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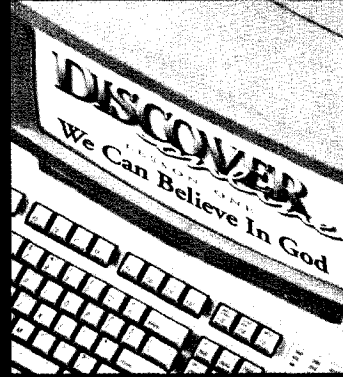
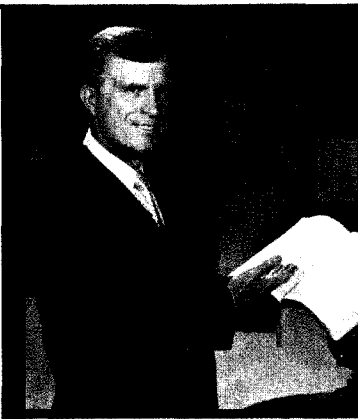
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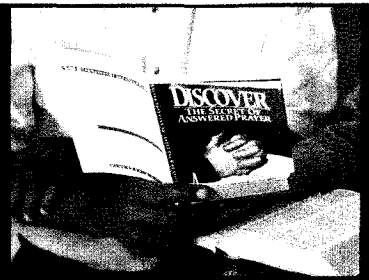
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# The Document in Your Hand

BY ROY ADAMS

On behalf of the *Adventist Review* staff, it's my privilege to extend a welcome to delegates and visitors to this fifty-eighth session of the General Conference.

As many of you know, the *Adventist Review* functions as the official recorder of the General Conference session. It's a demanding assignment, and this year we decided on a modification of the approach we've taken in the past—both for the convenience of delegates and to make life simpler for ourselves.

You hold in your hand a supplement of the *Bulletins* to be produced for the session. It contains the reports of all General Conference departments, services, and institutions. Whereas in the past these reports were scattered throughout the nine or 10 *Bulletins* produced in connection with a session, we've chosen this time to publish them as a single document.

There are three reasons for this:

1. *To better serve the delegates to the session.* In regard to the entities concerned, these reports contain a summary of their activities and accomplishments during the quinquennium. And since delegates will be making decisions that will affect the leadership of each entity for the ensuing period, these reports, at least theoretically, provide a partial basis for those decisions.

2. *To make it more convenient for everyone.* In the past, it became a time-consuming exercise to locate a particular report. Here they're grouped within the same cover, with a convenient table of contents.

3. *To simplify the process.* Making sure every report got published presented a nerve-racking challenge for the *Adventist Review* staff at previous sessions. With reams and reams of materials going through our office each day of the session, and with coverage of the proceedings and actions taking precedence and bumping some reports from their previously allotted slots, the possibility of one or more slipping through the cracks was a constant nightmare for us. Thus the publication of this single volume drastically simplifies our work. Besides, leaders of all departments, services, and institutions can have the satisfaction of knowing that their reports came to the attention of delegates during the session itself, rather than being published after the meetings are over (as happened to some in the past).

## About the Reports

Those seeking a bird's-eye view of the various departments, services, and institutions of the General Conference will welcome this special supplement. We think you'll sense, as we did while preparing it, genuine excitement in the souls of these leaders. You will discover men and women who've taken their assignments with utter seriousness.

Our prayer is that this document might create in every reader a desire for greater involvement in the church and its mission.

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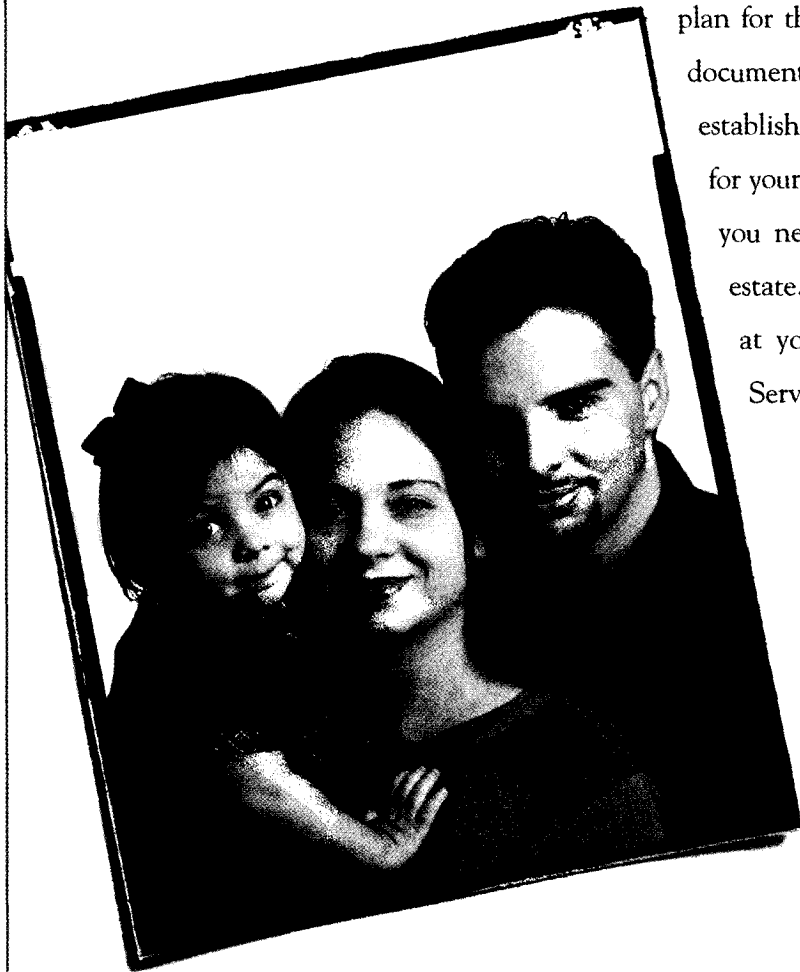
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# Children's Ministries

**C**hildren! How should we describe them? Energetic? Spontaneous? Candid? Wiggly? Believing? Accepting? No wonder leading children's ministries is extreme! It is extremely exhausting and extremely fulfilling. On any Sabbath, you may find yourself sweating, crying, running, hugging, laughing, stooping down, reaching up, wanting to escape, and wanting to savor priceless, eternal moments. But hang in there, because it's worth it all!

It is this bundle of energy and the accepting, believing spirit that Jesus tells us to emulate: "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:4, NIV). Supporting this idea is the recent research by George Barna, who found that most people who accept Jesus as their Savior do so between the ages of 5 and 14. Yes, children do make decisions to follow Jesus. They are vital to the growth of our church—today and tomorrow.

Therefore, *the mission of the Children's Ministries Department is to nurture children into a loving, serving relationship with Jesus.* To accomplish this, the department focuses on the following areas of emphasis:

1. *Grace-oriented ministries*, in which all children will experience the unconditional love of Jesus, find assurance of acceptance and forgiveness, and make a commitment to Him.
2. *Inclusive ministries*, in which the volunteers who minister and the

children to whom they minister will be valued and involved regardless of race, color, language, gender, age, abilities, or socioeconomic circumstances.

3. *Leadership ministries*, in which volunteers are empowered, trained, and equipped for effective ministry to children.
4. *Service-oriented ministries*, in which children are given opportunities for hands-on service to people in their neighborhood or city, thus establishing a pattern of outreach to others that may well continue through life.
5. *Safe ministries*, whereby our churches (a) choose volunteers with high spiritual and moral backgrounds and (b) adopt safeguards to protect children from physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse, and the church from liability.
6. *Cooperative ministries*, which involve working with other ministries, such as Family Ministries, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, and Stewardship Ministries to further our shared goals.

The Department of Children's Ministries celebrates God's gift of children in our churches today. Children's ministries on all levels of the church as well as in the local churches organize many nurturing programs that actively involve children on Sabbath, during the week, and at vacation time. Children have the opportunity to participate in small groups, retreats, evan-

gelism, preaching, and outreach to the community. For teachers and other volunteers who work with children and teach children's Sabbath schools, training courses are also planned for them.

At the General Conference Children's Ministries Department, a number of *significant* advances have been made in the past quinquennium to facilitate leadership training, nurturing, discipling, and developing of resources for children.

## Resources for Leaders

In response to the need for training and educating children's ministries directors on the various levels of the church, the department published the much needed *Children's Ministries Handbook*. This manual contains policies and guidelines for directing the ministry, as well as suggested programs for nurturing and discipling children in the faith. A separate booklet, *How to Organize Children's Ministries in the Local Church*, was developed for children's ministries coordinators to assist them in planning their ministry in the churches.

To help our local church leadership to better understand and support the ministry, the Children's Ministries Department collaborated with the Ministerial Association to publish the *Pastor's and Elder's Manual for Children's Ministries* before the 2005 General Conference session. This is given out to all pastors and local church elders.

In May 2004 the department pub-

lished *KidsNewsZone*, a quarterly newsletter with news and resource materials for children's leaders. Through this publication, children's ministries directors around the world have the opportunity to share ministry ideas.

In October 2004 children's ministries launched its Web site at [www.childrensministries.gc.adventist.org](http://www.childrensministries.gc.adventist.org). The Web site contains resources for teachers, parents, and children's leaders, as well as departmental news, articles, tips, and ideas for working with children. A new section was also developed: Just for Kids! It provides devotionals, activities, and crafts to capture a child's interest.

### Resources for Children

In the summer of 2000 Ellen G. White's classic book *The Great Controversy* was adapted for children ages 8-12 and published under the title *Michael Asks Why*. Children are introduced to last-day events through the main text and an activity book.

As radio is a popular medium of communication in many countries of the world, the department produced the *Bible Explorers Club* in December 2000. This is a radio series for children ages 9-12, with lively discussion on various topics related to a main theme, such as health, the Ten Commandments, etc.

Two years later the department released *God's Treasure Chest*, a CD with two-minute radio spots of children asking questions, and a person answering them from God's Word. Several countries are using these short radio spots on air.

To help fortify the minds of the children, and to help them understand the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the department has produced *God Loves Me 27 Ways*. Each doctrine is explained briefly, followed by illustrations, puzzles, games, and songs to help each child sing it, play it, and draw it.

As children's health problems are on the increase with statistics showing

escalating numbers in obesity, diabetes, and mental stress, the department believes it vital that we help our children realize the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Utilizing the program of the Health Ministries Department called *Celebrations*, the Children's Ministries Department made plans to produce the children's version of this much-acclaimed program, *Children's Celebrations*, targeting December 2005 as the completion date. This will be a great resource for leaders, teachers, and parents to use for teaching children how to maintain good physical and mental health.

ministries leaders and teachers to understand active learning, learning styles, faith development, and teaching with grace, among other things. All the courses are produced on a CD with PowerPoint presentations and notes for the trainer.

### KID Discipleship

Children who have made their decision to follow Jesus need to be disciplined in their spiritual journey. They need parents, Sabbath school teachers, and the faith community to assist them in growing their faith in Jesus.

*Kids in Discipleship* is one of those programs that can help our children grow. It involves training parents and teachers to disciple their children. The children's ministries director began training at KIDS University, located at Southern Adventist University, in March 2004. The Children's Ministries Department collaborated with KIDS University to draw up plans to develop KIDS University sites in different world divisions by 2006. The first group of division children's ministries directors will be trained at KIDS University in March 2006.

### A Worldwide Ministry for Children

During this quinquennium the departmental director has made visits to 11 divisions, providing mentoring, support, and professional in-service training seminars for children's ministries directors in more than 30 countries. Besides equipping the adults, training is given also to children to involve them in witnessing, prayer, preaching, and outreach to the community. Children attend the Young Preachers' Club, Children's Small Groups, Children's Congress, and other service projects in the community.

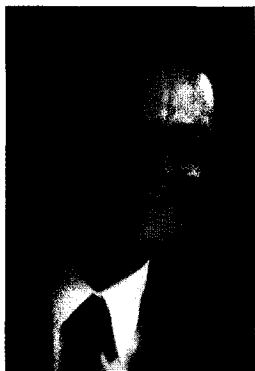
One of the challenges we face in children's ministries is to continue to inspire and motivate all churches to rediscover the importance of children. Let's face it: building tomorrow's church begins with today's children!



A young participant at the 2000 General Conference in Toronto

### Leadership Certification

One of the greatest needs of the department is the training of children's leaders. As children's ministries leaders on the various levels of the church are changed whenever a constituency meeting occurs, a cry for training has rung out so that we can empower these new leaders. Therefore, a leadership certification program was organized to meet this need. This certification program is composed of nine courses, and aims to train children's



**Benjamin Schoun**  
President

# Adventist World Radio

**H**e sat down to write the letter, not knowing if his government would ever let it leave the country. He addressed it to the *Voice of Hope*, the name of the broadcast Adventist World Radio transmits into his country. His words were simple and direct:

"I'm a faithful listener to the *Voice of Hope*. Every night, about 50 people in my village get together to listen to your radio program. Because we live in the remote mountainous area and are isolated from the outside, we have very few resources to advance our Bible knowledge. Your radio programs provide an in-depth explanation of the Word. The question marks in our minds are erased one by one. We see the mighty power of God through you."

Despite the variety of communication methods available throughout the world today, there are still places that are almost impossible for the Adventist Church to reach—places where missionaries may not enter and pastors are unable to establish churches.

Radio, however, can carry the gospel message. That is the mission of Adventist World Radio: to broadcast the Adventist hope in Christ to the hardest-to-reach people groups of the world in their own languages.

AWR has served as the mission radio arm of the church since its first broadcast in 1971. Since then, the ministry has grown to more than 60 languages, which reach 70 percent of the world through shortwave radio,

AM and FM stations, and satellite. In addition, programs available on the Internet are able to be heard anywhere in the world.

## **A Unique Ministry**

Several aspects of AWR's ministry make it unique.

**1. Programs created by local people**—The majority of programs that AWR broadcasts are produced in studios operated by union conferences. The producers are native speakers of the local languages, who understand their target audiences and cultural idioms.

**2. Partnership with other church organizations**—AWR exists to serve the various organizations of the church in their soul-winning outreach. AWR makes it possible for church entities to enter new areas and reach wider audiences. Listeners respond to the local studios, which are linked to Bible schools. Where possible, local churches follow up with visitation.

**3. Use of shortwave radio**—Shortwave is the most widely heard broadcast vehicle in the world. Unlike AM or FM radio waves, the signals can travel for thousands of miles, enabling AWR to reach into countries that are closed to religious broadcasts in local media. More than 2.5 billion people tune in to shortwave radio on a regular basis.

**4. Priority on the 10/40 window**—Of the 6.2 billion people in the world, 4.2 billion live in the 10/40 window. This area is also the place where there are the fewest Christians, and it is our

greatest mission challenge today. AWR places a priority on broadcasting to people groups that are difficult to reach in other ways.

**5. Programming for a non-Christian audience**—For many listeners, an AWR program is the first time they have heard about God's love. Producers use many approaches to create programs that meet listeners' needs, from health discussions and family life features to Bible studies and locally recorded music. This listener in the Middle East wrote:

"I am a 15-year-old girl. I bought a Bible, and I started to browse through it to understand Christianity. When I discovered your station, I felt very happy because it answered most of my questions and has become a guide for me. I hope that you will continue guiding us."

## **Growth and Change**

In the five years since the 2000 General Conference session, AWR has met challenges and celebrated progress.

- Eighteen new languages have been added to the broadcast schedule. Ten new languages are scheduled to begin airing in 2005.

- In 2001 an initial disappointment changed to renewed faith in God's leading. AWR had planned to build a shortwave radio "superstation" in Italy to cover a significant portion of the 10/40 window. The project had received generous church and member support and reached the ground-breaking stage, when local residents sud-



denly voted to restrict the height of the antennas, rendering the future facility insufficient for shortwave broadcasting. As AWR began to regroup from this discouraging turn of events, an unexpected opportunity arose to lease airtime on government-owned transmitters in the United Arab Emirates. This move proved highly beneficial, as the UAE transmitters provided superior coverage and did not require the expense of maintaining a private station.

- The role of the operations center at AWR's facility in England was greatly expanded in 2002 to provide satellite feeds not only to the European region, but also to the Asian and African regions.

- The African region staff moved from Nairobi, Kenya, to new offices in Johannesburg, South Africa. In the Asia/Pacific region, the office was relocated from Seoul, South Korea, to Singapore to provide a more central location in relation to local studios.

- In 2003 AWR traded a transmitter to Radio Netherlands in exchange for airtime at their station on the

Caribbean island of Bonaire. This enables AWR to broadcast Spanish programming into Cuba.

- AWR operations in the Americas region were reorganized in 2004 and merged with the Adventist Media Center in Brazil. AWR's highly popular



India bicycles project

live call-in program *Open Clinic* was moved from Costa Rica to an AWR studio in Puerto Rico.

- The English Language Service in the United Kingdom, in operation since 1994, was transformed from a centralized model to a regional one at the end of 2004. The production of English lan-

guage programs will be continued in Africa and Asia by local producers to better meet local needs.

- In early 2005 AWR celebrated the completion of a four-year modernization project at its shortwave station on the Pacific island of Guam. The upgrades include five new transmitters and corresponding control system, an erosion control project, building renovations, and a large new generator. These improvements are helping to ensure that the station can provide the most reliable broadcast service possible.

### Plans for Progress

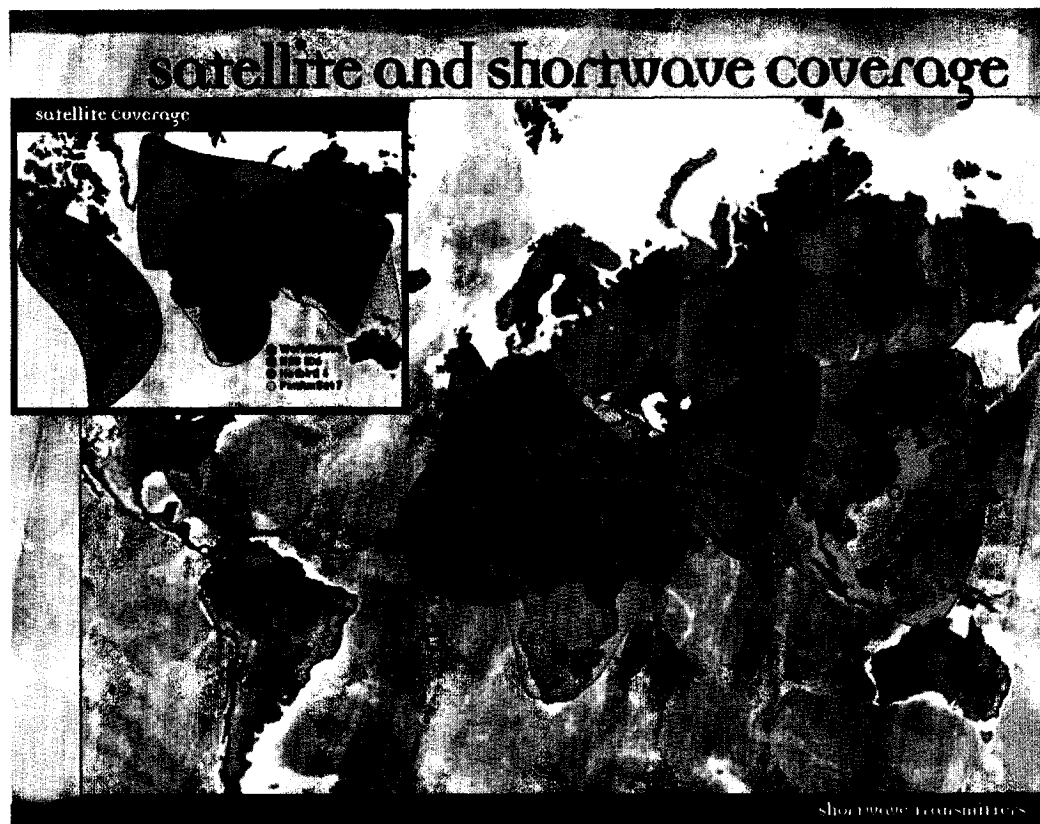
Adventist World Radio is poised and ready to advance its outreach more widely to the people groups that are its highest priority.

One of AWR's goals during the next five years is to increase the attractiveness and effectiveness of the programs made for special groups. This is called contextualization, and AWR plans to help producers prepare programs that are appropriate for Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, animists, atheists/secularists, and those who hold other widespread ideologies.

AWR also wants to encourage greater integration of its radio ministry with other ministries of the church. This involves adequate follow-up of listeners, more resources in local languages, and better coordination with Global Mission Pioneers and other workers.

The age of missions is not past, and the work that AWR does is still essential.

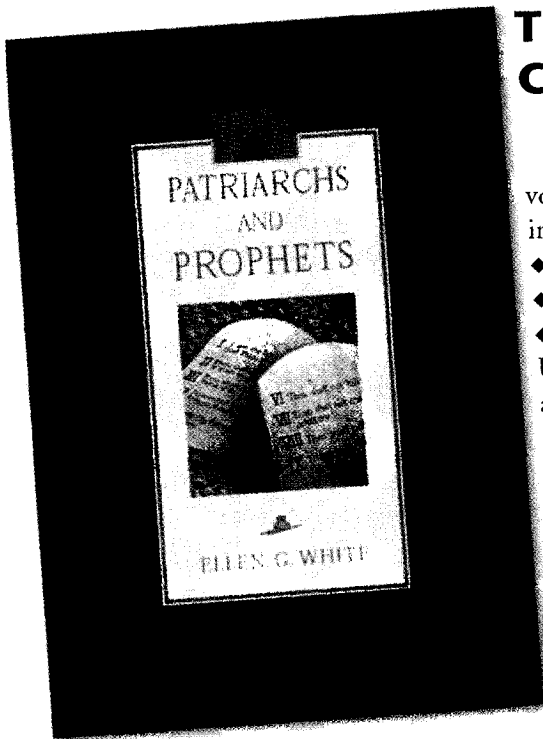
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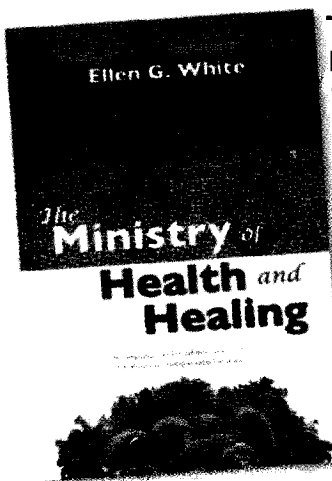


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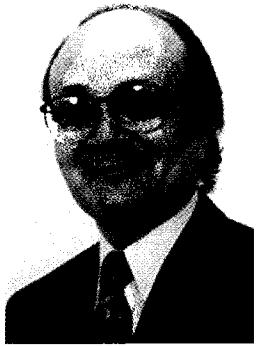
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# Biblical Research Institute

**T**he Biblical Research Institute (BRI) is a service department of the General Conference. It consists of a group of biblical scholars whose main functions are to: (1) be consultants to church administrators and leaders on theological and doctrinal issues facing the church; (2) develop and distribute biblical and theological studies that contribute to a better understanding and a deepening of Adventist doctrines, theology, and lifestyle; and (3) prepare responses to critics of the message and mission of the church.

In the fulfillment of their responsibilities, these scholars are assisted by the BRI committee, composed of 40 theologians from around the world and a number of General Conference church leaders. It meets twice a year.

The BRI staff is selected from among Adventist scholars whose theological training and professional experience as church workers qualify them to provide professional, balanced, and appropriate counsel. At present it consists of four scholars whose different fields of expertise cover a broad variety of theological areas: Angel Manuel Rodríguez, director, specialist in Old Testament; Kwabena Donkor, systematic theology; Ekkehardt Mueller, New Testament and hermeneutics; and Gerhard Pfandl, Old Testament and ancient Near Eastern archaeology. They are supported by two other staff members, Brenda Flemmer, administrative assistant, and Marlene Bacchus, desktop computer specialist.

The staff has produced books on relevant issues for the church (*Tradition, Method, and Contemporary Protestant Theology*, Kwabena Donkor; *Come Boldly to the Throne of God: Sanctuary Themes in Hebrews*, Ekkehardt Mueller; *Daniel: The Seer of Babylon*, Gerhard Pfandl; *Future Glory*, Angel M. Rodríguez).

Materials are also prepared to counteract groups with a particular theological or doctrinal agenda within the church. The written responses are distributed as shelf documents wherever they may be needed. Often the institute reviews materials produced by different church departments intended for publication. Suggestions are given to clarify and strengthen their content, in order better to express Adventist thought.

Another service mainly offered to ministerial staffs is planning and carrying out Bible conferences for divisions and unions. Besides this, the institute is very often involved in ministerial councils and workers meetings, giving seminars on subjects of doctrinal and theological interest for church workers, and reaffirming the message and mission of the church.

Every year staff members teach courses in one or more Adventist seminaries around the world at the request of the local administrators (e.g., South America, Philippines, Germany, Russia, Korea). This serves the purpose of sharing the result of research with those in ministerial formation, contributing to the enrichment of theological thinking in the world church.

Through the Institute, the General Conference maintains contact with theologians serving in our institutions of higher education from around the world and provides opportunity for theological exchange among Bible teachers and theologians. This has been achieved through several theological symposiums held in different divisions.

The Web site of the Biblical Research Institute provides information on a variety of topics. On the Web site interested people may access the full text of many shelf documents and a significant number of answers to Bible questions. There is also information about books prepared and edited by the staff.\*

The BRI newsletter (*Reflections*) is published four times a year and seeks to share information concerning doctrinal and theological developments among Adventists, and to foster doctrinal and theological unity in the world church. Its intended audience is church administrators, church leaders, pastors, and teachers. Because of its specific function, the newsletter is not displayed on the BRI Web page. Adventist church elders who are interested in obtaining it are advised to approach their pastors or conference leaders.

The BRI will continue to serve the world church as a support ministry, integrating biblical-theological thinking to the message and mission of the church.

\*The Web site is [biblicalresearch.gc.adventist.org](http://biblicalresearch.gc.adventist.org).



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*Director*

# Health Ministries Department

**T**his is a time to rejoice, to celebrate, and to give thanks. Come with us and take a peek at the work being done around the world in the sphere of health.

At the General Conference we have a health ministries team made up of the writer, Kathleen Kuntaraf, Peter Landless, and Stoy Proctor, and our office assistants, Beth Pettit, Shirley Rowley, Farida Sabot, and Laura Sanchez. This team is supported by the unpaid but valuable associates: Tom Zirkle, a Loma Linda plastic surgeon; Pat Jones, Loma Linda professor of international nursing; Quintes Nicola, associate for dental affairs; John Eaton, associate for ophthalmic affairs; and consultant associates Joyce Hopp, Patricia Johnston, and Richard Hart, all from Loma Linda. Two special assistants, Gary Hopkins and Rob Johnson, complete the team.

Hardworking though the General Conference team may be, it is in the field that the miracles occur.

Early in the quinquennium, a 12-part series on health was prepared, and using the acronym CELEBRATIONS, we introduced this package around the world. We felt this series would be useful as lectures, as a health expo, or even a series of lessons. The Lord took this humble offering and multiplied it. In Russia they are on the second printing of 200,000 sets of the CELEBRATIONS lessons, using them as a correspondence health series. In the Philippines government leaders were so impressed with CELEBRATIONS

that they asked if it could be used as a government lifestyle program. Now they pay to train our pastors in CELEBRATIONS and then certify them with a government certificate that opens the doors for our pastors in places that previously barred them.

CELEBRATIONS is used in Inter-America, translated into French and Spanish. Laypeople all around the world find that the easy PowerPoint program, available on a CD, neatly encapsulates the Adventist health message.

Our team has held "Quest for Quality" meetings for health professionals in four divisions. Partnering with Adventist Risk Management and volunteers from Loma Linda, the health team has highlighted the role of health professionals as preachers without pulpits.

Young people have found the Lord as Kathleen Kuntaraf, along with the General Conference Youth Ministries, Education, and Family Ministries departmental staffs, has trained many in the Youth Alive program. The group has visited and trained in the islands of the Caribbean, Asia, and even in Mongolia. It is thrilling to hear that 40 were baptized in Mongolia the first year after the Youth Alive meeting.

Health Ministries has joined with evangelists in several evangelistic campaigns, and CELEBRATIONS always attracts the attention of the crowd. Pastors and their wives have been trained to do Breathe Free, Birthing Companions, and stress-control pro-

grams, and to participate in HIV/AIDS ministries. In Romania, Indonesia, and the Philippines, hundreds of pastors' wives have learned how to be birthing supporters to the younger women having babies in the Birthing Companions course. Every division (13) has had a health advisory, where the leaders have joined together in planning and creating health ministry initiatives.

One important development has been the setting up of an office in Africa to coordinate and activate the church in its HIV/AIDS ministry. Oscar Giordano and his wife, Eugenia, are setting up curricula for schools and colleges and training laity to be health supporters in local churches. In this ministry thrilling stories of triumph over disaster warm the heart. Major HIV/AIDS conferences organized by ADRA have been held in Harare and Nairobi, where health ministry leaders have rallied the church to heed the call for help. The World Health Organization (WHO) invited the Adventist Church to be partners in their "3 by 5" program, which calls for three million to receive treatment during 2005. All divisions have been open to this participation.

Isolated mission hospitals have been drawn into new health-care systems. This quinquennium has seen the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, the East-Central Africa Division, and the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division create new health systems. Loma Linda has provided invaluable assistance as an undergirding educa-

tional infrastructure, and Adventist Health International has worked to provide guidance in management and governance to many faltering institutions. Bill Robertson and his Adventist Health System have provided funding for an EBSCO library that permits mission institutions and schools of

nursing access to a full-text library of 300 journals. Griggs University has come to the table with plans to give credits for registered nurse training in a program that permits nursing schools to include general education credits so their graduates can obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies. The Health Ministries Department has acted as a catalyst for change in all these activities.

The General Conference Nutrition Council, led by Stoy Proctor, meets regularly. They are currently revising the vegetarian food pyramid to take into account the latest national recommendations. Two outstanding international conferences on vegetarian nutrition have been held in Manila and Tokyo. Stoy Proctor went to Greece, Georgia (in Eastern Europe), and the Philippines to train others how to conduct stop-smoking programs. In the Philippines, the government has accepted Breathe Free as its official program. Stoy Proctor and Kiti Freier trained the government health officials in the details of the program.

Samuel Young walked into my office to talk about hospitals. The discussion drifted to the need



**Health professionals pose outside the headquarters of the southern Asia-Pacific Division during a health advisory.**

in the Euro-Asia Division for more health training. After a couple of phone calls to Loma Linda, Pat Johnson prepared a proposal for the Chan Shun Foundation. They agreed to fund the major portion of an M.P.H. program for the Euro-Asia Division. James Kyle, the new dean at Loma Linda, now has this M.P.H. program well under way. The Lord provides so many blessings!

Peter Landless has moved ahead in the area of temperance. Holding an International Conference first in the Washington, D.C., area, he has worked internationally in collaboration with the health ministries team to stimulate

event next year.

Gary Hopkins heads the Institute for the Prevention of Addictions (IPA). With his colleagues, he has researched the factors impacting our youth and the risks that beleaguer them.

Throughout the world there is a renewed interest in health. In Europe, Adventists are setting up health clubs, and dozens are flourishing in Slovakia. The South Pacific Division has started a program called "Taking Charge of Your Health," and it is attracting new members to the church.

In South America, our mission hospital program provides much-needed

help to large populations. The medical school in Argentina trains young people for health ministries. A new dental school in Montemorelos is training its first class. Adventist University of the Philippines has opened a School of Dentistry.

The Adventist Health Study at Loma Linda is seeking North American Adventists to enroll. Have you done so? We all have a part to play. Why not have every member a medical missionary? What a joy!

The Adventist vision of health is a blessing to the world.



**A no-tobacco rally on the streets of the Philippines**



**James R. Nix**  
Director

# The Ellen G. White Estate

Since Ellen White's death in 1915, the church's membership has grown from 130,000 members to more than 13 million. In her will, Mrs. White provided for the ongoing use of her writings by establishing a self-perpetuating board of trustees to oversee her literary estate. In 1907 she wrote, "Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last."\*

Ellen White's will designated several responsibilities for her board: (1) protect the copyrights to her books; (2) promote her books in the English language; (3) prepare compilations from her writings; (4) promote the translation and publication of her books in non-English languages; and (5) preserve her original letters and manuscripts. More recently, other responsibilities have been added: (1) provide guides for groups visiting historic Adventist sites in New England and elsewhere; (2) promote the denomination's heritage on behalf of the General Conference; and (3) be the constituency for Adventist Heritage Ministry.

**Branch Offices and Research Centers.** As part of its effort to make Ellen White's writings accessible to church members around the world, the White Estate operates branch offices in the United States at Andrews University, Loma Linda University, and Oakwood College. In addition, Ellen G. White-SDA research centers are operated in each of the world divisions.

Subsequently, the Inter-American Division decided to fund a second center that opened in 2003 in Jamaica. In 2004 the first university-funded Research Center opened at Southwestern Adventist University in Texas.

**New Books.** During this quinquennium, *Prayer, Heaven*, and the 2005 morning devotional, *To Be Like Jesus*, were published. In addition, *The Ministry of Health and Healing*, a contemporary English version of *The Ministry of Healing*, was produced.

**Youth Initiatives.** In addition to a video and brochures, two paraphrased books specifically for young adults were released: *A Call to Stand Apart* and *Messiah*, the latter being a paraphrase of *The Desire of Ages*.

**Translations.** The White Estate works closely with the Spirit of Prophecy Committee of the General Conference to foster translations of Ellen G. White books. In 2005 *Steps to Christ* crossed the 150 mark in terms of languages into which it has been translated. The White Estate is also working closely with the General Conference to produce an affordable set of 10 Ellen G. White books in the major languages of the church's membership.

**World Ministry.** During the quinquennium, White Estate staff held workshops or other meetings in all of the church's world divisions. A year-long special price on the estate's CD-ROM products was also offered pastors and teachers around the world.

**Electronic Products.** Besides the four CD-ROM products previously available from the White Estate, sev-

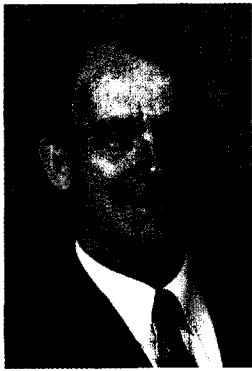
eral Ellen G. White Books were made available on its Web site: [www.whiteestate.org](http://www.whiteestate.org). Likewise, enhancements were made to the EGW online database, allowing free searches of Ellen G. White books. More recently, a Macintosh version of the estate's CD-ROM was released.

**Ongoing Projects.** The work of annotating all of Ellen White's unpublished letters and manuscripts was started in 2003, with the goal of publishing the first volume in late 2005. It will cover the years 1845 to 1859. Subsequent volumes will appear as they are ready. Work also is progressing on a CD-ROM designed specifically for children, under the working title *Legacy-Kids*, and on a manuscript containing Ellen White's counsels regarding urban ministry.

**Adventist Heritage Ministry.** Several projects were undertaken in Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, this quinquennium. The village annually hosts nearly 10,000 visitors. In 2004 the North American Division Executive Committee members spent the Sabbath preceding their year-end meeting there.

**Keeping the Vision Alive.** The traveling and support staff of the White Estate are committed to "keeping the vision alive." As the church moves forward on its prophetic end-time assignment, the White Estate will continue to call attention to the inspired counsels found in the writings of Ellen G. White.

\*Selected Messages, book 1, p. 55.



**Mike Ryan**  
*Director*

# Global Mission: Reaching the Unreached With Hope

**G**lobal Mission pioneer Kasamong Khiang was surprised to see at his door Choif Ong, a troublemaker and hater of Christians. Because of his cruel actions, nine Adventists had fled their homes in fear for their lives.

Six months later he stood at Kasamong's door with his sick 10-year-old son in his arms. He had sacrificed animals and pleaded with his gods, with no result. Now, desperate to save his son, he stood at the door of one he had once persecuted.

Kasamong saw the fear in Choif's eyes and forgot the past. He prayed for Choif's son, then went to the market and bought medicine with his own money. God's love shining through Kasamong began to work on Choif's heart. His son was healed and his hatred broken. Choif opened his heart to Jesus, and today his son attends the Adventist church school.

The exciting story of Global Mission is made up of thousands of stories such as this.

## **Global Strategy**

In the late 1980s church leaders analyzed areas of the world where the church had grown slowly or not at all. They proposed a global strategy to concentrate their efforts and find new methods of sharing the gospel there.

In response, Global Mission was created in 1990 with a mandate to establish a Seventh-day Adventist presence in every population segment of 1 million. In 1990, with a world

population of 5.3 billion people, Global Mission identified 5,300 population segments of 1 million. Of these, 2,300 had no Adventist presence.

Global Mission soon recognized one of the greatest challenges was to an area known as the 10/40 window. This imaginary rectangle stretches from North Africa, through the Middle East into Asia. More than 60 percent of the world's population lives in the 10/40 window. Of these very few, less than 12 percent are Christians; and less than 1 percent are Adventists.

What about those population segments? By the beginning of 2004, world population had increased, and the number of population segments of 1 million had increased to 6,300. Seventh-day Adventists have carried the gospel to 5,827 of these. Only 473 do not have an Adventist presence.

## **Global Mission Pioneers**

Since 1993, thousands of Global Mission Pioneers have ventured into areas with no Adventist presence to plant new groups of believers. These dedicated laypeople:

- volunteer at least a year to establish a new congregation
- live and work within their own cultures
- establish new groups of believers
- understand the culture, speak the local language
- receive a small living stipend

Today tens of thousands of Global Mission Pioneers are working around the world, sharing Jesus on the cutting edge of Adventist mission.

## **Study Centers**

Global Mission study centers focus on building bridges of understanding with other world religions and finding creative methods and materials to share the gospel. The original study centers, Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, and Jewish, were joined recently by the Center for Secular/Postmodern Mission in recognition of the increasing challenge of reaching the secular West. Last year the center created a Web site, [www.secularpostmodern.org](http://www.secularpostmodern.org), to serve as a resource for those working with secular/postmodern ministry.

## **The Challenge and the Vision**

In the 15 years since Global Mission was established, the Adventist Church has grown rapidly. In 1990 it took on average nearly 10 hours to establish a new group of believers. In 2000 it took just over an hour. More than 24,000 new congregations and companies have been added to the church. Most of these were established by Global Mission Pioneers working in cooperation with other church departments and organizations. In 1992 a new member was added to the church every 80 seconds. By 2003 a new member was added every 32 seconds.

Despite this rapid growth, the challenge of Global Mission remains. Today millions still have not had the opportunity to hear the good news of salvation. Millions have not accepted Jesus into their hearts. We cannot rest until every person in the world has heard the good news about Jesus.



**John M. Fowler**  
Associate Director

# Education Department

**W**hen the south Indian city of Madurai wakes up on any weekday, two sights cannot but grip a visitor for their grandeur and their abiding search. Even before dawn, hundreds of women, freshly bathed and draped in clean saris, with long wet hair swinging down their spine, march toward the center of the city. A few hours after the dawn, some 6,000 young people, ranging from 5 to 18, dressed in smart gray uniforms and blue ties with “SDA” on them, leave their homes for one of five schools scattered around the city. The first group, the women, seeks to worship a goddess whose history and fame is as ancient as that of Diana of Ephesus. The second group, the students, flock to schools—to learn, to discover, to study, to search—not just the way of the academic, but to find the “more excellent way,” *the why, the what, and the wherefore of life.*

Life—its meaning, purpose, and destiny—may seem elusive to so many, so often. But to these students in Madurai and to a million more around the world, life becomes a challenge—to live, to be mastered, and to make it useful for both now and eternity, for both their home and their community, for both their country and the world. That’s what Seventh-day Adventist education is all about: *to let the Word be the light of the way.*

Assisting in this process are some 70,000 teachers in 5,300 primary schools, 1,320 secondary schools, and

more than 100 colleges and universities. Adventist educational institutions are scattered around the globe, from Moscow to Melbourne, from Hong Kong to Honolulu. The variety of institutions ranges from the pinnacle of science and medicine (Loma Linda University) to probing the depths of God’s self-disclosure (the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University) to teaching “Jesus loves me! this I know” to tiny tots in tiny villages.

“Something better” has always been the watchword of Adventist education. The guiding philosophy of Adventist education is wholistic development of the individual in physical, mental, social, and spiritual dimensions. This is no theory, but is ingrained in every curriculum, written on every chalkboard, and impressed upon every heart.

Leaving all the convenience and the excellent educational sources of Nairobi, Kyavu chose to study in the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, a rural center. Why did this non-Christian young man choose an Adventist university when he could have been in the finest and most comfortable learning center in Kenya? His answer is simple: Baraton is known for building people, without neglecting academic excellence. “I want my mind to grow,” says Kyavu, “my body to be clean and strong, and my soul to be on the right track.” **Call it the wholistic grounding.**

South Korea’s Sahmyook University and College continue to dominate the educational map of that country.

Enrollment for 2004 crossed the 6,200 mark in 25 departments. The university’s 155 full-time professors, assisted by 180 staff members and 400 part-time faculty, are committed to imparting an education that excels in academics and integrates learning with faith. A feature of the university is its high intake of non-Adventist students at the beginning of the college year. Last year, 1,700 of the 2,000 freshmen were non-Adventists. But the university faculty and Adventist students are committed to turning every dorm room and every class appointment into a mission field. Witnessing, sharing, just being friendly, bringing a friend to Sabbath school—and every other conceivable approach—led to 900 baptisms at the end of the college year. Matthew 28:19 is still the binding focus of Adventist education—not just in Seoul, but also in every great and small center of Adventist learning. **Call it the reach-out dimension.**

Southern Asia-Pacific Division has perhaps the highest number of educational institutions in the world. The church has an educational program in all the 17 countries of the division, with the total being 1,000 institutions, 5,000 teachers, and more than 100,000 students. The division has 15 colleges, including the prestigious AIAS (Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies), an international university of renown, and Adventist University of the Philippines, a pioneering institution still breaking new ground, the latest being a College of Dentistry.



But the singular point that marks the educational institutions of this division is soul winning and church growth. In this vital field of outreach, inreach, and nurture, it is the students who lead. Stand on a Sabbath morning outside Mountain View College in the southern Philippines, and the sight is simply moving. Hundreds of young people go out in jeeps—that country's mass (and cheap) transit—to tens of villages within a radius of about 40 miles, to care for a church, to conduct a Sabbath school, or to try out an evangelistic outreach. Call it **nurture in action.**

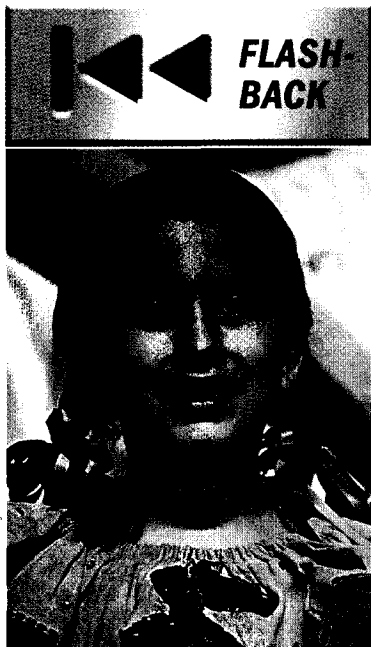


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**TOOTHLESS IN TORONTO:** This young visitor from the Inter-American Division captured the SkyDome audience with her colorful costume and childish charm.

and Africa to establish a nursing school or to spread the good news of public health or to give a helping hand in founding a college of dentistry, even as they fixed a baby's heart or brought nuclear power to crush a devastating cancer cell. Andrews University continues to be on the cutting edge of missions—in providing leadership to colleges abroad, in training the best of leadership that will keep the flag of Adventist faith flying high all over the globe. The North American Division Education Department has chartered a

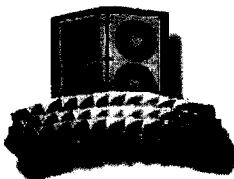
Journey to Excellence, a dynamic new K-12 curriculum and professional development program. Call it the **global service dynamic.**

The journey that began with Martha Byington, teacher of the first Adventist elementary school (1853), and had its philosophic and theological moorings in Ellen White's writing is still a call and a march. It is a call in South America, where governments and the public see in Adventist education something new, something transforming. It is a march in Europe, where it has to establish its credentials among ancient traditionalists and modern secularists. It is a call to keep the flag of Adventism flying in Africa as well as Australia and in the thousand islands washed by the sea. But the most beautiful sea of it all—the sea of glass—is the goal toward which Adventist education is focusing so that all those who pass through its influence may one day be found on the beach of that mysterious sea of the future.

Just a few years ago Helderberg College in South Africa was like the city of Athens before the Pentecostal converts and Barnabas entered. The college reflected the culture of the country—racially exclusive, divisive in its functioning, although hoping for oneness someday. But today the college is an oasis of unity where Black and White, poor and rich, rural and urban can sit side by side to learn of science and math and at the same time to drink of the water of life freely from a common fountain, cleansed by the blood that was shed 2,000 years ago. Call it a **liberating and uniting education.**

The division in which Adventism was born and Adventist education found its rooting is ever on the high road of excellence. That mark of Christian achievement and service is noted not just in academic heights, but on the road to Jericho as well as at the well of Samaria. Loma Linda University's good Samaritans rushed to Afghanistan to provide much-needed medical education and health ministry, to Adventist colleges in Asia

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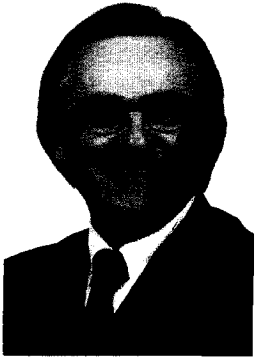
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# Communication Department

**T**he common, unchangeable aspect of our lives is change itself. This touches the way we live and affect life, the way we worship and witness to our faith, and the way we communicate. Seventh-day Adventists are no exception in this regard.

The mission statement of the Communication Department is: *Building bridges of hope.*<sup>1</sup> To make it happen, we endeavored to reach the diverse church audiences with an open and responsible communication program, including effective use of contemporary communication technologies.

Activities of the department are an expression of the overall world church communication strategy<sup>2</sup>: *Seventh-day Adventists will communicate hope by focusing on the quality of life that is complete in Christ.*

Adventists are not newcomers to the world of communication. In 1912 the church pioneered press relations. The religious communication pages include Adventists as pioneers in broadcasting (H.M.S. Richards, William Fagal, and George Vandeman). Eleven years ago Adventists successfully utilized modern communication technologies in mission, beginning with the CompuServe forum. Then came the Internet and thousands of Web pages for local churches, institutions, and missionary endeavors. Add satellite broadcasts with NET programs, distance learning, church business session uplinks, and mission stories that today can be

watched on TV at home and on thousands of downlink sites on all continents.

The challenge, however, rests not on being effective in creating workable systems (though resources are always an issue to tackle) and using state-of-the-art hardware; the challenge has been—and continues to be—to present the content of the message in attractive, user-friendly, compelling, and persuasive ways.

Today the department has nine staff members and looks after the following basic functions: news and information, public relations, media relations and media productions, crisis communication, and online services. It also coordinates the activities of the Adventist News Network (ANN) news agency, and facilitates the church's Web page on [www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org) that in 2004 received a new look and changed the church's window for the world.

Adventist News Network<sup>3</sup> reports that a total of more than 1,500 news items are written, edited, and distributed globally each week. These stories have been picked up throughout the Adventist Church family. Hundreds of church Web sites link to ANN dispatches via "syndication," and display the stories to their constituencies. For 16 months ANN also produced, in cooperation with Adventist Television Network, a weekly newscast, *Adventist NewsLine*. The program is envisioned to continue as a weekly feature on the church's Hope Channel.<sup>4</sup>

Among the most challenging developments in the past few years was an

international effort to harness the potential for evangelism through the Internet.<sup>5</sup> A Global Internet Evangelism Network (GIEN) was born as an initiative of the Council on Evangelism and Witness, with the support of the ASI Technology Committee, relying on the lay initiatives of TAGNET and the Sta-online Forum in Germany, which celebrated its tenth anniversary in February 2005. Millions of people are logging in, and the reality of the so-called "10/40 window" offers the church a challenge that must not be missed. GIEN is not a status quo group, one leader says, "new ideas must be put into practice for the benefit of the mission."

Assisting the office of the General Conference president, the department coordinated a global telephone conference with church leaders internationally, as well as three *Let's Talk* live television programs produced with Jan Paulsen in conversation with the church's youth, and promoted world church mission strategies and initiatives, such as the three strategic values (growth, unity, and quality of life), Go One Million, and Sow 1 Billion, among others.

Among the public relations achievements of the quinquennium, the following can be listed: Establishing a contemporary visitors' center<sup>6</sup> at the church's world headquarters, and developing an ongoing program to showcase initiatives and ministries of the church, known as the Gallery Wall in the General Conference Auditorium. The tragic

events of September 11, 2001, presented the church with the need for an unprecedented response. The result was full-page ads placed in the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, and positioning the church as an active and caring community member as the world came together over this tragedy.

A selective view of Adventist communication around the world reveals how the challenges of the day are met, and how effective and responsive we are to the ever-developing technologies and media for the iGeneration.

- *South Pacific region:* *Chasing Utopia* television and DVD series of programs compete with secular mindsets, introducing a positive Christian outlook on everyday commonplace situations; health and lifestyle radio spots are available on 340 stations in Australia; the church's Web site is targeting the community, not church members only; and the church's corporate identity (logo) was enriched to expand the "Adventist brand" to all church institutions, including education and health.

- *North American region:* An annual Christmas television show is produced in partnership with Florida Hospital and broadcast on 150 outlets. Lifelines, a public service of the church, provides practical answers to common health questions through 30- or 60-second spots circulated to more than 1,000 radio stations throughout North America; communication efforts in North America include an active program (society) for Adventist communication professionals; and the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) initiated a SonScreen film festival.

- *Southern Asia-Pacific region:* Proactive communication training in journalism and media is paying off in media coverage; the church has been active in using telephone messaging in mission.

- *South American region:* The church owns 78 radio stations, another 200 stations broadcast programs via satellite from the New Time Radio studios, and more than 2,000 radio stations air *Voice of Prophecy* and *Light*



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**General Conference Communication Department and the staff for *Adventist NewsLine* used a weekly half-hour news telecast for more than a year, the first for the world church.**

on the *Path* programs. In television, the reality is even more surprising, with more than 250 cable stations broadcasting 24/7 programming, in addition to some 100 open TV outlets; more than 400 Web pages are maintained by church members with volunteers producing Internet sites as well; Easter Week evangelism unites local congregations with a national media campaign, and each year the numbers of people receiving the Seventh-day Adventist message in this manner multiplies.

- *Trans-European region:* LifeDevelopment and the Mind the Gap multimedia initiatives, begun in Great Britain, are reaching out to the person on the street in postmodern Europe; Hope Channel programming is viewed on Hotbird TV satellite; in Poland an eBible CD-ROM project was distributed as part of the national computer magazine subscription.

- *Euro-Asia region:* Publishing materials about the Adventist Church



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**Communication Department produced the series *Let's Talk*, in which GC president Jan Paulson met with Adventist youth in three unscripted, live telecasts that were broadcast around the world.**

in public magazines and newspapers, participation in radio and TV programs, and providing information for independent and government Internet sites is a priority for communication specialists in Russia, Ukraine, and other countries of the region; public media is paying much attention to the Adventist Church; since 2000, the Voice of Hope Media Center in Tula, Russia, received a quarter of a million letters from listeners and viewers to Adventist programs.

- *Euro-Africa region:* The use of the Internet in evangelism and making the local community a target audience has been dominating the agenda of St-online Forum in Germany; in Portugal the church went public with a Bible World CD-ROM.

There is more that could be mentioned, beginning with communication initiatives throughout the three African regions, as well as Inter-America, and by the premier church institutions of Loma Linda University, Andrews University, and Oakwood College. All these efforts involved dedicated communication professionals to whom a tribute should be paid.

In the words of Ellen G. White, "The character and importance of our work are judged by the efforts made to bring it before the public."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This statement was recommended and adopted by the world divisions at a world advisory in 2001.

<sup>2</sup> World communication strategy was adopted by the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, 1995.

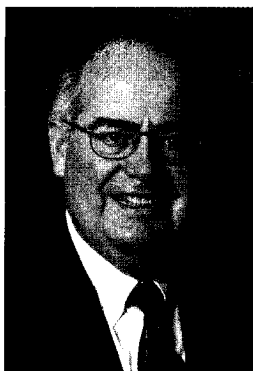
<sup>3</sup> ANN staff: Bettina Krause (until 2003), Mark Kellner, Ansel Oliver (until 2004), Wendi Rogers, Taashi Rowe, and Lynn Friday.

<sup>4</sup> In addition to the ANN staff, the *Adventist NewsLine* personnel included John Banks, Liliana Henao, Julio Munoz, John Torres, Dan Weber, Gary Eldridge, Marcel Eisele, Debbie Marquez, Edson Tanaka, John Beckett, and a group of international correspondents.

<sup>5</sup> Online activities are facilitated by John Banks and John Beckett, the [www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org) Webmaster.

<sup>6</sup> Coordinated by Reger Smith, the center was designed by Edward Samuel. It is a part of the visitors' tour program operated by John Torres. Annually thousands of guests visit the General Conference facility. The center is also equipped to serve as an *Adventist NewsLine* television studio.

<sup>7</sup> Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, p. 128.



**Martin W. Feldbush**  
*Director*

# Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

**W**hen New York's World Trade Center fell on September 11, 2001, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) was there to train pastors in grief ministry. When the first clinical pastoral education training program was needed in South America, Argentinian chaplain Hugo Portal responded. When the formerly Communist Czech Republic opened its correctional systems and military to ministry, union conference leaders authorized the inclusion of Adventist chaplains; in Latvia, leaders installed correctional chaplains.

When the United States Senate selected its new chaplain, Adventist Barry Black was chosen. When a new chaplain was needed at public Kenyatta University, near Nairobi, an Adventist minister was hired. When souls were won from among the prison inmate population in South Africa, Adventist lay chaplain assistants assisted. When the recent Indian Ocean tsunami took its deadly toll, General Conference, division, and union ACM directors worked together to train nearly 200 chaplains and pastors in trauma response and grief ministry.

Throughout the world hundreds of men and women serve in full-time, part-time, or official volunteer chaplain positions; in a number of locations trained chaplain assistants augment their ranks by nearly 1,000. The largest numbers are employed in health-care and educational settings in scores of

countries throughout the world.

Five or six years ago military and correctional chaplains served only in the United States. Since then military chaplains have been added in Canada, the Czech Republic, Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi; correctional chaplains have been added in Canada, the Czech Republic, and Latvia. Together this global force of crisis ministers takes the gospel into places where the church might not otherwise be present—places like death row, emergency rooms, and battlefields, not to mention great centers of learning.

Yearly, many souls are won to Christ and His church, the gospel seed is planted in millions of hearts, and untold goodwill is generated toward the church. In addition, there is the practical benefit of added employment opportunities for ministers with specialized gifts. All of this is done at a very low cost to the church. The church enjoys nearly US\$20 million worth of free ministry each year, based on the fact that the majority of Adventist chaplains are remunerated from nonchurch funds. The funding of ACM offices in the divisions of the General Conference is a cost-effective use of tithe monies.

Providing support for this ministry are ACM leaders at the General Conference and in nearly every division office; some divisions have union leaders as well. Last year Richard O. Stenbakken retired after 12 years as director of the General Conference Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Department. Our division ACM lead-

ers or liaison personnel include: Japheth Agboka (West-Central Africa Division); Jonathan Catolico (Southern Asia-Pacific Division); Joshua Dong Hee Shin (Northern Asia-Pacific Division); Eugene Fransch (Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division); Jochen Hawlitschek (Euro-Africa Division); Anthony Kent (South Pacific Division); Victor Krushenitzky (Euro-Asia Division); Lionel Lyngdoh (Southern Asia Division); Bernardo Rodriguez (Inter-American Division); Tito Rodriguez (South American Division); Orville Woolford (Trans-European Division).

Our General Conference ACM Department also provides services within the North American Division.

ACM is relatively new, having been created as a General Conference service in 1985 and raised to departmental status in 1995. Thus in 2001 we conducted our second world advisory, with delegates representing 10 divisions in attendance at the General Conference headquarters. After several days of program review and strategic planning, we voted many resolutions. Chief among them were several goals: (1) increased development of chaplaincy and student ministries on public university campuses; (2) expansion of leadership development and policy structures for division ACM programs; (3) development of an organized degree or certificate program for chaplain education; (4) additional resources for chaplains and chaplaincy leaders; (5) continuing education for our chaplains in the area of crisis min-

istry and communication skills.

Since 2001 we have made significant strides toward these goals:

- To develop student campus ministry leaders in public universities is being piloted in North America. This plan or similar ones will be implemented in other divisions in partnership with the Education and Youth departments.

- ACM advisories, for planning and leadership development, have been conducted in the Northern Asia-Pacific, East-Central Africa, West-Central Africa, Inter-American, and Southern Asia-Pacific divisions.

- Working with Griggs University, ACM has developed a Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Care, which can later be the specialty track for a Master of Christian Ministry degree.

- ACM continuing education workshops and other educational programs and consultations have been conducted in 28 countries.

- A significant number of resources for chaplains and ACM leaders have been identified and distributed.

I maintain a list of 24 specific services and resources requested by division ACM leaders and developed by our office that cluster in part around these major emphases: (1) recruitment and placement of chaplains committed to Christ and the mission of the church; (2) integrating our chaplains into the mission of the church; (3) developing chaplains who are professionally competent; (4) providing organizational support and resources for chaplains, and (5) creating networking opportunities for fellowship and continued growth among chaplains.

In a sense, ACM is the "trauma ministry" department, helping develop a core of qualified crisis ministers who can respond in the name of the church to events such as the recent Indian Ocean tsunami in Southeast Asia.

This past January I responded to an invitation from Jonathan Catolico, ACM director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, to conduct four pastoral trauma response and grief ministry workshops for nearly 200 chap-

lains and pastors in the tsunami-stricken regions of the division. While ACM equipped Adventist ministers for their work, local Adventist Community Service agencies and ADRA International were also engaged in their relief work, joined later by Loma Linda University's trauma response team. It represented

the best of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and our church—being where the people are, and following Christ's methods of ministry.

Send inquiries about ACM, or the ministry of chaplaincy, to [acm@gc.adventist.org](mailto:acm@gc.adventist.org), or to your division ACM director.



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# Home Study International/ Griggs University

**H**ome Study International/Griggs University (HSI/GU) continues to prove the principle that, with God's help, a modest portion can feed a large need.

The only General Conference educational institution to offer a full spectrum of education, from preschool to graduate studies, Home Study International and its higher education division, Griggs University, specializes in delivering values-based distance education programs to students anywhere in the world. Founded in 1909, Home Study International has made a Christian education possible to more than 325,000 students in 156 countries, regardless of geographical boundaries, political and economic circumstances, time constraints, and work or family commitments.

## **The Quinquennium in Review**

After more than 15 years of leadership, Joseph Gurubatham retired from his position as president of HSI/GU. At the time this report was written, the HSI/GU board had implemented a search process and had planned to have named the new president before the end of the 2004-2005 school year.\* However, the institution remains strong and committed to its mission and strategic goals during the transitional period.

With God's help and with strong support from the General Conference and the board of trustees, HSI/GU reports a five-year period of administrative and financial stability, steady growth, unprecedented expansion in services to the world church; the introduction of

technology-based programs; ongoing curriculum development; and strong marketing activities aimed at specific populations.

Able to draw from the best in Adventist education around the world, HSI/GU's editorial staff has developed 210 courses that reflect some of the best aspects of Adventist education. More than 105 courses were completely revised or added to the curriculum during this period.

In order to meet the needs of an international student body, HSI and GU have maintained appropriate specialized accreditations, authorizations, and recognitions.

## **HSI Programs and Services**

During the past five years, Home Study International has invested many of its resources into adapting its current course offerings to new technology. Currently, 17 high school courses are available online, and by the end of 2005 HSI will offer a complete high school diploma program via the Internet. College courses and programs are also being adapted to an online environment. Currently, six general education courses are available online.

The Alternative Programs for Learning Enrichment (APLE) and Elementary Extension Programs continue to meet the needs of churches, small church schools, and junior and senior academies that find they have a gap in their educational offerings.

For many years HSI has enjoyed a close working relationship with Columbia Union College (CUC). HSI

and CUC have cooperated in pooling their resources to offer, through CUC's external degree program, associate's and bachelor's degrees in several disciplines. Similar partnerships have been forged with Andrews University and Oakwood College.

## **Griggs University**

In 2004 Griggs University received approval from both national and church-related oversight agencies to offer a new master's degree in Christian ministries. The MCM program was designed to meet the needs of the working pastor in areas outside North America where both expense and location make a traditional campus-based program impractical.

A variety of instructional delivery methods are utilized, including intensive seminars, regular classroom instruction, independent study, correspondence courses, online courses, and external examinations.

GU has emerged as an institution that is able to provide solutions to difficult educational problems and deliver educational services rapidly anywhere in the world. Hundreds of students have been able to pursue and complete degree programs in religion, theology, business administration, general studies, and other disciplines.

Through strategic cooperative ventures with such major universities as Howard University (Washington, D.C.), GU is also hoping to serve the needs of the broader community.

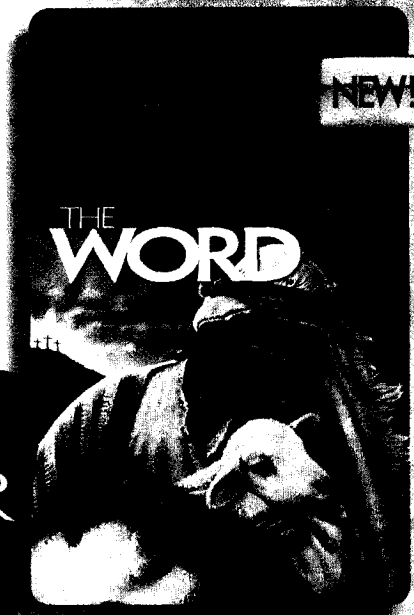
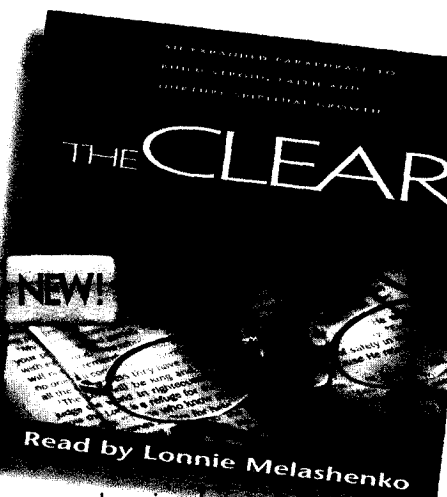
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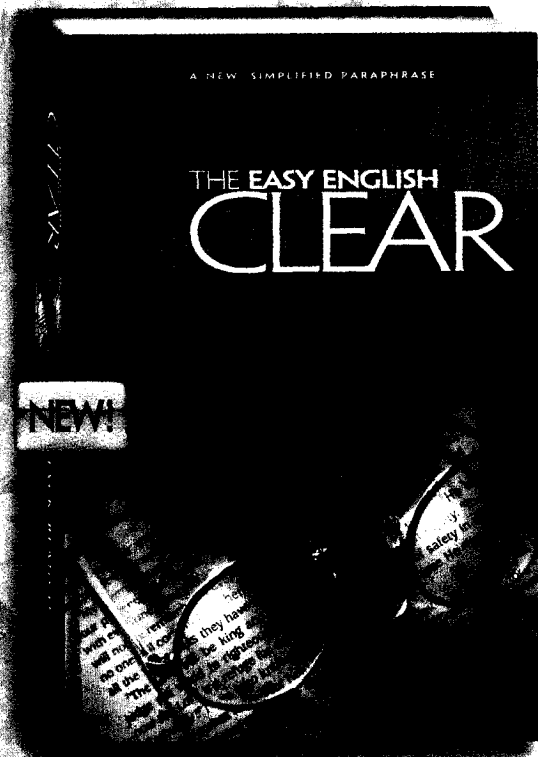
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# Adventist Development and Relief Agency International

**T**he Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA) has experienced explosive growth and massive change in the past two decades, but one abiding principle has remained constant: our unshakable belief that every human can and should be able to achieve their God-given potential to the fullest. One person can make a difference, and they do every day in ADRA's world.

We now live and serve in a very complex world: a world of international politics, profit, and power. A world in which technology often replaces people, and success is measured more by the bottom line than by the number of those who have the dignity of taking home a paycheck. A modern society where computer chat rooms are increasingly replacing community action, and partnerships with the poor are often tainted with self-interest. Nongovernment organizations are not immune to these powerful forces that shape and mold our global culture and sometimes even try to determine the very nature of our mission.

ADRA is an agency that believes in people. It's an agency that still places people at the nonnegotiable center and focus of our mission. Our success is not measured in terms of the amount of food we have delivered or the bricks and mortar we have laid, but rather by the positive and sustainable impact made on individual and community livelihoods as a result of our partner-

ships with them. There can never be a higher fulfillment than that which ennobles the human spirit and brings dignity and justice to those who live at the social margins of our world.

Last year ADRA celebrated its twentieth anniversary. Reaching the milestone of the twentieth anniversary is accomplished by standing on the many stepping-stones of success made by people in our history. It requires an agency with vision and passion. And it requires a staff with tremendous passion, dedication, and a high level of professionalism.

All great accomplishments come at great expense, too. That's true for ADRA every day. The ADRA family has paid and continues to pay great costs for what we do. But our passion keeps us to the task. Which is why we dedicated our twentieth-anniversary commemoration to those most familiar with those costs: those ADRA staff who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of service. We celebrate their life, grieve their absence, and prayerfully remember those who loved them and courageously live on, despite their absence.

Now ADRA is entering our third decade in the face of many challenges and opportunities. But we press on, believing that when history writes the final epitaph on this world, it will be seen that, under God, it is ultimately people who change the world.

## Investing in Potential

Every society has them—the out-cast, marginalized, ill, illiterate, poor,

and hungry. Their state in life results from poverty or lack of opportunity, from being displaced by war, or from being considered an inferior ethnic group or gender. Or more sadly, from our fear or apathy. They're often summarized in statistics that overwhelm us: 37.8 million people are living with HIV and AIDS.<sup>1</sup> One billion people suffer from hunger and malnutrition,<sup>2</sup> and 1.2 billion people earn less than \$1 per day.<sup>3</sup>

The magnitude of these statistics can cast a haze over the faces that each number represents. They can also weaken the belief that the flame of hope has not been snuffed out, that a promising future, while latent, is still achievable.

Despite the statistics or the stigma, the hands of ADRA reach into this world every day. We stoop to raise the downtrodden and stand shoulder to shoulder with millions of men, women, and children until their hope is reborn and their dreams are realized.

Recognizing the dignity that is inherent in every human being, ADRA is committed to improving the quality of human life by unleashing possibilities, building capacity, unveiling dignity, and nurturing the promise we see in each life.

Simply put, ADRA is investing in potential. We say "investing" because it involves allocating energy, time, and resources in something we believe to be of value. We see investing as a commitment that we're in it for the long haul.

Last year we celebrated 20 years of



*Changing the World, One Life at a Time.* We celebrate this milestone with grateful recognition for our donors who also have invested in the promise and value in the lives ADRA expends itself to reach and empower.

If you have been with us during this 20-year journey, we thank you for strengthening us. If you are new to ADRA's work, we invite your partnership in our continued work . . . investing in potential.

### ADRA's Five Core Portfolios

Through five core portfolios, ADRA is investing in potential of millions of men, women, and children worldwide each year.

- Food Security

A father longs to feed his family. A mother spends her day searching for food for her children. A hungry family survived a disaster with just the clothes on their back. In emergencies, ADRA brings immediate food aid until a family can return home or meet their own needs. For long-term solutions, ADRA trains farmers in new techniques and puts seeds and tools in their eager hands, enabling them to meet the nutritional needs of their family.

- Primary Health

Knowledge is power, and ADRA is devoted to empowering people to make healthy lifestyle decisions to reduce the risk of HIV and AIDS.



**ADRA met Rosemary Phiri (pictured), a farmer with almost four acres of poorly performing farmland. A widow with 14 children, she found that food was very scarce. Rosemary attended ADRA/Zambia's class to learn improved farming techniques. Now she is able to feed her family, sell surplus crops, and uses the income to send her children to school.**

ADRA expends itself to teach the importance of immunizations, breastfeeding, proper hygiene, and sanitation, and promotes a tobacco-free lifestyle so individuals can have healthy futures.

- Economic Development

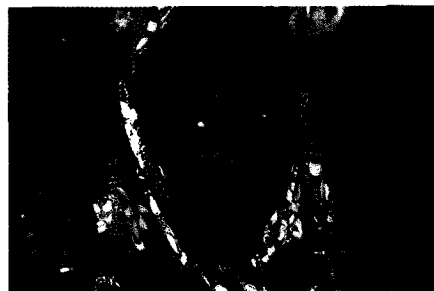


**In Somboro village, on Nggatokae Island in the Solomon Islands, villagers suffered from poor health because of unclean water. ADRA partnered with the villagers to provide a gravity-fed water system, and the health of the village improved dramatically.**

Just a small investment by ADRA to create a community bank that provides microcredit to women is often all it takes to unleash the dreams of many women and their families. Along with a small loan, ADRA provides business skills, literacy, and numeracy training so women can start or expand businesses that enable them to provide for the needs of their family.

- Disaster Preparedness and Response

Many times they've lost everything they own. They're displaced—no



**More than 16 years ago, ADRA met a group of women in Mymensingh, Bangladesh. ADRA formed a women's group and provided the group with capital to receive loans. Today that group is still helping women such as Nasma Begum (pictured) to earn an income to meet the needs of her family.**

home, no food, no clothing. They're courageous survivors of war, hurricanes, droughts, or other disasters. ADRA quickly responds, providing medical aid, shelter, food, and clothing. ADRA also seeks to protect the fragile futures of communities by having disaster preparedness plans in place to minimize the effects if a disaster should strike.

- Basic Education

Recognizing that education is the key to breaking the poverty cycle, ADRA has launched education initiatives for children, vocational training for orphans and other vulnerable children, and literacy training for adults denied an education in their youth.



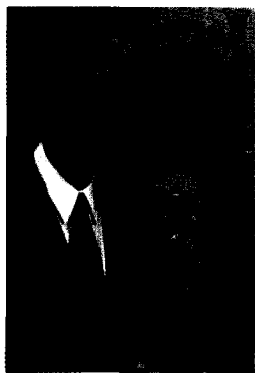
**ADRA provided immediate relief to thousands who survived the Asian tsunami. In Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and India survivors were provided food, water, clothing, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, and more. Once the situation stabilized, ADRA shifted its response to rehabilitating and rebuilding devastated communities. The rehabilitation process will continue for years.**

These programs unlock a world of opportunity, a future with hope for success.

<sup>1</sup>UNAIDS, 2004 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic, July 2004. (Figures are 2003 estimates.)

<sup>2</sup>www.thehungersite.com.

<sup>3</sup>Human Development Report 2003, Millennium Development Goals: A Compact Among Nations to End Human Poverty, United Nations Development Programme, www.undp.org/hdr2003.



**Ron and Karen Flowers**  
*Directors*

# Family Ministries

**Y**ou can zoom in today on a portrait of the Adventist family anywhere in the world and find many family units with strong connections to God, one another, and the church. Any close-up of the world church family is also bright with the enthusiastic faces of newcomers, happy to be part of God's family and eager to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus in every aspect of life, including relationships in the family circle.

The harder reality is that any collage of Adventist families also exposes troubled marriages, worried parents, strong-willed children, and disenchanted young adults struggling to transition from family faith to personal belief. Any congregational album also contains the cropped snapshots of families disrupted by marital breakdown, estrangement, and painful loss. The victims and perpetrators of child sexual abuse and family violence are part of the Adventist family picture too, though pleasant expressions often mask the trauma of daily life experience.

Some faces, present in earlier photos, are now missing—perhaps because human kindness has been in short supply or because the religion offered has not met the deepest needs of the heart for love and belonging. The camera does not lie. In too many Adventist homes the joy and energy for quality life together, and for God and mission, are being drained away by family concerns.

Jesus elevated the matter of rela-

tionships to a moral plane. Spirituality, He taught, is ultimately about loving relationships—with God and with each other. The purpose of Family Ministries (FM) is to foster an atmosphere of grace, encouragement, and hope that is conducive to healing and growth in family relationships. It exists to provide an ever-expanding knowledge base for practical family life education that helps families learn what it means to be a Christian Adventist family. It is charged with keeping abreast of the most effective ways to help families develop important relational skills, and enable them to live by the principles of God's kingdom—at home and in the church—as they grow together toward God's creation ideals.

Ultimately, FM exists to empower families for effective disciple making—for creating the best likelihood that each family member will make Christian values their own, relate warmly to their heavenly Father, and love others as He has loved us. Loving families create winsome witnesses in their neighborhoods, bearing living testimony to the power of the gospel to bring health and wholeness to the family—the basic building block of a strong church and society.

The thrust of Adventist Family Ministries for 2000-2005 took shape at the family ministries world advisory, convened by the General Conference Department of Family Ministries (GCFM) in March 2001. Division FM directors came together to sharpen their professional expertise and to chart the best course for using the

resources of the church worldwide to grow healthy families in Adventist congregations. Five major initiatives became the focus of the work of the General Conference office, in support of the division directors.

## **Curriculum for Church-based Family Life Education**

In the 30 years since this ministry was reestablished, FM has reached a high point of collective knowledge and expertise that FM leaders elected for this quinquennium believe must be preserved as a foundation upon which the next generation can build. Hence GCFM has set itself to the large task of facilitating the writing of a comprehensive, biblically based curriculum framework for church-based family life education. This work will articulate our best collective answers to the questions: What does God want believers to know about the divine plan for human relationships? What attitudes does He want His children to develop toward one another? How will this mind-set and understanding affect our treatment of one another in the church and in the family? What will empower families for effective disciple-making within the family circle, and for a winsome witness among neighbors and friends?

This monumental work cannot be done by any one division. To preserve the unity of the church, the answers to such questions must reflect the perspectives of the various cultures that make up the world church, and a careful process to arrive at consensus on the

answers to these questions must be employed. An interdivision task force of family professionals, theologians, and educators of long experience have worked closely with GCFM. Drafts of their work have been shared with the global network of Adventist family professionals and church leaders worldwide for input and refinement. The first in this series of teaching resources—*Human Sexuality: Sharing the Wonder of God's Good Gift With Your Children*—was published in 2004, with more than 20,000 copies distributed worldwide. The next two releases, scheduled to be completed early in the next quinquennium, will deal with Christian marriage and parenting.

### Certificate in Family Life Education

GCFM has prepared extensive curricular resources for an FM leadership orientation and development program consisting of a minimum of 110 classroom hours. GCFM has partnered with division FM directors to offer to all world divisions a departmental Certificate in Family Life Education for the development of union and conference FM leadership. The program is under way in 11 of the 13 divisions. GCFM has also collaborated with division colleagues to establish academically based graduate programs for the development of expertise in ministry to families through the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and graduate programs at Loma Linda, Montemorelos, Sahmyook, and Pacific Adventist universities, as well as at Avondale and Fulton colleges.

### Annual Family Ministries Planbook

GCFM continues to provide—by popular demand—a major annual resource for ministry to families in the local church. This resource is sent each year to the divisions in manuscript form for their contextualization. The 2005 plan book will take its place in a library of 15 such resources specifically designed to support the pastor and

church leaders in the celebration of Christian Home and Marriage Week and Family Togetherness Week in the world church calendar. Each plan book of 100+ pages is an idea bank for sermons and seminars on marriage, parenting, making the church child- and family-friendly, and relating to one another in love in the family of God.

### Family Evangelism

GCFM partnered with the GC Ministerial Association to produce a first-of-its-kind resource for evangelists and family professionals that overlays



**We use this illustration frequently in our seminars to make the point that families who've grown apart (notice the dividing stick) need help to learn how to reconnect and support one another.**

an understanding of the family unit and how it functions onto the process of evangelism. Such an approach has the potential to greatly increase the likelihood that we will be able to bring Jesus to entire family circles, where we now baptize only one or two. The GCFM resource *Family Evangelism: Bringing Jesus to the Family Circle* was distributed to more than 15,000 pastors and church leaders worldwide during the 2004 Year of Evangelism.

### Adventist Family Research

GCFM continues to foster ongoing research on the Adventist family. GCFM is currently collaborating with the South Pacific Division and the Inter-American Division on studies to identify family factors that correlate with lower incidence of risky behavior among youth—behaviors such as premarital sexual activity, cohabitation, violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and

other risky decisions that put their well-being at high risk.

GCFM is also pleased to partner with Loma Linda University in a research initiative to identify the best possible ways to perpetuate Christian family values. The world FM leadership team and the collaborating researchers dare to dream that such an initiative might culminate in the establishment of a university-based family research center that could provide strategic planning and oversight for research on the Adventist family worldwide. The stronger our research base on the Adventist family, the more the church will have to share with the world about the unique strengths of the Adventist family, and the better informed church leaders will be in its decision-making and strategic planning for ministry to families.

On a personal note, we love this work. The responsibility placed on our shoulders to direct this ministry at the world headquarters has shaped our personal lives and professional ministry now for 25 years. Indeed, it has become our passion. We thank you for the many warm gestures of support you continue to give to our ministry in this department, and to us personally. The friendships of our colleagues around the world and of those with whom we have had the privilege of sharing the good news of God's grace to families are our most treasured rewards. The miracles God has worked in and through us all, as we have linked arms around the world to bless families, stand as monuments to God's grace and wonder-working power.

As we think to the future, imagine with us an Adventist family portrait in which the smiles reflect the sheer joy we might create, on earth and in heaven, if in the support we give to ministry to families we acted fully on inspired insight that family is the basic building block of the church, that disciple making begins at home, and that loving Adventist families are the best sermons ever preached!



**James A. Cress**  
*Secretary*

# Ministerial Association

**W**hen Jesus called His disciples to leave their nets to fish for souls, He called them to a greater venture than they had ever imagined. He called them to harvest a great catch and to preserve them for His coming. His great commission of evangelism is threefold—proclaim new life, produce new converts, and prepare new believers for discipleship in service to Christ's kingdom.

The General Conference Ministerial Association (GCMA) exists to motivate, encourage, resource, equip, and train pastors and lay leaders for their important function in this great task of preparing people to meet our soon-coming Savior. In essence, the work of the GCMA is to make the work of ministry more effective.

Our target audiences demonstrate the crucial necessity of ministering to those who minister. Within the Seventh-day Adventist Church we serve ministers, pastoral spouses and families, local church elders, and conference/union ministerial secretaries, who themselves are given the responsibility of "pastoring pastors." Beyond our denominational boundaries, we also serve thousands of ministers in every denomination with quality resources and training opportunities for professional development.

## **Pastoring Pastors**

Everything we do is focused on helping pastors minister to their congregations more effectively. Whether

encouraging deeper spiritual formation, affirming great doctrinal truths, equipping with practical, affordable resources, energizing for better preaching, or providing resources for recruiting and training others to serve in lay leadership, we first direct our attention to the pastor who serves as the central leader for development of life in the congregation. We view the local congregation as a miniseminary where every member is prepared for service. The pastor serves as the dean of that seminary, and we help equip "the dean" to more effectively accomplish the task.

## **Pastoring Pastoral Spouses and Families**

Our ministers' first mission field is their own home; their first converts their own spouses and children. If a pastoral spouse is involved and enthusiastic about ministry, the overall service to the local church, as well as to the cause worldwide, is enhanced. Team ministry is the present-day fulfillment of Christ's method of sending His disciples into the field of labor in pairs.

Pastors' kids who are motivated to respect and enjoy serving others are likely to see their own spiritual development mature.

Adventist pastoral spouses are the single largest group of unpaid volunteers to serve the church, and their financial contribution is beyond calculation when it is considered that most provide their voluntary work after they have labored at full-time employment that allows their families to live on a

denominational wage. Providing nurture and resources for pastoral spouses and families is not a cost, but rather a solid investment.

## **Pastoring Church Elders**

Since 1990 the GCMA has been tasked with equipping local elders to effectively minister as part of the leadership team for local congregations. The need to assist pastoral leadership in managing the work of the church means that local church elders must accomplish more than platform duties. Their role of spiritual leadership, teaching, managing, mentoring, and yes, even proclaiming the message, is essential for the health of the local church. Especially in areas where pastors supervise multiple-church districts and seldom occupy the pulpit every Sabbath, church elders must function as cooperative and capable partners in pastoral ministry.

## **Pastoring Clergy in All Denominations**

Blessed with abundant and high-quality publications and resources, the GCMA has a burden and responsibility to share our good blessings with pastors across denominational lines who also seek greater effectiveness in ministering to their parishioners. Our responsibility can never be doubted when prophetic guidance mandated, "Our ministers should seek to come near to the ministers of other denominations. Pray for and with these men, for whom Christ is interceding. A solemn responsibility is theirs. As

Christ's messengers we should manifest a deep, earnest interest in these shepherds of the flock" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 78). What a blessing to enjoy fellowship and professional development with ministers of all



**The Invitation, an Alfred Lee painting, is displayed at the Ministerial Association booth.**

denominations as we jointly seek excellence in ministry.

### **Ministerial Association Team**

The GCMA is ably coordinated in the world divisions by ministerial secretaries and Shepherdess coordinators who devote their energies and talents to the specific tasks necessary in their territories. Emphasizing evangelism, theological education, training events, and pastoral conferences keeps our division leaders on the forefront of delivering meaningful services through the unions and conferences they serve. At the General Conference, we are tasked with developing and providing a variety of resources. Our team of associates consistently delivers the highest quality, most affordable, and most practical resources possible.

Sharon M. Cress serves as an associate for pastoral spouses and families, with the assignment to foster affirmation, nurture, development, encouragement, and resources for the spouses and children of ministers. Shepherdess International's quarterly magazine, *SI Journal*, delivers practical, real-life articles by pastoral spouses directly impacting life, family, and ministry activities in the parsonage. Special projects have included evangelistic initiatives by pastoral spouses, curriculum development and training events to enhance the service of these paraprofessional pastoral partners, and a variety of special events in every

division of the world church.

Willmore D. Eva serves as an associate for *Ministry*, our monthly international journal for clergy, which provides articles on theological trends; issues confronting clergy; subjects of import to leaders in the congregation; topics of science, pastoral nurture, preaching, and administration; plus reports of evangelism, as well as book reviews and "shoptalk" information about ideas from pastoral readers. Assisted in management by Julia Norcott, *Ministry* has also begun an embryonic venture that we hope to expand to a quarterly translation in French of some articles from the monthly magazine that will serve specific areas of at least seven divisions of our world church. Editions of *Ministry* are also published by the divisions in Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Peter Prime serves as an associate for evangelism and church growth, with the assignment to encourage soul winning as a natural part of everyday life in the congregation, as well as special denominational initiatives for the global church such as 2004—Year of World Evangelism, which produced more baptisms for the Adventist Church than any evangelistic initiative in the history of our church. He also has led out in developing a specific curriculum for a grace-based evangelistic series, methods of involving every member in preparing for and following through on evangelistic projects, and pastoral leadership in every facet of soulwinning—preparation, proclamation, and preservation.

Joel Sarli, has recently retired after serving for nearly a dozen years as an associate for elders and theological education. He ably led in producing our quarterly resource magazine, *Elder's Digest*, as well as a variety of resources to equip and motivate for excellence the service of church elders in the leadership of local congregations. Among Sarli's outstanding accomplishments is a curriculum and certification process for church elders, and a seven-year series of worship-planning guides that provide a lectionary-type menu of

balanced sermon outlines accompanied by appropriate hymns, inspirational readings and texts, hymns, illustrations, and children's stories.

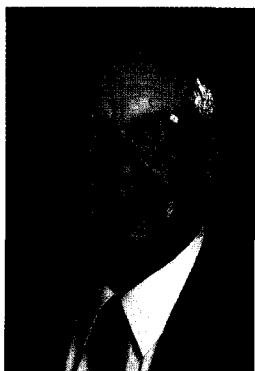
Nikolaus Satekmajer serves as an associate for continuing education and PREACH, our initiatives to share with pastors of other denominations. In addition to coordinating *Ministry* magazine subscriptions to thousands of clergy in other denominations, our *Ministry* professional growth seminars by satellite attract an annual audience in the thousands as ministers gather to fellowship and learn together in hundreds of downlink locations in virtually every time zone of the globe.

Practical, cost-effective resources are coordinated by Cathy Payne, who coordinates the development, production, and delivery services of our Ministerial Resource Center, a joint venture with other departments of the General Conference, such as Family Ministries, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, and Health Ministries, in bringing fresh new resources on a variety of subjects of practical importance for effective ministry. View all of our resources and activities at [www.ministerialassociation.com](http://www.ministerialassociation.com).

### **Don't Miss the Boat**

For nearly three decades I have been collecting Noah's arks, and our display continues to be one of the favorite stops on tours at the church's world headquarters. "Don't Miss the Boat," the theme of our display at the session in St. Louis, will feature this collection plus *The Invitation*, a painting of Noah's ark by world-renowned Adventist artist Elfred Lee. We are also featuring a boatload of resources and ideas for practical ministry, plus a photo opportunity for every family at the big boat with Noah and Mrs. Noah. *Ministry* will also sponsor professional pastoral counseling.

So whether it's the best in ministerial resources, an exciting adventure at the General Conference session, or the finest opportunities for professional development online, in live pastoral meetings, or by satellite downlink . . . don't miss the boat!



**Robert W. Nixon**  
*Director*

# Office of General Counsel

**T**he Office of General Counsel (OGC) will continue providing quality legal service to the General Conference, the North American Division, and other church organizations around the world who seek legal counsel in the new quinquennium.

OGC lawyers provide legal counsel on a wide range of subjects. When the telephone rings, we give advice. When a draft contract slides out of an intermail envelope, we review it. Increasingly, church administrative offices and institutions outside North America consult with the OGC on issues they face in their own jurisdictions. On an ongoing basis, the OGC works closely with Adventist Risk Management on a variety of legal challenges.

Beyond such general matters, staff lawyers provide specialized legal services in their areas of expertise. Public Affairs and Religious Liberty directors call for special help in defending church members whose jobs are threatened because they cannot work on Sabbaths. Church administrators call for assistance on employment and labor issues and in getting visas for employees coming to the United States. Tax lawyers and CPAs call to consult on income, gift, and estate tax issues. In complex or distant cases, staff lawyers serve as liaisons with outside counsel. Staff lawyers participate in international conferences promoting religious freedom and in meetings of Adventist lawyers.

The five associate general counsels

and their areas of emphasis are:

Walter E. Carson, litigation, parliamentary procedure, contracts, intellectual property (copyright and trademark), and corporate law—and an associate since 1976. Carson liaises with the General Conference Corporation and represents the General Conference in a variety of litigation settings. He is also an accredited specialist in parliamentary procedure and will serve as parliamentarian of the General Conference session.

Thomas E. Wetmore, pension, employee benefits, and tax law—and an associate since 1984. Wetmore represents the General Conference and North American Division at conferences and work groups and at government agencies on issues involving his practice areas, which include pension law and the General Conference's group tax exemption.

Lisa Saveikis Burrow, employment, immigration, and sexual misconduct—and an associate since 1990. Burrow works closely with Human Resource Services in both a preventive and responsive capacity, and with the Secretariat in obtaining temporary work authorization and permanent residence for employees from other countries. These services also are available to other church entities. In addition, she helps draft and reviews employment policies for the General Conference and North American working policies.

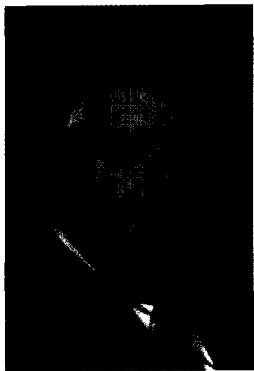
Mitchell A. Tyner, church-state law and religious liberty litigation—and an associate since 1993. Tyner has made many presentations at legal and religious

liberty conferences and has responded to religious liberty issues in 42 countries during the past five years. He has represented scores of church members who suffer employment discrimination because of their Sabbath observance or military discipline because of their conscientious objection. He plans to retire at the end of 2005.

O. Richard Caldwell, trusts, estates, and tax law—and an associate since 1993. He also is a Certified Public Accountant and has an M.B.A. and LL.M. (taxation). Caldwell represents the General Conference Trust Services Department and the General Conference Auditing Service on a variety of tax and legal issues and serves as their legal liaison on litigation matters. He also consults with donors, legal counsel, and financial advisers on major current and deferred gift and other tax issues. He frequently speaks on such topics as estate planning, trust administration, and fiduciary taxation.

Robert W. Nixon, general counsel since 1993, is a member of the Maryland and District of Columbia bars. In addition to directing the overall work of the OGC, Nixon works closely with General Conference and administrators of the divisions on a wide variety of issues. He will retire after the session.

Since 1993, Office of General Counsel lawyers have worked solely for the church with the goal of providing quality legal services at relatively low cost in this increasingly complex and litigious age.



**Robert L. Sweezey**  
President

# Adventist Risk Management

In the past five years Adventist Risk Management (ARM) has continued its mission to provide solutions that minimize risk in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With the increase of membership outside the United States, ARM has placed a priority on reaching the international church.

Through risk management programs and site visits from field representatives, ARM tries to maintain a physical presence in areas in which our churches are located. By providing preventative measures and educating the church about risks, we aim to limit exposures that may harm the church and its assets. When accidents do happen, we carefully note information and guide our clients through the claims process.

In 2002 the International Risk Management Conference (IRMC) was introduced to raise awareness about new products and services. This three-day conference provides the international church with the latest information regarding risk management education. Equivalent to the domestic Risk Management Conference, the IRMC offers church leaders, administrators, and managers techniques to protect their institutions and members.

To further assist the international community, the Gencon Insurance Company International, Ltd., began operations on January 1, 2003. This is the first Gibraltar-licensed insurance company to be formed by a United States-based corporation, and the most recent addition to our risk manage-

ment and insurance services group.

This company provides insurance policies to Seventh-day Adventist organizations located in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. The Gencon Insurance Company International, Ltd., is a captive insurer and wholly owned subsidiary of Gencon Insurance Company of Vermont—which is 100 percent owned by the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Helping the local community is a part of ARM's ministry. Last year our mission of giving continued in cities such as Denver, Colorado, during our annual Risk Management Conference. Through the support of business partners and sponsors who support our mission, we were able to honor Adventist Community Services (ACS) Community L.I.F.T. as the 2004 beneficiary of our Community Plunge charity event. Community Plunge was introduced in 2002, replacing the annual golf tournament. The first three years of Community Plunge has raised more than \$50,000 for Adventist charities in North America. This multifaceted outreach program, now an annual event for the domestic conference, encourages conference attendees to arrive early and help make a difference through acts of service. In 2003 Community Plunge made a difference in Ottawa, Canada, by donating proceeds to assist the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank in Newfoundland. Whatever the needs of the host city, conference attendees willingly provide

landscaping, renovations, area cleanup, and food and clothing distribution.

In 2004 a series of tropical storms hit many of our church properties. Hurricanes Charley, Ivan, Frances, and Jeanne caused major damage to churches, institutions, and other property within their paths. Haiti, Jamaica, Grenada, the Cayman Islands, and the Bahamas were among the hardest hit areas. With an estimated \$10.6 million in damages claimed, this is the biggest loss the company has seen since the earthquake in Kobe, Japan, and Hurricane Andrew. With more than half of the claims paid out, many more are waiting finalization. Our members in those disaster areas are rebuilding and replacing their insured items.

Adventist Risk Management, Inc., has come a long way since its humble beginnings in the early 1900s. In the summer of 2004 ARM released *The Church at Risk*, a history book detailing our formation and growth as an insurance company. Written by Wayne Taylor, an experienced retired insurance executive, this book provides a straightforward account of how the Lord is at the helm of this ministry.

ARM is dedicated to providing insurance needs for the church and its many outreach ministries and institutions throughout the world. It is a ministry that directly cares for the needs of churches, schools, employees, and their families. Our aim is to help the church limit its exposure to risks and to conduct business with honesty and integrity.



**John Graz**  
Director

# Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church has been given a powerful mandate in these last days: "The banner of the truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church and by God's witnesses during the centuries that have passed since then, has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands."<sup>1</sup> This means that the promotion of religious freedom characterizes God's people during the last days. For Adventists, truth must be combined with the freedom to accept or reject it. We are to preach the truth with conviction. But we must also protect, defend, and promote the freedom to accept or reject it.

This is not a contradiction. Freedom of choice is God's gift for all human beings. It is a beautiful expression of His character and His love for us. Our Creator gave us dignity and intelligence, and He loved us enough to allow us to choose.

At a time when religious fanaticism produces intolerance, persecution, and death, the world needs to hear a strong voice saying that this is not God's way. That conviction prompted the pioneers of our church to charter the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) in 1893 and publish the first issue of *Liberty* magazine in 1905. A strong Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department (PARL) is necessary to defend and protect ourselves and others and to affirm God's character and His love for all humankind.

## **We Are a Minority**

In Port of Spain, Trinidad, more than 3,000 people recently attended the Festival of Religious Freedom. One of our guests represented the interreligious organization in that country, and he introduced his speech by saying: "Our association represents 97 percent of the population." This comment humbled us.

There may be 75,000 of us in the America's Center on Sabbath, July 9. While it will be great to be together, we must remember that our church makes up less than 1 percent of the world population. As a very small minority, we will continue to face prejudice, hostility, unfair legislation, and media bias. Our work and our institutions may be affected at any time. A law may be voted that will create problems for us. Our department needs to be proactive in representing and defending the church at the governmental level and before religious leaders and international organizations. If we are unprepared and unqualified, the result could be a disaster. At each level of our organization we should be aware of that challenge.

## **What Have We Done?**

During the past five years we have increased our presence and visibility among the following:

- leaders of nations around the world
- United Nations
- United States government
- churches/religious organizations
- Washington, D.C., embassies

- experts on religious freedom around the world
- secular and religious media
- International Religious Liberty Association

PARL continues to maintain high-level interreligious relations under the leadership of Bert B. Beach. We had dialogues with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Salvation Army. Beach was an observer in several meetings organized by the World Council of Churches. Dr. Eugene Hsu represented the church at the Conference of Secretaries of the Christian World Communions.

The participation of Jonathan Gallagher, Viola Hughes, and volunteers in meetings and commissions at the United Nations has given us an effective presence there, particularly at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

From our new office near the Capitol in Washington, D.C., Attorney James Standish and a group of interns have maintained a high level of activity in the world's political capital. Our legal counsel, Attorney Mitchell A. Tyner, has defended Sabbathkeepers in the United States and around the world.

Sponsored by the General Conference, IRLA has become one of the most respected nonsectarian associations in the field of religious freedom. In the past five years the IRLA organized 10 international congresses and six meetings of experts, and it initiated the Washington Coalition on International Religious Freedom. With



the support of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, the Fifth IRLA World Congress was held in Manila in 2002. Gianfranco Rossi, a well-known expert in Geneva and an IRLA representative, is active during meetings of the Human Rights Commission. PARL publishes *Fides et Libertas (Faith and Liberty)* each year; produces the television program *Faith and Freedom*; and operates several Web sites.<sup>2</sup>

### Country Visits

The PARL team visited several countries in which religious freedom is a sensitive issue, including Azerbaijan, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Uzbekistan. In late November 2003 John Graz, Lincoln Steed, and Hiskia Missah visited the island of Ambon, eastern Indonesia. A religious war had gone on there since 1999. In three years about 6,000 people were killed. The PARL delegation met with authorities and Christian and Muslim leaders to encourage peace initiatives and cooperation.

### New Positions and Honors

The international and national religious liberty communities have expressed their confidence in us.

- Jonathan Gallagher has been selected secretary of the United Nations Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief in New York.

- Attorney James Standish has been chosen as cochair of the Coalition for Freedom of Religion in the Workplace, which includes 44 major denominations in Washington, D.C.

- John Graz was elected in 2003, and reelected in 2004, as secretary of the Conference of Secretaries of the Christian World Communions, a position held by Bert B. Beach for 32 years. This group of leaders represents 2 billion Christians.

- The PARL director in the Philippines, Bienvenido Tejano, became ambassador to Papua New Guinea.

Several PARL directors received medals and honors in recognition of their service: Viorel Dima from the president of Romania; Maurice Verfaillie from the Spanish government; Bert B. Beach from the president of Poland; John Graz from the president of Romania; Gianfranco Rossi from the International Association for Religious Freedom.

Such examples show how the work of PARL has been appreciated outside of our church.



**The PARL team with the ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro, his Excellency, Ivan Vujacic (3rd from left), during his visit to the GC world headquarters. GC president Jan Paulson is second from left.**

### Five Concerns

1. There are many conferences and unions in which PARL is not strongly represented.

2. More and more Adventist students and employees face Sabbath problems alone, and some compromise their faith.

3. In many countries the church has no representatives before the regional and national governments.

4. Antiproselytism legislation is coming in several countries, and it will affect us if we do not try to prevent it.

5. Adventist leaders are not proactive enough when it comes to improving religious freedom and changing the status quo.

Our world will not become more open to religious minorities. Our members are on the front line, and they will be the first affected by restrictions on religious freedom. They will need to stay faithful when threatened by job loss or expulsion from public schools. They need to know that the church takes their problem seriously and is willing to provide competent advice

and spiritual support.

### How Can We Help You?

We can intervene by seeking the assistance of legislators, universities and schools, Christian churches and other religious organizations, governments and ambassadors, nongovernment organizations, the United Nations, the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and others.

In 1999 the only Adventist church

building in Turkmenistan was destroyed by the government. Our church was declared illegal, and the pastor and members were persecuted. Working closely with the Euro-Asia Division, we organized a letter-writing campaign, writing to governments and to embassies around the world. Jonathan Gallagher represented us at the United Nations. Attorney James Standish worked through the U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of State, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in

Europe, and the U.S. Commission. I had regular contacts with our pastor in Turkmenistan and with the Euro-Asia Division. Our members and their pastor were harassed, and they had no place to worship.

In 2004, under international pressure, the government of Turkmenistan decided to register a few religious groups. Our church was the first to be registered. This did not happen because of the number of our members. According to one of the best experts on Central Asia, it happened because of our international connections. We are a minority; yet if one of us is persecuted, persecutors have to know that we are a world family composed of millions of brothers and sisters.

The banner of truth and religious freedom has been committed to our hands, and PARL is prepared to serve you.

<sup>1</sup> Ellen White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 68, 69.

<sup>2</sup> Visit our Web sites: [parl.gc.adventist.org](http://parl.gc.adventist.org); [un.adventist.org](http://un.adventist.org); [ola.adventist.org](http://ola.adventist.org); [irla.org](http://irla.org).

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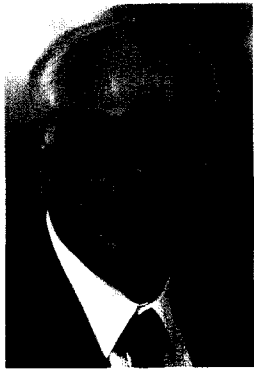
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**Eric A. Korff**  
Director

# General Conference Auditing Service

**A**uditors! Who needs them? This question is sometimes asked seriously, and sometimes cynically. Intrinsic cynics really know the answer to their make-believe ignorance, and their lampooning is accepted in good humor. Some members, however, truly do not understand the need for auditors in the church. After all, aren't we all Christians? Aren't we all honest?

The General Conference in session and in Annual Council meetings—the church at its highest administrative levels—has developed a policy that requires all denominational entities to be audited. The terms of reference for the audit of organizations above the local congregation have been codified in the *General Conference Working Policy* (see section SA 05, 2004-2005 edition).

Does that mean that the General Conference thinks that church administrators are un-Christian, dishonest, and suspect? A careful reading of the *Working Policy* will reveal that an administrator's Christianity and honesty have nothing to do with the need for auditing.

Denominational auditors (220 worldwide) are required to (1) express an opinion on the fairness with which financial statements represent the financial position and operating results of the entity being audited; (2) report on the entity's compliance with denominational policies; and (3) where applicable, report on the trust

operations of the entity. The denomination requires all organizations (approximately 2,500 worldwide) to comply with an international body of accounting principles known as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Thus denominational auditors focus on whether financial statements comply with predetermined principles and are in compliance with denominational policies and trust agreements.

This assures the church that every audit has been performed under the same rigorous standards. These standards have undergone significant revision during the past five years, which has placed additional responsibilities on both administrators and auditors.

The explanation so far may lead to an even more searching inquiry: Why does the church require denominational financial statements from all over the world to be prepared using similar principles? Why do church auditors need to comply with international auditing standards? In fact, why does the church require its organizations to prepare financial statements that have to be audited?

As a member of a local congregation, do you not look forward to the periodic church business meeting at which the church treasurer reports on the finances of the church? Are you not interested in knowing how church funds have been disbursed, how your congregation is doing financially, and how much money is available for the different projects on which the church has embarked? Take it one step higher:

as a delegate to the conference or mission constituency meeting, do you not wait in interested anticipation for the treasurer's report on the financial standing of the conference or mission?

It is impractical for every church or board member to peruse the financial records of the organizations they serve. That is what gave rise to the auditing profession! Auditors represent you and perform audits on your behalf. Further, many denominational entities and their accounting rules have become so complex that it requires a specialist to ensure that financial reporting is done correctly. Many church and board members do not have the inclination or time to devote to becoming such specialists. Auditors, with training and experience, are able to study those complexities and assist you through their reports.

Financial reports are therefore a necessity to enable interested parties (including in some cases organizations outside of the church) to know how these organizations are faring. If those various financial statements were not prepared in accordance with specified generally accepted principles, how would you know that they are a fair presentation of the entity's affairs?

Auditors! Who needs them? You as a church member, every denominational administrator, and the church at large need auditors! In addition to giving you assurance about the veracity of financial reports, audits serve to give those responsible for generating them credibility on their financial reporting stewardship.



**José L. Campos**  
Director

In July 2000, in Toronto, Canada, a quinquennium of blessings began in the publishing ministry when a new group of leaders in the world divisions took charge of this work. Courageous men and women of God continue to go from house to house, with prospectus in hand, to tell about the glorious salvation provided by our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and let people know that He will soon return in glory and majesty in the clouds of heaven.

Seven goals have marked the course to follow in this quinquennium: reeducate church members regarding the work of this ministry; activate the canvassing programs in our colleges and universities; develop future publishing leaders; establish new training seminars; incorporate programs through the Internet; involve the whole church in witnessing evangelism through the printed page; and promote a massive distribution of the Spirit of Prophecy books.

Each division leader took their work seriously, and soon we witnessed an enormous growth in each proposed goal. For example, our literature evangelists increased from 28,000 to 42,000. Our book distribution (books are true preaching pulpits) went from 6.5 mil-

lion books in 2000 to 16.5 million. We now distribute these annually. It is worth mentioning that the set of five books (the Conflict of the Ages Series), including *The Great Controversy*, is being distributed in countries such as Russia, Ukraine, and Moldova. These books and others on health, family matters, nutrition, and education are being scattered throughout the continents of Africa, Europe, Australia, and the Americas. These books provide messages of moral excellence, and family education and well-being for millions of homes. They are spreading the basic concepts of the Adventist faith and bringing hope, salvation, faith, and eternal life.



**"Evangelism" is a watchword with literature evangelists. Here Adly Campos celebrated the results of one campaign with ministers and literature evangelists in Jakarta, Indonesia. Some 275 persons had been baptized, a large percentage of them coming from non-Christian backgrounds. Elder Johnny Lubbis (right), publishing director for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, served as translator.**

## Department

During this "Quinquennium of Miracles," our army of literature evangelists visited more than 80 million homes, reaching some 320 million people with their books, Bibles, magazines, tracts, and Bible courses. The canvassing program, with its personal door-to-door witnessing ministry, reported more than US\$350 million in sales; more than 73 million hours worked in home visitation; and more than 54 million books distributed on religion, prophecy, faith, health, family, education, and nutrition. Literature evangelists also delivered magazines and free tracts totaling more than 25.5 million, besides signing up some 11.5 million people for Bible courses (in

much the same way someone signed me up 48 years ago in my native country). They also gave 5 million Bibles studies and brought to church untold millions of people, of whom 392,467 we know about have already been baptized. This is roughly equivalent to the population of the Bahamas, or of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean, or Luxemburg in Europe.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has an excellent evangelistic program through radio and television, but only the literature evangelist army is capable of establishing the personal con-

tact recommended by our Lord Jesus. We feel a great gratitude to our God because He has given us 42,000 literature evangelists, yet the Mormons surpass us, with more than 70,000 young people visiting from door-to-door. And the Jehovah's Witnesses claim the top place, with more than 90,000 visitors going from house to house. For this reason, these last two religious groups surpass us in soul winning worldwide.

Our publishing houses report more than half a billion dollars spent in the production of educational, doctrinal, and devotional books, as well as church magazines and periodicals. All of these materials are excellent tools to nurture the church spiritually and to prepare us for an encounter with our God.

During this quinquennium, 90 years after the death of Ellen G. White, 1,650,000 copies of the book *Colporteur Ministry* were distributed all over the world in several languages. Our literature evangelists have presented seminars in the churches in order to teach our members the importance of our publications and the role they play in the great task of preaching the gospel in the end-times.

We are counting on the inspiring army of promising young people from our colleges and universities. At the present time about 13,600 youth work each summer canvassing house to house, selling books that preach our faith. At the same time, they also learn to witness, make personal contacts, manage their finances, and train as preachers. They are the future leaders of



**Howard Faigao (right) baptizes in the Philippines (with other ministers), where he'd conducted a series of evangelistic meetings.**

our church.

All the publishing leaders have done evangelism with our literature evangelists, baptizing thousands of people who have embraced our faith with joy in their hearts. I have personally had the pleasure of participating in evangelistic meetings with our workers in Uganda, Kenya, Jamaica, Portugal, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Philippines, and other places. Soul winning is the reason for the existence

of all the departments and ministries of the church and especially the Publishing Department.

We still face serious challenges that have not been conquered, and we are ready to face them. India presents one of the biggest challenges of our times—the evangelization of more than 1 billion people who speak 15 different official languages. We print in only six. There are challenges in China, where there are more than 1.3 billion inhabitants; and in the Arab world, which also has close to 1 billion inhabitants. They have not seen our precious publications. We firmly

believe that the Lord will not come until we have finished our mission.

Our publishing houses need attention, including modernization and adaptation to the realities we face in the times we live in. The production of literature in multiple languages has become imperative. We need more young leaders with a knowledge of marketing science to promote and produce more and better books that can be sold easily and quickly. We need writers

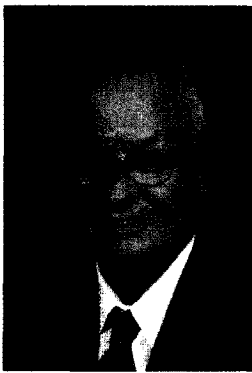
capable of reaching secular minds, and writers from other cultures.

Today being a literature evangelist means many things—it means being a trained professional in sales, a brave missionary, an educator comparable to a social worker, a health and family counselor, and a Bible worker or a preacher. A literature evangelist needs to be a public evangelist.

If you feel the Lord's call to occupy your place in His army, do not hesitate to speak with your local publishing director or your pastor and manifest your desires.



**Together for the inauguration of a new printing press at the Indonesian Publishing House (IPH): Johnny Lubbis (Southern Asia-Pacific Division publishing director), Houtman Sinaga (West Indonesia Union president), José Campos, and IPH president, Djinan Sinaga.**



**James Zackrison**  
Director

# Sabbath School and Personal Ministries

About midway through the past quinquennium, the Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated a momentous milestone: the 150th anniversary of the first Sabbath school. Founded by James White in Rochester, New York, Sabbath school has shown explosive growth since its inception. Today as many as 18 million members meet each Sabbath to participate in this worldwide ministry featuring fellowship, outreach, Bible study, and mission. Globally, there are—literally—more Sabbath school members than church members. To meet the needs of this growth, the current Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department has enhanced and initiated an exciting menu of ministry during the years 2000 to 2005.

James White wrote the very first Sabbath school lessons. They appeared in the inaugural issue of *The Youth's Instructor* and were intended primarily for young people. Since that time Sabbath school has shown a firm, ongoing commitment to the religious education of the church's children and youth. The year 2005 has seen the completion of the GraceLink Curriculum, an ambitious project under the editorial direction of Patricia Habada that provides for the faith development of Adventism's children through colorful print media, active and interactive learning approaches, and diverse Internet resources. Informed by this creative emphasis, editor Kathleen Beagles has developed

*Real-Time Faith*, unveiled in 2004, an exciting new two-year curriculum for ages 13 and 14, and is currently conducting a full revision of the *Cornerstone Connections* curriculum for ages 15-18.

The department also produces *CQ*, formerly called *Collegiate Quarterly*, for young adults worldwide. Based on the same content outline as the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, *CQ* has developed under the leadership of editor Gary B. Swanson into an interactive ministry with a dynamic Internet presence at <http://cq.adventist.org>. In partnership with the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*, it is now producing a weekly program, *Sabbath School University*, for the Hope Channel. Begun in 2002, this 28-minute program, available by satellite and on the Internet, features young adults in a lively and creative discussion of each week's lesson that includes an emphasis on teaching techniques.

"We're excited to see the beginning of a renaissance in Sabbath school among our young people around the world," reports Swanson. "The well-rounded emphasis on fellowship, outreach, Bible study, and mission appeals to them as they interface with cultural influences of the postmodern world in which they live, and they are responding with newfound enthusiasm."

The rich mix of resources produced by the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SSPM) Department also includes "Cool Tools for Sabbath School," at <http://cq.adventist.org/cooltools/cooltools.htm>, a clearing-

house of downloadable materials since 2001, and *Sabbath School Leadership*, a monthly publication edited by Faith Crumbly at the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Personal ministries is also an organic part of these creative resources.

Throughout the past five years the department has produced—and is continuing to produce—"Reaching and Winning," a growing series of learning guides, providing specifically targeted outreach approaches for Anglicans, Evangelicals, Mormons, Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses, New Agers, Catholics, and Jews, with learning guides for Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists on the way. These are being made available through partnership with Global Mission, many of them authored by Global Mission specialists.

The production of resources, thus, is one of the central services of the SSPM Department. Another is training.

The overarching effort for training is the International Institute of Christian Ministries (IICM). Directed by Jonathan Kuntaraf and in cooperation with Griggs University, IICM offers certification programs for local church leadership, personal evangelism, and public evangelism, as well as for religious education distinctly for children, youth, and adults. Assisted by May-Ellen Colón, Kuntaraf reports that the IICM has been adopted by almost all world divisions as the central training system for its efforts in personal ministries.

In fact, one of the chief characteristics of all efforts of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department is an emphasis on facilitating the goals and objectives of other entities in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the Go One Million initiative, for example, the SSPM Department produced the witnessing kits that have been utilized by more than 2 million members around the world since its introduction in 2002. Through the direction of the SSPM Department, the International Association of Bible Correspondence Schools—the first effort of its kind to mobilize and coordinate the work of Adventist Bible correspondence schools worldwide—led to the readiness of these organizations to meet the huge challenge brought on by the Sow 1 Billion project in 2004. In some areas of the world as many as 80 percent of those receiving the Sow 1 Billion pamphlet requested Bible lessons. And thanks to departmental leadership, the IICM has collectively produced 1 million graduates.

In the past five years Kuntaraf, with the assistance of his wife, Kathleen, in the Health Ministries Department, has also developed and implemented a system of evangelism that could arise only in Seventh-day Adventism. Called “Integrated Public Evangelism,” this approach introduces and utilizes the harmonious balance of spirituality and health in public evangelistic outreach.

In cooperation with many entities around the world, the SSPM Department has focused its efforts on the development and implementation of small groups, the most effective outreach strategy in today’s world.

The training arm of SSPM is reaching into the very structure of the General Conference session in St. Louis. SSPM Tool Time, a rich offering of 40 workshops, will be conducted during the session. From June 30 through July 9, SSPM Tool Time trainers will include all members of the General Conference SSPM Department as well as Chris Blake, author of *Reinvent Your Sabbath School*, on ministry-driven Sabbath schools;

Jackie Bishop on a variety of approaches to children’s Sabbath school; Larry Bothe, director of International Learning Systems at Andrews University on using technology in learning; Al Johnson, North American Division director of adult ministries on relational Sabbath school; Kurt Johnson, of the Voice of Prophecy, on small-group dynamics and Bible correspondence schools; and Faith Crumbly, editor of *Sabbath School Leadership*, on a dynamic way to enhance learning in Sabbath school. Personal Evangelism Certification through the International Institute of Christian Ministry can be obtained by taking some of these classes during this GC session. The instructors will include Rex Edwards, Carlos Turcios, James Zackrison, Kurt Johnson, and Jonathan Kuntaraf.

“This is a golden opportunity to bring together the very best in trainers,” says SSPM Tool Time program director Gary Swanson. “It will give attendees a chance to take away some concrete and creative ways to enrich their efforts in Sabbath school and personal ministries in the coming quinquennium.”

As we survey the efforts of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department over the past five years, we are grateful for the inspiration and leading that God has given to us as we have attempted to meet the demands of our fast-growing church in the twenty-first century. It is our hope that, by God’s grace, we can continue Jesus’ great commission. As we look back upon the growth of a handful of people with a dream in Rochester, New York, to some 18 million Sabbath school members worldwide and a host of lay Bible instructors and preachers today, we look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for us in the future.



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# Stewardship Department

The challenge began 10 years ago. Change the old stewardship paradigm that said stewardship is only about tithes and offerings to the new biblically based approach that emphasizes accepting the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives.

The biblical model is about the state of our hearts. It is about what motivates us, and it is about our relationship with God. Gradually the message that stewardship begins at the cross and not in our pockets has been accepted, and it has changed the lives of many individuals. In a society in which performance is the way to success, the example of the two mites of the widow reminds us that it is not the amount of the offering that counts; it is the state of the heart.

Another important factor has been added to the teaching of biblically congruent stewardship principles and has met with strong support in every division. It is the interchangeableness of the two terms *stewardship* and *discipleship*. This concept was explained and accepted as the natural spiritual route a believer should follow to become a disciple. It is only in a daily walk with Christ that we can be good stewards and true disciples. Thus the choice of our motto for the department: "Growing stewards, making disciples."

## What Happened During the Past Five Years

1. The department was consolidated (after being combined with ministerial

and church ministries for a number of years).

2. A world stewardship summit was held in 2001. The new approach was confirmed and accepted by world church leadership:

- a. Implement a biblical stewardship education for church membership, focusing on discipleship in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- b. Simplify the offering system to affirm offerings as part of the worship of God. The combined offering plan was voted by the Annual Council, 2002.
- c. Develop a strategy to emphasize the importance of systematic giving and emphasize responsible systematic giving as the foundation for church finances.
- d. Restore the value of systematic giving, to encourage attitudinal and motivational change.
- e. Create a commission to study whether the use of our tithe is consistent at all church levels. Reemphasize the unique holiness of the tithe.
- f. Develop a strategy to connect the activities of the departments and services of the church to the mission.
- g. Develop a communication strategy regarding the use of funds at every level.
- h. Develop a strategy for leadership ethics. A statement on financial integrity and trans-

parency was adopted by the world church during Annual Council, 2002.

3. Two writers' workshops were held: one for division directors and others to better their understanding of the new approach, and help them develop materials and seminars contextualized to their own situation.

The second workshop was for Sabbath school leaders/editors and contract writers to help them learn the concept of biblical stewardship and prepare new Sabbath school lessons to include biblical stewardship principles.

4. We created a three-level certification program:

- a. *Basic Stewardship Educator*, focusing on teaching biblical stewardship principles
  - b. *Professional Stewardship Trainers* for those who train pastors and church leaders
  - c. *Stewardship Consultant*, focusing on equipping a select group with the consultation skills to help develop a conference-wide strategy.
5. We produced two stewardship seminars on video and audio:
- a. *Strategic Stewardship*, for administrators, pastors, and church leaders
  - b. *Normal Christianity*, for church members
6. Divisions were helped to reproduce all stewardship education material throughout their fields.
7. We redesigned and continued publication of the 16-page quarterly thematic stewardship resource journal,





Stewardship summit in Nagpur, India, in February 2004

*Dynamic Steward*, edited by Claire Eva, which offers stewardship concepts, sermons, book reviews, youth and adult resources, and stewardship news.

8. We created a Web site to be the electronic library of the department. Its aim is to share resource materials, teach concepts, and communicate effectively.

9. We published:

- a. *The Spirit of Sacrifice and Commitment*, a collection of stories of Adventist pioneers and the establishment of our church. Produced to help church members reaffirm their place in the remnant church and renew their support of it. (This book sold more than 10,000 copies in its first month of sales.)
- b. *The Missing Connection. Where Life Meets Lordship*. A collection of concept articles by Ben Maxson that cover all areas of stewardship in the life of the disciple.
- c. *Strategic Church Finances*, by Ben Maxson. A new seminar to teach how the Adventist Church manages its resources.
- d. *Tithing in the Writings of Ellen G White*, a study by Angel Rodríguez, director of Biblical Research Institute.
- e. *Tithing in the New Testament and the Christian Church*, a theological study by Angel Rodríguez.

10. The department continued to provide tithe and offering readings to all divisions and unions, to be repro-

duced and used in the local churches.

11. We developed various seminars and PowerPoint presentations on topics such as Church Budgeting and Time Management.

#### Future Goals and Objectives

1. Provide a family finance seminar to help members master their resources, be faithful, and stay out of debt.
2. Provide a kit for a three-year stewardship plan at the local church level to be used by pastors or lay leaders. It will include a three-year plan, sermon outlines, and weekly materials and resources, so leaders may include elements of biblical stewardship in their worship and church life.
3. Identify stewardship trends that affect our church and its members.
4. Continue to implement "self-reliance" through training and developing appropriate resources.
5. Focus on training qualified and equipped stewardship leaders for divisions, unions, and conferences. Refine, expand, and continue to implement the stewardship certification process and curriculum to train division and union stewardship personnel as leaders and trainers. This will include stewardship institutes, designed to take selected personnel through to the second level of certification in a 90-hour training program over a period of 17 days.
6. Begin a series of stewardship education booklets, for use by both administrators and church members, on subjects such as capital funding, tithe, offerings, biblical stewardship, time management, etc.

7. Conduct stewardship consultations for selected conferences to help develop a customized local stewardship strategy.

8. Develop and provide various methods to help pastors determine local church faithfulness levels, encouraging appropriate reporting of critical data through the different organizational levels.

#### Issues of Concern

1. Our (sometimes) contradictory approach to church funding.
  2. Growing secularization—lack of integration of God into daily life.
  3. Lack of balance between cognitive and relational truth. This includes the need to focus on building disciples, not mere converts.
  4. Performance-based life and ministry focus that often has little room for intimacy with God and discipleship maturation.
  5. Diminishing impact of leadership role, and the scarcity of qualified leaders in the area of stewardship.
  6. Contemporary giving and stewardship trends that reflect a secularization of society and church.
  7. Development of psychological and sociological maturations without accompanying spiritual maturity.
  8. Recruiting and training pastors with biblical stewardship concepts and strategies.
  9. Working with administrative leadership to implement a biblical stewardship approach to church finances.
  10. Frequent turnover of stewardship department directors from division to conference levels.
- Convinced that our mission is to make disciples, the GC Stewardship Department is committed to continuing to train pastors and church members to grow spiritually and be ready to be given the final reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things" (Matt. 25:23, NKJV).



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## Trust Services

Recently I visited with Pastor Minner and Evelyn Labrador in their Clearwater, Florida, home. Pastor Labrador, of Cuban extraction, owned a trucking company in New Jersey before entering the ministry 11 years ago. Evelyn, born in Puerto Rico, assists her husband in ministry and is an investigator for Pinellas County Child Protective Services. The Labradors shared three significant events that impelled them toward the ministry of Trust Services, spurred them to create their personal estate plan, and invite Trust Services into their church.

"We discussed retirement planning with our financial adviser," Pastor Labrador said. "The first question he asked came as a shock. It wasn't about money, investments, or pension plans. He asked: 'Do you have a will?' It made us think. If anything were to happen to us, there would be no plan to protect our children, provide for other dependent family members, or to remember God's work.

"Then, a beloved deacon had a stroke. When I got to the hospital, he was near death. The family was trying to decide whether they should discontinue life support. They asked my advice as their pastor. I realized I hadn't thought this issue through.

"I wished I knew what my deacon's wishes were. He had never signed a living will, and now he couldn't communicate with us. All I could do was to suggest that we ask the Lord for wisdom. Our deacon's immediate family

wanted to terminate life support, but other relatives opposed it. The argument ended when he died the next day—but the bad feelings remained. I realized that a health directive—a living will—can free one's loved ones from unnecessary stress."

Evelyn added, "A little later we received an early-morning call from an elder. His wife's sister and husband had been killed during the night in an automobile accident. They left two small children. The couple had no will, and they hadn't named a guardian for their children. So the court had to decide. Much of the insurance money the children would need for their Christian education went for legal fees and probate costs associated with settling guardianship issues."

"God is aware of our needs," Pastor Labrador interjected. "The same time these events occurred, we attended a pastors' meeting. Featured was a presentation from Trust Services. Our conference director, José Le Grand, explained how Trust Services can benefit local churches and help people put their lives in order. I was skeptical. Then Elder Le Grand explained, 'We want to be of service to you and your churches. How can we help? Please be honest, and tell us what issues might keep your church from responding?'"

"I raised my hand and said, 'José, some of my members assume Trust Services just wants their money—that you will tell them what their distribution should be. And some of my members feel they have too little property to need a will.'"

Pastor Le Grand clearly answered the questions. He explained that the conference helps church members learn about wills and other estate planning documents, such as the all-important health-care directive, without cost or obligation. He explained how even people with few resources need a will. He noted that Trust Services has a legal and moral responsibility not to influence how church members distribute their estates.

After the pastors' meeting, Pastor Labrador recommended to his church board that Trust Services be invited to hold a wills seminar over a Sabbath and Sunday. That weekend proved to be a beneficial and spiritual time for the church. An attorney prepared 35 wills for church members, and everyone felt positive about it.

Mrs. Labrador concluded, "As the pastoral couple, we wanted to provide the right example, so Minner and I had our wills written first. We feel good about the protection this gives our children. I am relieved as a mother to know my sons will be raised in the Christian home of our choosing should something happen to Minner and me."

Pastor Labrador had the last word, "Recently, just when we needed it, we received a large bequest from a former member of our church. Our platform and sound system had not been updated since the 1960s. Our board had bids for the work, but we didn't have the funds. Then this unexpected bequest came along. God anticipated our need and impressed this dedicated woman to remember our church in her

will with an unrestricted gift. So I praise God for Trust Services. We plan to organize a wills seminar at our church every other year."

Trust Services is a specialized ministry of the church whereby individuals and families may give their support to God's work through wills, trusts, annuities, and other planned gifts.

Trust Services' mission is to assist members and friends of the church in making investments for an eternity in the New Jerusalem. The reason for making bequests is found in the words of Jesus, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21, NIV).

During the past quinquennium more than US\$264.7 million of non-tithe income came into the church through bequests, trusts, and gifts from the ministry of Trust Services. Between 1968 and 2003 more than US\$1 billion in gifts was donated. If you were to convert the \$1 billion into pennies and stack all these pennies in a single pile, one on top the other, the stack would be nearly 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) high. For comparison, note that the space shuttle typically orbits 225 miles (360 kilometers) above the earth's surface.

Some churches, conferences, institutions, and divisions have experienced significant financial gifts that have resulted in spiritual growth for the donor and for the church. Other local churches, conferences, institutions, and divisions have experienced zero gifts.

There are two reasons this happens. (1) Many fields have no one assigned to trust services ministry. Bequests cannot be experienced without ministers assigned to emphasize, preach, promote, and facilitate this type of giving. (2) Preparing a will is not the common custom in any country. In the United States and Canada only about one in three individuals prepares a will. In some countries less than one in 1,000 has a will. One reason is that some people believe preparing a will is like a death wish that will hasten their demise. The opposite is true. A study of deaths in Great Britain in 2001 reveals that those dying with a will

lived an average of 10 years longer than those dying intestate. For those dying with a will containing charitable provisions, the donor's life averaged 13 years longer.

Our challenge is to help members overcome the fear of estate planning. The principles of Scripture and Ellen White's counsel are clear. Jesus acknowledged in His prayer to His Father, "All I have is yours" (John 17:10, NIV). The prophet Isaiah was sent to King Hezekiah with this counsel, "Put your house in order, because you are going to die" (Isa. 38:1, NIV).

Since everything we have belongs to God and we cannot take it with us, shouldn't we be putting our house in order? We need to prepare legal documents to orderly pass property and possessions on as God would have it to family (when they are dependent upon us and have needs) and back to the God who loaned us all these things.

Ellen White said, "Many are not exercised upon the subject of making their wills while they are in apparent health. . . . They should arrange their property in such a manner that they may leave it at any time.

"Wills should be made in a manner to stand the test of law. . . . Death will not come one day sooner, brethren, because you have made your will. In

disposing of your property by will to your relatives, be sure that you do not forget God's cause. You are His agents, holding His property; and His claims should have your first consideration" (*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 328).

During the past quinquennium Trust Services personnel have taken this message to 41 countries in 11 world divisions. Where personnel are assigned to Trust Services and where these men and women have preached, promoted, and modeled this act of Christian stewardship, significant progress has been made. In the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, where Abner Roque is promoting both stewardship and trust services, scores of new workers have been trained and certified. Assisting him is Wilfredo Sumagaysay, an attorney in private practice in Silang, Cavite, and an associate director-elect of the General Conference Trust Services Department. Throughout that division significant gifts for the finishing of God's work are being experienced.

Jesus left a will. You can read it in John 3:16. It is a will written in blood. On the cross of Calvary He bequeathed to the world eternal life. Aren't you glad you are an heir! Have you prepared a Christian will that remembers Him?



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**A CHOIR IN COLOR:** The South American River Plate Adventist University singers provided inspirational music at the last meeting of the session in Toronto.



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# Women's Ministries Department

**T**he General Conference Department of Women's Ministries has experienced much change and growth over the past five years. Both of these can be painful experiences, but they can also bring much joy and many rewards.

## *Change*

On December 31, 2004 Ardis Stenbakken, director of Women's Ministries Department at the General Conference, retired to care for her aging parents. Her work in the areas of literacy, Muslim ministries, mentoring, evangelism, abuse prevention, and leadership training has impacted the lives of countless women around the world and has helped to establish Women's Ministries as a crucial department whose time is here and whose resources are much needed.

We thank Ardis for her leadership and vision and for allowing God to use her in this office since 1994. Our prayers go with her as she enters this new phase of her life, and we are thankful that her support and prayers are with us also.

During this quinquennium we also saw a change in associate directors. In 2001 Lynnetta Hamstra left that position to become a full-time, stay-at-home mother. Heather-Dawn Small, of Trinidad and Tobago, was elected to replace her. She in turn was voted acting director as of January 2005.

Our focus in Women's Ministries Department has always been to help women grow in their relationship with

God and as a result become more involved in the mission of the church. This report shows what has been done from the General Conference Department of Women's Ministries, but at the local level there is a wide variety of ministries to meet the local needs of women. The aim is to have every woman involved in some type of ministry.

As you read, you will see what a difference women's ministries has made in the lives of women, their families, their communities, and the churches where they worship.

## **Outreach in Mongolia**

Women all over the world are finding that they are gifted in evangelism and are contributing to church growth. We are excited about the many ways women can reach others for Christ.

Fourteen women from the Middlewest Korean Conference traveled to Mongolia to present a health and gospel evangelism program in 2004. The meetings were held in the town of Tolgoit, where we had 40 church members. Lectures were presented in the mornings and one-on-one health care was given in the afternoons. Three hundred fifty persons attended the final Sabbath meetings, which resulted in 15 baptisms. Olga Murga, a native of Ukraine, has dedicated her life to evangelism. Over the past five years she has conducted 13 evangelistic programs in Israel and baptized more than 300 souls. Hanna (fictitious name), a Palestinian activist, was serving time in prison when she

met Olga, who gave Bible studies to the inmates. She was baptized on June 29, 2004, after her release from prison. Women like Olga can be found in every country, willing to share the gospel—regardless of obstacles.

## **Literacy**

The Adventist Church estimates that as many as 2 to 3 million members cannot read. The majority of these members are women. Women's Ministries is the primary department trying to meet this need and also to use literacy as outreach in the community.

In Pakistan, this past year, Women's Ministries Department sponsored two large literacy classes in Kchi Fatomand and Tokhar Niaz Baig. These classes are helping the women to become better mothers, to be more effective in running their homes and their finances, and are leading them to God's Word by giving each her own Bible as one of the textbooks to read. Now they do not have to depend on husbands, or children, or another village to read for them. They can gain a better understanding of God and His love for them by reading His Word themselves.

In 2003, 890 students learned to read and write because of the "Les Para Crer" ("Read to Believe") program created by Women's Ministries Department in the Sergipe-Alagoas Mission, Brazil. Two notable women leading this program are Marluce Cruz do Santos and Valdelice Leal. Cruz has led 22 of her students to baptism, and

Leal is the teacher and coordinator of this program.

### Projects

From time to time we endeavor to assist with projects that in turn will assist with outreach. The following project is truly a story of how God can turn the worst of circumstances into one that will bring lasting rewards to many women and their families.

On June 24, 2002, 350 Adventist women were returning by train from the first women's ministries congress held in Tanzania. There was a terrible train accident, and 62 of our women died. As a result of this tragedy, it was decided that a women's center should be built in Mwanza, Tanzania, as a memorial to these women. A fund was established through our department, and \$66,000 was raised to help in building this center.

At this time the center—which is still under construction—has classes in Bible study, tailoring, health, and embroidery, with 30 students in attendance. When it is completed, computer classes, literacy, and gardening will be introduced.

Over the past five years we have assisted with raising funds for a goat project in Laos, and church buildings and literacy in India.

### Abuse Prevention

On September 26, 2001, as a result of a Women's Ministries Department initiative, the Annual Council voted to add an Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day to the church calendar. This day is observed the fourth Sabbath of August each year, and the Women's Ministries Department is responsible for working with other GC departments to create and distribute the resource materials. Women have welcomed this day and feel affirmed that their church leadership cares about their pain.

Evelyn Nagel, women's ministries director for the South American Division, reported that 90 percent of the churches in that division participated in this special day in 2003. The

division prepared 100,000 pamphlets and a magazine with the resource material provided.

### Resources

The importance of resources to aid women as they minister cannot be overstated. Over the past five years we have provided resources in the areas of evangelism, abuse, mentoring, leadership, literacy training, HIV/AIDS training, teen ministries, Bible study lessons, and much more.

We also obtain women's ministries materials that are available in different languages and pass them on to other parts of the world where that same language is spoken. This has been of great benefit to women who have no funds to translate or create resources of their own.

During this quinquennium we launched a Women's Ministries Leadership Certification program. This consists of three levels; to date levels 1 and 2 are completed. The program includes 56 seminars complete with PowerPoint, overheads, and handouts.

December 18, 2004, was a big day for 23 women and two men in Israel when they received their certificates of completion for level 1 of the Leadership Certification program. The women and men had come together once a month for classes. At the graduation ceremony they received a certificate of completion along with a CD with all the Level 1 material translated in their own language—English, Russian, or Romanian. In attendance were the Israel Field president, Richard Elofer, and two officers from the Trans-European Division. Nina Usachev, women's ministries mission director, said, "We know that many of the women have eagerly awaited this material, and we are glad that we can finally do our part to meet this need." Level 2 training began in January 2005, and graduation is planned for the end of the year.

### Scholarshipping Our Sisters

Since 1991 this department has been involved in a women's scholarship program. The program is for all

Seventh-day Adventist women, regardless of age, who desire to pursue a tertiary education. Over the years the money for this fund has come from the profits of the women's ministries devotional book. From 1991 to 2005 there have been 965 scholarships awarded to women in more than 91 countries, totaling \$386,243.04.

At least 50 percent of the applications received are turned down because of lack of funds, so in 2004 we began working with a group of women to raise funds under the name of "Scholarshipping Our Sisters." As a result, \$21,428.37 has been raised, which enabled us to give each division an additional \$1,500 toward scholarships this past year.

The importance of this program for our women cannot be overstated. Many of these women, after graduation, return to their homes to work with their churches or mentor and teach other women.

### The Future

With the formation of this department a "sleeping giant" has been awakened. The women of this church are eager, ready, and more than willing to do God's work. Yes, there is change, but there is also phenomenal growth. We do not know what the future will hold, but we know that with God on our side there is no obstacle too big for us to conquer.

### Women's Ministries Baptism Statistics for the Past Five Years

1999	105,241
2000	101,046
2001	61,439
2002	108,314
2003	96,288
Total	472,328



**Baraka G. Muganda**  
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The Youth Department has been in the ministry of saving and challenging youth to participate in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the past 125 years. This quinquennium has proved to be one of the most exciting times to be involved in youth ministry.

More than 75 percent of the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is under 30 years old. We are a young church, full of energy and zeal. On every continent you can find faithful and dedicated Adventurers, Pathfinders, and young adults serving their church as volunteers, student missionaries, builders, evangelists, service project workers, Global Mission pioneers, or helping with ADRA programs/projects. These young people keep the wheel of the gospel rolling.

Large congresses and Pathfinder camporees were held in all divisions worldwide. At all these events young people were baptized and many committed their hearts and lives to Jesus. The main focus of all these gatherings was *salvation and service*. History was made in Poland when, for the first time in recent memory, an all-european youth congress was held. More than 2,000 youth attended. I could share with you details about these meetings, but time and space would not allow it. In *Gospel Workers*, Ellen G. White writes, "They [youth] must be taught how to labor for the Master. They must be trained, disciplined, drilled, in the best methods of winning souls to Christ" (p. 210). Let's look at a few of

the characteristics revealed by our young people.

#### *They Commit*

Diego and Adriana, from Brazil, are two widely known outstanding youth evangelists, fully committed to God and to His cause. As a result of their ministry Diego has baptized more than 1,200 people and Adriana more than 2,000. These youth represent thousands of other youth around the world emerging as modern heroes of our faith.

Our youth are committed and involved in the mission and leadership of the church. In some parts of the world these youth are waiting to be challenged, organized, and trained.

Just think of the great 1000 Missionary Movement, a group highly committed to God and His cause. These are young people who participate as volunteers, giving a year of their lives to God. This movement, with headquarters in the Philippines, has sent more than 2,000 young volunteers around the world, planted more than 250 new churches, and baptized more than 20,000 people since its inception.

#### *They Make a Difference*

All good Christians know that bars are not the places to try and give Bible studies! OK, all except the 10-year-old boys and girls in Tanzania who were challenged by their Pathfinder director to share their faith with non-Adventists. On their way home that day they began to talk about what they could do. Passing a bar, they immedi-

ately recognized that there must be someone in there who needed Jesus.

They walked in and found a woman alone at a table. They sat down beside her and told her they wanted to share Jesus' love with her. She rolled her eyes and ordered one last drink. Then she listened! Three months later at her baptism she gave her testimony that she was being baptized because no one before had told her they loved her. But there in a bar, two young people told her about the One who really loves her. That's the mission. Be creative. Share the love of Jesus with others. Think outside the box!

In Bangladesh during a Pathfinder camporee, Pathfinders came up with a creative way of witnessing where traditional approaches do not work. They launched Good News in the Air—2,000 colorful balloons, one balloon for each delegate. On each balloon they pasted Scripture verses and some key elements of the Adventist health message. The balloons fell where villagers could find them and read them, and an "interest follow-up" group was put in place.

You cannot stop the youth. We were created to be creative! Think about it: A God as big and great as ours did not create us in His image just to sit and do the "same old, same old." No, He created us to be like Him—*creative*. We challenge you: What will your "balloon evangelism" be?

#### *They Represent the World*

In 2004, 1,500 young people and their leaders from all over the world



**Students from EUD prepare to engage in an evangelism project within the 10/40 window.**



**Adventist young women from Malawi attending a youth meeting**



**Leading ornithologist Dana (from Romania) and friends. (See last part of report for her story.)**

invaded Thailand for its first-ever world conference on youth and community service (dubbed IMPACT 10/40). These young people participated in youth evangelism in the 10/40 window through various initiatives. "They patrolled the streets and villages with the message of God's love, mingled with people, and were not afraid to step into new areas," says Alfredo Garcia-Marenko, General Conference associate youth director. At the end of this historic meeting, the governor was so impressed with what the young people had done that a banquet was given to say thank you to the Adventist youth of the world.

After the conference, these young people declared that they'd go back to their divisions and impact the areas in which they live with the new approaches learned from IMPACT 10/40. At this event, one young woman who was not an Adventist Christian gave her heart to the Lord, and on her return home introduced her mother and sister to the Lord. Both were baptized. Others were so touched that they decided they wanted to be trained to serve the Lord in the mission field.

Dedicated Adventist youth are ready to participate in the mission of the church if only they can be involved. They want to be part of the work of God. Mrs. White wrote, "Let them [youth] feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves" (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 435).

In 2005 youth all over the world are participating in the Elijah Project. This ambitious and visionary project is

sponsored by the General Conference and the Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI), and coordinated by the GC Youth Department. More than 18,000 Voice of Youth campaigns are taking place in every world division.

Youth want to be involved in God's work, not tomorrow, but *today!*

#### THE BEST

Our young people are the majority, not only numerically, but in terms of energy, education, life expectancy, quality of life, and church growth. They are, simply, the best.

"So many have chosen to be led by God into lives they never would have dreamed of—modern-day Daniels, Josephs, Marys, and so many other similar counterparts to biblical greats—it is hard to select just one or two examples," says Robert Holbrook, world Pathfinder director for the General Conference.

Dana's story is hard to believe. Because of her extremely shy personality, shaped by her dysfunctional family background, Dana, from Romania, preferred spending her days alone in the forest where people wouldn't tease her or whisper about her poor hand-me-down dress. But as He did with Moses in the wilderness, God was using these times in the forested mountains of her country to prepare her for something else. One day her pastor asked her to start a Pathfinder club—the first in her country. It changed her as well as her country.

Today she is a leading ornithologist. She also organizes Pathfinder and Master Guide camps; she travels with her trusty little backpack all over the

country, giving seminars and organizing Pathfinder clubs.

And in the circles of the ornithological society, through organizing

youth camps for schools and communities focused on birding and environmental conservation—the only such camps in the country—Dana is also spreading a love for God's world far and wide. Oh, and that Pathfinder club she began? She has kept track of every one of those kids during the past 12 years. Out of nearly 150 kids, only two have left the church; more than 40 who were not members joined the church along the way because of her influence.

This story confirms that "there is no other class that can do as much good as young men and young women who are consecrated to God. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence" (*Messages to Young People*, p. 204).

We have seen the great things God is doing through our youth. But at the same time, while we are celebrating God's working through the youth, we are also losing many to the world. A study done by Roger Dudley, of Andrews University, shows that in this division (North America) the church is losing about 40 percent of its young people yearly. We need to find ways to stop this painful exodus. Let's get serious with approaches and initiatives that will make them know that they are loved and needed in the church. This is a challenge to all of us. They don't need to be entertained. Young people need to be challenged to love God and participate in the mission of the church—*salvation and service*—through commitment, creativity, visionary awareness, and being the best!

For more about us, visit <http://youth.gc.adventist.org>.



**Julian Melgosa**  
President

# Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies

The Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is still unknown by many members of the Adventist family worldwide. However, as a General Conference center of graduate education, it is committed to providing quality graduate education at affordable cost to all divisions of our church. Take a few moments to learn the basic facts about it:

AIAS . . .

- Was made a GC institution of graduate education by action of the Annual Council in 1996. It became the fourth GC educational institution after Andrews University, Loma Linda University, and Oakwood College. It is also the first one outside the U.S.

- Is located in the city of Silang in the historic province of Cavite, 31 miles (50 kilometers) south of Manila, Philippines.

- Began as the graduate section of Philippine Union College in 1957 and became a theological seminary under the former Far Eastern Division in 1978. The name AIAS was granted by a Philippines presidential decree in 1987.

- Offers graduate degrees in the fields of business, education, public health, and religion. Doctorates are granted in various areas of religion, education, and business (in process).

- Is truly international, counting 40 different nationalities in its student body and 18 in its faculty.

- Has no dormitories and no cafeteria, as the large majority of students

are church workers coming with their spouse and children.

- Is a pioneer in distance education, with several decades of experience in distance learning centers.

- Has been offering degree courses online since 2003.

- Has alumni all over the world, many of whom hold very responsible high positions of leadership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

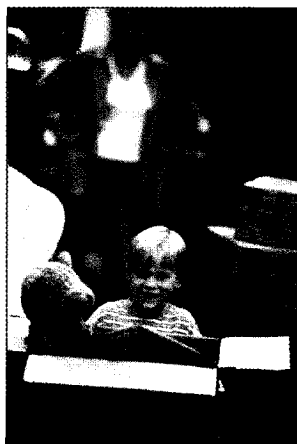
- Is recognized by the Commission of Higher Education of the Republic of the Philippines and accredited by Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA), by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU); and by the Association of Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA).

To learn more about AIAS, visit [www.aias.edu](http://www.aias.edu)

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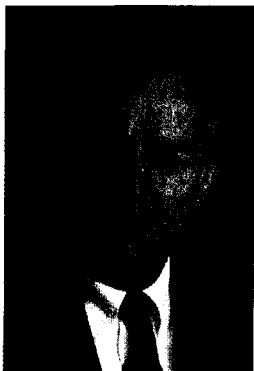
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**BE A FOLLOWER.** Don't worry, we won't turn you into a lemming. We simply want to help you experience what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Meet Laurence Burn, campus chaplain and the instructor of Intro to Discipleship—just one of the unique classes available here. Enter Alethia Hutchinson, a student looking to fill the spiritual void in her life. Halfway into the semester, Laurence, Alethia and her classmates trudged off to the forest for

this chaplain's idea of a mid-term. The weekend included a ropes course, designed to help students connect with each other to address attitude and character. Valuable lessons in teamwork and an incredible sense of belonging were the result. "I learned a lot about leadership," remembered Alethia, "when to lead and when to follow." At Andrews, we are all leaders and followers in Christ. Think about it. Is this where you belong?



**Niels-Erik Andreassen**  
*President*

# Andrews University

Since its founding in Battle Creek 131 years ago, Andrews University has embraced its institutional mission to educate students for generous service to the church and society in keeping with a faithful witness to Christ and to the worldwide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. These are lofty and challenging words on the page, but they can be found in action, in the people and on the campus of Andrews University.

## **Educating for Generous Service**

Andrews University honors the opportunity to educate bright, committed students who share our interest in impacting the world. Today, more than 3,000 students from nearly 100 countries study at our Berrien Springs campus, in five schools and in 180 undergraduate and graduate programs. The university's educational strength extends worldwide through affiliate and extension programs, in which another 1,700 students are currently working toward Andrews undergraduate and graduate degrees at 16 affiliated institutions on five continents. Andrews alumni number more than 28,000. They work across the globe, and literally thousands of them serve in the world church or in other Adventist leadership positions.

Andrews University boasts a diverse teaching faculty, dedicated to academic

excellence. Like our student body, our faculty members come from around the world. In addition to teaching, Andrews faculty are challenged and committed to scholarly research and publishing. Their work not only serves the campus but provides vital scholarship for the church, the community,



**The face of Andrews University undergraduate school**

and the world. We are proud of our faculty, who have made the commitment to our students, understanding that during the few years our students are with us the interactions in and out of the classroom will mold their decisions about career, friends, and service to God and society.

Some of the educational success of our students is demonstrated through national standards. Our undergraduate students are entering college with scores consistently higher than national averages on standardized tests. Our retention rates are nearly 15 percentage points higher than those of similar private universities, reflecting a six-point increase since 1999, and

demonstrating our students' success and commitment to Adventist education at Andrews University.

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, which recently commemorated its seventieth year of training for ministry, had a record enrollment in the fall of 2004 of 678 students. Andrews University Seminary students come from all inhabited continents of the world to join one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse seminary campuses in North America.

Creating a physical environment that fosters learning and builds community among students, faculty, and staff is an ongoing challenge in a time of stretched financial resources. Thanks to the generosity of university friends, who are also committed to education for generous service, we have completed two major building projects during the past quinquennium. The facility that houses the Theological Seminary underwent a much-needed renovation and expansion. This project doubled the square footage to better accommodate the record enrollment, and now provides fitting spaces that foster intellectual, spiritual, and social community among the students, staff, and faculty of the seminary.

The second building project had remained a dream for more than a quarter century—a dream that one day Andrews would have a first-class performance hall on campus. To some, this may seem an extravagant dream

for a small university located in a very small village. But at Andrews there is nothing small about the work we do or the people we serve. This dream became reality in large part because of the generosity of a couple from the local area, who were not members of the Adventist Church, but who had been blessed by the high standard of music that Andrews has offered over the years to our local community. In October 2003 Andrews dedicated the Howard Performing Arts Center to the Giver who dreams of a world filled with His song, healed by His music.

A global community of eager students, keen-minded faculty, and improving facilities that foster a learning climate—these elements combine to create a vibrant environment that lets the minds of our students soar—but to what end? While we are confident that at the culmination of their degree programs Andrews graduates are prepared for excellent service in their field, we recognize that their desire to be of service cannot be met through theoretical discussion in the classroom.

So “educated for service” is demonstrated creatively and practically in various disciplines. For example, our music students and faculty offer free lessons in their spare time to disadvantaged children; music performance organizations spend their vacations bringing beautiful music to inspire the hearts of those stricken with AIDS in developing countries; architecture students serve the building needs of small communities in South America; biology students tutor disadvantaged children in the local community; a potpourri of students volunteer their time each Sabbath for street ministries in nearby Benton Harbor; and hundreds more dedicate their varied talents and time for the annual Easter weekend *Passion Play*, which ministers to more than 8,000 guests to our campus.

**Witness to Christ and to the Worldwide Mission of the Church**

Where do Andrews students get the

energy and inspiration to serve? It is through the freshness and energy of youthful enthusiasm—an element that brings great joy to the educational work on campus. Students thrive in the Christ-centered classroom and in the daily worship services expected on a Christian campus, but Andrews students also take hold of their faith experience and live it out in bold new ways.

While the secularism and materialism of the postmodern world portend dismal projections for church atten-



**The new seminary building complex**

dance in North America, Andrews University is defying the trend and experiencing a vibrant spiritual community. Every Sabbath there are nearly 30 worship opportunities in our community, including eight options right in Berrien Springs. Bible study in the tradition of Sabbath school has enjoyed a revitalized interest through the grassroots initiative and leadership of Andrews students with the support of their families in the community. Andrews students are feeding on God's Word together, inviting the Holy Spirit into their lives through creative expressive worship, and sharing their experience with others.

**Legacy of Leadership**

For nearly a century and a half Andrews University has provided higher education to the Adventist Church. In 1960 that commitment was redoubled by the General Conference, which established Andrews University as a comprehensive university charged with serving the needs of a growing and changing denomination. Andrews has faithfully nurtured Adventist

higher education around the globe through our affiliate relationships to sister institutions, and we have watched with satisfaction as many of these colleges have outgrown the need for our name on their charters.

However, there remains a tremendous need for educated leaders to support the church's expansion, to bring Adventist influence to various fields in the public sector, and to provide faith-based education for the world Adventist family. Andrews University stands on the cusp of a new era in Adventist education and is uniquely prepared to serve the global needs of our worldwide church.

While we still count the years of the new century and the millennium in single digits, Andrews is distinctly situated to draw on our legacy, our leadership, and our substantial resources in developing future leaders during this challenging time of earth's history.

And we will strengthen our efforts to inspire our students, graduate and undergraduate, to seize the opportunities to fully participate in the culturally, socially, spiritually, and intellectually rich campus community.

Andrews University looks to the future with confidence. With God's guidance and grace we will strengthen the signature programs of the university to make them responsive and adaptable to the needs of church and society. We will nurture our outstanding faculty, who embody the academic excellence and spiritual maturity that inspire students and prepare them for distinctive leadership roles. And we will remain faithful stewards of the physical spaces of our campus, and continue to develop and provide a physical plant that builds community and supports educational values.

At Andrews we are stewards of a legacy of leadership that inspires us to take seriously what Adventist education sets out to do. We are stewards of resources measured in the lives of people and the walls of buildings. And we are stewards of a mission, inspired by our namesake, John Nevins Andrews.



**Larry Pitcher**  
President

# Christian Record Services

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church owns 56 publishing houses. But Christian Record Services (CRS) is unique.

CRS operates standard publishing house equipment such as offset presses, paper cutters, folders, collating equipment, a high-speed insertion machine, and so forth. In addition, CRS operates three Braille presses, special collating equipment, and finishing equipment for its Braille publications.

The CRS production department has the look, feel, and inky smell of a typical high-tech pressroom. It stands alone, though, in producing Christian reading material designed for blind and visually impaired individuals.

More than 50,000 children, teens, and adults in 75 countries receive one or more CRS publications each year. To meet the needs of the blind, CRS employs about 160 people in the United States and Canada.

"Ministry to the blind—not printing—is Christian Record Services' primary business," asserts Harold Baptiste, a General Conference vice president and CRS board chair. As the church's official ministry to blind people, CRS staff have one central purpose—to *help the blind see Jesus*. As a result, tens of thousands of blind and visually impaired people have met Jesus through 106 years of ministry.

"This Discover Bible course [the CRS Braille edition] has helped me understand and believe in God because it explains how and why Jesus came to earth," Janet Barnard shared recently in a letter. She went on, "It explains how

the stars were made. . . . The way it is explained makes me feel loved and wanted, and sometimes I don't feel that way. The lesson makes me feel like I fit in. It's a nice, wonderful, and God-made feeling. Thanks for sending me this lesson. I love God and the lessons very much."

Christian Record Services employees and volunteers provide eight specific ministries for blind people:

**Available to blind people worldwide:**

1. Subscription magazines in Braille and large print (in English).
2. Study guides published in Braille and large print and available on the World Wide Web that help blind people find the truth about Jesus as Friend and Savior.
3. A Web site that provides worldwide access to CRS English and Spanish publications for blind people ([www.christianrecord.org](http://www.christianrecord.org)).

**Available to blind people in North America:**

4. Full-Vision books that combine Braille and large print with an audio CD, enabling blind parents to read to their sighted children and sighted parents to help their blind children learn to read Braille.
5. The CRS lending library, which maintains more than 2,000 books in Braille and on audiocassette.
6. National Camps for Blind Children/Adults (NCBC), which operates throughout North America providing life-changing experiences for thousands of blind campers.
7. CRS scholarship assistance, which provides cash assistance on a limited

basis to blind young people enrolled in college.

8. Personal visitation of blind people in the North American Division by skilled CRS representatives.

Something else, unique at Christian Record Services, is a new coordinating position for these various outreach ministries. David Klinedinst, CRS personal ministries director, directs CRS volunteers in their special visitation ministry to blind people. He supervises NCBC camp pastors and provides local church disabilities coordinators with information about CRS publications and services. In addition, Klinedinst helps train CRS representatives in relational ministry for blind people and supervises the CRS Bible School.

"The purpose of CRS personal ministries is to nurture the kind of relationships that will connect blind people to the local Seventh-day Adventist church," explains Pastor Klinedinst.

**Set Apart**

One of the ministries that sets Christian Record Services apart is its National Camps for Blind Children/Adults. These two dozen camps span North America and each year challenge blind campers both physically and spiritually. That is what Ashley found when she attended NCBC camp at Yorktown Bay in Arkansas. Ashley's badly blurred and limited vision was complicated by neuropathy, which impeded her muscle control. So Ashley arrived at camp with her walker and wheelchair.

Following her parents' suggestion, camp staff challenged her to be active.

Ashley accepted the challenge and attempted almost everything. She rode horses, scaled the climbing wall, enjoyed canoe rides, and played in the water.

"She was definitely an inspiration to the other campers and to the counselors, too," said CRS representative Norine Westerbeck.

Two special strengths of the NCBC camping program combined to help Ashley. First, she had the opportunity to try activities she previously considered impossible. This helped to build her self-confidence. Second, she was encouraged by CRS staff who live God's love. At each NCBC camp a pastor presents the love, goodness, and truth of Jesus to the campers. Since the founding of NCBC camps in 1967, these two characteristics have combined to change the lives of 46,579 blind and visually impaired people who have attended these camps.

The story of Revvy illustrates how CRS publications and services combine to influence blind and visually impaired campers to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The love of Jesus has a powerful effect, often causing a chain reaction.

After the Holy Spirit convicted Revvy that Jesus' sacrifice was for him, he requested baptism. Like all who are eager to learn about Jesus, Revvy spent time in Bible study prior to his baptism during NCBC camp at Broken Arrow Ranch (Kansas) in 1997. But he chose to be baptized at camp rather than at his local church because he wanted to influence his friend Rocky.

It worked. Three years later, during the summer of 2000, Rocky decided to be baptized. He too wanted to witness through his baptism to his friend Paul. The chain reaction continued during NCBC camps at Broken Arrow Ranch. Four years later, in 2004, camp pastor Richard New, from Omaha, Nebraska, baptized Paul.

### Integrating Blind People Into the Church

How can church members help blind people see Jesus? Another special function of Christian Record Services



Ashley enjoying watermelon at NCBC camp



Pastor Richard New baptizing Paul

is to help integrate blind people into their local churches.

"A lot of times blind people feel shut out of churches," says Donnie Brown, a Seventh-day Adventist man who is blind. "So the opportunity to worship in church is not always there. Some church members make us feel like we are dumb, possibly deaf, and retarded. Because of the stereotypes society has of blind people, there is not always the opportunity for blind people to learn about Jesus Christ." Christian Record Services representatives help change this situation by educating church members on how to be at ease with blind people.

### Not Just North America

The special ministry of Christian Record Services to blind and visually impaired people is not limited to North America. Each year thousands of blind people worldwide read CRS Braille publications.

For example, Jamlick Kirimi Nyamu wrote from Kenya to Christian Record Services Bible School director Maria Butler. He explained that he loves CRS large-print publications. First he started studying the Life and Teachings of Christ Bible course. Recently he sent in his

answers to lesson 26 of the Discover Bible course.

In giant letters Mr. Nyamu wrote, "I have completed the Discover Bible lessons and I want another more Bible courses in large print. I'm so most interested to learn more about the Bible from the beginning of Genesis up to last book of Revelation. I want to know more of the whole truth of the Bible. I have made the Bible to be my very valuable book and my essential basic book to instruct me and guide [the] whole of my life."

Cassie Martsching, a CRS editorial assistant, received this note from Michael Kofi Kumah, from Ghana: "I have received the [large print] books sent to me and I wish to show my appreciation. I really thank the donors and those that made it possible for me to have them for free.

"I have read the first four books and found out they are gems indeed. . . . Thank you, and may God richly bless you and the Christian Record organization."

Whether the publication is in Braille or large print, in audio or Web based, the workers for blind and visually impaired people at Christian Record Services seek to help blind people see Jesus. We expect that when Jesus comes, His face will be the first these children of God will see. Then the vision of these dedicated CRS workers will be literally fulfilled—blind people will see Jesus in all of His power and glory.

Magazine	NAD Subs	World Subs	Total Subs
<i>Children's Friend</i> —Braille	954	368	1,322
<i>Christian Record</i> —Cassette	1,957	818	2,775
<i>Encounter</i> —Cassette	3,910	96	4,006
<i>Lifeglow</i> —Large Print	35,308	513	35,821
<i>The Student</i> —Braille	500	1,115	1,615
<i>The Student</i> —Cassette	2,424	81	2,505
<i>Talking Magazine</i> —Cassette	8,397	101	8,498
<i>Young &amp; Alive</i> —Braille	1,988	698	2,686
<i>Young &amp; Alive</i> —Large Print	23,893	532	24,425
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79,331</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>83,653</b>



**B. Lyn Behrens**  
President and CEO

# Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Health Medical Center

This year marks the one-hundredth anniversary of Loma Linda University (LLU) and Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC). From humble beginnings in 1905, the institutions have grown to be leaders in health professional education, research, science, and patient care, and pioneers of lifesaving medicine.

From its very beginning we have seen God's providence leading in the establishment and growth of this institution. The property where Loma Linda now stands was first developed as the plush Mound City Hotel during the 1887-1888 boom days. Following the depression of the 1890s, the hotel complex failed. The property then came to the attention of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and in particular, Ellen G. White and John Burden.

Loma Linda was the kind of place that aroused enthusiasm. When Mrs. White first visited Loma Linda, she was enchanted by its charms, describing it as "the most desirable place I have ever seen for a sanitarium."

When John Burden first visited the property, the owners were asking \$110,000 for its purchase. This asking price was entirely too much for the young denomination. However, the price dropped until it finally reached \$40,000. With his own signature, and with the blessing of Mrs. White, Pastor Burden placed \$1,000 down—trusting in the Lord that future payments could be met.

Funds were not available for the

second payment, due on July 26, 1905. The conference committee of the Southern California Conference met in emergency session in Los Angeles. The installment of \$5,000 was due at 2:00 p.m. They didn't have the first dollar of it. Some members were again openly critical of the plan to purchase the property. Burden later reported that "the intensity of feelings was running high," and that they were "in deep perplexity."

Someone suggested that the troubled group wait for the morning mail. Soon they heard the mail carrier walking up the stairs. The mail included a letter from a woman in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The sender was unknown to anyone on the committee, and is unknown to this day. The letter had traveled, possibly for weeks, completely across the North American continent. Inside was a note saying, "I do not know just what your immediate need is, but if this will help, use it." With it was a bank draft for \$5,000, the exact amount needed four hours later on that deadline day.

Suddenly there wasn't a dry eye in the place. Burden later reported, "It was as solemn as the judgment day. . . . We then took new courage, as we felt that our Lord was going before us." Future payments were met on time. The Lord has continued to bless Loma Linda throughout the years.

Since the General Conference session in 2000, LLU and LLUMC and their various entities have continued with growth, innovation, and globalization.

**Growth.** During the past five years

enrollment at LLU has continued to increase. This year more than 4,000 students from 89 countries are enrolled in Loma Linda's eight schools and in the Faculty of Religion. Two new schools have joined the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health, and the Graduate School.

The School of Pharmacy was added in 2002. The specific objective of this new school is to educate pharmacists in a Seventh-day Adventist Christian setting that trains graduates to provide high-quality pharmacy care as fully participating members of health-care teams committed to whole-person care. The first students from our new school will receive the Pharm.D. degree in the spring of 2006.

In 2003 LLU added the School of Science and Technology. This new entity houses the behavioral sciences and natural sciences programs of the university. The faculty will also develop new programs in the technological sciences that advance the mission of LLU.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held earlier this year for LLUMC's East Campus expansion. This new 23-acre campus, located three blocks from LLUMC, features professionals, staff, and facilities focused on patients needing rehabilitation and orthopedic and neurosurgical care in an indoor and outdoor healing environment.

The Proton Treatment Center continues to grow. Opened in 1990, Loma Linda's proton treatment delivers more precise doses of radiation than

does conventional radiation. Recently the United States Department of Energy awarded a \$3 million grant to further develop beam-scanning capability to improve accuracy and permit the beam to target large-field tumors such as those found in breast and lung cancer. When the facility first opened, an average of 12 patients were treated each day. Now 150 patients are treated daily.

The infant heart transplant program at Loma Linda continues to grow. Our first patient, who received a human heart in 1985 when he was 4 days old, turns 20 in November. Loma Linda University Children's Hospital (LUCH) surgeons continue to perform approximately half of the heart transplants in newborns under 6 months of age in the United States.

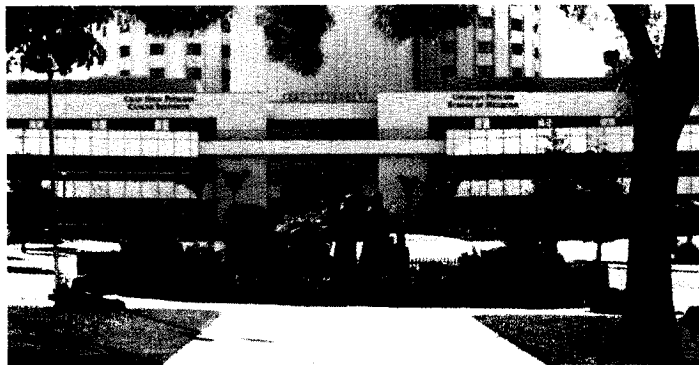
LUCH continues to serve the inland area of southern California. LUCH and LLUMC are the tertiary care facilities for 25 percent of California. LUCH is the only facility dedicated specifically to the specialized care of the 1.2 million children in our service area.

During the past five years approximately 25,000 stories about LLU and LLUMC have appeared in print or been seen on television. A film crew from the British Broadcasting Company spent six months at Loma Linda filming footage for the popular television channel Animal Planet. The result is a 10-part television program, *Venom ER*, now being shown worldwide.

We at Loma Linda are committed to the principles of wholeness, regardless of ethnicity, culture, gender, and physical states.

Our Faculty of Religion, working with the Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness, continues its work of research, education, and service by developing models for spiritual care, and leading out in the spiritual life of our entire campus in the classroom and elsewhere.

**Innovation.** Loma Linda is now offering a number of classes via distance learning. The School of Public Health has launched a new distance learning master's level program. Students are required to come to the Loma Linda campus once each year in the summer for on-campus education; additional classes are taken over the Internet. Students from as far away as Ukraine have enrolled in this innovative program. In addition, approximately 60 students received LLU mas-



**Sculpture of the Good Samaritan, located at a strategic spot on the campus. Not only is it a continuing conversation piece; it also summarizes the mission of the institution.**

ter's degrees from the School of Public Health during graduation ceremonies at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton.

Researchers at Loma Linda are exploring new ways to treat diseases. The Adventist Health Study-2 continues to look at the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle and how this lifestyle contributes to longevity and better health than the general population experiences.

**Globalization.** Since its inception in 1905, LLU has trained individuals for local and international service. The first missionary from Loma Linda, a new School of Nursing graduate, accepted a position in Buenos Aires, Argentina, only months after her graduation in 1907. Her tradition of service to the local and global community continues.

LLU and LLUMC continue to provide consultative services for the 800-bed Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China. Sir Run Run Shaw, a Hong Kong busi-

nessman and philanthropist, asked Loma Linda to partner with him in this new hospital because of the care his mother received at an Adventist hospital in the Far East.

Each year LLU offers students opportunities to participate in short-term mission service in countries outside the United States. Each year hundreds of students take the opportunity to work with other institutions through this unique program. Monthly trips are made to Ensenada, Baja

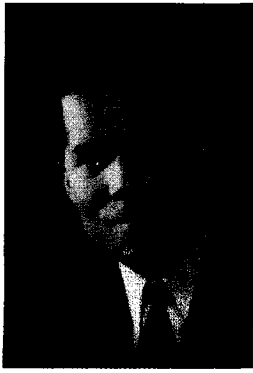
California, Mexico, where the students participate in the local church and conduct health clinics on Sunday.

Just this year Loma Linda received a \$3 million grant from the United States government to operate the Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan. Afghanistan's Ministry of Health asked Loma Linda to operate this facility as a Western-style community hospital for the people of

Afghanistan. This hospital, which has been completely refurbished by the International Red Cross, will be in operation by midyear. Faculty from Loma Linda have worked with the medical school in Kabul for several decades. Based on relationships developed over the years, the Ministry of Health has entrusted its premier teaching hospital to Loma Linda to develop and enhance.

Loma Linda continues to work with other sister institutions around the world. Faculty and staff from our various schools and medical facilities participate in continuing education classes around the globe. Health-care workers from many countries travel to Loma Linda to receive specialized training. In turn, they enrich the lives of our community.

We continue to solicit your prayers and support as we join with the world church in spreading the healing and teaching ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Delbert Baker**  
President

# Oakwood College

**O**akwood College continues its legacy to develop leaders in service, and its mission of integrating faith, learning, and service. Three words—education, excellence, eternity—capture the essence of its mission and aim.

Founded more than a century ago by the General Conference in response to Ellen G. White, Oakwood College is a respected member of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) family.

Oakwood's considerable progress during this quinquennium is a result of a committed faculty, staff, and administration, who welcome an international and multicultural student body from 35 U.S. states and 30 countries around the world.

## Spiritual Life and Other Factors

The dynamic spiritual life program includes male and female chaplaincy teams that provide daily pastoral care for students and work in conjunction with campus revivals. These have resulted in more than 500 student baptisms. The Student Services and Religion departments facilitate further opportunities for information and service through 10 major outreach trips around the world—to Africa, Asia, and nations of the Caribbean. NAPS, a national organization based at Oakwood College, was cited for its humanitarian efforts during the 9/11 disaster in New York, and traveled to

southern Asia to assist in the tsunami relief effort.

Oakwood's enrollment has averaged around 1,780 for the past five years, with the largest senior class (412) in 2002, and a peak freshman class of 519 in 2004.

Oakwood College retains full accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the General Conference accrediting service. Sixty percent of its faculty have earned doctoral degrees, and they author books, publish articles, and engage in funded research. Oakwood College also partners with Griggs University (based at the General Conference), and has expanded its adult education program from one to three offerings, while distance learning and online coursework are under development.

The B.S. degree in Nursing was accredited in 2001 and will feature its

first four-year candidates in May 2005. An independent Communication Department was established in 2002, and a new graduate degree in religion is in development. Currently Oakwood collaborates with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center to train students for professions in the space industry. A research project from Oakwood faculty and students was part of the *Columbia* space shuttle's schedule of experiments before its tragic loss. Oakwood College has been cited for the past seven years in *U.S. News and World Report* as among the best colleges in the southern region, and also recognized as among the top 10 schools to motivate graduates to seek higher degrees in health professions.

## Campus Facilities

To meet the need of an increased student enrollment over the past decade and to accommodate students into the next quinquennium, West Oaks Apartments was completed in 2003 for junior and senior students. In addition, extensive renovations will be made to Edwards Hall (the current junior and senior men's dorm), and ground will soon be broken on a men's residence hall.

Several construction projects will provide needed instructional space, including the new communications facility, featuring audio-visual services, photography, and art; the Bradford-Cleveland Institute addition to the C. E. Moseley Religion Complex, with



**Oakwood College graduates the largest number of African-Americans in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.**



state-of-the-art technology and communications capability; and a much-needed health and wellness complex.

More than \$12 million has been invested in new construction or renovation of current academic and student facilities. These include the state-of-the-art, 45,000-square-foot Business and Technology Complex and the West Oaks Apartments residential units. The college market, snack bar, and bookstore underwent a \$1 million renovation to enlarge and modernize their facilities.

Oakwood College Industries, a 22,000-square-foot facility adjacent to the campus, was purchased to promote economic development and industries that hire Oakwood students. The building provides space for the Oakwood Community Development Center, WOCG Praise 90.1 FM radio station, the college health and counseling services, and an executive business center.

Symbolic of Oakwood's commitment to service, the college commissioned renowned sculptor Alan Collins to create a statue of Simon of Cyrene helping Christ carry the cross, funded by a regional donor.

### Development Progress

Successful fund-raising resulted in nearly \$12 million for various ventures and an additional \$10 million through grants and contracts. Oakwood College has been a continuous member of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) since 1966. Over the past five years the college has raised thousands for student scholarships. During January 2005 the Tom Joyner Foundation featured Oakwood as the HBCU of the Month, bringing valuable publicity and an initiative to raise \$100,000 for scholarships. Community initiatives included the third annual Festival of Spirituals, featuring area HBCU choirs; the 2003 Aeolians tour to Poland to the Wratislavia Cantans music festival; the Aeolians' induction into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame; the "Dream Revisited" reenactment of the 1962 address by Dr. King at the college; and the People's Choice

Award to WOCG Praise 90.1 FM as the fourth-most-visited gospel station on the Internet.

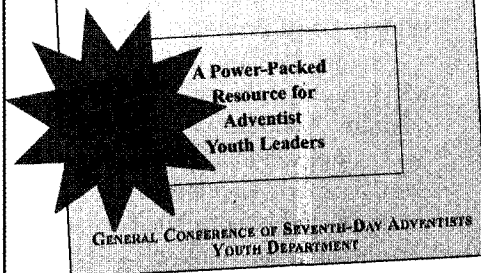
### Oakwood College and the Future

Sixteen pioneer students gathered on these grounds with teachers and staff at the institution's 1896 opening. The first paragraph of their story has

unfolded over more than 100 years. Though the last chapter is yet to be written, under God, the future looks bright for Oakwood College. The "circle of divine providence" surrounding this institution at its inception remains part of its legacy. A new generation of servant leaders beckons, and Oakwood continues to advance.

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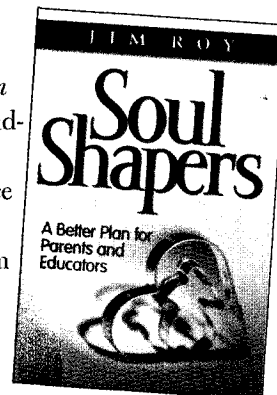
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# Pacific Press Publishing Association

**J**ohn is a prisoner in a federal penitentiary who is actively leading out in his Adventist prison congregation. He writes to express the positive impact that *Messiah*, a modern paraphrase of *The Desire of Ages*, has had on the lives of his fellow inmates. A pastor in Kenya expresses how helpful it is to his ministry to receive *Signs of the Times* from Signs World Evangelism at Pacific Press. A new church member writes how his contact with the Seventh-day Adventist Church began with reading *El Centinela*. These are but a few examples of Pacific Press Publishing Association's mission in action.

Operating from its efficient plant in Nampa, Idaho, Pacific Press has an annual income for its publishing house activities exceeding \$20 million annually. In addition, as a result of its management of 24 Adventist Book Centers and the literature evangelism programs it operates for numerous conferences, the publishing house's corporate revenues now exceed \$33 million. Pacific Press is debt-free and has consistently produced a modest operating profit for the past 19 years.

Pacific Press's financial stability has allowed it to keep up with printing technology, including the recent acquisition of a new full-color sheetfed press with state-of-the-art capabilities. While technology has allowed for a decreased workforce in recent years, the employees of Pacific Press are highly trained in new technologies.

The outreach journals, *Signs of the*

*Times* and *El Centinela*, remain key periodicals published at Pacific Press in the fulfillment of its mission to equip members with sharing literature. These journals, along with other products, make Pacific Press the state of Idaho's single largest mailer and one of its largest shippers.

Other vital periodicals produced at Pacific Press include the children's magazines *Our Little Friend* and *Primary Treasure*, both of which minister each Sabbath to tens of thousands of boys and girls around the world.

## Widely Used Products

Among the most widely used products printed at Pacific Press are the quarterly *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides* in four editions—standard, teacher's, large-print, and easy reading—and in both English and Spanish. The quarterly release of *Ellen White Notes*, published in English and Spanish, is an adjunct study guide to the *Adult Bible Study Guide*.

The *Collegiate Quarterly* is also printed at the publishing house. In addition, Pacific Press produces or distributes quarterly Bible study guides for many other language groups.

In addition to its magazines, Pacific Press is a major publisher of books and educational materials for the church and is also home to Chapel Music, featuring a variety of Christian music by Adventist artists.

Working with the General Conference and the North American Division Education departments, Pacific Press also produces textbooks

and other educational materials for elementary, secondary, and college-level schools throughout the world.

Through its corporate Web site, [www.pacificpress.com](http://www.pacificpress.com), the publishing house has continued to expand into the Internet world and e-commerce. All its products are readily accessible and may be ordered online at [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com), which is co-owned and operated with the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Pacific Press is pleased to provide production services for a large number of church organizations and ASI-member supporting ministries.

The General Conference Ministerial Association has selected Pacific Press to produce *Ministry* magazine as well as a number of other magazines and books for its pastor's book program. The publishing house also produces several union papers for the church in North America.

More than 130 years ago, Pacific Press was established to provide materials for the church's outreach and nurture. That continues to be its mission today. Pacific Press is committed to being a viable publishing house that shares the Seventh-day Adventist message of God's love and His truth with the church and the world.



**Joel Zukovski**  
Director

# International Health Food Association

**T**he International Health Food Association (IHFA) is a service of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists dedicated to encouraging the production, distribution, and promotion of foods and meat substitutes that are palatable, nourishing, and affordable to assist the goal of healthful living in harmony with the nutritional philosophy promoted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

This is the mission statement of the IHFA, and the center of all the activities of the Seventh-day Adventist food factories worldwide. These factories annually produce and distribute more than 300,000 tons of cereals, bakery goods, soy milk, and vegetable protein in several regions of the world.

John Harvey Kellogg, one of the early administrators of the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan (USA), developed different types of foods for the purpose of preventing disease and maintaining the health of the sanitarium’s patients. He is often recognized as the originator of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s food industry.

Today most of the maladies of the world’s industrial countries are directly related to the way their citizens feed themselves. Obesity, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and high cholesterol all find their root causes in, and are aggravated by, a poor diet. A new vocabulary has entered the modern lexicon, with words such as nutraceuticals, functional foods, phytochemicals, low carbs, low sugar, low fat. But this new

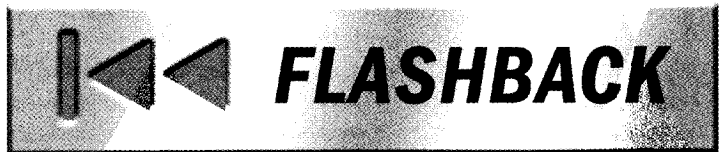
awareness of the problem, and even new ways of dealing with it, have done little to change the overall effect. Seventh-day Adventist health food industries are still doing a necessary work through their food factories.

IHFA factories benefit the church in the strong financial support they give the church for its missionary and outreach programs. Millions of dollars flow to the church each year as tithe, college/university appropriations, and funding for capital projects.

In addition to producing food, in many places factory personnel present seminars, school nutrition programs, and vegetarian cooking classes. In the African country of Tanzania, for example, the IHFA operates a food factory to help fill the huge need for general nutrition, and for children at risk of basic mineral and

vitamin deficiency, in particular. Large numbers of young people earn tuition for their Adventist education by working in our factories.

Ellen White wrote, “The health food business should be regarded as God’s gift to His people” (*The Health Food Ministry*, p. 56). That is how we in the IHFA factories regard the work that is being done by Adventist health food factories around the world.



**IN PERFECT PRAISE:** Elena Salo pours out her soul to God at the 2000 General Conference session in Toronto.



**Robert Smith**  
President

# Review and Herald Publishing Association

**T**he Review and Herald Publishing Association (R&H), the oldest and one of the largest publishing houses of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, continues to publish and distribute truth-filled literature to prepare a people for the coming of Jesus. During the past five years the Lord has blessed and guided us so that we continue to contribute to the overall mission of the church.

Here is a brief overview of the accomplishments in three important areas:

## **Canvassing Ministry**

R&H continues to strongly support the canvassing work, both in North America and in other world fields. We have developed more than 10 new products (including magabooks) for the subscription market (literature evangelists). Additionally, an agreement with our sister publishing house in Spain, Safeliz Publishing House, to distribute their subscription products in English and Spanish for the North American Division has proven to be a great success.

At the beginning of this past quinquennium the R&H was managing the publishing program for three conferences of the North American Division, and had about 70 literature evangelists (LEs). Currently, R&H's Home Health Education Service (HHES) manages the canvassing work for eight conferences, with more than 130 regular LEs, plus 80 students who canvass during the summer.

LEs place literature in public places such as shopping centers, supermarkets, and county fairs. They are successfully visiting churches, factories, and other business places, making presentations on health, stress, drugs, family education. They have placed our publications in many homes, and have led many people to Jesus. In 2004 they reported 147 baptisms as a direct result of their endeavors. The numbers of LEs, as well as sales and baptisms, keep growing every year—and we praise God!

## **Church Nurturing**

R&H continues to invest in the development of new materials for both the Adventist and the non-Adventist markets. In the past five years it has published more than 200 book titles for the trade market—devotional books; books on church history, Adventist theology, Bible teachings; and books for children. The best-selling products for the trade market have included *At Jesus' Feet* (250,000), *The Incredible Power of Prayer* (170,000), *The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* (190,000), and *The Clear Word* paraphrased Bible.

A second important and dynamic ministry at the R&H is the ministry of our periodicals. We currently print or publish approximately 30 periodicals; these include the magazines and papers printed for the General Conference and other institutions. Among them are the *Adventist Review* (300,000 copies of the monthly NAD edition, and 30,000 weekly subscriptions), *Message* magazine (70,000 subscrip-

tions), and *Guide* magazine (32,000 subscriptions), as well as *Vibrant Life*, *Women of Spirit*, *Insight*, *Listen*, *Winner*, *Sabbath School Leadership*, and others.

R&H also publishes Sabbath school products—quarterlies and other resources for kindergarten, juniors, and youth—to help in the formation and grounding of young and old in the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

## **Worldwide Ministry**

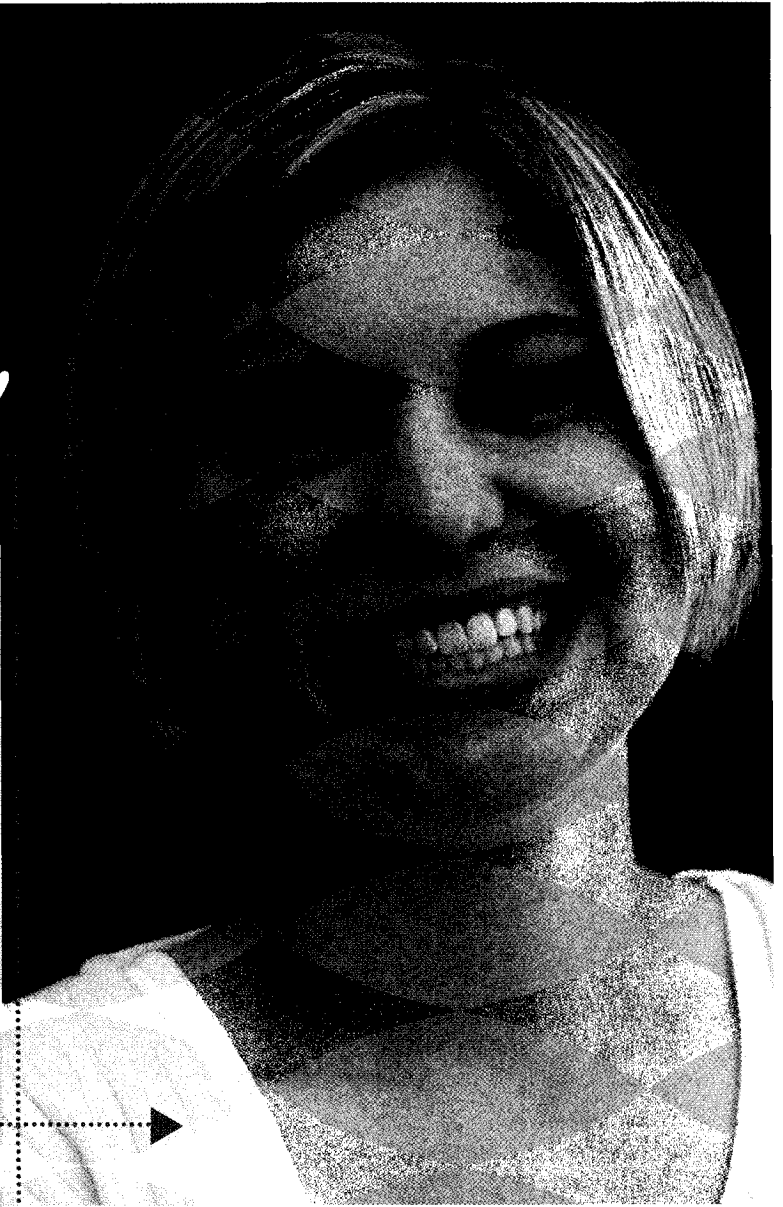
Since 2000, R&H has invested more than \$6 million in updating equipment and other fixed assets. Among them is a direct-to-plate system by Fuji, a new Kolbus binding line that is capable of finishing one book per second, and a new high-speed Kolbus sewing machine. In the past five years our Graphics Division has used more than 37 million pounds of paper, transforming it into books, magazines, and pamphlets filled with the Seventh-day Adventist message. Much of this material has been shipped overseas, while other products have been licensed and reprinted by our sister publishing houses around the world.

We praise the Lord for His guidance and leadership, and for the many blessings we have received as a publishing house during this quinquennium. Let us move forward in faith and diligence to use the printed page to proclaim the good news of salvation. "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications" (Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, p. 693).

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# Geoscience Research Institute

The Geoscience Research Institute (GRI) was established in 1958 to advise the Seventh-day Adventist Church on issues relating geology and paleontology to our faith. Church leaders and scholars were becoming increasingly aware of the expanding influence of evolutionary theory, and the tension between science and Scripture over the origin of humans and their environment. These issues have implications for the meaning of the gospel, the relationship of sin and death, and the character of the Creator. The interpretations given to geological and paleontological discoveries have significance to the church and its mission.

GRI began with two scientists and a secretary, housed at what is now Andrews University. In 1980 GRI moved to Loma Linda, where it has grown to employ a staff of five scientists, two support personnel, and a part-time librarian.

Research is an



**(L to R) Janet Williams, administrative assistant; Antonio Cremades, anthropologist; Katherine Ching, editor and graphic design; Elaine Kennedy, geologist; Ben Clausen (behind Kennedy), nuclear physicist; Jacques Sauvagnat, paleontologist and director of the GSI branch office in France; Timothy Standish, molecular biologist; L. James Gibson, biologist and GRI director; and Raul Esperante, paleontologist**

important part of GRI's mission. Current staff research projects include study of fossil whales, sediments con-

taining dinosaur eggshells, chemical trends in large bodies of granite, and DNA sequences in roundworms. GRI also sponsors research in Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Argentina. This research has produced several abstracts and papers published in professional scientific journals.

Education is also a major activity of GRI. In the past five years members of GRI have presented lectures to college and university students or teachers in many parts of the United States, and in at least 20 other countries across 11 divisions of the

world church. GRI also conducted two field conferences in the western United States and published a total of

40 journal issues, using four different languages. In addition, GRI members participated in Faith and Learning Seminars, International Faith and Science Conferences, and regional Faith and Science Conferences.

A highlight of the past five years was the 2001 move into a new building made possi-



**Teachers pose at the southern rim of the Grand Canyon during a 2004 GRI field school.**

ble by the generosity of the late Alvin Ortner and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The two-story building provides about 10,500 square feet (975 square meters) of space, with eight offices, four laboratories, two meeting rooms, and a library. The building is located on the campus of Loma Linda University.

The new building provides opportunities for new educational exhibits. The new lobby houses a skeleton of a velociraptor, a deer-sized predatory dinosaur. Featured with it are dinosaur eggs believed to have come from an oviraptor, a dinosaur similar to the velociraptor in size and some features. The second-floor hallway features exhibits from four famous fossil sites. These exhibits illustrate the fine degree of preservation that is sometimes found in the fossil record. The library contains exhibits of fossils linked to the "Cambrian Explosion," as well as replicas of fossil hominid skulls, and a small collection of fish and insects from the famous Santana Formation in Brazil. More exhibits are planned as funding becomes available.

Also in 2001 two more scientists joined GRI, bringing the institute up to full staffing. Raul Esperante is a native of Spain who earned his Ph.D. at Loma Linda University. His area of specialty is vertebrate paleontology. Tim Standish is a native of Australia, but has spent most of his life in Southeast Asia and the United States. With expertise in molecular genetics, he has a Ph.D. from George Mason University. These two men join Ben Clausen (Ph.D. in nuclear physics, M.S. in geology), Antonio Cremades (Ph.D. in physical anthropology), Elaine Kennedy (Ph.D. in geology), Jacques Saubagnat (Ph.D. in paleontology), and Jim Gibson (Ph.D. in biology) at GRI. Katherine Ching (M.A.) continues as editor for publications, and Janet Williams is the administrative secretary.

GRI's Web site, [www.grisda.org](http://www.grisda.org), received a face-lift during the past quinquennium. The Web site features articles from all published issues of *Origins*, plus recent articles from

*Geoscience Reports*, *Ciencia de los Origenes*, and more. A special section for teachers has classroom-tested PowerPoint presentations, reviews of creationist videos, frequently asked questions, photographs for illustrations, and information about field schools for teachers. There are also smaller sections with articles in Spanish,

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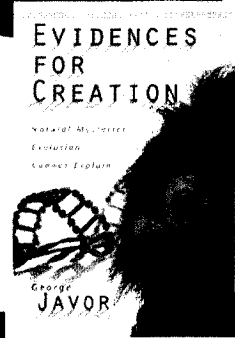
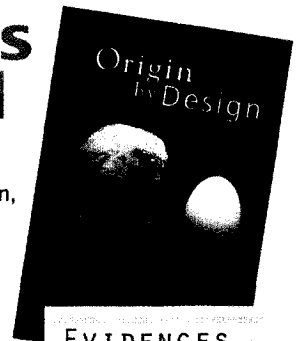
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