



“TRUE EDUCATION”

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The Australian Report

by Cyril Miller from a recent visit

Australia — the vast and varied continent “down under” is “on top of the world” as a land of contrast. Sun-scorched deserts, tropical rain forests, deep gorges, and rugged alpine mountains with snow skiing; lush valleys, rich with tropical fruits and sugar cane fields, golden wheat plains, and miles of white sandy beaches make it a paradise or a purgatory for its 15 million rugged, resourceful, resilient people.

The Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia is strong in spirit and rich in resources. Its heritage is replete with the providence, protection, and prosperity of God’s guidance and grace.

As early as 1874, Ellen White urged our church leaders to spread the Adventist message widely and said, “Australia is a continent of great opportunity.” The 1884 General Conference session in Battle Creek voted to send S. N. Haskell to Australia to pioneer the work in this part of the Southern Hemisphere.

Ten years later Ellen White and her son Willie went to Australia and lived there for ten years. Her spiritual insight and counsel brought blessing and benefit during these formative years of Adventism in Australia.

Today the Seventh-day Adventist church in the Australasian Division is a model in many ways. Its 1,193 churches and 155,447 members are firm in the Adventist faith and loyal to our global mission. Its health and education institutions are a tribute to the spiritual vision, commitment and professionalism of our church leaders, past and present.

During the month of June, Bob Boney, an area administrator of the Texas Conference, and I were invited by the Australasian Division to visit Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji to tell the “Texas story” and train their pastors and members in our methods of conference administration, public evangelism, planting new churches, and Revelation Seminars.

We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm, optimism, and hospitality of our conference leaders, pastors, and members.



Cyril Miller (right) shows his daughter Janet and Bob Wood the map of Australia where he recently visited with Bob Boney.

Successful training programs were conducted in ten conferences of the two Australian unions where 245 pastors and 960 members attended. We spent two very profitable weekends at Avondale College with students, faculty and laymen.

The Ford issue is past history. Conference leaders have dealt carefully and responsibly with this delicate and difficult matter. The Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia demonstrates great love for our message and commitment to our global task. They are as solid as our members anywhere in the world field. In some respects, more so than what we experience here in the United States, and I am very proud of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia.

Our church on the continent of Australia has many things that I wish we could enjoy here in America. One is the popularity of their Sanitarium Health Foods, with large modern factories in every state, dozens of church-owned health-food stores scattered throughout their cities, and our products displayed on the shelves of every grocery market all over the country.

Another thing I wish we had is their direct linkage with the mission field. Ellen White was shown in vision the exact location for Avondale College where it would become a training center for workers to evangelize the South Pacific. Her vision has become a dramatic reality!

Reports of miracles and church growth come weekly and sometimes daily from the islands of the South Pacific. This keeps the spirit of foreign missions alive as constant contact with relatives and friends by visits, personal letters and telephone, tell of what God is doing to reach the millions on the islands with the gospel through the ministry of his church. Sometimes the members in the pew hear these thrilling reports even before the church officials are informed, and this is exciting.

It seems that God is dealing directly with his people in dreams out there on the islands. Many recent experiences reveal how God is using special dreams to reach the people. Here is just one of several new and exciting stories I heard while there.

Just 15 months ago — an 18-year-old non-Adventist boy was critically ill in intensive care in a New Guinea hospital. He promised God he would serve him with his life if he could be healed. After dismissal from the hospital he went to an Adventist pastor for more Bible Study to prepare for baptism and his ministry.

Twelve weeks later, after his baptism, he went to church and asked for a picture roll, and then walked down the coast for seven days. A voice said to him, “Now turn to the mountains.” He went three more days and discovered a “lost valley” with 7,000 people in 20 villages.

He went to the chief and said, “I want to tell your people about my God.” The chief said, “I must ask questions — What day you worship?” The young man pressed his fingers down one to seven.

The chief then asked, “Your God allow eat pig?” The young man replied, “No.” the chief asked again, “Your God have rules?” At this moment the 18-year-old lad showed the chief

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his large picture roll of Moses and the Ten Commandments.

The chief then said, "My daughter dream you come. She tell me — you seven days — no pig — keep rules." This young boy, who himself had been an Adventist member only three months, stayed two weeks and taught the chief and his people all he knew about the Bible.

He returned home and brought 40 young people from an Adventist village some three days travel distance. They stayed two months teaching and helping the people. Today, only 12 months later, they have built a church and school. They also have baptized 115 souls and 19 are in the "class ready."

Tony Kemo, the Voice of Prophecy speaker for New Guinea, says, "I lived in that area many years and never knew this valley existed." So here is just a sample of what God is doing to reach the people for a finished work in the South Pacific.

I told the Division president, Elder Walter Scragg, "You have something we need — I wish Texas had a mission field, too." He said, with a twinkle in his eye, "Oh, I thought you already have a mission field... in the other 49 states."

Perhaps Texas should petition the General Conference for a mission field where we could send our student missionaries, retirees and other volunteers for special projects. What do you think?

Venden Says We Need God

Would you accept a million dollars if you had to spend it all in one year? Would you still accept it if you had to die at the end of that year? "Probably not," says Morris Venden in the *Signs* cover article for September, "Why Do We Need God."

But suppose you had seventy years instead of one. Would that make a difference?

If it is foolish to settle for one year when you could have seventy, isn't it even more foolish to settle for seventy when you could have eternity?

Logic alone, of course, is not sufficient to convince us that we need God. It is as much a matter of the heart as of the head. That's why so many thinking persons have decided that God is unnecessary.

In the September *Signs* you'll find God's old, yet ever-new, offer of salvation presented in terms that appeal powerfully to both heart and head.

Southwestern Adventist College

SHARON LEACH, Correspondent

Financial Aid Available For SAC Students

If you're trying to decide which college to attend, you needn't let financial fears keep you from looking at Southwestern Adventist College. There is aid available from the federal government and the state of Texas to help families make up the difference in cost between public and private universities and colleges, says Dave Hope, Southwestern vice president for financial affairs.

Students at Southwestern next year are already getting a break. Tuition for both semesters will be \$4442. (That figure includes the cash price discount.) And that's lower than any other American Adventist college except Oakwood.

"Okay," some say, "you get what you pay for." That's true. "At SAC, students are paying for first-class higher education," says Larry Wilson, assistant to the president. "Our graduates' statistics speak for themselves. Over the past six years, 46 of 49 of our graduates applying for medical and dental school admission have been accepted; of the last three classes of nursing graduates, 75 of 77 passed the state board examinations on the first attempt; for many years now, every elementary education graduate has had a job awaiting on graduation;

and since 1980, 33 of 37 theology graduates who have desired positions have received calls."

"Of course, we're able to provide excellence at such a good price because of the income from our gas wells in Louisiana, generous gifts from friends, and careful management," he explains.

After working at summer jobs, saving their money, and having parents who contribute all they can, most students

find they still need help to meet tuition costs. "Don't feel embarrassed," says Hope. "That's the most common financial situation for college students."

Southwestern guarantees a job to any student willing to work, and a student can make an average of \$1500 during the school year.

Other financial help comes in three forms: scholarships, grants and loans. Scholarships and grants don't have to



Kendall, left, and Larry Brown of Keene, received full one-year tuition scholarships in 1983-84 because of their status as National Merit Scholarship finalists. President Don McAdams awarded the prizes during a student assembly. Larry is a junior physics major, and his brother Kendall is a sophomore computer information systems major.

(photo by Larry Cooke)



A. D. Fautheree, a chemistry major from Zachary, Louisiana, works as a lab assistant for his major department.

(photo by Jeff Halfner)



Sophomore nursing student Margy Manuszak came to Southwestern from Colorado Springs, and her first job was for the grounds department. She has since traded in her lawnmower for an announcer's job at KJCR, the college FM station.

(photo by Larry Cooke)



Sylvia Collins, a junior office administration major from Keene, helps defray school expenses with her job at Southwestern ColorGraphics.

(photo by Larry Cooke)

be repaid; loans must be, usually at low interest rates.

Most scholarships are based on good grades, such as the \$800 awards given by the college to students in the top ten percent of their high school or academy graduating classes. Valedictorians are given \$1000, and salutatorians, \$900. National Merit Scholarships finalists and semi-finalists are awarded a one-year full-tuition scholarship plan.

Leadership is rewarded, too. Academy and high school senior class and student association presidents can get \$800. Students listed in *Who's Who in American High Schools* are awarded \$200.

There are several named scholarships given by the college to students who show real promise in certain fields, and several academic departments also give scholarships, with academic record,



Norbert Andrus, a junior medical technology student from Kansas City, works as a sander at Brandoms Manufacturing.

(photo by Larry Cooke)



Freshman premed student Tracy Owens of Burleson, Texas, worked in 1983-84 as a secretary and accompanist for Southwestern's fine arts department.

(photo by Jim Bunkley)

demonstrated talent, and leadership being the main criteria.

Southwestern gives three categories of students special consideration. Married students can get a \$450 scholarship per semester for the spouse of a full-time student; bachelor's degree holders can get a 50 percent tuition discount in most academic areas; and senior citizens pay only \$20 per semester hour.

There are several government-funded aid programs that form the core of most students' financial aid packages. All of them are awarded on the basis of need. (Need is the difference between your cost of education and the amount you and your family can afford to pay.)

First, you must file a Financial Aid form from the College Scholarship Service, and the form is available from the college and most high schools. After processing your form, the CSS will send

the college a needs analysis, which is the basis of all government grants and loans.

The government aid includes:

- ★ The Pell Grant, which is the basis for all other financial aid, and it is based on need. The maximum award for the 1984-85 school year will be \$1900.
- ★ The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), which is similar and is distributed on a matching basis with the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL). Based on exceptional financial need, the awards do not usually exceed \$500 per year. The NDSL loans up to \$1500 per academic year.
- ★ The Tuition Equalization Grant, which is for Texas residents only. Funds are given to non-theology majors, and there's a \$1200 maximum.
- ★ The Guaranteed Student Loan, which is a low-interest loan to supplement the grant program. It's made by a lender such as a bank, credit union or savings and loan association. You may borrow up to \$2500 per year. Loan repayment begins six months after you finish college, and you have up to ten years to repay.

"We don't recommend that a student take out more than one loan per year if he can help it," says Hope. "In some ways, it would be beneficial to the college to help us clear some accounts. But it's a real hardship on the student when time comes to repay and there's more than one loan."

While we can't tell you that your fairy godmother will swoop down and give you a college education, we can tell you that about 750 people go to school at Southwestern Adventist College each year, and they're people just like you. With summer and campus jobs, your parents' help, and with grants, loans and scholarships, you can get a quality Christian liberal arts education.

"Employers are very impressed with our students just because they have paid for a private education," says vice president for development Dr. Berney Neufeld. "If you can manage a private college education, you can handle anything later on!"

Jesus told the story of a man who sacrificed everything he had in order to obtain a buried treasure. We think you'll find that your Christian education is a treasure not only for this life, but for all eternity. For information about obtaining that treasure, call Larry Wilson collect at 817/645-5613. It might just change your life.

Arkansas-Louisiana

DON SCHNEIDER, Correspondent

Pathfinders Enjoy Day of Fun

On a recent Sunday, six Pathfinder clubs converged on the Little Rock school campus for a day of games and fun together.

Chuck Horner coordinated a program of fast-moving events that made an eventful day for both members and staff representing some 60 to 70 Pathfinders and their leaders.

The clubs present came from Jonesboro, West Memphis, Batesville, Little Rock, Hot Springs, and Bonnerdale.

The West Memphis and Batesville clubs are newly formed groups and seemed to especially enjoy the day which included such activities as camp-site judging, egg-toss competition, chain gang relay races, and pancake toss.

Chuck Horner is Pathfinder director of the Little Rock club and worked closely with various other leaders to plan and execute the program.

Dick Livingston,
Communication Secretary,
Bonnerdale, AR, Church.



Looking at the various displays was fun, but a tough job for the judges!



Get ready, get set, GO!



Patricia Stevens, 9, of Bonnerdale was presented a first place award for her part in judging a camp safety area. Chuck Horner presented the ribbon to Patricia who is a member of the Bonnerdale club. Patricia is afflicted with a form of paralysis which confines her to a wheelchair, but she doesn't let that keep her from having fun with the Pathfinders.

(all photos by Dick Livingston)



Tiffany Trubey, eight-year-old daughter of Roger and Jan Trubey, with her shell collection.

Ozark Adventist Academy

Ozark Students Earn and Learn

One of the principal goals of Ozark Adventist Academy is to train and prepare the whole student for service to the Master and readiness to function in society. In today's society it is often difficult for a teenager to find a job. And usually, if a job is available, experience and references are necessary in order to secure it. At Ozark Academy students are provided work as a part of their total training. Each school day they report to work on time as they would if they were employed on a full-time basis.

This work opportunity is of value in many ways. It helps the student to defray the expenses of his schooling. It helps to usefully occupy time away from the classroom by meaningful labor. Perhaps most important, it reinforces in the

student's mind the dignity and importance of hard work and sticking to the job until it is finished.

There are a variety of work opportunities that the student may choose from. They include the cafeteria, maintenance, custodial, and teacher's aid or secretary in one of the instructional or administrative departments. Besides these, there are three industries that hire students. They include, Mid-America Cabinets, Gentry Poly Plastics, and the newest, Ozark Academy Card-board Factory.

Students are encouraged to retain their work positions throughout the entire year so as to help them gain a greater understanding about the operation of that department and gain greater experience and responsibility. Students often request to work in the same department year after year.

Ozark is totally committed to the training and preparation of the youth of this area. Any student who is interested in more information concerning the work-study program at OAA should contact the principal Garry Sudds.



Laura Lehmann vacuums and cleans the administrative offices.



Sheila Burgett prepares food for the noon meal.



Dawn Payne types letters and memos for the administrative offices.



Fred Bailey laminates a board with formica at Mid-America Cabinets.



Ron Swena mows the lawn for the maintenance department.



Jim Landelius does some finish sanding on a cabinet at Mid-America Cabinets.



Evelyn Handal corrects papers for Wayne Easley.



Penny McHarry answers calls at the switchboard.



Eric Smith services a truck at the Industrial Arts Department.

Oklahoma

BEAMAN SENEAL, JR., Correspondent

Student Wins Law Day Poster Contest

The lawyers of Carter County, Oklahoma, sponsored a poster contest this year for the third, fourth, and fifth grade students of all schools. The poster was to commemorate Law Day, and to show appreciation for the judicial system of this country.

Posters were entered by 200 applicants. The judges chose the winner based on originality of thought. For the fourth grade winner, Adam Dean was chosen. Adam is a student of Beavers Memorial Junior Academy, the Adventist church school in Ardmore. The Carter County Law Day Chairman, Attorney Mark Colbert, presented Adam with a T-shirt during the chapel service at BMJA. The shirt was labeled "CHAMP-1984—LAW DAY".

The faculty, student body, and especially the parents, Connie and Harold Dean, are very proud of Adam, and are grateful that Beavers Memorial Junior Academy could enter the contest and produce a winner.

Layton R. Sutton, M.D.,
Communication Secretary.



Attorney Mark Colbert presenting Adam Dean an award for his winning Law Day poster.

OKLAHOMA NEWS ROUNDUP

- Pat Milligan reports three baptisms following his first Revelation Seminar. The Okmulgee church is looking forward to four more baptisms as a result of this series.
- The Oklahoma City Central church is providing a bus service to Wewoka Woods for each Sabbath of Camp Meeting.
- Linda Cree of Mountain Home, Arkansas has joined the kitchen staff at Summit Ridge Retirement Center according to Paul Proctor, administrator.
- Summit Ridge Retirement Nursing Center is now operating at full occupancy.

Dorcas Workers Honored

Impressed upon the heart of a faithful Dorcas worker, Grace Odom, was the thought of officially recognizing the loyal Dorcas Society members, who so regularly donated their time and talents for the service of mankind. With the approval of Pastor Ed Holton, she planned an entire church service on May 26, honoring those dear workers, age 70 or over, who week after week and year after year give so many hours laboring for those in need. These members may be needed in mending, cleaning, altering, or making bedding and clothing. Some are used in food preparation, boxing, labeling, sizing, distributing, building and yard maintenance, plus many other activities so necessary to make an active, effective outreach.

Those members who were called forward for Living Treasure recognition were: Robert Taylor, James Odom, Grace Odom, Marvel Harris, Clara Burdick, Verna Monzingo, Ethel Sutton,

Eloise Edwards, Myrtle Lovin, Lucyle Cockrell, and Locky Wilson.

A summary of each member's activities was read and a ribbon was placed upon them as one by one they were honored. One of the active members for many years is Robert Taylor, who is now 96 years old. The Ardmore church especially bestows a Living Treasure award upon Grace Odom, for her long service, and for having the insight and appreciation to develop this memorable program.

Layton R. Sutton, M.D.,
Communication Secretary.

Ketchum Dedication

Former members and friends of the Ketchum Church are invited to the dedication of the new church on **August 11, 1984.**

Pastor Don Fortner

Relief Work Appreciated

Seventh-day Adventist Community Services are voluntary actions of Christian love. It is encouraging, of course, to receive recognition for these services. Vera Wolfe, Oklahoma Conference coordinator of Community Services and disaster relief received the following letter after the relief work in Tulsa following the flooding there.



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June 9, 1984

Mrs. Vera Wolfe
Seventh Day Adventist Church
4735 N.W. 63rd Street
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Dear Mrs. Wolf:

Again, we want to express deep appreciation to the Seventh Day Adventist organization for the outstanding services that have been extended to the disaster victims of the Tulsa Memorial Day floods. The presence of the identified van at the Disaster Assistance Center was indeed helpful in assisting families with their clothing and bedding needs. Please share our thanks with all the understanding volunteers who made this service possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Brouhard
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Federal Coordinating Officer

"Why Spend \$1,000 to Send My Child to an Adventist Elementary School?"

That's the question I had to answer this summer. There's a beautiful public school just down the street. And tuition is free. On the basis of location and

cost, my choice would be easy. But there are some things about our local Adventist school that my wife and I also considered.

Some Very Special Teachers

First, the teachers. Sure, they're all fully certified professionals. But, more important, each is dedicated to sharing Christ in what and how they teach. And not just during Bible class and worship, but in all classes, including handwriting and physical education. From my visits to Kami's classroom, I know that her teacher also reveals Jesus by the way he talks and lives.

Head, Hand, and Heart Education

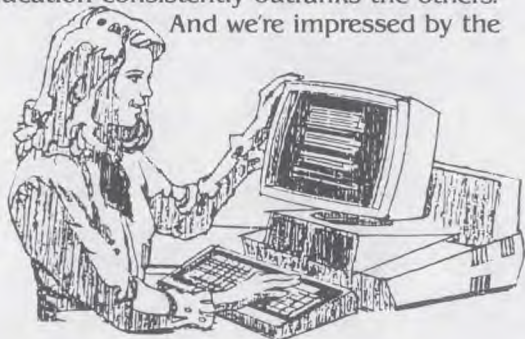
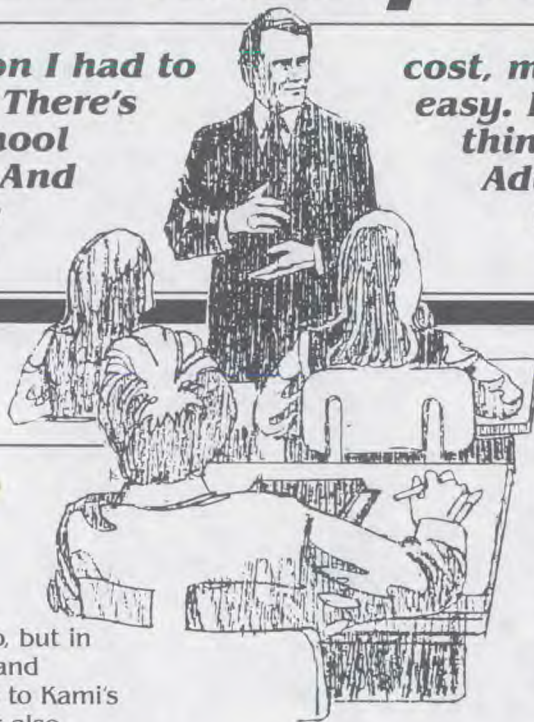
Next came quality of education. During parent-teacher conferences, we saw some achievement test scores showing that SDA education consistently outranks the others.

And we're impressed by the

completeness of today's Adventist education. From first grade right through college, our schools are preparing young people for tomorrow's world. Just look at an SDA academy bulletin sometime: computer programming, welding, microwave cooking, ceramics, nursing science, band, choir, word processing . . . the list goes on and on. And Kami's looking forward to taking everything!

On-the-Job Training

We found more good news. Next school year, Kami's going to have the opportunity to work in our new school-owned bakery. Which whittles down that \$1000 figure. But I'm just as excited about the valuable experience she'll be gaining. She's already planning to be a "millworker" at Harris Pine when she goes to academy, just like her cousin Wesley. "Don't decide too soon," I tell her. She may still opt for becoming a "farm gal" or a nurse's aide, earning tuition and valuable work experience at the same time. Of course, with the way our schools are coming up with new creative and profitable work-study options, who knows what Kami might get into by then?





More Than Dollars

I've shared with you some of the main reasons why we chose an Adventist school for Kami. Still, one thousand is a pretty big number.

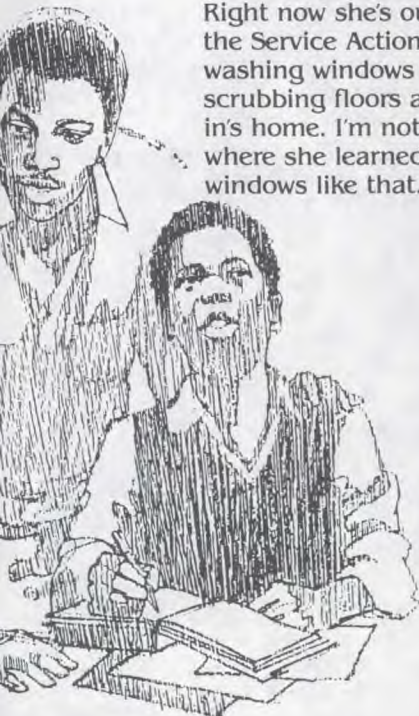
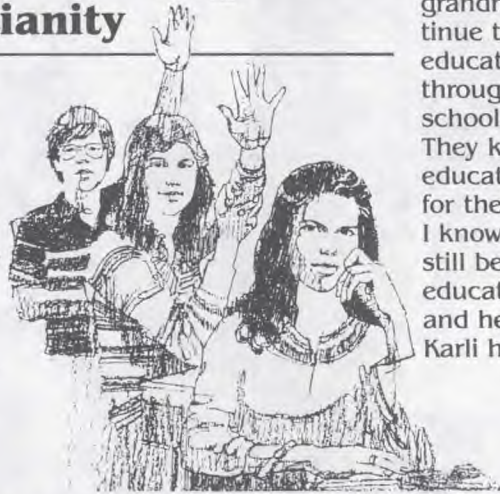
On the other hand, there are some other numbers to consider. For example, the large number of young people who are baptized and continue to be active in the church if they've had the advantage of a Seventh-day Adventist education.

In the end, that was what made our decision for us. We couldn't put a price on our daughter's Christian experience. So we consider the cost our most valuable investment.

That's also why Kami's grandma and grandpa continue to support Adventist education financially through their local church's school subsidy program. They know that Christian education is a responsibility for the entire church family. I know my wife and I will still be supporting Adventist education long after Kami and her two-year-old sister Karli have graduated.

Learning to Share Christianity

One major difference between our SDA school and the public school is that our school doesn't shut down on weekends! Outreach activity is a way of life. And Kami loves every minute. Branch Sabbath School. The witnessing tumbling team. Temperance Club. Adopt-a-Grandparent. Right now she's out with the Service Action Team, washing windows and scrubbing floors at a shut-in's home. I'm not sure where she learned to do windows like that.



One Final Number

With all the numbers we've talked about, there's one more we considered: 4,517. That's baptisms of Adventist students in a single school year. And that number means a lot more to a dad when his own daughter comes to him and says, "Pastor Clark's going to have baptismal classes after school on Tuesdays. Can I go?"

We couldn't think of another school that offered a class better than that!

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Southwest Region

W. C. JONES, Correspondent

New Church Opens In Lake Charles

In 1944, the late Elder J. H. Williams organized the Sharon Chapel church in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a charter membership of 36. They met in the Woodbury Congregational Baptist Church, because they did not have a meeting place. Others that worked in the area are D. C. Batson and the late Birdie McCluster, Bible Instructor. L. B. Baker, another pastor, purchased the first property, and L. D. Henderson built their first church. The successive pastors were: C. M. Bailey, V. Runnels, J. A. James, the late J. R. Wagner, J. C. Hicks, H. M. Crider, G. J. Chissell.

In the late seventies, Leroy Phillips became the pastor. The church grew under his leadership, and 25 members were added. On November 14, 1981, the church was destroyed by fire. This was a crushing blow, but the pastor encouraged the believers and launched a building fund drive for rebuilding the sanctuary.

In May, 1982, W. E. Humphrey II came to the Lake Charles district, and he worked untiringly with conference administration, architect, Walter Ard and his corps of workers to construct a new building, for a Grand Opening on Sabbath, May 12, 1984.

W. C. Jones, conference president delivered the message. Jesse Smith rendered special music, many visitors

from the city along with the out-of-town guests journeyed to see the wonderful structure.

This new edifice has a seating capacity of 250. Besides the sanctuary, it includes the following facilities: Vestibule, dressing room for baptistry, pastor's study; assembly room; kitchen; heating & air conditioning; burgundy carpet to blend with the cushioned pews and general color scheme. This property is valued at 200,000.00.

Doris Jones, Reporter.

Texas

JOE RAY, Correspondent

Campus Ministry Launched at UTA

The Texas Conference has dreamed for some time of developing a student ministry on the secular campuses of the state universities. This dream has now become a reality with the formation of Adventist Ministries of Texas Campuses (AMTC). AMTC has as its headquarters and first focus the University of Texas campus at Arlington (UTA), with its over 23,000 students.

Bernie Molnar has been called to serve as director of AMTC. He came in January from the University of Florida, where he was most successful in winning students to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bernie states, "The purpose of our ministry in Texas is twofold: (1) Evangelism directed toward students, staff and faculty and (2) ministry to Adventist students attending the university. UTA, with its close proximity to Southwestern Adventist College, will be an ideal center for training our own college youth in secular campus ministry and outreach. This will give us trained leadership for extending AMTC across Texas and beyond."

Students at UTA are very receptive to Bible truth. Over 65 students have requested free cassette tapes on Bible prophecy advertised by Bernie in the campus newspaper. Several of these students are now preparing for baptism.

One of the great needs of the AMTC program is a student center near the campus where students and other interested individuals can come to enjoy Christian fellowship and to read, study, attend seminars, and receive instruction in evangelism and discipleship. Recently the Lord brought attention to a property



Headquarters campus for Adventist Ministries of Texas Campuses.

ideally suited for this purpose, which is being investigated.

The Texas Conference is committed to this ministry. In addition to the Conference's support, there is need for regular monthly supporters, individuals to help with start-up costs, and people to donate such items as office supplies, evangelistic equipment, Bible reference books, commentaries, reading materials, Spirit of Prophecy books, etc. If you are interested in helping us reach the leaders of tomorrow as they form their personal philosophies and goals, please write to AMTC, P.O. Box 120632, Arlington, TX 76012.

Denison Uses Lay-Away Plan

The Denison Church gives its members an opportunity to lay money aside each week for 13th Sabbath. When they separate for their classes each has an opportunity to march up and place money in a jar for missions. On Sabbath, June 30, the total for the quarter was \$462.85.



Willa Radil, Denison Sabbath School superintendent, announces \$462.85 brought in for 13th Sabbath.



A. Moorehead, church treasurer, Thomas Ruelien, architect, G. Young, and Pastor W. E. Humphrey, standing in front of the new edifice, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Paulin Ordained at Jefferson Camp Meeting

Elder Abel Paulin was ordained at the Jefferson Camp Meeting on June 23. He was born in Cuba, son of an Adventist minister, and enrolled at the seminary at the age of 16. While in school he met Raquel Benze, daughter of a minister. They were married in 1979. In 1978 he began his ministry in Cuba. After coming to the States, Abel attended Andrews for one quarter, and served in the Rio Grande Valley for a year before transferring to Dallas. During the past 18 months, he has baptized over 80 people into the church.

After the ordination sermon by Bob Wood, Kenneth Livesay from the General Conference offered the ordination prayer. Joe Ray gave the charge, and Frank Moore extended the welcome. Elder Paulin Pastors the Dallas Oak Cliff Spanish, and West Dallas Spanish churches.



Elder Bob Wood preaches ordination sermon.



Elder Onesimo Mejia ushers Mrs. Paulin to front for her husband's ordination.



(Left to right) Elders Bob Wood, Onesimo Mejia, Gaston Wallace; Mrs. Paulin; Elders Ken Livesay, Abel Paulin, Joe Ray, and Jimmy Culpepper.

Jefferson Camp Meeting



Elder A. G. Ratcliffe was the evening speaker.



Elder Rene Quispe, and wife Alvy, conducting family life series.



Youth meet early for Sabbath School.



Elder Bill May speaks to youth.



Elder Ken Livesay, General Conference ASI secretary, interviews Earl Enevoldson of Elk-hart church.



Juniors at Jefferson, give special music.



Mrs. Sandra Bokovoy gives mission story.

Ysis Espana sings solo.



Texico

DON SULLIVAN, Correspondent

One Thousand Volunteers Needed

A thousand of God's people, standing together, being counted for good, each sharing in the thrill of saving God's precious youth; that's the Committee of 1,000!

In February the Texico Conference constituency voted a five-year development program for the Conference and the Academy.

The desire is to continue to develop Sandia View Academy as the very best academy possible, with proper equipment and facilities, but without going into debt. So a plan for the Committee of 1,000 was accepted.

The Committee consists of 1,000 members of Texico each sharing \$100 or more a year (\$10 a month is fine) for the future development of the Academy and Texico youth. Quality education given in a spiritual environment is of prime importance. We are out of debt, praise God; now let's press ahead, shunning debt as if it were a plague (it is!), and provide the very best for the very best youth in the world — God's youth.

Become a member, be counted. Without you, there's someone missing!

D. K. Sullivan,
President.



TEXICO EXPANSION FUNDS AT WORK — Construction is going forward on the Santa Fe English church. A portion of Texico Expansion funds is used for building new churches.

Midland/Odessa Graduates Four

Four eighth graders of the Midland/Odessa church school graduated May 24. James Ott, the principal presented their diplomas.

These youth have worked hard to reach this milestone in their lives. They were pleased to share with the church family their motto, The World Our Challenge, and their aim, Heaven is Our Goal.

The class colors of light blue and white beautifully accentuated the sanctuary for the candlelight commencement service.

Elder Jerry Oster used Hebrews 12:1, 2 as a basis for his remarks about their worthy aim. He suggested three things that must be done to assure fulfillment of the goal: (1) look to Jesus at all times; (2) lay aside every weight that hinders true progress; and (3) run the race of life with patience and endurance, not giving up.



Tim Stair, Laura Hamels, Tami Muse, and Kim Owen were the happy eighth-grade graduates in Midland/Odessa.

Four Baptized in Midland

Laura and Amy Hamels and Kari Karmy were baptized into membership in the Midland Church on June 6. Suzanne Crites was baptized June 23.

These young ladies were given the right hand of fellowship and special encouragement by the church members. They are all a rich blessing to the church as they share their talents and personalities.



Back row: Dick and Kathy Karmy, Pastor Jerry Oster, Laura Hamels, Kathy Hamels. Front row: Kari Karmy and Amy Hamels.

Someone's Missing!

IS IT YOU?

Committee of 1,000

HAND IN HAND — ARM IN ARM

FOR TEXICO



CAMP MEETING REUNION — Happiness is being together at camp meeting! Four sisters and their niece enjoyed the June camp meeting weekend in Albuquerque. From the left: Earline Gibbs (daughter of a deceased sister), Lela Briggs from Sebastopol, California; Ethel Firestone from Portales, New Mexico; and Emma Firestone, and Amy Prater from Clovis, New Mexico.

skit. Ed Stacey, Texico Conference treasurer, conducted the investiture service. He was assisted by Mrs. Lorle Stacey and Pastor and Mrs. Dan Schiffbauer, all Master Guides.

The culmination of the year was a beautiful graduation service for Rick Edwards and Vaughn Stanford, on May 23. Both boys have enrolled in Sandia View Academy.

Lubbock is a progressive city of 185,000 population and with an unemployment rate of 5.2%, below the Texas and national rate. The Lubbock First Church, as well as the Manhattan Heights Church, is facing the tremendous challenge of proclaiming the Three Angels' Message to this growing city and county. The members are carrying on an active personal ministries program of lay Bible studies.

A Revelation Seminar conducted by the laymen is scheduled for September. Our youth ministry includes an active Pathfinder Club and visitation to the aged and shut-ins, and now by this expanding and strengthening of its edu-



Students shared their talents in the spring musical program.

catinal facility.

If you are contemplating a new church home to accommodate school-age children, Lubbock, may be an excellent choice. You will be inspired by the warmth and caring found in the church family. For further information contact Pastor Dan Schiffbauer, 5911 — 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

Marjorie Schiffbauer,
Elementary Teacher.



Asian Camp Meeting

Guest Speaker
— Elder Willis J. Hackett

Former Missionary in the Philippines

August 10, 11
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Big Spring, Texas
4319 South Parkway

Lubbock School Plans Expansion

The members of the Lubbock First Church are rejoicing in the Lord as they plan for the expansion of their church school by employing a second full-time teacher for the 1984-85 school year.

This has been made possible by a generous donation from a church family and by the increased enrollment over the past year. The enrollment has grown from eight students in 1982-83 to 15 in 1983-84 and to the anticipated enrollment of 20 for the coming year.

Spring activities at the school included a musical program, with a backdrop of beautiful art work, given by the school chorus under the direction of Mrs. Don Edwards and Monica Valdez, our music teachers. Mrs. Fred Fuller assisted in the art project.

An Adventist Junior Youth Investiture program reviewed the various requirements for investiture in a nature



Elder and Mrs. Ed Stacey assist with investiture.



Marjorie Schiffbauer, teacher, presented the charge to eighth-grade graduates Vaughn Stanford and Rick Edwards.



The school presented a nature skit as part of the investiture service.

Minute Manna for Marrieds

by BETTY HOLBROOK

A service provided by: Home and Family Service, General Conference

Bridges or Walls?

"I have the perfect solution to dirty socks on the floor," gloated one wife, "I just nail them to the floor where they are!" It came as no shock a few months later to learn that this husband and wife had made their first trip to see their lawyers.

"For years I made the mistake of seeing tranquility as the chief end of family life," writes Arthur Fay Sultz. "But if it were, why would God have invented children?" Then he goes on to say that God seems to be more interested in growth. And with growth there is stress, and oftentimes disagreements.

Happy marriages are not free from conflict. They do, in fact, have about as many problems as unhappy marriages. It's how we deal

with our problems that makes the difference. We can nail socks to the floor, we can give in, we can compromise. Or we can use our points of contention as learning situations. Sometimes it is appropriate to give in or to compromise, but searching for viable solutions together brings the unity and closeness we dreamed about before marriage.

After a seminar on conflict a young husband brought me a page of doodling he had been working on. On one side of the page was a wall; on the other side a bridge. Both had been made from bricks. How much like us. Some of us use our problems with which to build walls; others use them to build bridges. Building bridges is much more rewarding.

¹Arthur Fay Sultz, *Life at Close Quarters*, Word Books, 1982, p. 11.

Betty Holbrook and her husband, Delmer were the first directors of Home and Family Service when it was started in 1975. Betty writes as wife, mother, and grandmother and now serves as director of Home and Family Service.

Announcements

Upcoming programs and events that may be of interest to *Record* readers are announced here in brief. Additional information is available as indicated in each item.

Gulflhaven Sets Homecoming

All present and former members of the Gulflhaven, Pecan Park and Pasadena, Texas, Churches. September 28-30, 1984. Featuring former pastors, with Elder J. J. Millet, weekend speaker. In the Gulflhaven Church, 10710 Sabo Rd., Houston, TX 77089. For information write P.O. Box 34324, Houston, TX 77034, or call 713/943-7569.

Artists invited To Exhibit

An international exhibition of art will be mounted at the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A., during the General Conference Session, June 27 to July 6, 1985. Adventist artists are invited to submit, by November 15, 1984, 35mm color slides of their own original work, for possible inclusion in this show.

Submissions are invited for the following categories: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, graphic design and photography. No submission fee will be charged.

Details and information on how to make a submission to the art exhibition may be obtained from Dr. Victor Griffiths, General Conference Art Exhibition '85, 6840 Eastern Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20012.

VOLUNTEER!

If you can give one or two week's service at the beautiful Adventist exhibit at the **World's Fair** in New Orleans, phone Henrietta Stumpf: **504/733-3009** (8:00 to 9:00 a.m. preferable). Some housing accommodations available.

SAC Alumni

Plan Ahead . . .

for

Homecoming Weekend at Keene

April 11-14, 1985

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Home Study International offers an alternative for those desiring Christian education when Adventist schools are not available. In the comfort of your home, and at your own pace, you or your child can study with the help of qualified teachers. Courses are available from kingergarten through college. For more information and a free bulletin, write: Home Study International, 6940 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Character Stories Requested

Christian and non-Christian families are hungry these days for character-building stories. General Christian book stores are filled with a vast assortment of stories and publications from or about the Bible. But books of other character-building stories are hard to find. Yet Adventist lore is replete with just such stories. If you have favorite unpublished stories or old books such as *Choice Readings for the Home Circle*, *The Hand That Intervenes* or *Stories Worth Rereading* or how-to books like *All About The Baby*, we would be grateful for you to send word to the Hewitt Research Foundation, Box 9, Washougal, WA 98671 or call 206/835-5392.

They are interested in finding the best. If they frankly moralize, all the better — on honesty, kindness, dependability, cleanliness, obedience, courtesy and all the other graces and strengths. And there are no stories more thrilling than those of angels.

At Rest

MORGAN, John N. Jr., was born Oct. 16, 1927, in Tupelo, MS, and died June 21, 1984, in Ft. Worth, TX. He spent his childhood and youth in Gadsden, AL. While attending college he met and married Cora Horne, who died after 31 years of marriage. Elder Morgan served in the gospel ministry for 35 years; pastoral and evangelistic ministry in the Alabama-Mississippi, Carolina, Potomac, and Pennsylvania conferences; departmental leadership of the Communication, Health, Temperance, Trust Services and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty departments in local conferences and in two unions; and associate leadership of the General Conference

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department for the North American Division. He served 16 years in the Southwestern Union.

He is survived by: two sons, John III of Madison, TN, and Vernon of Hinsdale, IL; two daughters, Linda Engleking of Ft. Worth, TX, and Marilyn of Loma Linda, CA; his parents, John N. and Blanch Morgan of Tupelo, MS; a brother, Charles A. Morgan of Birmingham, AL; a sister, Dorothy Pearce of Tupelo, MS; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted in the Keene, TX, church by W. J. Griffin, Mike Tucker, and the writer. Interment was in Dallas, TX.

B. Page Haskell.

TERRY, Harold Edward, was born Feb. 24, 1931, and died June 8, 1984, in Midwest City, OK. He was a member of the Oklahoma City Central Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Yvonne; two sons, Robin of Choctaw, OK, Tracy, of the home; one daughter, Vicki Wood of Midwest City, OK; four brothers, Hubert of Albuquerque, NM, Hershell of Amarillo, TX, Haskell and Harlan of Midwest City, OK; one sister, Helen Taylor of Amarillo, TX; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in the Terry family cemetery in Bowlegs, OK.

Clarence Southard.

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FOR SALE in the Ozarks, 23 acres, creek, springs, fish ponds, organic garden, fruit trees, pecans, grapes, berries, beautiful custom 3 bedroom home, \$127,900. Terms. Contact Dick Carlson, Master Key Realtors, Box 676, Gentry, AR 72734. 501/736-8774, 501/736-2625. 16-11

BIBLE WORKER WANTED for church in central coastal Florida. Send resume, references and full length picture. Melbourne Seventh-day Adventist Church, 210 West New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32901. 16-11

FOR SALE: Five tree-covered acres set in rolling hills 45 miles south of Birmingham, Alabama. Two homesites on property. Water, electricity available — percolation test completed. Near Adventist church and school. Price \$8,000. Call 504/443-1629. 16-11

RETIREMENT CENTER — Highland Rim Terrace offers affordable living for senior citizens. New 1-bedroom apartments close to hospital, medical center and SDA churches. Equal opportunity housing, rental based on income. Sponsored by Highland Hospital. Apply to Sharon Estrada, Director, 100 Woodland Drive, Portland, TN 37148, phone 615/325-3245. 16-11

MICHIGAN Clinical psychologist wanted: PhD, fully licensed or eligible. Battle Creek Adventist Hospital, Battle Creek, is a 155-bed specialty mental health care facility. Individual should have 3 to 5 years experience in areas of individual and group inpatient services, psychological assessment, and administrative abilities. Leadership abilities required. Must have high level of competence and personal integrity. Send curriculum vitae to: Ingrid Baum, Director of Medical Staff Development, Adventist Health System/North, 15 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, IL 60521. 16-11

PATIENTS' BUSINESS MANAGER: Jellico Community Hospital, 50-beds/acute care, located East Tennessee Mountains has opening for qualified patients' business manager. B.A. in Accounting required, management experience required. Excellent opportunity for advancement to right person. Very good benefits. Contact: Jack King, P.O. Box 118, Jellico, Tennessee 37762, 615/784-7252, ext. 304. 16-4t

FOR SALE — Nice family business located in Keene, TX, a few blocks from college campus, owner retiring, wanting to sell to family for educating children, first grade through college. Write Box 138, Keene, TX 76059 or call 817/645-8069. 10-6t

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REGISTERED PHARMACIST: Jellico Community Hospital needs qualified person to manage hospital pharmacy for 50 bed/acute care facility located in rural setting of beautiful Cumberland Mountains. Hospital experience preferred. Excellent benefits. Contact: Keith Hausman, P.O. Box 118, Jellico, TN 37762, 615/784-7252, ext. 301. 15-4t

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES needed to provide administrative and clinical supervision of six staff members, establish standards, evaluate program and provide direct services to patients and families. Requires MSW and two years' supervisory experience. Send resume or call for application blank to Personnel Office, 215/775-8203, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, R.D.#1 Box 250, Reading, PA 19607. 15-2t

HEALTH EDUCATION COORDINATOR needed to continue development of wellness program for employees, community and industry. Requires Masters in Health Education or MPH and experience in program planning, implementation, and coordination. Send resume or call for application blank to Personnel Office, 215/775-8203, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, R.D.#1, Box 250, Reading, PA 19607. 15-2t

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	Aug. 3	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 24
Abilene, Texas	8:35	8:29	8:22	8:13
Amarillo, Texas	8:48	8:41	8:33	8:25
Brownsville, Texas	8:15	8:10	8:04	7:57
Dallas, Texas	8:24	8:18	8:11	8:02
El Paso, Texas	8:02	7:55	7:48	7:40
Fort Worth, Texas	8:26	8:20	8:13	8:04
Galveston, Texas	8:10	8:04	7:58	7:51
Gentry, Arkansas	8:21	8:14	8:06	7:57
Keene, Texas	8:26	8:20	8:13	8:04
Little Rock, Arkansas	8:09	8:03	7:55	7:47
Muskogee, Oklahoma	8:23	8:16	8:08	7:59
New Orleans, Louisiana	7:52	7:46	7:39	7:32
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	8:32	8:25	8:17	8:08
San Antonio, Texas	8:25	8:19	8:12	8:05
Santa Fe, New Mexico	8:08	8:00	7:52	7:43
Shreveport, Louisiana	8:12	8:05	7:58	7:50
Tulsa, Oklahoma	8:27	8:20	8:12	8:03



on the record

a heart-to-heart chat with your union conference president

After All Is Said and Done

Recently it was our family's joy and pleasure to plan a return to the scenes of my childhood and youth. As I contemplated the possibility, my heart was warmed. How great it would be to visit the old haunts — to see the old familiar places and faces — the old landscapes so familiar in my memory. Nostalgia gripped my soul. My heart yearned to go back to see the old places, to look for the old familiar faces and to enjoy fond memories of the days of my youth.

Our first visit was to Ohio where I had been asked to preach at the Ohio camp meeting. This invitation from Ohio Conference President, Elder John Fowler, was of special significance to me. Just to think of going back to where I spent so many of my growing-up years really stirred my heart. (It was also in Ohio that we began our ministry.) When I got that invitation, I thought it over a full two seconds and accepted. Elder Fowler asked me to preach on the subject of Christian education — my favorite topic — one I could preach on every day. I don't know of any other subject that so totally captivates my mind as the salvation of our youth. *There is nothing more important.* It is hard for me to think of the joys of heaven without all the children there. I guarantee you there will be no heart thrill that will ever match the moment when God asks that penetrating question, "Where is the flock — thy beautiful flock that was given thee?" My wife Helen and I want to be able to step forward and respond, "They are all here, Lord. Not one is missing. Through Thy love and grace they are all here!"

Preaching that sermon on Christian education at the Ohio camp meeting was not only easy but a great pleasure. It was right there that I attended elementary school for six years and then later Mount Vernon Academy for three years, graduating in the Class of 1939 — the 49 of '39. Oh, the memories that came to mind. The kids I grew up with there were as normal as apple pie — full of life and energy — energy to be used in a positive way in life or energy to drag us down.

When I think of the influences that held us close to the church, first on the list is our Christian homes. Next, and very close behind, are church school and academy. What they

gave to me was absolutely priceless. I want to pay tribute to all those God-fearing teachers. How wonderful they were. Mount Vernon Academy and the elementary school played a big part in holding me close to the church — in giving me a vision of Jesus and His love. Thank God for those Christian schools!

The next Sabbath I was asked to preach at the West Virginia (Mountain View Conference) camp meeting, held at Camp Valley Vista near Elkins. How it thrilled my heart as we drove down through the West Virginia hills "so majestic and so grand." There again I was reminded of my rich Christian heritage. So many old friends, tried and true, were there, strong in Jesus — strong in the faith. It was good to see some who had been weak and inactive for years, now strong and involved in the work of the Lord.

After the camp meeting we headed for Parkersburg where we attended a Metcalfe reunion (my mothers' maiden name). I guess more than 100 Metcalfes, Leaches, Sniders and Byrds showed up for that big three-day event. We viewed the old pictures and old movies and saw older faces — more wrinkled now but filled with love.

We all went out to Kite's Run (near Muddy Cut and Michie's Hole) and there at the old farm we saw the log cabin where my mother was born 100 years ago. We saw some of the haunts of my childhood and youth, where our big family ran free in those hills under the loving guidance of Mom and Pop. We saw the spot where family worships were conducted. We saw the spot where the public school bus turned around right in our drive — the end of the line — but where we didn't board. We boarded The Lord's School Bus, a dual-wheeled Ford Model A truck that I drove to Parkersburg Junior Academy with four younger brothers and sisters packed in that cab — all to get a Christian education.

The love and the sacrifice made by my parents in order that we might be taught of God will never be forgotten. In our big family that big sacrifice paid off big. We still have our eyes on God's Kingdom. After all is said and done, that is the biggest and best accomplishment in life.

Yours in loving support of Christian education,

B. E. Leach.

INSPIRED . . .

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children." *Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, p. 165.

GOD HONORS FAITH