He is

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an enthusiastic supporter of Seventh-day Adventists.

Donna was working in a van in front of a State-run betting office when a distinguished-looking man came to have his pressure checked. While talking with him, she learned he had been a Seventh-day Adventist many years ago, but since then had gone into show business. He had done all the things that are supposed to make a person happy, but they were not making him happy, and he asked Donna to pray for him. She did, and also gave him a set of Bible lessons. The smile on his face when he drove away in his luxury automobile was a great change from the depressed look Donna had seen a few minutes earlier.

This is one of the reasons Betty Conney, a public-information director for the van program, feels the blood-pressure screening "is not such a simple test. It often provides an opportunity to bring sought-after relief and happiness."

Walter met a man on his van who told him that his mother was a Seventh-day Adventist. Further questioning revealed that he and his brothers and sisters had been reared Adventists but had left the church. He had joined the Baptist Church. Walter told him that he had heard of people leaving the Adventist Church, but he had never heard of any of them joining another. How could the man go to church on Sunday when he knew that Sabbath was the right day? His only reply was that his mother would be so happy if he were a Seventh-day Adventist. When asked whether he had a family, the man said that he was living with a girlfriend. Walter encouraged him to marry her.

As he left the van, the man told Karin that he wanted the address of a church near his home, because he was deter-

mined to be there the next Sabbath.

It has taken a somewhat unusual set of circumstances to make the atmosphere ripe for the van program. Because of financial pressures, New York City has scaled down many health services. The van ministry has filled a gap and met a felt need. And because of this ministry, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has become well known in the city. It

appears that more New Yorkers know about Seventh-day Adventists than ever before.

The vans are roving billboards advertising the church. Because the vans are on the move throughout the area each week of the year, the number of vans operating seems much larger than it is. One individual leaving New York by plane was heard to remark that the church has about 100 vans operating in the city!

In reality, four vans operate five to six days each week in the five boroughs of New York City, parts of upstate New York, and Long Island. According to Juanita Kretschmar, director of the program, additional vans and the personnel to handle them could cover the city adequately if funds were available.

The van ministry has been advertised widely on radio and television. The coverage has

been so good that many people take taxis to the van location.

This makes it important that the vans be at the advertised location. Although there are five vans available, only four are used on a regular basis; the fifth is a backup.

The van program, an adventure in faith, began in 1975 with one van and one student volunteer. It has grown to five vans and from 20 to 25 staff members, including full-time and

## Youth leader reports on evangelism in Saint Croix, urges youth to become involved

Recently I participated in a week-long youth convocation on the Island of Saint Croix, in the Virgin Islands. Posters had been distributed announcing the meeting, and reserved-seat tickets were given to all interested. When Oriel Fleming, North Caribbean Conference youth director, welcomed those in attendance on opening night in the Central church, which can seat 1,000 people, it was a standing-room-only crowd.

Each evening we were thrilled as the people continued to fill the church, participating in the song services led by Joseph S. Shillingford, publishing and Sabbath school director. Informative features were presented by Edward Griffin, headmaster of the Saint Croix SDA Church School, and the youth, singly and in groups, filled the building with praises to God in song.

The theme of the convocation was the cross of Christ. As my wife, Vivian, would sit at the piano and lift up Christ in song before the sermon, hearts continued to be softened and prepared for the working of the Holy Spirit. How thrilling it was to stand and present Christ each night and to see Him fulfill His promise, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men." We saw people come out of curiosity, others to follow the crowd, but the majority were drawn by His cords of love. On the last day of the convocation, a Sabbath, the shores of the lagoon were filled with people who came to witness the baptism of 56 persons for whom they had prayed and with whom they had studied. Jansen Trotman, pastor of the Central church, and Dutton O. Flemming baptized the candidates.

Working with the youth of Saint Croix has thoroughly convinced me that if our young people, led of the Holy Spirit, would be consistent in their daily witnessing (their Bible study, prayer, and Christian life style), many of their friends who are unreachable by those of us who are older would listen to the voice of God speaking through them and accept Him and be saved. The church is entering into its massive, Spirit-filled 1,000-day program of winning 1,000 souls per day to Christ. I believe that God will bless our youth to play an active part in this evangelistic outreach. I encourage the youth in all churches to begin planning now to become involved in the saving of souls during the coming One Thousand Days of Reaping. Let them meet together to seek the Lord's will in prayer and study of the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, and to plan their involvement with their pastor and youth director.

I would encourage each youth group to draw up a list of names of their unsaved friends. Those who know about the church, who have been in their homes during family worship, or who have attended church should top the list. Then begin to win them to

Christ by praying and fasting for them, by personal one-on-one Bible studies, or by group Bible studies. But in a tactful way our youth should share with them their concern about their relationship with Christ and about their being ready when He comes.

Or how about sharing Christ as several youth groups led of the Holy Spirit have done? After prayer and careful planning, they went house-to-house in a predetermined section of the city, leaving a package containing a small homemade loaf of bread and an offer to return and give free bread-making instructions in the home. During the instruction period God's principles for His people were unfolded, and people were baptized.

How about following the plan of the youth group who, after prayer and study, asked some home owners for the use of their homes in order to invite the neighborhood youth to learn of Jesus Christ? Or what about the group in one city who rented a lot, pitched a tent, advertised meetings, and preached nightly sermons, then experienced the joy of seeing lives changed and converts baptized?

Some Adventist high school students report giving Bible studies during their lunch hour. Adventist college and university students continue to organize for service. While in Puerto Rico visiting with Adventists on non-SDA campuses, I was happy to meet with students who were recent converts to the church.

One told me how as a non-Christian he met the SDAs, accepted Christ, after baptism attended Antillian Union College, graduated with a B.A. degree in theology, and is now a conference pastor.

A young woman studying law on a university campus in London received permission from the university officials to conduct evening Bible studies in a classroom. At the end of her series 15 of her fellow students accepted Christ and were baptized.

Our college students in West Indies continue to win souls to Christ through Bible seminars, lectures, and book sales.

Those young people who would like to become involved in the One Thousand Days of Reaping, who have a burden to see their friends won to Christ as did the youth of Saint Croix, should inform their church pastor and youth director of this desire. There are programs and plans for youth evangelism available at our local conference youth departments.

It is time for the Lord to come. Many have yet to hear the good news of Jesus and His love. Our friends will hear and respond if we tell them.

R. E. BARRON

*Associate Youth Director, General Conference*

part-time paid staff. This summer, a number of student interns and workers, both paid and volunteer, came from different parts of the United States to learn about urban health ministry by working with the program. Volunteers assist in various ways throughout the year.

Each person tested on the vans is offered health information and a set of free Bible guidelines on stress control. More than 75 percent of those tested request these additional services. This past June, 4,154 persons requested the Power to Cope stress-control guides on the vans. In order to conserve money, the van program prints the Bible lessons, envelopes, newsletters, and health-education materials used in its outreach.

As the work grew, the van program obtained a used printing press, and a worker who had had no printing experience read all he could about printing and proceeded to operate the press. After some months it became necessary to call in a serviceman. After examining the press, he could not believe what he saw. A certain part—without which the press should not have been able to operate—was missing. When told that the press had been running for some time, he shook his head in disbelief.

A number of young men, some with previous experience and others who have acquired familiarity with the press on the job, have been running the press at capacity in order to keep up with the Bible lessons and other materials needed each week. Two teams, each consisting of two Bible workers, are visiting persons who request such visits through the Bible lessons.

Radio and television stations regularly have donated free public-service time to advertise the van program. Every major station in the city has aired announcements, donating as much as \$3,000 worth of time during a three-month period.

Although the van ministry staff does not know where the money will come from for their budget next year, they are optimistically looking forward to another great year.



**Top: New Yorkers queue up for health screening at one of the Greater New York Conference's vans. Center: Volunteers on the vans are trained to take blood pressures and to perform a number of other services. Bottom: The van program staff print their Bible lessons and other supplies on a secondhand press.**

## INDIA

### Youth council sets goal

About 50 delegates attended a special youth council in Bangalore, South India, July 13-17. Besides the youth directors, there were 12 principals of schools, two ministers, and 28 Adventist Youth Society sponsors, according to Justin Singh, Southern Asia Division youth director.

One of the big items on the agenda was the One Thousand Days of Reaping program, which was heartily endorsed by the members. Goals were accepted and plans laid for the remainder of the 1980-1985 quinquennium.

Justin Singh reports that new youth programs like the Seven Modules for Youth Involvement in the 1980s were shared and the stage was set for a more vibrant youth ministry in the South India Union.

The council established the goal of 50,000 persons baptized as the youth department's share of the division-wide aim to double membership during the current quinquennium. The youth also supported a plan for a division-wide senior youth congress in New Delhi in 1985.

LEO RANZOLIN  
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## NIGERIA

### Bell choir performs at coronation

The bell choir of the Adventist Seminary of West Africa, Ilishan-Remo, Nigeria, performed gospel music at the coronation of the new oba (head chief) of Ilishan-Remo.

During the 1981-1982 school year a ten-member singing group merged with an 18-member group ringing Schulmerich handbells to form a bell choir that is now in demand throughout the country. According to the handbell company, the ASWA Bell Choir is the first of its kind in Africa.

The first performance of the

two groups together was at a church service after the coronation of the new oba of Ilishan, the town nearest the seminary campus. The groups presented several concerts during the school year and made one tour of northern Nigeria. In addition, the Nigerian National Television Network filmed them for a one-hour special program that was aired on Easter Sunday, April 11. The groups made a recording in March.

Graduation weekend, May 7-9, at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa provided the final opportunity for these two

groups to perform together. After the summer vacation the groups will be reassembled. Several performances already have been scheduled.

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*Adventist Seminary of*  
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## MICHIGAN

### Seminary adopts new approach

A new approach to the training of Seventh-day Adventist ministers was adopted this

spring at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan. The new program is designed to be more distinctly Seventh-day Adventist and more practical. Several innovative features will be tried.

During the first year on campus the student will take core classes on salvation, law and Sabbath, Biblical eschatology, revelation and inspiration, and writings of Ellen G. White. The Adventist life style and Adventist historical and theological roots will be explored during the second year.

In those classes, the teaching of theology will be integrated with the systematic exegetical study of the most important Biblical passages bearing on the doctrines and with the practical use of the material in the preparation of Bible studies and sermons. Often in the past the need had been felt for greater coordination of the doctrinal, exegetical, and applied disciplines. It is hoped that now the student will be more qualified to give Bible studies and preach Biblical sermons.

The second major experiment is the structure of pastoral for-

## UPDATE

### Review construction progresses

Not all the progress on the building site of the new Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, has been in the form of bricks and steel. While working beside some of the on-the-job foremen from the Review, Bob Brinson, the chief building inspector, became curious about Adventists. He began asking questions, and the more he learned, the more curious he became. When Lloyd and Maidelle Barber, Review employees, offered to study the Bible with Bob, he accepted, and on July 31 he was baptized in the Conococheague Creek while more than 100 friends and co-workers lined the banks.

It was a thrilling day, for it was only a year ago that church, city, county, and State officials, publishing leaders, and Review employees stood at the edge of a nearby cornfield in western Maryland to break ground for the new publishing house. Since that warm summer day, vast changes have taken place on that knoll. Out of a combination of brick, mortar, and steel has

emerged a handsome building 370 by 600 feet in size. Here the assets of the Washington plant and those from the sale of the Southern Publishing Association have been pooled to erect what we hope will be one of the most efficient publishing houses in existence.

Urged to seek a rural location for the new joint publishing house, a search committee investigated 60 possible locations for the new building. The unanimous choice was a 127-acre farm along Interstate 70 in Hagerstown, Maryland. Within sight of two beautiful mountain ranges, the property meets all the necessary requirements, including natural gas, rail service, and access to major highways for shipping and receiving.

It appeared that the Lord had saved this particular piece of land for the publishing house, for the committee was told how other interested parties had endeavored to purchase this site for seven years, only to have their offers rejected by the elderly owner. When the Review's general manager, Harold Otis, Jr., sat down with Catherine Roney to explain our plans to build a publishing house that would print literature designed to draw men and women to Christ, the spry little landowner knew immediately that she had found her buyer.

With ample room for expansion and compatible zoning, the publishing house will operate under favorable conditions. Elder Otis projects that the publishing house will incur substantial savings at its new location. These savings will be derived from various avenues, including direct paper delivery by rail, reduced workmen's compensation premiums, and increased efficiency in the flow of production as a result of operating on one level.

A building committee of 11, made up of representatives from the five unions served directly by the publishing house, meets regularly to review the progress on the plant and to give input into the project. The Review and Herald board, chaired by Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president, voted to employ the design-build concept in this building program, and it has been estimated that this route has saved the denomination 30 percent in building costs.

This month a crew is beginning to assemble a new web press in the Hagerstown factory. According to George Bowen, plant superintendent, plans call for the ADVENTIST REVIEW to be



**Jean and Bob Brinson, Maidelle and Lloyd Barber, and Harold Otis, Jr., gather for a photo before Mr. Brinson's baptism.**

mation components in which students will be associated together with faculty members and local ministers in pastoral and soul-winning activities. Those components will include small-group fellowship for spiritual nurture, discussion of practical aspects of church work, assignments to local churches, and different soul-winning activities. The teacher will join the church to which his fellowship group is assigned. Thus all teachers will have a continuing direct contact with a typical local congregation.

The third major innovation

will be the pastoral colloquium held at the beginning of each quarter when, besides local faculty, pastors from the field will be invited to the campus to share methods and ideas. Typical colloquium topics will be the multichurch district, the urban church, youth ministries, and the caring church. By having those colloquia, it will be possible to use the services of persons of experience who would find it impossible to teach regular classes or seminars for a whole quarter. Thus constant input from the field will be part of the ministerial training.

In the new program academic research will be deemphasized and students will devote more time to training in sermon and Bible-study preparation. Homiletic teachers will cooperate closely with instructors in other disciplines in helping students learn how to communicate the material they learn in their classes. The entire faculty will strive to give all classes a more pastoral turn, relating the material of every course to specific aspects of the minister's work.

After completing studies on campus, the student still will

attend either the Lake Union Soul Winning Institute or the "ninth quarter in the field" as a climax of his training, but it is hoped that the new curriculum will make the field training much more meaningful.

It is the hope of the Seminary faculty and students who cooperated in developing this new approach that the Seminary will give training that, with the blessing of the Lord, will result in a much more effective ministry.

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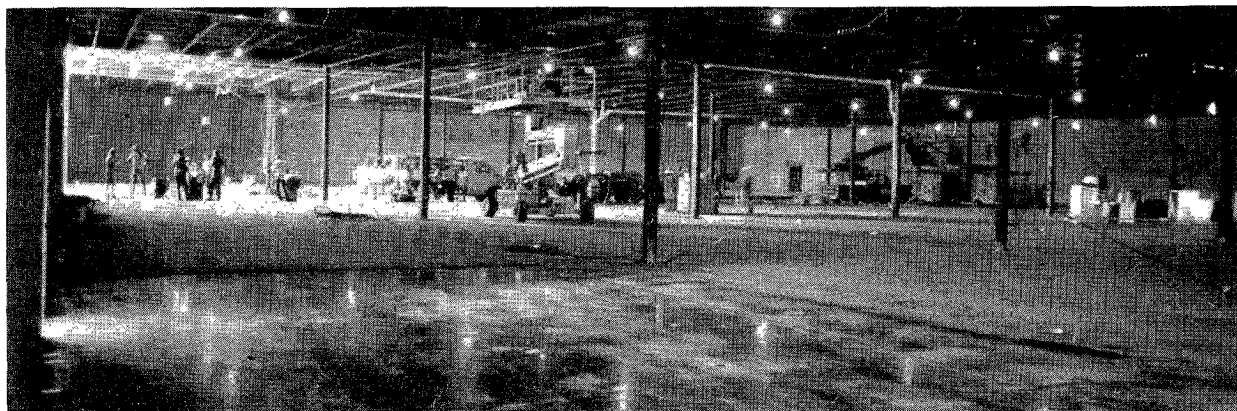
printed there beginning October 19. As soon as this new press has been installed and is running smoothly, the web and sheet-fed presses in Washington will be dismantled and moved to their new home.

Some are sentimental about closing a chapter in church history that spanned 76 years, but many are looking forward to the benefits of country living. During the past few years it has been increasingly difficult for the publishing house to call young workers and expect them to cope with meeting living expenses in Washington, which rank among the highest in the nation. In contrast, the Hagerstown area offers many the opportunity to own their own home. An estimated 75 percent of the Review's present employees are planning to make the move. Approximately 25 percent already have moved.

Each week we see many changes, for 200 men are working full time, laying brick, setting steel, and pouring nearly six acres of concrete flooring in the new plant. The general contractor promises delivery of the plant this fall. This will complete stage one of a two-stage project.

Stage two got under way on July 22, when a general contractor was selected for the administration and editorial office building, which will adjoin the plant on its north side. This \$2-million, two-story, 57,000-square-foot building will be faced with light-tan brick to match the plant. It also will house a full-service cafeteria and chapel. The contractor pledges delivery of the finished building by January 31, 1983. An open house is planned for both buildings during the month of April, 1983.

ROSE OTTIS



Top: Bricklayers' scaffolding covers the new Review factory's east wall. Bottom: The largest room in the factory is the bindery.



## BRAZIL

### Youth congresses are conducted in jungle setting

"Everything here is primitive, but the young people feel the presence of God and learn to love Him and to do His work in order to hasten the day of our Lord's return," says Celio Feitosa, Central Brazil Mission youth director.

Riachao (Large Brook) is the place in the jungle where periodically the young people from the Central Brazil Mission conduct their youth congresses. The meetings are held in a straw-covered pavilion with a dirt floor. An old motor is used to provide electricity. The young people bring their musical instruments, including harps and guitars, and with their flags raised high spend hours and days in spiritual revival. Riachao already is known by the community as "the house of the Seventh-day Adventist young people."

During congress the young people help the needy, give out literature and Bible correspondence course enrollment cards, donate blood to the local clinic, and pray in the people's homes.

The lack of representative facilities, which the mission has not yet been able to provide, does not hinder the young peo-

ple from being blessed by attending gatherings at Riachao. One young woman said: "This is certainly a poor place, but we are happy to be here. It seems as if the angels come here too."

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## FRANCO-HAITIAN UNION

### Many baptisms crowd churches

The challenges in the Franco-Haitian Union, comprised of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and the Republic of Haiti, are tremendous. In area the smallest French-speaking union in the world field, the Franco-Haitian Union has the largest French-speaking membership. There is a shortage of places to worship because of the influx of new members in this union and also because 40 Adventist chapels were destroyed when a recent hurricane passed through this area.

As a partial solution to the crowding problem, most of the churches in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, conduct two Sabbath schools and two worship services each Sabbath. The first Sabbath school begins at 7:30 A.M., and the second at 1:30 P.M. In spite of the crowding and the difficulty in building new churches, neither the pastors nor the laymen are slacken-

ing their zeal for evangelism. They have faith that a way will be found to accommodate the new members as they come into the church.

Recently the pastor of a popular evangelical denomination came to the Adventist mission office to talk with the president. "The members of my church and I have decided to join the brothers and sisters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," he said. The mission president wanted to be sure he was hearing correctly and he asked the pastor to repeat what he had said. He again stated his convictions, adding details regarding the intentions of his congregation, who were operating a church school with an enrollment of 250 students. An appointment was made for the mission president and several of his colleagues to go to visit this church. What a surprise awaited them to find a welcome from 400 persons. Soon afterward evangelistic meetings were begun, and as I write this article 100 of these new believers already have been baptized.

When the minister of this congregation was asked how he became interested in Adventism he explained that two of his children attended a series of evangelistic meetings in the capital city, accepted the message, and were baptized. Then they returned to their hometown to give the good news of the gospel to their friends and relatives, including their own pastor-father. As he studied with his children he shared the doctrines with the members of his congregation, and together they decided to take their stand for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

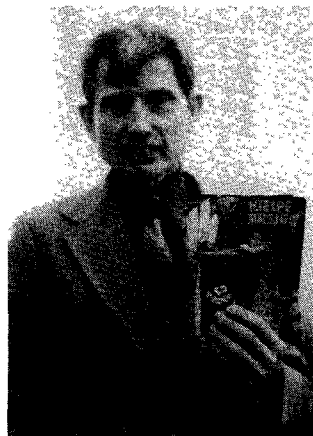
Also in this section of the Franco-Haitian Union, church leaders of a well-known denomination, who are located in seven different areas, have expressed their desire to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A non-Adventist pastor, who had three small churches and a church school with 150 students under his care, visited the mission office recently. Afterward the mission president asked the

president of the Franco-Haitian Union, Napoleon Grunder, and me to accompany him on a visit to this pastor. We arrived on a weeknight and found the congregation singing hymns of praise as they waited for us. When their pastor asked whether they would like to study the beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists with us in their own chapel there was an enthusiastic response of "Amen."

There are approximately 150,000 Sabbath school members in the Franco-Haitian Union, and that number is growing daily.

ALAIN CIDOLIT  
Treasurer  
Franco-Haitian Union



### Ingatherer visits 10,000 Norwegian homes a year

During the last three Ingathering campaigns Borge Watne, a member of the Stavanger church in Norway, has collected no less than 301,000 Norwegian kroner (US\$47,778).

Every Saturday night from early August to late December, Mr. Watne writes greetings on hundreds of magazines, telling his donors when he will be around to collect their money. On Sundays he distributes these, and then on Monday nights, after he has finished his work, he begins his visits, finishing at the end of the week. Mr. Watne travels by bicycle to approximately 10,000 homes every autumn. He says of this work, "If only we go and do our part, God will take care of the results!"

LASSE KOLSTAD  
Church Pastor



### Spanish members in California dedicate their church

Members of the Vista, California, Spanish church dedicated their church free of debt on June 19. It was unusual to have all former pastors in attendance at the dedication: Eliezer Benavides (1963-1967), Francisco Lopez (1967-1971), Valeriano Vasquez (1971-1976), Humberto Carpiet (1976-1978), and Carlos S. Bendrell (1978 to 1982). Oscar Hernandez has been named to succeed Elder Bendrell. The church, organized in 1963, has a membership of more than 240.

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## Euro-Africa

■ The new constitution of the Adventist churches in the Southwest Yugoslavian Conference has been printed and now is for sale.

■ During March and April, seminars for Adventist pastors, their wives, and their older children took place in Belgrade, Novi Sad, and Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Jovan Slankamenac, Yugoslavian Union president, and Heinz and Wilfriede Hopf, from the Euro-African Division, led the presentations.

■ Antonio Bueno, of Madrid, and J. A. Morgado, of Lisbon, were reelected president of the Spanish and of the Portuguese unions, respectively, during the recent sessions of the union assemblies. Secretary-treasurer in Spain is Alfredo Cardona, and in Portugal, Joao dos Santos.

## Far Eastern

■ During the past two years, 236 persons have been baptized as a result of Bible studies and lectures given by Mindanao Adventist Hospital staff, in the southern Philippines.

■ Pusan, Korea, with a population of 3 million, has 19 Seventh-day Adventist

churches and a strong Adventist program of Christian education, including an English conversation school for young adults, an elementary day school for children, and an effective health-outreach program sponsored by Pusan Adventist Hospital.

■ At present 1,105 students are enrolled in the undergraduate program of Philippine Union College (North Philippine Union), and eight enrolled in the graduate school. There are two other Adventist colleges in the Philippines, Mountain View College in the south, with an enrollment of 1,200 students, and the recently opened Central Philippine College, with an initial enrollment of 125.

## North American North Pacific Union

■ A crowd of about 800, the largest attendance ever for the south central Alaska camp meeting, attended the session held on the grounds near Palmer. Improvements on the grounds this year included six new cabins and an Adventist Book Center building.

■ Construction is almost completed on the new chapel-parsonage combination in Bethel, Alaska, about 400 miles west of Anchorage. The building was prefabricated in Seattle and shipped to Bethel by barge early this summer. There has been no organized work in Bethel up to now, but Pastor Dave Brown has been assigned to the area. Bethel is an important commercial hub on the Kuskokwim River.

## Pacific Union

■ The annual walk-a-thon sponsored by Hawaiian Mission Elementary School netted \$1,383 for Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy.

■ A church of 41 members has been chartered in Sun City, Arizona. While the group does not yet have a church home, members are planning to own one in this community of 50,000 people.

■ At a recent sixtieth anniversary gathering at Fresno Adventist Academy in California, each of the 60 graduating classes was represented. Moreover, three former principals attended—Walter T. Will, E. Kenneth Smith, and Joel Noble.

■ Lloyd E. Best is the new principal of Pacific Union College Preparatory School. He had been a teacher there from 1973 to 1977, when he began graduate studies. More recently he has been a teacher on the college campus.

■ Students from La Sierra Academy in California walked 25 miles in the rain in order to raise money for the House of Light Orphanage in Cantamar, Mexico. After spending four weeks seeking sponsorship for the fund-raiser, 55 students collected more than \$5,000 for the orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. Vincente Torres have operated the home for 40 children during the past 20 years.

## Southern Union

■ The first foreign-language company in the Carolina Conference was organized June 19. Twenty-five Korean believers were organized under the leadership of Samuel Lee in Columbia, South Carolina. The group has acquired land and plans to build when it is able. There are about 2,500 Koreans living in the Columbia area.

■ Members of the University church in Orlando, Florida, celebrated the completion of the first phase of their building program July 10. The new facility includes a sanctuary,

Sabbath school rooms, and a kitchen. Phase two calls for the construction of a larger sanctuary and Sabbath school rooms, with phase one then serving as an elementary school.

■ A new company has been formed in Blairsville, Georgia, after a recent evangelistic series conducted by Georgia-Cumberland Conference Evangelist Pat Patsel and Murphy, North Carolina, pastor Carl Hartman.

■ More than 500 students enrolled in Southern College of SDAs' fourth summer session in response to a free-tuition offer to all new students. Most of the new students were recent academy and high school graduates. But a significant number were students who had been out of school for some time and responded to the free-tuition offer. Students who never had attended Southern were eligible for four hours' credit without cost at a special session July 26 to August 20.

## Southwestern Union

■ Jay Memorial Hospital, Jay, Oklahoma, recently held a ceremony to dedicate a helipad for emergency use. The pad was much needed in the Jay area since many patients are transferred to Tulsa hospitals and this is done more efficiently by helicopter.

■ Fifty-one persons were baptized recently as the result of a Youth Revelation Seminar held in the Highland Hills church in San Antonio, Texas.

■ Tulsa Adventist Academy in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is expanding to a full secondary school. Approval has been given for adding the eleventh grade this year and the twelfth next year on a provisional basis. In the fall of 1984, a full-scale evaluation will be made by the General Conference.

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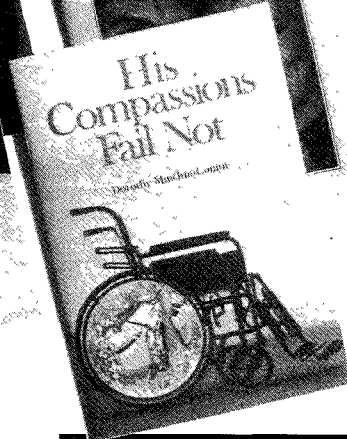
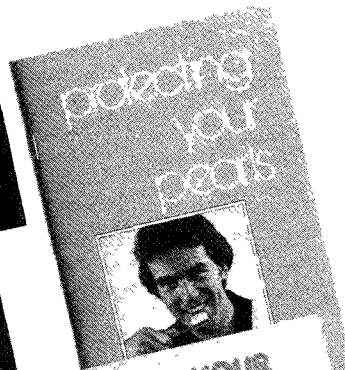
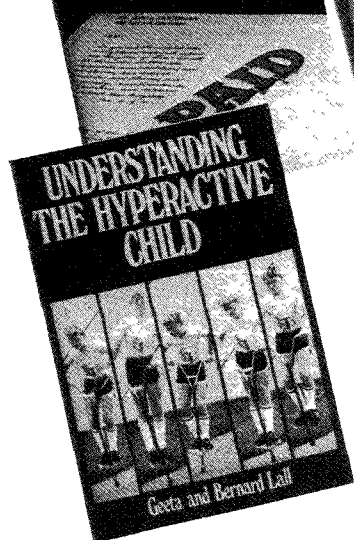
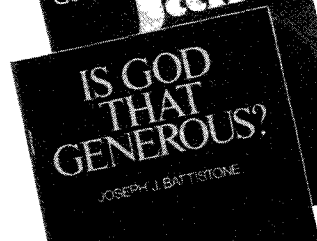
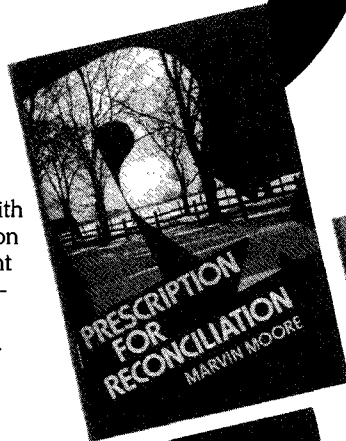
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## Bible conferences held in Europe

Bible conferences for ministers were conducted at three locations in the Euro-Africa Division June 23 to July 21. The theme of the conferences was "Prophecy and Eschatology." The presentation was prepared by the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference in cooperation with the Euro-Africa Division.

A staff of ten made the presentations at two of the conferences. Three of these instructors were from the Euro-Africa Division: Hans Heinz, Richard Lehmann, and Johannes Mager; one from the Northern European Division, Sakae Kubo; and six from the North American Division: Neils-Erik Andreassen, Mark Finley, Gerhard Hasel, William Johnsson, Richard Leshner, and William Shea. There were some variations in the staff of the third conference with the addition of Manfred Boettcher and J. Lorencin.

The first conference met on the campus of Friedensau Seminary in the German Democratic Republic, June 23-30. There were 282 in attendance from six Socialist and three Western nations.

The second conference was conducted on the campus of the French Adventist Seminary in Collonges, France, July 4-11. The attendance totaled 220 from nine countries.

The third conference was held July 14-21 on the campus of Marienhoehe Seminary in the Federal Republic of Germany. A total of 258 attended from seven countries.

The subject of the conferences was divided into three parts, Principles of Interpretation of Prophecy, The Exegesis of Prophecy, and The Theology of Prophecy. The latter included material on the preaching of

prophecy in evangelistic meetings.

During the conferences there were question-and-answer periods and special discussion groups. A high level of interest in the topics marked each conference, and a warm fellowship developed among all concerned. The Lord's Supper provided a fitting close to the conference in each location.

W. RICHARD LESHER

## Area support for Texas hospital

The community of San Marcos, Texas, has shown an overwhelming support for Hays Memorial Hospital by helping raise more than \$800,000 for a new 109-bed facility. Two local corporations gave the major gifts, which totaled \$225,000. The goal of \$750,000 was passed in less than six months in

the hospital's first major fund-raising effort.

To show their interest in the health needs of the community and to prime the pump for community giving, several Adventist entities contributed \$50,000 at the beginning of the campaign. This money also was given in an effort to develop a program of community philanthropic giving for the hospital. Support from the church, combined with more than 20 years of concerned community health care, has had a positive impact on the community, as can be seen by its willingness to help with the growth of the Adventist medical work there.

We are looking forward to continued community support as the hospital plans to move from its present 49-bed facility into the new building when it is completed in July of 1983.

DONALD W. WELCH

## Appeal for Lebanon

In all probability no military conflict in recent years has been more thoroughly covered by the media—newspapers, television, radio—than the recent saga of Beirut during the days of bloodshed and siege. Because the story has been told so graphically, you are well aware of the heartache and suffering that have resulted from this contemporary chapter in the sad history of Middle East affairs.

Our hearts cry for the innocent victims who have been physically and emotionally devastated. We are concerned about the refugee families, the homeless and suffering children, the amputees, and those who because of circumstances do not have shelter or food.

Recently we sent a three-man commission to visit with government, civic, and religious leaders in Beirut. Seventh-day Adventists are eager to work and cooperate with national and international leaders in doing our part to relieve human suffering and to restore mangled bodies, broken spirits, and disoriented lives. Many children have been psychologically battered and confused by what they have endured, and they desperately need to be rehabilitated, so that their dignity and personal worth can be reestablished. There is an acute need for help in providing functional artificial limbs. In some villages and towns outside Beirut, particularly in the south, there is great need for simple medical clinics to give aid and to offer critically needed supplies.

We earnestly solicit professional personnel to volunteer on a short-term basis, and we also need immediate monetary gifts of love to help us provide equipment and assistance at this critical time. If you desire to participate please contact the office of Maurice T. Battle, associate secretary of the General Conference, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012, or send your gift, marked "Lebanon," to the treasurer of the General Conference at the same address. Remember that Jesus told us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . , ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

NEAL C. WILSON  
President  
General Conference

## Far East prints one million Steps to Jesus

The Philippine Union Mission, in its current evangelistic thrust, has printed one million copies of *Steps to Jesus*, an adaptation of *Steps to Christ* in simplified English, for translation into other languages.

Language	Copies
Bicol	100,000
Cebuan	300,000
English	150,000
Ilongot	100,000
Ilocano	100,000
Pampango	50,000
Pangasinan	50,000
Tagalog	150,000
	<u>1,000,000</u>

## For the record

**Died:** Clinton W. Lee, 89, long-time worker in Korea and president of the Korean Union Mission from 1951 to 1958, on August 20 in Chico, California.



*Jerry Lewis, honorary chairman of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, visits with Brian Jefcik*

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