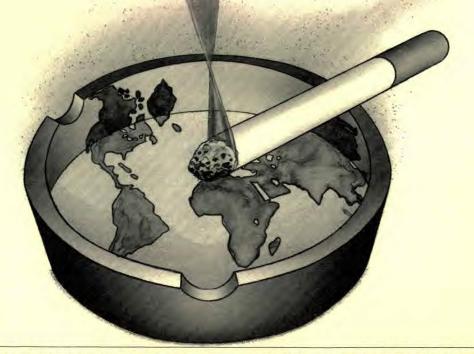


# The Tobacco Industry's Global Strategy



### **BBQ Fib Ribs**

From our pulpits and classrooms we are supposed to be teaching honesty and promoting God's message of healthful living. Then you advertise BBQ Fib Ribs (Apr. 12). BBQ? Fib? Ribs?

Something is amiss! Please give us positive reinforcement.

Pastor Harold Kuebler Chattanooga, Tennessee

### **What Youth Need**

V. Bailey Gillespie's article "Valuegenesis" (May 3) was indeed informative. This study will be a great help to all of us who work with youth. It is my observation, however, that programs, curriculum, or knowledge of their thinking will never address the real needs of youth.

What appears to be needed are men and women who have a vital connection with Jesus. The Christian life is not a program. It cannot be taught as one would a trade. But it *can* be inspired by people who have a vision, who are willing to love and live and possibly die for Christ.

Unless the beauty of the Christian life has captured our imagination and energies, I doubt we can teach it to anyone.

> Duane Frey Chaplain, Florida Hospital Orlando, Florida

### **Latter Rain**

There are three things the devil hates, and a fourth is an abomination to him: the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the third angel's message, unity, and the latter rain.

I have been greatly blessed in reading Neal Wilson's articles on the latter rain (Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3). God has spoken clearly to my heart. I commit myself to a continual seeking for the Holy Spirit. I also appeal to my brothers and sisters worldwide. Let us put away our differences, avoid strange winds of doctrine, close our ears to the criticisms of offshoots, and seek the Spirit of God. As we approach the upcoming General Conference session, I beg of you, make the Holy Spirit top priority. Jesus longs to come. It's time to go home. Pastor Steve Wohlberg Lehr, North Dakota

**Adventist Myths** 

I was forced to disagree on two points with "Myths Among Adventists" (May 17).

"Our soaring baptisms mean the church is doing well" is not a myth, but a truth. That a child is growing is a symptom of his health. Only a sick or dead child is not growing. While the quality of members' spiritual lives is important, so is quantitative growth. Since the two are not the same, we cannot use one to judge the other.

"Awards encourage performance" is also not a myth. Yes, we have a few among us who don't need any awards, recognition, or encouragement. But credit should be given where credit is due. The Lord said, "My reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

While one should not work for an award, giving awards is neither wrong nor bad. If we are so anxious to outlaw awards, we are trying to outlaw God, who is magnanimous and willing to richly reward His faithful servants.

Samuel Young Associate Secretary General Conference

## **Fighting Savage Fire**

The story on fighting *pemphigus folia-ceus* (savage fire) (World Report, May 17) tugged at my heartstrings. Three of the persons named were my students at Brazil College.

The Adventist hospital in Campo Grande, Mato Grosso de Sul, has been the only medical institution in Brazil, and perhaps worldwide, that treats savage fire patients. It achieved in dermatology more than 80 percent complete regressions and limited partial regressions.

We of the Brazil College faculty who trained Adventist youth more than five decades ago to follow in our stead thank God for their dedication to aid those with crippling diseases. These, in turn, having been helped, now share heaven's blessings with other human beings.

Charles A. Rentfro Greeneville, Tennessee

# **Prejudice Knows No Size**

The chief discrimination item that I have heard hardly a peep about is prejudice by all types of races and nationalities against the physically handicapped, including small people (midgets and dwarfs).

Small people have three main strikes against them:

They are few in numbers, which can make them very lonely at times.

They are small in stature, which can hinder in getting certain jobs and in dating average-sized girls and fellows.

They are handicapped, as well.

Besides this, they must cope with being stereotyped by the motion picture industry. And to top it off, they must suffer with the insult of "dwarf tossing," which is the tossing of a small person through the air as a "sport." This act can be very painful and dangerous to those who are tossed.

Let's get rid of all forms of discrimination.

James Cady

Rosemead, California

# **Priorities**

Re "The Tuition Cost of Adventist Education" (Apr. 26).

People get what they want, be it speedboats, RVs, big houses, or education. Education is not too high, and it is not too expensive. Expensive is spending \$30,000 or \$40,000 on a whim that is used occasionally for an hour or two. Education is for a lifetime.

The issue is not values, but priorities. The parents of today are not paying their school bills. A survey of our secondary schools shows more than 25 percent of the accounts outstanding or bad and doubtful at any given time. If you survey the same 25 percent of the parents, you will find they have their priorities set on whims, peer pressure, and making a statement.

Our schools have problems because many members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church do not consider eternal life, Christian education, and caring teachers and administrators a top priority. If we did, we would be returning our tithes and offerings, and paying our bills.

> Harold Oden Loveland, Colorado



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# All Church Is Local

Drooting a tree is hard work. I rediscovered this truth several weeks ago as I battled against a scraggly redbud tree in my front yard. It took more than an hour of digging, chopping, and pulling—with some counsel from my 4-year-old son—to win the war. And in the process, I gained great appreciation for the normally hidden, unsightly part of most trees and plants—the roots!

A tangled, dirty mess they were. Each time I thought I had them all severed, I would discover another one tenaciously holding on to keep the whole mess from coming clear. But at last I prevailed; the stump now lies buried somewhere in the county landfill. Yet this earthly task still prods my thinking toward spiritual things.

How often we stop to admire the beauty of a delicate flower or smell its exquisite scent. Or pause to sense the gorgeous detail of a forest aflame in fall colors.

But how many of us ever stop to adore some roots and exclaim, "Oh, what gorgeous roots you are!"?

It's simply unthinkable. Most of us—except farmers or horticulturists—would hardly notice the roots, much less be inspired to praise such lowly things.

For one, they're ugly. What county fair has ever given blue ribbons for the season's best-looking roots—except, of course, for the likes of carrots and beets?

Second, they're covered up with dirt. How can we be inspired to praise that which we cannot see?

Yet therein lies their strength, and that of the plant. Hidden from sight and covered with soil, the roots quietly nurture all that gains praise above, from luscious green leaves and pretty flowers to the stately 350-foot-high redwoods of California's northern coast. And the deeper the roots go, the sturdier the plant becomes.

It is indeed a lesson in humility for Christians. Christ spoke of this truth years ago when He related the parable of the sower. The seeds that fell on the good soil grew the deepest roots and produced the most bountiful harvest (Mark 4:1-9).

Similarly, Paul spoke of the need of sturdy roots when he counseled the Ephesian Christians to be "rooted and grounded" in His love (Eph. 3:17).

### The Realm of Praise

Going a step further in this matter of roots takes us into another realm, that of praise—a lesson worth contemplating as more than 2,500 delegates and tens of

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thousands of others gather in July for the upcoming quinquennial session of the General Conference.

Inevitably, attention will be focused upon the worldwide church, its administrative structure, and those persons who will be elected to the top leadership positions. The attention is not undue, for without doubt our leaders will affect the church's proclamation of the gospel for years to come.

But the inherent danger is that of placing too much importance upon the church's administrative structure and personnel. Overemphasis of the top inevitably leads to a subtle lessening or undermining of the value of local ministry—the roots of all church organizations.

The usual temptation is to think that a person is more highly valued because he or she holds a "higher" church position. But that premise is not biblically supportable. The higher one rises in church leadership and responsibility, the greater a *servant* he or she is to become.

Jesus abhorred the way the Gentile lords exercised authority and declared to His followers: "But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant; and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45, RSV). It formed His manifesto on leadership—that Christian leadership at its best would be Christian servanthood.

And while leaders may get the limelight, as the flowers get all the praise, let us never forget that, like the roots, the most important ministry is the often-unheralded ministry of every Christian who through kind words and actions serves others for Christ. This is truly the church.

In 1988 Elder Charles Bradford, president of the North American Division, declared: "All church is local." It was part of his passionate appeal to give the local church, encompassing the one-to-one ministry of Adventist Christians, its rightful place in the church—as the most important of all.

Without roots, the top can't grow. And without fertile soil and water—the ministry of the Holy Spirit—the roots can't grow either. It takes all working together as brothers and sisters, giving equal value to each member regardless of which position he or she holds in the work of the church, to accomplish the great things Christ expects of this last-day remnant church.

**MYRON WIDMER** 



# Write On

He sees what you do. He hears what you say. My Lord is writing all the time.—Negro spiritual.

When I visit churches, camp meetings, conferences, or other special events, invariably someone will ask "How do you write your articles? Where do you get ideas? Is the writing process slow or fast?" After managing a sheepish smile or polite remark, I often find myself at a loss for words to answer those questions. So that's why I decided to explore the subject here.

First, I believe that God inspires the ideas that flow through these pages. However, He may choose many different channels from which to derive them. A well of ideas often springs forth from reading newspapers or magazines, or watching television news. A current event or new social trend may spark an editorial. Often a secular news story will hold subtle but significant implications for the Adventist Church.

Another source of good ideas comes from the job itself. I often write about historic decisions that the General Conference makes, trends that evolve within the church, or simple facts that often go unnoticed. Other ideas blossom from the seeds of my own experience. Many times, funny stories and anecdotes serve to illustrate the goodness of God's grace, the unfathomable depths of Christ's love, or the awesome responsibility of the Christlike life.

# Suspense

In addition to the above sources, sometimes I'll sit down in front of a blank computer screen and, like the improvisational pianist or the nimble-fingered potter, let the fingers go.

Often the writing process carries just as much suspense as a dramatic screenplay, a New York *Times* best-seller, or a multiplot

soap opera because even the writer doesn't know how the piece will end.

This editorial was written after I had completed an intense writing assignment. When a person engages in an extended writing project, research, academic study, or focused creativity, in a sense he becomes a psychological recluse, physically present but emotionally absorbed in the creative process. It's like riding a subway train on which you ex-

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perience living, moving tunnel vision.

People in every discipline spend countless hours in sequestered offices, libraries, sound studios, and laboratories, without the benefit of social interaction, as they endeavor to contribute to society's body of knowledge.

In my junior and senior years of college, improving my grade point average became the number one priority. Library hours increased, and a new urgency emerged in my study habits. In the process my personality altered slightly. Relating to people and socializing grew difficult because of my preoccupation with my studies. However, after graduation all this changed.

The psychological impact that the cre-

ative process has on the writer is a fascinating subject. However, the subject has eternal implications for every one of us. It doesn't matter if you're a ditch digger or doctor, teacher or technician, pilot or politician, every living member of the human race is currently writing his own individual life story. We may not use an Apple PC, or a No. 2 lead pencil, but God is chronicling our every thought and deed in the books of heaven. This sum total represents our individual life story.

Ellen G. White writes: "As the artist takes on the polished glass a true picture of a human face, so God daily places upon the books of heaven an exact representation of the character of every individual" (*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, vol. 4, p. 1171).

God keeps a written record of every testimony, sin, wasted opportunity, act of self-denial, influence for good or evil. So as we live our lives we write on. As we tell others about the love of God we write on. As we repent of our sins we write on.

### **New Story Line**

What kind of story does your life tell? It's true that we were all born in sin and shaped in iniquity. We all start out with a sinful plot. But through the atoning blood of Jesus, our life's sinful plot will get a new twist. God's grace can manipulate the story line and reshape the central character in our life. It will change the whole direction, every plot and subplot.

As we accept Christ's atoning death and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, our names are recorded in the book of life and we establish our eligibility for heaven.

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27).

**CARLOS MEDLEY** 

# **Changes Proposed in Tithe Allocation**

inancial pressures have been building in the North
American Division (NAD) for several years. Although
tithe income has risen at a rate higher than the consumer
price index, expenses have risen even more sharply.
Church leaders throughout the division have found it increasingly difficult to meet the calls and demands of the

church's mission.



Charles E. Bradford

In March 1990, North American union treasurers and General Conference treasurers—at their annual meeting held this year in Portland, Oregon—reviewed the current situation and, in response to appeals from local conferences, requested that the General Conference officers set up a committee to

review the percentage of tithe funds allocated to the various church levels.

In response, the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee authorized an ad hoc committee, as provided for in its bylaws, to determine if any recommendations should be made to the General Conference Committee. GC Bylaws Article XVIII—Funds, Section I-D—refers to the source of General Conference funds and reads:

"Such percentage of the tithe of local conferences and missions as may be determined by a committee composed of the conference and mission presidents and the Division Executive Committee, or, in the case of North America, the conference and mission presidents and the General Conference Executive Committee."

This committee, called the Tithe Percentages Committee, met at General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, June 4-5. It was comprised largely of conference and union leadership, with representation from the General Conference and NAD officer groups.

From the beginning, committee members realized they were dealing with much more than monetary issues. They sensed their own need, and that of members throughout North America, to renew their commitment to the Lord and to His mission. They realized that a new spirit of sacrifice must sweep throughout the field.

Because of the deep financial needs throughout North America, the group asked the General Conference Committee to study the implications of a reduction in the percentage of tithe sent on from local conferences to the General Conference and the NAD unions.

The General Conference currently receives 20 percent of the local conferences' tithe, but nearly 5.5 percent is returned for various North American division and conference

By Charles E. Bradford, president, North American Division.

needs. The Tithe Percentages Committee recommended an additional 2.5 percent of tithe be retained by the conferences. (Each 1 percent equals a total of US\$4 million at 1990 tithe levels.) The committee also recommended that union conferences receive only 9 percent of local conferences' tithe instead of the current 10 percent.

These recommendations will be presented to the General Conference officers and ultimately to the 1990 Annual Council for consideration. A small committee will be appointed to study carefully the impact these changes would have on the General Conference, the NAD, and the world field.

In voting these recommendations, the committee made it clear that the proposed reduction in tithe funds sent on to the General Conference should not adversely affect appropriations to the world field or the Global Strategy on which the SDA Church is embarking. The reduction should affect only operating expenses at the General Conference, the NAD, and the NAD unions—not the church's worldwide mission.

The recommended changes are intended to free additional funds for mission at the conference and congregational level. Out of this concern, the committee calls for a new commitment to mission, a new spirit of sacrifice, and a new faithfulness in stewardship among leaders and members alike.

It further encourages all pastors to lead the people in understanding and practicing Christian stewardship. The Seventh-day Adventist movement began in sacrifice, and it will be finished only in sacrifice.

# Spanish Adventist Review Comes Off the Press

The premier issue of a new Hispanic edition of the *Advent-ist Review* came off the press May 20, reports Tulio Peverini, editor of international publications at Pacific Press Publishing

Association.



Miguel Valdivia is editor of the 16-page journal being distributed to 10,000 of the 60,000 Spanish-speaking Adventists in the North American Division. He says that 11 pages of religious and inspirational material will be translated from English *Reviews* and five pages will contain news prepared by the editor.

The quarterly issues have been given by conference Hispanic coordinators to Spanish-speaking churches for distribution among members. Individual subscriptions may be ordered through any Adventist Book Center.

# **NORTH AMERICA**

# Loma Linda Hospitals Given Conditional Accreditation. The

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), which accredits American hospitals, has given Loma Linda University Medical Center and Loma Linda Community Hospital, both in Loma Linda, California, conditional accreditation. Adventist Health System/Loma Linda operates both hospitals.

JCAHO cited the hospitals for documentation and procedural policy deficiencies, largely in the area of quality assurance. Dr. David B. Hinshaw, Sr., Medical Center president, says, "None of the recommendations had anything to do with actual patient care."

The two hospitals already have responded to the citations and put into place corrective measures. In six months JCAHO will return to verify such measures. JCAHO inspects 1,800 hospitals annually; this year approximately 50 already have received conditional accreditation.

The joint commission has only recently been authorized to make public their reports.

# Community Services Aids Colorado Tornado Victims.

Adventist Community Services volunteers and a truckload of supplies from the Rocky Mountain Conference were on the scene the morning after a tornado devastated the small town of Limon, Colorado, about 80 miles east of Denver. The tornado struck the evening of June 6, destroying or severely damaging a total of 140 homes.

ACS teams staffed the emergency operations and provided



# **Buyer Found for Hadley Memorial Hospital**

After nine months of negotiation, a buyer for Hadley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., has been found.

The purchase by Metropolitan Health Associates, Inc. (MHA), a minority-owned human services management consulting firm in the Washington, D.C., area, remains contingent on MHA receiving adequate financing and approval by the District of Columbia State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). Approval by SHPDA is expected by late fall.

Hadley was put up for sale in September 1989. The hospital has a long-term debt of \$20 million and, in the past three years, has incurred serious operating losses.

MHA will purchase the 81-bed facility for \$9.2 million from Adventist Health System/North, Eastern, and Middle America Mid-Atlantic Corporation (AHS). This is the first acute-care facility MHA has purchased, although the firm owns two mental health facilities.

The sale includes all equipment and contracted physician services. It is planned that Hadley will continue to operate at the same level of medical care to its community under new ownership, reports Tammy Russell, spokesperson for AHS.

primary staffing for the three Salvation Army mobile feeding units on site.

Bermuda Evangelistic Crusade Baptizes 50. The

as evangelist H. A. Roach from Nassau, Bahamas, concluded an intense five-week crusade. Fifty persons have been baptized, reports Dr. Edward Richardson, Bermuda Conference president, and more will follow in the next few weeks.

# Longtime Review and Herald Artist Dies. Terence K. Martin, 95, who pioneered religious art within the Advent

K. Martin, 95, who pioneered religious art within the Adventist Church, died June 2 in Riverside, California.

Born 1894 in Agra, India, Martin served as art director at the Review and Herald Publishing Association for 48 years. In that position Martin was responsible for the illustration of all

books and

periodicals,

ald, Junior

Guide,

including Re-

view and Her-



Terence K. Martin Youth's Instructor, Un-

cle Arthur's Bedtime Stories, and many others. He also served

as official General Conference photographer for 25 years.

# **WORLD CHURCH**

# Romania Experiences "Adventist Invasion." An explosion of evangelistic activity in Romania has resulted in 300 new churches, 50 laypersons hired as evangelists, and the sale of 100,000 copies of *The Desire of Ages* in four days, reports John Graz, Euro-African Division communication director. On May

try.
In several big cities Adventist churches now publish newspapers and sell 20,000 to 40,000 copies in the streets.

26, 1990, 2,555 people were

baptized throughout the coun-

# **FOR YOUR INTEREST**

# Family Psychology Forum to Meet During GC Session.

The North American Division
Office of Human Relations
forum for Adventist psychologists and human services
professionals will be held
July 8 at the Holiday Inn
in Indianapolis, near the Hoosier
Dome and convention center.

The forum, running from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., will discuss changes taking place within the modern Christian family and how professionals can help meet its needs.

# **CHURCH CALENDAR**

- July 1 1990 World Ministers Council begins at 7:00 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 5 General Conference session begins at 3:00 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 7 Church Ministries Day
- July 14 Christian Record Services Offering
- July 28 Home Study International Promotion Day
- Aug. 4 Unreached Peoples Evangelism

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# True Repentance

Getting beyond

external

symptoms

s many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:
be zealous therefore, and repent'
(Rev. 3:19). This is the call of the
True Witness to the angel of the
Laodicean church. But will the people represented by the angel hear and respond to the call?

As I have pointed out in the past few months, the message to the Laodicean church presents our true condition as a people. It clearly identifies a twofold problem within the church—self-righteousness, and spiritual blindness to our true condition. This condition has been caused by an imperceptible drift away from Jesus. However, the Laodicean condition is not completely hopeless, for Jesus presents a twofold solution to the problem—repentance, and a renewal of our relationship with Him.

# **Toward a Deeper Repentance**

My fellow believers, let me talk to you now about repentance—true repentance. One of the steps followed by the apostles as they prepared themselves for the day of Pentecost was a humbling of themselves in true repentance and the confession of their unbelief. Ellen White tells us that "the same work, only in greater degree, must be done now."

There is no way for us to escape the issue of repentance. We must heed the call of the True Witness. We must fulfill the conditions of confession, humiliation, and repentance if we are to experience the latter rain. Therefore, it is time for us, individually and as a church, to humble our hearts before God in true repentance.

Of the four conditions to be met before God will give us the latter rain—confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer—it is the experiences of confession, humiliation, and repentance that are least understood. In other words, three fourths of the conditions are either vague in the minds of most Christians or are misunderstood. Is it any wonder, then, that we have not met the prescribed conditions and have not received the power that God is waiting to give us?

In the minds of most people, repentance consists of kneeling at the side of our beds at the end of the day and asking God to forgive us for losing

our temper, yelling at the children, telling a partial untruth, or mistreating the family pet. Although this should be done, how many realize that these things are symptoms of a spiritual disease. As long as we continue to treat only the symptoms, the disease will never be cured! When a person has a fever or a headache, taking an aspirin may give some relief, but this is only treating the symptoms. If the disease is isolated and treated, the fever and headache will disappear.

What is true in the physical realm is also true in the spiritual. Confessing the lies we tell and the harshness with which we treat other people is the right thing to do. We must remember, however, that these are only symptoms of the disease. We must also come to grips with the disease itself, and then the symptoms will begin to disappear.

The spiritual disease that has infected all of us is sin, as the apostle Paul explains so diligently in the book of Romans. He tells us first of all that we are all in a sinful state because of the decision of Adam, the corporate head of the human race: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

I have been told by some of our scholars that this verse is a literary chiasm. A chiasm is a rhetorical inversion of the second of two parallel phrases or clauses for the purpose of emphasizing a truth. By parallels Pauls tells us that by man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and as a result, all men sinned. That is, because of Adam's sin, all men became sinners. And since by sin death entered into the world, all human beings die.

This chiasm and what Paul is teaching becomes clearer when we recognize that Paul places it in the context of corporate identity. This corporate identity is seen clearly in Paul's summation of his position in verses 18 and 19: "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation [corporate identity]; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life [corporate identity]. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners [corporate identity], so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous [corporate identity]."

BY NEAL C. WILSON

Now, why spend time, you ask, going through this theological process? Because it is by understanding what Paul is saying theologically that we can understand what our real problem is. Once we understand the problem, we can find the solution that God has laid out for us in His Word.

First of all, the problem is our sinful nature, our carnal nature, which we have received as a birthright from Adam. Every human being possesses this nature. It is this nature that leads us on to sin against God, making Paul's statement true that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We sin in action because we possess a fallen, carnal nature as a legacy from Adam.

As the apostle Paul opens his heart to us, he confesses: "I am carnal, sold under sin" (Rom. 7:14). Why is Paul carnal? He inherited his fallen nature from father Adam. Who sold him under sin? Father Adam. We are all in this same condition; there is not one human being that is any different from another. And this includes me.

# **Beyond Symptoms**

My fellow believers, true repentance will take us beyond dealing with the symptoms of sin.

Please do not misread me. I do not wish to be misunderstood; sinful acts that grow out of the presence of the carnal nature should be confessed and forsaken. But true repentance leads us to the point at which we will come to grips with the fact that the carnal nature exists within us.

A sad but graphic illustration of this is the experience of a man who had been confined in a death camp. Yehiel Dinur appeared in an Israeli courtroom to testify against the Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann, who was accused of being a human butcher. When Dinur saw Eichmann, he "suddenly began to cry, then fell to the floor. It was not hatred or fear which overcame him. He suddenly realized that Eichmann was not the superman that the inmates had feared; he was an ordinary man. Says Dinur: 'I was afraid about myself. I saw that I am capable to do this. I am . . . exactly like he!' Mike Wallace of 60 Minutes told the story on TV. He summed it up: 'Eichmann is in all of us.' "2

The potential exists within each of us to

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do the most inhuman things against one another. We must be willing to recognize and admit this if we are ever going to experience true repentance. It will lead us to plead with God to take control of our carnal natures, to subdue them, and to replace them with the character of Jesus.

The admission before God that there is a power within us that drives us on to sin and rebellion against Him will lead us to deal more kindly and redemptively with our brothers and sisters. When one of them falls and sins, embarrassing themselves and the church, we will realize that the potential exists within us to do the very same thing. For we too are children of Adam.

Until we can humble ourselves before God and admit to Him that our natures are evil, it is not likely that we will have any desire to listen to the counsel of the True Witness speaking to spiritual Laodiceans. But this is what the Laodicean message is all about. We claim to be rich and increased with goods when all the time we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. As long as the carnal nature dominates our lives, our ears and minds will not be attuned to the invitation to buy gold tried in the fire, white raiment to be clothed, and eyesalve that we may see.

The apostle Paul reminds us that "they that are after the flesh... mind the things of the flesh" (Rom. 8:5), and he warns us that "to be carnally minded is death" (verse 6). It is death "because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (verse 7).

Jesus is the only answer to the domination of the carnal nature. Paul cries out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:24, 25). And Ellen White confirms Paul's solution to our problem: "You cannot change your

heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can *choose* to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him." Our nature must be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ! We must not only be revived spiritually but also changed, sanctified by the power of Jesus and His Spirit.

Beloved, it is time for God's people to humble themselves before Him and admit their true condition. We are sinful by nature. The carnal nature has led us to perform selfish acts to the detriment of God's work and to the hurt of God's people. We have been quick to judge our brothers and sisters, to speak harsh words of condemnation, and to spread by mouth and print rumors and suspicions. Have we been thoughtless and mean to the members of our families and to the members of God's world family? Have we been self-centered, grasping, and harsh?

My fellow pilgrim, you and I are no better than any other person. We too at times have had our own agendas, perhaps to the detriment of God's cause. We must admit that we are a backslidden, stiff-necked people, and that a revival of true godliness is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. I appeal to each of you: let us examine our hearts and join in humbling ourselves before God and admitting the presence of the carnal nature. Let us enter into an experience of true repentance individually, and then share in the joyful results together.

Let us prepare our hearts so God can do for us what He wanted to do at the General Conference sessions in 1888 and 1901 but was not able. Seek the gifts of true repentance, seek the latter rain, and thus allow God to carry out His will to finish His work in and through us.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As Many as I Love, p. 27 <sup>3</sup> Steps to Christ, p. 47.



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<sup>1</sup> Testimonies to Ministers, p. 507.

very day as I drive to work at 7:00 a.m. in Harare, Zimbabwe, an American voice advertising American cigarettes comes on the radio. It is so out of context with everything else on the African broadcasting networks. This, however, is part of a global strategy of the tobacco industry to infiltrate Third World markets with their deadly poison.

As the market for cigarettes declines in America, and in other developed countries (because of the avalanche of scientific evidence about the harmful effects of tobacco), the industry is now aiming its big guns at the Third

World. In the United States, cigarette sales are decreasing at the rate of 1.1 percent per year; in Third World countries, they are increasing at the rate of 2.1 percent per year.

# **Contributing Factors**

In addition to the onslaught of the new marketing strategies of the tobacco industry, with all of its devastating effects on the Third World, three internal factorsboth social and economic-will fuel the fires of this scourge.

First among these is the lack of information about the danger of smoking. In fact, the tobacco industry's unchallenged cigarette promotion in films, on radio and television, and in national sports and autoracing events deliberately downplays the harmful effects of smoking.

A second internal factor is that many Third World countries in Africa depend to a large degree on the sale of tobacco for their economic existence. The Food and Agriculture Organization and other relevant United Nations agencies are working closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop agriculture projects that demonstrate how crop substitution can be implemented in these countries. It will be many years, however, before other crops can be substituted for tobacco, even though it has been demonstrated in Brazil that sweet potatoes and manioc could be sold for twice the price of tobacco. Because the balance between economic life and death is so tenuous in Third World countries, it

yielding crops with which they have no experience and that do not demonstrate the technical and market support that tobacco currently enjoys. A third serious internal factor in Third

World countries is the lack of legislation aimed at controlling the industry. For example, there are no controls on reducing the consumption of cigarettes by the young, on nicotine and tar content, or for regulating cigarette advertising, marketing, and sales.

World tobacco growers have developed, as part of their global strategy, an active program aimed at warning Third World countries about the anti-tobacco efforts by WHO and other

groups that are fighting for a tobacco-free society. The International Tobacco Growers Association (composed of six nations— Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Malawi, the United States, and Zimbabwe) warns Third World countries that the billions of dollars now being earned by tobacco growers in developing countries could be lost and that the resulting economic hardship could possibly lead to political instability.

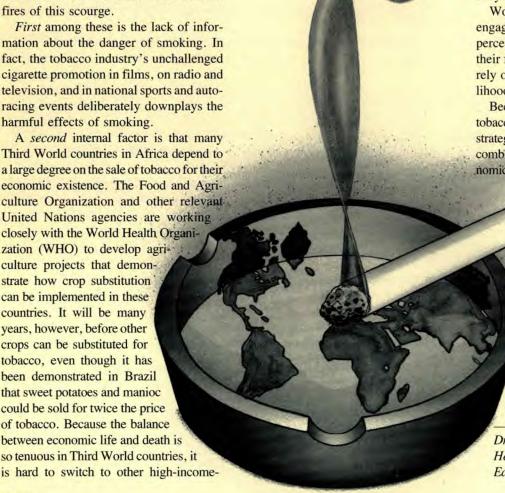
Worldwide, some 33 million people are engaged in tobacco growing, of which 90 percent are in developing countries. With their families, at least 100 million people rely on tobacco cultivation for their livelihood and, in many cases, for survival.

Because of the "foreign invasion" by the tobacco industry with its highly organized strategy to capture the Third World market, combined with unbelievable social and economic pressures, the health of millions in

> developing countries is in grave danger. According to WHO, the rates of

heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, and cancer are as high or higher than in developed countries. With the importation of this "slow-motion suicide" weapon to these developing nations already beset with economic, social, and other problems, Seventh-day Adventists need to redouble their efforts to fight this deadly drug.

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Why the tobacco

manufacturers

are targeting

the Third World.



# Fracas Over Cactus

By Gary M. Ross

hen fired by a private drug rehabilitation organization, Alfred Smith and Galen Black took the natural steps of applying for unemployment compensation. But Oregon state officials denied the request. Because the job termination had resulted from work-related misconduct, they contended, the parties were not eligible.

What constituted the alleged misconduct? The drug rehabilitation employees used a drug, peyote, despite the controlled-substance law of their state. Derived from several American cacti, this hallucinogen appeared by name on Oregon's list of drugs prohibited by law except when prescribed by medical doctors. Wrongful possession constituted a felony.

But only on the face of it was the action of Smith and Black perverse, contradictory, or defiant. They attend a Native American church, and in one of its ceremonies ingested peyote for sacramental purposes.

# **Criminalizing Drug Use**

From the statute criminalizing drug use Smith and Black, therefore, claimed an exception. The basis of their claim? The Constitution of the United States, as amended in 1791, guarantees the free exercise of religion, and because of a subsequent incorporation into the Fourteenth Amendment, this guarantee applies to the states. Thus state law, the parties insisted, cannot infringe conduct necessitated by religious belief. Rather, it must permit drug use based on religion, or at the very least make unemployment insurance available to people who sacrifice their jobs because of religiously motivated actions.

Alert readers know that the United States Supreme Court rejected such reasoning in a 6-3 decision released April 17. Written by Justice Antonin Scalia, *Employment Division v. Smith* reached a possibly acceptable conclusion, but it did

so by way of a very damaging rationale.

The conclusion per se might have been expected. National priorities as conspicuous as the war on drugs do not escape notice by the bench. And separationists do not affirm, because the courts have never held, that the free *exercise* of religion, in contrast to mere belief and the profession of belief, is absolute. Drawing that distinction in 1879, the Supreme Court made people whose religion required polygamy give way to criminal laws against the practice.

# **Abolishing Precedents**

But this time the justices denied a religious practice by displacing three decades of First Amendment precedents. They acknowledged and then abolished for most purposes the time-honored and demanding test whereby government could restrict religious freedom only by proving a compelling state interest in doing so and, where such interest could be shown, proving additionally that no less intrusive means could be found for the achievement of its goal. It would "court anarchy" to adopt such a system, says the ruling, especially in a religiously diverse society such as ours. Only this, therefore, matters: A law that incidentally prohibits the exercise of religion does not offend the First Amendment if that law is facially neutral, generally applicable, and otherwise valid.

Overt discrimination still remains wrongful, of course. For instance, no law is valid that prohibits bowing down before a golden calf. But Sunday-closing laws stand despite the claim that they burden persons whose religions compel them to refrain from work on other days. And had Scalia's opinion been law during Prohibition, the government could have banned the use of sacramental wine during Communion.

In the spirit of judicial restraint, that prevailing jurisprudence of our time, the

justices added that legislatures can still grant religiously based exemptions from government regulations. For example, federal law and the laws of 23 states exempt the sacramental use of peyote from criminal penalties. But, insisted the Court, to say that such remedies are permitted or even desirable is not to say that they are constitutionally required. Moreover, "leaving accommodation to the political process will place at a relative disadvantage those religious practices that are not widely engaged in; but that unavoidable consequence of democratic government must be preferred to a system in which each conscience is a law unto itself."

Where does the foregoing leave church-state separationists? Already facing an untenable situation in the area of the no-establishment clause of the First Amendment, namely child-care legislation containing a historic funding partnership between government and the churches, we now face unthinkable options in the area of free exercise. A group of concerned organizations, including the General Conference and North American Division, that want the Court to grant a rehearing of the peyote ruling stated the dilemma thus: "The only branch of government that was required to listen to the complaints of religious minorities and render an unbiased decision was the judiciary. Now that branch has closed its doors. The inevitable consequence is that some Americans will suffer for conscience, and that others will abandon the practice of their faith to avoid prosecution. These are precisely the results the free exercise clause was intended to avoid."

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# Praying for One Another

What are the

benefits?

ike the sun rising from a dense fog covering the sea, I slowly regain consciousness after an operation requiring several hours. The light is subdued. I am lying on a sophisticated hospital bed. Almost a dozen tubes of different sizes are attached to my body. Not far from me I hear the sighs of an unknown fellow sufferer who shares the intensive-care unit with me. The flow of time is marked by the relentless rhythm of life monitors. I cannot move. I cannot read. But I can think.

My first reaction is to thank the Lord I am still

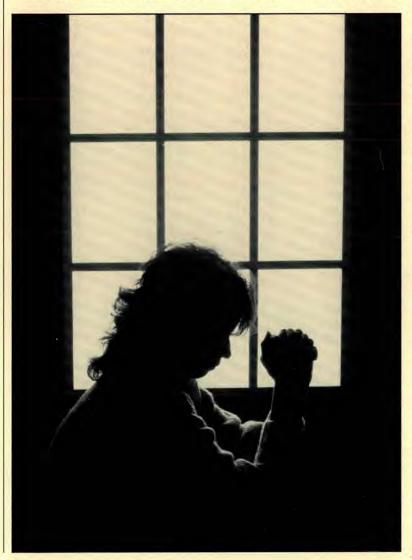
alive. Then it dawns on me that I am not fighting alone. Scores of relatives, friends, and church members are praying for me. Like dots of light in the night, their prayers shine through the darkness-darkness that could oppress my soul, and my heart is warmed. Once again the divine power of prayer is at work. I feel the support that binds us as members of the same body—to one another and to Christ.

This experience is by no means exceptional. At any given time millions of prayers reach the ears of our heavenly Father. Some are for material

> things. Others have to do with spiritual things and with the challenges and crises that we face personally. But some of our most effective prayers are those offered for others, prayers in which we identify ourselves viscerally with other human beings.



1. The person who intercedes. Through this form of prayer we break through the walls of potential indifference, we forget self, we escape the natural tendency toward egocentricity, and we fulfill one of the purest ideals of Christianity: doing something for others according to God's will. We become aware of the interdependence of believers. We come to understand that we do not have to live like scattered islands facing the storm in gloomy can resist together, and



BY PIETRO COPIZ

together we can win-as a team.

As intercessors we realize how desirable a clean heart is for beseeching the throne of mercy. Therefore, we purify ourselves in order to eliminate all possible obstacles to answered prayer.

Sincere Christians sometimes wonder whether they could ever do anything for others; they tend to doubt their own usefulness. There is no need for gloom, for prayer is among the most simple, and yet the most noble, spiritual gifts that we can give. But it demands time, and this is where those among us who sometimes no longer feel as useful as before might play a major role. A dear friend reported this inspiring statement by her mother: "One of the nicest parts of being old and retired is that one has much time to pray." Prayer lays a badge of honor on the use of time. In particular, it wraps retirement in unexpected blessings.

We are encouraged to "pray constantly" (1 Thess. 5:17, RSV). The Son of man often spent hours at a time in secret prayer, setting an example for all who would follow in His steps.

Another benefit to the one who intercedes for another is the inexpressible joy, the encouragement, of answered prayers. I have rarely seen so many wet eyes, shaken so many warm hands, and felt so deeply moved as when I went back to my home church for the first time after my convalescence. The expressions of joyful gratitude were repeated even months later, as people continued to see in me living proof of answered prayers.

Of course, our prayers are not always answered as we would humanly wish. Nevertheless, the sweet grace of God often allows us to see the results of His interventions.

Impulses toward unselfishness, a pure heart, a life in harmony with God's will, participation in Christian solidarity, learning the lessons of perseverance, a closer communion with the Saviour, the joy of divine answers—these are no small rewards for the person who presses his petitions in behalf of others before the throne of grace.

2. The person prayed for. The sick are cheered by the flowers and cards; they are strengthened by the generosity of the "casserole brigade"—that prac-

tical and dedicated group that provides warm meals for the sick and the bereaved. But nothing can take the place of prayer.

When my health condition became known, fervent prayers offered in my behalf crisscrossed the continents, from Australia to America and from Europe to Africa. As Adventists we are such a widespread family, always on the move, that this is not surprising. In most cases, however, prayers are probably said only

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across town. The distance does not matter: the benefits are not dependent on the miles separating the persons involved.

In the midst of crisis one often discovers for the first time the true personality of some members in the church. The facade imposed by social conventions fades, and the unselfish side of our brothers and sisters shines through. Nothing can contribute more to a better knowledge of one another's characters than crises faced together in the spirit of prayer.

I felt overwhelmed by the messages I received, sometimes from people I didn't even know. So many assured me of their prayers. There is always a blessing when we pray for each other. But there is a double blessing when the beneficiary knows about it.

In turn, I was challenged to be worthy of so many supplications. I was challenged to purify my own heart, to not become a stumbling block in the way of the divine answer. In addition, the prayers in my behalf increased my awareness of others in need, and I prayed for them. Unselfish prayers engender a chain reaction.

Another benefit of being the object of intercession is more subtle. At a time when I felt utterly useless and totally dependent, I suddenly realized that God had used me for an unsuspected purpose. My disease represented for others an opportunity to pray, the need to purify themselves before interceding, and the challenge to persevere. I could then see my illness from a totally new angle and feel humbly encouraged by what I discovered.

And there are still other benefits: numerous ties of new or renewed friendships; peace with God, with people, and with oneself; stronger faith in Christ and in His promises; confident readiness to face death as a threshold to eternity. The list is long. The one for whom prayers are offered is truly showered with blessings!

3. **The bystanders.** The bonds of prayer, which encourage the beneficiary and transform those who pray, also offer inspiring witnessing opportunities. It becomes natural to speak *about* God after speaking *with* Him, because His presence is already obvious. Others want to join a spiritual group whose members care so much about each other.

As the world continues its race toward ultimate destruction and Christ's coming gets nearer and nearer, the opportunities for prayer and the reasons for intercession will keep multiplying. If we feel useless and isolated, if we wonder how we could play a meaningful role in God's family, let us join the active fellowship of believers on their knees! Let us be genuine partakers of the Saviour's love! Let us pray for one another!



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# Missionaries on Motorcycles



BY PAUL TAYLOR, AS TOLD TO ROB J. CLIZBE



Leather vests make the Taylors easy to spot as they attend camp meeting in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

While you are fueling your car at a gas station along the freeway, a group of motorcyclists I ride with pulls up to the pump beside you. We look like a regular motorcycle gang, wearing black leather vests and riding Harley-Davidsons. My riding partner and I wait behind you on our Speedster. Fumbling with the gas cap, you glance nervously inside the car at your family.

Your heartbeat quickens as you hear my motorcycle set on its kickstand and note footsteps closing in behind you. But when you glance nervously over your shoulder, I just smile and offer a friendly hello.

As you extend a cautious handshake, you see a "gang" patch on my vest. It reads "Christian Motorcyclists Association: Riding for the Son," and we chat for a few minutes about our organization. (Do you feel a twinge of guilt as you introduce us to your family?)

I'm Paul Taylor, and my riding partner is my wife, Lynda. We are Seventh-day Adventist Church members, though this has not always been the case.

In the mid-1970s I worked as a me-

chanic in Glendale, California, with a man who always wore a Jesus pin and frequently talked to me about Christ. This interested me, so I bought a copy of *The Living Bible* and soon began studying on my own.

Though raised a Catholic, I was not attending any church. I had concluded from my studies that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and had begun looking for a church that met on Saturday. I even considered becoming a Jew because they kept the Sabbath, but quickly decided against that when I learned they did not believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

# **Finding a Church**

In 1981 Lynda and I moved to Minden, Nevada, and I continued studying the Bible.

Lynda's Baptist parents urged us to join a church congregation, if for nothing more than fellowship. But I refused



Paul and Lynda Taylor share their conversion story with Darold Retzer at the Nevada-Utah Conference camp meeting.

to go to a church that didn't keep the Sabbath.

Then I received an offer to take some Bible studies through the mail. I completed two lessons, one on general Bible doctrines and the other on Daniel and Revelation. At the conclusion of the Bible studies I was offered *The Great Controversy*, which I bought.

I didn't know the studies were part of a Seventh-day Adventist series until the Christian Motorcyclists Association vests and riding on our Speedster to meet people and share the love of Christ.

It's just great, the Adventist faith—but too few people know about it. I want to tell people about Adventists.

The perceptions some people have of Adventists often surprise us, but we try to dispel any misconceptions we come across. Some people think Adventists are a bunch of kooks, but we're not. When we spend time with them, they can see that.

Lynda and I plan to continue riding our Harley Speedster with the Christian Motorcyclists Association so that we can spread the word of Jesus to other bikers.

Rob J. Clizbe wrote this while a senior public relations major at Pacific Union College.

Lynda and I enjoy donning
our Christian Motorcyclists
Association vests and riding

on our Speedster to share

the love of Christ.

pastor of the Carson City church met Lynda at the furniture store where she worked. He invited us to a Revelation Seminar in January of 1988, and in February we were baptized.

# Going by God's Word

We were shocked the following week when the pastor resigned, but it had taken me 40 years to find this church, and I wasn't about to give it up.

It was difficult to see the pastor who had led us to the church resign and later ask for his membership to be dropped, but he is just a man. You can't go by man's word; you've got to go by God's Word. Stick to that, and no matter what man does, you're OK.

After I was baptized, I met a representative from the Christian Motorcyclists Association, a nondenominational organization that spreads the gospel of Jesus to other bikers throughout America. This seemed like a wonderful witnessing opportunity, so I worked to get a chapter started in Carson City.

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By Connie R. Green

# Rediscovering God

I had always felt pretty confident in my spiritual life. I always managed to have time with God, even while maintaining a job, studies, and household chores.

Then I got pregnant. No problem, I thought. This little bundle of joy will be just one more item to fit into my organizational plan.

This child, I decided, would be dedicated to God before he was born. And so I dragged out my books from Family Life classes and reread *Child Guidance*. I was determined to be a good mother, and most important, to provide a strong (but not overbearing) spiritual atmosphere for this child.

Kenten arrived on a Sabbath. How wonderful that this blessing arrived on God's holy day! During the first few weeks of his life, I barely had time to sleep—not the romantic idea I had looked forward to during pregnancy. If I got the dishes and the laundry done in the same day, I felt domestically fulfilled.

## **The Bedtime Stories**

Since I didn't have a lot of energy those first few weeks to begin Kenten's spiritual instruction, I decided to play a Bible story tape for him when I put him to bed for the night. Thus, he would fall asleep with these exciting Bible stories—or so I thought. It didn't take me long to deduce that his screams and cries were a direct result of the dramatization of the stories. When I turned off his tape player, he calmed down and went to sleep.

As Kenten grew over the next few months, I became active in the cradle roll division of our church. All the Bible stories I believed in while growing up I gradually began to question. I became cynical. The incredible stories of Noah's ark, David and Goliath, and many other "Bible classics," I now began to doubt.

To me it all sounded like biblical sci-fi. I found it difficult to read those stories to Kenten. I also had a difficult time with my attitude. I knew I wanted Kenten to be firmly planted in our faith, but here I was doubting the faith that in the past had been my stronghold.

Each week I looked forward to church. Surely I could count on church to fill my spiritual void. Each Sabbath morning I hoped Kenten would sleep during the sermon and allow me the blessing I looked forward to. Reality, however, was very different. Just about

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sermon time I could be found in the church foyer pacing and/or feeding the baby. Church became a formality to me and an interruption in my infant's regular schedule.

I started praying again, often expressing to God my feelings and frustrations. How could I be spiritually strong to provide the atmosphere I wanted my child to grow up in? I started rereading Steps to Christ, especially the chapter on doubting. I began reading Ellen White's writings on the Bible stories (in conjunction with the children's lesson). I was amazed to learn that during the Red Sea experience the Israelites began grumbling and complaining before they reached the other side. How could they, after God's incredible display of guidance, doubt Him?

Then I could see in my own life how

I was just like those Israelites. I began to see that God was there all the time with me. After all, hadn't He answered my prayer for a child in a tangible way? And yet, after all His guidance in my life, I, like the Israelites, was doubting Him. I began to believe the Bible again.

# **Missing Trains**

I started praying with Kenten, not only for the missionaries overseas, but also for missing choo-choo trains that I had spent hours looking for. I learned a big lesson from those prayers for choo-choo trains. God *does* care about our lives. He cares enough to help a 2-year-old find missing toys. He cares about the little things in daily life that we think aren't important to Him.

The Bible text in Matthew about becoming as little children took on a new meaning for me. I began to see in Kenten the innocent, undoubting trust that God desires of us. I began to understand God's love for us through my love for Kenten. I began to understand that God desires only the good things for us, just as parents want the best for their children.

I'm thankful for Kenten, that he has helped me rediscover my God.

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# Happy Homes Require Equal Effort

Advice of a

house husband

everal years ago my wife had a job that took her away from home each day, sometimes until rather late in the evening. My office was at the house, so when the kids got home from school, they tossed their books on the kitchen table and said "Hi, Dad" instead of "Hi, Mom."

I used to joke with people that I was the "house husband" in our home. More recently, though, I've come to the conclusion that in today's world all married men ought to think of themselves as house husbands.

At least 50 percent of married women in the United States today hold down a job. If the traditional concept of the husband as the sole breadwinner is rapidly disappearing, then it is time the

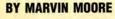
traditional concept of the woman as the exclusive caretaker of the home disappear with it.

And we'll all be better for it. Dad, mom, and the kids.

My wife and I both still work, but now my job also takes me away from home. Whatever the house is like when we leave in the morning is the way we find it when we get home in the evening.

Since we both spend all day earning income, it's only fair that we should work together in the evenings and on weekends to keep up the home responsibilities.

The question of who will do what gets to be a real sore spot in some homes. I've provided some ideas to help you handle these matters equitably and peaceably.





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### **Divide Up Responsibilities**

The first step is to talk about the problem. List the various household chores that need to be taken care of, and agree on a fair division of responsibility. It's important to put *everything* on the list. Traditionally, the wife cleans the house and the husband keeps up the yard. Both of these needs should be included in any list of responsibilities, along with who will pay the bills and keep up with the bank account, maintain the cars, take the children to school, do the grocery shopping, etc.

Once you have a complete list, then negotiate.

Some couples sign a contract that spells out who will be responsible for what. My wife and I never did that. In fact, I don't recall that we ever had a formal discussion about household chores. We've just fallen into a pattern we both seem happy with.

In our home my wife always does the washing. Sometimes I'll fold the clothes if I find them piled on the bed and I know she's busy doing other things, but usually she folds them and puts them away. She also bakes the bread and prepares all the meals. Since I refuse to touch a sewing machine, she does all the mending.

And because she hates to do the finances, I pay the bills and keep up with most of the banking. (She maintains her own checking account.) I also do all the yard work. I water and mow the lawn, trim hedges, and keep weeds out of the flower beds. In the 13 years of our marriage, I could probably count on one hand the times she has mowed the lawn. And I don't mind that arrangement. I enjoy keeping up the yard, just as she enjoys cooking.

On the other hand, some things we do together. We nearly always clean up the kitchen together at the end of each meal.

Most of the time we also work together on the weekly housecleaning. However, since I work four days a week and she works five, I often do the housework on Friday when I'm home, especially in the winter when she usually doesn't get home until shortly before sundown.

# Ask for Help; Don't Demand

If there's a conflict in your home over who will be responsible for which duties, the chances are good that at least one of The question of who will do what gets to be a real sore spot in some homes.

you is demanding help. Actually, *demanding* is a euphemism for *nagging*, and it's impossible to nag and be happy.

But what do you do when you've agreed to a certain division of responsibility and your partner doesn't keep his or her end of the bargain?

It's important, I believe, not to do your spouse's half of the work just to "keep the peace." The one who is trying to avoid conflict will almost certainly feel resentment and begin demanding help, thus ruining "the peace."

One solution is to offer to renegotiate. Point out the problem to your spouse and say, "Maybe we need to discuss the division of responsibilities again."

Don't fall into the trap of renegotiating to the extent that you find yourself doing all the work. You might assume one or two additional responsibilities to show your goodwill, but it would be better to trade task for task.

Sooner rather than later you should say, "It's getting to the point that I feel I'm doing quite a bit more than my share, and I'm afraid my resentment will damage our marriage. I love you, and I don't want that to happen."

If your spouse consistently neglects his or her responsibility, a good alternative is to do nothing. Let the problem get so bad that he or she *has* to notice.

Suppose, for instance, that the husband is supposed to set the trash out on the street each week, but often doesn't. Instead of demanding, the wife should let the trash stack up. She could set the trash from the kitchen and other parts of the house outside or in the garage—wherever the family collects it—and let it stay there until the husband puts it out for the trash collectors. Very few husbands will allow their garage or work area to become a compost pile.

Suppose, on the other hand, that the wife agrees to do the washing and ironing, but his shirts and underwear are sel-

dom clean when he needs them. An alternative to nagging is going to a laundromat. He could drop off his clothes—not hers—in the morning and pick them up after work. If his wife inquires, the husband should smile and say he knows how hard it is for her to get everything done. He is happy to let her do the clothes, but anytime she can't, he would be happy to help by taking them to the laundromat again. The chances are good the husband will never again wait for his clothes.

A laundry bill may not be ideal, but it sure beats nagging or demanding!

### Be Flexible

Emergencies are bound to arise when one or the other doesn't have time to do his or her housework. There are two ways we handle those at our house.

In some cases we hire someone to do the work. If I'm going to be out of town for a week, I usually ask a neighborhood boy to mow the lawn. And if my wife doesn't have time to cook a meal, we may eat out or have a pizza delivered. Another way to handle an emergency is for the spouse to take up the slack. While I prefer not to cook, I will prepare a meal if I know my wife will get home late from work or has a church appointment during the evening.

Once in a while we'll negotiate such special arrangements, but usually we just sense each other's need and take up the slack. And I prefer it that way. I appreciate the fact that my wife almost never asks me to do her duties. But whenever I take up the slack without being asked, she nearly always thanks me.

Our way isn't the only right way. Couples should make arrangements that work for them. But I believe that if Jesus had a home on earth today, He would follow the three principles I mentioned. He would seek a fair division of responsibilities, He would ask rather than demand, and He would be flexible.



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# Ellen White Writings Now Available on Compact Disk

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By Tim Poirier, assistant secretary, Ellen G. White Estate.

# **Steps in Production**

How was this disk produced? The first step involved compiling a comprehensive listing of all of Ellen White's published writings. After the elimination of about 300 titles that contain material drawn entirely from other published works, the list comprised more than 100 book titles, 160 pamphlets, 5,000 articles, and 1,400 manuscript releases—a total of nearly 250,000 paragraphs of text (roughly 175 million characters).

Next, the material was converted into electronic format. About 10 percent already had appeared in that form, the Pacific Press and the Review and Herald having prepared it for the publication of recent Ellen White books. For the remaining 90 percent, the White Estate investigated optical scanning of the printed pages. But the quality of the type, much of which had been hand-set for periodi-



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cals, for example, prevented accurate or economical results.

The text was submitted to a commercial data-conversion company that rekeyed the entire collection twice, in only 12 weeks, and guaranteed 99.995 percent accuracy. By keying it twice, electronic comparisons could check for textual discrepancies (lines omitted or added) and misspelled words.

A second company was selected to take the electronic data base (now on computer tape) and create the compact disk with customized search and retrieval software to access the materials.

# A First for SDAs

The White Estate arranged a quantity discount on compact disk drives (required to read the disk), saving users approximately \$200. It also had a user's manual prepared.

Collecting materials, verifying the

rekeyed text, customizing the software, and pioneering this first CD issued by Seventh-day Adventists took 15 months. And now 400 IBM-compatible disks containing the complete published writings of Ellen G. White are available for sale. A disk for Apple/Macintosh systems also is planned.

The disk contains two versions of the retrieval software. One uses the standard DOS environment; the other (designed for AT class machines) uses the popular Microsoft Windows interface. Both versions allow the researcher, in a matter of seconds, to go to any page or article for reading, to search part or all of the data base for a word or group of words, to display those paragraphs of text that meet the search criteria, and to send those results or any document to a printer or file for importing to a word processor. A special feature of the software ranks the search results so that the | MD 20904. Telephone (301) 680-6552.

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# Soviet Union

# **Kiev Church Hosts First Public Meetings in History**

Invitations reveal overwhelming spiritual hunger.

After a long sleep, the church in the Soviet Union is coming to life. With opportunities opening up for the work of God, church members are making use of them.

For example, people in Kiev, the capital city of the Ukraine, have changed their attitude toward religion. They no longer fear repression or hold believers in contempt. Christians have freedom to confess their beliefs, and even to share them with others.

This past summer the young people in the Kiev church witnessed in the central parks on Sabbath afternoons. At the time of the 1,000th anniversary of the introduction of Christianity into the Soviet Union, the Kiev church choir and 100 young people went to Vladimir Hill, in a city park, and stood in front of the monument to Prince Vladimir, the man who brought Christianity to Russia in A.D. 988. There they presented an evangelistic program to an audience of nearly 200. The following day many of those who had heard the young people in the park on Sabbath came to witness a baptism in the Dnieper River.

When fall came, Vitaly Gritsuk, youth leader in Kiev, and Pastor A. A. Pankov, Ukrainian Union treasurer, decided to hold a youth evangelistic campaign during the Christmas holidays (January 6). The plan called for five meetings, with Pastor Alexander Romanov, ministerial director of the Ukrainian Union, as speaker. They would feature the film Jesus of Nazareth, along with music and a question-and-answer period.

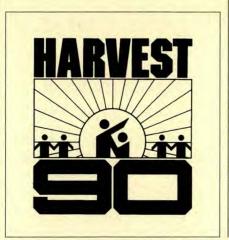
By Galina Gritsuk, Zaokski Theological Seminary English teacher, as told to Rose Otis, General Conference assistant for Soviet projects. The young people made posters to advertise the meetings and obtained official permission to hang them in various locations throughout this large city of more than 3 million people. The posters, along with 800 handbills, were printed at a state printing press.

# **Would Anyone Come?**

The church members were asked to yield their seats to others on opening night, but no one could be sure if any non-Adventists would come, since this was the first time in the history of the Adventist Church in the Soviet Union that such a meeting was being held.

People began coming in a steady stream an hour before the meeting was scheduled to begin. Soon every chair was occupied, and pastors scurried to bring every available chair from other areas of the church. The aisles filled up, and people spilled over onto the platform, leaving room only for the choir and the speaker. Every square foot of space was occupied by young and old people hungry to hear the gospel in word and in song.

Soon even the chairs for the pastors



were occupied by visitors. Only the two pastors participating in the program remained in the sanctuary, and they gave up their seats and stood behind the pulpit. All visiting pastors stood in the yard with their members, along with hundreds of others. All three doorways to the church overflowed with people, and more continued to come. After vain attempts to press inside the church, they exclaimed in disappointment, "Why did you invite the whole city? You should have invited only one district at a time."

More than 1,000 people came, but only a fraction of them could be accommodated. Everyone agreed on the need for a larger house of worship. The time of small congregations has passed, as many are eager to find the faith they have been denied for so long.

### **Packed Auditorium**

Pastor Romanov spoke of the birth and life of Jesus. Many stood on one foot, pressed on every side by others willing to stand in a packed auditorium with closed windows, stale air, and abundant humanity. They stayed until 10:00 p.m. to see the film—which they could see in no other place. A girl fainted from the heat, and many suffered headaches.

Those who organized the meetings felt certain that few would return the second night, because of the uncomfortable conditions. But the church filled up again as it had on opening night.

Every evening 700 to 800 persons jammed into a church that holds only 300. A television set in the yard, connected to a videocamera inside the church, allowed the people who stood outside in the freezing winter to see and hear what was taking place. Only those who stood close to the set could see, but everyone strained to hear the audio.

### **Thirst for Literature**

The church yard featured a literature booth from which young ladies sold New Testaments, the two Russian magazines published by the Review and Herald, and *Steps to Christ*. Overwhelmed with requests, they soon ran out.

On the closing evening, long before the start of the meeting, more than 100 people waited for the literature booth to open. The 50 Bibles saved to sell on the closing evening were gone in minutes. Those who were disappointed were assured that this was only the beginning, that one day we would have Bibles for everyone. This seemed to them like a dream.

People pleaded for books that would

explain how to find salvation, but there were none. The Adventist workers felt like mothers who must tell their children there is no bread to eat.

This first recent Adventist evangelistic series in the Soviet Union was more successful than our members could have dreamed. Hundreds of souls were reached with the gospel. They thank God for the thrilling things He is doing in their country.

# **A Desperate Need**

This experience emphasizes the need for church homes in the Soviet Union. After more than 70 years of repression, during which churches were closed or used for other purposes and permission

to build new churches was denied, nearly 300 Adventist congregations still worship in private homes. These homes do not encourage the development of new interests.

Denominations that are building representative, well-located churches are experiencing phenomenal growth in the Soviet Union today. We must respond quickly if we are to maximize the opportunity. People previously fearful and hesitant to seek for God are now coming en masse in search of a Saviour. The General Conference Office of Soviet Affairs has a list of more than 230 congregations across the Soviet Union that are in need of church homes.

Pacific Press

# Paper for the Young Turns 100 Years Old

n July 4, 1990, Our Little Friend will turn 100 years old. For 56 of those years, it served as the only magazine for children in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It also is one of the oldest continuously published religious magazines for children in the United States.

In its June 1890 issue, the Sabbath

School Worker announced the new magazine, and explained how it came into being: "For several years there has been a growing sentiment among Seventh-day Adventists that a child's paper is a necessary adjunct to our denominational literature. The subject has been ag-

itated more or less, and calls have been coming in from every quarter for a paper especially adapted to the little ones, containing simple yet instructive reading matter, but not commingled with objectional features so commonly found in other publications. There has also been a demand for a simple course of Sabbath school lessons."

In response to this demand, the Executive Committee of the International Sabbath School Association, at a meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, November 6, 1889, requested that Pacific Press

should begin such a paper for children.

# **Nine Editors**

Six men and three women have carried the editorial responsibility during the past 100 years. Ernest Lloyd edited the magazine the longest—from 1924 to 1949. Eugene Sample (editor from 1949)

to 1963) began *Primary Treasure* in 1957, editing that magazine as well as *Our Little Friend*, as has every editor since that time.

When Pacific Press burned down in

1906, someone had taken home two issues of *Our Little Friend*, which were later photographed and printed elsewhere so that no numbers were missed.

A special four-color 16-page issue has been prepared to mark the centennial. The cover features a newly commissioned painting of Jesus with children, done by Darrel Tank, a free-lance artist living in

Idaho. The children models are the sons and daughters of Pacific Press employees.

Says Aileen Andres Sox, the present editor, "Our Lit-



tle Friend was a part of my childhood. One of the first places I heard that Jesus loves me was in its pages. In our ministry to children in 1990, we strive to meet the needs and problems of today's children, but we still are guided by the values and principles that have guided the magazine since its beginning. We hope to convey to children that Jesus loves them and that they are infinitely precious to Him and important to their church."

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■ Ireland

# **Bicentennial Evicts Congregation**

Members leave Armagh Observatory for director's house.

The smallest of the 12 small Adventist congregations in Ireland, which have a combined membership of less than 300, will move its meeting place because of a bicentenary celebration.

This month marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of Ireland's only observatory, for which Archbishop Richard Robinson (1765-1794) provided the funds in the ancient city of Armagh. Today Armagh Observatory, established by act of Parliament, stands on one of the city's several hills.

On another hill, said to have been given to Saint Patrick in A.D. 445 by King Daire, sits the episcopal see in the north of Ireland, comprised of an Anglican cathedral and the palace of the archbishop of Armagh, who is president of 12 governors of Armagh Observatory (six ministers and six laypersons). The governor's seal carries the text "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Not to be outdone, the Roman Catholics built a cathedral on a third hill in Armagh between 1840 and 1904.

One of the most famous of Armagh's religious leaders was scholar and historian Archbishop James Ussher (1625-1656). His Annales Veteris et Novi Testamenti are said to be the source of the dates later inserted in the margins of the King James Version of the Bible from 1701 onward.

For many years farmers brought their tithes to the observatory, but with the disestablishment of the church in 1869, these funds dried up. Now the observatory operates through a grant-in-aid from the Department of Education in Northern Ireland.

By Victor Cooper, who before his retirement served as an associate director of the General Conference Communication Department.

### **Adventist Director**

The director of Armagh Observatory for the past 14 years has been Dr. Mart de Groot, a Seventh-day Adventist. An authority in "hot" stars, De Groot specializes in the processes by which large amounts of energy are released in short bursts. He works in association with StarLink and the Science Engineering and Research Council. "Through flares and sunspots on stars even smaller than our sun, their brightness may periodically be doubled," he explains.

De Groot is a world authority on P-Cygni, a hot star ready to blow apart. Observers in Arizona, Hawaii, the Canary Islands, and Australia report to him.

When De Groot was a schoolboy he almost went blind. Indeed, his experiment with fireworks nearly cost him his life. Then 30 years ago, during the ministry of Hans LaRondelle (now of Andrews University) in Holland, De Groot became an Adventist. After working in Chile for six years, he came to Northern Ireland.

De Groot provides for the local newspaper a HealthWise column produced by the General Conference Communication Department. He also writes an astronomy column in the Belfast *Telegraph*. His witnessing includes telling his story in the Armagh Presbyterian Church.

For many years the seven members of the Adventist congregation in Armagh have worshiped at Armagh Observatory. Now, in conjunction with the bicentenary celebrations, the property is to be developed. So Ireland's smallest Adventist group will meet in De Groot's home—on another hill in Armagh.

Rritish Columbia

# **Christian Lifestyle Magazine Conducts First Rally in Canada**

The Vancouver Central SDA Church in British Columbia hosted the first *Christian Lifestyle Magazine* rally in Canada on March 3. The program featured prominent guests from the Vancouver area who through their Christian lifestyle have made significant contributions to their community.

Guests included Don Faris, a United Church of Canada pastor who has written a book on homosexuality from the biblical perspective, with emphasis on reconciliation; Geraldine Fordyce of the Salvation Army, who directs a ministry for alcoholic and chemically dependent women and mothers; and Mabel Norcross from the Adventist community in Vancouver, who carries on a ministry with victims of AIDS, especially those who are Seventh-day Adventists. In addition, Wally Hasselbrach of San Francisco demonstrated God's power to overcome handicaps by telling how he established his own physiotherapy practice while suffering from cerebral palsy.

Dan Matthews and Jim Wood of Faith for Today conducted the live interviews, giving members in Vancouver a taste of *Christian Lifestyle Magazine* live. The program is seen weekly from coast to coast in Canada on the Vision Television network, and reaches more than 5 million Canadian homes.

This index, for January to June, 1990, includes the articles, editorials, and columns in the list of abbreviations below. Children's Corner stories and poems are not included. The index has four sections: Authors, Titles, Subjects, and News.

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# Nearer, My God, to Thee

The jungle crept up to the sides of the road. The pavement slithered out of sight ahead and behind. I was alone. Or I hoped I was.

Dusk approached, as could lions, warthogs, snakes, and other animals in this game preserve. As the Zambian trucker turned off the main road and disappeared down a dirt path into the forest, I wished he had invited me home. But he hadn't, and I was left by the road either to catch another ride to the mission compound or to sleep where I was.

There was about 10 feet of low scrub before the jungle sprang up, so I could lie down. But it would be so much nicer if there were some people around, some kind of protection.

## **Cold and Alone**

The next town was 300 miles away. Why hadn't I made sure I had a ride all the way before leaving the last town?

Loneliness crept in, making me shiver. I pulled a pocket hymnal out of my rucksack in an attempt to find solace.

Though like a wanderer, daylight all gone, Darkness be over me, my rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee.

The waves of foreboding stopped, and my fears subsided. Though adrift in an ocean of need, I recommitted my life to God. I wanted companionship, and His Spirit warmed me.

A sound emerged—an engine's murmur—and finally a truck came into view. I was determined it would stop. And it did. The cab was full, but the covered back was empty and open. They smiled and waved me in. Relief. But how far would they be going? I chose not to worry.

Now it was dark. What I most wanted to hear was the continuing purr of this truck's engine for the next six to eight hours, until we reached the next town.

The road was well worn. Holes were plentiful. Often the truck progressed at only 20 miles per hour, and I wondered if my skull might crack as I slept and bounced on the hard truck floor.

The truck stopped. Barely visible was a low



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shack with a faint glow in the window.

Was this home, a petrol station, or a rest stop? The people from the truck cab came to the back and motioned me into the hut with them. Inside, I, the tall White traveler, was the immediate topic of discussion. I couldn't understand their words, but broad smiles helped me relax.

Too soon someone woke me. I was to follow and board another truck. Again the cab was full, so I lay on a heap of worn tires that almost overflowed the side rails.

The driver had indicated that he would go all the way to the next town.

There let my way appear, Steps up to heaven; All that Thou sendest me, In mercy given.

# Safe at Last

I was jubilant as we reached town, and made my thanks as evident as possible to the driver without saying a word.

For 35 cents a bus took me out to the mission compound. There I was welcomed, oriented, and busy. Memory of that night quickly faded with all the activity of the mission. But last Friday evening at worship we sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and I remembered.

Alone on a vacant road in an African jungle. Fearful of spending the night without protection. Comfort came from singing that hymn.

Remembering the experience reassures me now. It is a reminder of how hymns can reach out as prayers, bringing God's peace. It makes me realize that I should bathe my mind in these words and psalms more often.

When murmurs of loneliness and worry well up within, "still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee."



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