

When my heart is broken, where do I turn for help?

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When life deals a tough blow

WHEN THE PHONE RINGS and someone asks for your help to get through a crisis, what do you say? What do you do?

People find themselves in crises every day. An event does not have to be as dramatic as bombing it to qualify as a crisis. A crisis occurs when any problem becomes so overwhelming that our support system, either within ourselves or from others, fails to work, and we are thrown off balance. Any event that is beyond our ability to handle with our available resources is a crisis.

A crisis may come as the death of a spouse, divorce, marital separation, jail term, the death of a family member, personal injury or illness, marriage, the loss of a job, marital reconciliation, or retirement. When we

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experience an overload because of such an event in our lives, the results can be devastating. Symptoms may include a change in sleep patterns, a change in appetite, a longing to fill

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an unfillable void, a knot in the pit of the stomach, a time of deep searching, a feeling of panic and hopelessness, diminishing of rational thought processes, depression, headaches, anxiety, and even bleeding ulcers. People in a crisis may continue to function normally, but only at about 60 percent efficiency. The primary desire is for relief from the pain of the stress.

How can we handle life's crises?

H. Norman Wright lists four phases of a life in crisis. The first phase is the Impact Stage. This is usually very brief, lasting at most a few hours. There are times when impact may linger on and on, as with a divorce proceeding. A decision must be made at this time as to whether to stay and fight the problem, or ignore it and run. This phase is characterized by numbness and disorientation. There may be a tendency to search for the lost object as evidenced by a preoccupation with photographs and other items that remind one of the person who is gone. Much reminiscing occurs here. A person needs to tell the stories and relate feelings regarding the loss.

The second phase is Withdrawal and Confusion, a phase that typically lasts for a number of days. A variety of emotions come rushing out, including anger, fear, guilt and rage. The tendency to deny one's feelings is

probably stronger in this phase than at any other time. Thought patterns tend to be characterized by ambiguity, uncertainty and self-pity. People in this stage need help organizing their lives. They need assistance in arranging appointments, keeping the house in order, and other routine responsibilities.

The next phase is Adjustment, which lasts for a period of weeks. Although some depression may remain or come and go, responses during this time may tend to be more hopeful. As the

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loss is accepted and the adjustments of living daily without that which has been lost are made, things begin to look up. Rational thought processes and objectivity return slowly. While there are still plenty of down times, they are balanced by the exploration of new possibilities for the future.

Finally, the phase of Reconstruction and Reconciliation lasts for a period of months. Here people can begin the process of reconstructing their lives. Hope and confidence return. Doubts and self-pity are diminished. The courage to reinvest in relationships and make plans for the future return. In effect, a new person begins to emerge.

What can you do to help? First, recognize that yours may be a "ministry of presence" and a "ministry of listening." Do not attempt to say something wise or insightful enough to make the pain go away. Those words do not exist. Any attempt to create such words will sound trite and insensitive. Solomon, in Ecclesiastes chapter 7, tells us that it is important to know when to speak and when to be quiet. Proverbs 10:19 (*Living Bible*) says, "Don't talk so much. You keep putting your foot in your mouth. Be sensible and turn off the flow!" It is not terribly important that you try to say anything, but it is important that you be present and available.

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It is important to learn to listen nonjudgmentally and with empathy. Do not try to "fix" what is wrong, or confront every area of faulty thinking. Giving advice is more often



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Cover photo: Gifts and flowers left under a tree at the Oklahoma City bombing site.

harmful than helpful. If you don't know what to say, ask for more information. "Tell me about it," or "Give me some more background." Whatever you do say must come from a heart of genuine interest and love.

If the person in crisis gives signs that they may be inclined to self-harm or suicide, it is important that you help them seek immediate help from a professional. Pastors, counselors, and physicians are all resources who may be notified in such an emergency.

As a person talks, help them identify and focus on the real problem, not just the symp-

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toms. Make the focus on the immediate, not the past or the future. Some action must be taken right away. The person in crisis needs to know that something is being done by them or for them. They need to feel this during the first time you meet with them.

Reassure the person that his or her problem is a common problem with a known cause and that something can be done about it. Help them understand that though the symptoms are annoying, they are not dangerous. Restore hope by letting the person know that specific treatment methods are available and that a resolution to the problem is possible. Put them at ease by telling the person that they are not going insane. When appropriate, reassurance should be given that their problems are not the result of sinful action. If sinful action is at the source of the problem,

focus on the acceptance and forgiveness of Jesus.

Some individuals may feel uncomfortable listening to another tell about their crisis. It is important to remember that even though it may be painful to listen, allowing them to tell their story is part of the healing process. Don't be embarrassed if there is crying, and don't reprimand if the individual expresses hate toward God. Never cut a person off by suggesting that prayer will answer everything. It's true, God will hear and He will eventually heal, but He has placed us on earth to be part of that healing process by listening and supporting the individual who is hurting.

Above all, foster hope and provide support. You may be the only lifeline a person in crisis has, and you may be the only one who can point that person to the Healer who has the ultimate solution to all our problems.

Resource List:

Crisis Counseling: What To Do During the First 72 Hours, by H. Norman Wright

Counseling in Times of Crisis, by Judson J. Swinhart, Ph.D. and Gerald C. Richardson, D.Min.

Crisis Counseling: The Essential Guide for Nonprofessional Counselors, by Eugene Kennedy

I've always loved life. I struggle with the thought of giving it up.

My husband and I sat on the edge of the bed while I tried to verbalize the many questions flooding my mind that evening back in 1989. How in the

world could I get such a terrible disease—scleroderma? How disabled would I get? How could I sacrifice my

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you: He will never let the righteous fall."

Psalm 55:22 NIV

independence? Would I still be able to drive? What would happen to our kids' Christian education if I couldn't work? How would my husband cope with a disabled wife? Would he let me do as much as I can for myself as long as I can? Would I end up needing nursing home care? It was almost more than I could do to express these questions, because we were both trying to pretend we weren't crying—and when you're doing that, talking is very difficult.

My mind went over my visit to the doctor's office earlier that afternoon. After months of disturbing symptoms, I had finally been referred to a specialist who took one look at me and my record and said, "I concur with your family doctor. You no doubt have scleroderma. This is a rather rare disease. I'd like the rest of the doctors in my group to see you. Do you mind?"

While I waited, I yelled silently at God, "This is not what I wanted to hear! How much time will I have? How can I bear this? What kind of answer is this to my prayer? We prayed that this would not be the diagnosis!"

The doctor returned with several others in tow. Their comments were anything but encouraging. "Isn't this something—why, she has it clear up under her fingernails!" What "it" was, was left to my imagination. The doctor showed me a picture of a woman in a medical book who had scleroderma—all I could

see were the words under the photo: "Scleroderma is a terrible, debilitating disease."

During the following weeks, I poured over medical journals and articles that mentioned scleroderma. What I found wasn't encouraging. In systemic scleroma (which is what I have), all the derma (skin) in the body becomes hardened, restricting flexibility. This includes the derma in the heart, lungs, kidneys, digestive tract, and outer skin. Because of this, circulation is impeded, and staying warm becomes difficult. The percentage of patients who don't live long is high. There is no cure.

I began to have difficulty using my hands. I noticed my face becoming slightly deformed as the skin tightened. Spots appeared on my face. My tear ducts hardened. Saliva ducts stopped producing sufficient saliva. I felt I was falling apart. How could this be happening to me? I loved life—loved to backpack in the mountains, do things at the church. Would I ever do those things again?

All this time I was certain God had a plan that included a miraculous healing—just to prove that miracles still

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7 NIV

happen. I would chide Him at times, "It's been long enough now, Lord—I need a miracle." Sometimes I would simply beg. One day at church my Sabbath school teacher shared a text, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though the outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day," 2 Corinthians 4:16. My hardened tear ducts managed to squeeze out a few tears. Here was some encouragement—I was still beautiful to God if I allowed

How to help a chronically ill person

1. Treat us the same way you did before we got sick. Don't be condescending. Don't ignore us. Be honest. If you have questions about our illness, ask us. Most of us are willing to discuss our illness.
2. Offer help if you think we need it, but don't feel bad if you are turned down. We need to feel independent as long as we can. Be assured your offer means just as much as the help itself.
3. Give assurance that you are praying for us—share a text that brings encouragement.
4. Talk about the hope of Jesus' soon return. It's a great comfort to me to think that Jesus could come before I finally succumb to this disease, but if not, there is a painless life awaiting me.
5. Even though we may not feel well enough to attend church every week, don't forget us in your planning. Continue to ask us to do things we may be able to participate in. We appreciate being asked.
6. Ask us to pray for people on your personal and church prayer list. This is something most of us can do, and it helps us get our minds off our own pain.
7. Offer to help us do things we can no longer do but which we enjoy. For instance, take us for a drive in the country.
8. My friends and family have shown they care in as many ways as there are different personalities. Don't be afraid to reach out in your individual way. Your friend in need will appreciate it.

Charlene

Him to renew my "inside." The greater miracle was a beautiful inner life.

Everything became a physical struggle, especially in winter. My hands and feet became so numb at times I couldn't feel them at all. At work I spent time with my hands under the hot water faucet so I could continue typing at the computer. Everything was exhausting. My digestive system began to fail. I spent days in pain. Finally I was forced to take medical leave.

I remember trying to tie my shoes one morning, and my back just wouldn't bend far enough to get the job done. I thought of the days when my family and I went backpacking in the New Mexico mountains, and I prayed to be able to do that again.

In my devotions some mornings the only thing I could thank God for was that I could still get out of bed and kneel and breathe. The Lord is a good listener. Gradually I realized that joy is a gift from Him—I could find joy in spite of my circumstances. I found joy in a flower; in watching someone else do something in church; joy in allowing others to help me, independent though I wanted to be; joy in listening to my family talk when I didn't have the energy to join them. That joy became a release button for me. Whenever I felt bad, I would concentrate on something God had given to bring me joy—even a blade of grass.

I've written this in the past tense. Unfortunately, it is not all past. I still have scleroderma. I still struggle with physical problems. I still get depressed. But the Lord is with me. I've learned that He doesn't leave when my going gets tough. He doesn't necessarily intervene, but He has weathered it with me. My questions have not all been answered yet. I don't know why I have to suffer. I don't know why God has

chosen not to heal me.

But some of my questions have been answered, and I've experienced some miracles. I am back at work. My children have completed academy and are in a Christian college. I've learned to depend on God for the unknowns. I even went backpacking this summer with the help of a very patient horse and a persistent sister. Because I'm



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sick, I have developed a greater understanding for those who are weak, both physically and spiritually. Though I love physical life and the good things it brings, I've realized that on this earth it's the spiritual life that is most important. God's promise to me is that He will complete the good work He has started in me (Philippians 1:6), and by His grace I will have another chance to live life—eternal life.

I've learned that some things just don't matter—petty annoyances aren't important. A teenager's messy room or the dirty tracks on my clean floor really don't matter when I consider the precious gift I have in my children and my husband. I've learned to love the time the Lord has given me, no matter what may befall me, and I've recognized, like John the Baptist when his career was nearing its close, "others must increase and I must decrease." It's not an easy concept, but with divine help all things are possible. Above all, I've learned that we are in the enemy's territory, and I know that bad things are bound to happen, but "God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him." *Desire of Ages*, page 224

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In my desperation I cried to God, and He heard my prayer.

In 1994 I found myself in a desperate situation. My husband, who had been on drugs, was arrested and my car confiscated. In addition, I'd been injured on the job and, because I could no longer do what was expected of me, I was let go. I ran out of money, so there was no food in the house for me and my son, Johnny.

The church I attended did not satisfy my inner needs, and I was almost beside myself when anyone came to the front door to collect on bills or the rent. I'd scream and shout at them in a most unnatural way. I was nervous and anxious, with my life completely out of control. I did believe in God and pleaded for Him to help me.

One day my son's friend Sammy came to visit him. Apparently he detected that things were not good at our house, for when he went home he suggested that his mother, Elva Jerrado, come to visit me. She told me many things about God and Jesus, salvation, the Sabbath and the Seventh-day Adventist Church and invited me to attend services the following Saturday.

When I looked into the faces of the members sitting in the pews at church, I saw peace and serenity. Everyone seemed so happy and content that I wanted the peace they had. I asked the pastor to give me Bible studies. At this same time my prayer for financial assistance was answered, for I received a large settlement from my previous place of employment that paid for my



Anissa Rubio (left) and Maria Lura (right) after their baptism by Kenneth Davis, their pastor.

bills and even enabled me to buy another car.

With great rejoicing, I was baptized along with Anissa Rubio, who had been converted through some meetings held at Lovington in February by the conference evangelist, Steve Bohr. *Maria Lura*

Both Maria and Anissa are so excited about their new-found faith that they share it with everyone who will listen, and they're giving Bible studies.

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My life came undone. My dreams were crushed. How would I survive?

Four years ago, I was happily married and, while I had the normal stresses of day-to-day living and parenting teenagers, I was quite satisfied with my life. Little did I realize what Satan had in store for me. Even if the Lord had revealed what was going to happen to my life, with the assurance that He would hold my hand every painful step of the way, I still would have been shattered by the events that followed. And if He had promised that I would emerge stronger, wiser and closer to

Him than I ever imagined, I still would have begged to be spared the pain and trauma.

With no warning, I watched my life begin to unravel as if Satan had carelessly plucked a wayward thread. The one I had loved and trusted more than anyone else in my life, my husband and best friend for 20 years, left me for another woman. Thus began my walk through the blackest valley of my life.

Suddenly I was a single parent coping alone with the challenges and frustrations of raising teenagers. Finding their father to be untrustworthy at such a critical stage of their lives left my children without a male role model. Dealing with their pain and anger along with my own seemed more than I could bear.

In addition to the pain and rejection, I felt total panic. How could I survive on my own? I had never been solely responsible for the demands of parenthood, the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of the house, appliances, car, and lawn. My mechanical skills were poor, and I was losing two-thirds of the family income. How could I possibly handle all the expenses on my limited income? And where would I find the time to do everything two people had previously done, even if I had the money? I had never felt such fear and anxiety.

Even though the Lord did not intervene to save my marriage, He had provided for my needs in advance. For one

thing, He blessed me with a group of supportive friends who provided the emotional support I needed—day and night. They listened to me recite the same list of hurts and ask the same “whys” dozens of times. Never once did they hint that they were tired of listening to me. Somehow they realized the importance of just listening. They allowed me to grieve and heal according to my own inner timetable. They sat with me in church and invited me to their homes on Sabbath. They phoned me, included me in their social activities, and adopted me into their families. I had never realized how rich I was in friends or how much I would come to love and treasure them.

Perhaps the most valuable advice I received came from my physician. When he heard of my impending divorce, he counseled, “At a time like this, it’s natural to focus on ourselves—our own pain and problems. However, you need to focus on Jesus. This is a good time for you to reread *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages*.”

I took his advice, and night after night, for months, I read about the life of Christ. I especially concentrated on the closing weeks of His life. I soon discovered that it was impossible to wallow in self-pity and to complain about the injustices of my life, when I realized what my sinless Creator had endured for me.

During this same period, a friend shared a text with me that had sustained her during her divorce. Isaiah 54:5 became precious to me, and I have claimed it as a promise every day since: “For your Maker is your husband; the Lord Almighty is his name.” I’ve learned to depend on God for all the things I used to depend on my husband for. I’ve given my children, my

house, my car, my appliances, and my emotional needs to Him. And, amazingly, I’ve experienced no disasters when things have gone wrong. Each time I have a need, He provides the answer. Many times, He gives me the ability to take care of the problem myself; sometimes, He sends someone to help; always, He provides the means to pay the necessary expenses.

He has also taken away my fears of being single and going places by myself. While I was married, I felt uncomfortable being in church or a meeting without my husband. Some-

**“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit,”
Psalm 34:18.**

how, in the last four years, He has blessed me with the confidence to do things alone that I could not have done before.

One result of my valley experience is that I now have empathy for others who are hurting. Before, I was so absorbed in my own family that I had little time for other people’s problems. Now I realize how self-centered my life had been. Now I’m in tune to the needs of those around me—all those people trying desperately to hang on. I know the value of a kind word, an encouraging card or letter, a hug, an acknowledgment that I can see someone else’s pain and that I care. I pray that God will never allow me to go back to a self-centered life, blind to the needs of others around me.

Looking back on that dark time, I can see that in many ways God has taken the greatest sorrow of my life and turned it into blessings. In addition to a closer walk with the Lord, I have discovered some good things about myself and I’m

emotionally stronger. It seems incredible, but I now have a joy in life I never had before.

The Lord has also provided male role models for my children who are helping guide them through their teen years. My concern now is how their scars will affect their future. At this point, I've done the only thing I can—committed them to their heavenly Father who loves them even more than I do.

I praise God because His promises are sure, and His unfailing love for me cannot be shaken. I know now that God never left my side during my sorrow. I can testify that "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit," Psalm 34:18.

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My son's girlfriend was pregnant—expecting his child. Should we disown him or love him?

My only son Mark* had been a popular boy throughout his childhood, but had never allowed himself to become too involved with any one girl. "I don't want to get serious yet," he explained. "I'll wait until I'm older."

Then he met Kathy* at academy, and she captured his 15-year-old heart. They were always together.

"You need to be careful," I told Mark. "Don't let yourself get into a situation where you'll lose control."

"I won't," he assured me. "I've seen and heard enough that tells me to be careful."

We trusted Mark and Kathy. Two years went by. Then one

day the two of them asked to talk to my wife and me.

"Kathy and I have decided to get married," Mark told us. "Kathy's pregnant." And then, almost as an afterthought, he whined, "We only did it once."

It was the hardest thing he had ever done—to tell us—and one of the most disappointing things we'd had to endure. Such a blow! What should we do?

Mark was only 17; Kathy, 18. Should we scold them? Should we disown them? Should we refuse for them to marry? Should we tell Kathy to go away and never see Mark again?

"You don't have to get married," my wife suggested. "You could put your baby up for adoption."

Kathy's eyes filled with tears. She, herself, had been adopted, and she knew the agonizing questions that often surface in the minds of adopted children—reasons why their "real" mother didn't "want" them, who their real father was, etc.

"No," Mark insisted. "We made a mistake, and we feel that we should bear the responsibility."

I looked at my son. Such reasoning bespoke a maturity far beyond his 17 years. But I didn't want him to marry so young. I didn't want him to grow up so soon. My heart cried out for some way to stop this whole thing.

My wife and I struggled over the issue. What should we do? What would God do? How would He react to a situation such as this? Would He condemn, or would He love? Would He forgive? We thought of Jesus' reaction to the woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery. He did not scold but instead forgave and said, "Go, and sin no more."

We struggled to make a decision. What could we do? My son's baby grew inside Kathy's womb, and I knew of

no moral way to stop that. I could see they had decided what they would do. To put pressure on them to change their minds would only drive a wedge between us. They would probably run off and get married anyway. And they needed all the help we could give to make their young marriage work.

Later that evening when Mark and I were alone, I put my arms around him and hugged him. "I love you, Mark," I said. "I'm sorry for what has happened, but your mother and I still love you."

"I'm sorry, Dad," he sobbed. "I've let you down."

"I forgive you Mark," I whispered. "Let's forget the past and work together for the future."

The last chapter is yet to be written, for Mark and Kathy have been married for only a few months now. The baby has just been born, and parenthood will soon prove the mettle of which they're made.

Although it's been a difficult experience, Mark and Kathy will have allies in their battle with life. My wife and I will remain friends and be mentors, ready to counsel and help whenever we're needed. They know that we love them. They also know that God understands and that He has forgiven them, just as we have. They also know that God will watch over them and guide them just as willingly as we are.

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**Not their real names.*

Dear Carol and family at Kid Care:

Thank God for letting us see another beautiful day and for giving us all our health and strength. You have changed my life. Now I feel good about myself and don't feel the world is passing me by. . . I'm writing this because I couldn't tell you how I used to feel. I was afraid to wake up in the morning. Now I know God sent you to me.

God bless you all.

Love, Debbie

Debbie's husband was out of work. Every day her two boys were being given sandwiches from the Kid Care van for lunch and supper. During the summer they, along with other inner-city kids, were taken on a field trip to Corpus Christi. Now, when they're not in school, they come to help at Kid Care,

and Debbie spends her days volunteering at Kid Care instead of sitting on the front porch of her house with nothing to do all day. Arrangements are being made for her to get her General Education Diploma.

Kid Care is an inner-city service owned and operated by Carol and Hurt Porter. Their vision is to reach out to people in crisis situations and to provide assistance that will lift them out of the predicament in which they find themselves. They can be reached at 1-800-566-0084.

My life was a mess. I'd been wronged by my parents and I was miserable. What good was there in living?

I was born and raised on a small farm in western Pennsylvania. My only Christian background was the training my grandmother had given me. She was a House Quaker, which meant she went from house to house but had no denominational title—she was simply known as a servant of the Lord. My parents were divorced when I was very young. I've no memories at all of my father until I visited him for three weeks when I was 22 years old, but since then I've not heard from him.

Growing up, I had several small scrapes with the law for fighting, shoplifting, driving without a license, and drunk and resisting arrest which finally landed me in prison for three years. During that time I learned to play the guitar and study God's word.

By the time I left prison I had received 10 diplomas for Bible study and advanced my

musical skills to a point that two weeks after my release I was asked to be the lead guitarist and singer for a newly-formed rock and roll band. I thought this gift of God could be used in this manner. I recorded three albums and played backup music for several big-name celebrities during the 1960s.

By then I'd been through three divorces and had forgotten all about Bible study. For the next 20 years it was "wine, women and song." Finally I quit playing in bands and went into construction. An accident on the job left me with paralysis in the right leg and a disc rupture. I was put on permanent disability and told I would never walk again. The large doses of heroin given to deaden the unbearable pain caused me to become an addict. Life became unbearable, and I decided suicide was the only way out.

The day I planned to carry out my pact with death something strange happened. I began to think about the years in prison and what God had meant to me during the times I had studied the Bible. Convicted and heavy with guilt, I fell on my knees and asked God to give me another chance and to release me from my addiction, and He did. I went onto a lesser drug and enrolled in a home Bible study course. I learned to walk again.

But then Satan attacked again. I went back to the bar rooms, drugs and alcohol and cannot recall some of the things I did during that time. Then on January 6, 1988 I suffered a heart attack which left me clinically dead for two minutes and eight seconds. During this experience, in my mind I saw my mother and recalled her telling me I could not come into her house because I'd been a convict. I was revived and put on life support for three days. The stroke affected my right side and my memories. Three days

later I had a second stroke which left me unconscious for 11 days. Three days after that I had another heart attack, and during that time in my mind I saw my grandmother telling me that until I forgave my mother I would not have peace. When I came to, I vowed that with God's help I would mend my ways and never go back to a life of sin.

Upon being released from the hospital, I realized I was drug free. Within six weeks I was using my right arm, practicing my guitar and doing my Bible lessons, but I still felt something missing in my life. I was still angry and hurt about the way my mother and stepfather had treated me. So I went back to Pennsylvania and visited the cemetery where they are buried. I got on my knees in 18 inches of snow in front of each grave and told the Lord I forgave each of them for what they had done to me. When I left that graveyard I was a new person.

Soon after that I met a Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Houston, Sam Mercado. He introduced me to the Bible truth and helped me in my Christian walk. I was baptized on October 23, 1991, on my birthday. Life changed, and I felt the joy I'd been looking for all my life. That's when I started writing gospel music. Now I use this talent to the glory of God by singing in churches and detention centers about God's liberating power.

Jim McKee

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As victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, where do we go from here?

Part of our summer camp curriculum, was to sponsor a camp called "Sooner Camp." This camp was planned especially for children directly affected by the devastating bombing in Oklahoma City. As a member of the Wewoka Woods staff, I was overwhelmed by the magnitude of



Camp counselor Bill Kasper giving one-on-one counseling to a child whose family was affected by the Oklahoma City bombing.

the undertaking. With the bombing only a little over three months behind us, the healing process for these children was just beginning. The thought of how we would help them loomed big in our minds.

During staff orientation week, we were briefed on how to handle the situations we would be dealing with; however, nothing short of experiencing this camp for ourselves could have prepared us adequately. We all spent a lot of time in prayer, asking God to help us say and do the right things.

Twenty-five campers came, and I began getting acquainted with many of them right away. Being a lifeguard, I was automatically well-liked because of the pool. Some jobs



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do have advantages!

I began talking with many of the campers just before dinner. They had questions not unlike those of other campers: "What's for dinner?" or "When do we swim?" I soon became special friends with one young boy who attached himself to me. I learned later that he had lost his mom in the bombing. That night at dinner I sat with him at his table and soon made more friends. Some began telling me about what happened to their families in the Oklahoma City tragedy, but others were still in denial. I sat and listened. Each had a story they wanted to tell, some related to the bombing and how they felt; others talked about much different topics—things they liked and activities they enjoyed, much the same as kids who hadn't endured pain and suffering. I was amazed at how they quickly they had rebounded from the trauma.

Many of the kids, however, were angry. Angry at authority figures, angry at themselves because they felt helpless because of the family member hurt or lost, angry at the person who did the terrible act, and angry at God for



A banner fastened to the fence surrounding the bombed out Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was one way of saying thank you to the many volunteers who came to the assistance of the victims.

letting this happen to their family.

It was our job to help these children, first of all, understand that even though God did not intervene in the destruction in Oklahoma City, He cried along with them. We had to help them understand that they were in no way to blame. There was nothing they could have done to prevent or change the events they were mourning. And, we had to help them understand that we were there to help them and so were the authority figures who instructed us and them.

One boy was noticeably angry at the whole world. I wanted to find out why but didn't want to press him for information. When our table was dismissed for dinner that night, he and another boy ran

to get in the line, and when he lost the race, he provoked a fist fight. One of our directors explained to the boys that there was enough food for everyone and that no one should push and shove to get in line. He made the boys return to the table and wait a few extra minutes before he dismissed them again. Upon their second dismissal, they raced again and a fist fight broke out the same as the first time. A second time the director made them return to their table. I was still sitting at the table when the boys returned. The one boy who was angry to begin with was even more angry and made a remark that made my mouth drop to the floor. I didn't know what to say. I finally gathered my thoughts and explained to the boy that we shouldn't say things

like that about other people.

Throughout the week, I spent a lot of time speaking with this young boy and finding out why he was so angry. I understood that he had just come through one of the toughest times of his life, and anger was his only way to express how he felt. Gradually he became very interested in the Bible and Jesus. He had lots of questions and was particularly excited to watch the baptism of one of our staff members. He asked if he could be baptized also. I saw a complete turnaround in this boy's life. He became a new person. When he left at the end of the week, tears rushed down his face. He told us all how he would miss us and promised he would be back at the camp he'd disliked so much in the beginning but had come to love.

Over and over we saw the same change take place in every camper. They let down the walls they had built to "protect" themselves and took on Jesus Christ as their Protector.

This was a week when some of the greatest events in my life took place. I saw lives completely turned around. Although we'd taught the campers about life and love and God that week, they had taught us about compassion, understanding, love and even more about our Savior, too. Don't we serve an AWESOME GOD?

*Stephanie Ailey
Wewoka Woods Adventist
Center staff member and
SAC student*



Todd Hudson (left) from Tulsa who, having recovered so well from losing a leg in a skiing accident that he's climbed the highest mountain peak in each of the 50 states, was motivational speaker at the camp for victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

Special thanks to US Navy Chaplain Larry Roth. He was with us all week. Being trained in crisis intervention counseling made him a vital part of our program. Each staff member has a special story to tell, and you would be as proud of our staff as I am if you knew all the rest of the story. I appreciate Stephanie's taking the time to put hers on paper. When we took the children back to Oklahoma City, one of



Members of the Nowata church planted a pin oak tree on the church grounds in remembrance of those killed in the the Murrah Federal Building bombing.

the agency directors who was there to meet us said, "What have you done with these children? This is the first time I've seen smiles on their faces since April 19!"

Then she answered her own question, "I know; they've been with Jesus all week!" All of the children are wanting to go back to Wewoka for summer camp '96. Thanks for all the donations that made this camp possible. The Red Cross and other agencies have asked us to provide a similar camp for the agency workers themselves who have so far been left out of the counselling circle.

*Jack Francisco, Director
Wewoka Woods
Adventist Center*

I lost the job I love, and God has not answered my prayer the way I want Him to, So what shall I do?

Nine years ago, when Teresa Joy went to Fargo, North Dakota to become the main news anchor for KXJB-TV Channel 4, she let them know

of her religious conviction to keep Sabbath as a sacred day. Her convictions regarding the Sabbath were strong.

Already since college she had been terminated from one



Teresa Joy

job after working for six months from Monday to Friday, but as they approached the tax season she was asked to work on

Sabbath. She said she could not, so was let go.

"Imagine my surprise," Joy said, "when the very next day a CBS television station called to say they had been reviewing my job application of a year before and wondered if I could come for an interview. I was hired that same day. Wasn't God kind!"

"But," Joy continued, "my understanding of the Sabbath was incomplete. I had never developed the same commitment for Friday night sacredness as I had for Saturday. As my spiritual development grew, I realized I should not work Friday after sundown."

Perhaps a newspaper article can tell the story. The headline read, "Fargo news anchor quits because of religious beliefs." The story line began, "Teresa Joy resigned this week after nearly nine years as news anchor because of her religious beliefs." The article went on to explain proper

Sabbath keeping and that Joy does not fault the station for its decision. It quotes her as saying, "I am deeply committed to keeping all of God's commandments. I love my job with a passion. But I know God has opened doors for me before, and He will continue to do so. I'm just taking one day at a time."

We join Joy in praying that the next chapter in her life will testify to the goodness of God and how His ways are the best.

*Roger Morton
Communication Director
Mid-America Union*

I was a little lost sheep and the Good Shepherd found me!

James was born in a tiny Guatemalan village and lived with his mother until he was five. Often they had no place to stay and little food to eat.



James Miller

James remembers, "Those first few years of my life were very tough. Sometimes we'd go for days without food. Many times my mother would leave me with strangers and not come back to get me for a long time."

"Late one night a big truck came and took me far away up into the mountains to an orphanage," continued James. He spent six months there and never saw his mother again.

"Jesus knew I needed a home and a family," James continues. One day two strangers came to visit him at the orphanage. "They took me very far away to a place called Omaha in the United States."

James' new parents found a school for blind children and saw to it that he got an

education. The family eventually moved to Florida, and it was there that a Christian Record Services representative visited James and introduced him to their programs. When James' parents moved to Arkansas, he began attending Camp Yorktown Bay.

A typically energetic teenager, James enjoys going to camp. When asked what his favorite camp activities are, he answers, "I think kneeboarding is really fun, because you can slide across the water at a really fast pace. Oh, yes, and I like the girls. But one thing that I really like is the stories about Jesus, because He is my best friend."

Hannah Lunt, junior communications major at Union College; and Chris Etheredge, CRS employee who attended blind camps as a child and was the first person baptized as a result of the program.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

He delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted

And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles,

But the Lord delivers him from them all;

He protects all his bones,

Not one of them will be broken.

Psalm 34:17-20

Southwestern Union

NEWS FLASH! **Miller Accepts Appointment as Vice President for Evangelism**

Cyril Miller, president of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists headquartered in Burleson, Texas, has accepted appointment as vice president for evangelism and global mission for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, the church's national headquarters located in Silver Spring, Maryland. He will assume his new position on January 1, 1996. The Southwestern Union Executive Committee which meets December 7 will be discussing his replacement.

Reaching the Cities with Health, Healing, and Hope

Funds from the fourth quarter Special Projects offering taken on December 23, 1995 are to be used in the North American Division (NAD) to fund health outreach and prison ministries projects.

The NAD department of health and temperance, in conjunction with Adventist health care systems, educational institutions, Adventist Community Services, and conference and union health and temperance departments, will use the funds to develop an Adventist Health Network.

"The Adventist Health Network (AHN) will pool the resources that are currently available and expand our health and outreach ministry," says DeWitt Williams, director of health and temperance for NAD. "We want our teachers, preachers, health professionals, and church members to work together to bring health and healing to people in

our communities across North America."

Prison ministries will use its funds to develop 200 prison ministry programs, strengthen existing programs, train pastors and church members in prison ministry, provide Bible studies and literature for prisoners, and minister to their families.

"We need to help those who are incarcerated, and we need to help their immediate families—especially the children," says Dan McManus, president of Adventist Prison Ministries Association (APMA). Because there are so many families and children in need, McManus believes prison ministries needs special attention.

Quinquennial Benefit

Each quarter, the Seventh-day Adventist Church designates the "overflow offering" (approximately 25 percent) taken on the 13th Sabbath, to go to further church work in one of the 11 divisions and one attached union. Each division receives the offering about once every five years.

The Time Is Right!

To prepare for the offering, the NAD has identified 11 cities with critical needs. These are cities with high crime rates, homelessness, hunger, and low income families. They are also places where the Adventist church has very little presence.

"A new report reveals that the prison population continues to increase," says Auldwin Humphrey, director of adult ministries. "Now, in the United States, there are nearly 1.5 million incarcerated men and women."

Williams further establishes the urgency: "Everybody's talking about health and prison reform. There are lots of organizations providing services, but the Adventist church goes one step further. We also offer a life-changing, behavior-changing power—Jesus Christ."



Ingathering can be fun! These children from the Elgin church raised \$1,322 going door to door last fall.

"Through a stronger outreach in the large cities—the mission fields of our division—Adventists can touch people in need, build relationships with them, and introduce them to the Savior."

Alfred C. McClure, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, points out, "By following the message we've been given, we can offer health, healing, and hope to this dying world." *Monte Sahlin*
Assistant to the President
North American Division

Southwest Singles Seek to Serve

As singles here in the Southwestern Union, we have a great task before us. This task is to reach out to the singles around us from every walk of life and work in a cooperative effort to share the news of Christ's soon return to earth.

Currently there are two active chapters in the Southwestern Union, one in Arkansas and one in Louisiana. Two other chapters are in the formation stage, the East Texas chapter and the Lone Star chapter. The individuals leading out in these chapters have a desire to get an active chapter operating and they need our prayers.

As acting union Adventist Singles Ministry director, I have the dream of seeing each existing chapter double in size, and of new chapters being formed where currently none exist. There are many ways singles can minister to other singles and families as well. Some of these include singles Sabbaths, parents night

out, helping at church seminars and evangelistic meetings, helping at homeless shelters, community services and many other functions of the church.

Look for the singles around you, get together as a group, plan ways you can work together to make an impact in your community and show the church that singles can make a positive contribution wherever they are.

Christy Herring
Acting Director

SW Union Adventist Singles

Sabbath School Convention Draws Large Crowd

The second annual Sabbath school convention for the Southwestern Union, held at the Clarion Hotel in Richardson, drew a crowd of 400 Sabbath school superintendents, teachers and other officers from all over the Southwestern Union.

The sermons of Henry Wright and James Gilley inspired those in attendance with words of wisdom and admonition. Wright carried the convention theme, "He



Henry Wright



James Gilley

That Shall Come, Will Come," in his messages Friday night, Sabbath morning and at the Sunday morning prayer breakfast. Gilley challenged the conventioners on Saturday evening with the theme, Listen to Him. His premise was that as we get nearer the Lord's return, and in the midst of worldly confusion, we need to listen for the sure words from the Lord.

Seminar workshops covered the areas of music in worship, facilitated by Dorla Aparicio; adult Sabbath school teachers by Jim Gilley and Steve Trelfa; Sabbath school officer training by Dem Robles; youth evangelism by Buford Griffith and his

wife Carmen; small group ministries by Calvin Smith; Sabbath school evangelism by Mike and Gayle Tucker; Adventurer Club by Rosetta Robinson; children's ministries by Virginia Smith, Sofia Miguel, Carmen Fuentes and Margaret Taglavore; family ministries by Walter and Jackie Wright; the Hispanic pastors Sabbath school class by Orlando Perez; and the English pastors class by Buford Griffith.

Music for the weekend was

coordinated by Oliver Moore, who inspired all with his lively song services. Guests included the Dallas Faith Temple youth choir, "Fortress" quartet, Fort Worth's "Higher Praise," "Trinity" trio, pianist Pearl Runnels, Steve and Judy Evenson and soloists Mindy Woods, Carmen Fuentes, Rogers Johnson, Jackie Wright, and Weslene Wiley. Organist and pianist for the meetings were Alice Thomas of Dayton, Ohio and "Bill" Bell of

Houston, respectively.

Special thanks go to Bill Woodruff, Arkansas-Louisiana church ministries director and platform chairman for the convention, who kept the general sessions on schedule and Barb Oliver, the overall convention coordinator, assisted by Jeanne Barron. Childcare for 30 children was ably handled by LeeAnn Miller, and the audio-visual engineer was Ron James.

Many of the attendees ex-

pressed their appreciation for the valuable information that was shared. This was especially true for those new officers who were still learning about their responsibilities. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way. The popular cry of the attendees was, "Same time next year." Does this mean a third annual convention? The answer is "A definite maybe."

*Walter Wright, Director
Family Life and
Sabbath School*

Oklahoma

JACK FRANCISCO, CORRESPONDENT

Muskogee Members Distribute Literature

Each Sabbath afternoon members of the Muskogee church, under the guidance of the personal ministries director, T.A. Gilliam, have been giving out literature to every home they can reach in each town within 40 miles of Muskogee.

This literature has been selected to create interest by the people who read it. Each piece of literature has a postcard in it inviting the readers to enroll in Bible studies.

Those conducting this ministry are enthusiastic and not hesitant in going out even in 100

degree weather. They report a favorable response from most of those they have met.

*Curtis Thurber, PR Secretary
Muskogee SDA Church*

Church Booths Spark Interest at Oklahoma State Fair

Each year the Oklahoma state fair brings thousands of visitors to the Oklahoma City area. The Adventist churches in the Oklahoma City area use the fair as an opportunity to witness to the visitors. At the Oklahoma Conference booth you will find Vera Wolfe with a blood pressure station. This provides opportunity to discuss lifestyles and fitness

with those who stop by. Terry Schneider from the Adventist Book Center is there demonstrating vegetarian food. Many interested people are pleased to learn that there is a place in the city where they are able to obtain an alternative to meat.

Everything at the booth comes to a stop when the tobacco show begins. It's done with puppets. This is a joint venture between the conference youth department and community services, with Parkview Academy supplying the student power. As soon as the puppets come on stage, kids from all over clog the aisles to watch. The 17-minute performance ends with the puppets handing out "I Love being FREE from Smoking" stickers. This puppet show

is being received with rave reviews. They do a fantastic job of operating the puppets.

One woman was heard to say, "Oh, let's go, the puppet show is only about tobacco."

And the husband replied, "Let's stay and watch. You know everything they are saying is the truth and you need to quit." They stayed and watched.

Many children want stickers for a parent who is "Smoke Free." And many adults ask for stickers showing they've been "Smoke Free" for



Visitors to the literature evangelist booth enjoy finding their favorite Bible friends. Photo: Jack Francisco

several months or years.

This "Puppet Performance" is part of the North America Division temperance department material. It is being received so well that plans are under way to take the puppets to public schools, malls and to other churches.

The visitors are helping themselves to the wide selection of pamphlets that is available on the tables. One man who spotted a magazine by E. G. White commented, "Oh, she's one of my favorite religious authors. I've read *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy*. I'm a Catholic now, but I am studying my Bible." He now has an appointment to have a Bible study.

In a different building are Allan and Julie Dybdahl with their literature evangelist booth, and they are having the same type of success. They have received over



"This is the best VBS we've ever had," commented one of the Muskogee helpers. Of the 45 children in attendance, about 35 were from non-Adventist homes, and they were invited to give their lives to Jesus.



(Above) The puppets Gunner Heart, Smokin' Joe, Marie Flossie Tooth and the Hale sisters, Ex and In (lungs), who stole the show at the Oklahoma State Fair. Below) Terry Schneider of the Adventist Book Center handing out samples of vegetarian foods. Photos: Jack Francisco



1500 requests for in-home visits. This is a big undertaking for the 10 literature evangelists who work in the Oklahoma Conference, but they are excited at the possibilities.



Harvey Kornegay and his wife, Geneva and their two children, Gabrielle and William, arrived in Oklahoma on July 1, 1995 to pastor the Enid/Alva district.

This pastoral family comes from the Texas Conference where Kornegay has pastored since the late 1980s. Geneva is a licensed vocational nurse.



Choctaw church members Ernest and Vera Wolfe were honored by the Oklahoma Conference office staff on their 62nd anniversary. Vera is the conference community service director who has been extremely active in helping during disasters such as floods, tornadoes and the Oklahoma City bombing. They have both been very influential and kind to the Native Americans living in the surrounding countryside.

Oklahoma camp meeting brought many blessings to the large group who attended.



(Above) Rodney Grove, Oklahoma Conference president, reads a citation from President Clinton to Stan Buckmaster for his services during the Oklahoma City bombing crisis.

(Below) The pastors choir, led by Vialo Weis, inspired the listeners with their singing.



James and Aimee Rainwater got an enthusiastic response as they led out in the junior department.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE BOOK AND FOOD DISPLAYS

Brought to you by your Adventist Book Center

Muskogee Church	Saturday, Nov. 11	Following sundown
Sallisaw Church	Sunday, Nov. 12	2-4 p.m.
Claremore Church	Monday, Nov. 13	5-7 p.m.
Bristow Church	Tuesday, Nov. 14	5-7 p.m.
Tulsa Adventist Academy	Saturday, Nov. 18	Following sundown
Ketchum SDA School	Sunday, Nov. 19	2-5 p.m.
Bartlesville Church	Monday, Nov. 20	5-7 p.m.
Summit Ridge Church	Saturday, Dec. 2	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City ABC Open	Sunday, Dec. 10	10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Pre-orders are suggested for all case foods.

Christmas is fast approaching, and what better gift to give than a book from your Adventist Book Center such as a devotional book from the great selection of '96 devotionals. There are many new books to choose from that would make nice Christmas gifts. As an added bonus, we will have the 1996 Christian Home Calendar available. This attractive calendar will be yours FREE with the purchase of \$50 or more. \$1.99 each if purchased separately.

Your toll-free order line is 800/522-2665.

Arkansas-Louisiana

PETER A. KOSTENKO, CORRESPONDENT

Bonnerdale Homecoming

Out of town guests from Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, Alabama, and several from different sections of California came to the homecoming, September 2, which had been planned by Dennis and Veda Nooner. Over 200 former church members, students and friends were there to fellowship with the church family for a full day of activities.

Kim Peckham from the Review and Herald Publishing Association and his wife, Lori, editor of *Insight* magazine, came from Hagerstown, Maryland. They shared stories of interest with the Sabbath school. The lesson study was given by Dr. Edmund Jones of Lancaster, California. Guest speaker for the worship service was Dr. Frank Knittel of Riverside, California. Solos, duets, quartets, and a large choir rounded out the Sabbath program.

The oldest member of the Bonnerdale church was there, Oretha Ewing, 93 years old, very much alert, and not looking her age.

The Sabbath afternoon sing-along with visitors, local community and church members brought back happy memories and was an inspiration to all.

The evening ended with the Bonnerdale church school selling vegeburgers with all the trimmings along with drinks and desserts. Seven hundred twenty-five dollars was raised for playground equipment. As usual, the school gym was open for an evening of fun and games for all. Many expressed the hope that the next homecoming event would be in our heavenly home.

LaVerne Lybarger
Communication Secretary
Bonnerdale

Bonnerdale Holds Its First Spanish Camp Meeting

The multi-colored "tent city" made a striking display on a hillside at the designated location for the first Spanish camp meet-



Guest speaker Onesimo Mejia encouraging his listeners to uphold the Word.

ing in the Bonnerdale area. This first-ever gathering, held the weekend of August 11-13, was coordinated by Jorge Oregon, a lay pastor and member of the Spanish church in Glenwood.

During Sabbath school, which was directed by Milton Quijano, leaders from the various churches told of the progress of the Spanish work in their areas. Before the church service began, representatives from the 160 Spanish members present walked to the front of the gathering carrying the flags representing the countries of their origin—the United States, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Puerto Rico and Colombia—and positioned them around the pulpit. Speaker for the church service, Onesimo Mejia, retired from the Southwestern Union, encouraged his listeners to be diligent about their march to the "Celestial City." He also shared the fact

that when he first began work in Texas there were only a few Spanish-speaking people in the Seventh-day Adventist church, but today there are more than 10,000 members in Texas alone.

James Gilley, president of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, was an invited guest, along with the Spanish churches from Springdale and their pastor, Milton Quijano; Fort Smith, with their elder, George Sermeno; and DeQueen, with Brother Marin.

After a baptism of two brothers from Glenwood, a call was made by Pastor Milton Quijano, and 14 individuals indicated their desire to be baptized in the near future. After sunset, opportunity was given for fellowship and visiting the Spanish book display set up by the Adventist Book Center.

Laverne Lybarger
Communication Secretary

Flood Victims Receive Help from Slidell Youth

Following the floods in May, the Slidell Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs helped the cleanup efforts in south Louisiana. Club members helped to stock and organize food and cleaning items that had been donated by the Second Harvest of New Orleans. They also boxed many cleaning kits which were picked up from the Slidell church.

Several club members went from door to door distributing peanuts, cereal, cleanser, soaps and sponges. In addition to the

kits, the families received a free *Signs* magazine, health recipes and tips for handling stress while cleaning up. Club members helped more than 200 families.

Annual Cardboard Boat Race Staged

On Sunday, August 20, the Hope Melonair Pathfinders and Melon Patch Adventurers sponsored their second annual cardboard boat race. The Pathfinders and Adventurers from DeQueen, Texarkana and Shreveport were invited to join Hope at Beard's Bluff on Millwood Lake for a stab at making a boat of nothing more than cardboard, tape and paint. Making the boats was not a problem, but keeping them afloat was.

There were four categories of races: Pathfinders, Adventurers, Eager Beavers and a staff race. Texarkana and DeQueen accepted the challenge and made a couple of "team" boats. Regrettably, all of Hope's boats sank. Trophies were awarded to Texarkana for first place in the Pathfinder race and second place in the staff race, with Al Bills leading. DeQueen placed first with the Adventurers and also first with Delmer Cook for staff.

About 20 non-Adventists watched the races, including several rangers from the Corps of Engineers. Ranger Steve Spicer told us it was a neat event and asked us to do this again next year.

So, Hope church extends an



Twenty-three persons graduated from a Revelation Seminar held in the New Orleans Spanish church. As a result, three were baptized by the pastor, Fidel Merchan.

invitation to all the clubs in southwest Arkansas and north Louisiana to get your boats ready and meet us at the Millwood Lake the second Sunday of August, 1996, for the third annual cardboard boat race! *Nancy Hair*
Pathfinder Leader

Deaf Camp Meeting

Three deaf people and the writer drove hundreds of miles from the Clinton-Harrison district to Rio Lindo Academy in California to attend a deaf camp meeting. Although the drive was long, the ride was quickly forgotten, for the camp meeting experience was so precious that a lengthy stretch of interstate was worth it.

Deaf folks from all over North America came to this annual camp meeting with an average attendance of 120. With such a small number, the deaf became a close knit family as they fellowshiped and studied together.

Many deaf people, including the deaf members in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, attend churches each week where there are no other deaf persons present and very few are fortunate enough to have an interpreter. Most deaf people just sit in a silent world and obtain little from the sermon. So at deaf camp meeting they become like sponges, soaking up everything they can.

The messages during the week-



Russ, Marvin and Steve were three of the four baptized at the deaf camp meeting held in California.



Deaf people from all over North America attended the deaf camp meeting. Friends pictured here are from left: Sean of Washington, Nigel from Ontario, Pete from Michigan and Esther from Arkansas.

long camp meeting were preached three to four times a day, usually by fellow deaf people or by those fluent in sign language. The theme for this week was surrendering ourselves to God and how to be ready for Christ's second coming. Afternoon activities included a Bible study group, canoeing, visiting Elmshaven, or playing traditional games such as volleyball.

The Sabbath afternoon highlight is the yearly baptism. This year, four individuals joined the church's deaf family. Celebrating a baptism by deaf people is very different from the celebration of someone who is not hearing-impaired. Usually following a baptism, the hearing people give a solemn "amen," while the deaf, because they experience such excitement upon being immersed and brought out of the water, applaud and shout, raising their hands above their heads (a form of applause used by the deaf community).

To everyone who reads this, remember there may be someone in your local church who needs special understanding because they are deaf. There are lonely deaf members in our churches needing someone who will share God's love with them. Approach them and talk with them. Don't fall into the habit just waving. While such a gesture is at least acknowledging they are visible, a conversation is better, because it includes them. They need to know that they are a part of the family of God.

Esther Watson
Communication Secretary

Pastor Returns from Trip to Ukraine

Prompted by the desire to hold an evangelistic campaign in a city in the Ukraine where there was no church, and wanting to visit the two churches he had ministered to on his trip last year,



Bud and Joan Schermerhorn. Photo: Stone County Leader

Pastor Bud Schermerhorn and his wife, Joan, of the Batesville district, took the money they had saved, along with donated funds from some local churches, and made the trip.

They found that faithful people had kept the churches going during the past year, but that legislation no longer allowed advertising as it had been done before. Because of this, it was harder to bring in crowds to the meetings. However, they found that a lot of professional people are looking for answers. All his work was done through interpreters but, as Schermerhorn says, "The basic computer language in the working world is English, so for them to use computers they must learn some English," Bud explains. He found a number of teachers who could interpret for him.

In addition to the six-week crusade, he did some training seminars with their pastors and another six weeks of meetings for the children on the line of a vacation Bible school. "One of the thrills of this missionary work," Schermerhorn says, "was to walk down the street and hear

the children singing songs they learned at the meetings."

As a result of these meetings, and with God's blessing, 92 people were baptized. This includes persons who learned of the truth from individuals baptized last year. *Esther Watson*
Communication Secretary
Clinton

Ozark Church Operates Booth at the Fair

"Good Health in one Package" was the title of the booth put on by the Ozark church members at Franklin County Fairgrounds in Ozark. To emphasize the need to stop smoking, control stress and eat healthy foods, those manning the booth gave away material dealing with health and spiritual growth. Smoking Sue and a 5-foot inflated cigarette was used as an attention and learning device.

One hundred fifty people registered for a drawing of books which were given away at the close of each day. The books given away were *Eight Steps to Good Health*, with volume one and volume two of the Mega books. From the drawings, 23 requested free books, 19 indicated Bible study, 27 wanted to learn more about healthful eating, 20 wanted help with stress, 16 wanted to stop smoking and three asked for help with drug abuse.

Free literature was given to those who wanted it. A stop smoking seminar will be held in the near future led by Dr. Richard Strom of Ozark.

Alma Craft
Communication Secretary



Burnham Rand, Ozark's pastor, with members Don Owsley (center), and Betty Gunter at their "Good Health in One Package" fair booth.

Southwest Region

B. E. WRIGHT, CORRESPONDENT

Ebony Evangelism Brings Baptisms in SWR

One hundred people were still praying in the Houston Belfort church at 1:00 a.m. during the 24-hour prayer vigil just prior to the Ebony Evangelism campaigns scheduled for the summer. The result, with God's blessing, was that 150 were baptized in Houston and more than 1,600 around the conference during the weeks that followed.

The 20 separate evangelistic campaigns that were held have brought growth to some churches where it was not expected. In the city of Monroe, Louisiana, where an average of 35 had been attending each week, Ebony Evangelism brought in 252 people. This made it necessary to organize a second church. It also meant finding another building in which the new congregation could worship. Where would they find something suitable? Then someone found a church that was for sale—just what they needed—but, although the going price was not high, the new congregation did not have the finances to purchase it. After some weeks and some intense negotiation, the seller lowered the price, and the congregation

was able to purchase the church.

All together nine new church groups have been started and five first-day preachers baptized. "One minister," says Robert Lister, conference president, "accepted the Sabbath truth in Shreveport where he was visiting. He went back home to Tulsa to preach his farewell sermon. He's back in Shreveport now, rejoicing in his new-found faith."

"Another man in Monroe," Lister continues, "decided to tell his employer that he could no longer work on Sabbath. People said he'd lose his job, that no one had ever been able to get Sabbath off at that plant. But he was determined to keep the Sabbath holy, so he went to his supervisor and explained his predicament."

He was warned that he'd be terminated. "Well," the man replied, "even if I lose my job, it will be better than to lose my soul by breaking God's commandment."

"If your religion means so much to you," his boss replied, "then I'll let you have your Sabbaths off. You won't be fired."

What is Ebony Evangelism? It's a united effort by all the regional conferences to concentrate on a given area for the summer and to hold as many campaigns in that given area as

there is manpower and money. This year the Southwest Region was the beneficiary. Evangelists came from as far away as California, Pennsylvania, Oakwood College and the Southeastern states.

"All the praise, honor and glory go to God for what has been accomplished," Lister writes in a letter to Cyril Miller, Southwestern Union president. "The Southwest Region Conference is indebted to all who have made this miracle possible. Thanks for your prayers and response."

Smyrna Church Reaches Out to El Paso Children and Youth

The Smyrna Mid-city Church in El Paso made an attempt to reach out to the youth by holding a vacation Bible school during the month of July. Thirty children attended.

As a result, two mothers became interested in the church because of their children's involvement in VBS. They are now taking Bible studies.

The church also sponsored a youth day program during July which ended with a spectacular musical program.

Louise King, Church Clerk

Bethel Hosts Annual Singles Weekend

The Bethel church hosted its third annual singles emphasis weekend August 11-13 in Texarkana. C. M. Bailey, pastor of the Coushatta, Mansfield, and First Natchitoches churches, was guest speaker. The title of his sermon: "Is There a Husband in the House?"

The theme of the afternoon seminar presented by pastors Bailey and Gilbert Williams was, "Anoint Me . . . I'm Single."

Singles from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Tennessee, as well as many from the local community, attended the weekend program.

*Vera D. McAlister
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Texas

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VGA Chosen for New Project

Valley Grande Academy was chosen to be a site for a new project called The Electronic Model Congress (TEMC). The project is sponsored by Columbia Education Center at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. It is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Education.

Ron Huff, teacher of history, government and economics at Valley Grande Academy, was selected to attend the institute in Oregon for training in how to involve the students in setting

up model communities with students in other states through the use of computers and modems on the Internet. The goal of The Electronic Model Congress is to prepare youth for responsible citizenship.

According to Bob Kremer, project administrator at Columbia Education Center, "TEMC activities include model law-making and community building processes. Computers are used to research issues via the Internet so students can propose, debate and enact bills. With the use of electronic communication and its vast supply of databases for information and bulletin boards

for communication, students from different states are able to communicate with one another and stay on top of issues vital to the success of their community."

"It is quite an honor to be chosen as a site for this project," Ron Huff, explains. "Schools from only 18 of the 50 states were chosen, and we were selected from many applicants. We were told that we were chosen on the condition that we would

Ron Huff, a government teacher working with the Valley Grande Academy TEMC project, gives Missy Traudt pointers on using Internet for the "Model Congress" project.



become a training site for other schools in the future."

"This project gives Valley Grande Academy the opportunity to use the latest technology through the Internet to teach important concepts of government operation to the students," says Don Duncan, vice-principal for administration, who wrote the proposal for the project. "This positions the academy as a leader in this technology."

Corrie Whitney, Vice President for Admissions

Richardson Church Experiences Spiritual and Numerical Growth

With the baptism of 30 new members, the Richardson church membership has increased seven percent. The pastor, Ray House, and his members are excited about the prospect of continual growth both numerically and spiritually.

Programs that have contributed to this enthusiasm in the church include the Net '95 series, soup and salvation meetings, the distribution of more than 5000 Ken Cox Bible study cards over a three-month period, 10 Home-Builders study seminars, a women's ministry prayer chain, and a "Best Weigh" nutritional program. Currently the church is preparing for Net '96 evangelism.

Another contributing factor to the enthusiasm is the involvement of the youth and young adults in ministering to the needs of children from the Buckner Orphanage, and feeding the homeless in the community.

In addition, the Richardson Adventist School (RAS) has had a 30 percent increase in enrollment over last year. RAS has demonstrated its ability to provide quality Christian education through an aggressive program. The entire staff has become involved in marketing the values of Christian education and in sponsoring mission trips to Mexico. The school is aiming at elevating the spirituality and scholastic level in which the students can prepare to become future leaders of our church and community.

*Sue Mathieu
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Fredericksburg Members Are Energized for Further Outreach

Fredericksburg church members are enthusiastic about the arrival of their new pastor, Marshall Gonzales, his wife Julia,



"I can hardly wait until next year," was the comment made by one of the children who attended the Fredericksburg VBS program.

and their four children, Andrew, Nancy, Daniel, and Michael, who recently moved from McAllen.

While working on his B.A. degree in theology at Southwestern Adventist College, Marshall helped establish a Spanish church in Waco. Coming with that type of experience, church members feel they will receive good guidance in their outreach endeavors in Fredericksburg.

Adding to their enthusiasm is the fact that of the 36 children who attended the "Friends Forever" vacation Bible school, 32 were from non-Adventist homes. This has enhanced the potential

for outreach in the community, since these families are already familiar with some of the principles for which the church stands.

Marshall Member Visits Eastern Europe

Recently Dr. Alexandrine Randriamahefa, a member of the Marshall SDA Church on the faculty of Wiley College, traveled in eastern Europe for almost three weeks in July and August as part of a team of East Texas educators studying the wetlands in eastern Europe. This came as a result of earlier studies by the Caddo Lake Institute based in Marshall.



Dr. Randriamahefa and eight others spent most of their time in Ferto National Park in Hungary and the Trebon Basin in the Czech Republic.

While there she found that in the larger cities such as Budapest, the Seventh-day Adventist Church had a presence, while there seemed to be no church buildings in the smaller towns. It was her opinion there may have been small congregations meeting in private homes, but she found none of them.

She describes the people as being friendly and open, with a

deep interest in the Word of God. Their lifestyle is simple, uncluttered by many things we consider essential in America. Television sets and washing machines are scarce, and gasoline is \$4 to \$5 a gallon. There are few cars, most of them old and wearing out. However, tickets for a concert cost only \$4. Almost every family had a small garden for fresh fruits and vegetables. The people were healthy-looking and enjoying their new-found freedom. What they need now is to find the freedom and peace that Jesus Christ offers.

*Helen Johnson
Communication Secretary*

Harlingen Enjoys New School Facility

Not much is familiar for the children of Harlingen Adventist Elementary School since it began this fall. The months of praying, planning, building, and moving prepared the classrooms for the 21 students who have begun classes in this new two-teacher school.

And that isn't all. The teachers are new as well. JoAnne Lafever is a former missionary from Pakistan and Niger (West Africa), and Abby Elizonondo is from Laredo. Both are enthusiastic about working with their students in this new environment.

At the dedication of the new structure on August 20, teach-



Harlingen students find learning to be a pleasure in their new school facility.

ers, parents, and children of HAES renewed their vows to prepare, not only for this life, but for the coming of Jesus as well.

Ada Flores

Communication Secretary

Prison Ministry Rally Held in Waco

The Waco church hosted a prison ministry rally on August 19. David Moody, director of ACTS Prison Ministry (the SDA prison ministry in Gatesville), coordinated the meeting and led out in sharing some of the miracles that are taking place behind bars.

James Burton, chaplain of the Gatesville Hilltop Unit, explained some of the needs of those behind bars. Although not an Adventist, he welcomes help from our church.

The afternoon keynote speaker was Leroy Green, prison ministries director for the Southwest Region Conference, who pointed out how the Holy Spirit is opening doors in Texas prisons.

Sharon Potter, associate director for the New Discovery Bible Schools (NDBS), the SDA Bible correspondence school in Keene which has lessons prepared especially for prisoners, explained how easy it is to set up a NDBS unit in any local church.

Prison counselor Kathy Bradley from the Killeen SDA church shared the challenge there is to help the 1200 women under her care, and yet she says, "I've been able to make a difference."

Church members from Waco, Temple, Killeen, Keene, and Hillsboro churches returned home determined to do more to reach God's children locked behind bars.

To see how you can get involved, contact David Moody at P.O. Box 1114, Gatesville, TX 76528, 817/865-8828, or Alice Davis or Sharon Potter at P.O. Box 614, Keene, TX 76059 817/645-5761.

Jerry Potter

Burton Third Graders Correspond with Heart Transplant Patient

One day during the past school year when Deborah Roberts, the mother of Burton students Jonathan and Apryl, shared with third grade teacher Betty Trevino and her class about how depressed her coworker's husband was while he waited for a heart transplant, the class decided to do something about it. Each child made a get-well card in which they included a Bible verse. These were sent to Arizona where the man had gone to await further treatment.

Because the children got so much joy from making the get-well cards, they decided to write to him as well, so each child composed a letter and all of them were sent to him. To the surprise of the children, one day a big bundle of mail arrived for them—23 letters from this man—one for each child. In each letter he mentioned the specific message and what it had meant to him.

This is how a year-long correspondence began between these third-graders and this man who needed encouragement. He told about his family, his children and grandchildren. And the students prayed for him and his family every day in morning worship. They felt that they knew him, even though they had never met. One student, Natalie, wrote: "You are almost

like a grandfather to me."

In responding to the question, "What do you think your students learned from this experience?" without hesitation Betty Trevino replied, "We learned about caring for someone else and about the blessings of good health."

Attendees Are Energized at Women's Retreat

The weekend of September 15-17 found 305 Adventist women gathered for a retreat at two hotels on South Padre Island. The bilingual guest speakers were kept busy as they shuttled between the Spanish and English speaking groups.

At the conclusion of the weekend, one of the presenters, Dr. Donna Habenicht, made the remark that although she had spoken to numerous women's groups, "This group of women seemed more spiritually minded and eager to get things done for the Lord than any other group I've been with."

When asked why she felt this way, Habenicht remarked that these women seemed to have resolved any conflicts they may have had, and that they were eager to do something productive.

Evadeane Peters, women's ministries director for the Texas Conference, challenged the women to do something special in the coming year. Some women indicated they wanted to help distribute the Ken Cox videos in their neighborhoods, others were interested in helping with the New Discovery Bible School correspondence with prison inmates, and others indicated their

Listed below are members who are missing from the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist church. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts is asked to contact the church at Box 171387, Arlington TX 76017 or by phone: 817/483-4837.

Alatorre, Norberto	Mays, James Allen
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Alatorre, Esthy	McCoy, Patsy
Allen, Sharon	Morbe, Shelly
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Bloom, Barbara	Perryman, Lori
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Cox, Carol Mondy	Poentiz, Florence
Davidson, Lowell	Poindexter, Rusty
Fry, David	Pyle, Jason
Genn, Rebecca	Pyle, Joe
Glisson, Darryl	Pyle, June
Hanley, Ramona	Roberson, Katy
Nestell	Rolls, Katherine
Holbert, Justin C.	Beard
Hurr, Terri	Ruloked, Tony
Isaboke, Mark	Russell, Joan
Jennings, Lewis	Scott, Steve
Johnson, Janice	Swan, Carol Ann
Johnson, Shannon	Swan, Donald III
Jones, David	Tant, DeLoyce
Jones, Mary	Wardsworth, Darrell
Kelly, Dawn Wait	Wardsworth, David
Kubecka, Lila	Wardsworth, Don
Ledford, Sue	Wardsworth, Sue
Magena, Mohn	Webster, Amber
Nyabuto	Dawn
Marler, Don	Weaver, Dezra

interest in helping with a literacy program in their home church. Peters also reported on last year's activities which included making 1000 crib quilts for AIDS babies and collecting 230 suits, shirts and ties which were sent to pastors in the Ukraine, Moscow and Romania.

Weslaco VBS Keeps Kids' Interest

Vacation days for the children and youth brought summer heat but provided leisure time for swimming, bike riding and sleeping late.

During the week of August 6-12, however, children and youth in the vicinity of the Weslaco church were invited to be part of the "Friends Forever" vacation Bible school planned by Yolanda Ochoa and her helpers.

The 39 children participated in the flag raising, singing, Bible study and crafts, but what kept their attention most was the daily skit performed by the Friends Forever Club—Shawn Eichelberg, Chastity Morris, Charity Morris, Karlo Rufo, Melissa Lofton, and DeeAnn Berden. Each day this group acted out different situations which friends face and how their best friend, Jesus, helps them to cope.

Elsie Ward



Leaders and children involved in the Weslaco vacation Bible school.

Texico Pastors Plan for the New Year

The two speakers who shared information with the Texico pastors at their biannual meeting in Albuquerque, August 20-23, were outstanding.

M. Elaine Kennedy, PhD, from Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, California, rekindled pastoral interest in God as Creator with her talks on creationism, the flood and anthropology.

Arlene Taylor, PhD, of Realizations—Success Resources International, located in Napa, California, explained the uniqueness of the human brain. She also shared practical strategies for using it to enhance personal and professional relationships.

Those who were present were pleased with the quality and practicality of the information shared by these two women.

The main thrust of the meeting was to develop objectives for the coming year, which include establishing five new churches and five new companies in unentered areas during 1996. To make this possible, plans are being laid to hold 132 evangelistic campaigns or seminars and organize 66 baptismal classes, and to motivate 2,000 church members to become involved in missionary activities.

Midland Spanish Church Sponsors Campout

Church members from San Angelo, Big Spring and Odessa were invited to join a campout sponsored by the Midland Spanish church, August 18-20 at Hords Creek Lake, Coleman, Texas. Luis Rendon, pastor of the Amarillo Spanish district, was guest speaker and set the spiritual tone for the weekend. Many who attended, especially the youth, expressed appreciation for this time of spiritual refreshing in a setting provided by nature.

Jose Luque, Pastor

El Paso Convocation Stimulates Hope in Second Coming

Marvin Moore, editor of *Signs of the Times*, was the featured speaker for Texico Conference's annual Spanish convocation held in El Paso, Texas, August 19. Members of the El Paso church were joined by others from the surrounding area to make a total of 600 in attendance.

Moore's topics dealt with an end-time prophetic scenario, ending in the afternoon with thoughts on preparation for final countdown. Bill Davis, pastor of the El Paso English Central Church, translated into Spanish.

Ortega Becomes Navy Chaplain

A former pastor in Texico, Samuel Ortega, became a naval lieutenant in January of this year. It seemed that he was destined to become a worker for God even before his birth, for when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Demetrio Ortega of Penasco, New Mexico, first received the Three Angels' Message, they were expecting a child. They promised God they would name the child Samuel if he was a boy, and that their purpose would be to raise him up to be a Seventh-day Adventist pastor.



They kept that promise. "While still a young boy," Ortega's parents recount, "our son felt called of God, and he responded."

Ortega attended Southwestern Adventist College and Andrews University, where he acquired his Master of Divinity degree. After serving in the Clovis district for more than three years, he transferred to Amarillo to pastor the Amarillo Spanish, Hereford and Plainview churches. He was ordained December 17, 1994, at the Santa Fe Spanish church.

Ortega believes God has people everywhere who need to be ministered to, including men and women in the armed forces. He was commissioned into the Navy as Lieutenant JG Chaplain on January 10, 1995. After eight weeks of intensive training in Rhode Island, he graduated with excellent ratings and is now serving God and his country at Twenty-Nine Palms, California.

Ruidoso Bids Farewell to Pastor

Before giving his farewell sermon on his last Sabbath in the Ruidoso church, Herman Ottshofski, the pastor, and his congregation met at the Aqua Fria Pond to celebrate the baptism of Dan Furnas, whose wife was already a member.



Troy Bennett (left), Shannon Silva and Jose Talamantes were baptized at the Southwest Texico mini-camp meeting. Members from Reserve, Silver City, Magdalena, Deming and other nearby cities who came for this weekend stayed in tents, trailers, motor homes and local motels.

Upon returning to the church, Ottshofski ordained a new first elder, James Smith, Jr. His sermon on being free in Jesus was part of the communion service. This was followed by a lunch in the fellowship hall he had helped remodel. As an expression of thanks for the contribution he and his wife, Marilyn, had made to church life, the Pathfinders and members of the congregation presented them with flowers and gifts and wished them many blessings as they moved to Midland.

Debra Horn

Communication Secretary



On his last Sabbath in Ruidoso, Herman Ottshofski, the pastor, ordains a new head elder, James Smith. Photo: Debra Horn



Midland Spanish church group who went on a campout.



Thanks to Santa Fe Marcy Park volunteers under the leadership of former pastor Walter Vhymeister, Joe Gallegos, and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smythe, a new gymnasium with a new satellite dish to the right of the church was completed. This will enable groups to receive messages from the General Conference and 3ABN. Photo: Peter Weber

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Southwestern Adventist College

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SAC Enrollment Hits One Thousand

With a dramatic over-the-top enrollment figure of 1001 students, Southwestern Adventist College has set another record. This marks the seventh consecutive year SAC students have been part of a record-breaking fall enrollment and the first time the SAC student body has exceeded 1000.

"We're very pleased to have over 1000 students," said Marvin Anderson, college president. "This year's record enrollment shows the team effort on our campus. SAC faculty, staff and students are our best advertisement for quality education and a friendly atmosphere. Their influence helps the enrollment office work with potential students."

This year's student body is diverse, representing 28 countries and spanning the spectrum from age 17 to 71. Nearly half of the students come from outside Texas; 72 come to SAC from outside the United States.

"My congratulations and thanks extend to every person on this campus, to the enrollment staff, to our alumni and to our friends in the community," said Anderson. "Without their support, this record enrollment would still be a goal rather than a reality."

SAC Welcomes New Faculty

Three full-time professors have joined the Southwestern Adventist College faculty in the 1995-96 academic year: Jean Alway, M.S., assistant professor of nursing; Daryl Thomas, Ph.D., associate professor of computer science; and Alan Weis, M.B.A., assistant professor of business administration.

Alway will teach obstetrics in the nursing department. She graduated from Chisholm Trail Academy in 1971, attended Southwestern and received her B.S.N. from Loma Linda University. In 1992, Alway received her master's degree from the University of New



SAC alumni helped welcome students during the annual ice cream social September 6 at the Thompson Rotunda. Pictured is Barbara Kinder LeBlanc, class of 1955, serving homemade ice cream to Christina Cervantes of Turlock, California. Photo: Tobe Watts.

Mexico in Albuquerque. She has experience both in academic and hospital nursing. Alway and her husband Raymond have three children, Robert, Joseph and Richard.

Thomas joins the department of mathematics/physical and computer sciences. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University, where he received both his B.S. and Ph.D. Thomas has expertise and has published articles in the field of robotics and intelligent systems. He and his wife, Janet, have one son, Bryce.

Weis returns to SAC, where he was an assistant professor from 1986-93. He received his B.B.A. from SAC, and his M.B.A. from West Texas State University. Weis has a special interest in practical business education and is very supportive of student-led activities such as S.I.F.E. (Students in Free Enterprise). Weis and his wife Christine have twin daughters, Kilory and Nikki.



Southwestern Adventist College students Suzann Curry of Tempe, Arizona and Polly Bradbury of Cleburne, Texas view the artwork which was on display September 18-22 at SAC. The art show featured works by Sleepy Read, a well-known local artist, and was displayed in the Meadows Gallery of the Chan Shun Centennial Library. Photo: Tobe Watts

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General News

Adventist Women Attend NGO Forum in China

Seventh-day Adventist women were among the delegates who attended the Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Forum on Women being held in Huairou, China, and the United Nations Fourth Conference on Women held in Beijing.

"There were many voices who addressed the conference. Ours was a voice of Christian concern and values which the world and women of the world must hear. We believe that women must be elevated as persons of inestimable worth," said Rose Otis, director of the women's ministries depart-

ment at the church's headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. "We were in Beijing not only to speak out, but also to learn how the Adventist Church can better address the concerns of women in the multi-cultural and multi-ethnic world," she added.

Representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church's women's ministries department, family life ministry, and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the delegates discussed issues and solutions with other private voluntary organizations and government organizations and representatives. More than 30,000 men and women registered for the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) forum.

"The Beijing Conference is a

historic opportunity for women throughout the world to work together with world governments in creating a more positive environment for addressing issues which affect women," says Tamara Boehmke-Pleitez, director of public affairs for ADRA.

Topics discussed included improving women's economic opportunities, strengthening families, promoting education for all, improving girls' and women's health, and protecting the human rights of women.

ADRA's interest in promoting the rights of women and representing women is part of the agency's mission statement and one of its fundamental beliefs, according to Boehmke-Pleitez. ADRA's portfolio of programs

includes projects specifically focused on women's issues such as maternal and child health initiatives, literacy and education, and small enterprise development.

As an agency of change, ADRA believes that by providing women access to skills and training, better health and education, the lives of women and their families will improve.

Attending the United Nations Fourth Conference on Women for the women's ministries department were: Ardis Stenbakken, church world headquarters women's ministries program coordinator; Karen Flowers, Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters family ministries associate director;

Shirley Pinterich, Southwestern Adventist College school of nursing associate professor; Elizabeth Sterndale, North American Division women's ministries director; and Ramona Perez Greek, NAD women's ministries associate director.

Participants from ADRA International were: Gail Ormsby, ADRA International senior manager; Amy Willsey, ADRA International assistant technical advisor; Tamara Boehmke-Pleitez, ADRA International director for public affairs. Representing regional offices for ADRA were: Lila Tidwell, ADRA-Vietnam associate director; Mami Takahashi, ADRA-Vietnam intern; and Kimberly Baldwin Radford, ADRA-Cambodia project coordinator.

Tamara Boehmke, Gail Ormsby, Adventist News Network Bulletin

Home Study International Releases Promotional Video

Homeschooling has sparked a lot of questions in the last few years. Parents may ask: Why homeschool? What can it offer my family? Am I capable of taking on the task?

Home Study International (HSI) has just released its first promotional video produced by Creation Enterprises International (CEI) in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. CEI has reached an agreement with a cable network system to place the 30-minute infomercial in 18 million homes throughout the United States.

Through this video HSI provides answers to millions of families who are considering the alternative of homeschooling—whether it is to improve family togetherness or because of illness, boredom in school, conflicting schedules, violence and drugs in schools, or just to catch up on regular school work.

This project was made possible in order to enlighten the North American Division and the general public about the services provided by HSI. The video traces the history of home education in the United States; current home educators and students explain their reasons and successes in learning at home; and programs

offered such as elementary, secondary, and college—as well as the PLATO courseware library computer software—are also mentioned.

If you would like information on how you can secure a copy of the video for \$2, please call 1-800-782-GROW.

ADRA Goes Academic

Representatives from ADRA and Andrews University met in July to plan their future collaboration on academic training in international development. With this venture ADRA plans to upgrade the credentials of workers both at home and in the field, while Andrews seeks to become more involved with the church's global mission.

"Universities are notorious ivory towers," declares Andrews provost, Arthur Coetzee. "We should be partners with the church; we want to produce training that is relevant and useful to the church."

The university plans to tailor two degrees to fit ADRA's needs by either altering existing programs or creating new ones. One of the proposed programs will lead to an M.A. in International Development; the other to a Ph.D. in Leadership, with emphasis on international development or private voluntary organization management (PVO). In addition, the joint project includes future internships in ADRA management.

Four candidates have been selected for a one-year stint during which they will learn from agency professionals at home and abroad. This year's positions will be geared for current ADRA employees who seek further training, but future slots will include college and university students.

According to Gary Brendel, senior advisor for ADRA's human resources development, the goal of this project is to make much of ADRA's training convertible to academic credit.

"Of course," he explained, "our standards must pass Andrews' standards of accreditation, our instructors must be accredited, and those seeking the training must have the qualifications to pursue appropriate degrees."

Eventually, Brendel sug-

gested, there could be levels of certification for almost all ADRA positions. For instance, to be a country director one might need a degree in international development and several years field experience; a programs coordinator would have to meet different requirements.

"We want to give people the knowledge they need to do the best job they can," said Brendel. "This type of course work will be offered at a greatly reduced tuition rate, and at off-campus sites, for the convenience of those who need them."

Robert Darken

Obituaries

BELLWARE, George Lewis, was born June 21, 1916 in Franklin, OH and died June 29, 1995 in Mena, AR. Survivors: wife, Thelma; daughters, Emma Jo Graves, Kathryn Fahey, and Janice Fleming; sister, Mary Chudleigh; brothers, David and Danny; and 5 grandchildren.

BOWLAND, Arthur Lee, was born June 21, 1944 in Independence, KS and died July 8, 1995 in Rogers, AR. Survivors: wife, Edna; father, Wiley Bowland; son, Jeffrey; daughters, Kimberly, Stephanie, Mayne, and Susan; and brother, Gary.

BURROW, Clarence Herman, was born Oct. 11, 1938 in DeQueen, AR and died July 11, 1995 in Oklahoma City. Survivors: wife, Judy; mother, Rachel Ruth Burrow; sons, Robin and Royce; daughters, Joy Smith and Angela Tollett; brothers James, Eugene and David; sisters, Flora Lee Casner, Dorothy Ellen Stewart and Mae Wolcott; and 7 grandchildren.

CLAYTON, Charles, was born Dec. 14, 1910 in Mississippi and died Aug. 3, 1995 in Walnut Ridge, AR. Survivors: wife, Cleo; daughters, Cathy Ennis and Vicki Flanagan; son, Charles; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

CRONE, Jeannette, was born Aug. 27, 1931 in Woodville, TX and died Aug. 9, 1995 in New Orleans. Survivors: husband, Ted; daughter, Pam Jonte; stepdaughters, Charlotte McCain and Peggy Elliott; stepsons, Richard, Roger, and Ronnie Crone.

DAVIS, Margie Lois, was born Mar. 14, 1940 in DeQueen, AR and died July 31, 1995 in Shreveport, LA. Survivors: husband, Kenneth; sons, Randall and Gregory Conatser; stepson, Don Davis; stepdaughters, Shirley Beason, Zonya Hagler, and Sheri Davis; mother, Maxine Wolcott; brothers, Leonard, Hershel and Wayne Wolcott; sisters, Faye Blackwell, Lavonne Staples, and Gail Davis; and 4 grandchildren.

DEARGUETA, Isabel, was born in 1904 in Honduras and died Mar. 19, 1995 in New Orleans. She is survived by her husband, Manuel.

EASTER, Russell, died June 23, 1995 in Siloam Springs, AR. He is survived by his wife, Irene.

FLANNERY, Robert, was born May 7, 1943 in Lexington, KY and died Sept. 7, 1995 in Kenner, LA. Survivors: wife, Dorothy; daughter, Juanita Hernandez; and son, Derwin.

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.

Singles Plan New Year's Retreat

The National Single Adult New Year's Retreat will be Dec. 29-Jan. 1 in Daytona Beach, Florida. "Experience the renewal" with singles from across North America as they play and pray together in the golden sunshine overlooking the blue waters of Daytona Beach. Call or write: Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Road, Smyrna, GA 30082. Phone 770/434-5111; fax 770/434-2177.

GREENHILL, Mary Nell, was born Dec. 16, 1919 in Wirt, OK and died Aug. 4, 1995 in Marshall, TX. Survivors: husband, Carl; son, Edwin; daughter, Linda Wilson; brother, Paul Proctor; and 1 grandchild. Frank Sherrill

HAMILTON, Mollie, was born Nov. 26, 1917 in Willis, OK and died July 18, 1995 in Fort Worth. Survivors: husband, Clarence, Keene; daughter, JoAnn Petersen, Keene; brother, Curtis Ragsdale, Gardena, CA; and 2 grandsons.

HAWK, Hazel, was born Mar. 31, 1910 in Marshalltown, IA and died Aug. 10, 1995 in Harrison, AR. She is survived by her husband, George.

HAYWARD, John L., was born Mar. 7, 1924 in Naugatuck, CT and died Sept. 2, 1995 in Keene, TX. He was a retired minister who had served as president of the Illinois Conference, secretary of the Michigan Conference and secretary of the Lake Union. He served as pastor of the Dallas Central church, as well as churches in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgia and Michigan. Survivors: wife, Edna, Keene; daughters, Susan Hamstra and Merrilee Sjolander; son, William; sisters, Dorothy Coffin, Valmar Judd, and Frances Smith; brothers, Edward and his identical twin, James; and 1 grandson.

HELLSTERN, Glynna, was born Jan. 6, 1915 in Oak Grove, AR and died Aug. 6, 1995 in Fayetteville, AR. She is survived by her husband, Jack.

HOUSE, Benjamin Evan, was born Aug. 3, 1912 near Maxwell, NE and died Aug. 8, 1995 in North Platte, NE. Survivors: wife, Winifred; daughters, Carolyn Kelly, Karen House, Kathleen Duval and Kristi Jorcyk; son, Wesley; sisters, Evelyn Bratten and Helen Johnson; brothers, Paul and Ralph; and 3 grandchildren.

JARNAGAN, J. D., was born 11/9/14 and died 5/18/95 in Fayetteville, AR. He was a member of the Brentwood, AR church.

JIRON, Pablita, was born Jan. 25, 1895 in Reserve, NM and died Aug. 2, 1995 in Silver City, NM. Survivors: daughter, Ernestina Zuniga, Reserve; 5 grandsons; and 6 great-grandchildren. Ramiro Cano

JOHNSON, Mary Scott, was born in 1911 in Clinton, LA and died Aug. 21, 1995 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: daughter, Leola Whaley; son James; sisters, Maggie Gray and Alice Ellerson;

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LAURRELL, Pauline Jurey, was born Aug. 7, 1910 in Oklahoma and died June 23, 1995 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: daughters, Patsy Brasseaux and Evonne Briggs; 5 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

LOCKE, Beulah "Ola", was born 8/5/28 in Kelson, TX and died 6/26/95 in El Reno, OK. Survivors: husband, Gerald, El Reno; sons, Willard Laceyfield, El Reno, Johnny Laceyfield, Arkansas, and Jack Laceyfield, Yukon, OK; daughters, Gloria Jean Bullock, Perry, OK, Glenda Elbrecht, Dayton, OH, Callie Knight, El Reno, Cindy Laceyfield, Oklahoma City; twin sister, Eulah "Opal" Lewis, El Reno; sister, Jewel Stiefferman, Okarche, OK; brother, Dale Scoggin, El Reno; 32 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren.

LOVE, Violet, was born Sept. 29, 1922 in Frederick, OK and died Aug. 9, 1995 in Keene, TX. Survivors: daughter, Joan Bowen, Azle, TX; sons, John Slough, Houston, and Ron Slough, Indiana; sisters, Clara Parker, Eva Stevens, Obeta Grissam, Alta Collins, Ruth Savage, and Jean Fancher; brothers, Ray Hudson and Jack Hudson; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

MATHIS, Estelle Pickering, was born in 1910 in Caldwell Parish, LA and died June 2, 1995 in West Monroe, LA. Survivors: daughters, Betty Peterson and Melba West; and son, Lowell.

McCAULEY, Pearlina, died July 21, 1995 in Little Rock, AR. She was a member of the Little Rock church.

MILLER, Nora, was born 9/21/10 in Clovis, NM and died 6/20/95 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: daughter, Virginia Anderson, Denham Springs, LA; sister, Kirby Haglin; 12 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

ODEN, Emil Lawrence, was born Feb. 22, 1908 in Blue Ridge, TN and died Aug. 29, 1995 in Fort Worth, TX. Survivors: wife, Opal; sons, Quinton and Harold; brother, Lesley; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

PYLE, Reuben T., was born 11/23/09 in Kaufman Co., TX and died 5/27/95 in El Paso, TX. He was a former literature evangelist in the Texico Conference. Survivors: wife, Ruth, El Paso; sons, Ernie, Arlington, TX, and Chatt, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

RAMSEY, Martha, was born Aug. 18, 1944 in Cleburne, TX and died July 19, 1995 in Arlington, TX. Survivors: husband, Bruce, Cleburne; son, Tod, Cleburne; daughter, Melissa Hodges, Grandview, TX; parents, Elmer and Alice Black, Cleburne; brother, William Black, Cleburne; grandmother, Ora Trow, Bullhead City, AZ; 2 grandchildren; and 2 step-grandchildren.

ROSS, Bessie, was born 11/8/04 in Jerome, AR and died 6/21/95 in Hot Springs, AR. Survivors: son, Myron, Hot Springs; daughters, Jean Martin, Hot Springs, AR and Linda Wright, Paron, AR; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren. Myron Ross

SLUSSER, Anna Lee, was born Nov. 15, 1931 in Detroit, MI and died June 29, 1995 in San Antonio, TX. Survivors: hus-

band, Louis, San Antonio; daughter, Debra Fortson, San Antonio; and sister, Joyce Boman. Regina Henlein

STREET, Alvin Odell, was born Sept. 9, 1915 in Tioga, TX and died June 22, 1995 in El Campo, TX. Survivors: wife, Faye, El Campo; and sisters, Jeanne Myers and Elsie Sallee, both of El Campo.

SUTTON, Ralph Dean, was born Jan. 4, 1932 in Pleasant Hill, AR and died Aug. 12, 1995 in Malvern, AR. He is survived by his wife, Ruby.

TATE, Thelma Broussard, was born June 19, 1918 in Prairieville, LA and died April 15, 1995 in Denham Springs, LA. Survivors: daughter, Bonnie Shaffett; sons, Elton, David and Joseph Tate; 15 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON, Esther Iva, was born Dec. 23, 1913 in Wetumka, OK and died July 25, 1995 in Elk City, OK. Survivors: husband, Orren, Roger Mills Co., OK; daughters, Carole Ann Carson, Calumet, OK and Darlas Meier, Weatherford, OK; sons, Marvin Allen, Albuquerque and Charles Holdstock, Edmond, OK; sisters, Maudie Roberts, Ardmore, OK and Barbara Bauslog, Lodi, CA; and brother, Lige Womack, Newcastle, OK. Virginia Burton

THORNTON, Hazel, was born 8/15/24 in Clinton, LA and died 6/10/95 in Baton Rouge, LA. Survivors: sons, Porter Parker, Port Allen, LA, Ed Knox and Alvin Thornton of Baton Rouge; daughters, Dora Bernard, New Orleans, Ola Coleman, Baton Rouge, Betty Hill, San Francisco, CA, Mercedes Hill, New Orleans, and Bobby McCray, Topeka, KS; sisters, Olivia Knox and Eunice Reynolds, Baton Rouge; 29 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Evelyn Edwards

TOWERTON, Wayne Clell, was born Nov. 19, 1913 in San Saba Co., TX and died Aug. 14, 1995 in Cleburne, TX. Survivors: wife, Mabel; daughters, Gloria Selby and Katie Lamb; 6 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

WILLIAMS, Edney, was born June 11, 1913 in Virginia and died Aug. 11, 1995 in Gonzalez, LA. Survivors: son, Clayton Collins; stepsons, John Henry and Carnell Williams; 3 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

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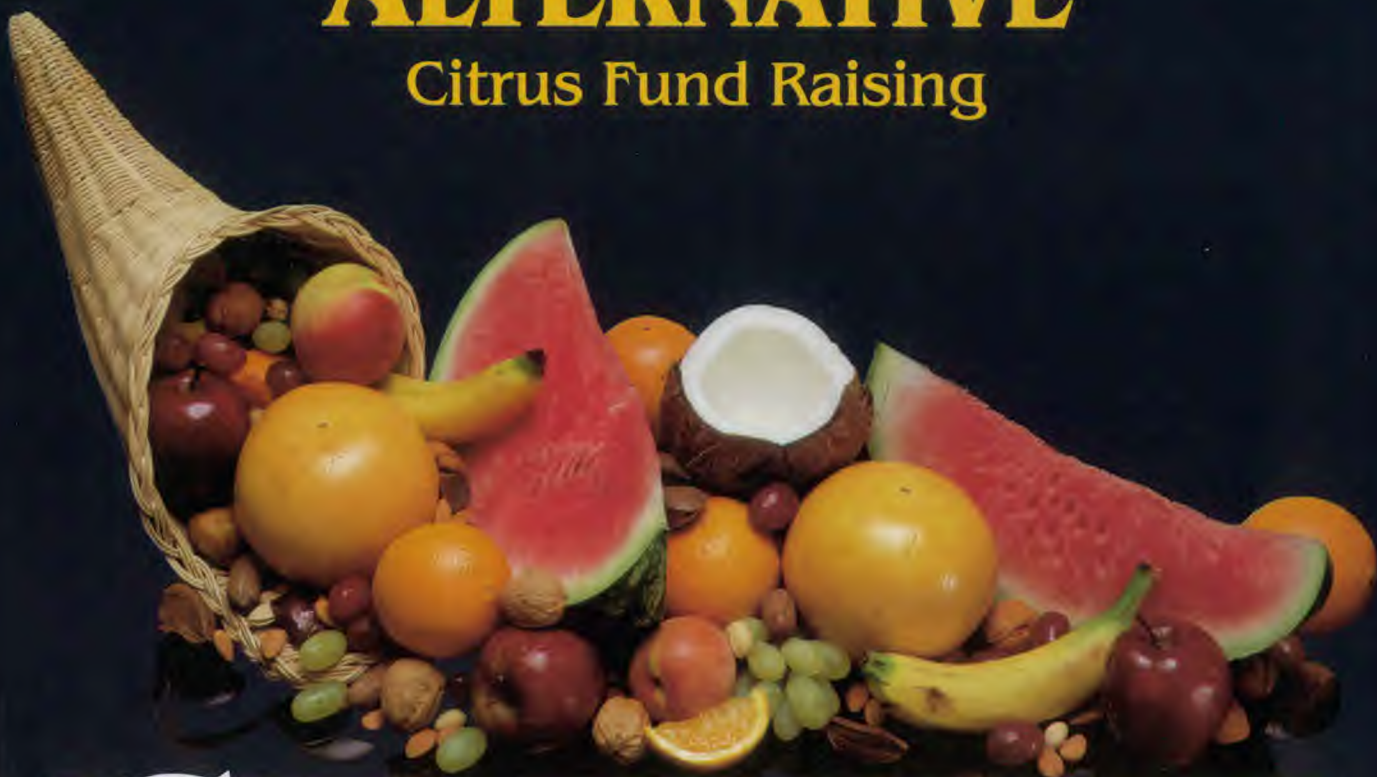
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Amarillo, Texas	5:45	5:40	5:37	5:35	5:35	5:36
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Dallas, Texas	5:29	5:25	5:22	5:20	5:21	5:22
El Paso, Texas	5:10	5:05	5:03	5:02	5:02	5:04
Fort Worth/Keene, Texas	5:31	5:27	5:24	5:22	5:23	5:24
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Gentry, Arkansas	5:14	5:09	5:06	5:04	5:04	5:05
Little Rock, Arkansas	5:08	5:04	5:00	4:59	4:58	5:00
Muskogee, Oklahoma	5:18	5:13	5:10	5:08	5:08	5:09
New Orleans, Louisiana	5:07	5:03	5:01	5:00	5:00	5:02
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	5:27	5:22	5:19	5:17	5:17	5:18
San Antonio, Texas	5:42	5:38	5:36	5:35	5:36	5:37
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