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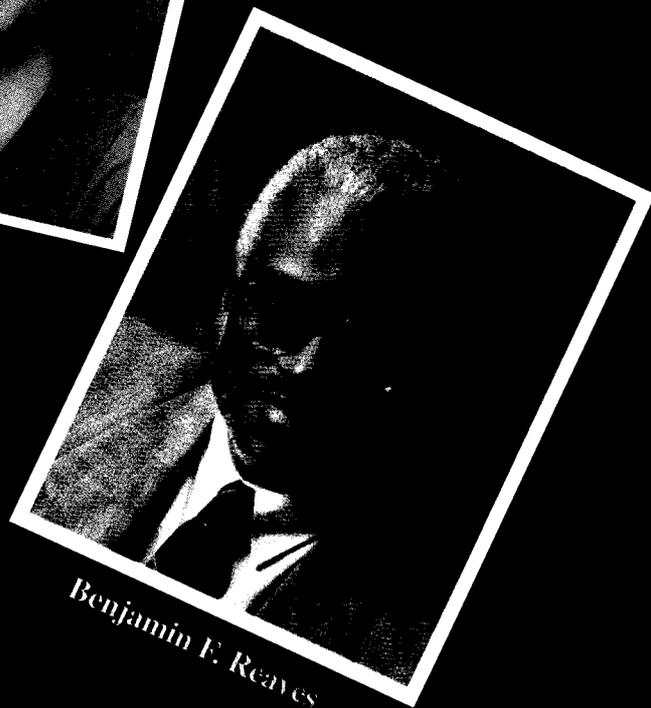
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Church Ministries Convention '97 Bound for Chattanooga

The Southern Union Conference conducted its first Church Ministries Convention in May, 1994. Fifteen hundred people attended. Several hundred were turned away. From February 20-22, 1997, a second convention—of even greater magnitude—will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Recently, Maurice Abbott, Southern Union church ministries director, talked with Martin Butler about this upcoming event which is expected to attract more than 2,500 delegates.

Three years ago in Atlanta you fell short of accommodating everyone who wanted to attend the union-wide Church Ministries Convention. Did the response surprise you?

Yes it did. We disappointed between 300-400 people who wanted to register. We just didn't have room for them. Response was way beyond expectation. Our faith was small, so now we've decided to grow our faith a little larger. We are going to the big convention center in Chattanooga—the same one which hosted Mark Finley and NET '95.

Why did you choose Chattanooga?

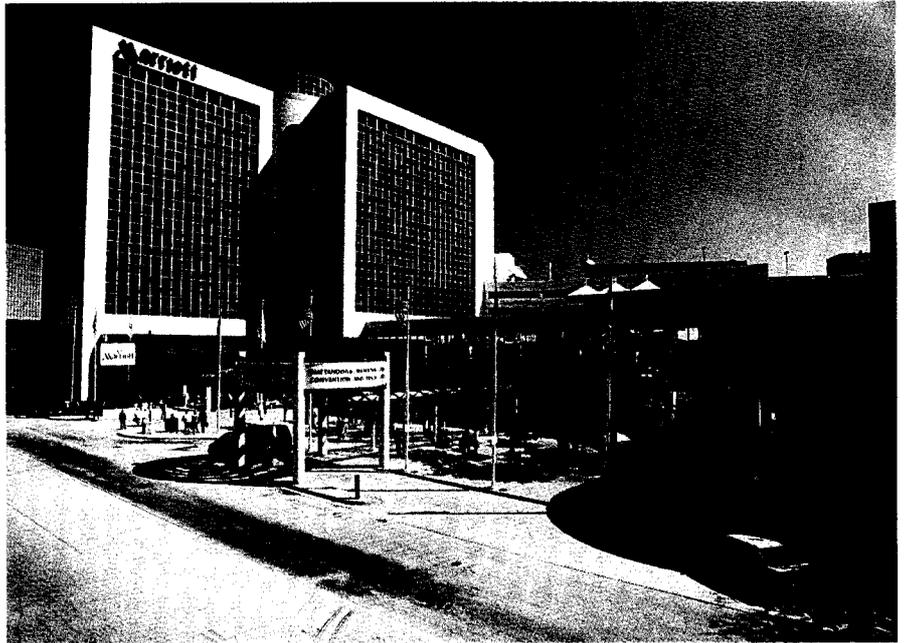
For some of the same reasons NET '95 was held there. Chattanooga is a large Adventist hub. Also if you consider a 100+ mile radius, you include a number of churches in cities like Knoxville, Huntsville, Nashville, Birmingham, and Atlanta. So, conceivably we could have an even larger attendance this time.

Who is invited to attend this seminar?

Leaders from local congregations who are church elders or hold positions relating to Sabbath school, prison ministry, youth ministry, stewardship, et cetera.

What type of program are you providing to make these leaders say, "I wouldn't miss this convention for anything?"

We will have professionally trained people teaching our semi-



Chattanooga/Hamilton County Convention and Trade Center is the site of the 1997 Southern Union Church Ministries Convention; it also hosted NET '95.

nars. Today we find that people want to know how to lead more effectively in the church. When you put together the training, the spirituality, the networking they will get there, plus meeting and fellowshiping with their church counterparts, they will go home energized to lead more effectively.

I have also heard the word "empowered" used in connection with the upcoming convention. Could you expand on this thought.

Delegates are going to see that within the church we must lean on the power of the Holy Spirit and open our hearts as leaders to the working of the Holy Spirit. As we do this the Holy Spirit will "empower" us to be more effective as leaders in the local church.

What key presenters do you have lined up that will make this an especially memorable meeting?

Ron Halvorsen will be the keynote speaker. Anybody who has

heard Ron knows he is energized and empowered. Our speaker for Friday evening is Tami McGrew. She is the associate pastor in the Azure Hills church in California and is blessing leaders throughout North America as she shares her experience and expertise in women's ministries.

Dr. Benjamin Reaves, former president of Oakwood College and now a field secretary for the General Conference, will be our eleven o'clock speaker. He is the kind of speaker that people will drive hundreds of miles to hear. So, we are very fortunate to have him involved.

I have heard there may be some financial assistance from several of the conferences.

We have a registration fee of \$45 which covers Sabbath lunch and the evening banquet, as well as other miscellaneous expenses. During our Administrative and Departmental Council in Daytona Beach, it was suggested the conferences subsidize \$20 toward this

registration fee. Some conferences may pay the entire registration fee, while others will pay the \$20 subsidy. The local conferences will let their delegation know what they are going to do in that respect. There may also be conferences which are unable to help at all.

Are there cases where the local churches will help sponsor their delegates?

Yes, for example a local church will pay its delegates' transportation if the delegates will pay for their motel. Sometimes the church will take care of all the expenses. If the local church leadership really wants to be empowered, and trained—finances won't stand in the way of being there. This was very obvious in '94 because we were packed.

Do you have a special rate with the Marriott Hotel at the convention center?

Our special convention rate is \$79 which covers up to four people in a room. It is the best rate that we could get at this time. The entire hotel and convention center is ours for the weekend.

At the last convention music was an important part of the worship experience. What do you have lined up for the upcoming meetings?



Paul Mickelson, RCA recording artist and former organist for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will be the featured keyboard artist.

I am excited to tell you there are some big things for music—Steve Boalt, a well-known singer, will be with us. He was an ordained Baptist minister and used to sing for Billy Graham as a guest musician. Now he's a baptized Seventh-day Adventist. He will present special music each day and a concert at the Saturday evening banquet.

You may also remember Paul Mickelson, who was a crusade organist with Billy Graham for many years. He often accompanied Steve in these great crusades. Well today, Paul is also an Adventist. With Steve Boalt and Paul Mickelson, we will have a musical treat. Of course there will be other music artists, including young people from Southern Adventist University and Oakwood College.

It sounds as though you believe this convention is shaping up to be one of the highlights of 1997.

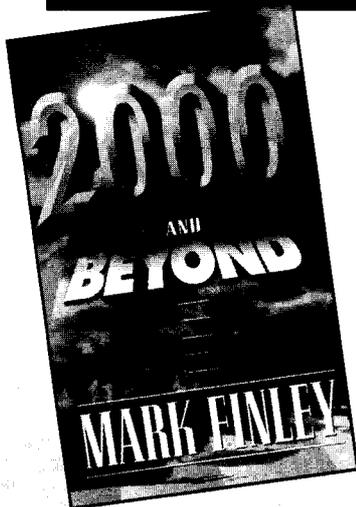
There's no question about it. All of the delegates who come will go home with a lot of excitement. I would just like to say this: If you are a church leader in church ministries, whether it's Sabbath school, youth ministries, prison work, stewardship, or a local elder; whatever your position, you shouldn't miss going to this convention. You will profit if you come. It will be three years before another one is held.

When the convention opens on February 20, how can local church leaders be sure they don't end up on the outside looking in?

The key is to get a registration form, check the seminars that you want to attend, and mail your registration with the fee to the Union office as quickly as possible. If your conference has a plan to subsidize the fee, you will be reimbursed at—or after—the conference. This year we don't want anyone left out in the cold. I'd say to anyone who is thinking about attending—act now—and we'll see you in Chattanooga on February 20.

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The Future of Religious



United States Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.

by Lewis Stout

Between now and June 30 nine unelected, top government officials will decide the future of religious freedom in America. All without changing one word of the Constitution. Few realize the awesome power of the judges who sit on the United States Supreme Court.

For years Adventists have been warning about the danger of tinkering with the precious charter which has set the course of American justice for the past two centuries. We have been brought up with a world view which places the United States in the key role of establishing a world order which will deny religious freedom to God's true remnant in the last days. We heed such prophetic warnings as the following:

By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.

—Testimonies,
Volume 5, page 451.

For years we thought that this could only happen if the states should heed the call for a Constitutional Convention—and a decade ago we came within two states of witnessing this dreaded outcome. However, that threat subsided and we breathed easier. That is until 1990.

On April 17, 1990, the Supreme Court handed down the Oregon v. Smith decision and religious liberty advocates across America threw up their hands in disbelief. In one fell swoop five justices radically changed the meaning of the "free exercise of religion" clause of the Constitution. The courts would no longer guarantee freedom of religion to minorities. Any law which was "neutral" and "generally applicable" could control religious exercise. For redress citizens could take their grievances to their legislators. Only if a case were a "hybrid" involving other constitutional rights such as free speech would the courts intervene.

Justice Blackmun issued a dissenting opinion (Brennan and Marshall joining) stating:

"This distorted view of our precedents leads the majority to conclude that strict scrutiny of a state law burdening

the free exercise of religion is a 'luxury' that a well-ordered society cannot afford, and that the repression of minority religions is an 'unavoidable consequence of democratic government.'"

Almost immediately after that fateful day in April a broad coalition of religious and legal entities was formed to pass legislation which would in effect restore by statute (as opposed to constitutionally) religious exercise rights to all Americans. It was the broadest-based coalition ever put together to advance the cause of religious freedom. It included both conservative and liberal churches, Jewish organizations, women's organizations, even the ACLU. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act was drafted and a long battle to see it through the Congress began. At first opposed by the US Catholic Conference, eventually they came aboard. State attorneys general opposed it on the basis that it would create problems for prison administrators, giving prisoners entry into the courts for all kinds of trivial demands for religious concessions.

Meantime, cases applying the Smith decision were making their way through the courts. Between 1990 and 1993 some 60 cases were decided, all of them against previous court precedents protecting the free exercise of religion. Examples include churches wanting to make architectural/structural changes overruled by city historical building regulations. Minority



David Clevenger.

Freedom in America

groups such as the Amish were negatively affected.

Finally, on November 16, 1993, President Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act into law, the House having passed it unanimously and the Senate by a vote of 97 to three. Victory was Oh So Sweet! But celebration may have been premature.

Since then at least 87 court cases have made reference to the Act. It appeared that the courts were back on the track of giving serious consideration to religious liberty claims against neutral laws. Jehovah's Witnesses would not have to swear a "loyalty oath" as a precondition to state employment (*Bessard v. Cal. Community Colleges*, E.D. Cal. Oct. 14, 1994). A zoning board could not automatically deny a church the opening of a homeless shelter simply because most churches didn't operate such shelters (*Jesus Center v. Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals*, Mich. Ct. App. Jan. 12, 1996). Sikh schoolchildren could continue to wear kirpans (ceremonial knives) to school under certain safety restrictions (*Cheema v. Thompson*, 61 F.3d 734 (9th Cir. Aug. 1, 1995)). A Protestant teacher could not claim employment discrimination because a Catholic school refused to renew her employment contract (*Porth v. Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo*, Mich. Ct. App. April 10, 1995). The list could go on.

However, some courts have seriously questioned the constitutionality of the Act and this year the Supreme Court is considering such a case (*Flores v. City of Boerne*, 5th Cir. Jan. 23, 1996). If the Supreme Court agrees with the trial court's decision in this case we could suddenly find ourselves back to where we were in 1990. The importance of this possibility cannot be over emphasized. It would have a dramatic effect on Adventist Sabbath accommodation cases. It would mean that individual religious freedom depended not on individual conscience but on whether that individual conscience agreed with "generally applicable" laws and regulations. To say that this is a serious threat and could open the way to religious persecution is not an overstatement. To say that such a situation could bring

on the predicted Biblical "time of trouble" is not an exaggeration. This is serious stuff.

No one can second guess the Supreme Court. They always have the final word. If they say that black is white and white is black, then in a legal sense that is unarguable. They are not subject to the will of the people once appointed. It would do no good to inundate them with mail from church members. What it boils down to is that only God can influence the outcome, and that is why God's people should be much in prayer at this time. If this is the time for the "mystery of iniquity" to do its final work then so be it. But if the angels need to continue to hold back "the winds of strife" a little longer, then we should be on the side of the angels. It is a time for prayer and serious reflection on the part of all of us.

Here in the Southern Union we continue to involve ourselves in day to day contact with our members who are having Sabbath work problems. The case load has

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doubled in the last few years. But God still works to intervene for His faithful remnant.

As an example let me cite the case of David Clevenger. He was a pressman for a Gulf Coast newspaper when he heard God's call to come out of Babylon. Convicted about keeping the Sabbath of the Lord he contacted the religious liberty department for counsel on how to approach his employer. Cooperatively a letter was prepared to send to his employer explaining his new-found faith and courteously stating that following his acceptance into the Adventist church

some three weeks later he would no longer be able to work on the Sabbath. The first reaction of the company was to state that if he missed work any time he was scheduled he would be fired. But at least the company was taking him seriously now. After being encouraged to resign he indicated that he really wanted to stay with the company and would take another position, even if it meant demotion, providing that it would offer Sabbath accommodation. Finally, a week before his scheduled acceptance into the church he was offered a job as janitor which he gladly took, continuing for about one year.

David had always wanted to be a minister. In fact he was a licensed Baptist preacher at the time of his joining the Adventist church. He threw himself into the work of the Gulf Coast church in Biloxi, Mississippi, and the pastor, Bill Peterson, saw him as a promising church worker and became his mentor. Since that day, May 14, 1994, when he joined Adventism, David has come a long way. He is now the pastor of the Phenix City district in the Gulf States Conference. And guess who gave him the highest recommendation when the Conference sought references. It was his former employer who had come to highly respect him for his faith and good spirit.

The future may be uncertain for all of us, but God always rewards faithfulness. He will see us through whatever problems we may encounter. As we face this new year let us pray that it may be the year of our Lord's return. Let us also realize that there are many David Clevengers out there just waiting to hear the message of the Third Angel. Let us support religious freedom here and around the world so that all who are trying to make some sense about current national and world trends may hear the voice of Him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

On January 25 we have the opportunity to support the annual religious liberty offering. The need for a generous response has never been greater. ■

Lewis Stout is director of public affairs and religious liberty.

"Why Do I Need to Know This Stuff?"

by Donna Kostrub

Even Florida schools now have the technology to interview a forensic specialist about the scene of a crime; or take students on a field trip anywhere across the globe—changing students' age-old question of "Why do I need to know this stuff?" to "What can we study today."

Via digital satellite receivers, 25 percent of Florida schools are now equipped to study every nook-and-cranny of the world. The Florida Conference curriculum library will also be equipped with a satellite site so that schools not currently set up can have access to this new way of teaching.

Teachers are using this technology as a resource to develop lesson plans that integrate all subject areas, and in turn, students will learn how to access, analyze, and use the abundant amount of information available through the satellite program.

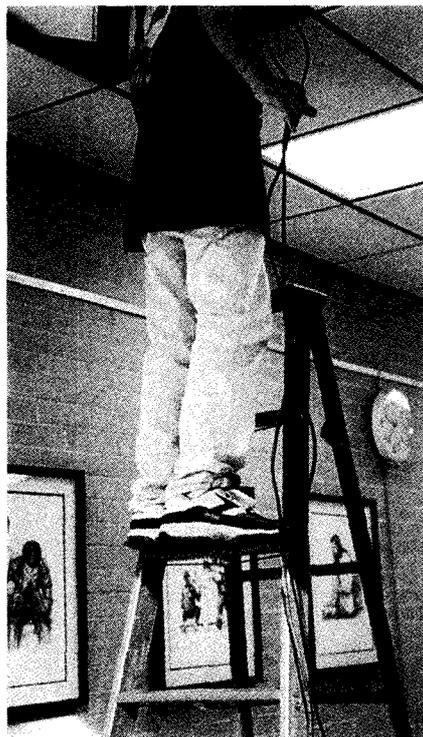
"Essentially we are giving each teacher the ability to design a curriculum based around the different learning styles of each student," says Eugene Brewer, Florida Conference vice president for education. "Our goal is to have all our schools hooked up and utilizing this innovation in the very near future."

Florida Conference joined forces with the Southern Union Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia, and Educational Management Group (EMG), based in Scottsdale, Arizona. EMG is recognized by other multimedia companies as the leader in educational satellite technology, and is devoted to distance learning. Through this partnership, teachers can: have immediate access to more than 32,000 hours of topical videos; engage in E-mail or video communication with scholars and professionals in the arts and sci-

ences; or have two-way audio/one-way video interactions with astronauts, authors, or students around the world.

"EMG is a satellite company whose main goal is to facilitate learning by providing an 800 phone number which teachers can call and get whatever kind of information they want, whenever they want it," says Michael Todd, EMG representative. "We are committed to placing the entire world into the hands of the teacher, and the memory of their students."

"To develop an understanding of true science, one must do science," says Gordon Davis, 7th-10th grade teacher at Walker Memorial



Forest Lake Academy rewired its campus for 21st century long distance learning.



"I could talk to an astronaut?"

Junior Academy in Avon Park. "This includes moving away from an isolated, traditional, science curriculum and textbook-based instruction, toward an emphasis on concepts and processing skills. EMG technologies will provide these opportunities."

Equipped with a TV, fax, modem, VCR, computer, CD-Interactive, and digital satellite dish, each school will have the tools needed to go beyond traditional textbook learning. Teachers will be able to take students—via satellite on an archeological dig in King Tut's tomb, then talk to the chief archeologist about what they had explored. They can read *All The President's Men*, then discuss it with the author and illustrator. Students can watch a shuttle launch, then talk to the astronauts during the space mission—all without leaving the classroom.

"We are a very small school in Cocoa Beach," says Robert Kerr, 5th-8th grade teacher at the Cocoa school. "This program will allow me to introduce materials to our curriculum that I wouldn't have access to otherwise. Plus, it will give our students experience with the latest technology."

"This new type of classroom teaches students to recognize the need for information, learn how to identify and locate the information, gain access to it, evaluate it, and then organize and use the information effectively," says Elaine Plemons, associate superintendent, Florida Conference office of education. "Classroom walls are breaking down. Students can experience firsthand the world around them, and have fun while they do it. The greatest part about it," Plemons continued, "is that teachers can

integrate the different subject areas around one topic, location, or event, at a time."

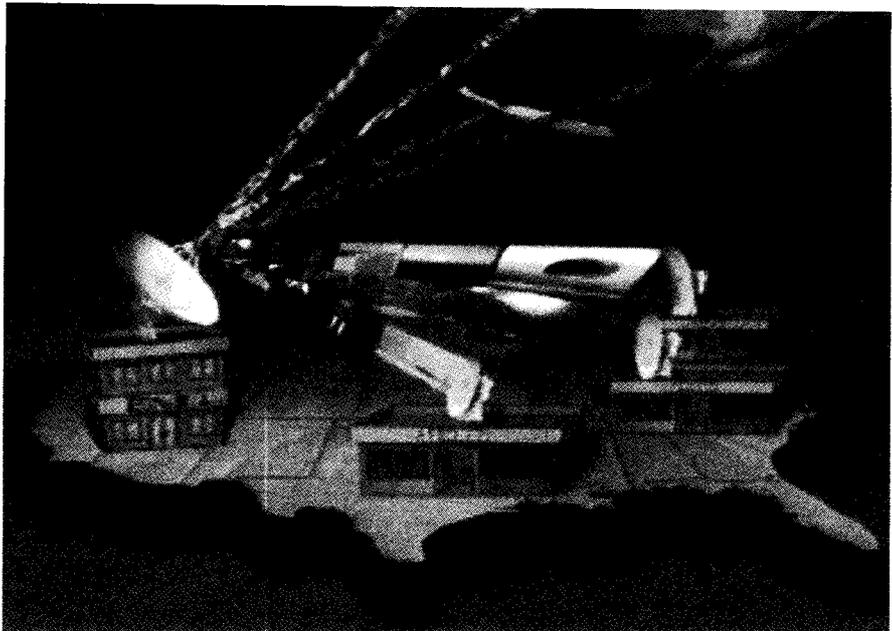
For example, if your class is studying France you would include information about the French culture for each subject area. For math class, you could work with the exchange rates—how many U.S. dollars would it take to buy something in a toy store? During social studies, you could watch a "Day-In-The-Life" video that follows a French student around all day. You could see his or her classroom, meet his best friend, have him teach you his favorite game, see the kind of house he lives in, meet his family, and see what his mother packs for lunch. In English class, you could discuss folk tales, paintings, and books written by French artists, then publish reports on a school Web page. For history, you could travel around Paris—one of the oldest cities in the world—visit the beaches of Normandy and reflect on the bravery of the World War II soldiers buried at Omaha Beach. There, you just did it. You integrated your curriculum around one location.

"We are ecstatic about this opportunity because students will grasp concepts they might not understand if they were only reading a textbook," says David Mathi, principal at Orlando Junior Academy in Orlando. "This technology will help us gear our teaching to the children's many different kinds of learning styles in the classroom, and we believe the students will actually be excited about learning."

Forest Lake Academy (FLA), in Apopka, is also participating in this new kind of learning. The entire campus is wired so that each classroom will have direct access to each video channel. "Potentially, FLA's involvement will benefit junior academies by becoming a secondary education provider—via satellite," says John Wheaton, FLA principal. "This means that students can receive secondary academic credit while staying at a local site."

"The Florida Conference office of education is committed to helping teachers do what they do best—teach," says Brewer. "I know some teachers who teach for 25 years—and some who teach one year 25 times—regardless of new information and methods, but with the opportunities and amount of technology now available to each teacher, the latter is no longer an option." ■

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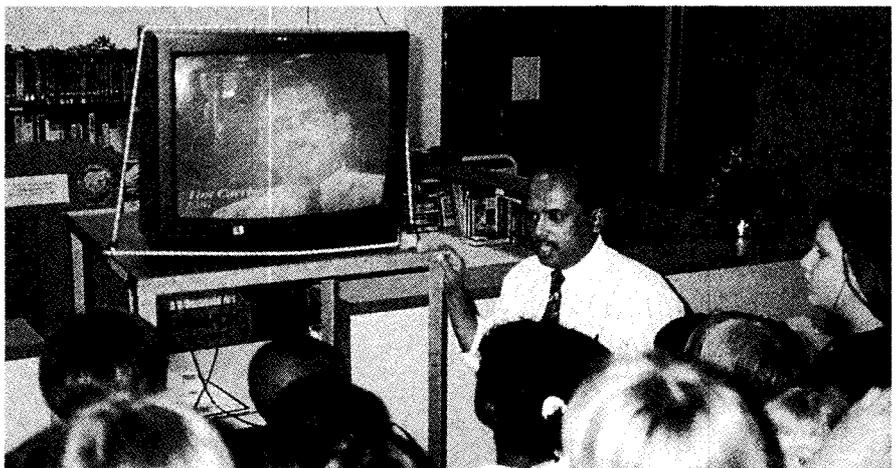
EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP INTRODUCTION

Via satellite, 11 Florida Conference schools will be equipped to explore the world with their students.



DONNA KOSTRUB

Orlando Junior Academy's principal, David Mathi, gives students a sneak preview into the journey on which they are about to embark.



DONNA KOSTRUB

Students will be able to interview artists, celebrities, athletes, and scholars through interactive audio and visual communications.

Distance Learning Participants

Florida Conference schools that will be participating in distance learning are: Cocoa, Forest Lake Academy, Forest Lake Elementary Education Center, Greater Miami Academy, Jacksonville Junior Academy, Miami Springs, Orlando Junior Academy, Walker Memorial Junior Academy, West Coast Junior Academy and West Palm Beach.

FLORIDA

Florida has lots of 87-year-olds. But not many of them are still working. **Paula Frances**, affectionately called Sister Paula by her Okeechobee church family—and many of the townspeople—dons a fresh white uniform every weekday and goes to work, seeing 10 to 15 patients in her naprapathy practice. (Naprapathy shares some characteristics with chiropractic medicine. It also includes heat and other natural treatments.) Sister Paula shares much more than spinal therapy. As she works with her patients in the treatment room in her home, she frequently has opportunities to witness to her faith and lifestyle. On Sabbaths she's at the piano, even when she forgets her glasses. That sometimes lends a touch of humor to the song service, with the song leader directing from the new hymnal and Sister Paula playing the music as it was written in the old book. In her 50 years in the Okeechobee church, this busy woman has held nearly every office—and some unofficial ones, such as church historian. In 1988 she became Okeechobee's first woman elder. Always an enthusiastic ingatherer, she continues to cultivate her longtime business contacts. Nearly 90 years ago her parents, Peter and Barbara Bastianic, emigrated from Yugoslavia. Although they came from the same region, they didn't meet until they came to America. Sister Paula, a lifelong single, dropped the family name because nobody could pronounce it—and everybody in Okeechobee just calls her Sister Paula. Although she's been accepting rides to church since she turned 80, Sister Paula walks to most of her appointments around town. A beloved and respected figure in Okeechobee, she's a "walking testimony" to the benefits of a balanced, healthful lifestyle.



GULF STATES

Nicole Peoples is a member of the Panama City church and as a student at Southern Adventist University, she volunteered to be a student missionary. Nicole left her home



ROGER STAHL

"Sunshine"

Chiu Yeung Siu Stahl, or "Sunshine," as her friends call her, of Mount Dora, was chosen by the China government, as a student, to promote communism through music, dance and opera throughout south-eastern China. Now, Sunshine uses her communist training to "promote" and glorify God. "He chose me and used atheists in a communist land to develop my God-given talents," said Sunshine. "He began to shape and mold me for His work before I ever realized He had a work for me to do."

Her ministry includes performing for NET '96, NET '95, It is Written, Florida Conference camp meetings, prison ministries, and women's retreats. This past summer she sang at a youth conference in Bahia, Brazil, and at an Adventist Laymen's Service and Industries (ASI) meeting in the Philippines.

Sunshine started her ministry in 1984 after her family immigrated to Hong Kong. It was there that Carl Currie of the East Asia Administrative Committee Radio Broadcast, of the East Asia Association in Hong Kong (EAA), offered her a position as staff scriptwriter, broadcaster, and singer.

While in Hong Kong, Sunshine attended the Hong Kong School of Sacred Music, was part of EAA's evangelistic team to Singapore, and completed a two-year program in theology at the Hong Kong Adventist College. During this time she met and married Roger Stahl, an American missionary to China, eventually, they moved to the United States.

Sunshine has released three albums, the latest titled "I'm a Miracle, Lord," because she truly believes she is. "My lips cannot express enough what He has done in my life. I am a miracle because of Him.

in August for this nine-month assignment to Brazil. Nicole's work is at an ADRA daycare which is more like a recreational center. Her work is with children between the ages of seven and 14, to help teach English, assist the teachers, and supervise the children. The people in this area of Brazil are very happy even though they live in a one- or two-room house with parents, children, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. The typical house has a dirt floor, and children begin earning an income at ten or twelve years of age. ADRA feeds the children two meals a day, otherwise they might get one or none. Even though the children have nothing, all they ask for is to be loved and accepted. They are all starving for attention and love to be touched, talked to, and to have their pictures taken. Nicole reports that "drugs and poverty, as well as ignorance and survival instincts, are basically what run this society." "I am really learning why God has put me here in Itabera. I prayed that He would make me to be like Him and by being here, I can see what it means to be a Christian. These children may not be able to understand "Jesus Loves Me," but they can understand that I love them and that this is a safe place for them. Nicole continues, "I am understanding that to be a disciple of Christ is to do more than ask people to church or tell them about Jesus, but to live with them, to accept them, to love them, and live in Christ's example—and by seeing my love, maybe they'll feel the love of my Jesus. Maybe they'll know that He takes care of them, and that He loves them, and that He accepts them. And that is why I'm here in Brazil."

Steve Filler has been elected president of the American Association of Hospital Dentists, an organization representing dentists who focus their professional activity on oral care for medically compromised patients, particularly in the hospital setting. Filler is a 1981 dental graduate of Loma Linda University of Dentistry. He currently serves as the director of admissions for the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, besides being the director of both the University Hospital Dental Clinic and the General Practice Residency Program at UAB. Filler and his wife, Kay, are members of the Birmingham First church.



SOUTH ATLANTIC

Evangelist Harry Williams grew up in an area of Philadelphia called "Hell's Kitchen." He began his life of crime at the tender age of 12 and at age 16 was known as one of the "biggest drug dealers in the city of Philadelphia." He was in and out of prison 21 times in 20 years. During his life of crime he was shot up and cut up and still wears a 7-inch scar on his throat where he had been cut with a hook knife and left on the street to die. His jugular vein and vocal cords had been severed and the doctors told him that if he lived he "would never talk again." But in Harry's words, God is greater than man and God had a plan for my life.



Out of a gang of 100 only three members are alive today.

Harry was introduced to God by a group of Seventh-day Adventist prison ministries workers. As he left a meeting, one of the elderly ladies took his hand and looked him straight in the eye and said, "Honey, don't you know God loves you?" In all of his 33 years, no one had ever told him that God loved him. He went back to his cell and shed his first tears and felt remorse for the first time. He accepted Christ in that prison cell and after release, he arrived at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, and announced that he was there to go to school. This was quite an announcement since he had no money, no high school diploma, or school records of any kind, and he was straight out of prison. He was convinced that God had a plan for His life, and he was finally able to convince the school directors, and the rest is history.

After graduation, Harry worked several years as a pastor evangelist, but he remembered his commitment he made to God to go back and help other prisoners learn about Jesus. He stepped out on faith,



ROBIN GRIMSLEY

Alexandria Hand Student-of-the-Year

Alexandria Hand, a Fort Myers Junior Academy student, was honored as the 1996 "Student of the Year" for the Southwest Florida County Region by a national law enforcement agency program called "Do the Right Thing." The program rewards students publicly for their positive accomplishments in the community. Six regional winners, three of whom attend Christian schools, were honored for doing good, selfless, deeds. WBBH-TV, Channel 2, broadcast the first annual "Do the Right Thing" Regional Awards Banquet during prime time, August 19. It was hosted by meteorologist Jim Syoen. Ft. Myers Junior Academy principal Marilyn Parker nominated Hand because, "she is a school leader, a member of the drama team, an active Sabbath school participant, and because she organized the Angel Tree—a Christmas project that made sure 90 area children received at least one present." "I got the idea for the Angel Tree in an *Insight* magazine article," said Hand. "I didn't think it was that big a deal. I guess I thought other kids were doing bigger things than me." A committee of community leaders and police officers read the nominations and chose Hand as April's "Student of the Month"—which qualified her for "Regional Student of the Year." The *Fort Myers News Press* reported that Hand was chosen as a "Do the Right Thing" winner because "she had arranged gifts for more than 90 needy children last Christmas." The article also stated that Cape Coral Police Chief Arnold Gibbs "was struck by how religious faith was part of all the (nominated) kids' stories." Ft. Myers Police spokeswoman, Kara Winton, said why they selected Hand. "We chose Alexandria as the "Do the Right Thing Regional Student of the Year" because we were impressed with her dedication to her school and her church. We are proud of her caring attitude for other people." Hand's Angel Tree was so successful that the Fort Myers church decided to make it an annual event.

and began his own prison ministry. It was hard because he had acquired many things since leaving prison, including a wife and family, and bills. He struggled for a while but finally turned it over to God and told Him if He wanted him to do this work, then He, God, would have to make a way to get the bills paid. At this time he was conducting a meeting. He noticed a certain gentleman that came nightly to the meetings, but always left before they were over. On the final night of the meetings, the gentleman came to him and said "the Lord has told me to give you some money, How much do you need? That night Harry came home with a briefcase full of money. He was able to pay all of his obligations and continue in the ministry that the Lord had given him.

Today he is traveling all over the country speaking to churches, prisoners, and young people showing by his own life what the power of God can do to a man.

Evangelist Williams just completed a series of meetings for the "Abundant Life Crusade" in Winston Salem, N.C., for the Ephesus church at Paisley Elementary School. Participants were bused in from different parts of the city to hear the inspiring testimony of a man who God had used to bless many and turn their hearts back to Him.

Many adults as well as children visited nightly.

Evangelist Williams had a wonderful, dedicated support staff, Lloyd Johnson, pastor, church elders, Bible workers, dressed in red and white who greeted the visitors with a big hug. They became the "hug brigade." You couldn't get past the front door without getting a hug.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Sonja Moxey, a 1996 graduate of Oakwood College, was hired in September as an ABC intern. During her internship, she will be concentrating in marketing strategies to enhance sales and to find new ways

of meeting the needs of constituents in the South Central Conference.



Carolina

Church members are enthusiastically working to fill their **INVESTMENT GOAL**. Several different project ideas are in process such as: Donna Mull makes Tag button on her computer to sell; Nancy Neagler gives 25 cents per correspondence Bible study she grades; church members give donations to a glass jar placed in the foyer of the church; and, a pancake breakfast. Almost half of the \$5,000 goal has been collected.

The Silver Creek Jr. Academy held a **WEEK OF PRAYER** Sept. 30-Oct. 4 with Fletcher Academy chaplain Jackie James.

The Foster Memorial church is working toward **A NEW BUILDING FOR THEIR CHURCH**. They hope to break ground in the spring of 1997.

Sixty-five children from Madison County received an early **CHRISTMAS GIFT** thanks to the generous support of the Foster Memorial church. The students were bused with teachers and social workers to Tops, a store in Asheville. Each student was fitted with new shoes and socks.

Seven women from the Spartanburg, S.C., church are volunteers in a city-wide project of the Medical University and Hollings Cancer Center in Charleston, S.C., to **RESEARCH WOMEN'S HEALTH**. The test is to study the impact on

women's health if a third party encourages and motivates them to have physical checkups, special screenings, nutritional diet, and the importance of exercise. The test will be given in ten cities in South Carolina, the first of which is Spartanburg.

A total of 109 guests came to look at the Mount Pisgah Academy campus during the recent **ACADEMY DAYS PROMOTION**. Guests enjoyed activities and food as well as an SA fall festival program with performances by the chorale, band, drama, and gymnastics groups.

Two members of the Erwin Hills church, Anthony and Gina Griffin, were accepted into the **ASHEVILLE YOUTH SYMPHONY** this year. The Symphony string quartet, of which Gina is a member, performed at the Historic Biltmore House winter garden November 25.

RUTHERFORDTON, N.C., PATHFINDERS DEVELOPED A PLAN TO HELP FEED THE NEEDY IN THEIR TOWN. The youth went out into the neighborhoods and handed out plastic bags and gave a date when they would come back if the people would so desire to donate canned goods. They collected 850 cans of food. So far, they have distributed food baskets to six families.



Florida

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT HAS PLANNED FOUR RETREATS IN 1997. Three are in English—February 14-16, February 21-23, and February 28-March 2—and one in Spanish—March 7-9. Dorothy Eaton Watts will be the featured speaker for the English retreats, and Gricer Diaz will be the featured speaker for the Spanish retreat.

The women's ministries department met in September at the Pine Lake Retreat Center in Groveland to select **AREA COORDINATORS**. They are: Cathy Seals, North Florida; Phyllis Peck, West Central; Moira Barthle, Gulf; Sandra Goldenberg, Ridge; and Carol Maxwell, Upper Gold. East Central and Lower Gold coordinator positions have yet to be filled.

Parents of students at Forest Lake Elementary Education Center (FLEEC), Longwood, started a group called **"PRAY"ER COUNTRY**. About 15 parents meet every Thursday to pray for the staff, students, and families represented at FLEEC. "Pray"ers invite parents and students to fill out confidential and/or anonymous prayer request forms.

Four students and academic and peer counseling director Stephanie Johnson of Forest Lake Academy, in Forest City, were invited to attend **A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** at Camp Winnikaeg, Mass. They attended seminars on suicide prevention, sexual harassment, mind control, grief and loss, and drug and alcohol prevention. Johnson trains academy students to handle difficult situ-

ations through a variety of programs. These programs include: *Can Openers*, a support group where students can talk freely in a confidential setting; *Peer Mediation*, where students learn how to handle conflict between two or more people; in *Social Issues*, students learn how to "counsel" other youth about "hot topics"; and in *Group Techniques*, students learn how to lead small groups.

THREE NEW MEMBERS AT THE MOUNT DORA CHURCH WERE BAPTIZED in a very cold Lake Dalhousie. While deacons watched for alligators, and 60 members braved the windy, damp, and overcast weather conditions, David Canther, pastor, baptized Jaime Fincher (who wore a wet suit), and retiree Iva Baum. Stephen Alderman was baptized by Bob Burns, chaplain at nearby Florida Hospital Waterman, in Eustis. A rainbow appeared in the stormy eastern sky when the baptism ended.

The South Orlando Pathfinders started **A TWO-PAGE NEWSLETTER** that tells church members and prospective club members what the Pathfinders are doing and what they have planned for the future. The **PATHFINDER PAGE** features "Meet a Pathfinder," "God's Corner," and pictures taken at different outings. The idea came from leader Kathy Connatser who thought the club might like the chance to explain to their congregation why they enjoy meeting, and why individuals became a Pathfinder. The first issue was published in October and was written by editors Asha Alexander and Sureena Adams.



Georgia-Cumberland

THE BRISTOL, TENN., CHURCH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A 4,800 SQ. FT. CHURCH AND 4,500 SQ. FT. FAMILY CENTER. Forty-eight hours prior to the starting of NET '96, the Cer-

tificate of Occupancy was issued to the church by the building department of the county to occupy the family center.

The Spring City, Tenn., church conducted a

VEGETARIAN COOKING SCHOOL following Teeny Finley's cooking demonstration via satellite. Interested parents from nonAdventist students attending the church school requested more information about vegetarian meal preparation. A nonsmoking clinic is planned at Watts Bar Nuclear plant. *Happiness Digest* and door hangers with the Faith For Today and Voice of Prophecy schedule have been placed at homes in the Springs City area.

COHUTTA SPRINGS RATES HIGH IN A PROFESSIONAL TELEPHONE SURVEY conducted with 308 Georgia-Cumberland Conference members. There were 43 questions asked about the conference administration and operation. Ratings were: 89 percent favorable; 40 percent very positive; 49 percent highly positive; 9 percent neutral; 2 percent negative; 1 percent very negative.

THE HISPANIC EVANGELISM COUNCIL WAS ORGANIZED November 10 with 18 in attendance. Because of the rapid growth among the Spanish-speaking population, the evangelism subcommittee

authorized the council's development during its October retreat. Representatives were present from the four Hispanic churches and half of the eight groups. The council hopes to prepare four groups for company status during 1997—Alma, Gainesville, and Marietta, Georgia, and Knoxville, Tennessee. The Knoxville First church has allocated \$30,000 for Spanish evangelism and to employ a Hispanic Bible worker. The latest organized group is the Chattanooga Hispanic.

IN OCTOBER 1, 200-PLUS YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDED NATURE PROGRAMS AT THE COHUTTA SPRINGS WILDLIFE CENTER. More than 200 of this total participated in overnight adventure trips. Wildlife staff had a display at the Praters Mill craft fair making contact with more than 1,000 people acquainting them with the outdoor educational programs available at Cohutta Springs.

THE CONFERENCE NOW HAS A HOME PAGE. The address is <http://www.ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/fknopper>. Look for the *Communique* on the web.

Two couples who attended a **COOKING SCHOOL** sponsored by the Sylacauga, Ala., church, also attended the Daniel meetings and many of the NET '96 meetings. They are now studying to be baptized.

THE ST. ELMO CHURCH invited Steve Darmody to present a concert. There were 55 in attendance.

Barry Mahorney, educational superintendent, announces that **EVERY ELEMENTARY AND ACADEMY TEACHER HAS RECEIVED CERTIFICATION THIS YEAR.** Gulf States is the only conference

in the Union having this status.

CAMP ALAMISCO IS ONE OF ONLY TEN ADVENTIST YOUTH CAMPS IN THE NATION RECEIVING CERTIFICATION FROM THE AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION, reports Bill Wood, youth director.

Two-thirds of the Gulf States churches participated in **NET '96.** Most crusades had decisions for baptism.

The students in grades five through nine of the Floral Crest school gave two afternoons to the **INGATHERING PROGRAM,** netting \$355.

Gulf States



John Fowler, secretary, organized **A NEW COMPANY AT CAMDEN, TENN.,** called the Blessed Hope company. Retired pastor, Robert Gale, along with his wife, Inez, shepherd the flock.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF NET '96, THE 34 CHURCHES THAT PARTICIPATED REPORTED 100+ BAPTISMS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH. More than numbers, this report represents souls for God's kingdom and for that, God is to be praised.

The Association of Adventist Parents together with Southern Union's health and temperance department, the chaplain's office at Tennessee Christian Medical Center, and the Bridge Fellowship sponsored **SOUTHERN UNION'S FIRST AN-**

NNUAL CELEBRATION OF RECOVERY. Francis Soper, former editor of *Listen* magazine, and current president of the Adventist Association of Parents, one of the regular sponsors of the Celebrations of Recovery, was one of the special guests. The theme was "God's Grace IS Sufficient." This message was proclaimed loud and clear by an Adventist pastor and three medical doctors as they shared how they had been freed from their addiction and regained their self-respect. The three-day retreat ended with a vegetarian breakfast served at the Tennessee Christian Medical Center, and a special time of evaluation. In September, 1997, at the Madison Academy in Madison, Tenn., there will be another recovery seminar.

Kentucky-Tennessee



DEDICATION '97 is the slogan chosen for an event to take place in mid-February marking the dedication of the new Hickman Science Center, new university status, and the ten-year anniversary of Dr. Donald Sahly's presidency.

AN ART SHOW BY LEONID SOKOLOV, a master porcelain painter from St. Petersburg, Russia, was hosted at Southern's Brock Hall Art Gallery from mid-November to mid-December.

TWO ROOMS IN THE ULMER STUDENT CENTER HAVE BEEN NAMED IN HONOR OF RETIRED FACULTY members E. O. Grundset and Robert Merchant. Both men consistently contributed to the quality of student life.

When the **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIANITY AND LITERATURE** convenes in Atlanta next November, it will be presided over by David Smith, chair of Southern's English department.



Education



Delbert W. Baker (left), and Alfred C. McClure.

Baker Installed as 10th President

Oakwood College—In a moving and historic ceremony held November 19 at the College church, Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D., was installed as the 10th president of Oakwood College on the first day of the 101st year of Oakwood College.

The main sanctuary was filled with members of the college community along with Baker's family to witness the changing of the guard. Music performed by the College Choir/Aeolians, directed by Lloyd Mallory, added to the majesty of the ceremony.

"I accept the challenge," said Baker in response to the presidential charge administered by Alfred C. McClure, chairman of the College Board.

Baker went on to express deep appreciation to his wife Susan, his three sons, and other members of his family who have contributed to his reaching this point in his life.

He also paid tribute to his predecessors who labored to bring the College to its present status as a recognized institution of higher learning. Baker promised to maintain contact with the local community and to strengthen ties with local pastors.

It was a ceremony enlivened by eloquent speeches and remarks including welcome by Emerson A. Cooper, special assistant to the president; William Murrain, vice chairman of the College Board; and Chlora Jones of the National Alumni Association; the occasion by Joseph W. McCoy of the South Central Conference, and prayer of consecration by Leslie N. Pollard, Oakwood College church pastor. The changing of the guard ceremony was conducted by Clarence E. Hodges, vice chairman of the College Board. Hodges dramatically passed the torch from the immediate past-president, Benjamin F. Reaves, to the new president, Delbert Baker.

Baker's vision for the future was well re-

ceived by the audience. He described qualities he would like to see characterize Oakwood College at the turn of the century. Jannith

Lewis, director of library services, pronounced a benediction to conclude an evening of historical significance.

Roy E. Malcolm

Outreach

Adventist Physicians Impact Nursing Students

Florida—Two Seventh-day Adventist nurse practitioner honor students from Florida International University in Miami practice their skills in different settings with two Seventh-day Adventist Dade County physicians. Oliver Anderson, MD, is a private family practitioner in Hialeah, Fla., and Roberto Cordoba, MD, is an emergency room physician at

South Miami Hospital; both are members at Miami Temple.

Sallieann Brown-Brewer and Cynthia Firpi-Figueroa, both senior year nurse practitioner masters' students, requested to work with the two physicians because of their compassionate reputations.

"Dr. Anderson demonstrates the true Christ-like qualities of the Great Physician in the way that he cares for his patients," says Steve Adessa of the Miami Springs church, Brewer and Figueroa's pastor. "His first interest is in alleviating the pain and suffering as



Roberto Cordoba and Cynthia Firpi-Figueroa.



Oliver D. Anderson and Sallieann Brown-Brewer.

CYNTHIA FIRPI-FIGUEROA

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best he can and his manner of communication with patients is of compassion laced with kindness."

Both students have been registered nurses for more than 20 years, and even with busy schedules manage to maintain a GPA greater than 3.95. They both hold national honors from Phi Kappa Phi, designating them in the top five percent of graduate students in the country; both attended Southern in Collegedale, Tenn.

The students thank Anderson and Cordoba for their guidance. Brewer feels privileged

to have been guided by a physician with Christian values. "Dr. Anderson's dedication, compassion, ethical standards, and approach to patient care have provided experiences I otherwise would not have had."

The spiritual values and accomplishments of the two students have been recognized by the school and other students. Subsequently, Brewer and Figueroa have been approached by students inquiring about their Adventist beliefs.

Sallieann Brown-Brewer and
Cynthia Firpi-Figueroa

Concert Series Attracts Community

Florida—"I always wondered what Seventh-day Adventists were like. Now I know," smiles Ginger Widican. "They are wonderful, lovely people." Widican made that discovery when she stepped inside an Adventist church for the first time to attend one of Forest Lake church's 1995-1996 Concert Series programs. The series

attracted 300 other community guests by featuring local musical artists plus nationally and internationally known groups.

Individual concerts averaged 600-800 in attendance. "We had two goals for these concerts," reflects Terry Hall, Forest Lake church communication director and music committee co-chairman. "We wanted to provide quality musical programming for our members and attract people from the community who had never set foot in an Adventist

church." Hall says a media kit—containing a distinctive four-color brochure, news releases, and public service announcements for radio and TV—was created to publicize the series. It was sent to local media and also area Adventist and nonAdventist churches.

Carol Bacha, on-air personality for Rollins College radio station WPRK-FM 91.5, says she received her packet at the right time. "My program, *Classical Concert Hall*, was focusing on Russian music that week, so it was natural to promote your first concert featuring the Russian group, Ecclesiastes." Bacha, who had been a choral director for the Russian Orthodox Church in Pennsylvania, came to the concert and thought the Forest Lake church and the music were "first quality."

Widican, a member of the Rolling Hills Community church in Zellwood, found out about the series after her pastor received a media kit in the mail. Widican thought her church's fellowship group, "The Funfinders," might

enjoy going to some of the concerts. "Fifty of us came to your February program featuring Christian Edition," says Widican. "The whole experience was lovely—your beautiful church and your caring members. Your greeters even took the time to find seating space so we could all sit together as a group."

Widican says her "Funfinders" have voted to attend future concerts at Forest Lake. "However," she laughs, "I'm going to have to keep my eye on two of them. They told the rest of the group they might start attending Forest Lake on a more permanent basis because they enjoyed themselves so much."

"We hope this year's series will continue to attract people like Carol Bacha and Ginger Widican—individuals who have never attended a Seventh-day Adventist church before," says Hall. "It's so important to increase positive community awareness about Seventh-day Adventists. I believe this concert series has and will continue to do that."

Terry Hall, Evan Chesney



The Forest Lake church 1997 concert series begins this month. Male chorus—Christian Edition from Glendale, California, will perform March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Also scheduled to perform this season is the Orlando Deanery Boychoir, Jubilate from the Miami area, and the Southern Adventist University Orchestra from Collegedale, Tenn.

"Miss Honey" Spreads Love To Children Around

Florida—Twenty years ago, a woman had an idea to prepare unique material for the children in her vacation Bible school. Her idea has grown to include children in Bosnia, Romania, China, and Russia, as well as Hispanic and African countries. She makes "take-home" items in seven different languages—including her two newest ones, Croatian and Serbian—to help keep the

children focused on lessons and make the lessons joyful and memorable.

Her name is Honey Knitter—affectionately known as "Miss Honey." At her church in Punta Gorda, she spends most of her time helping children learn more about Jesus by writing stories and coming up with special pictures to go with the stories. She even draws some of the pictures herself.

Knitter is also involved with a team of volunteers working with Faith Adventures based in Torrance, Calif. Faith Adventures sends



JAMES WRIGHT

Children of the Punta Gorda church love "Miss Honey" Knitter and the way she presents Sabbath school and vacation Bible school lessons. Knitter also sends her lesson materials overseas in seven languages.

Sabbath school and vacation Bible school materials across the world. The volunteers cut out fuzzy felts, create teaching materials for missionaries to use, and make tags for the children with their name, a welcome message, or happy birthday wishes.

"Since I've started working with Faith Adventures (about 15 years ago), I've not considered doing anything else," said Knitter, who's 1991 retirement didn't dampen her passion. "Now that I'm retired, I can and do put in an average of six to eight hours a day."

Knitter uses what she earns from baby-sitting to buy paper, stickers, postage, etc. for the children, but credits Jesus as the one who has taken care of her expenses. She lives a very simple and sacrificial life, denying herself of anything she can live without. Every day she prepares her stories, pictures, and take-home items for the children with all varieties of supplies. Her living room resembles a warehouse as she stores her pins, stickers, fuzzy felts, and lessons.

Olga Khrapova,
A. Lee Bennett, Jr.

this philosophy.

"Every two years we start another church," he says. "We have 800 members in the Maranatha church and when our size reaches about 900 there are not enough seats for everyone. At that time we have a meeting to decide where we will start another church."

The success of soul winning is due to the constant atmosphere of discipleship in the mother church which is inspired by Kirlaw. "I give an appeal every Sabbath," he says. "There is high membership involvement because they bring friends and

relatives and they are always looking forward to a crusade."

The church participates in corporate crusades such as *Discoveries in Prophecy—2000 & Beyond (NET '96)*, as well as conducting their own public evangelism. Other forms of evangelism include the K-8 school housed in the church serving 100 students and the day care facility serving 95 children. For the future, the pastor envisions a multipurpose building/school which will function as a gym as well as a place for public outreach.

Michael Yancey



MEL BROWN

William Kirlaw, pastor, and his wife, were honored during the anniversary celebration.

Progress

Maranatha Church Celebrates 20 Years of Growth

Florida—The Maranatha church in Miami celebrated its 20th anniversary the weekend of November 17. The weekend celebration was a tribute to this inspirational church which has spawned 10 daughter churches over the last

20 years and is currently leading the Florida Conference in baptisms with 160 individuals so far this year. Total membership of the 10 churches is 3500.

William Kirlaw, pastor, founded the church with 50 members in 1976 as an effort to preserve West Indian culture in worship. "Everyone is welcomed," Kirlaw adds; he has reaped the benefits of

Update

SPCA Finds Home For Alligators at Camp Kulaqua

Florida—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) serving Erie County, New York, found a new home at Camp Kulaqua for two caimans residing at the SPCA Tonawanda Shelter.

Their news release

explained that, "The caimans will be traveling to Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla., a zoo that accepts orphaned, abused, and homeless animals. Although the caimans cannot be released legally in this country, the camp will provide an ideal environment for the exotic animals, which will enhance Camp Kulaqua's educational programs."

By definition a caiman is "any of several central and



JOHN MORAN

New York state's caiman held by Nannie Ruiz, Camp Kulaqua zoo curator.

South American crocodilians similar to alligators, but often superficially resembling crocodiles."

The SPCA serving Erie County has handled four caimans in 1996—the first time the society has been exposed to these exotic animals in its 129-year history. The third and fourth caimans were found in a local creek and park. Until now, the SPCA was unsuccessful in locating a suitable home for the animals. With the exception of an educational or display permit, caimans are not legal animals in the United States, making it difficult to place the animals in a proper habitat.

Camp Kulaqua was located through the Florida Game Commission, contacted by the SPCA

on the recommendation of Guy Hodge, in the wildlife division of the Humane Society of the United States. The SPCA serving Erie County conducted a thorough phone interview with Phil Younts, the camp's administrative director, and after checking references, the camp was found to be a home in which the animals would thrive.

In a November 27 conversation, Nannie Ruiz, Camp Kulaqua's zoo curator, stated that the caimans found the weather in north Florida too cold. She has since been able to locate a new home for them in a warmer climate at Gatorama in Ft. Myers. The caimans were transported November 26.

Gina Browning Rummel, Barbara Carr, Cindy Kurtzhals

Hohenwald Breaks Ground

Kentucky-Tennessee—A few Adventist families moved to Lewis County in 1983. However, not realizing there were other Adventists in

the area, the families spread out and were attending churches in distant areas.

In 1989 three families joined together to conduct a Revelation Seminar. October 1993, a Branch Sabbath school was started. David

Saguan, pastor in the Lawrenceburg church, met with the company in Hohenwald, Tenn., and helped to get it organized. Attendance grew to the point that no home was large enough. Efforts to locate a larger meeting place were fruitless. After much prayer and searching, the Primitive Baptist church, near the center of town, became available, free of charge.

About this time the group decided to saturate Lewis County with an Amazing Facts Bible Study correspondence card. This resulted in 81 requests for the course. To follow up all this interest, Scott Shafer from Amazing Facts, conducted evangelistic meetings resulting in eight baptisms. July 30, 1994, John Fowler, executive secretary from the Conference office, led out in the official organization of the Hohenwald company.

A search began to find land. A woman in the area had two acres of land near the city limits that she was willing to give to anyone who would build a church on it. Needless to say, the Hohenwald

company hastened to acquire it. Efforts to raise money began. During a social conducted for the Adventist churches in the area, the Centerville church presented the group with a check for \$2,500. A Lewis County resident walked in and donated \$2,000. The local Walmart had pledged to match any funds raised at this particular sale.

Construction on the church was scheduled to begin in the spring of this year, but was delayed so often the group became discouraged. The main problem was finding a bulldozer in Hohenwald that could do the work. Finally Roger Hays called one of the top bulldozer operators to ask him about the work. His schedule was full, but a customer had just canceled and he was more than happy to fit the Adventists into his schedule. Since he was to begin work the next day, Hays alerted members of the Hohenwald group to meet the next day with shovels for the ground-breaking ceremony.

Warren Strawn, Jeanette Spencer



Hohenwald company at ground breaking.

Youth



Participants who selected the "Grand Prix" program during Pathfinder Honor Camp learned about small engine operation and car safety.

First Pathfinder Honor Camp

Florida—Youth gained expertise with horses, reptiles, gymnastics, and photography. One hundred sixty campers who attended the first Pathfinder Honor Camp at Camp Kulaqua focused on a single topic and earned at least one Pathfinder honor.

"Traditional summer camps have been organized around age groups, and children tackle four or five different activities each day," says Phil Younts, Camp Kulaqua's administrative director. "This camp changes the focus, and kids aged 10 to 15 are able to eat, drink, and sleep in the area of their concentration."

Participants selected

one of nine concentrations—Aquatic Odyssey, Basketball Camp, Earth, Wind & Fire Camp, "Grand Prix" Camp, Gymnastic Camp, Horsemanship Camp, Nature Quest, Photography Camp, or Water Ski Camp—and are eligible to earn at least one honor.

The Nature Quest track offered the most Pathfinder honors during the seven-day camp. The brave-hearted who signed up sloshed through swamps in search of snakes, spiders, and alligators under the guidance of trained nature instructors. They earned honors in reptiles, spiders, edible plants, and ecology.

Younts says the camp was so successful it will be repeated next year.

Pat Benton, Cindy Kurtzhals

Red Ribbon Valley Freed

Gulf States—Learning to "Just Say NO!" to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco was the theme of "Red Ribbon Week" at the Water Valley

church school in October. Pastor David and Kathy Farmer visited each day, accompanied by Clyde, Luke, Lilly Flower, and several other puppet guests to carry out the anti-drug theme. The students decorated

their own red ribbons with anti-drug slogans and wore them to the sessions each day. There were numbers on the back of the ribbons and teacher Edith Brown drew a corresponding number from a basket to discover the daily prize winners.

The week concluded with the distribution of cards which each student signed, committing themselves to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Each student was given a colorful certificate for completing the anti-drug course for "Red Ribbon Week." The grand finale was a balloon launch. Each participant, nine in all, had a helium-filled balloon attached to a long, red ribbon. On the ribbon was tied a message, "Look inside this balloon for a special message for you." Inside the balloon was the message, "Join me, Be Drug Free! Just Say NO! To Drugs!" For more information about a healthy and a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free lifestyle, contact David Farmer.

All participants stood on the playground, had a special prayer together, gave a rousing cheer of "Join Me, Be Drug-Free," and released the balloons. They were up and away in just a minute.

David Farmer



Position Available

Loma Linda University seeks to fill the position of Director of Development for its School of Public Health and its community health clinic system. The person filling this position will implement a comprehensive fund raising program, including direct mail, phonathons, cultivation and solicitation of individual donors, grant proposal development, and the publication of a School-based newsletter. To fill this position, the University seeks the services of a Seventh-day Adventist with experience in the fundraising profession. Interested applicants should submit materials to:

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Area Pastors Reach Out to Youth

Georgia-Cumberland—Geoff Moore was the first on his team to score a run, but he also brought 27 youth "home" at Play the Game sponsored by Adventist Area Youth Pastors (A2YP).

A2YP consists of four youth pastors, Stan Dobias from Cleveland, Tenn., Tom Dunham from Ooltewah, Tenn., Randy Harr from Colledge, Tenn., and Jeff Wood from Calhoun,

Ga. They wanted to do something special for the youth in the greater Chattanooga, Tenn., area—not just their Adventist youth, but all youth.

Arrangements were made with Ooltewah High School to use their facilities September 1 for a day of games and a concert by the contemporary Christian group, Geoff Moore & the Distance.

Between the softball game and the concert, "Extreme Games" were available for the youth to play. One of the favorite games was



SHERRIE PLATT

Throwing a right hook with these gloves would be a challenge. The youth enjoyed participating in the "Extreme Games."

sumo wrestling. Another game was boxing. The gloves were very large.

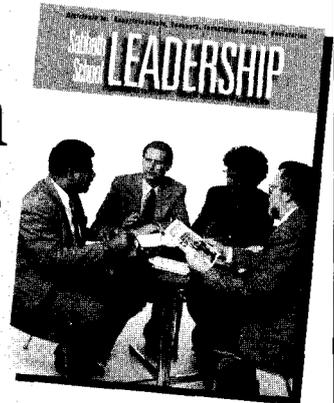
The day ended with the Home Run Tour of Geoff Moore & the Distance. During his call at the end of the concert, 27 were brought "home" when they came forward to accept Jesus.

Moore told the youth, "Take the truths of the Bible and apply them

for home, school, work, and relationships as you play at the game of life. Use God's word and follow these simple steps to hit the ultimate Home Run. First Base: Read the Bible; Second Base: Find a church to attend regularly; Third Base: Pray; and Home Plate: Bring your friends home to Christ.

Sherrie Platt

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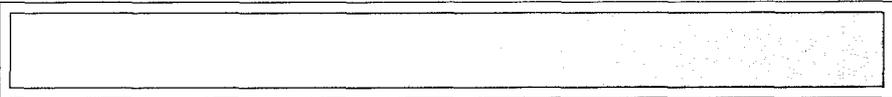
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Carolina

- Pathfinder Council**—Jan. 10-11. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Adult Ministries Planning**—Jan. 10-12. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Elders' Retreat**—Jan. 17-19. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Guest Speaker: Elaine Kennedy.
- High School Bible Conference**—Jan. 24-26. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Young Adult Chile Mission Trip**—Jan. 26-Febr. 10.
- Romance at the Ranch**—Feb. 7-9. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Women's Take Heart Abuse Retreat**—Feb. 7-9. Location TBA.
- Lay Pastoral Assistant Training**—Feb. 14-16. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Adventurer Staff Retreat**—Feb. 14-16. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
- Prayer Conference**—March 7-9. Nosoca Pines Ranch. Speaker: Ron Halvorsen.
- Men's Retreat**—March 28-30. Nosoca Pines Ranch.
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Florida

- Visions . . . Divorce/Grief Recovery Support Group**—Thursday nights. Altamonte Springs church. Details: (407) 291-8321.
- Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners**
 - Jan. 11. Forest Lake.
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 - Jan. 18. Apopka Highland.
 - Jan. 25. Kress Memorial.
- Challenge 21 NEWSTART**—Jan. 12-30. Pine Lake Retreat Center, Groveland. Details: East Pasco Medical Center (813) 788-0411.
- Pathfinder Sea Voyager**—Jan. 24-26. Grades 5-12. Cocoa.
- Pathfinder Reveille**
 - Jan. 24-26. Friend. South area. Jonathan Dickenson Park. Miami.
 - Jan 24-26. Ranger. North area. Camp Kulaqua.
 - Feb. 21-23. Companion. South area. High Destiny, Okeechobee.
- Greater Tampa Bay Churches Council**—Jan. 25. Bayfront Center. St. Petersburg, Fla. Details: (813) 933-7505.
- Women's Ministries Retreats**
 - Feb. 14-16. Camp Kulaqua.
 - Feb. 21-23. Camp Kulaqua.
 - Feb. 28-March 2. Camp Kulaqua.
 - March 7-9. Hispanic Women's Retreat.

Georgia-Cumberland

- Pathfinder Ski Trip**—Jan. 19. Ober Gatlinburg. Reservations required.
- Executive Committee**—Jan. 29. Conference office.
- Youth-2-Youth**—Feb. 5-8. Camp Kulaqua.
- Lay Pastor Training**—Feb. 7-9. Cohutta Springs.
- Elementary Music Festival**—Feb. 25. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.
- Convocation**
 - Feb. 8. Northeast Tenn. Greeneville, Tenn.
 - Feb. 15. South Georgia. Perry, Ga.
- Presessions**
 - Feb. 8. District 6. Greeneville, Tenn.
 - Feb. 9. Districts 4,5. Collegedale, Tenn.
 - Feb. 15. District 1. Perry, Ga.
- Atlanta Adventist Academy's Alumni Day**—Jan. 25. Call (404) 699-1400.

Gulf States

- Youth Festival**—Jan. 17, 18. Bass Memorial Academy.
- Townhall Meetings**
 - Jan. 25. North Highlands.
 - Jan. 26. Pensacola.
 - Jan. 27. Milton.
 - Jan. 28. Panama City.

- Jan. 29. Marianna.
- Jan. 30. Uchee Pines.
- Feb. 1. Columbus.
- Feb. 2. Tupelo.
- Feb. 3. Southaven.
- Feb. 4. Bass Memorial Academy.
- Feb. 5. McComb.
- Feb. 6. Jackson.
- Feb. 8. Mobile Bearfork.
- Executive Committee**—Feb. 4. Montgomery.

Kentucky-Tennessee

- Summer Camp Recruitment**—Jan. 12-16.
- Association Board**—Jan. 14. 8:30 a.m.
- Conference Executive Committee**—Jan. 14. 10:00 a.m.
- Superintendents Council/Elementary Advisory**—Jan. 14-16.
- Highland Academy Board**—Jan 23.

South Central

- Partnership 3000 Rally**
 - Jan. 4. Jackson, Ms.
 - Jan. 11. Montgomery, Ala.
 - Feb. 8. Louisville, Ky.
 - Feb. 22. Memphis, Tenn.
 - March 1. Chattanooga, Tenn.
 - March 8. Knoxville, Tenn.
 - March 22. Mobile, Ala.
- Church Officer's Meeting**
 - Jan. 5. Jackson, Miss.
 - Jan. 12. Montgomery, Ala.
 - Jan. 19. Nashville, Tenn.
- Youth Federation**
 - Jan. 25. Central Alabama.
 - Jan. 25. Miss./Tenn.
 - Feb. 1. Kentucky/Mid-Tenn.
 - Feb. 1. Tennessee River
- Literature Evangelists Rally**
 - Jan. 11. Birmingham-Ephesus
 - Feb. 8. Jackson
- SEC K-12 Board**—Jan. 27.
- Community Services Federation**
 - Feb. 1. South Alabama.
 - Feb. 8. Central Alabama.
 - Feb. 22. Kentucky.
 - March 1. Mississippi.
 - March 8. East Tennessee
 - March 22. West Tennessee
- Winter Workers' Meeting**—Feb. 2-5. Nashville.
- SCC Bible Bowl/Temp Semi Finals**—Feb. 15.
- Preaching Retreat**—Feb. 24-27. Cohutta Springs.
- Elders-Deacons Retreat**—March 8, 9.
- SCC Executive Committee - Budget/Statistical**—March 10.
- Mini Youth Congress**—March 15. Nashville.

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- Academic Schedule**
 - Jan. 5, 6. Enrollment for preregistered students. 3-5 p.m.
 - Jan. 6. General registration, 2-5 p.m.
 - Jan. 7. Classes begin.
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 - Jan. 17. Religious Renewal weekend, Philip Samaan.
 - Jan. 24. Allan and Deidre Martin.
- Concerts**
 - Jan. 21. Organ/Harald Vogel.
 - Feb. 2. Symphony Concerto.
 - Feb. 8. Pops Concert.
- Special Events**
 - Jan. 14. Warren Miller Ski movie, "Snowriders."
 - Jan. 23. Health Careers Fair.
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Charlotte, N.C.	5:25	5:31	5:38	5:46	5:53	6:00
Collegedale, Tenn.	5:41	5:47	5:54	6:01	6:08	6:15
Huntsville, Ala.	4:49	4:55	5:01	5:08	5:16	5:23
Jackson, Miss.	5:10	5:16	5:22	5:28	5:35	5:41
Louisville, Ky.	5:37	5:44	5:51	5:59	6:07	6:15
Memphis, Tenn.	5:02	5:08	5:15	5:23	5:30	5:37
Miami, Fla.	5:44	5:49	5:55	6:00	6:05	6:10
Montgomery, Ala.	4:55	5:00	5:07	5:13	5:20	5:26
Nashville, Tenn.	4:47	4:53	5:00	5:07	5:15	5:22
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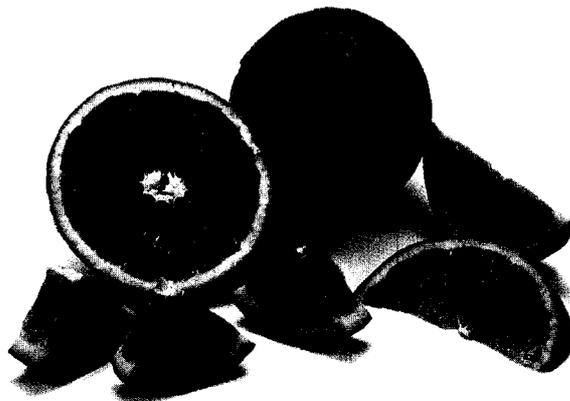
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A Taste of Missions

by Jamie Arnall

University students and the surrounding community received a taste of some of the world's many food flavors at Southern's annual International Food Fair in November.

Such countries as India, Italy, Poland, and a number of others were represented, providing international foods served by volunteers in international dress. Students and area churches helped out at the event and most of the food was donated by churches and families.

"I think it's great," says David Cook, director of campus ministries, speaking of the food fair. He says it requires a lot of hard work and preparation but stresses the positive results it bring. This year's fair netted close to \$5,000. Funds are used toward expenses as the next group of student missionaries prepare to scatter around the world in the service of the church.

The taste-tempting event came

at the end of a weekend focus on student missions. Gary and Rae Patterson, from the office of mission awareness at the General Conference, brought reports and many exciting stories directly from the mission fields.

"It's one of our biggest events of the year," says Ryan Ashlock, assistant chaplain and Task Force volunteer (the term for a student missionary serving in the American homeland). "As a whole we're really excited about how it went." He commented that it is the single largest fund-raiser of the year for the student missions program.

Ken Rogers, university chaplain, pointed to the positive impact mission work has upon students. "It helps give purpose and direction to students' lives," he remarked.

"It gave me an experience that I don't think I could get anywhere else," says Moises Guerrero who spent last year as a student missionary in Australia. He says the experience brought him closer to

Large tasty burritos were the mainstay of the Mexican booth at Southern's International Food Fair.

the Lord and had a tremendous life-changing effect upon his life.

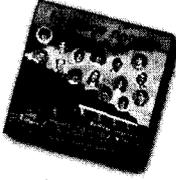
Each year a considerable number of students enter mission service. In fact, figures from Southern's office of institutional research give a total of 317 students sent abroad in the past five years, including Task Force volunteers serving in the U.S. (mainly at academies). Sixty-three volunteers received service assignments in 22 countries this year, with destinations ranging from Romania to Ecuador and China to New Guinea. Many also chose to teach on islands in the Pacific.

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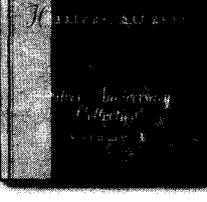
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"I'm So Lonely"

Little four and one-half year old Kelsey was starting pre-kindergarten which met three mornings a week. For the first time in her short life Kelsey was venturing out on her own without the protection and security of familiar surroundings and the constant and comforting presence of her stay-at-home mother.

All seemed to go well until the night before her second day of school. As mother Debbie was tucking her now "big" little school girl into bed, all of a sudden and without any apparent reason Kelsey started crying. Over and over again through tears and sobs she kept repeating, "I don't want to go to school! I don't want to go to school."

Mother Debbie calmly questioned her why, seemingly without success. Finally after some gentle prodding Kelsey choked out the words, "I'm so lonely at school; I don't have any friends there." As mother wrapped her loving arms around her precious little one, she gently wiped the tears thus giving her the sympathy and understanding little Kelsey needed at that most crucial moment of her life. While still encircling Kelsey in her arms of love she quietly offered a suggestion. "Kelsey, why don't you try introducing yourself to another little girl in your class. Just go up to her and say, 'I'm Kelsey, what's your name? And then ask, 'Would you like to play with me?'"

The dreaded morning finally arrived and it was time for the big test. Mother accompanied her still reticent child to the door of the classroom. While mother and teacher exchanged pleasantries, Kelsey proceeded to take the big step just as her mother had suggested.

Kelsey bravely walked over to one of the little girls in her class, introduced herself, then sweetly, smiling, she invited her new friend to play. In a moment both children were happily chatting away like long, lost friends. As mother Debbie turned to leave, Kelsey looked up and flashed a triumphant "thumbs up." The plan had

worked to the relief of both mother and child.

From now on little Kelsey would never again be lonely. Leaving home and the comfortable security of familiar surroundings became bearable, yes, even exciting because she was willing to reach out to, perhaps, another lonely little person like herself.

This story was shared with us by my husband's secretary, Barbara Pierce, about her granddaughter. I believe this incident makes a much needed point that illustrates what can occur in our churches.

This past fall many of our churches participated in the wonderful adventure of NET '96. Thousands of truth-seekers filled our churches to watch, listen, and discover the remnant message for these last days. God has blessed us with many who have embraced their new found faith and have joined the church. For some, this particular decision has been very traumatic. They have not only faced family and friends that don't understand, but sometimes they must also deal with the real possibility of loosing their livelihood. Without a doubt, they are sure to experience some very lonely times—time that would be bearable if only their new church family would reach out to comfort.

May I suggest that as these new members embrace these new truths and changing lifestyle they especially need our loving acceptance. This outreach needs to be more than just an initial pat on the back, or even a hug and handshake when they are welcomed into the Family of God. But it is imperative that during the ensuing weeks and months they will need frequent social contact, telephone calls, and continued nurturing. You see as new babes need a lot of loving attention just to survive, so do new members. They need a loving, supporting friendship from their new friendship from their new family. Someone has described a friend as follows: "A friend will strengthen you with his prayers, bless you with his love, and encourage you with his hope." Oh, to be that kind of friend!

When you and I, with love and compassion, reach out to be a real friend, I can imagine that many of these dear members, when we meet in Heaven might greet us with a "Triumphant Thumbs Up" just like little Kelsey.

— Hazel Marie Gordon

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