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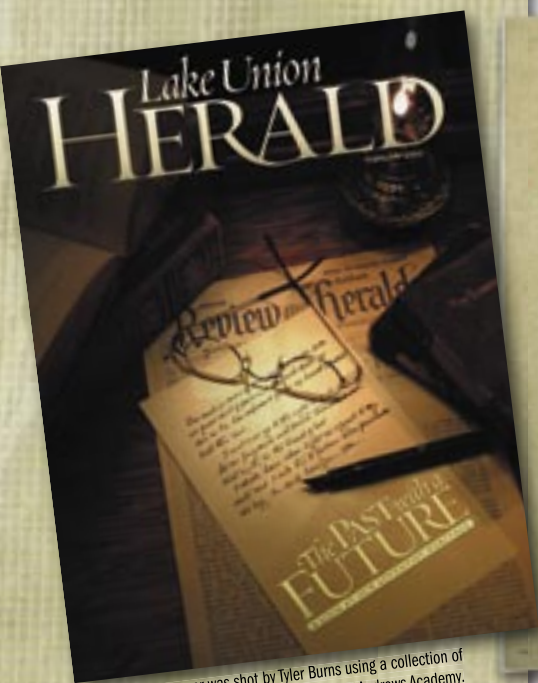
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One meeting more off and the happy fall
our great need of Jesus and the Lord's Supper
love as he has expressed for us my heart is
with the Lord.

I must now go to the right to
let the program and watch the
trust with in the hands of God
I shall have clear light in regard to my
duties and I will try to follow the
the way. In much love from Ellen.

The PAST with a
FUTURE
A LOOK AT OUR ADVENTIST HERITAGE



This month's cover was shot by Tyler Burns using a collection of historic family heirlooms. Tyler is a junior at Andrews Academy.



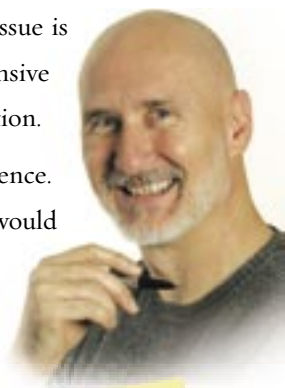
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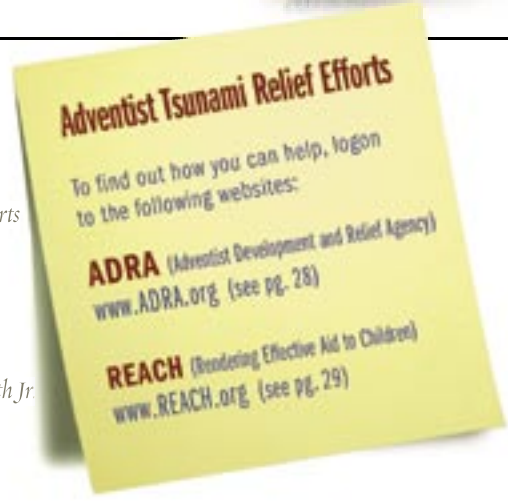
This month we chose to highlight individuals and circumstances that help give a more balanced perspective on history. The purpose of this issue is to broaden our thinking, to give us better and more comprehensive understanding, and to help us be more inclusive in our orientation. Achieving this goal is difficult to accomplish without experience. Telling stories is one way to give experience to those of us who would otherwise miss out.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Christian Brotherhood Transcends Race, Ethnicity, and National Origin

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

I was two years old when my family uprooted from Dayton and moved into the rich farm country near Germantown, Ohio. My parents were impressed, after studying the Spirit of Prophecy, to raise their children in a rural setting away from the big city. Ours was a little 20-acre farm which taught me many precious lessons.

At first, a large African American family was not welcome in the area occupied by transplanted German farmers. A small contingent of them arrived one day to "run us off the land." Well, my mom, being a transplanted Kentuckian, was to have none of that. She convinced them quite forcefully that we belonged.

Some years later, I transferred from the Adventist church school in Dayton to the Germantown public school. There were many challenges for me there, but slowly the Christian commitment of these hardy people began to open their hearts to me. My school days at Germantown remain for me some of the very best days of growing up.

I am a joiner, and so I joined the Boys Glee Club, the choir, the marching band, and the orchestra. I became chief justice of the Germantown High School Supreme Court, and vice president of my senior class.

My very best friend in the entire world at that time was Bob. We did everything together. We stayed in each other's homes. He even helped me dig a septic tank system for our old farmhouse when we put in running water and flush toilets. I reunited with Bob a few years ago down in Orlando, Florida. It had been 40 years!

My alma mater invited me back on two different occasions to deliver the baccalaureate and commencement addresses. I have preached in every church in Germantown except one. That would include the Methodist, United Methodist, Church of Christ, United Brethren, Reformed, and Baptist churches.

In a community so diverse, what commonality brought us together? Well, it was Jesus, of course. True Christians cannot blindly accommodate racial prejudice. The love of Christ compels us to take a closer look—to seek a deeper understanding of our fellow man. And when we do, we are likely to discover someone very similar to ourselves, with all the attendant fears, hopes, and dreams.

My old buddy, Bob, told me that he and his wife, Dolly, are looking seriously at joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church! Now won't that just be the icing on the cake? It may have taken more than 50 years for the testimony of a little Black boy in a German community to bear fruit, but can't you just hear Heaven rejoicing?

Put away your foolish pride and prejudice. We are Christians. This is a good month to start the journey that will culminate in Heaven.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Michigan In 2003, **Michael and Lori Jordan** learned they would lose one of their unborn twin boys. The possibility of losing both was high. The physicians provided them with little hope since, in their eyes, both children should have died already.

Lori prayed daily that her little babies would live long enough to make it to their births. They did; however, two-pound Zachery died in her arms fifteen minutes after birth. Their other son, Chase, was over three pounds and lived.

Michael, uncertain of Christ's love and presence, was angry at the loss of Zachery. He did not experience the same relief Lori felt in knowing Christ. Lori had a diverse church background and was occasionally attending the Mio Adventist church at the time.



Lori Jordan (center) experiences the joy of baptism.

Months later, Michael felt compelled to attend evangelistic meetings held in Mio. During the meetings, where Terry Nelson was speaker, Michael remembers hearing that some of his loved ones would be in Heaven, but if he was not saved, he would never see them again.

Those words touched Michael. At the close of the sermon, the pastor made an appeal for individuals to come forward to give their hearts to Jesus. Michael almost ran forward, while Lori stayed in her seat. She was shocked to see Michael get up from the pew so quickly and unreservedly. He had never been to church in his youth and it was wonderful to see him accept Jesus. Lori hesitated, thinking she did not need to be baptized again since she had been baptized at least three times in various denominations growing up.



Michael Jordan (left) wrote a song to sing at his baptism. He is accompanied by Terry Nelson, the evangelist who brought him to Jesus.

Michael acknowledges that he used to believe you could live as you please, but that as long as you were nice God would accept you in Heaven. During the evangelistic meetings he learned this idea was far from the truth and dangerous to believe. They both discovered the real truth that you must surrender your heart to Jesus if you want to go to Heaven.

Lori marveled as she watched Michael read his Bible and ask lots of questions. He was now understanding what the Bible teaches and was thirsty for more truth.

Lori and Michael were both baptized and are members of the Mio Church. Michael often visits the hospital emergency room because of a bad back. Before he became a church member, when asked his religious preference, he would answer, "None." Now, he smiles and boldly answers, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist!" Both Michael and Lori are proud of their newfound faith and new life in Christ Jesus.

Lori Jordan and Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

Michigan **Joe Radimak** was born into a traditional religious home. When his parents stopped attending mass, he sought out some non-denominational churches. However, after a few years he stopped attending services all together.

He became a commercial painter and married. Joe thought life was wonderful, but within five years everything that was beautiful turned ugly. He experienced a divorce and the death of his father. In his heartache and desperation, he searched for meaning in life and turned back to God.



Joe Radimak

Daniel Mentez

Joe's search led him to earnestly read his Bible while visiting many different churches. He discovered new spiritual questions. When he asked various religious leaders for answers, they would respond, "It's that way because that's the way it is," instead of showing him answers from the Bible. As a seeker of truth, he was never satisfied.

When his personal Bible reading led him to the ten commandments and he discovered the seventh-day Sabbath, he was really confused. No one could satisfy his questions about the Sabbath, so he finally contacted a Jewish rabbi. When he politely declined an invitation to attend the Jewish synagogue because he believed in Jesus Christ, the rabbi told him he needed to talk to a Seventh-day Adventist.

Joe telephoned several Adventist churches, but found no one to talk to until Phil Colburn, Wyoming (Michigan) Church pastor, heard Joe's recorded message and scheduled a visit with him. During the visit, Phil invited Joe to come to evangelistic meetings which were just beginning. Since Joe was reluctant to attend, he missed the first three meetings. However, it seemed the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart and urged him to attend.

He went to the fourth night of the meetings held by guest speaker Terry Nelson. Joe never missed another meeting. Finally finding Bible answers to his questions, he made a decision to be baptized at the close of the series. Today, he is rejoicing in his new walk with Jesus Christ.

Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

Wisconsin The dating service advertisement sat around for weeks. Every time **Carol (Sande) Kosten** went to throw the brochure away, she felt she should keep it a bit longer. Carol, a charismatic Christian, could not believe she was actually sending in her application for a match-making service. "Dear Lord, please send me a Christian husband," prayed Carol as she filled out the form and mailed it.

Bill Kosten was desperately lonely. Having grown up in an orphanage, he believed no one really loved him. When his marriage broke up, he missed the family experience he so much craved. When the dating service advertisement arrived in the mail, he too felt impressed to fill out the application and mailed it in. "Dear Lord, please send me a Christian wife," he prayed.

Just two months later, in early 2002, God answered their prayers. Bill and Carol went on their first date together to a Christian concert sponsored by Morningside Productions and the Madison East (Wisconsin) Seventh-day



Bill and Carol Kosten on the day of their baptism

Adventist Church. In the following months, Bill and Carol became strong friends and soon announced their engagement. They were married in the summer of 2004. Since they both had families, they began to learn more about one another through their grown children.

Bill attended church with Carol on Sunday, but Carol also attended church with Bill on Saturdays. Bill had taken Bible studies twenty years earlier and was baptized a Seventh-day Adventist.

Carol had a deep love for God. Carol and her new daughter by marriage, Debbie, attended Bible seminars sponsored by Madison East. Bill worked nights and could not attend the meetings.

Carol was thrilled with the new understanding of the Scripture and God's will she was learning. When she shared the new things with her husband, he nodded his head in agreement. "I remember that," he would say with conviction. Carol's new understanding was like a new life in Christ.

"Would it be okay if I got re-baptized?" she asked James Fox, speaker for the meetings. "Of course," he replied, "but many times husbands and wives like to unite their lives in Christ as well as in marriage. Do you think Bill might like to join you?" When she shared the opportunity with Bill, he was enthusiastic in his desire to take part in this service. On November 27, 2004, Bill and Carol Kosten united their lives together in Jesus at the Madison East Church.

God is using hundreds of ways to reach people before His return. He has used the faithful witness of members of His Church. He has used *Hope for Our Day* meetings throughout the Lake Union. He even used a dating service brochure to unite Carol and Bill and brought them together to Him and His church.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

COMFORTING *a* HURTING COMMUNITY BY GARY BURNS

Luis Beltre,
IA chaplain



Carol Lopez

Linda Ferguson and Ryan Thurber

Three Indiana Academy (IA) students, Linda Ferguson, Carol Lopez, and Ryan Thurber, reached out to hurting members of their community. Residents of Tipton and Hamilton counties were stunned with the news of a tragic automobile accident involving four of their teenagers. Two were killed instantly; one was hospitalized, and another was treated and released.

Although Linda, Carol, and Ryan did not know the teens, they were moved to learn Hamilton Heights High School students organized a fund-raising event for the victims' families. The benefit concert and memorial service would feature music, poetry, and scripture. They heard about the benefit concert from Andrew Lay, IA music teacher.

One of the individuals distributing fliers for the event at a local restaurant asked Andrew if he thought any IA students would want to join the Hamilton Heights students in helping the families of the teens. Andrew returned to the campus with the news of the opportunity.

With the support of their music teacher and Luis Beltre, academy chaplain, Linda, Carol, and Ryan arrived at the high school gymnasium early. Recognizing their need of God's Spirit, they prayed that God would bring comfort and encouragement to the grieving families, students, and faculty through them. Praying calmed their nerves and assured them in their role of representing Christ's love to their community.

Ryan and Linda directed the listeners to seek God in their struggles to understand life's difficult and painful circumstances. Their song, "Worlds Apart," popularized by the Christian group Jars of Clay, was recognized by a number of the students. Carol's piano solo brought a sense of peace as the students listened in silence. Luis sang "Beyond This World," believing the victims' families needed something greater than their present circumstances to hold onto.

Those in attendance couldn't help but notice the stark contrast of the music of their Adventist neighbors. Coincidentally, or perhaps by God's design, a television crew recorded two of their songs as part of the reporter's story.

Organizers expressed appreciation to the IA students and faculty for their contribution to the cause and their support of the community. Admitting feelings of nervousness, Carol, Linda, and Ryan know that God was there to help them.

Linda visited and prayed with a student after the concert who shared how the tragedy effected her personally. Linda observed, "This was a perfect opportunity to show our community we care and to point them to God for comfort."

"I'm glad to be able to have a chance to witness for Jesus," exclaimed Ryan.

Carol was also glad to participate in "a great opportunity to show support to the community."

Gary Burns is the *Lake Union Herald* editor.

BEYOND *our* BORDERS

Pedaling the Gospel

BY DOUG FATTIC



A brass band and a large banner welcomed five Americans and 12 Ukrainians pedaling into the town of Dubne, Ukraine. In the middle of the crowd of people awaiting our arrival were two girls in traditional dresses holding a large round loaf of bread on a long embroidered cloth. It was my responsibility, as leader of the American team, to accept their show of hospitality. I smiled a lot, took the bread, broke off a chunk to eat, and kept looking pleased while passing the rest around for others to enjoy.

After this ceremonial welcome, we were informed that in the center of town the mayor and a press corp were waiting to greet us to ask questions about our trip. I remember thinking, “Wow! How did I end up here—in this town in western Ukraine—receiving this reception?”

The ride resulted from a project associated with the Niles (Michigan) Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church. Church members were impressed to provide bicycles for Ukrainian pastors after learning they often live on a salary of less than a \$100 a month and most do not have private transportation. Members were also surprised to discover Ukrainian pastors typically minister to three churches in a 30 to 50 kilometer radius. Their members who need pastoral care frequently require a personal visit because many homes don't have telephones. Of course, there is public transportation but it doesn't go everywhere and isn't available every time it is needed. Niles members decided a bicycle would be a great tool for a pastor because it is three to four times faster than walking and promotes health and a clean environment at the same time.

At a meeting in the summer of 2002, where Ukrainian pastors met to organize the acceptance of their new bicycles, the ride idea came about. Two hundred bicycles had just been purchased from an old factory in Kharkov, Ukraine, and we traveled to various churches throughout the country to distribute them. The pastors needed instruction on how to set up their bicycles to fit properly, as well as some explanation on how to do basic repair and maintenance. In the basement of one of these churches in Rivne, long tables were set up with huge amounts of delicious vegetarian food.

As I looked around, I could see that these churches had all the ingredients to support a nice bicycle trip.

Four years later, we have completed five bicycle trips throughout different regions in the Ukraine. Each Adventist church we visit receives a monetary gift from the bikers to support their various ministries, while additional money is donated to buy new bicycles. One benefit we didn't anticipate was the favorable publicity for the church that is generated when we come into a town.

Alex Topal, a pastor in Svederlovsk, summed up how his new bicycle benefited him saying, “I am now able to visit members and spread the gospel in places I could never reach before I got the bicycle.”

This year's twelve-day trip (six days riding) is scheduled for July. For more detailed information about the trip, or to learn how to help with the bicycle project, contact Doug Fattic at (269) 684-6761 or send e-mail to: dougfattic@qtm.net. See also http://www.neocm.com/Ukraine_bike_tours/

Doug Fattic is the Ukraine bicycle project coordinator for the Niles Westside Church.



The Ukrainian team members wave while passing the resting Americans.



A feast is prepared by the host church for the bicycle team each day.



Church members welcome bike riders at the city limits.



Doug Fattic teaches a bicycle maintenance workshop for Ukrainian pastors.



FAMILY TIES

LESSONS *in* LOYALTY

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Recently I read an account about the loyalty of a dingo pup who saved a young child. The pup stayed with her, lying across her body beneath a snow cover, throughout a sub-zero night. Dog and child were found in the morning not 100 feet from where searchers killed a large black bear during the night. As the child's mother shared her story, she said her daughter wasn't even afraid because her dog was with her.

One unfortunate spring in Alaska, a late snowstorm struck. Dozens of geese snuggled their eggs tightly beneath their warm bodies. Three feet of snow fell that day, completely burying the surrounding area, yet the mother geese did not abandon their eggs. When the spring sunshine reappeared and began to melt the snow, dozens of dead Canada geese were discovered. They had suffocated under the snow rather than abandoning their eggs.

In 1858, John Gray was buried in old Greyfriars Churchyard, in Edinburgh, Scotland. For fourteen years the dead man's faithful dog kept constant watch and guard over the grave until his own death in 1872. James Brown, the old curator of the burial ground, remembers Gray's funeral, and Bobby the Skye terrier who was one of the most conspicuous of the mourners.

The casket was covered as usual, but the next morning Bobby was found lying on the newly-made mound. Old James could not permit his intrusion, for at the gate an order clearly stated dogs were not admitted. Bobby was driven out, only to be discovered again the next morning. For a second time James discharged Bobby. The third morning was cold and wet, and when the old man saw the faithful animal still lying shivering on the grave, he took pity on him and gave him some food. This recognition of his devotion [and loyalty]

earned Bobby the right to make the churchyard his home. From that time until his own death, he never spent a night away from his master's tomb. Attempts were made to keep him indoors in bad weather, but by dismal howls he made it known this interference was not agreeable. He was always allowed to have his way. Nothing could induce him to forsake that hallowed spot, which he so faithfully preserved.¹

I am especially moved by these stories of God's creatures who show great loyalty. Greyfriars' Bobby was a bittersweet movie our family watched with tears and cheers. As sad as it was, our children loved the story. I believe they learned an important lesson about loyalty—they saw that the dog had a life-long covenant, alliance or pledge with his kind owner.

It was an excellent opener for discussions about personal and family loyalty.

Although the word "loyalty" is not contained in scripture, God established working relationships with key people throughout history based on this quality. Certainly there are many stories of covenants made ... Ruth, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel to name a few. There are also stories of covenants broken (Judas) and the resulting loss of blessings.

I invite you to purposely engage in building your family's loyalty quotient this year.

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¹ Adapted from www.greyfriarsbobby.co.uk



Mobilizing your Defense Forces

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Regular exercise and a positive mental attitude enhance immunity function.

Colds and the flu frequently come our way during the colder months. These acute illnesses account for about one-third of absenteeism from school and time lost from work in the United States. In the cold winter months, it is important to keep our resistance to infections high by having our immune system functioning at an optimal level. A battery of elite killer cells, such as T-cells, B-cells, and natural killer cells, stand ready to protect us against invading disease forces.

A number of lifestyle factors such as chronic stress, sleep deprivation, excessive fatigue, alcohol, and a high sugar diet can lower our resistance to disease. Since normal aging is accompanied by a decline in immune function, the elderly must be very careful to follow a healthy lifestyle. Poor eating habits leading to deficiencies of iron, zinc, vitamin A, or vitamin C can also impair the working of the immune system, producing a greater susceptibility to disease.

February is a month when SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) and cabin fever are all too common. During the extensive months of a northern winter we may experience depression along with the gray skies and shortened days with limited sunshine. Negative emotional states, such as depression and loneliness, are known to disable the immune system, while a positive mental outlook enhances immune function.

Nothing tends to promote health more than a spirit of cheerfulness and contentment. When the mind is happy

from a sense of duty well done, and there is the satisfaction of helping others, one will experience a surge of health (see *Ministry of Healing*, 257). Norman Cousins reminds us that hope and purpose are not merely mental states, they have electrochemical connections that play a major part in boosting the immune system.

A healthy immune system is safe-guarded not only by having a positive mental attitude, but also from eating plenty of fruits and vegetables rich in protective anti-inflammatory agents, getting adequate sleep, learning to relax, and drinking plenty of water. Echinacea and garlic can enhance immune function and protect against upper respiratory tract infections such as throat infections, colds, and flu. Vitamin C supplements are not really effective at reducing the incidence of colds, but they can somewhat diminish the severity and duration of colds.

Regular exercise is an important way to enhance immunity function. In one study, sedentary women who were asked to walk 45 minutes a day, five times a week, had less severe upper respiratory infections than women who did not exercise, and the colds and flu experienced by the exercising women lasted only half as long.

Winston J. Craig is professor of nutrition at Andrews University.



EXTREME GRACE

J.C. BY DICK DUERKSEN

“**Y**ou will see your Lord a-coming, You will see your Lord a-coming. You will see your Lord a-coming, In a few more days!”

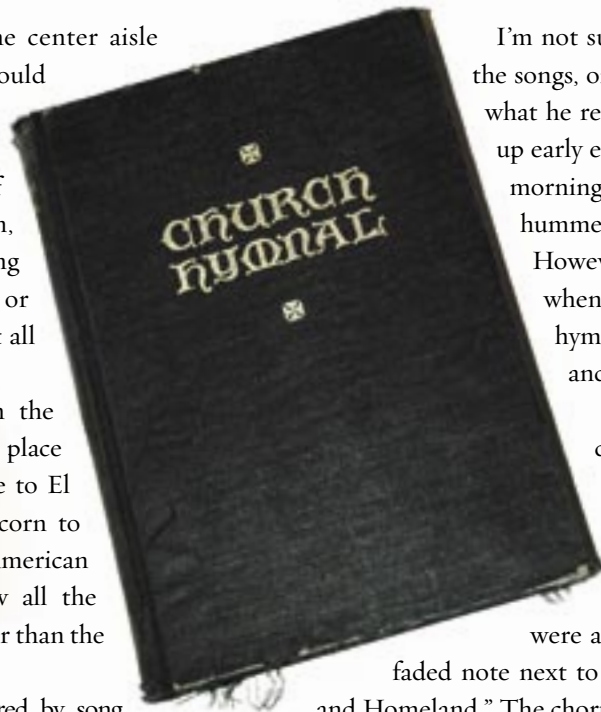
J.C. sang often, loud, and well. He sang while chopping tall healthy weeds from among the pinto beans. He sang on his old Ford tractor. He sang while chopping wood. Sometimes he would sing Fanny Crosby to the crows; sometimes he would croon Bing Crosby to the cows.

And he sang in church. The center aisle was his favorite choir loft. He would arrive, sing through the door, sing down the aisle, and sing to his place on the platform. If there was a song about Heaven, he sang it. If there was a song about hope, peace, faith, trust, or Jesus, he sang it. And he taught all of us to sing along.

Saturday nights we'd get in the wagon and trundle over to J.C.'s place and sing. When television came to El Morro, we'd walk through the corn to Elmer's and sing along with American Bandstand. Somehow, he knew all the songs, and often sang them better than the singers on the flickering tube.

Grandpa J.C.'s life was powered by song. “Pure, clear water,” his baritone would flow, “we would recommend pure water.”

The tempo of each song was matched to the task. Chopping wood required a march tempo. Weeding the beans worked well with a waltz. Evening prayers went best with soft promise songs, like “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” or “In the Garden.” I learned to love them all, and sang along gustily.



I'm not sure if J.C.'s theology came from the songs, or if he chose the songs to match what he read from his Bible. I seldom got up early enough to see him reading in the morning, but Grandma said he always hummed along with God before sunrise. However, I was there in the evening when “The Good Book,” and “God's hymns,” voiced our thanks for today and our hopes for tomorrow.

I have a couple of his hymnals—dusty, worn, dog-eared, and wept-on. When Grandpa J.C. sang, he sang with a weeping heart, as if sorrow and confession, forgiveness and celebration, were all one emotion. There is a long-faded note next to one hymn, “A Song of Heaven and Homeland.” The chorus is underlined.

“O sweet, celestial music,
Heard from a land afar—
The song of Heav'n and Homeland,
Thro' doors God leaves ajar!”

It sounded best in Grandpa J.C.'s baritone, like he had learned it from singing along with angels.

Dick Duerksen is an assistant vice president for mission development at Florida Hospital.



WILLIAM FOY

A MESSAGE FOR TODAY

BY GARY BURNS

Many African-Americans had an immediate and natural response to the message of a soon returning Jesus preached by early Adventists. As one can imagine, the news of deliverance from the misery of a sin-bound earth to a land of freedom was especially appreciated by slaves and bonded servants.

It seems logical and natural that many early Adventists were abolitionists. Some were active conductors in the Underground Railroad both in New England and later in Michigan. This contributed to the growth of Blacks numbering among the earliest Adventists.

In this mix of Black and White came a tall, eloquent preacher. His name was William Ellis Foy. He was not alone among Black preachers who shared the Advent message. What set Foy apart was the fact that he had received visions.

The first came on January 18, 1842, while he was attending a service in a Boston church. Eyewitnesses to the experience testify that he was in vision two and a half hours. A physician who examined him testified that he could find no appearance of life “except around the heart.” In his autobiographical account, Foy declares, “my breath left me.”

While in vision, Foy viewed the glorious reward of the faithful and the punishment of sinners. He felt the duty to declare what he had seen to others, but not being instructed to relate the vision, disclosed it to no one.

A few weeks later, he viewed multitudes being assembled to receive their reward. He was instructed, “Thou must reveal those things which thou hast seen, and also warn thy fellow creatures to flee from the wrath to come.”

William Foy’s unwillingness to relate to others what had been shown to him stemmed from both the prejudice against any who claimed to have divine revelations and the prejudice against those of his color. He questioned, “Why should these things be given to me to bear to the world?”

A few days later, the pastor of the Bloomfield Street Church in Boston asked him to relate the visions. Reluctantly he consented, and the next evening found a large congregation awaiting his message. As he began to speak, fear left him; he related with great freedom the things that were shown to him.

With this beginning, he traveled for three months delivering messages to crowded houses of all denominations. As a captivating speaker with a good command of language, he described the heavenly world, the New Jerusalem, and the compassionate love of Christ.

Ellen White recalls attending a service with her father where Foy was speaking at Beethoven Hall in Portland, Maine. Referring to her experience she said, “It was remarkable testimonies that he bore” (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 17, p. 96).

We are still slow to embrace and implement Heaven’s pattern for unity and oneness. But William Foy is further evidence that from the very beginning God intended the Adventist Movement to be inclusive of all people, regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin.

Adapted from *Ellen G. White: The Early Years, 1827–1862*, (vol. 1), Appendix B, by Arthur L. White (1985).



Tuning into MINISTRY

BY STEVE EIGHINGER

Thelma Howell and Gaylene McFarland still like to describe themselves as simple, ordinary housewives. Some may say that label does not do them justice, though.

Howell, 59, and McFarland, 68, operate WQIN-FM 102.9, a 100-watt, 24-hour Christian radio station located in a 10-by-14-foot corner room on the upper floor of what once was Cedarwood School at the northeast edge of Quincy, Illinois.

Both say they felt the calling to undertake such an operation, and have no regrets almost five years later.

“If you’re willing to work for God, He’ll bring the people to you and provide the knowledge,” McFarland said. “He’s keeping His word.” The station has been on the air for almost two years.

WQIN is affiliated with 3ABN—Three Angels Broadcasting Network—based in West Frankfort, Illinois.

The focus of WQIN and 3ABN is to present programming which will reach people “right where they are hurting,” offering programming that deals with subjects such as divorce recovery, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, cooking and health, quitting smoking, weight loss, children and family issues, organic gardening, natural home remedies, gospel music, and a variety of inspirational themes from the Bible for both children and adults.

“The idea behind this station is to help people have better lives,” said Howell, who is president of the station. “We go by the Bible. If it’s not in the Bible, we don’t go for it.”

Howell and McFarland said programming is aimed at both spiritual and physical health, and its traditional gospel music includes such old-time songs as “How Great Thou Art.” “We do not play Christian rock,” Howell said.

McFarland, who is a vegetarian, said, “We stress natural healing, exercise, and eating live foods—not dead ones.”

The station is non-denominational, although Howell and McFarland are Seventh-day Adventists and the Illinois



Photo by Michael Kipley, Quincy Herald-Whig

Thelma Howell (front) edits a sermon, Arnold Cooper (center) monitors the on-air station, and Gaylene McFarland (back) edits “Gems of Truth,” a series of inspirational talks.

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists assisted the women financially to get the station running. The Cedarwood school building formerly housed a local Seventh-day Adventist student body until it closed in 2000.

“We just ran out of kids,” Howell said.

WQIN relies on donations from underwriters to cover most of its costs. Its not-for-profit status does not permit advertising.

“No one gets paid a penny,” Howell said. “We operate solely from contributions of the public.”

The station’s 100 watts reaches a radius of 3–20 miles. On a good day, Howell said, the station can be heard in West Quincy, Palmyra, and even Hannibal, Missouri.

There are others who assist in the operation of the station, all on a volunteer basis, according to Howell.

There are plenty of lengthy days in this labor of love, some stretching as long as 14 hours since the station went on the air Dec. 21, 2002.

“For just being housewives, this was all new,” Howell said.

Neither would trade their experiences over the past few years.

“I think we have made great strides,” McFarland said.

“God doesn’t call the qualified,” she said. “He qualifies the called.”

Steve Eighinger, staff writer, Quincy Herald-Whig, December 2, 2004. Used with permission.



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PARTE DE LA FAMILIA

BY CARMELO MERCADO

En este año mi esposa y yo cumpliremos 19 años de casados. A pesar del tiempo que ha pasado aún recuerdo nuestra luna de miel en Hawaii como si hubiera sido ayer. Una de las cosas que nos impresionó fue nuestra visita a la iglesia adventista en la isla de Maui. El templo era pequeño pero la bienvenida que los hermanos nos dieron allí fue maravillosa. Después del culto nos llevaron para almorzar a un sitio en la playa donde había una vista increíble del Océano Pacífico. Luego un grupo de ellos nos llevó a visitar algunos lugares interesantes en la isla. Mi esposa y yo quedamos muy impresionados por su hospitalidad. En verdad nos hicieron sentir como si hubiéramos sido parte de su familia.

Creo que una de las grandes bendiciones de ser adventistas es que dondequiera que vayamos a adorar podemos sentirnos como parte de la familia de Dios. En noviembre del año pasado tuve la oportunidad de dar una semana de oración en la Iglesia Central de Chicago. Nunca había estado en esa iglesia, pero en verdad me sentí tan bien porque me recibieron como si fuese parte de ella. De acuerdo al estudio de la historia de la obra hispana hecho por el pastor Manuel Vásquez, la Iglesia Central es la iglesia madre de la obra hispana en nuestra Unión. Y, por lo que pude observar, aún mantiene la visión de traer personas a un encuentro con Jesús. La iglesia está haciendo planes de vender su templo y construir otro, con el propósito de traer a más personas a Jesús. Oremos por esta iglesia para que pueda ver realizado su sueño.

Queremos nuevamente anunciar que nuestra Unión auspiciará un retiro para jóvenes solteros llamado **Encuentro**, del **4 al 6 de marzo**. El retiro tiene el propósito de proveer un ambiente de encuentro con Jesús y una oportunidad para relacionarse con otros jóvenes de nuestra Unión. El retiro se llevará a cabo en el campamento llamado **Grace Adventures** que se encuentra en Mears, Michigan. Es uno de los mejores campamentos que he visto, con toda clase



El campamento Grace Adventures en Mears, Michigan.

de instalaciones, incluyendo un nuevo gimnasio. El costo es sólo \$75 por persona, lo que incluye comida y hospedaje. El orador principal será el pastor Laffit Cortés, Director de Jóvenes de la Asociación de New Jersey. El pastor Cortés es uno de los directores de jóvenes más dinámicos de la División y sin duda nos traerá hermosos mensajes de esperanza. También tendremos una variedad de seminarios y abundantes oportunidades para la recreación. Será un evento inolvidable y les recomiendo que se matriculen ya y así asegurarse su habitación. Hablen con su director de jóvenes, llamen a mi oficina o busquen en el sitio web www.joveneslakeunion.com para obtener más información.

Sé que tendremos oportunidades de encontrarnos con nuevas personas. Mi oración es que en este año podamos aprovechar estos encuentros para llevar a nuestros nuevos amigos a los pies de Cristo.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente general de la Unión del Lago.



HOPE *for* OUR DAY *Special Reports*

ILLINOIS—Richard Fearing was a mentor to many young Adventist pastors during his years of ministry. He used to say to them, “Make sure you keep stirring the evangelism pot.” That is what *Hope for Our Day* has done for the Illinois Conference. Here are some of the ways in which the “pot has been stirred.”

Right from the beginning, Illinois members got involved in the training aspects of this initiative. Hundreds from the Illinois Conference attended the training session in South Bend, Indiana. Later, over 90 completed the speaker training offered in Merrillville, Indiana. So many more were turned away that a Spanish training event was scheduled in Chicago, where 130 potential evangelistic preachers attended.

At this writing, we are still receiving reports from the field, but here are some highlights.

At our small, 31-member Princeton Church, a layman, Harlan Hudson, preached a series of meetings that has re-

sulted in one request for baptism, and an additional 13 or 14 people are at various stages of preparation. The church is being revitalized.

A prophecy seminar is being conducted in Crystal Lake as part of the *Total Employment* program, (a joint church planting project shared by the Illinois Conference and Andrews University). On the first night, a lady attending the meeting told the speaker she had read the book, *Seventh-day Adventists Believe ...* from cover to cover and believed it all. Another guest turned out to be the mother-in-law of a man who came with a church member to our men’s retreat at Camp Akita. Coincidence, or divine appointment?

Julio Juarez, Illinois Conference Hispanic ministries director, conducts week-long reaping meetings in 14 churches each year. The Bible study interests of the church members are invited to come to these meetings where they are called to make a decision for baptism. Ana Her-

nandez, attending the South Hispanic Church meetings, approached the pastor and said, "I don't want to be considered a visitor any longer. How can I become a member?" Ana has been baptized, and now her two daughters are preparing for baptism. She has also invited three of her friends to attend the church, and they are going to be baptized. There are 27 people in the visitors' Sabbath School class—so many that they had to move out of the sanctuary into the fellowship hall.

In the Hispanic churches, twelve meetings were also conducted by young adults, resulting in numerous baptisms.

The Centralia District in southern Illinois has four churches in it. Florin Liga, Centralia Church pastor, reports that he and three laymen presented seminars in all three church areas. In Centralia, Darren Thompson attended with his wife. One night, his wife asked if it is a sin to do tattooing. It turns out Darren made his living as a tattoo artist and became convicted he should quit his business. Darren stated, "I recognize that I am damaging people's bodies." He and his wife are being baptized, and his mother is coming to church with them.

Around 25 people have attended the evangelistic meetings at the Chicago Romanian Church, taught by Edmund Constantinescu, a pastor from Atlanta, Georgia. Most of the Romanian Evangelical pastors asked their members to attend these meetings and pick up the free sermon tapes offered each evening.



Centralia Church celebrates new members.



From left: Joshua Clendenning and Christian Bokich, Hinsdale Academy fourth graders, deliver *The Passion of Love*.



A Hinsdale team of volunteers delivers *The Passion of Love* on their assigned street.



Hinsdale Church volunteers of all ages packed *The Passion of Love* and Bible study enrollment cards into bags for distribution.



Alfred Palla, Polish Church pastor, with new members of the Polish Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Seven people were baptized at the Polish Church after their series, "The Passion of Christ." Alfred Palla, Polish Church pastor said, "Four people came to the meetings after buying my book on Biblical eschatology, sold in Polish bookstores in Chicago." This meeting has been a major inroad for the Polish Church into its ethnic community.

The real impact of an evangelistic initiative like *Hope for Our Day* cannot really be fully measured in a period of time or by attendance figures. These do not take into account the changed lives of church members who have committed their lives to evangelism.

Stirred up by *Hope for our Day*, Viorel and Michelle Catarama, Hinsdale Church members, ordered 30,000 copies of *The Passion of Love*, a book containing the final chapters of *The Desire of Ages*. To date about half of those books, along with Bible study enrollment cards, have been distributed in Hinsdale and Naperville. This project has been taken on by young and old alike. Hinsdale Pathfinders and students from Broadview and Hinsdale Adventist academies have gone door to door distributing these packets. Approximately 200 people have been involved in this project.

The Illinois Conference says "Thank You!" to the leadership of the Lake Union for challenging us to move out of the pew and into our world to share God's grace.

Ken Denslow, Illinois Conference president

INDIANA — *Hope for Our Day* was expressed in many ways as Indiana members took the Union-wide call to evangelism seriously. It all began with a number of our pastors and lay members attending the Union-sponsored training event in Merrillville earlier in the year. Many left those meetings and immediately went back to their churches to implement what they had learned.

A survey of the various evangelism efforts in Indiana shows a great deal of enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment. Excellent health ministry programs were sponsored by a number of our churches, including Anderson, Muncie, and Wolcottville.

Revival meetings were conducted in La Porte and at several other locations, where members and visitors came together to study, pray, and worship.

New personal evangelism efforts began in churches like Irvington and New Albany, where members received training to become Lay Bible Ministers. In other places, including Rochester, Plymouth, and Indianapolis Hispanic, homes were opened for the *Net 2004* series and other small group evangelism. Friends and neighbors were exposed to Jesus as Savior for the first time.

A number of public meetings were also held by laypeople and pastors alike. The three angels' messages were preached to hearts open to the Word of God in communities such as Hammond, Huntingburg, Warsaw, Evansville, and Westside, as well as in many of our Hispanic congregations.

One of the highlights of our year in evangelism took place in South Bend. As the South Bend church



Approximately 500 guests crowded into the pavilion at the fairgrounds for the South Bend opening night evangelistic meeting.



South Bend members welcomed many into fellowship at the baptismal and profession of faith ceremony.



Anderson, Ind., CHIP program graduates and instructors



Anderson, Ind., CHIP program attendees enjoyed sampling tasty yet healthy food.



Clinton Meharry (second from right), Indiana Conference health and temperance director, with Anderson, Ind., CHIP program staff.

board prayed and wrestled over what God would have them do with *Hope for Our Day*, they felt impressed to invite Hiram Rester, an evangelist from the Texico Conference and a seminary student, to conduct a series of meetings in South Bend. The church worked diligently with the evangelist and carefully laid plans for this outreach project.

The Lord blessed all their efforts and answered many prayers; nearly 500 guests from the surrounding community came opening night. To date, 94 of those visitors have been baptized and many more are studying for baptism. Larry Teeter, a Cicero (Indiana) Church member, received a call from one of those individuals. The son of Larry's life-long friend remembered Larry was a Seventh-day Adventist. He wanted to know more about what Adventists believe as he considered the truths he was learning at the South Bend meetings. Larry and his wife Tootie have had the privilege to explain how God has blessed their own lives as they look for Bible answers to their questions. They are praying he will take the step of baptism.

To say the least, the church is excited, humbled, but a bit overwhelmed. As a result, they are diligently working to form small groups, as well as other ministries, to provide a growing, stimulating environment for their new family members.

Hope for Our Day continues to be a wonderful catalyst to help Indiana fulfill the great commission God has given us to accomplish.

Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president

LAKE REGION—Throughout the Lake Region Conference territory, churches carried the *Net 2004* “Experience the Power” satellite evangelistic series with *Breath of Life* speaker, Walter L. Pearson. The October 2–30, 2004, uplink from Miracle Temple Church in Baltimore, Maryland, was the first satellite experience for several churches. Preliminary reports indicate that 90% of the participating English-speaking churches experienced several hundred baptisms.

Visitors and members alike were drawn to Jesus as Pearson delivered messages emphasizing the power of God’s word. Michael and Jacqueline Henry were baptized after the *Net 2004* series. After working the night shift, Michael turned on the television at home and was intrigued by a program called *Amazing Facts*. The information shared on the topic of death was so interesting he requested the book offer and other study material. When he and Jacqueline discovered the Sabbath, they were convicted to follow God’s truth. They looked through the phone book for a Sabbath-keeping church. After going to two addresses and discovering no one was present, they checked the phone book again and ended up at City Temple Church in Detroit, Michigan. After the first visit, they knew they were in the right place and continued to attend, expressing a desire to be a part of the church family after their second visit. Following a series of Bible studies, Michael, Jacqueline, and their sister-in-law were invited to attend the *Net 2004* series. They decided to be baptized at its conclusion, joining 23 others who were also baptized. Ten more continue studies in preparation for a February baptismal service.

The Tabernacle of Hope Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, experienced the power and 32 were baptized. It was their first experience with satellite evangelism. “The church has been changed by participating in this coordinated effort,” says Joseph Footman, a church elder. Witnessing changed lives on a global level has energized the congregation’s commitment to evangelism. “We are already planning to be a part of the March uplink with Doug Batchelor,” reports Judy Crawford, pastor.

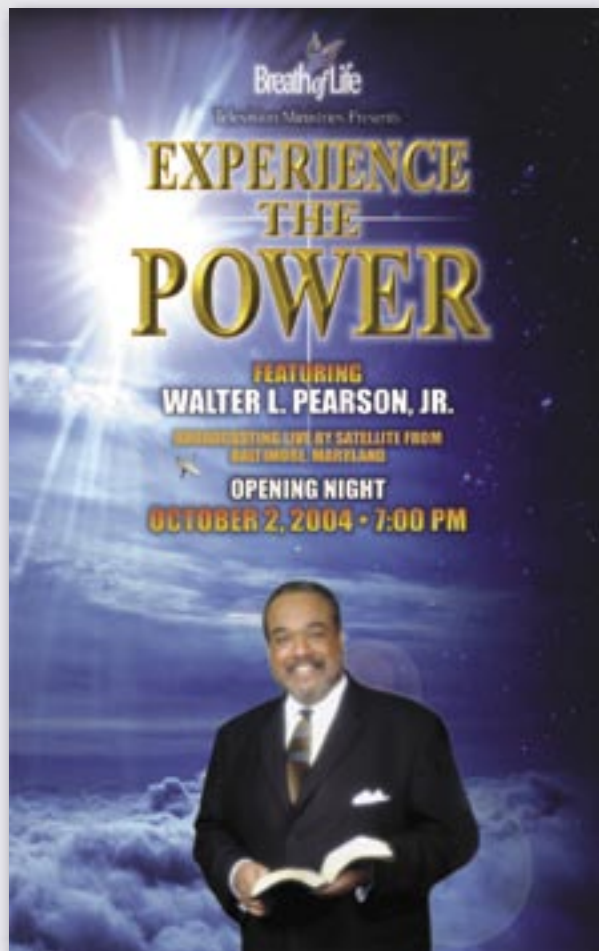
The Ecorse and Southfield (Michigan) churches baptized 14, and two young people are preparing for baptism. William Hughes, pastor, was particularly excited about the six youth who committed their lives to Christ. The entire Stephens family was baptized after the four teens in the family attended the *Net 2004* series. A former Adventist, Debra Stephens, was led back to church by her daughters’ experience and decision to follow Christ.

The Bing family had visited the Ecorse church previously. When the *Net 2004* series began, the mother, a Seventh-day Adventist, invited her husband to attend. During the meetings he was convicted of the Sabbath truth. A railroad engineer, he requested a different position to avoid working on Sabbath. Although this new position would mean a salary decrease, he says it is a small price to pay

to follow Jesus. The father and his teen son were baptized.

Jesus said, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32). The *Net 2004* satellite series gave opportunity for the Lake Region Conference members to lift up Jesus. Many experienced the power and responded to His invitation.

Ray Young, Lake Region Conference communication director



Many Lake Region Conference churches participated in satellite uplink evangelism for the first time during the Experience the Power series.

MICHIGAN—Back in 2002, Bill Blond attended the Adventist church in Coldwater at the invitation of a high school friend, Chelsea Granger.

In the fall, Bill left for school at Central Michigan University (CMU), but not before Chelsea encouraged him to attend the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Even though the meetings were only a block from where he was living, Bill wasn't sure whether he wanted to attend the meetings. He kept putting Chelsea off. He says, "I gave her every excuse I could think of, without lying."

Finally, she asked if he would go with her to the meetings in Coldwater if she came and picked him up. He said, "Yes." So Chelsea drove 147 miles, one way, to pick up her friend so he would go to the Coldwater meetings. Since his home was in the area, he was able to stay overnight at home, and then Chelsea took him back to CMU the next day. She did this twice, even though her car was having some real trouble. The transmission was going out, and a mouse was putting dog food in her air cleaner. But the Lord kept her car going.

Though he only attended a couple of the meetings, Bill knew he needed to know more. This led to studying the "Historicals" Bible studies, and the "Faithful Unto Death" series written by Samuel Pipim. Bill soon made his decision, and was baptized in the Coldwater Church on July 12, 2004, by Oscar Montes, pastor.

Bill is now president of Adventist Students for Christ (ASC), an Adventist student fellowship on the CMU campus. But this is only the beginning of the story.

A year later, in the fall of 2004, Bill was in the dining commons of CMU discussing religious things with his non-Adventist roommate. A young man by the name of

Brent Zimmerman came and sat next to them since there was no other place available. Brent overheard their conversation and joined the discussion. He told Bill he was planning to join the Catholic Church. "What religion are you converting from?" Bill asked. He said that he was a Lutheran, so Bill said in a joking manner, "Think of Luther turning over in his grave if he could see this now. How can I save you from your wicked ways?" That sparked a friendship, and Bill invited Brent to attend the *Hope for Our Day* series that was already in session on the campus of CMU. That series, being conducted by students from Great Lakes Adventist Academy, became the setting for Brent's ongoing journey into truth.

Brent was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, but moved to Grand Haven, Michigan, in his high school years. Brent says he had only heard of Seventh-day Adventists once before. One Saturday Brent, his father, and sister were riding in their car when they drove past the local Adventist church. The church was just letting out, and some of the church kids were standing next to a stop sign, shaking it. Brent's father made an off-hand comment about how the kids were just getting out of church and they were already doing vandalism. The incident registered in Brent's memory because it was Saturday, not Sunday. And now, some years later, he found out why Seventh-day Adventists go to church on Saturday.

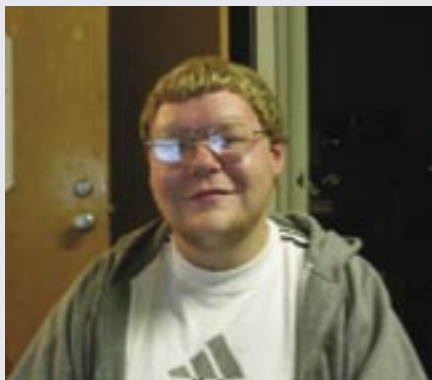
Accepting the truths of God's Word, 18-year-old Brent was baptized by Darren Greenfield, Mt. Pleasant Church pastor, on December 4, 2004. More than a hundred Michigan Conference churches participated in the *Hope for Our Day* evangelistic outreach in September and October. *Hope for Our Day* kicked off with the Lake Union training weekend



This is Bill Blond at his 2002 high school graduation, taken several months before he attended the Hope for the Homeland meetings.



Katie French, a member of the Charlotte Church, presented several evangelistic subjects at her church's Hope for our Day meetings. Because many of her extended family came to support her presentations, she always had the largest number of people in attendance.



Brent Zimmerman attended Hope for Our Day meetings, on the campus of Central Michigan University, conducted by students from Great Lakes

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in South Bend, Indiana, and continues as people all over Michigan are preparing for baptism and church membership. Although the formal meetings finished in most churches in October, many are still continuing with follow-up meetings and in-home Bible studies to prepare

the many who made decisions. In some cases, those who have made decisions are waiting for warmer weather to be baptized in outdoor settings.

Royce Snyman, Michigan Conference assistant ministerial director and Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director

WISCONSIN—On September 10, the first of fifty-eight scheduled public evangelistic series began in Wisconsin. *Hope for Our Day* is the broad umbrella under which the church initiated harvest time throughout the Lake Union.

There were many notable happenings in *Hope for Our Day*:

- ▶ Fred and Sandy Miller collaborated with a variety of presenters giving health lectures for meetings in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.
- ▶ Jonathan Larssen, Madison East associate pastor, conducted his first public evangelistic meeting.
- ▶ Ardis Burke in Milwaukee and Lisa Isensee in Monroe were the first women in the Wisconsin Conference (in recent memory) to conduct their own public evangelistic series.

Pastors and lay evangelists reported fair to excellent attendance at their opening program. People responded well to the advertising. As always, some areas had better turnouts than others.

Ric Swaningson, Wisconsin Conference evangelist, held meetings in Green Bay where 17 people took their stand with Jesus in baptism. When we give ourselves to the work of evangelism, the gift of serving others is often returned. Nora Clark thrilled with the Bible truth she was learning as she studied with Ric. He learned that she

was the corporate pilot for a number of businesses in Green Bay and expressed how he had always wanted to fly. As Nora prepared for baptism, Ric prepared for flight school.

By God's grace, Nora followed Jesus in baptism on October 16, 2004, and Ric flew his first "solo" flight on November 22, 2004. As to which was the greater thrill to participate in, Nora's baptism or a solo flight, it wasn't even close for Ric. "Flying is a skill and it's great, but baptism is a miracle of new life from God. Baptism is the greater thrill, but flying is still good," he emphasized.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference ministerial director and evangelism coordinator



Jonathan Larssen presented his first evangelistic series in Madison, Wis.



Lisa Isensee presented a full message series in Monroe, Wis., with nine decisions for baptism.



Delmar Austin, Green Bay pastor, baptizes Nora Clark.



Ric Swaningson, Wisconsin Conference evangelist, preaches at the Green Bay meetings.



Ric Swaningson on the day of his first solo flight.

WILLIAM J. HARDY

MICHIGAN'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC OFFICIAL

BY GARY BURNS

William Hardy was five years old in 1827 when his family moved from Seneca County, New York, to Washtenaw County, Michigan. Not long after the move, William's father died, and young William was bound to a farmer near Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Harriet Henderson Tucker escaped slavery to Battle Creek through the Underground Railroad. Her house is now a part of Historic Adventist Village.



The Harriet Henderson Tucker house is home to the William J. Hardy exhibit.

Treated as an inferior being, with no advantages given to him, William worked hard and refused to allow his circumstances to limit his potential. He determined to overcome the disadvantages of being despised and slighted by educating himself. By the age of 21, William was able to marry and move to the town of Gaines, Michigan, where he raised five children and farmed his own 160 acres.

A religious man, William was a student of scripture. Through his association with J.B. Frisbie, he learned about the Sabbath. In a 1858 letter to Uriah Smith he writes, "Last Sabbath we enjoyed the sweet melting Spirit of the Lord. Our hearts were made glad; and we were enabled to read our title clear to mansions in the skies."¹

The following year, James and Ellen White were guests in the Hardy home. In her personal diary Ellen writes, "Tuesday, January 25, 1859: It looks like a storm Did not arrive at Brother Hardy's until dinnertime. It was snowing fast. We were heartily welcomed by the family. A good dinner was soon in readiness for us of which we

thankfully partook. This is a colored family, but although the house is poor and old, everything is arranged in neatness and exact order. The children are well behaved, intelligent, and interesting. May I yet have a better acquaintance with this dear family."²

The Hardy home was often opened to guests and travelers, including J.N. Loughborough and John Byington, each sharing similar experiences of hospitality.

Writing about Hardy, Franklin Everett observes, "By his moral dignity and sterling good sense he won respect, until he was allowed his place among the leading men in his town. He is, so far as known, the first colored man who held office in Michigan. He has served his town in various public positions, in 1872 as supervisor."³

William became a key leader of the believers in his community. Following a church meeting, H.M. Kenyon observed, "The burden of the work here now rests almost wholly on Bro. W.J. Hardy. He has the confidence of the people where he lives, and we trust the time is not far distant, when the few that remain may have some additions to their number."⁴

Historic Adventist Village has created an exhibit of the life and work of William J. Hardy along with stories of other African-American Adventist pioneers. It is housed in the home of Harriet Henderson Tucker, a slave who escaped to Battle Creek with the help of her father through the Underground Railroad.

Gary Burns is the *Lake Union Herald* editor.

¹ *Review and Herald*, April 29, 1858, p. 191.

² Arthur L. White, *Ellen G. White: The Early Years, 1827–1862*, 1985, p. 398.

³ Franklin Everett, *Memorials of the Grand River Valley*, p. 29.

⁴ *Review and Herald*, March 7, 1878, p. 78.

IT STARTED THIS WAY

THE JOURNEY OF REGER AND KATHERINE SMITH

BY REGER SMITH JR.

Marked Tree, Arkansas, a little town in the eastern part of the state, was a small quiet place that rarely changed. And that was the problem for Johnny and Nellie Baker, and their eight children. In 1944, sharecropping didn't allow for change; it was designed to maintain the status quo, especially for a Black man in the South. So Baker, along with thousands of other Blacks of that time, made the move to the land of opportunity. They headed north.

Fourteen-year-old Katherine watched from the back of the truck piled with furniture, household goods, and children as familiar sights receded into the distance. As if watching a motion picture in reverse—the small house where they had lived, her favorite teacher waving from her porch, the town store, her dad's friends waving goodbye from the warehouse dock where her father used to sit with them at day's end smoking, chewing, and talking, the fields of cotton—all trailed out of view.

Memories of working in those fields were easy to lose. They had a long ride ahead, but a new life beckoned from their destination—Benton Harbor, Michigan.

The next year the Lake Region Conference was organized, marking a first for the Seventh-day Adventist Church—a conference founded and run by Black Americans. It was an unavoidable answer reflecting the reality of the world and the church. Before long, this less-than-ideal solution to human issues proved to have divine guidance, for the African-American Adventist church began tremendous growth.

The following year a retired minister set up a tent and began preaching in the Baker's new town. The earnest,

straightforward presentation of the Bible, and the friendliness of the students from a nearby college, made a strong impression on Nellie Baker and her children—especially

Katherine, who was excited they had invited her to visit their school, Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC). She began to dream of going to college.

Across the state in Detroit was a graduate of Union College who was trained as a teacher. Although he had taught in different schools, including Harlem Academy in New York City, life had not led him in a straightforward path. Between wars, the Depression, and the general hard time a Black man had trying to get ahead, Rothacker Smith often found himself working odd jobs in addition to temporary teaching and training positions. One constant was his local church work. Always a leader and innovator, he was very active serving his church as elder, teacher, choir leader, and youth worker.

Life seemed to finally come together when the new conference asked him to become a pastor. Although he had never been to the seminary, it seemed he had been training his whole life for this. He and his wife, Eleanor, were asked to pastor the new little congregation in Benton Harbor.



Reger and Katherine with their first two children, Merridith and Reger Jr.

Their son, Reger, was honorably discharged from the Army in November, 1946. He had served his two years but had never been to the front lines of war, as had his two older brothers Nelson and Rock. Nelson had seen duty in France when it was liberated. Rock, the oldest, was in the thick of battle in Italy when his unit was captured and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. It was nine months of hell and starvation before being liberated by the advancing allied forces.

Listed as missing in action and thinking Rock was dead, Rothacker and Eleanor were almost giddy when they received a telegram sharing the news he was alive. That's how Reger found his parents at two in the morning when he came home on leave. The house lights were ablaze and they were so happy and talkative. Rock was alive!

Though Reger never saw that kind of action, he shared the honor of being a veteran. So when he returned to finish his schooling at EMC, it was with the attitude of someone who had been there, done that. Living life beyond the trivial, he was ready to get married, though the girls he had known in Detroit seemed too preoccupied with appearances and frivolity. He was looking for someone more serious.

It was great to see his dad pastoring this new little church not far from the college—a role for which he seemed born. The new church required a lot of ingenuity, experience, and resourcefulness—something his father had. The group met in the basement of the new church with the main floor serving as the roof. The church needed to be finished and a parsonage built. Rothacker soon had members with no previous experience driving nails, constructing stairs, laying shingles, and solving problems with his ingenious ideas.

One of Rothacker's ideas was to suggest that Reger consider a newly baptized young lady named Katherine, which he was happy to do.

Having become a fixture at the little church, this handsome young son of the pastor was treated well by the women of the church—especially Nellie Baker, who was quite impressed with his attentions to her daughter. Her daughter, however, being the serious type Reger was searching for, also had serious questions. Here was this young man from a college campus where there were many attractive, accomplished women, some of which were her friends. Why was

he paying so much attention to a 17-year-old high school student who he said he was planning to marry? She intended to go to college. And she was serious!

Reger's ingenious dad had recently added the small Berean Church in Battle Creek to his pastorate and suggested he consider another young lady there. One Sabbath, Reger's real destiny came into focus. The Benton Harbor church had come en masse to join their sister church for Sabbath worship. Katherine came along as well. A young man invited her on a guided tour of historic Battle Creek. His sister was to join them in the car

and bring whomever she liked. So Reger found himself in the back seat of a car with his newest acquaintance while watching Katherine soak up the attentions of this enterprising young man. That settled his mind for good. Reger sat with Katherine on the bus back to Benton Harbor. By the end of the evening, they were together again.

Reger's first job out of college was to be the principal of a church school 175 miles away in Inkster, Michigan. To save money for marriage, he lived with the Fambro family. Katherine was in her first year of college, and regular trips to see her didn't leave a lot of money for his savings account. As a church school teacher, there wasn't much to start with.

He drove a Model A Ford, an ancient car even then. It was a car with character. It drank about three quarts of oil every 25 miles. The roof leaked. The headlights were so dim he had to stick his head out the side window to glimpse the line in the middle of the road. One could also view the road



The basement of the under-construction Main Street church served as the sanctuary for almost two years.



Reger and Katherine continue to serve the church as a team in Berrien Springs, Mich.

through the floorboards, but that wasn't very helpful. The wipers only worked going downhill, and the steering wheel needed about a three-quarters turn before the car would change direction. Such were the challenges of love.

In June, the couple got married at a simple ceremony in the Lake Region Conference office. The entire staff showed up as witnesses that Sunday, with T.M. Fountain, president, officiating. Katherine wore a simple white dress and Reger wore a decent suit—at least he thinks it was.

After the short ceremony, they were off on the long trip back to Inkster with a stop in Benton Harbor to drop off Eleanor. It was raining, which necessitated the head-out-the-window posture on uphill climbs. With the leaky roof, it was not much better with the head in the car.

Arriving at their new temporary quarters at the Fambro house around three in the morning, they found the table set for a fancy dinner. Food was on the stove. Such was their honeymoon.

Merridith was born exactly nine months later, and they moved to Cass County, where Reger taught in the church school at Cassopolis. While working on his master's degree in social work, he began working for the state. After a few years, they moved to Arizona where he worked for the the City of Phoenix and for the federal government on a reservation.

Andrews University eventually called Reger to help in their new social work department, which he eventually chaired. He soon developed a master's level program for his alma mater.

Katherine finally achieved her college degree where she had started (now Andrews University), graduating the same day her son, Reger Jr., finished high school. She completed her career as a medical social worker at Benton Harbor's Mercy Hospital and as an associate dean of women in the very dorm where she was a resident in 1950. She also made her mark as the first woman elder and head elder of Pioneer Memorial, the campus church, working as a team with Reger on the campus where they have lived since 1967.

Some might conclude they had come full circle, ending right where it all began. Reger and Katherine would tell you it's an ongoing journey, and it hasn't ended at all.



Rothacker Smith inspects work on the church building in Benton Harbor.

Reger Smith Jr. is the Seventh-day Adventist World Church associate director for communication.

ANNA KNIGHT

THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO SERVE AS A MISSIONARY

BY HAIYOUNG KIM

Anna Knight stretched her sun-bronzed limbs out from under her cotton sheets. Although the night had been pleasantly comfortable, hot Mississippi summer nights were just around the corner.

Not far off, Anna could hear her mother scuttling about in the kitchen. Soon Anna would be called on to do her morning chores. Work on the family's 160-acre farm was a never-ending struggle to keep the land productive and the family secure. As an eight-year-old, part of Anna's responsibilities included feeding chickens, fetching water, and tending the garden. Today was no different, except for the fact that she would be starting to work for some of the White neighbors who lived nearby, in exchange for learning how to read and write.

Remembering that thought, Anna sprang out of bed and rushed to her mother. "Mama, I'm a gonna have my first real job, ain't I?" Beaming proudly, Anna announced that she was going to learn how to read and write, just as well as any of the White friends she played with on Sundays. Almost 20 years had gone by since the Emancipation Proclamation had been passed, and still Blacks felt the oppression of the White man. Children of African heritage were not free to go to school with Caucasians.

At breakfast, Anna's legs kicked excitedly up and down under the table as she ate her wholesome grits and piping hot cornbread. Dashing off, she kissed her mother, and wished her brothers and sisters a good day.

Many thoughts juggled in little Anna's head. She wondered about the work she'd be doing, and hoped it would be easy enough for her to handle. Slowing her rapid pace, Anna widened her blue eyes to take in the grandness of her neighbor's house in comparison to her humble home. The white-washed fence, the elegant flowers, and the huge door she knocked on made her feel very small.

When the door opened, Anna met one of the maids who then brought her before Mrs. Williams, the owner of the plantation. Before the day was over, Anna had met the



Anna Knight and the star from James Edson White's ship, the *Morning Star*

butler, cook, courier, animal care-taker, gardener, and other workers. Besides that, Anna had swept and scrubbed the floors and by evening, she had helped with the laundry and learned how to press clothes. Tired though she was, she was determined to have her first lesson in reading and writing.

Pleased with Anna's work, Mrs. Williams called her over and started to teach her the ABCs. Taking the pencil given to her, Anna slowly wrote out the alphabet. Slightly biting her lip, she carefully tried to make her letters look similar to Mrs. Williams'. When she had finished, she broke into a radiant smile.

Day by day, Anna learned to read and write better. At home, in the evenings, she would practice writing

on the earth with her fingers or a small stick. Within a few years she had educated herself with an equivalent of a country school elementary education.

Always eager to learn more, she submitted a request from a magazine for reading materials. Of those who responded to her were two Adventists. As a result of the Adventist reading materials on the wonderful message of Jesus Christ, she became interested in Adventism. Excited with her newfound faith, she shared the good news with her family. Mother was very displeased. In fact, she demanded Anna



Anna Knight is pictured with her students at the industrial school she founded in her home state, Mississippi.

choose to leave her faith or her beloved family. Each night Anna prayed that her family would accept the loving message of Jesus' soon return, but their hearts remained cold. Sadly, yet with assurance that Jesus stood beside her, she decided to leave home. Packing her few belongings she also carried the rich promises of Jesus' love.

Anna found her way to Tennessee, where she was baptized and received the spiritual support she needed. From then on her formal education began to blossom when some older friends sent her to Mt. Vernon Academy. After that, Anna went to the Battle Creek School of Nursing.

Desiring to help the underprivileged children in her home state, Mississippi, she opened up an industrial school. Patience and prayer kept her spirits high. Then came a call to go to India as the first Black woman missionary of any denomination. What a struggle to decide! What would happen to her little, impressionable ones who were just beginning to taste the joys of learning? Getting down on her knees, she cried and said, "Lord, You know all things, and all needs. The work is all Thine; the people are Thine in Mississippi, India, and in all the world. Lord, if You need me in India more than in Mississippi, then take away this sorrow out of my heart and stop me from crying all the time about it. If the sorrow and crying is taken away, then I'll know You are calling me to go to India" No sooner had she finished her prayer when she stopped crying.

Off to India she went, along with another nurse. From pulling out natives' teeth to teaching the Bible and English, Anna's experiences made her more dependent on the Lord,

as she learned lessons of persevering service and humility. Dangers unknown to her until later made the love for her Lord grow even deeper.

One day, longing for some fresh vegetables, Anna stopped by a big bazaar. Tall, native men followed her from a distance. They had big knives. Usually these men killed foreigners in the market, but God had seen to it that her life was spared.

Conditions in the school Anna had left behind in Mississippi were declining. Again and again, she received letters begging her to come back. One student pleaded, "Why don't you come back and teach us yourself? You understand us, and you are not afraid. Why would you stay over there, trying to convert the heathen while your own people here at home are growing up into heathens?"

Impressed that she needed to go back, she assumed her former responsibilities. As time passed, she moved on to other educational positions within the Adventist school system. Among her many achievements, Anna founded the National Colored Teachers Association. Also, she received the Medalion of Merit Award by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1972. She became the twelfth person to receive this honorable award in the history of the church.

Her full, vibrant, and devoted life to education in Christ ended in 1972 at the age of 98; however, her positive influence lives on.

Her autobiography can be read in *Mississippi Girl*, published by Southern Publishing Association in 1952.

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The Impossible Dream

BY DEWITT WILLIAMS

“Eva Beatrice Dykes!” Hearing her name, she lifted her head and walked briskly to the center of the stage. Polite applause could not hide the spontaneous murmur that spread throughout the all-White audience.

“Isn’t that a colored girl?” Those in the back rows stretched their necks to see, while those in the front stared in unbelief. But all whispered the same question. “Isn’t that a colored girl?”

Undaunted, she took the diploma and pumped the outstretched hand. “Thank you. Thank you very much,” she managed to say.

Flicking the tassel to the other side of her mortarboard, she continued to the designated spot where the seven female doctoral graduates stood. Commencement day, June 22, 1921, was different from any that had gone before. Since its doors opened in 1879, Radcliffe, an exclusive Ivy League college for women, had not conferred this highest honor on a Black person. Her presence silently proclaimed that her skin, though black, covered a brain that could think as clearly and reason as profoundly as that of any other. She also testified that those of the so-called weaker sex were mentally as strong and alert as their male counterparts at any university.

That piece of paper showing she had earned a doctorate in English could be her magic key to fame and fortune. But long before her graduation she had decided that she would dedicate herself to service in the Black community. To be great—to be first—was not her goal. Rather, to be her best so that she could render the best service and uplift humanity and her God had been her goals.

Even earlier as Eva was working on her B.A. degree at Howard University people noticed her unusual commitment. The words printed in the *Howard University Record* that commented on her student life and career goals read:

“In disposition and training she is peculiarly well-qualified for a brilliant career of usefulness.”



Eva B. Dykes, first African-American woman to meet the qualifications for the Ph.D. degree.

Usefulness. That word and that phrase would stick with her.

Word of Dykes’ amazing teaching abilities circulated in all of the Washington educational circles and reached Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, Howard University’s first Black president. He dreamed of having the most qualified staff available to teach at his university.

Johnson arranged an interview with Dykes. When she arrived he talked about the university and his dream of a strong academic institution. After about 20 minutes he stood up.

“We have your records from Howard, of course. But we need your records from Radcliffe and a letter from Dunbar (Dunbar High School). Send these to the dean.”

“I’ll see that they get to him along with a letter explaining my convictions.”

“Your convictions?” His eyebrow raised.

“Yes. The letter will explain.”

Some years later in an address for the students and faculty of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, then located in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., Johnson explained the complications that her arrival caused and the surprise of that letter:

“I feel especially near to you in this church, too, because one of the finest teachers I have ever known came from your church. Her name is Dr. Eva B. Dykes. When I first came to Howard University, her name was brought to my attention in a peculiar way. She had received her doctor’s degree some time earlier from Radcliffe, and we were about to engage her as a teacher.

“Prior to taking the job, she had a conference with the dean, saying, ‘Before you conclude this contract there is one thing you should know about me. I do not know if after you hear this you will wish to employ me or not, but I feel I must tell you I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and beginning at sundown on Friday until sundown Saturday I will be unable to do any work for the university, for in that period



East Hall, on the campus of Oakwood College, served as the home of Eva Dykes for many years.

my church is foremost in my allegiance, and I shall feel under obligation to do whatever they wish me to do and will be able to give no service to the university.'

"The dean brought her letter to me and said, 'Mr. President, this is a very sad matter. I suppose this finishes it. We cannot employ this young woman. What a tragedy!'

"'But,' I said to the dean, 'This does settle it. This makes certain we are going to employ this young woman.'

"'What do you mean, Mr. President? We cannot hire someone who has reservations about service.'

"I replied, 'This is not a reservation but an affirmation. And I would further suggest that any woman who has the center of her life so dedicated is worth keeping, and we should not run the risk of losing a young person of that type. She will be just as loyal to the university the other six days as she is to her church on the Sabbath.'"

Dykes went on to reward the faith he had placed in her. She saw to it that she remained at the top of the profession. Beyond teaching, she advised and sponsored various campus organizations and authored numerous books and articles in religious and educational journals.

In 1944 she received a plea to become the first professor with a doctorate at Oakwood College. It was an agonizing decision, a call to more useful service. When she had finally made the decision that she could be of greater service at Oakwood than at Howard, she slowly picked up her pen and wrote a letter of resignation to Johnson.

Dykes' down-to-earth spirit, combined with her gracious manner, her intellectual attainment, and her Christian character, made her a great teacher. Though she was small, she was tough, and even though she was not pretentious in dress, she was perfectly capable in the classroom.

Many administrators from renowned schools across the country tried to lure her away from Oakwood with offers of larger pay, greater benefits, or better working and living conditions. She would reply, "I am on permanent tenure at Oakwood."

Dykes died October 29, 1986, in Huntsville, Alabama, at the age of 93, and she will long be remembered. In an article about her, author Louis B. Reynolds says: "When God has put an impossible dream into our hearts ... He means to help us fulfill it. Eva Dykes believed this to be true when, as a young woman, she heeded the call to prepare herself to help others and to attain the highest competence in order to do it. Through the years God has given her many other dreams of specific tasks He wanted her to do."

"It is when we resist God," she says, "that we remain nothing. When we submit to Him, whatever the sacrifice or hardship, we can become with His help far more than we dare dream."

Eva B. Dykes' complete story may be read in the book, *She Fulfilled the Impossible Dream*, by DeWitt S. Williams, Review and Herald Publishing Assn., 1985.

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Dear Lake Union Friend,

Thank you for your generous support and prayers to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) as we have responded to the Asia tsunami devastation. Thanks to your unprecedented contributions, our efforts have been our biggest response ever to a natural disaster.

ADRA has already distributed many tons of emergency relief aid in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand, providing bottled water, food, medicines, and blankets to thousands and thousands of people who lost their family members, homes, and livelihood. But this is just the beginning. ADRA isn't leaving. We're staying and providing long-term support as we rehabilitate broken villages, restore sanitation systems, and rebuild people's lives.

ADRA will be responding to the needs of the victims of this crisis for a long time. And without your support, this would not have been possible. Thanks to you, our ADRA home office and other ADRA offices around the world have already committed more than \$4 million to respond to this catastrophe.

Meanwhile, even while responding to the terrible tsunami, ADRA has continued to work in more than 129 other countries. We are still baking 250,000 rolls a week in North Korea to feed malnourished children there, supporting the care of AIDS orphans in Siberia, addressing basic health needs in Bolivia—plus literally hundreds of other projects.

In fact, ADRA's response to the Tsunami crisis is only a small part of ADRA's total work. Your faithful assistance has made ADRA the most broadly based humanitarian agency in the world. So we will continue to urgently need your help as we respond to needs around the world.

And to our thousands of new and old donors who have especially supported us so generously these last few weeks, thank you for your continued support, prayers, and encouragement as ADRA serves the world in Christ's name.

You are helping to change the world. I know you make God smile.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Charles Sandefur
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Dear Friends,

The soaring death toll and devastation of the monstrous tsunamis in Asia and Africa compel us to take the necessary risks in order to help the victims of this catastrophe. The REACH Children's Home, just half a mile away from the beach, was only flooded and all of our children and workers are safe. This doesn't mean we can be complacent, however.

Sri Lanka is my native land; we are well acquainted with the people, the language, and the places, so my brother, a medical doctor, and I decided to go to Sri Lanka to do what we could to help the suffering people. Several others who heard about the trip are joining us: Greg Shaskan, a second year resident, and Jarred Price, a first year resident (both from St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend, Indiana); Sherry O'Donnell, an internist; Nick Skinner, a medical assistant; Joseph Fernando, a family practice physician; Kimberly Wilson, a nursing student from Illinois; and Barry Mills, a youth pastor from Colombo, Canada.

In Sri Lanka, those with medical expertise will work with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Kimberly, Barry, and I will concentrate on caring for the children who are orphaned, or children who need temporary care and shelter. A church school has been made available to us for this purpose. After we know exactly what we are dealing with, we will rent a home or two for the children who need long term care.

Pray that we can find loving, compassionate individuals to take care of the children and support and comfort them in their time of distress. The psychological impact of this disaster is beyond our human ability to comprehend, but we serve a God who loves those children more than we do; we will depend on Him.

In His service,

Jasmine Jacob,
REACH International President

PS: We are beginning to hear that the children in the refugee camps are being abused, all sorts of things ... I am trying to "reach" the children so we can help these kids.



Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital is building a new Patient Care Center, but that's not all that's under construction there.

Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful, Lord

Monica Stadnicki believes the world would be a better place if more people would yield to the power of God. Last year, after a 25-year career in other healthcare facilities, she joined Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital in La Grange, Illinois, as a registrar/financial counselor. But after only a few days on the job, she was uncomfortable doing her job.

"I didn't like it. It went against my nature to speak to people about money, even if they owed it," explained Stadnicki. She sought the advice of a friend at her church, Christian Life Fellowship, who encouraged her to "stay with it."

"I prayed to God to help me do it. He taught me how to be gentle, and to see my talking to patients as a ministry. Now I see God's healing hand reaching out, and I love my job. It gets better every day as I develop relationships with nurses, co-workers, patients and their families, and we pray for each other.

"Everyone's job can be a ministry. God has shown me how to do it. I can collect money, but God's hand is lead-

ing. He changed my heart so I could be in this job. Not just to be a financial counselor, but someone who shows people the face of God."

Stadnicki related to Tim Cook, CEO, how important his Christian leadership was to the work environment she was now a part of. "Christianity is a way of life. It doesn't stop at church. God can do so much more in a work environment that accepts God's authority," she remarked.

"God is the vine and we are the branches. We are here to bear fruit.



Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital CEO Tim Cook chats with employee Monica Stadnicki.

Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital is a growing place. God wants us to love our enemies, to love each other, and to pray for those who hurt us. Some people's hearts are hurt and closed off, but we can't walk by them. God wants to heal their hearts. We are all human. We make mistakes. But we shouldn't let that shut out God's love and what He has in store for us," said Stadnicki.

"My job has become such a good opportunity. When I talk to patients, I'm not forceful. I show compassion. I speak of hope, and often end up praying with them as well as asking for the money. If you do it like the Golden Rule, it all turns out all right. It makes my heart smile as I see God at work."

During orientation, Stadnicki remembers thinking, "I want to find out why God wants me here." Her answer came when Cook shared his thoughts with her, "The Lord has so much planned for this place."

"I knew then that I'm in the right place," Stadnicki exclaimed. "You live a lot of your life at work. I like it that Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital is a Christian organization. I'm glad to be part of it."

Lynn Larson, Adventist Midwest Health Lake Union Herald correspondent



Steel girders are going up on the Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital Patient Care Center, which is anticipated to open in June 2006.

Center for Women Clergy Opens on the AU Campus

You've felt the call for ministry, and you've decided to become a pastor. You also happen to be a woman. In what has been a traditionally male-dominated profession, more and more women are heeding the call of the Great Commission in the terms of a full-time career.

The 94 women currently enrolled at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University—an increase of 20 from two years ago and making up 13.8% of the 678 total enrollment—are evidence of that.

In an effort to help answer the question that many of these women are asking, "I've answered the call, now what?" the Center for Women Clergy officially opened fall 2004 at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews University.



Dilys Brooks, Center for Women Clergy coordinator

Building on the foundation laid by previous students, seminary student Dilys Brooks, Center coordinator, began working towards its

formation when she came to campus three years ago.

One of the Center's goals is to promote community among women seminarians on campus. In 2003, the tradition of a fall "meet and greet" began when incoming female seminarians had the opportunity to meet current female students and faculty. Other events, including a special week of emphasis and graduation dinner, are planned throughout the year.

The Center for Women Clergy is more than just an on-site AU ministry. Once fully established, the Center will be a resource for all women currently working in the ministry or those who would like to, serving its membership through mentorships, providing ministry resources, educational workshops, and support.

"For this time we've been brought, for this time we've come together," Brooks comments.

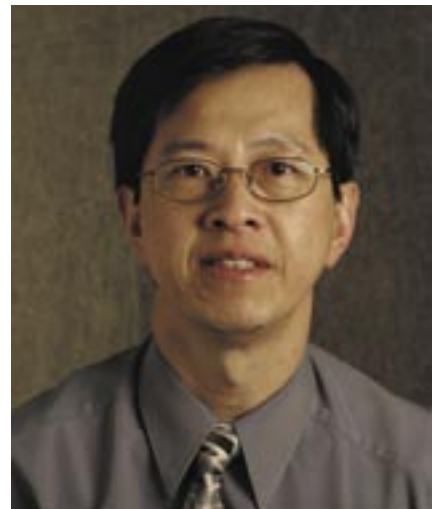
Beverly Stout, University Relations Lake Union
Herald correspondent

Teacher in the Spotlight

Whoever said "Life is in the details" must have been talking about Boon Chai Ng, associate professor of engineering at Andrews University. While most of us struggle to make sense of what we can see with the naked eye, Ng likes to spend his time looking at the world through the lens of an electron microscope.

Ng's work with the small things in life has produced research that could greatly benefit the world of space aeronautics. As part of his doctoral work at Michigan State University, where he will complete a philosophy of science degree in materials science in June 2005, Ng has developed a way to predict the paths of cracks in gamma-titanium aluminide (TiAl) alloys.

Gamma-TiAl alloys are being looked at as a potential replacement



Boon Chai Ng, associate professor of engineering at Andrews University

for current alloys used in the automotive and aeronautics fields due to their light weight, strength, and ability to withstand high temperatures. However, they have not yet been put into use due to their low level of toughness, which is associated with the ability to resist cracks. Through his study of gamma-TiAl alloys, which is sponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Ng has discovered a way to predict the propagation of cracks. This breakthrough leads to a greater understanding of gamma-TiAl alloys and opens the door for other researchers to now find ways to stop/prevent cracks from forming. The use of gamma-TiAl alloys will decrease the weight of aircraft significantly, enabling them to fly faster and reach greater heights. The understanding of the formation of cracks will also lead to the creation of a safer machine.

Before joining the AU faculty in 2002, Ng worked as an intern for General Motors in their research and development center. Ng also taught for eight years as a training officer for the Vocational and Industrial Training Board in his native country, Singapore, before moving to the U.S. in 1990.

Beverly Stout, University Relations Lake Union
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[HISTORICAL NEWS]

Preserving our Heritage

Historic Adventist Village has worked closely with Heritage Battle Creek, the Historical Society of Battle Creek, and the Sojourner Truth Institute, to help preserve the rich history of the Battle Creek community. Recently they coordinated an event at the Village depicting the history of Battle Creek.

The event pulled together people from the community for a dramatic reading called “Men of Vision,” narrated by Stanley Cottrell, Historic Adventist Village pastor/director. On Sunday afternoon, September 19, 2004, guests enjoyed the reading from the lawn below the 1857 Meeting House. The reading traced the history of the early settlers. Highlighted was the impact the Underground Railroad and the Adventist health message each had on the development of the community.

Opportunities like this are possible because of the vision of several people who recognized the value in preserving and maintaining pieces of Adventist history. Their initiatives have led to the development of Adventist Heritage Ministries (AHM), an educational and evangelistic corporation organized in



An afternoon dramatic reading of Battle Creek history was presented for the community at the Adventist Historic Village.



Many members of the community enjoyed the historical presentation on the lawn at the Adventist Village.

1981 to assist in preserving our heritage through the purchase, restoration, and replication of properties significant to the denomination’s founding and development. Sponsored by the North American Division, AHM is supported mainly by direct contributions.

Adventist Historic Properties, Inc., was founded by lay members in Battle Creek the same year. Shortly thereafter its motto, “The Past With a Future,” was adopted. It came under church ownership until 1988.

Historic Adventist Village, located in the west end of Battle Creek, Michigan, shares the story of “A People Who Lived to Honor God.”

View an exciting orientation video at the **Welcome Center**. Tour the **Dr. John Harvey Kellogg Discovery Center** on the upper level. During the week souvenirs and refreshments are available at the **Heritage/Snack Shoppe** on the lower level.

At the **Log Cabin**, sense the excitement of that special day in June 1852 when David and Olive Hewitt’s lives were changed by a Bible study with Captain Joseph Bates.

Visit the **James and Ellen White Home** to hear stories of a remarkable family who allowed God to use them to help establish a world-wide church and to defend God’s honor in the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

At the **William J. Hardy Exhibit** hear the story of African-American Adventist pioneers—the W.J. Hardy family, Anna Knight, C.M. Kinney, and others. View exhibits, including a unique



A member of the Battle Creek community depicts a new arrival on the Underground Railroad.

miniature model of the **Morning Star** boat found years ago in Edson White’s home.

Tour the **19th Century School House** and experience the life of a student in a one-room Christian school in preparation for service to God and mankind.

Relive the experience of the pioneers in worship at the replicated **1857 Meeting House**.

Visit the **Parkville Church**, the first church to incorporate under the name “Seventh-day Adventist,” where Ellen White had her Civil War vision.

Other exhibits under development include a two-story, two-stall carriage shed, and Deacon John and Betsey White’s house (parents of James White).

For more information, visit www.adventistheritage.org

Gary Burns is the *Lake Union Herald* editor.

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Essay Contest Runner-Up Meets Williams Sisters

Lake Region—Congratulations to Carmay Claiborn, a Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA) fourth-grader. She was one of ten runners-up in the *Detroit News*, “Yak’s Corner,” McDonald’s-Williams Sisters Essay Contest.

Carmay’s essay was titled, “How Venus and Serena Inspired My Life.” As runner-up, Carmay was invited to Wayne State University on Thursday, November 18, 2004, to attend a special lecture by the famous tennis athletes and sisters, Venus and Serena. They spoke about their life and shared some of the reasons for their many success stories.



Carmay Claiborne was a runner-up in the McDonald’s-Williams Sisters Essay Contest.

One interesting fact they stressed was the importance of having a good diet. The sisters stated that their diet consisted of fish, chicken, fresh fruits, and vegetables. They have never consumed pork or beef. They also stressed the importance of plenty of water and plenty of nightly rest.

This is not the first time Carmay has won attention for her literary work. She also placed in the Alpha Phi Beta Society essay contest for her creative story called “My Cat.”

Besides attending Venus’ and Serena’s lecture, Carmay also had the opportunity to ask questions about their personal trials and triumphs. In addition, Carmay received an auto-

graphed program from the sisters and her name was published in the *Detroit News*.

Carmay, age nine, has attended Peterson-Warren since kindergarten. She is the daughter of Cerano and Cheryl Claiborne of Inkster, Mich., where they attend the Sharon Church.

Juanita Martin, Peterson-Warren Academy principal

BCA Students Share Christmas Spirit

Michigan—Battle Creek Academy (BCA) students planned several activities during the 2004 holiday season that were excellent opportunities to let their light shine. Students volunteered to help campus ministries members use the holiday season to treat area youngsters. Bobby Costie, campus ministries director, announced that 24 community children with special needs were guests of BCA for a Christmas party.

The students, who adopted a child for the day, spent their time at the two-hour party entertaining his or her Christmas child. They played games, enjoyed good food, sang Christmas songs, watched a Christmas movie, and at the end each child received a present from their matched student, based on the parents’ suggestion.

The seventh- and eighth-grade class also celebrated the true meaning of Christmas by adopting a local family and planning a very special holiday treat.

The students invited the family to the academy to enjoy an afternoon of



Seventh- and eighth-grade Christmas party



Campus ministries children’s Christmas party

food and fun. With monies they raised within their class, the students planned and prepared a delicious Christmas dinner and purchased gifts for the family using lists given to them by the parents. To top it all off, the students were able to send them home with a carload of food staples for their pantry.



BCA student association caroling party for academy students

The witnessing class and the Battle Creek Tabernacle Pathfinder group spread some holiday cheer of their own to area families. They prepared fifty Christmas food baskets with all the makings of a delicious holiday meal, complete with homemade Christmas cookies, baked and decorated by the Pathfinders.

With the many outreach activities that took place, the student association decided to treat the students of the academy to a little Christmas cheer also. They set aside time to bring everyone together, students and staff alike, for a short season of caroling, followed by treats for all.

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy correspondent

BCA Holds NHS Induction Service

Michigan—Morgan Steely, Lynee' VanderWaal, and Noe' Velez of Battle Creek Academy (BCA), were inducted into the BCA National Honor Society (NHS) by Chauna Candy, current BCA NHS president, and the ten society members.

Eric Velez, vice principal, Bible and history teacher at BCA, was the keynote speaker for the induction service.

Ken Wilson, guidance director, Bible teacher, and NHS sponsor at BCA, noted while some schools only require a 3.0 grade point average to be inducted into the NHS, "Battle Creek Academy holds quite a stringent level for our students at 3.5."



New NHS members (from left): Morgan Steely, Lynee' VanderWaal, and Noe' Velez

Students must demonstrate not only academic ability but also involvement in the roles of leadership, character, and service, and they cannot be considered or selected by the faculty until their sophomore year.

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy correspondent

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Hospital and Adventist Volunteers Teach Healthy Living

Indiana—This month, the *Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP)* program will provide an exciting opportunity for Anderson (Ind.) Church volunteers to juncture with Community Hospital.



Anderson (Ind.) Church volunteers were invited to teach CHIP classes at the Community Hospital Education Center for the hospital's employees and area residents.

The *CHIP* program, to be held in the Community Hospital Education Center, will educate area residents about healthy living. Before the class, hospital administration will market the program in the newspaper and on radio, and physicians will be asked to encourage their patients to attend. In addition, hospital administrators have committed to provide a subsidy for employees who participate in the *CHIP* program.

This opportunity developed out of a conversation Susan Landess, Anderson Church member and local *CHIP* director, and I had about a year ago with the Indianapolis and Anderson Community Hospital medical director for physicians. After explaining the program to him, he recognized its value and the tremendous need for it. A conference call was arranged between Hans Diehl, *CHIP* founder, and the medical director for Swedish American Center for Complimentary Medicine.

I later suggested a *CHIP* program be conducted at the Community Hospital Education Center so hospital administrators could learn first-hand how the program operates and see its effectiveness in the lives of participants. Hospital administration supported the idea.

Beth Clymer, a physical therapist at Manor Care in Anderson, attended the *CHIP* program in the fall of 2004. She was very impressed with what she learned, especially when test results



Beth Clymer is anxious to tell others how the *CHIP* program improved her health.

indicated her cholesterol level dropped 65 points in just four weeks. She is anxious for others to attend the *CHIP* program scheduled this month. The excitement she exuded while sharing her testimony about the program's value with Keith Trent, and others from the Community Hospital marketing department, inspired them to do whatever they could to get the word out.

Please pray God will provide opportunities for Anderson Church volunteers to help *CHIP* attendees not just physically but also spiritually.

Clinton Meharry, Anderson Church pastor and Indiana Conference health ministries coordinator

Hope Floats!

Indiana—There are many wonderful and creative ways to do evangelism! The Frankfort (Ind.) Adventist Church has been placing ads in the local newspaper about the Sabbath on a regular basis. To support the ad campaign, the church entered a float showcasing the Sabbath in the Frankfort Christmas parade. Church members enjoyed working together to make it all happen, and there can be no doubt that the float had an impact on parade-goers! Shortly after Christmas, the church plans to put another ad in the paper to offer people a free book about the Sabbath.

Throstur Thordarson, Frankfort and Lafayette pastor, also reports



Frankfort Church Sabbath Float



Lafayette Church Float

that in the Lafayette (Ind.) Church, students decorated the school bus like a big Christmas present with a gift tag on the front of the bus that read, "To Jesus!" Then they entered their gift-bus in the town parade. Out of the 171 entries in the Lafayette Christmas parade this year, the Lafayette Church placed third with the gift-bus entry! And because of that, their float was moved to the front of the parade where they received good exposure and press coverage! What a fun and creative way to let people know that we love Jesus!

Judith Yeoman, Indiana Conference correspondent

[NAD NEWS]

Final Events Satellite Series

The next live global satellite evangelistic series will be presented by Doug Batchelor and *Amazing Facts* in cooperation with the North America Division, March 4–26, 2005, from the General Conference headquarters auditorium. The satellite footprint will cover North America, South America, Australia, and other parts of the globe.

The *Final Events* satellite series is expected to have a far-reaching impact. "I can clearly see the hand of God lead-



Doug Batchelor

ing in this upcoming series, and we are excited and humbled to be channels for God's end-time message to reach the world," said Batchelor. Although a number of countries around the world are expected to participate in English and Spanish, the program is specifically targeted to a North American audience.

To prepare for this event, *Amazing Facts* has developed an old-fashioned revival to be broadcast on the Hope Channel and 3ABN. The broadcast will encourage and challenge congregations with the Great Commission.

The *Final Events* series has some other unique opportunities to invite people to participate through Doug Batchelor's live radio call-in program, *Bible Answers*, and television programs, *Millennium of Prophecy* and *Central Study Hour*. In addition, the *Amazing Facts* College of Evangelism is working in the D.C. area in conjunction with local churches in preparation for the event.

Batchelor will present the gospel through Bible prophecy in the context of today's news headlines. Newly designed study guides are also planned to complement the messages in the series and will be available to participants.

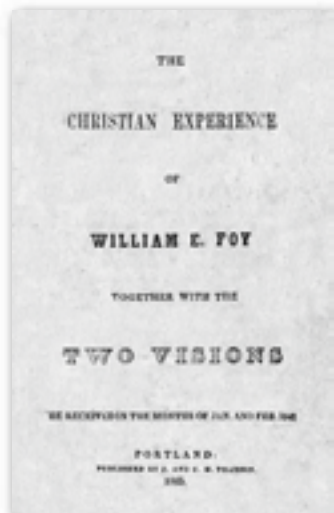
In addition to the many downlink venues at churches, schools, and public facilities, individual viewers will be able to watch the program live on the Adventist Television Network's (ATN) Hope Channel via satellite television or the Hope Channel webcast at www.hopetv.org. For more detailed information about *Net 2005*, visit www.net2005.org or www.amazingfacts.org, or call (916) 434-3880.

Gary Burns, *Lake Union Herald* editor

[WORLD CHURCH NEWS]

Center for Adventist Research Replicates Foy Tract

The Center for Adventist Research, a branch office of the Ellen G. White Estate, will publish a series of small publications highlighting treasures held by the Center at Andrews University.



The Center anticipates publishing two documents each year. The first publication will be released in February, a reprint of the little tract entitled, "The Christian Experience of William E. Foy Together with the Two Visions He Received in the Months of Jan. and Feb. 1842," published in Portland, Maine, 1845. The original tract is in the collection at the Center.

Foy was a gifted and trained Black preacher. After he received his visions, he joined other Millerite preachers in communicating the Advent message. Foy spoke to large groups from every denomination including Black and White audiences.

Future publications will include Hiram Edson's manuscript fragment, an Isaac Newton manuscript in the Center's collection, and other significant holdings that have never been published.

Merlin Burt, Center for Adventist Research director,

Paulsen Offers New Year's Greeting

"Give of your best for the Lord. Let us give Him every opportunity to use you and me," declared Jan Paulsen, world president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in a New Year's message for 2005 offered to the 25 million people who attend weekly worship in 203 countries and areas of the world.

"You are the church, I want to thank you for what you bring to the ministry of the church, the service we try to give to the world," Paulsen told the Adventist world wide family of believers. "So many of you, whether employed by the church or as supporting organizations or as individual lay persons, so many of you have brought and are bringing so much to the ministry and the service that the Church attempts to provide on behalf of Christ. I want to thank you for your commitment, for your dedication and for that which you provide to the Lord."

At the same time, Paulsen acknowledged concerns some might have over their actions in the year just ending.

"I suppose for all of us there are moments in the past year that we wish were not there. There are events that happened that we wish we could take away; things we did and said that we wish we had not. And yet, you know well that the past is done, it's gone, it's history—we cannot relive it, we cannot rewrite it," he said.

"So, let us not spend too much time in the past. Let's look to the New Year, with the opportunities, the moments that God provides for us, and let us resolve to approach the future with the intent to give of our best for the Lord," Paulsen added.

In 2004 the Seventh-day Adventist Church experienced another year of record growth. Final figures for the year are not in, but it is believed that one million people will have joined the movement this year; as of the third quarter of 2004, worldwide member-

ship stood at nearly 14 million, more than half of the number who attend services.

Concluding his remarks, Paulsen appealed that "as we look to the future, let us give of our best so that the love and compassion of Jesus Christ may find expression in your life and in my life, and that the people who are troubled by despair rather than hope, may find [hope] in what I bring and what you bring." He asked Adventists to live so that others would see "there is, in fact, much to be hopeful for because Jesus Christ owns the future and He offers this [hope] to each of us."

Adventist News Network

Parade of Nations to Top Off GC Session

The quinquennial Parade of Nations—a tradition that culminates each General Conference (G.C.) Session as the final event of the 10-day program—will demonstrate how global the Seventh-day Adventist Church really is.

Besides the 700 to 800 people who will march representing some 240 countries, other plans for the Parade of Nations include music written for the event, a DVD presentation showcasing what's taking place in the church's world divisions, and live narration.

Three people will represent each country—one to carry the flag, one to carry the placard, and one displaying the native dress of the country. Participants have already been selected and are registered by the division they represent.

Roscoe Howard, associate secretary of the G.C. and secretary of the North American Division, is coordinating the Parade of Nations for 2005 with the help of each world division. With the many languages that will be represented, he says, one person is not sufficient to organize several hundred people to march. Assistants include a stage manager and a music choreographer to ensure everyone comes in on cue. "It's a major production that takes a lot of work," Howard says.



A commemorative DVD, a portion of which will be presented during the Parade of Nations, will be available for sale. Howard says a scriptwriter for the DVD has been assigned to encapsulate the Great Controversy theme and the three angels' messages. The DVD will address the questions of origin, purpose, and destiny: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?

Howard says, "[The Parade of Nations] provides an atmosphere for [each member] to realize [the church] is bigger than my small church, my local church—that this work is really a worldwide work, and that God is actually reaching people all over the world and that there's this community that we belong to that is so much bigger than I am."

He adds, "It's a time to celebrate the goodness of God and how He has reached into many, many countries and brought people the light of the gospel [using] individuals—ordinary people like us—to reach and win people to the gospel. I think seeing that is different than hearing about the gospel, or just reading about it in a magazine. I think actually seeing people march [representing] their nation, saying, 'I'm a member of the worldwide church,' does something to the psyche [of] everyone involved. I think it becomes contagious [so] when people leave the General Conference [Session] they say, 'I was really struck by ... this Parade of Nations and it really touched my heart to know that God is calling people from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.'"

The Parade of Nations at G.C. Session has been a major event since 1950.

For additional information about the G.C. Session, visit www.gcsession.org.

Adapted from *G.C. Session News*, December 2004

ADRA Assists in Tsunami Devastated Areas

Sri Lanka: ADRA is operating a water purification unit that produces 50,000 liters per day. Three additional units are being provided that will daily process an additional 80,000 liters. There are also 300,000 water purification tablets ready to be used as required. A three-month supply of medical items for 10,000 people was distributed in the Hambantota district, one of the hardest hit areas. Additional relief items provided include: oral rehydration packets, anti-diarrhea medication, surgical supplies, antibiotics, and other relief aid for local hospitals.

Thailand: ADRA provided protective gear, including 7,000 face masks, 1,000 pairs of gloves, and 100 aprons, to workers assisting with the retrieval, transport, and storage of bodies.

India: ADRA is continuing to provide 7,250 internally displaced persons (IDPs) with food in Tamil Nadu. Two water purifying units are providing drinking water in this region.

Indonesia: ADRA coordinated a team of medical experts from regional hospitals to provide medical services along the coast near Banda Aceh. Hospital tents will be established to deliver medical services. ADRA has partnered with a local non-governmental organization (NGO) and recruited local volunteers to provide assistance in the delivery of food, water, medical supplies, and essential non-food items to camps for IDPs. ADRA is one of only two organizations working in Meulaboh, on the west coast of Aceh province, which was hardest hit

by the disaster and subsequently the most inaccessible.

This has been part of our initial emergency response. Plans are underway to dramatically expand our response as funds become available! Check ADRA's web site for updates at <http://adra.org>.

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

REACH Report from Sri Lanka

Jasmine Jacob, REACH International president, and the relief team arrived in Sri Lanka at 2:50 a.m. on Sunday morning, January 2. On Monday, they met with the Sri Lankan minister of health, who made arrangements for the doctors to travel to Amparai, an area on the east coast ravaged by the tsunami.

Jasmine received news that many people in the south were without food. Jasmine, Kimberly Wilson, and Barry Mills bought fifty bags of rice and dried goods. On Tuesday, January 4, the small group set out to bring food to the people. Jasmine says, "This was the first time we went out into the field. About up to half a mile from the seashore, everything is crushed; houses are broken, furniture is all over the place." Bulldozers are trying to clear the land, and relatives are still looking for family members they can't find.

In addition to nature's devastation and the threat of widespread disease, another threat looms—increasing violence against children. The United Nations is worried about criminal gangs kidnapping orphaned children and selling them into slavery.

While many people have donated toward the efforts in Sri Lanka, we at REACH pray for the victims in the other effected countries, especially the children who have lost all they have. Let us not forget that children are suffering everywhere.

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NEWS

Adventist Health Study-2 Update

Adventists Are a "National Treasure"

Eminent Stanford University researcher, Ralph Paffenbarger, has stated, "Adventists are a national treasure for health research because of their diversity in diet." Paffenbarger was for many years an external consultant to the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Study and values the major health discoveries from the earlier Adventist health studies.

"If you have been waiting on the sidelines, now is the time to step forward. We want this study to be a success so God will be glorified."

—Walter L. Wright,
Lake Union Conference president

The recognition of this national treasure during the last 45 years has only been possible with the participation of large numbers of Seventh-day Adventists and the contribution of over \$30 million of funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As a result, more than 200 research articles have been published in scientific journals.

We've Made a Promise

The Loma Linda researchers believe that the best is yet ahead. They expect many more pioneering findings from the current Adventist Health Study-2 (AHS-2) as long as sufficient members are involved. This new study, which began in 2002, now has 72,000 participants. But we need more than 105,000 participants to meet our commitment to NIH and make AHS-2 a truly significant and viable study that will have international impact.

The first five years of funding from NIH ends in 2006. "Our challenge, during 2005, is to sign up another 50,000 members," says Terry Butler, co-investigator AHS-2. "Only then can we have the guarantee of another five

years of funding to achieve our goals to discover evidence of the best types of foods and lifestyle that enhance health and reduce cancer risk."

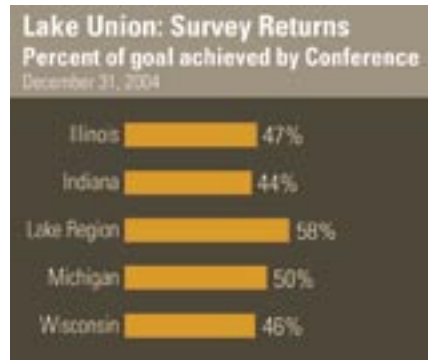
You Cannot Spoil the Outcome

All Adventists, regardless of their diet or lifestyle, contribute equally to the results. It is the diversity of diet among Adventists that give us a unique edge for this type of research. Gary Fraser, AHS-2 director, says, "We certainly need many more Adventists and of all dietary lifestyles.

But it would be especially helpful to have more non-vegetarians, more men, and more vegans."

Some Early Results

In the latest descriptive analysis of the first 63,000 members in the study we find that 65 percent of participants are female, the average age is 60 years, and 58 percent of females



and 62 percent of males are overweight. When it comes to the foods we eat, 30 percent eat two or more eggs a week, about 40 percent never eat cheese, and women eat more fruits and vegetables than men. Other results can be found in the 2004 newsletter at the AHS-2 website.

Lake Union Response

There has been a promising start from Lake Union members to AHS-2 with 6,051 returned questionnaires. However, to reach our Union goal we need another 5,800 responses. If all eligible members get involved we believe that is very possible. We ask all churches to have another big recruitment push in early 2005.

Members can enroll by calling (877) 700-7077 or on the website: adventisthealthstudy.org.

Terry Butler, Adventist Health Study-2 co-investigator

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at luc.adventist.org/mileposts. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 47.

Anniversaries



John and Norma Kidder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Apr. 4, 2004, with an open house hosted by their daughters at the North Liberty (Ind.) Community Center, and a motor trip and Alaskan cruise in July. They have been members of the South Bend (Ind.) First Church for 50 years.

John Kidder and Norma Ruff were married May 1, 1954, in South Bend by Elder Melvin Johnson. John has been employed by Belle Way Trucking, Inc., of South Bend for 13 years. Norma has been employed by South Bend Community School Corp. for ten years.

The Kidder family includes Cynthia and Kevin Helgesen of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Chari and Peter Krafft of Warsaw, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

Weddings

Illona Hanson and Gerald Minett were married Nov. 28, 2004, in Portage, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastors William J. Ochs and Larry Mahlum.

Illona is the daughter of the late Percy and the late Elizabeth Sawlsville, and Gerald is the son of Donald and Esther Minett of Rockland, Wis.

The Minetts are making their home in Portage.

Denise E. Cole and Michael A. Newhall were married Oct. 17, 2004, in Sparta, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Brett Coney.

Denise is the daughter of Donald and Ruth Cole of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Michael is the son of Michael and the late Jill Newhall of Barryton, Mich.

The Newhalls are making their home in Morley, Mich.

Obituaries

ALTHAGE, Irvin, age 86; born Oct. 7, 1917, in St. Louis, Mo.; died Oct. 6, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his son, Craig; and daughter, Jill.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Richard Lesher, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

DANFORTH, Charles J., "Jim", age 81; born Apr. 26, 1923, in Morristown, N.J.; died Nov. 12, 2004, in Edmore, Mich. He was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria L. (Martin); daughters, Susan L. Jones and Debra L. Eskildsen; sisters, Elsie Munson and Suzanne Garman; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ralph Williams, Mickey Mallory, and Richard Wuttke, with private interment.

GUMBO, Mary A. (Ochindo), age 43; born May 10, 1961, in Homa Bay, Kenya; died Nov. 8, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Festus F.; sons, Michael, Davis, Jeffrey, and Norton; daughters, Fiona, Nevine, and Susan; father, Agostino Ochindo; and sisters, Esther Mwaya and Anjelina Ochindo.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Timothy Nixon, and interment was in Homa Bay Cemetery.

HANNON, Irene A. (Collins), age 80; born Dec. 24, 1923, in Red River, Wis.; died Nov. 19, 2004, in Green Bay, Wis. She was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include her foster children, Linda Anderson and Vicki Vlies; brothers, Milton and Walter Collins; sister, Ruby Flavion; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Champion, Wis.

HEISS, M. James, age 97; born Jan. 29, 1907, in Cedar Springs, Mich.; died Nov. 3, 2004, in Cedar Springs. He was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Richard and Jack; stepson, Donald Hook; daugh-

ter, Marilyn Powell; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in Solon Twp. (Mich.) Cemetery.

HEISS, Marie C. (Jacobs) Hook, age 93; born Mar. 16, 1911, in Casnovia, Mich.; died Nov. 4, 2004, in Cedar Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Hook, Richard and Jack Heiss; daughter, Marilyn Powell; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in Solon Twp. (Mich.) Cemetery.

LECHLEITNER, T. Edward, age 95; born Jan. 11, 1909, in Delton, Mich.; died Nov. 15, 2004, in Middleville, Mich. He was a member of the Hastings (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth (Zeleva); son, Thomas E. III; daughters, Nancy and Judy Lechleitner, and Shirley Bennett; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Philip R. Colburn and Pastor Mark Howard, and interment was in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Delton.

MATTAUSCH, Louise A., age 95; born Feb. 11, 1909, in Lehigh, Wis.; died Nov. 15, 2004, in Waukegan, Ill. She was a member of the Gurnee (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Everett, Frank, and Armand Mattausch; and sisters, Gladys Arendt and Mary Beighley.

A cemetery committal service was conducted by Pastor David Hakes, and interment was in Mt. Olivet Memorial Park Garden, Zion, Ill.

NASH, Francis R., age 85; born Jan. 9, 1919, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Dec. 6, 2004, in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include his sons, Jerry and Jack; daughter, Carol Jordan; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, Jack Nash, and Larry Cruttenden, and interment was in Coral (Mich.) Cemetery.

ROGERS, Linda S. Bortle Price, age 52; born July 28, 1952, in Frankfort, Ind.; died Dec. 6, 2004, in Clio, Mich. She was a member of the First Flint (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Bryce Bortle; daughter, Katina Opra; father, Richard Rogers; mother Edith Rogers; brother, Jim Rogers; sister, Cheryl Komorowski; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ed Komorowski, and interment was in Crestwood Memorial Garden Cemetery, Flint.

SHULER, Abigail I., age two days; born July 8, 2004, in South Bend, Ind.; died July 10, 2004, in South Bend. Her parents are members of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her father, Christopher; mother, Angela (Diller); and brother, Levi.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Esther Knott, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

SHUMAKER, Carl L., age 90; born Mar. 16, 1914, in Paulding, Ohio; died Nov. 27, 2004, in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the First Flint Church.

Survivors include his sons, Fred, Rodney, and Thomas; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Roy C. McLaughlin, and interment was in Sunset Hills (Mich.) Cemetery.

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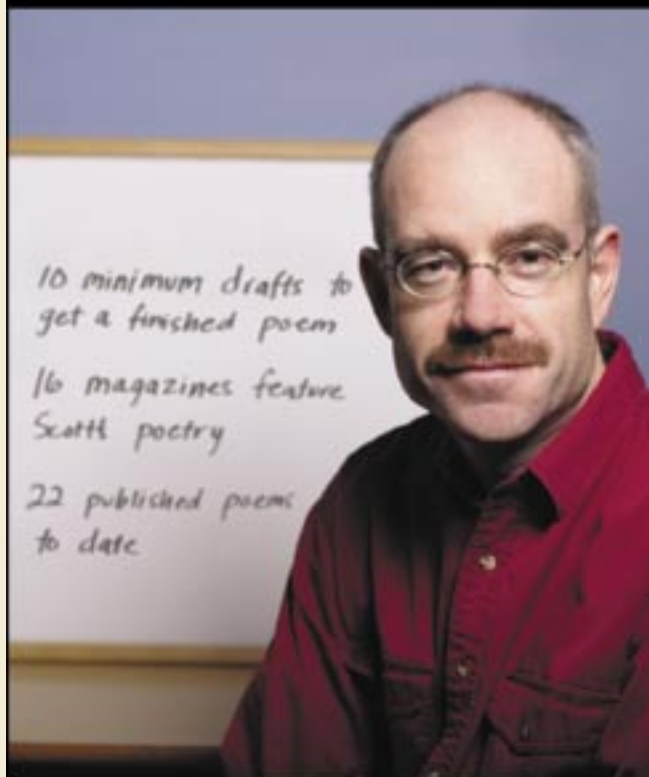
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PARTNERSHIP *with* GOD

BY GARY BURNS



“What breaks your heart? What makes you cry?” are questions asked of God by Christian singer/songwriter Scott Kripayne. They are questions born in the heart of a believer who longs to identify with God and participate in His work. The answers are evident in the broad themes of scripture and the stories of Jesus’ encounters with people.

In Isaiah 58, God corrects the misconceptions of His would-be partners—people who seem eager to know His ways, who appeal to Him for just decisions, and make every pretense of wanting God to be near them; yet, all the while, doing what they please, exploiting their workers, quarreling and fighting among themselves, and turning away from their own.

To partner with God means I am moved “to spend [myself] in behalf

of the hungry.” It means I must “loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke.” It means that my heart cannot rest until I do what I can “to set the oppressed free and break every yoke.” To partner with God means I must “provide the poor wanderer with shelter.”

One such partner was Harriet Tubman. Born a slave in Maryland, she escaped to Canada at the age of 30. Not able to enjoy her freedom as long as others remained oppressed, she personally financed herself as a “conductor” in the Underground Railroad. She is credited with conducting 300 persons to freedom.

A deeply spiritual person, she took Isaiah 6:8 to be a personal call—“Whom shall I send? and who will go for us?” In other words, “Who will partner with Me?”

Gary Burns, *Lake Union Herald* editor

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A Pathfinder Winter Campout will be held at Timber Ridge Camp **Feb. 11-13**. The guest speaker will be Mike Stephenson, youth director from Ohio. For registration information, contact Trish Thompson in the youth department at (317) 844-6201.

The Indiana Youth Rally with guest speaker Dave Ferguson, chaplain at Blue Mountain Academy, will be held **Feb. 18-19** for youth in grades seven and up. The 7:30 Friday evening program will be held at Indiana Academy in Cicero, and all the Sabbath activities (starting at 10:00 a.m.) will be held at Indianapolis Junior Academy, East 62nd St., Indianapolis. Free lunch on Sabbath!

Parenting in the 21st Century: Donna Habenicht will present a seminar on parenting challenges of the 21st century, children's temperaments, causes of behavior, parenting styles, basic discipline, managing TV, and "Trade Secrets for Parents," at the Anderson Church, **Feb. 18-20**. She will also have a session entitled, "Love Them First: How to build

a saving relationship with each child in your church, the lovely and the unlovable." Donna Habenicht has written several excellent books on parenting. For more information about the seminar, call Clinton Meharry at (765) 642-6007, or e-mail him at: cmeharry@indianaadventist.org.

Men's Retreat: Deepen your walk with God and strengthen your friendships at the Indiana Men's Retreat **Feb. 25-27** at Timber Ridge Camp. For more information, contact Ron Kelly, family ministries director, at (317) 984-4376.

Conference Bible Achievement will be held **Mar. 5** at Indiana Academy in Cicero. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. Participants need to be there by 4:00 p.m. for orientation.

Teen Caving Event: Join a weekend exploring the underground wonders near Timber Ridge Camp, and enjoy worship, praise, and the spoken word with Charlie Thompson, youth director. It's happening **Mar. 11-13**. There is a charge per teen. Teens need to come with an adult sponsor (sponsors can enjoy the weekend free!). For more information, contact the youth department at (317) 844-6201. Watch for a brochure in your local church.

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Offerings:

- Feb. 5** Local church budget
- Feb. 12** Adventist Television Ministries
- Feb. 19** Local church budget
- Feb. 26** Local conference advance
- Special days:**
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- Feb. 19** Health Ministries Sabbath

Vengan al retiro "ENCUENTRO": Invitamos a los jóvenes hispanos de nuestra Unión a "ENCUENTRO," un retiro para solteros que se llevará a cabo **del 4-6 de marzo de 2005**, en GRACE ADVENTURES, un lindo campamento en Mears, Michigan. Este evento es auspiciado por la Unión del Lago. El costo para el fin de semana es de \$75.00 por persona si se matricula antes del 14 de febrero, o \$85.00 si lo hace después de esa fecha. Esto incluirá hospedaje, comidas y una camiseta. Haga su reservación con tiempo ya que el espacio es limitado. Para más información llame a la oficina del pastor Mercado, al teléfono (269) 473-8200.

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Plan now to attend the Carolina Chapter of Lake Union Academies alumni get-together! On Sabbath, **Mar. 19**, beginning at 4:00 p.m., all graduates, attendees, faculty, and friends from all Lake Union academies are invited to gather at the Hendersonville (N.C.) Church Family Life Center. Representatives from the Lake Union schools will be on hand to give updates. After a short vespers there will be a sandwich/salad and dessert potluck supper with fellowship and lots of memories. Drink and table service will be provided. For more information, call Sandra Hoover at (828) 697-5649, or e-mail: schjrh@copper.net.

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Chicago	5:07	5:16	5:25	5:34	5:44	5:53
Detroit	5:47	5:56	6:05	6:14	6:26	6:34
Indianapolis	6:05	6:14	6:22	6:30	6:40	6:47
La Crosse, Wis.	5:17	5:26	5:36	5:46	5:58	6:07
Lansing, Mich.	5:50	6:00	6:10	6:19	6:31	6:40
Madison, Wis.	5:11	5:20	5:30	5:39	5:51	5:59
Springfield, Ill.	5:19	5:28	5:36	5:44	5:54	6:02

What CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Did for Me

BY BOBBI GAUGER

I am writing as a college sophomore at Andrews University. The excitement of this new year has started me down memory lane and a journey that began years ago. I have fond memories of grade school and all my years at Bethel Junior Academy. My teachers there instilled in me a love of learning that has led me to my elementary education major.

But at this moment, my thoughts are back at Wisconsin Academy (WA). Maybe that's because my sister, Kelli, is in her senior year there and I pray she will have an experience as wonderful as mine.

Going to WA was something I had looked forward to all my life. As a little girl my mother would talk to me about the day when I would get to go to WA and shared stories of her years there. I couldn't wait to take history from Carl Sigler, just like my mom. But a little girl's daydreams were no comparison to what I found three years ago.

WA opened the door for me to experience one of God's greatest blessings—friendships that last into eternity. Dorm life strengthens friendships like almost no other situation can. Your friends are not only your classmates, they become your roommates, neighbors, and family. I'll never forget the day, during finals week my junior year, when my grandpa died and my friend, Esther, asked Dean Thomas to take her into town to buy me ice cream—my comfort food. My friends spent that evening letting me talk and cry, and years later I knew that I had seen Jesus through them.

I can't say enough about the teachers and faculty at WA. I knew they were always willing to help me with my classes, to give counsel, and come to the rescue for my times of need. I've seen them each make sacrifices to give their all.

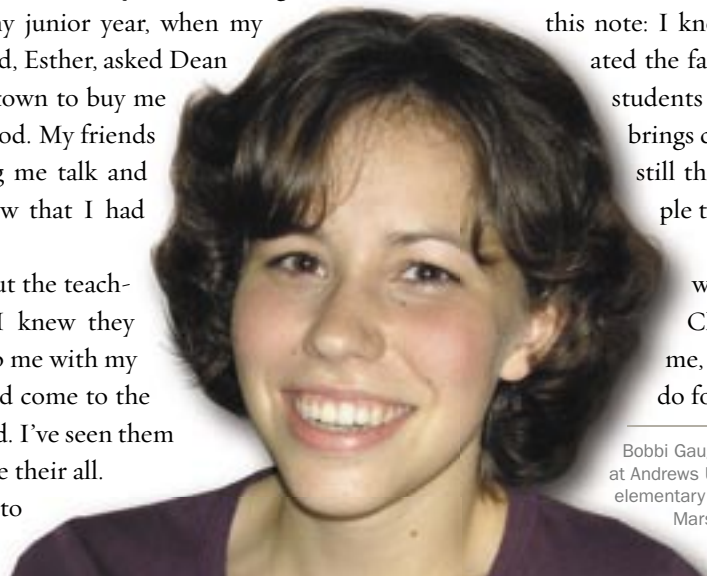
I happened to walk into the business office one

day and Mrs. Budd took time to listen. Then she prayed the most powerful prayer with me, and I knew God would carry me through that day. I had many experiences just like that to draw strength from.

I was given the opportunity to develop leadership skills by being a class officer, working with Girl's Club, Student Association, *Wisconsinian* (the school newspaper), and the National Honor Society. I also took advantage of the chance to join the bell choir, and attended a prayer conference. Each opportunity taught me new skills, added some fun and excitement to my day, and allowed me to grow as a person. Above all else, WA brought me closer to God—a priceless investment.

I could go on sharing the impact that a Christian education at WA has had on me, but I would like to close with this note: I know that since I have graduated the faculty have changed and new students have arrived. Although that brings changes, I *know* the mission is still the same—to lead young people to a deeper walk with Jesus!

If this is simply *part* of what Wisconsin Academy and Christian education did for me, just think of what it could do for you!



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Malcolm Duane Jessup, "Little Mack," is a senior at Peterson-Warren Academy. He is the son of Malcolm Sr. and Dawn Jessup of Detroit, Michigan, and a member of the City Temple Church.



Malcolm Jessup

His hobbies include reading magazines about cars, computers, and music—especially piano, trumpet, and singing.

The first word out of Malcolm's mouth was "Pontiac," the word he saw on the General Motors building in Pontiac, Michigan. This was the beginning of Malcolm's love for cars and the beginning of Malcolm's speaking career also.

Malcolm was second place winner in the school's eighth grade elocution contest, delivering, "What's My Anti-Drug?" His public speaking talent seemed to broaden when he addressed a group of young people for the City of Detroit.

Malcolm is extremely active in his church, serving as a youth leader, offering beautiful prayers, scripture readings, and performing other up-front tasks. He also video tapes programs and makes sure the microphones and sound system are in perfect order for services. He frequently volunteers in the soup kitchen and is active in Pathfinders as a Teen Leader in Training (TLT). In December, Malcolm traveled to the Dominican Republic with the Pathfinders.

Malcolm plans to pursue a career in mechanical engineering and dreams of being CEO of General Motors Corporation. More importantly, he desires to see God face to face.



Teresa Trammell

Teresa Marie Trammell, "Ree-cy," is a senior at Peterson-Warren Academy. She is the daughter of Patricia and William Trammell of Detroit, Michigan, where she attends the City Temple Church.

Her special interests include computers, bowling, writing poetry, and camping.

Teresa leads a busy life. As a participant in the City of Detroit's *Sister Cities* program, Teresa and her family opened their home to two young ladies from Japan. This experience

taught her tolerance and understanding for others and their culture.

She has also participated in the *Steps Program*, where she was involved in a variety of community service activities such as nursing home visitation, talent shows for neighborhood youth, and collecting surveys about neighborhood businesses.

Teresa likes people. She has a particular gift for reaching out to those who are "different." She likes listening, encouraging them, and is very good at keeping confidences.

Teresa's favorite class is Bible, where she is given the opportunity to talk about situations and subjects that pertain to her life.

After graduation, Teresa plans to pursue a career as a dental hygienist.

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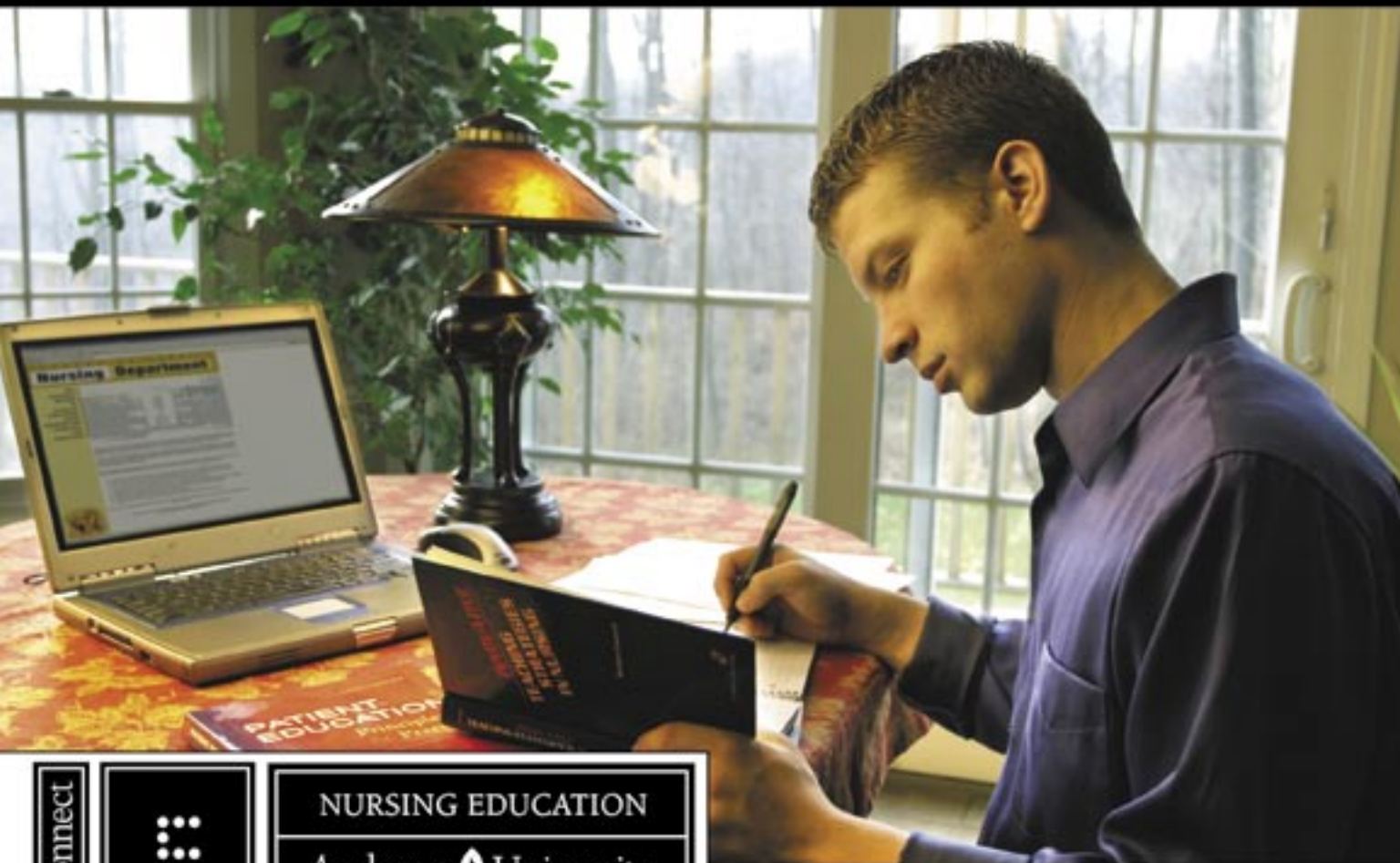
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