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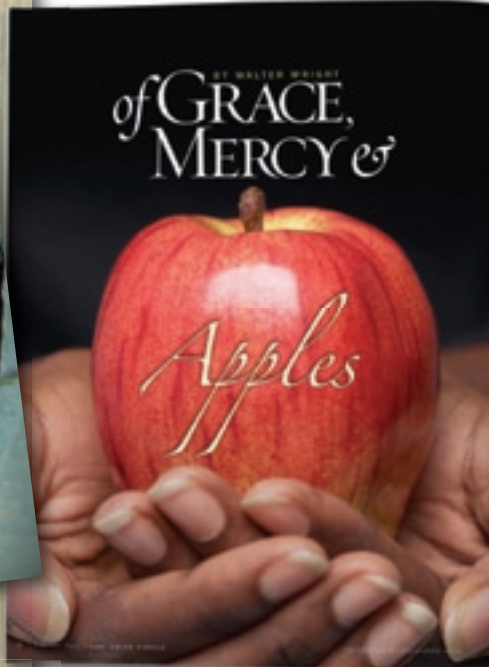
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of GRACE  
& MERCY







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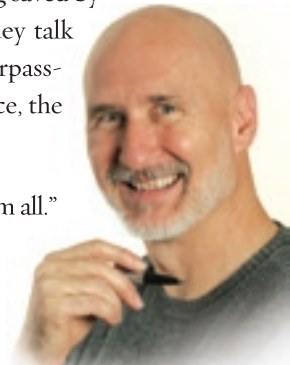
## in this issue...

“Grace, mercy, and peace!” When the disciples realized the grace and mercy extended to them in Christ, they couldn’t stop talking about it. They say mercy triumphs and God is full of mercy. They talk of His rich mercy, of receiving His mercy, of extending His mercy.

They talk of the Spirit of grace, of being justified by grace, being saved by grace, of approaching the throne of grace to obtain mercy. They talk about the grace of giving, of making grace abound, of God’s surpassing grace, His abundant provision of grace, the riches of His grace, the fullness of His grace, His sufficient grace and glorious grace.

May what was said of them be true for us, “Much grace was on them all.”

  
Gary Burns, Editor



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## The Text that Prevented a Speeding Ticket

**T**he grace and mercy of our God are amazing, indeed. One Saturday evening I was driving along the Pennsylvania Turnpike with my wife Jackie, and another couple who are dear friends. We were on our way from my pastorate in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Cleveland, Ohio, for a wedding rehearsal. As the sun was setting behind the western hills, we sang Sabbath-closing songs and rejoiced over the blessings of the day.

Well, when you are having that much joy, if you are not careful, your speed might just exceed the limit—and mine did. Rounding a curve, there sat one of “Pennsylvania’s Finest,” a state trooper. It soon became evident he desired to have a conversation with me. I politely pulled to the right shoulder of the highway and awaited the familiar, “Would you please bring your driver’s license and auto registration, and join me in the cruiser?”

The trooper sat in the cruiser and observed me reaching into the trunk of my car for my wallet, which was in my leather Bible case. As I climbed into the passenger side of the cruiser he asked me, “What kind of work do you do?” I was surprised at this because I expected him to ask for my documentation, which he had requested. I stammered out somewhat ashamedly, “I am a pastor.” “Oh, what church?” he asked. Now, truly embarrassed, I said, “Seventh-day Adventist.”

Without further hesitation, he reached into the back seat where he had a briefcase, flipped open the lid and drew out a Bible. “Read me your favorite text!” he barked. I nervously turned to John 16:33 and read, “These things that I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

The trooper took the Bible from my hands and said, “My favorite is right across the page.” And he read John 15:11 to me, “These things I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” We then began to share the goodness of our Savior and His marvelous grace. Those waiting in my car were just sure I was getting the “book thrown at me.” If they only knew what book!

The trooper shook my hand, and we made a pact to meet in Heaven one day. He drove away and I, a bit dazed, returned to share the good news with my traveling companions. Now to receive no ticket was mercy, but I drove away under grace. I deserved a ticket, but the unmerited favor gave me mercy. I could then continue my journey on the Pennsylvania Turnpike because I was under grace. As long as I obeyed the laws of that state I had my freedom, and I was not about to destroy the gift of mercy and grace that were mine.

How about you, dear friend? God’s mercy and grace are extended to us each day. Please accept His mercy and live obediently under His grace.



# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

**Illinois** A young man scanned radio stations listening for something that made sense to him. With time to ponder the good and bad decisions made in his life, he sought answers to eternal questions. Already familiar with general Christian theology, **Brock Cheshier** was looking for that “something different” that would make a difference in him. As he listened to various radio stations, he came across a new voice and message—3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network) Radio. His search for something different was over!

In the months that followed, Brock wrote to 3ABN and completed Bible studies offered on the air. When he found out who was sponsoring the studies and the radio station, he wrote the local Adventist church in Rock Falls, Illinois.



From left: Brock Cheshier and Clarence Small, Rock Falls (Illinois) Church pastor

Kristine Schauff answered his letters, and by late April 2004, Brock began attending church regularly. Brock completed another set of Bible studies with Kristine, and by the end of the summer expressed a desire to be baptized!

Several church members enjoy playing musical instruments and invited Brock to join them when they learned he is an accomplished guitarist.

Brock’s three-year-old son, Dalton, was thrilled to attend Cradle Roll classes. Dalton loves singing, and his little voice can often be heard at the end of a hymn proclaiming, “That was a *good* one!”

Brock wrestled with Sabbath issues and other problems. In spite of friends and family urging him to give up his new-found faith, he remained convicted the Sabbath was the correct day to worship. He testifies that when he gave his problems totally to God, and decided to observe Sabbath

regardless, the problems and temptations that had seemed unconquerable just fell away—one at a time. God *is* good!

Brock’s mother, who likes the positive changes she sees in her son, gave him a subscription to the Sky Angel satellite service, which will give him access to 3ABN television and Safe TV.

Brock’s faith has given him amazing victories in his life. On Christmas morning, his family witnessed his public stand for Jesus.

Kristine Schauff, Rock Falls (Illinois) Church elder and communication secretary

**Illinois** During their courtship and well into their marriage, **Albert and Young-mi Park** never discussed religious beliefs. But one day Albert felt the time had come for him to locate a Korean church and he talked to Young-mi about religion. After several disappointing attempts to find a church home, it became apparent that the enemy was trying to put up road blocks.

When an invitation for new employment came to Albert, it was an opportunity too good to refuse. So the family moved to Sugar Grove, Illinois. Once relocated, they looked for a daycare center for their daughters. Albert insisted they find a daycare center operated by a church. Inwardly, he desired it to be a spiritual bridge to a church home.

After a month, they found a church-operated daycare center, and it turned out to be a real positive experience for Young-mi. She was always pleasantly greeted by Melody, who worked in the kitchen. Through this friendship, Young-mi eventually opened up her heart to the gospel when Melody gave her a Korean Bible.

One of the adjustments in their move was the 22-mile drive to an Asian market. Listening to sermon tapes helped the time go more quickly. One day Albert picked up a free sermon tape at the market’s entrance. The tape’s message on the Biblical teaching of Christ’s crucifixion was familiar, but the speaker astonished the Parks by talking about its relationship to the seventh-day Sabbath.



The Chicago-Westmont Korean Church welcomes new members to their church family. Young-mi and Albert Park are welcomed with flowers (center); Jeremy Kwon, pastor, brought them to Jesus with persistent loving care (far left).

When they reached home, Albert immediately searched the telephone book to locate the number for a Korean Adventist church. When Young-mi called the Chicago-Westmont (Illinois) Korean Adventist Church, she expressed her positive impressions about the sermon. She also promised Jeremy Kwon, the church's pastor, that they would visit. But friends cautioned them against Adventists, so they chose to attend a different church. Out of courtesy they called Jeremy to explain their decision.

Immediately, Jeremy's weekly sermons began to be delivered to their home and they also received the *Signs of the Time* magazine occasionally. From these resources, Young-mi enrolled in the Korean Bible Correspondence School.

Jeremy maintained their friendship and occasionally telephoned to explain questions they had on the interpretation of Biblical verses which were different from other churches. Through these conversations, Albert and Young-mi began to see the benefits of the Adventist church, which was in agreement with what they were finding in the Bible.

Jeremy invited the Parks to his church to listen to an *Amazing Facts* satellite seminar conducted by Doug Bachelor. They met many humble and sincere church members at the meetings and decided that if their doctrines resulted in such good people, it would be worthwhile for them to attend the Adventist church.

That year their spiritual eyes were opened. The truth about the seventh-day Sabbath became clear. The truth about what happens at death, the resurrection, and when Jesus comes again was understood. The truth of salvation by grace, through faith alone in Jesus Christ, satisfied their hearts. The truth about baptism, when the old life is buried and a new spiritual life begins, appealed to them.

In September 2004, they were baptized and dedicated their lives to God. Today, they are thankful for God's leading and the new joys they have found in His salvation.

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Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

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# “God Brought Us TOGETHER”

GYMNASTIC TEAM BEGINS TOUR WITH WEEK OF PRAYER

BY ALAINA ELDER

The *Aerokhanas (Aeros)*, the Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) gymnastic team, set out for Highland View Academy (HVA) on Sunday morning, January 16, to conduct Week of Prayer for the academy. During the bus ride to Maryland, members of the team spent time preparing for the experience by studying the Bible and watching Doug Batchelor sermons.

Arriving at the academy, they were assigned HVA roommates, which gave them a chance to get to know the other students better. The next day, HVA and GLAA students enjoyed getting better acquainted while shopping and sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

Each morning and evening, the *Aeros* presented worship for their new friends. They also provided gymnastic performances at area Adventist elementary schools. Free time was spent catching up on homework, and enjoying sports and other recreational activities together.

The *Aeros* performed the play, “Who is He?” This dramatic representation of Christ’s life focuses on how others viewed Him. The powerful play incorporates Christ’s ministry and crucifixion. “The play was so real and touching, but I think it touched the team the most because we were a part of it, and

it made us realize what Jesus did for us,” said Tom Trubey, a junior gymnast.

The *Aeros* hosted an agape feast Friday evening. Students shared great food, singing, and testimonies. It was a spiritual blessing for those who attended. On Sabbath, the *Aeros* led out in Sabbath school and church service. Saturday night, excitement ran high as the *Aeros* performed their final gymnastics show for HVA students.

Before the *Aeros* left on Sunday, students from HVA gave a box to the team, which contained many thank-you notes confirming what a blessing the *Aeros* had been. One card had the names of both academies written on it and stated, “God brought us together,” which truly showed the feelings between the students of GLAA and HVA. In just one week, they grew closer to each other and to God. “We made friendships that we may not keep here on Earth, but we will renew in Heaven,” said Jake Rogers, a senior gymnast.

While the Week of Prayer blessed everyone at HVA, the greatest blessing may have been to the *Aeros* who presented it. Jeremy Weaver, a senior gymnast who gave one of the sermons, said, “It took a great deal of preparation ... but the more I prepared to tell others about my relationship with God, the closer that relationship became. I agreed to speak expecting God to bless others, but in the end this experience blessed me.”

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).



*Aeros* members sing and share during the Week of Prayer.



Great Lakes Adventist Academy Aerokhanas gymnastics team

Alaina Elder is a development assistant and senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.



# BEYOND *our* BORDERS

## SOW Safari Experience in Huaycan, Peru

A PLACE FULL OF LOVE AND LIFE

BY JONATHAN PICHOT



When the day to depart for Peru finally came, the reality still had not sunk in for most of us. As we finished packing our over-filled coach in the biting Michigan cold, Peru seemed a long way away. Months of planning and praying had not prepared us for all God had planned. We were excited, though not many showed it at five in the morning.

Thirteen adults and thirty-four students left on December 27 for Andrews Academy's biennial SOW (Service, Outreach, Witnessing) Safari mission trip. Our goals were to build a church for an already-thriving Adventist community, hold evening student-led evangelistic meetings, and conduct children's Bible school programs.



Nick Snell was hard at work.

Arriving in Lima in the late evening, we could still feel the residual heat of the summer sun. On our bus ride to the Universidad Peruana Union, the Adventist university

there, we drove by dirt and gravel alleyways, half-finished homes with REBAR sticking out, and stray dogs rummaging through piles of trash strewn along the road. With very little green, everything was different shades of brown.

Though our living conditions were comfortable, we still had to adjust to new conditions. The water had to be avoided because of foreign contaminants, and the toilets had no seats. Everyone went to bed as soon as we arrived to get ready for the next day's work.

When we arrived at the job site in Huaycan, the foundation and metal framing were completed and ready for us to begin laying block. After a crash course on laying block, we got busy.

Each of us was assigned a job—laying block, mixing mortar and grout, tending mortar, preparing REBAR, and wiring. Without the important contribution of each, the entire project would stop functioning. Before taking a short sight-seeing trip, we laid the last block. In just six days we had raised the walls and the new church was ready for a roof.



The SOW Safari mission group is pictured in front of the completed church.

Our first sightseeing day was spent touring the ancient city of Cuzco at 13,000 feet above sea level. But the real treat was our visit to Machu Picchu the next day. We marveled at the ancient engineering feat sitting on top of a blanket of green, the sun scorching the ancient rock. Returning to the church site, we quickly finished the roof in time for the first service in the new sanctuary.

The church family held an all-day celebration on Sabbath, not just thanking us, but rejoicing with the nine people who were baptized. To make the day even more special, Stephen Gardner, an Andrews Academy student, was one of those baptized. It was very rewarding to have a concrete example of our witness there.

After emotional goodbyes we left for home, leaving a place so full of love and life that we will not soon forget it.

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## A Mother's GIFT of GRACE

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

**M**y husband Don is a storyteller. Recently he told me a story that quite amazingly I had never heard before in our 41-year marriage. In his own words, Don shares a personal story of mercy and grace.

“When I was fourteen years old I went with my parents to Palouse Falls State Park in the state of Washington. At that point in my life, my feet were nimble and quick. Taking risks were part of my youthful approach to life. Without considering the consequences, I blazed my own trail up the side of the canyon wall. A rock was dislodged and ‘cart-wheeled’ down the mountain, striking a glancing blow ... to my mother’s head.

“What had I done? My poor mother bled profusely, and I could only imagine the pain I had caused by my impulsive and careless action.

“What I deserved was a scolding—or worse. What I got instead was grace. No blame! No shame! Just grace! Did I deserve to be yelled at? I thought so! Was I truly sorry for what I had done? Yes! I learned all the lessons about responsibility that could be squeezed out of that incident, and my learning was reinforced by my mother’s grace and my father’s mercy. I deserved punishment and knew it full well.

“Many years later, I am still profiting from this experience. Punishment may have taught me to be more careful, but grace taught me love, and that made a lasting impact on my life.”



From my experience having Don’s parents for in-laws, I can attest that this reaction by his parents was not a one-time or once-in-awhile occurrence.

By their grace, I was accepted into their home with love and unconditional acceptance. That was a monumental gift to me. The family joke (which I couldn’t help but like to hear) was that they loved me more than Don and his sister. Of course, we all knew that wasn’t really true, but they certainly loved me and their son-in-law just the same as their own children.

Grace—what an amazing gift!

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## *the* FAITH FACTOR

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

*Those who regularly attend church and pray have better health and live longer!*

Well-designed studies from leading universities have recently shown religious beliefs and practices are positively associated with one's mental health and physical well-being. Over 600 studies now provide evidence that people who attend religious services regularly and are more committed to their faith have better mental health, greater social support, and live healthier lifestyles. This translates into better physical health for those who live their faith, fewer visits to the doctor, shorter hospital stays, less expenditure for healthcare, and a greater survival rate.

Furthermore, those who attend church regularly have greater marital satisfaction, less anxiety over their problems, and less depression. People with a strong religious commitment not only suffer less depression, but show a 70 percent speedier recovery from depression. Religious involvement also reduces risky health behaviors, including reduced alcohol and drug use.

People who attend religious services, pray, or study the Bible were 40 percent less likely to have elevated blood pressure, and hence a lowered risk of stroke. Studies found that patients who had open-heart surgery and who received solace and comfort from their religious beliefs were found to be three times more likely to survive than those who did not have a religious faith.

With all of these health benefits it should come as no surprise that those who frequently attend religious

services have a 20–30 percent reduction in risk of death, and hence live longer. In fact, Robert Hummer reported that African-Americans who attended religious services more than once a week lived 14 years longer than those who did not attend church. For White Americans, regular church attendance provided a seven-year advantage.

Religion may be an important way for people to cope with stress, thereby ameliorating the negative effects of stress on their immune system. Recently, Harold Koenig found that men and women who regularly attended religious services were only one-half as likely to have elevated interleukin-6 levels (an indicator of a compromised immune system), than those who were less involved. Research conducted at Stanford University also found that religious involvement was positively associated with numbers of white blood cells and natural killer cells in the body.

Religious beliefs often provide an optimism that imbues traumatic life events with real purpose and meaning. Church attendance also appears to be therapeutic for health. According to Herbert Benson, worship services are full of potentially therapeutic elements such as music, prayer and contemplation, familiar rituals, distraction from everyday tensions, fellowship, and useful education. Religion appears to be more closely related to health than many people realize (see *Counsels on Health*, p. 566).

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# EXTREME GRACE

## No More Strawberries

BY DICK DUERKSEN

God gets the credit for a lot of things we do not understand. Like earthquakes and tsunamis. Generations of tribesmen and Greeks believed thunder and lightning were caused by gods throwing spears at each other. The Lakota Sioux have a special dance to appease their rain god, and the Mayans sacrificed their best warriors to keep God happy and generous.

Now that scientists can explain tsunamis with digitally-enhanced diagrams of under-sea mountains, we still wonder if all this really isn't God's doing. "Indonesia and Thailand got hit because of all the child prostitution," one radio preacher says. "The hurricanes have come to Orlando because of Disney," another fervently intones. And you know, of course, that Boston won the world series because God finally lifted "The Curse of the Bambino!"



If we don't understand, or if it's too amazing to explain, we glance warily upward and shout praises or curses at God. We scream "Why?" questions, and assume silence means God has turned off His answering machine. Blaming God somehow makes it easier to go on.

I have asked many "Why?" questions in my life. Why did my brother die of cancer at age 29? Why didn't my mother live long enough to meet my wife? Why do weather disasters usually harm the poorest of the poor? Why would anyone abuse children? Why? Why? Why?

Then, one day, God used the voice of a much-abused Christian to answer. That day I learned that "Why?" is an invalid question for humans to ask of God. He knows us well enough to know just how much we can understand, so His answer to our "Why?" is almost always, "Trust Me. When you're able to handle the answer, I will give it gladly. Till then, hold on."

Even the Bible prophet, Habakkuk, suffered from the "Blame God" disease. "You trampled the sea with your horses," he writes, "churning the great waters. I heard ... and my legs trembled."

Then Old Man Habakkuk suddenly got his wits back, settled down, and wrote one of the most amazing faith passages in literature.

"Though the cherry trees don't blossom and the strawberries don't ripen,

Though the apples are worm-eaten and the wheat fields stunted,

Though the sheep pens are sheepless and the cattle barns empty,

I'm singing joyful praise to GOD.

I'm turning cartwheels of joy to my Savior God.

Counting on GOD's Rule to prevail,

I take heart and gain strength.

I run like a deer.

I feel like I'm king of the mountain!" (Habakkuk 3:17-20, *The Message*)

"I don't have to understand or explain the events of today," I hear the old prophet saying. "All I have to do is trust, and celebrate the certainty of God's ultimate victory."

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# URIAH SMITH:

## *Pioneer Writer and Editor* BY ANN FISHER

In addition to Joseph Bates and James and Ellen White, several early Adventist pioneers made significant contributions to Adventism despite their youth.

Among these young leaders, Uriah Smith holds the longest service record, surpassed only by Ellen White. In 1855, 23-year-old Uriah Smith became the editor of *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald (Review)*, the forerunner of our current *Adventist Review*. For almost 40 years, Uriah held this most influential journalistic position in the church.

As *Review* editor, Uriah addressed most of the major theological, social, and political issues that faced Adventism during his lifetime. His style was candid and sometimes controversial. In one of his *Review* articles, he compared Abraham Lincoln to the Pharaoh of the Exodus because he believed Lincoln was moving too slowly in his efforts to abolish slavery.

One of the most prolific Adventist pioneer writers, Uriah published a number of books that profoundly influenced Adventist thinking. He is best remembered for *Thoughts on the Book of Daniel and the Revelation*, which received Ellen White's endorsement and greatly influenced Adventist prophetic teaching. This book was first sold by George King, the pioneer canvasser who developed the idea of subscription sale of Adventist books. The book sold well, and the Adventist colporteur (literature evangelism) ministry was born.

Uriah had a sister, Annie Smith, who shared his literary talents. After being converted to Adventism through Joseph Bates' meetings, Annie sent a poem, "Fear Not Little Flock," to the *Review* for publication. As a result, she was invited to join the *Review* staff as proofreader and copy editor. Annie, a published poet, is best known in Adventism for her hymns. Ten of her hymns were included in the 1941 edition of *The Church Hymnal*, but only three remain in our present *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* published in 1985. They are in the "Early Advent" section—numbers 439, 441, and 447. Uriah also wrote a hymn that is published in our present hymnal (#602), "O Brother, Be Faithful."

Uriah was also gifted with mechanical abilities. When he was about 13 years old, an infection caused his left leg

to be amputated just above the knee. The artificial leg he was fitted with didn't give him the freedom of motion he wanted, so in 1863 he patented an improved model with fully flexible knee and ankle joints. In 1874 he patented a folding-seat school desk. His school desk is on display in the "school house" at Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Michigan.

A man of unyielding convictions, Uriah found himself involved in some sharp theological controversies. He strongly opposed the righteousness by faith message of A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner, presented at the 1888 General Conference session and supported by Ellen White. His relationship to Ellen White became estranged to the point where he even questioned her visions. Then in 1891, Uriah admitted his wrong attitude and harmony was restored. It is worth noting that during those years Uriah never considered giving up his church, nor did Ellen White consider him unfit to serve his church.

Uriah Smith was the first General Conference secretary, a position he held on five different occasions. He also served briefly as General Conference treasurer and taught Bible at Battle Creek College. Highly respected for his honesty and willingness to take a stand for the principles he believed in, the life of this young Adventist pioneer should be a source of inspiration and encouragement for our young leaders today.

Portions of this article were adapted by Ann Fisher from *Welcome to the Family*, an out-of-print book published jointly by Home Study International and the North American Division, and used with permission. Ann writes from Walla Walla, Washington.



# SHARING *our* HOPE

“IT WAS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE!”

## USED *by* GOD

BY DIANE THURBER  
AS SHARED BY KIM DEWITT



Ongata Rongai Seventh-day Adventist Church choir with some children from the church.

Curt and Kim DeWitt are members of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan. But for the last six years, they have experienced the blessings and challenges of life at Maxwell Adventist Academy (MAA) near Nairobi, Kenya.

Kim and Curt had just spent the weekend climbing Mt. Kenya, elevation 16,300 feet, with 26 students and some faculty from MAA. Returning home, they were eager to listen to a taped sermon from their home church. Dwight Nelson’s sermon titled “Counter Culture-TV!” had been recently mailed to them by Kim’s mother, Beverly Pottle.

Kim remarked, “Several months prior to this we had been convicted to get rid of our television antenna, which of course meant that we would no longer have access to any television stations—just videos. The conviction was so great that on that very day we took it down and gave it to a national worker on campus.”

After listening to Nelson’s sermon, they once again felt convicted to rid their home of the television and VCR. In fact, they decided not to hesitate at all. After lunch, they put the television in the back of their Pajero (4x4), said a prayer that God would

lead them to a place that needed it, and headed out. The DeWitts drove into Ongata Rongai, a town about two kilometers from their house and felt impressed to go to the main Adventist Church there.

As they drove up, members were just finishing a late-afternoon meeting and two church elders were standing by the driveway. “We greeted them,” Kim said, “and told them how we had been impressed to give our TV and VCR

away.” What the DeWitts heard next brought tears to Kim’s eyes!

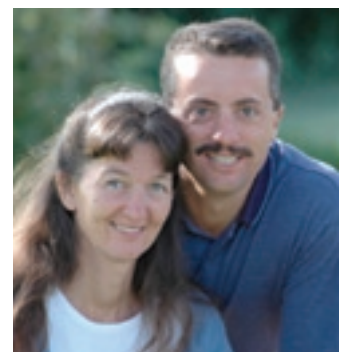
Church members had recently installed a brand new satellite dish at the church, which would enable them to download 3ABN programming and purchase tapes to show. But they had no television or VCR. “They had just been praying that the Lord would help them to raise the funds to purchase one so they could begin an evangelistic series,” Kim explained.

The elders could not believe the DeWitts had everything they needed in the back of their 4x4! They assisted the DeWitts in carrying everything to a back room, and church members gathered in the sanctuary for a prayer of thanksgiving. “It was nothing short of a miracle,” Kim exclaimed.

Kim shares, “God’s hand is still moving in a mighty way! I just want to affirm Pastor Dwight Nelson and say that what might have been considered a simple sermon in Berrien Springs, Michigan, reached us all the way over the ocean and into the heart of Africa! By allowing the Holy Spirit to work, we were also touched, and in turn a whole community will now have a chance to be ‘radically’ changed for Christ!”

Kim concludes, “We have no idea where our ‘words’ will go and the difference they can make when we let Christ use us! All we must do is allow ourselves to be a vessel for Christ, and He will use us in ways that we cannot even begin to fathom.”

Curt and Kim will complete their term of service in Kenya and return to the United States in June 2005.



Kim and Curt DeWitt



Ongata Rongai Seventh-day Adventist Church sign

Diane Thurber, *Lake Union Herald* managing editor as shared by Kim DeWitt, MAA Cafe Director and Travel/Visa Coordinator





Orlando Vasquez, coordinador hispano de la Asociación de Indiana, junto con algunos de los 40 ancianos que asistieron a un retiro en el campamento Timber Ridge



## ¿CÓMO ESTÁN TUS JÓVENES?

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Es increíble pensar que ya hayan pasado más de treinta y cinco años desde aquel día en que tomé el paso del bautismo en la Iglesia Adventista. Aún recuerdo como si fuese ayer las circunstancias en que hice mi decisión.

Todo comenzó cuando unos hermanos adventistas visitaron a mi madre, le dieron estudios bíblicos y pronto ella se bautizó. No pasó mucho tiempo hasta que algunos hermanos vinieran a nuestra casa para darme estudios bíblicos a mí también. Al principio yo sentía rebeldía a la idea de unirme a otra iglesia. Pero un día, un joven adventista vino a la casa y me invitó a adorar con él y con otros jóvenes en una de las iglesias adventistas en el Bronx.

¡Nunca olvidaré la primera vez que entré en un templo adventista! Lo que me más impresionó fue ver la unidad que había entre los jóvenes y cuánto se dedicaban a su iglesia. Me invitaron a su clase de la Escuela Sabática y luego a la Sociedad de Jóvenes.

Con el pasar del tiempo me di cuenta que la iglesia veía a los jóvenes como su tesoro especial y que hacía todo lo posible para animarlos y mantenerlos en la iglesia. Esos esfuerzos no fueron en vano, pues cuando me encuentro hoy con algunos de aquellos “jóvenes de mi tiempo”, veo que todavía se mantienen fieles a Dios y a su iglesia no obstante los años que han pasado.

Pienso que hoy, más que nunca, nuestras iglesias deben seguir haciendo todo lo posible para mantener a sus jóvenes en ella. La clave está en planear y tener programas y actividades que los puedan conducir a los pies de Jesús. Les pregunto: ¿Cómo están los jóvenes en su iglesia? Mi oración es que su iglesia sea conocida como una iglesia llena de la gracia de Dios que ama a sus jóvenes y los considera como su tesoro especial.

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

## Los líderes hispanos eligen el año 2005 como el año para los jóvenes

La División Norteamericana auspiciará un programa llamado Siete Señales, que tendrá el propósito de encaminar a los jóvenes a ser fieles discípulos de Cristo. Invitamos a los jóvenes a que vean y escuchen al pastor José Rojas predicar en español y en inglés. Esta presentación especial se realizará del 2 al 9 de abril y será televisada vía satélite por el Canal Esperanza. Para obtener más información hablen con su pastor o vayan al sitio web [www.sevensigns.net](http://www.sevensigns.net).

La Asociación de Illinois celebrará un congreso de jóvenes del 25 al 27 de marzo en Chicago. Para recibir más información pueden llamar a las oficinas de la Asociación de Illinois.

Además del retiro de jóvenes solteros que se tendrá del 4 al 6 de marzo de 2005, la Unión del Lago realizará una Convención de Ministerios de la Iglesia los días 26 y 27 de agosto de 2005. Los pastores José Rojas y Frank González estarán entre los oradores. Todos los líderes de las iglesias de esta Unión serán invitados para recibir entrenamiento en discipulado. Un componente nuevo será un entrenamiento especial para los líderes de los jóvenes con el propósito de fortalecer la obra juvenil.



Los coordinadores hispanos con sus esposas—Daniel y Lira Scarone, Michigan; Rubén y Areli Rivera, Wisconsin; Julio y Antonia Juárez, Illinois; y Osmin y Elizabeth Hernández, Lake Region

# The Reluctant Samaritan

“Why Me, Lord?”

BY LAURIE SNYMAN

**A**s I was driving home from a women’s retreat, a carload of my weekend friends whizzed by, waving as they passed. Moments later, brake lights flashed as we all slowed down for an unexplained obstacle.

I peered through the traffic to see what was causing the delay. Then I saw him, standing in the road—a dirty, muddy, old, bewildered Bassett Hound—ignoring the cars that swerved to miss him.

“I’m pulling over to see if I need to help this dog get out of the road,” I explained to my mom over my cell phone. “Laurie,” she implored in her most aggressive tone, “don’t get out of your car for a dog. You might get killed,” she warned.





A truck driver blared his horns at the dog. The dog appeared oblivious, continuing to walk across the lane. I waited for traffic to clear for a second and then opened my door. Immediately the dog moved out of the road to the front of my car. As I approached the dog, he ran into the adjacent cornfield.

“Whew!” I breathed a sigh of relief. “He’s going home and I can too.” I smiled and slid comfortably behind the steering wheel, eager to get home. Suddenly, the dog changed directions and started back for the highway again. As soon as I got out of the car again, he ran back into the field. Shrugging it off, I got back into the car, sat down in my seat, when again he started for the road.

“Okay, this is it!” I prayed. “I am going to open the passenger door for a few minutes. If he gets in, then I’ll help him. But if he runs off, I’m taking off. He’s on his own. I don’t have time for this, God.”

I went around the car, opened the door, and waited as the dog stood a way off watching me warily. When traffic cleared, I again slid behind the steering wheel—not so comfortably this time.

I turned to look away and that’s when he jumped in. Now, I am not a lover of dogs. He panted his foul doggy breath, and I held mine. I got out, took some deep breaths of fresh air and closed his door. By the time I got back to my seat, his muddy paw prints were across my clothes, my pillow, and my books on the back seat. The mud and thistles that had been in his coat were now embedded in my velour seats. “He could have fleas and other vermin on him,” I shuddered at the thought.

My offensive passenger jumped back into the front seat, stared ahead, then gave a sideways glance with his bloodshot eyes, and appeared to ask, “Where are we off to?”

“Why me, Lord? I don’t want some nasty, dirty, muddy old dog in my car,” I fumed. “Why,” I wondered, “didn’t someone else help this pathetic creature?”

The speaker at the women’s retreat had challenged us to be Good Samaritans in our modern world. And now I was facing a situation where help was definitely needed, but I was in a hurry to get home so I could get my housework done. I wasn’t accepting the challenge too gracefully.

I decided to stop at a nearby restaurant to inquire if the owner was there. I announced, “Which one of you knows someone who owns a Bassett Hound?” People looked disinterested.

A busy waitress stopped and dialed the phone. “I am sure the sheriff could help you,” she offered.

“Great,” I said, taking the receiver. I explained the situation to the lady who answered and stated firmly, “Please do whatever needs to be done. I cannot bring that dog home. I have a daughter with allergies.” I didn’t offer the fact that my daughter lives in Tennessee.

“We are too busy to help you today,” she informed. “You need to bring the dog to the shelter tomorrow when it is open.”

*“We’ll house the dog until an owner can be found,” she offered, “but you will need to pay for food and lodging until that happens.”*

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“Ma’am,” I pleaded, “I need a plan to-day. I cannot bring this dog home.”

Somewhat agitated, she replied, “Then just let him out of your car. We don’t have time to come pick up a dog.”

“Please,” I urged. “He will go back into the road and get killed.”

“Well, that isn’t your responsibility, is it?” she said without a trace of compassion.

I hung up the phone. “No luck,” I told the waitress.

“Look,” she said, pointing to a page in the phone book, “Here is something called an animal lodge where they keep animals until they are adopted. Why not try them?”

“Why ... that’s 20 miles east,” I protested, “and not the direction I am going.”

“Suit yourself,” she said as she went back to waiting tables.

I called the animal lodge and a pleasant lady answered. Hopeful of a solution, I explained my problem.

“We’ll house the dog until an owner can be found,” she offered, “but you will need to pay for food and lodging until that happens.”

Finishing the call I expressed to the waitress, “Oh great! I found a place ... and I get to pay the innkeeper out of my own pocket.” I muttered the last part under my breath. This was sounding oddly familiar—like the Good Samaritan story I had recently been reminded of at the retreat.

The dog was excited to see me return to the car. The feelings were not mutual. We headed for the animal lodge taking me 20 long miles in the wrong direction. The dog filled the car with a distinctive odor from his heavy panting. Desperate for some fresh air, I opened the window, but he became agitated and upset. I closed the window and he relaxed.

The dog fumes must have been effecting my brain because I began to discuss a plan with him. “First, we need to brush your teeth, bathe you, put a sweater on you, and a hat. You are *really* ugly and stinky. And ... we need to get you out of this expensive hotel you are about to stay in as soon as possible.”

Every so often, he would glance my way with his blood-shot eyes. I decided to call him Colombo. Colombo laid down on the seat, let out a sigh, and went to sleep.

My cell phone rang. “So, when are you coming home?” my husband asked.

“Well,” I explained, “I was on my way when I saw this old, stinky male on the highway and decided to give him a ride. He is right here beside me smelling up my car.”

“You what?” asked my husband incredulously. “You picked up a hitchhiker?”

“Well, it is a long story and I will explain it all later,” I told him.

At the lodge, a lady with a leash walked to the car and I opened the window. Colombo woke up, looked at me, and then at her. She reached in to pat him on the head.

“He sure is dirty,” she said. “And is he ever smelly,” she laughed. She snapped on the leash, opened the door, and led him into her backyard. Colombo followed her willingly, and never even looked back at me.

She returned to get my name and number. “We will call you in a few days to let you know what we need to do about his expenses.” I drove home with the window open.

The next day I received a voice mail message. “Hi, this is the lady at the animal lodge. I am just calling to tell you that we found Colombo’s family today. His real name is Garrett. He is 11 years old and deaf. He has been gone for a few days. His family was grateful you took the time to rescue him.”

I felt relieved and happy. I smiled.

Each day God places lost people in our lives who need to be loved and cared for. He will even use a reluctant Samaritan like me if I let Him.

Not being a dog lover, I surprised myself at my own compassion for this pathetic animal. Of how much more value are people? They, like Colombo, may be dirty and smelly, look stupid, and not worth helping. Or they may appear cleaned up and all put together on the outside, while masking deep pain and suffering on the inside.

I trust I will have even greater compassion and sensitivity for my fellow brothers and sisters than I do for a dog. As I experience and embrace the grace and mercy God extends to me, I know I will be more willing to extend it to others. I can become a channel of God’s grace and mercy. I pray that when it comes to helping the very ones Christ died for, I won’t be such a reluctant Samaritan.

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BY WALTER WRIGHT

# of GRACE, MERCY &



*Apples*



## UNTIL GOD USED MY TWO LITTLE APPLE TREES

to send me a clear message, I thought ... do I dare say this? I thought I knew the Lord—I knew *about* Him.

It may surprise you, but I've been in this work 35 years or better, and yet, I'm telling you I had a breakthrough. I could pray it, I could preach it, I could pray it for other people, I could talk to them about it and explain it, but I really didn't know what I was talking about until it happened to me in such a forceful way. It left no doubt.

The Lord extended His special grace and mercy personally to me. I know Him now because He said to me in unmistakable terms (and I don't mean a shout out of the ceiling), "I am the Life-giver. I decide. I'm going to extend you enough mercy, I'm going to extend to you enough grace, so you can continue to serve Me." It turned me upside down. This personal experience took me to a new level.

Two things are different for me now. First, there is this urgency. I've got to get on with this. It is far more urgent now. God has been so merciful. He's extended so much grace. How much of it have I wasted when we could have been way up the road by now?

Then there is this sense of reality. God actually knows me. He actually knows who I am; He knows where I am. I'm just a dot in the universe, but as expansive as He is, He *really* knows me.

I've read the texts, "He numbers the hairs of your head"; "He catches your tears in a bottle"; and, "He measures all your grief." But wait a minute—He knows me personally! He cares about me personally! He would turn things upside down just for me! That's good to know. And it's not arrogance at all, because you know that you don't have it coming.

Through so many avenues—working through my wife, my children, my siblings, even my staff here at the office—God has spoken to me. "I'm real, and I can change people. I can change attitudes." And I say, "Wow! I would get sick to have some of those things done." I would. Nobody wants to be sick, but to think, "Man, if He would use me, if some experience with me can change situations and people. ..."

It changed me. I started scrambling around, mending some fences. I thought it was necessary now that this real-

ity has come to me and this urgency has come to me. I said to myself, "Okay, then you don't have time to be you. You've got to be who God wants you to be. Stop being you."

I always prided myself, "I'm going to be me. Let the chips fall where they may. I've got my own ideas about this thing and I'm probably right."

In my big family we have this thing that we can put up with just about anything but stupidity. When you boil that down, that's a bit arrogant because it says, "We're right and you're probably wrong." I've got to have room for other things and other opinions and other attitudes.

Ours is a strange faith. It's one that is easily misinterpreted into works. I see so many trying to work off this heavy load that God is eager to lift. It is difficult for some to come to Him and lay themselves bare and say, "Lord, you know I'm a mess. You stuck with me this far. Please free me and establish me and carry me forward." He has more than enough grace and mercy to do that.

Each of us must experience the fullness of God's grace and mercy extended to us. It frees us to become like Him in the way we treat others. Otherwise, we can get into a mode of thinking that we're all right and everyone else is not. We become hard-nosed about everything and so judgmental about people. That's a very dangerous position to be in.



If your nose is in the air, and you're pulling your righteous robes about you looking askance at everyone else, you probably have not had the experience of realizing your total unworthiness, yet your inestimable worth to God. You probably have not experienced the depth of His love that so willingly extends mercy and grace to you. And He puts it out there. It's extravagant. It's not rationed out.

I heard my nephew Henry explain it one time: "It's so extravagant that it just flows out and wastes on the ground if you don't take advantage of it." I just wish more people did. It would put us in a more productive mode. We would be concentrating more on serving Him since we know that He has done all the things that would reconcile us to Him. It would cut us loose to really seek the Lord and ask, "Lord, what would You want me to do now?"

I've always prayed, "Lord, help me to never lose my joy." But now I've inserted into that prayer, "Lord, help me to love people the way Jesus loved." That's different for me.

My experience of being diagnosed with cancer was a fearful thing—it was scary. I knew what I needed to do. I needed to lay hold of the Lord by faith. Your faith can dissipate the fear, but your faith does not prevent the storm from coming. You still get the storm, but now you're in it with God.

When I really got hold of the Lord by faith, I got to the point where I could say what Job said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." And that doesn't come easy. There would be times when I would sit alone, and if I

wasn't careful I would think of all the negative possibilities, and that didn't do me any good. So I moved away from that, took hold of faith, and said, "Yes, but God is my Savior. I am His. I belong to Him. So this whole thing is up to Him." Faith dissipated my fear.

When my brother Harold called to tell me he had been diagnosed with cancer, I said, "I need to pray with you. You know God is in charge, don't you?"

"Yes. I know He is."

"You know He will decide?"

"Yes."

"Are you okay with whatever God decides?"

"Yes, I'm okay with whatever God decides. Now, I want to live, but whatever way He wants to come—He's God. I've already learned not to question Him."

You know the main reason why my brother felt that way? God has such an excellent track record. There's not a person who couldn't say that God has been extraordinarily good to them.

In a few weeks he died. My brother was 78. That's a lot of years. And you know what grace and mercy did? Not all those years were good and productive and obedient to God. But God's mercy and grace said, "I'll allow 78 to make sure you get it together before I let you sleep."

It allowed my brother to build his relationship with God. It allowed him to have all his children about him, all trusting the Lord, saying, "Dad, we'll meet you." That's awesome. He quietly slipped away looking for a better day.\* Could you find a better God than that anywhere?





**“I went out one day while recovering from my surgery to just pluck those two knotty apples and throw them away because they had held on no matter what the wind did.”**

I had two prize little apple trees. I fertilized and watered and carried on. This is the first year they bore apples. I noticed Japanese beetles on them so I sprayed them. But I sprayed them with deck wash by mistake and killed my trees. The leaves turned brown and shriveled up and all the apples fell off except two little red apples. I was crushed.

I was dealing with my cancer and my brother's cancer and things couldn't be much worse. I'm thinking, "And now I've killed my apple trees. What is it about you, fella?"

I was just devastated, but I never stopped praying. I never stopped talking to the Lord. I never stopped expressing hope to Him as to what He might want to do in my life. I looked out my French doors one day and saw those trees budding again in the same season. They leafed out—beautiful green foliage all over—both of them. I was amazed, and stood there tearfully talking to the Lord. "Thank You. I hear You. I got Your message, 'I am the Life-giver. I decide who lives and dies.' So You're telling me that You're in control of this and I'm going to live." Now I don't know who else might have gotten a different message, but that's the message I got.

I went out one day while recovering from my surgery to just pluck those two knotty apples and throw them away because they had held on no matter what the wind did. I discovered they were fully grown and developed—no wormholes—and without an imperfection. My wife Jackie and I stood in the yard and ate them tearfully. They were the best, sweetest, juiciest apples you'd ever want to see.

You know the end of the story? It was so significant I had Jackie take pictures of me in the backyard with those two apple trees. In mid-December, when all the trees in my yard

and neighborhood were dead and all the leaves were on the ground, my two apple trees were still green and flourishing. They were still leafed out in the snow. They finally dropped their leaves at the end of December.

God is an awesome God. He took two apple trees to talk to me, to talk to His servant, to talk to this dot in the universe. To think that He would take the time and the divine effort to make my apple trees flourish again to give me reassurance.

Does God care enough about us as individuals? Most assuredly, He cares. He cares enough for one person that Jesus would have died if I was the only one who needed His salvation.

You can't shake that from me. I've got it. I've got it set squarely, and I've promised Him something—that anybody who got near me would hear about what He has done. I'm telling it everywhere. And I'm always amazed at the results—seeing people tearfully accept the story and ask questions about it. Even men have shed tears because it is so personal and it's so close. You can reach out and feel like you can touch God through this story. He actually came to my yard? Yes!

It makes you want more. You say, "Okay, God is here. I know for sure now." It's not something that's up in the air. You want more and He likes that, I'm convinced.

When we crave Him and His presence, He'll come near to us, through the power of His Spirit, full of grace and mercy.

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Walter Wright is the Lake Union Conference president.

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\*"A Better Day" is a popular gospel song written by Harold Wright's wife, Eleanor Wright.

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# A Laundromat Encounter

Matt Wickstrom  
& Desirae Mills  
Meet the *Herald*

BY GARY BURNS







**W**hile waiting for clothes to dry in an all-night laundromat, Matt and Desirae weeded through the home and garden and sports magazines on the table. Suddenly, a magazine with a very different look arrested their attention. On the cover was a picture of Jesus with Mary and Martha. It was the August 2004 issue of the Lake Union Herald. The headline, “Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus,” made them curious to see what was inside.

Christ had always played an important part in Matt’s life. But he discovered when he went to college that to have Christ as a part of your life—even an important part—is not enough. Having his faith challenged, Matt discovered he needed to find Christ for himself.

Also from a Christian home, Desirae began to slip away from her Christian values while she was in high school. Now in college, she was on her own, away from home, and needed a significant friend in her life. Living without her values, she too had been sucked into the college social scene by the spiritual vacuum in her life. And unfortunately, she found herself in a very bad relationship. It was time for something better.

God, in His mercy and grace, was about to do some amazing things for these two students at the University of Wisconsin–Stout. He began with Matt, who responded to God’s personal call

by praying through scripture. He came to the conclusion that God didn’t want to be a part of his life—God wanted to *be* his life. So Matt decided to make a serious commitment to devote his life 100 percent to Christ.

Matt found a little community church to help him continue in his new faith. The pastor had a passion for ministry, and it came through in every sermon. Matt found himself being moved by the Spirit of Christ. There was genuineness in the pastor’s voice. At times, he even shed tears as he spoke.

Not wanting to keep his new life to himself, Matt began to bring some of his friends to the little church and their lives were changed. One of those friends was Desirae. She had come to Minnesota with him (she thought) to visit his parents. But Matt had planned all along to find a way to bring her to the little church.

Desirae recounts the story: “We were in Duluth. I don’t remember why we were up there. I think we were visiting Matt’s family. Matt was telling me about this church, so we decided to go. We were running a little late but we were encouraged to go anyway. I had a good feeling about the church because he had talked about it a lot. So we went to



Matt and Desirae are holding a copy of the *Herald* they found at the laundromat.

service and it was a very powerful service.

“I really felt Jesus there. The pastor asked people to raise their hand if they wanted to give their life to Jesus—and I raised my hand.”

Matt tells his side of the story: “My intention to get her to Duluth was to get her to that little church. At about the same time she raised her hand, tears rolled from my eyes. I felt that this was my purpose in life. She was the third person I helped bring to Christ.”

Life changed for Desirae and a new thing happened in their relationship. They discovered that there are so many pleasant things to do that are pleasing to

God and helpful to others. They made friends with other Christian couples and worked together to bring other people to their new world of happiness.

While reading the *Herald*, late that night in the laundromat, Matt noticed the *One Voice* article by Christina Michelle Wilson and the advertisement encouraging others to submit words of faith, hope, and challenge to the *Herald*. He immediately thought of his experiences leading his three friends to Christ and wondered if the *Herald* would be interested in printing an article of his experience.

When Diane Thurber, *Herald* managing editor, opened up her e-mail one day, she was happy to see we had received another submission for the *One Voice* column. She found Matt’s story encouraging and interesting, but wondered how he had come in contact with the *Herald*.

She forwarded the story to me for my review. I too was inspired by Matt’s story and asked Diane to find out how he found us. Here’s some of Matt’s reply:

“Hello Diane and any others reading this! Interestingly enough, I discovered your awesome magazine at the local laundromat while waiting for my clothes to dry. I was there with my girlfriend and, inspired by the magazine, we had





*It was a joy to meet Matt and Desirae. I found them to be filled with God's Spirit of service. Both have committed their lives to work for Christ to make a difference in the lives of children. Matt is preparing to be a school psychologist and Desirae, an elementary school teacher.*

“Focus on the actual important thing. School is important; starting a life is important. But focus on what is actually the heart of why we're here, our purpose on Earth. It's all in the big picture and is the only thing that matters.”

nearly two hours of deep talks regarding the Lord. She is one of the three friends (who) were the focus of my article.

“Every time we went back to do another load of laundry, we would search for the latest issue of your magazine. We have also discovered that it is published online, so we often-times will read it together sitting in one of our apartments.

“I have always wanted to get this story out to readers in a magazine which I felt really stood for similar things that I stand for. I think your magazine, and from what I can tell your churches in Michigan and other areas, are really wonderful things.

“May God bless each and every one of you!”

When I read Matt's reply I arranged a meeting. Last week I had the opportunity to meet Matt and Desirae, and found them to be full of God's Spirit and eager to serve Him. I was curious as to what counsel they might give to our student readers. Here's what they said:

Desirae – “I would just like to say (the drinking and partying) is a waste of money and time. And it's not what God wants to see you do. I really strongly believe that God has a plan for everyone that includes a lifetime partner and you just need to wait. You have to weed out the bad ones to get to the good ones. I found the best at the end of the worst.”

Matt – “Growing up in your teens, you all know the pressures that you're faced with. When you give into a lot of those sins and temptations, it's an artificial happiness—a temporary artificial happiness that never fills the void. There's only one way you can do it. And once you do, your life will change forever. You will look for eternal happiness in Heaven, which is just an amazing feeling. You will live (each) day in a natural high because you will have God at the center of it. It's absolutely amazing.

As I spent the evening with Matt and Desirae, it was obvious to me that God was at work in their lives. From what they shared of their experience, it was obvious that God is at work in the life of that little church too.

Because of His great mercy and abounding grace, God is at work all around us. Praise Him for His work wherever you see it. Affirm the evidences of His work that you see in the lives of those around you. Join Him in reaching out by sharing your joy and your faith and lead someone to Christ. You might even want to share your *Herald*.

By the way, whoever is leaving the *Herald* at the little laundromat in Menomonie, Wisconsin, thank you, and keep it up!

Note: Read Matt's *One Voice* article on page 42.

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*Matt and Desirae talked for over two hours about the articles they discovered in the Herald.*



## Unheralded Service

### Physicians Support Clinic for Low-Income Clients

Community Nurse Health Association of La Grange, Ill., recently marked its 12th anniversary of offering an adult clinic for low-income families in Chicago's western suburbs. Ann Wohlberg, executive director, credits Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital and its medical staff with helping the non-profit association reach this milestone.



*Kenneth Nelson, Community Nurse Health Association's Adult Clinic medical director, and Chris Golden, Adult Clinic coordinator, confer. Physicians on the medical staff at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital volunteer their services at the clinic for uninsured, low-income clients.*

Volunteers affiliated with Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital currently include 16 doctors who serve in the clinic and more than 60 referral specialists. According to Community Nurse Health Association staff, these are top-notch doctors who represent the best in the community. Out of their love of practicing medicine, they offer their services to patients who typically would have to forgo routine or preventative care because they couldn't afford it. These services include physicals, and physicians often are able to treat symptoms before they turn into serious problems. Patients receive help for chronic medical conditions, including

diabetes and asthma, which are prevalent in low-income populations.

Tim Cook, Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital CEO, said, "It is the commitment of physicians like these that enables Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital to be true to its core mission of extending Jesus' healthcare ministry throughout our community."

Eight of these physicians have faithfully volunteered their services since the clinic opened in 1992, serving 56 patients in the first month alone. They are Christopher Brenner, Mark Coleman, Jerome Donnelly, Michael Dupont, Donald Higgins, Kenneth Nelson, Thomas Nelson, and Joseph Reda. Since 1992, the Adult Primary Care Center has tripled its volume and now provides primary healthcare to more than 1,580 clients annually.



*Members of the Spiritual Life Committee of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, Tricia Trefl, chaplain, and Karen Ross, a registered nurse, restock the racks during a Christian service project in support of the Community Nurse Health Association.*

"Without this service, there would be so many more people showing up in emergency rooms with serious diseases," notes Wohlberg. "The quiet devotion of these physicians to treat low-income patients who would have no other means for care is just wonderful. It's unheralded service."

"Most people have a natural tendency to help others. As physicians, we are blessed with special talents. The



*Jonathan Leach, regional executive director of Ministries and Mission, Adventist Midwest Health, sorts clothes at the Carousel Resale Shop, which supports Community Nurse Health Association.*

opportunity to provide healthcare to the under-served in our own community is an honor," says Kenneth Nelson, volunteer medical director of the clinic.

The clinic serves low-income residents of 15 communities in western Cook and eastern DuPage counties of Ill. who are living without or with only minimal health insurance. A minimal fee is charged, but no one is denied service if they are unable to pay, says Wohlberg.

Physicians also serving the clinic are Vincent Bartolomeo, Anthony Carlino, Daniel Chen, Marcia Dering, James Harazin, Daniel Hunter-Smith, Eric Spatford, and Jennifer Swoyer.

Other volunteers include members of the Spiritual Life Committee at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. According to Tricia Trefl, chaplain, "As one of its Christian service projects, the committee chose to assist in the charitable work of Community Nurse Health Association by sorting clothes and restocking the racks of its Carousel Resale Shop. Profits from the shop help support the healthcare work of the association. We see our involvement as another way of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

The Community Nurse Health Association, a not-for-profit agency, originally started as a well-baby clinic in 1921.

Lynn Larson, Adventist Midwest Health Lake Union  
Herald correspondent



## Third Annual Easter Passion Play

Andrews University (AU) will host its third annual *Easter Passion Play* on Easter weekend, Mar. 26–27. In the past two years, thousands of lives have been blessed by the story of Christ's life and death on the cross as they find themselves in the midst of an ancient Palestinian marketplace, watch Pontious Pilate wash the guilt off his hands, or see the light of Jesus' resurrection on that misty Sunday morning.

Last year almost 9,500 people from across the Michiana region, as well as Chicago and even as far as Rochester, New York, visited the AU campus to witness the play, and just as many are expected to come this year. Brit Steele (director), Heidi Whitehead (co-director), Mindy Berlin (assistant director), Ben Juhl (drama director), and Leilani Bermeo (administrative coordinator), as well as hundreds of volunteers, have been working for months to bring the story of salvation to life.



Rodrigo Correa depicts Jesus riding through Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

New to this year's play will be one performance presented entirely in Spanish. For the past two years, translation services have been available, but this year Spanish-speaking visitors will experience the story fully in their own language.

There will be a total of 24, 90-minute performances on a rotating schedule, beginning at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and 10:30 a.m.



*The hope of resurrection morning, depicted by David Oakley.*

on Sunday morning. The first performance on Sunday morning will be videotaped, and therefore take extra time. Tickets are free, but required, and can be picked up at the AU Bookstore, the Adventist Book Center in Berrien Springs, Mich., Banner Books, in St. Joseph, Mich., or by emailing [passionplaytickets@hotmail.com](mailto:passionplaytickets@hotmail.com).

The *Easter Passion Play* is co-sponsored by AU and the Center for Youth Evangelism.

For more information about the 2005 *Easter Passion Play*, logon to <http://passionplay.andrews.edu>.

Beverly Stout, University Relations correspondent

## Clinical and Laboratory Sciences Department Reports Happy Diagnosis

"We are extraordinarily pleased and very proud of the accomplishments of our program graduates," said Marcia Kilsby, Andrews University Department of Clinical and Laboratory Sciences chair. Considering the latest news from the department, it isn't hard to understand why.

One hundred percent of the August 2004 graduating class passed the American Society for Clinical Pathology medical technologist certification exam. Graduates may now use the

initials MT(ASCP) after their name to show proficiency in their field.

The mean score for the Andrews graduates was higher than the national mean for all applicants and greater than the mean for participating universities.

Nine students from five different countries made up the class that graduated with the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science (BSCLS)—formerly called Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology—and passed the MT(ASCP) exam.

Since accreditation in 1989, the program has graduated students from 55 different birth countries. "We are recognized as one of the most international and diverse CLS (Clinical Laboratory Science) programs in the United States," said Kilsby.

The degree qualifies students to work within the field of clinical diagnostic testing. "Seventy percent of medical decisions are based on diagnostic testing," Kilsby noted, highlighting the relevance of the field to the medical world. "For years, all of our graduates seeking employment in the field have been offered jobs, often with sign-on bonuses. There is a national shortage of certified individuals. Government projections predict that the need will grow," said Kilsby.

Despite its obvious academic successes, the Andrews CLS department feels its mission transcends traditional academics. The program has a very definite mission. Kilsby said, "The faculty has dedicated this program to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education in the area of clinical laboratory health care."

Bjorn Karlman, University Relations student newswriter

## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

### Christmas Pageant Reaches 1,100 People

**Wisconsin**—Just as it did over 2,000 years ago, Jesus' birth is still bringing people from all walks of life together. Wisconsin Academy's (WA) seventh annual "Walk Through the Christmas Story" involved academy staff, students, church and community members who recreated Bethlehem as it might have appeared at the time of Jesus' arrival.

"Our goal was to bring a Christ-based Christmas to the community. The pageant also allowed people to become better acquainted with our church and school," says Bonnie Peden, pageant coordinator.

Volunteers worked three months to bring the pageant to life. Casting began in October for the 19 scenes that filled the WA campus Dec. 3 and 4, 2004. Carpenters, beggars, Roman centurions, wisemen, and Mary and Joseph were some of the many characters from the Christmas story present on the clear, cold Wis. nights. Live animals on loan from a local farmer included an unruly donkey, a calf, and some chickens, adding authenticity.

Visitors, led through the various scenes by tour guides, saw Mary and Joseph at the Inn, witnessed the



Mary, played by junior Katherine Miller and Joseph, played by sophomore Paul Meulamens, lead the next group to the innkeeper's home.



Pageant tour guide Erika Crary, WA senior class president, stopped in the middle of her tour to pose for a picture with a young traveler.

signing of their names at the census-takers tent, and heard the angel choir announce to the shepherds the news of Jesus' birth. They also saw Herod send his soldiers to search for the Christ child and cloth sellers trying to outfit travelers in the latest fashions.

John Hobbins, Columbus (Wis.) United Methodist Church pastor, appeared as Simeon and gave the traditional blessing of Aaron. "Simeon is a character from the Gospel of Luke story," says Hobbins. "When Mary and Joseph came to the temple with Jesus, Simeon gave this blessing, which comes from the book of Numbers. It is translated 'May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and give you peace.' The Hebrew word 'shalom,' which can mean peace, well being, and prosperity, appears at the end of the blessing and was used often throughout the scenes."

Hobbins, who learned Greek and Hebrew in high school, gave the blessing in Hebrew then translated it for the visitors. He views the pageant as a great way to bring the community together. "Members from our church and others in the community enjoy the pageant each year," he says. "I try to do something a little different with my scene so that the many repeat visitors see something new each time."

At the end of the tour, church members served cookies and hot chocolate to visitors after music teacher Lavenda Finau led a concert presented by the music department.

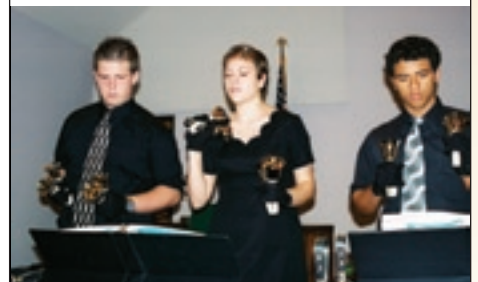
"The coolest part about this pageant is that every student and staff member is somehow involved. At least half of our church is also involved, as

well as many from other churches in town. Even grade school kids are part of the pageant. This is really a combined effort that brings so many people together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas," says Peden.

Kristy Brown Lust, Wisconsin Academy alumna

### Bell Choir Performs for Chamber of Commerce

**Indiana**—The Indiana Academy (IA) Bell Choir performed for the annual Christmas luncheon of the Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 7, 2004. This annual event brings local business owners together to talk about issues effecting the local economy. The Bell Choir has been invited to perform there annually for the past few years.



The IA Bell Choir, including (from left) Ryan Thurber, Katie Paul, and Daniel Ruiz, performed during the Hamilton North Chamber of Commerce Christmas luncheon.

In a note from Deborah Orr, Chamber of Commerce program director, she says, "Thanks to the Indiana Academy Bell Choir for sharing your musical talents with our group. Your participation in our Holiday Celebration is greatly appreciated."

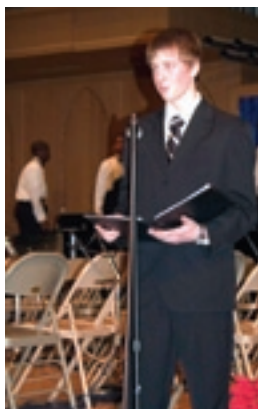
We were glad to be of service to our local community. The IA Bell Choir, since its inception in 1997, has played for churches, schools, and special community Christmas programs. The ten-member group also participated in the Adventist-run *Ringfest 2004* in Toledo, Ohio, sponsored by the Toledo Adventist Junior Academy.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations





Alumni join the Andrews Academy family for Handel's "Hallelujah."



Nick Snell leads the audience in a responsive reading.

## Feast Of Lights— A Gift to the Community

**Michigan**—As Kenneth Logan played Bach's "In Dulce Jubilo" on the Pioneer Memorial Church Casavant organ, a sense of expectancy filled the church sanctuary. The lights dimmed, handbells rang forth, and the thirty-second annual Andrews Academy *Feast Of Lights* began.

Months of planning and preparation culminated in this breathtaking evening—the academy's Christmas gift to the community. And what a gift it was!

The audience was invited to sing traditional carols and participate in responsive readings. They were delighted with Christmas music presented in a wide variety of musical styles and interpretations. Selections included the contemporary handbell arrangement, "Fanfare Celebration," the orchestra's

"A Christmas Tradition," the concert band's "A Christmas Festival," featuring traditional carols, and others by instrumental ensembles. Each group, under the direction of H. Dean Boward, powerfully presented their musical gifts.

The six academy choirs—men's and women's choruses, chorale, *Silhouettes*, an octet, and mass choir—offered their musical gifts in the form of spirituals, contemporary compositions, and arrangements of traditional carols from around the world, sung in Italian, Latin, Spanish, and English, and directed by Mark Becker. Students and alumni overflowed the platform for the traditional singing of "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by orchestra and organ.

As the program concluded, singers carried candles and encircled the sanctuary while singing "Silent Night" in German, Spanish, and English. Part of the *Feast Of Lights* charm, according to

Mark Becker, producer, was the ambiance of sound and light—ever-changing light. The Star of Bethlehem radiated out through lights outlining platform woodwork and arches, lights on trees, lights from aisle candles, and candle lights carried by students and alumni. And then outside, luminaries lined the sidewalks

leading away from the church. The light symbolized Andrews Academy's gift—the Light of Christ—spilling forth to the community and beyond.

Whether praying, reading, playing, or singing, the *Feast Of Lights* message can be summarized in the words of the Men's Chorus song, "Sing Out the News!" that Jesus Christ is born.

Mark Becker, Andrews Academy public relations

## IA Inducts New NHS Members

**Indiana**—Six students were inducted into the Indiana Academy National Honor Society chapter, CIOWOL. The new members include Elkyn Beltre, Ashlee Chism, Joana Maresa Lopez, Christopher Mathis, Katherine Paul, and Timothy Pollman. These six juniors showed excellence in academics with grade point averages of 3.50 or higher, as well as good character, leadership, and service to others.



From left (front): Ashlee Chism, Maresa Lopez, and Katie Paul; (back) Elkyn Beltre, Chris Mathis, and Timothy Pollman

These six inductees joined the other members in reciting the National Honor Society Pledge and listened to the history of the local chapter at the Induction Service. The local chapter is named CIOWOL (Christ is Our Way of Life). Ryan Thurber, chapter president, installed the new officers of the local chapter.

We congratulate the new members and wish them the best in serving others this year!

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations



Elizabeth Smith, harpist, accompanies the Silhouettes.



The IA choir prepares to sing at the Chapel West Church. Shortly afterward, they were observed by a church neighbor, encircled in prayer.

## Students Witness Unaware

**Indiana**—The Indiana Academy choirs have shared their talents via music and ministry throughout the course of the school year. During their visit to the Chapel West (Ind.) Church, they were able to witness to a person who observed their ministry. The Chapel West Church shares this story:

“The members of the Chapel West Seventh-day Adventist church want to thank you for presenting a wonderful musical worship service this last Sabbath. Your choir is to be commended for the reverent atmosphere. ... On Sunday, our church had the fall yard and bake sale. A young lady from the nearby apartments came over and shared with us this story.

“She [had] recently divorced and moved into the apartments [near Chapel West Church]. Saturday morning she was relaxing out on her patio and meditating. She looked up and saw a group of young people standing in a circle with arms interlocked and praying. Her heart was touched and the tears were flowing. She felt like coming and joining in with your prayer circle. This incident has resulted in our members being able to minister to her and extend to her an invitation to worship with us. She has requested prayer and will be visited. Thank you, young people, for allowing the Lord to use you in His work.”

As we continue to perform in our churches and schools, it is our wish to minister to everyone we meet even if done unaware.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations

## Wisconsin Academy Dedicates Class of 2005

**Wisconsin**—One of the most exciting times of the year for a senior at Wisconsin Academy is the one special weekend that focuses on the senior class. On Nov. 19 and 20, the class of 2005 celebrated Senior Recognition weekend. This is a time when seniors are also dedicated for their mission trip. The weekend included a complimentary talent show and also provided an opportunity to raise money during an auction.

After weeks of preparing, decorating, and planning, the events turned out to be very successful. The relaxed atmosphere of the program held in the chapel Friday evening was a time of music, dedication, and memories with deep spiritual meaning.

Members of the class led out in the services on Sabbath which included their class song, “Reaching,” and their



Kayla Hasbrook, a senior, performs a guitar solo at the Saturday Night Talent Show. Kayla has taken guitar lessons from Daniel Fekete, assistant boy's dean.



Casey Cunningham, senior class parliamentarian, and Ashley Miller, senior class secretary, prepare to march down the aisle for church service.

class text, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

The seniors marched in following a time of praise and worship. Swen Gillen told a children's story and was followed by Dee Kessen, a faculty member who delivered a message to the seniors. Her words were encouraging, hopeful, and fit perfectly with the class aim, “faith like a child,” and motto, “hold on a little longer.”

Following an afternoon visiting with friends and family, the seniors held the traditional auction and talent show. Many unique items were sold, raising over \$1,500 for the class mission outreach to the people of Belize.

Senior Recognition was a weekend the class of 2005 will never forget, creating memories that will last forever. The class appreciates those who made the weekend possible through their prayers and support.

Mary Jean Rogge and Sara Schaeztko, Wisconsin Academy seniors



## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

### A Birthday Party with Added Benefits

**Illinois**—After viewing the news of the tsunami tragedy, the Williams family, of the First Springfield Church, decided to act. Instead of planning a traditional birthday party for their three-year-old son, Benjamin, they decided to coordinate a fund-raising party.

“We hosted Benjamin’s party at a local skating rink, and invited fellow church members, family, and friends to come join us,” reported Benjamin’s parents, Dean and Teresa. Guests were invited to support the Adventist Development and Relief Agency’s (ADRA) endeavor to help the tsunami victims. In addition, guests were also invited to support a local project, the First Springfield Church Adventurer Club.

Rather than shopping for gifts, everyone brought monetary donations to Benjamin’s party. The event created such an interest, and was so well received, that over 80 people came. It was a special fun-filled day for Benjamin. Even Benjamin’s older brother, Logan, had fun at the party which included skating, pizza, and, of course, a birthday cake.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and the Williams family was able to raise \$900 for ADRA, and \$100 for the Adventurer Club—all in Benjamin’s honor.



*Benjamin Williams shared his birthday party with many generous friends and family. His birthday party was a fund-raiser for ADRA and his Adventurer Club.*

Congratulations to the Williams family for giving their community an opportunity to help others while providing a special birthday celebration for their son.

Gary Burns, *Lake Union Herald* editor

### Rochester Church Celebrates God’s Leading

**Indiana**—In 1874, the Sabbathkeepers of Rochester, Ind., erected the first church organization in their community. J.H. Wagoner and I.H. Lane were the organizers of this little company of believers, whose charter membership numbered about 35.

A nice little church was built in 1876, and under the ministry of Wil-

liam Hill, the membership grew to 87. Hill had been a member of the Rochester community since 1861. He practiced medicine until 1888, when he turned his attention almost entirely to church work. He also served as treasurer of the Indiana Conference for 17 years. *The Rochester Sentinel* reported in Sept. 20, 1895, that the membership of the Rochester Adventist Church comprised some of the most substantial citizens of the town!

Because no record could be found to indicate that the Rochester Church had ever been dedicated, they planned a dedication service that would also include some recent improvements. The congregation has recently added a new church sign, dressed the platform with new flags and pulpit, and installed an organ which was donated. The current church family desired to dedicate the entire church with all the new improvements to the service of God!

The church of 2004 affirmed what the church of yesteryear had previously stated—“[We] firmly believe every word of God and if our church can be but a lighthouse to allow the rays of His book to shine more brightly, we shall be satisfied.”

On Sabbath, Sept. 18, 2004, at a special dedication service, Rochester Church members praised God for His wonderful leading in the work in Rochester through the years!

Judith Yeoman, Indiana Conference Correspondent



*First Springfield Church members and friends of the Williams family celebrated Benjamin Williams birthday and raised funds for ADRA and the Adventurer Club.*



*Rochester Church Group members are pictured next to the new church sign.*

## [UNION NEWS]

### Indiana Employees Take Time to Exercise

**Indiana**—Consistent, regular exercise is very important, but is often neglected in our fast-paced, modern-convenience-oriented society. The urgency of the gospel motivates many pastors, teachers, and other denominational employees to invest much time and energy in their work at the neglect of getting adequate exercise.

To help bring better health and balance, the Indiana Conference initiated a simple exercise incentive program to encourage its employees and their spouses to keep exercise a high priority. It is anticipated that the exercise initiative will also help reduce conference healthcare costs.

To qualify for the incentive, employees and/or spouses submit a monthly report documenting a minimum of 16 days with 30 minutes of continual exercise activity each day.

Activities may include walking, jogging, swimming, biking, weight-bearing exercise, etc.

Qualified participants can earn incentives of up to \$100, awarded in January of the following year. While the incentive only amounts to 52¢ per exercise session or less, it serves as a way to give employees “permission” to take the time to exercise.

Archie Moore, Indiana Conference executive secretary and education superintendent, expressed great appreciation for the incentive program. “It helps me stay motivated even on those days I don’t feel like exercising. It also is very important in helping me to regulate my blood sugar.”

Julie Loucks, treasury department secretary, stated, “I always felt better [after exercising]. If the weather wasn’t very good, I would try to exercise with some equipment I have at home.”

Diane Kobor, Evansville Adventist School principal, wrote, “I know that I missed the bonus, but I would have exercised even less if I hadn’t turned in those sheets faithfully every month! I am so thankful for this program; my resting pulse has decreased, and I have been able to handle more stressful situations without getting depressed and discouraged. We appreciate this program!”

Ronnie Hackleman, secretary for the health ministries department said, “I always like to visualize results and have enjoyed keeping track of my daily exercise. When the sun was shining or the weather conducive, I walked outdoors. When it was not, I walked in my home to an exercise video tape. It has been gratifying to notice how well I sleep the majority of the time.”

Mary Ann Smith, Indiana Academy dietitian, found the incentive program helped her exercise more regularly. “Before I was a little more sporadic.”

Even those who didn’t keep track have expressed that it helped them think about exercising more.

I strongly believe that we are to be our own health care provider to keep ourselves as healthy as possible; and let physicians, nurses, and hospitals be our “sick care providers” for times when there are accidents, injuries, or when sickness does set in.

To inquire about the exercise incentive program, call Clinton Meharry at (317) 844-6201 or e-mail: cmeharry@indianaadventist.org.

Clinton Meharry, Indiana Conference health ministries director

### Indiana Launches New Publishing Program

**Indiana**—In response to the changes in the publishing work in the Lake Union, the Indiana conference made a decision about the role publishing work would play in their evangelistic outreach. They chose a conference-run program, enabling leadership to be closely involved with the publishing team in decisions to develop the work.

Prayerfully, the conference has moved forward developing a cash program, creating and coordinating a program tailored to fit the needs and expectations of the literature evangelist, the local church, and the conference.



Roxanne Andersen, literature evangelist, visits with a prospective interest.



From left: Ronni Hackleman and Julie Loucks, Indiana Conference employees, are participating in the exercise incentive program.



The conference began looking for a new breed of literature evangelist—an independent business person interested in being involved in a ministry, whether it be part-time or full time.

By the middle of April 2004, the publishing program was in place and at the end of August about \$70,000 in sales had been reported, with six literature evangelists selling the large books, one selling *Listen* magazine, and two more beginning their advertising for the large books. This total also includes our summer magabook program which averaged about eight students, with \$35,000 plus in sales over a nine-week period.



*Literature evangelism team (from left): Dwight Kruger, publishing director, Bob Weisner and daughter Roberta Otto, Patty Kruger, Warren Marr, Ruth Ann Plue, Ramone Irizarry, Marcelino Munos, Lloyd Pleasants, and Julie Marr. Not pictured: Roxanne Andersen, Pattie Anderson, Bruce and Connie Williamson.*

With Tiant Leon and Iuree Corjos leading out, and with the computer skills of Alexey Larin, this small program became very powerful. Close to 20,000 *Steps to Christ* and about 2,000 *Darkness Before Dawn*, 200 plus *The Great Controversy*, 200 plus *The Desire of Ages*, and hundreds of all different types of magabooks were distributed.

This new plan is designed to integrate the publishing work with the local church in the strongest way possible. It is intentional about helping the process of creating Bible study interests and incorporating them in church personal ministry programs. It is also developed to enable as many as possible to be a part of this wonderful ministry. The question may be, “Is God calling you?”

Dwight Kruger, Indiana Conference publishing director



*Lake Union disaster response training attendees*

## LUC Provides Disaster Response Training

**Indiana**—It was a lovely fall weekend at Timber Ridge Camp with the temperature requiring only a light jacket. As the disaster response training students walked down the hill to the cafeteria with candles glowing in the windows, the view of the lake was beautiful with only a few ripples on the water and the canoes gently turned upside down on the sand.

The general training at this annual event is open to everyone who desires it, and the specialized training is available to those who have been selected to receive it by the various conference committees within the Lake Union. This year, three students graduated from the specialized *Train the Trainer* class. They are Floyd Brock from Wis. and Jose and Sonia Vazquez from Ind.

When asked what their response to the weekend was, Ethel Schutz from Wis. said, “We learned how to be very efficient in a disaster.” Laurine Dahlke, also from Wis., added that, “It has been an enabling weekend as we learned how to prepare for that which we don’t know is coming. The hands-on visual workshop with tons of material was almost spiritual.” Lucy Rodriguez from Mich. stated that the training was very enlightening for her as she learned a lot of new things. “It opened my eyes to what it takes to help others who have been through a terrible disaster,” she remarked. Barbara Sumner from Ind. said her questions had been answered and she felt “much encouraged” that she’ll be able to do a better job in the future.

The presentations were given by Royce Snyman, disaster response coordinator for the Lake Union Conference and consular for the North American Division.

Kathryn Ratliff, Indiana disaster response coordinator



*The new certified disaster response instructors are (from left): Floyd Brock, Wisconsin community services director; Sonia Vazquez, Indiana Conference; and Jose L. Vazquez, Indiana community services director, pictured with Royce Snyman, Lake Union disaster response director.*

## [ WORLD CHURCH NEWS ]

## G.C. Session Update: Prayer Ministry Initiatives Planned

**Maryland**—A group of dedicated “prayer warriors” are committed to pray during the General Conference Session in St. Louis this summer. Heather-Dawn Small, coordinator for the prayer event, reports that the group is made up of individuals from each division, with at least 60 participants coming from California alone.

Anyone who would like to participate is welcome in the prayer room, located near the entrance of the dining area. The prayer room will have a section for group prayer, an area for those wishing to pray with a member of the prayer team, and a place for those desiring a private prayer time.

Each day of the Session will have a different prayer focus, including families, leadership, healing, and others. Participants praying for the Session will be able to observe current events and actions on the main floor through a video monitor. A prayer book will also be available for recording special prayer requests.

In addition to the activities in the prayer room, participants will “prayer walk” throughout America’s Center as well as areas of the St. Louis community, praying on behalf of the people and circumstances they encounter.

Information about the General Conference Session is available at [www.gcsession.org](http://www.gcsession.org).

Gary Burns, *Lake Union Herald* editor

## G.C. Session Update: Don’t Forget Your Meal Tickets!

**Maryland**—Don’t forget to order meal tickets now for the G.C. Session! Only a limited number of meal tickets will be available in St. Louis.

Meal tickets are being sold in books of 20 dated tickets for U.S. \$200. Indi-

vidual meal tickets will soon be sold at \$10 per ticket.

Delegates, technical staff, and their accompanying spouses will receive a complete set of meal tickets at registration.

Visit [www.gcsession.org](http://www.gcsession.org) to download your meal ticket order form.

*G.C. Session News, January 2005*

## Church President Says Each Tsunami Victim is ‘Precious’ to God



*Jan Paulsen,  
world president  
of the Seventh-  
day Adventist  
Church*

**Maryland**—“In the midst of this pain and suffering, these people are not forgotten by God. Each one is precious to Him,” said Jan Paulsen, world president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in a statement commenting on the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami that struck

Southern Asia which he called “an unprecedented humanitarian disaster.”

“It is a tragedy on a scale that is difficult to comprehend,” Paulsen said. “We see its continuing impact in the grief of those who mourn their loved ones; in the helplessness of the children who have lost parents; and in the desperation of survivors left without adequate food or water.”

Noting the location of the tragedy, he added, “It is a distressing irony that this disaster occurred in a region of the world that is not well equipped to cope with an emergency of this magnitude. The men, women, and children who have been caught up in this tragedy are, for the most part, poor and already well acquainted with hardship.”

Paulsen, who formerly was board chairman of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, and who, in more than 40 years of ministry, is well acquainted both with disaster relief

and poor conditions in developing nations, urged members of the church to place a proper emphasis on responding to the disaster.

“Now is not the time to ask ‘Why?’ or to search for explanations—some answers we may never have before our Lord returns. Now is a time to act; to reach out to our fellow human beings with compassion; to be Christ’s visible symbols of hope in a situation where fear and hopelessness hold sway. This is what we are called to do,” he said.

“I trust that each one of you will do what you can to support the ongoing relief work with both your prayers and your resources, whether it is through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, or through other organizations engaged in this effort,” Paulsen concluded.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, formally organized in 1863 in the United States, has 13.6 million baptized members, and 25 million people attending weekly worship, in 203 countries and areas around the world. The Adventist Development and Relief Agency, or ADRA, has worked globally since 1984, carrying on an earlier tradition of Adventist community service.

*Adventist News Network Staff*

## ADRA Donation Center

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## Anniversaries



**Myrle and Anna Dean** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 2004, by having a special dinner with family and friends at a restaurant in Frankenmuth, Mich. They have been members of the Holly (Mich.) Church for 65 years.

Myrle Dean and Anna Greavu were married Nov. 23, 1939, in Brightmoor, Mich., by Harry Taylor. Myrle has been a farmer for 30 years and then worked for the Department of Agriculture for 25 years. Anna has worked with her husband on the farm and also part-time at the local newspaper for 40 years.

The Dean family includes Peggy Hoffmeyer of Holly, Mich.; Rosemary Ward of Fenton, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



**David and Lilly Henry** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25, 2004, by a dinner at the home of their eldest son in Bellevue, Wash. They were members of the Shiloh (Ill.) Church for 22 years.

David Henry and Lilly Fairclough were married Dec. 27, 1944, in Kingston, Jamaica, by W.A. Holgate. David has been a tailor for Hart Schaffner and Marx, and a Chicago postal carrier for 30 years, retiring in 1983. Lilly has been a secretarial clerk and a dental assistant for the University of Illinois-Chicago for 30 years, retiring in 1980.

The Henry family includes David and Gloria Henry of Bellevue, Wash.; Rolando and Michelle Henry of Aurora, Ill.; Ricardo and Cheryl Henry of Santa Clara, Wash.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



**Earl and Ingrid Kincaid** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 5, 2004, by an open house given by their two youngest sons and their wives at the Fort Gratiot (Mich.) Pointe Community Center. They have been members of the Port Huron/Marysville (Mich.) Church for 48 years.

Earl Kincaid and Ingrid Muenster were married Dec. 4, 1954, in Berlin, Germany, by an Army chaplain. Earl has been a set-up and service operator at Mueller Brass in Port Huron until his retirement in 1990. Ingrid has been a literature evangelist for 13 years and owner/manager of Modern Cleaners in Port Huron until her retirement in 1999.

The Kincaid family includes Kenn and Judy Kincaid of Tucson, Ariz.; Larry Kincaid of Burtchville, Mich.; Ron and Linda Kincaid of Fort Gratiot; James and Lucinda Kincaid of Lexington, Mich.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Weddings

**Amy Jo Richter and Jerimiah J. Ochs** were married Oct. 16, 2004, in Stevens Point, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor William J. Ochs.

Amy is the daughter of Susie Richter of Wittenberg, Wis., and Jerimiah is the son of William and Gladys Ochs of Sun Prairie, Wis.

The Ochs are making their home in Wittenberg.

## Obituaries

**BEAUBIEN, Richard L.**, age 42; born Sept. 16, 1961, in Alpena, Mich.; died Aug. 28, 2004, in Alpena. He was a member of the Petoskey (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joy F. (Max); sons, Andy R. and Joshua C.; brother, Gene Beaubien; stepbrothers, Raymond and Florian Beaubien; sister, Tammy Snyder; and stepsister, Evelyn Rancrof.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ken Micheff, Greg Timmins, and Christian Martin, and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Alpena.

**BUTTERFIELD Sr., Allan F.**, age 66; born June 27, 1937, in Hayward, Wis.; died May 17, 2004, in Duluth, Minn. He was a member of the Ashland (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (McCutcheon); sons, Allan Jr., Edward, and Vincent Butterfield, and George Eggers; daughters, Rebecca Gordon and Doreen Butterfield; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Vassili Khrapov, and interment was in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Belanger Settlement, Wis.

**DURBIN, Charles F.**, age 80; born Jan. 31, 1924, in Shelbyville, Ill.; died Oct. 3, 2004, in Shelbyville. He was a member of the Sunnyside Church, Decatur, Ill.

Survivors include one nephew and two nieces.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry Clonch, and interment was in Graceland Fairlawn Cemetery, Decatur.

**GRAINGER, Mary E. (Walker)**, age 85; born May 20, 1919, in Bently, Ill.; died Oct. 25, 2004, in Carthage, Ill. She was a member of the Carthage Church.

Survivors include her sons, Larry, Michael, and John; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Lester Ramsey, and interment was in Moss Ridge Cemetery, Carthage.

**LAMPHIER, Lillian R. (Schaff)**, age 75; born Mar. 16, 1929, in Attica, Mich.; died Dec. 12, 2004, in Zephyrhills, Fla. She was a member of the Lapeer (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Richard and Roger; daughters, Doreen Judd and Darleen Coulter; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service in the spring.

**O'BRIEN, Mark I.**, age 38; born Nov. 16, 1966, in Richmond, Ind.; died Dec. 18, 2004, in Richmond. He was a member of the Richmond Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shelley (Horton) Perkins O'Brien; sons, Mark A. O'Brien, Michael Horton, and Kevin Perkins; mother, Joyce (Robinson); brothers, Joseph and Robert; and sister, Teresa Jett.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tim Henry, and interment was in Earlham Cemetery, Richmond.

**OLSON, Esther L. (Lange)**, age 94; born Oct. 22, 1910, in Sheboygan, Wis.; died Dec. 19, 2004, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include her sons, Harold Jr. and Nels; daughters, Lois Stone and Judi Griffith; sister, Ruth Barnfield; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Sitler, and interment was in Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery, Northlake, Ill.

**PIEKAREK, Herta M. (Lange)**, age 93; born Jan. 30, 1911, in Germany; died Dec. 12, 2004, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include her son, Karl; daughter, Ruth Kissinger; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry L. Lichtenwalter, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman, Mich.

**PITTS, Edna V. (Wedin)**, age 91; born May 15, 1913, in Grantsburg, Wis.; died Oct. 12, 2004, in Grantsburg. She was a member of the Frederic (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Charles, Jon, David, and Wendin; sister, Dagmar Burgess; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Vassili Khrapov, and Charles Pitts and Vernon Heglund, and interment was in Wood Lake Cemetery, Alpha, Wis.

**REAGAN, Stella M. (New)**, age 80; born May 26, 1924, in Hilltop, Ky.; died Dec. 15, 2004, in Greenville, Mich. She was a member of the St. Joseph (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Baker, Brenda Slayton, and Connie Olsen; sister, Rachel Barnett; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were to be conducted on Jan. 9, 2005, with private inurnment.

**TANNER, Naomi J. (Burriss)**, age 76; born Sept. 3, 1928, in Richmond, Ind.; died Dec. 16, 2004, in Richmond. She was a member of the Richmond Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph; stepson, Jerry J. Tanner; stepdaughter, Linda Taylor; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tim Henry, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Cambridge City, Ind.

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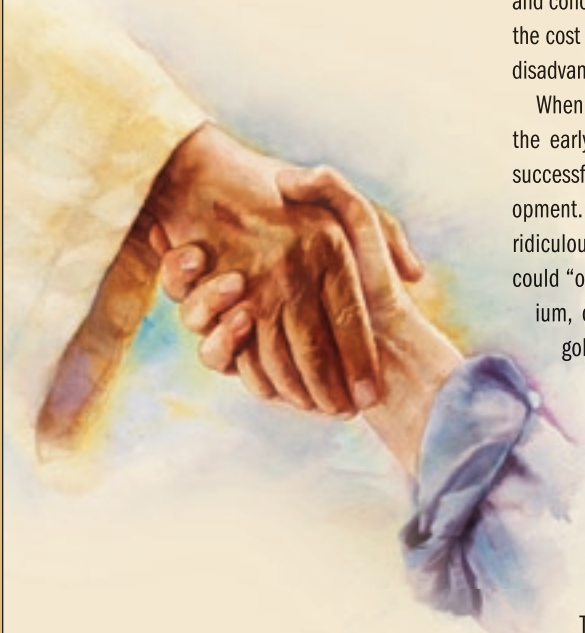
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Gary Burns, *Lake Union Herald* editor





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**Battle Creek Academy Alumni Weekend:** We would like to invite you to join us **Apr. 29-30**. Honor classes are: 1935, '45, '55, '65, '75, '80, '85, and '95. Our special guest speaker on Sabbath, Apr. 30, will be Admiral Darold Bigger, while our Sabbath evening vespers will be presented by vocalist Dan Greutz ('94). Details about this event, speaker and participants' biographies may be found under the Alumni link on the academy's website: [www.battlecreekacademy.com](http://www.battlecreekacademy.com). For further information, you may call: (269) 965-1278, or e-mail: [BCAAlumni@aol.com](mailto:BCAAlumni@aol.com).

## Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Academy Alumni Weekend** will be held **Apr. 15-16**. The theme for this year's weekend is "Coming Again." The speakers will be former teachers—Oliver Archer, Friday evening; and Cherry Habenicht, Sabbath morning church. Come back to Wisconsin Academy and enjoy fellowship and fun with former classmates. The honored classes this year are: 1935, '45, '55, '65, '75, '80, '85, and '95. If you would like more information about the weekend or to reserve a room, contact Marcia Sigler at (920) 623-3330 ext. 12, or e-mail her at [library@wisacad.org](mailto:library@wisacad.org).

**The First Annual Wisconsin Academy (WA) Golf Classic** will be held **Apr. 17** at the Kestrel Ridge Golf Course in Columbus. There is a per player fee which includes 18 holes with golf cart, two meals, a golf shirt, and a goody bag. All money raised will go toward the WA Worthy Student Fund. If you have questions or are interested in being a sponsor, contact Michelle Shufelt at (920) 623-3300 ext. 18, or e-mail: [development@wisacad.org](mailto:development@wisacad.org). Bring your clubs and come join us for an exciting weekend at the academy! Check out our website for more information: [www.wisacadalumni.org](http://www.wisacadalumni.org).

## North American Division

**Valley Grande Academy** will be holding its annual Alumni Weekend, **Mar. 25-26**. As always, all former graduates, students, faculty, and friends are invited to attend. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 25. Honor classes are all years ending in 0 or 5. For information, contact Calvin Bickell at [cbickell@excite.com](mailto:cbickell@excite.com); call (956) 968-0573 ext. 110; or write Valley Grande Academy, 1000 S. Bridge St., Weslaco, TX 78596. See you there!

**Walker Memorial Academy** in Avon Park, Fla., will be hosting its annual Alumni Weekend, **Apr. 1-3**. The featured guest speaker will be alumnus Rey Descalso. An International Jamboree Festival is planned for Sun., Apr. 3. For more information, call (863) 453-3131, or visit website [www.wmja.org](http://www.wmja.org).

**Southwestern Adventist University** Alumni Relations Office presents Homecoming Weekend, **Apr. 7-10**. The banquet theme is "Southwestern Fiesta!" Come back home to Keene for a weekend of fun and fellowship! Make your reservations now by contacting Bev Mendenhall, Alumni Relations director, at (817) 202-6232 or e-mail: [bevm@swau.edu](mailto:bevm@swau.edu). Visit website [www.swau.edu](http://www.swau.edu) for more details.

**Union College Homecoming Weekend:** All alumni, friends, and former faculty are invited to come "Relive the Spirit of Union," **Apr. 7-10**. Honor classes are: 1945, '55, '65, '75, '80, '85, and '95. For reservations or more information, contact the Union College Alumni Office at 3800 South 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506; phone: (402) 486-2503; or e-mail: [alumni@ucollge.edu](mailto:alumni@ucollge.edu).

**Upper Columbia Academy Class of '55:** We may not have your current address or phone number, or you may have information regarding other classmates that we need. Our 50th reunion will be **Apr. 29-May 1**, so please contact one of the following immediately: Da-

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**The Rusk, Texas, school and church** are planning a reunion of all former students, teachers, and pastors, **May 20-21**. For information, contact [sclark@txsda.org](mailto:sclark@txsda.org).

**Association of Adventist Women:** Make your reservations soon for the 23rd Annual Conference of the Association of Adventist Women to be held **June 26-29** in Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. The theme of the conference will be "Love Enables Unity in Diversity: Include Me Please." The Woman-of-the-Year Banquet will be held on June 28 and the Prayer Breakfast on June 29. Early registration

and reservations for the hotel are especially important. For more information and to register, go to the AAW website: [www.aaw.cc](http://www.aaw.cc).

**Spokane Junior Academy Class of 1957:** Anticipating a 50-year class reunion at SJA Homecoming in **2007**, I would like to get in touch with the students who moved through the grades at SJA with us, whether they graduated with us in 1957 or not. If you have contact information for any of our classmates, please get it to Nadine Platner Dower by e-mail: [dickandnadine@comcast.net](mailto:dickandnadine@comcast.net); phone: (360) 828-7146; or write: 13000 NW 47th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685.

## Sunset Calendar

	Mar 4	Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 8
Berrien Springs, Mich.	6:40	6:48	6:56	7:04	7:11	8:19
Chicago	5:44	5:53	6:01	6:08	6:16	7:23
Detroit	6:26	6:34	6:43	6:50	6:58	8:05
Indianapolis	6:40	6:47	6:55	7:02	7:08	7:16
La Crosse, Wis.	5:58	6:07	6:15	6:23	6:31	7:40
Lansing, Mich.	6:31	6:40	6:49	6:57	7:05	8:13
Madison, Wis.	5:51	5:59	6:08	6:16	6:23	7:32
Springfield, Ill.	5:54	6:02	6:09	6:16	6:22	7:29

## Three Friends— THREE MIRACLES

HOW PRAYER MADE A DIFFERENCE

BY MATTHEW WICKSTROM

**I**n Duluth, Minnesota, sits a small, quaint community church. On three heavenly Sundays during the three years I attended, I experienced the three best days of my life.

“How?” you might ask. Well, about four years ago, I suggested/encouraged (okay, so there was manipulation as I included an all-you-can-eat-breakfast) the first of three friends to join me in “checking out what Jesus has to offer” at this little church.

Each was in desperate need of the Lord’s love. One worshiped alcohol and drugs. Another lived for sex and partying. The other lived for absolutely “nothing,” as she put it.

From my own experience giving my life to Christ in this church, I knew the power of God’s hand in it. So I came up with a plan. I would pray for the strength of the church and its members. I would pray for the pastor and his sermon. I would pray for the choir and the songs. Most importantly, I would pray that God would reach out and touch each of my friends’ hearts on the very day I brought them to church.

Each of these young teens publicly gave her life to Jesus Christ at the front of that little church on the day of her visit. I’m a big guy with a big heart, but I have never wept like I wept on those three days. I wept out of joy. I wept out of thanks. I wept out of amazement. I wept because I had just witnessed a miracle.

Each of my friends had an opportunity to tell her story in front of the church a few Sundays later. Each time, I saw smiles and tears as I looked around the congregation.

I have since moved to another state to continue my education. It will be one year tomorrow since the last of my friends gave her life to Christ. As far as I know, all three are still attending. All three are actively involved in groups. All three are bringing new believers to Christ in this very church. None of them knew each other before, but they all came to know and love each other through sharing their ironically similar stories about a young man who introduced them to the Lord (I still don’t think they know that it was the same person).

Nothing in this world has made me as proud as introducing my friends to Christ. Nothing can bring a smile to my face, or tears to my eyes, so quickly as that experience. I pray that God will continue to bless their lives, their church, and their world.

May God bless you in similar ways. Thank you for letting me share my story. If you get the chance, see if you can find this church.

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Matthew Wickstrom is currently working in an Ed.S (Educational Specialist program), in the School of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Stout. Read the incredible story of how Matthew was introduced to the *Herald* on page 22.





**Linda Michelle Ferguson** is a 17-year-old senior at Indiana Academy (IA). She is a fun-loving, kind, industrious young lady whose ambition is to study nursing or elementary education.

"Linda was very pleasant, helpful, efficient, and always did more than she was asked to do," says John Taylor, IA biology teacher and former work supervisor.

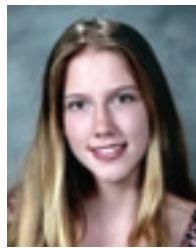
A mission-minded individual, Linda has found the most important thing she learned in high school is to "... depend on God, to put Him first, and everything else comes together." Her most memorable experiences have been mission trips to the Bahamas and Dominican Republic.

Her favorite classes were world history and journalism. She found the teachers enthusiastic in their teaching, which helped her learn more.

Linda has been a member of choir, *Keynotes* (small choir), National Honor Society, and has received awards in science, Bible, and English. She has served as class vice president her freshman, junior, and senior years, and senator, treasurer, and vice president for Student Association.

Her hobbies include: snowboarding, rappelling, shopping, camping, and working as a Certified Nurse's Aide.

A member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church, Linda is the oldest daughter of Calvin and Donna Ferguson of Arcadia, Ind.



Linda Ferguson



Ryan Thurber

**Ryan Bradley Thurber** is a 17-year-old senior at Indiana Academy. He is a trust-worthy, kind, loving individual whose ambition is to become a lawyer. "Ryan is a great student who has a natural talent for music, as well as a lot of other subjects," says Andrew Lay, IA music teacher. "He is a great example of a person who allows God to lead in his life."

Ryan has learned, "If you don't study, it catches up with you. Also, there *always* has to be a space for God." His more memorable experiences have been in the men's dorm and leadership conference. His favorite class is physics because "... it is a big puzzle."

Ryan has been a member of the band, choir, bells, *Keynotes*, basketball team, and National Honor Society—serving two years as president. He has been religious vice president, treasurer, and involved with student relations in Student Association, resident assistant in the men's dorm, and a Timber Ridge Camp counselor. Ryan is a National Merit Scholarship Corporation Commended Student and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in academy.

His hobbies include: basketball, golf, football, guitar, band, and choir.

Ryan is member of the Cicero Church, and the son of Gary and Diane Thurber of Noblesville, Ind.

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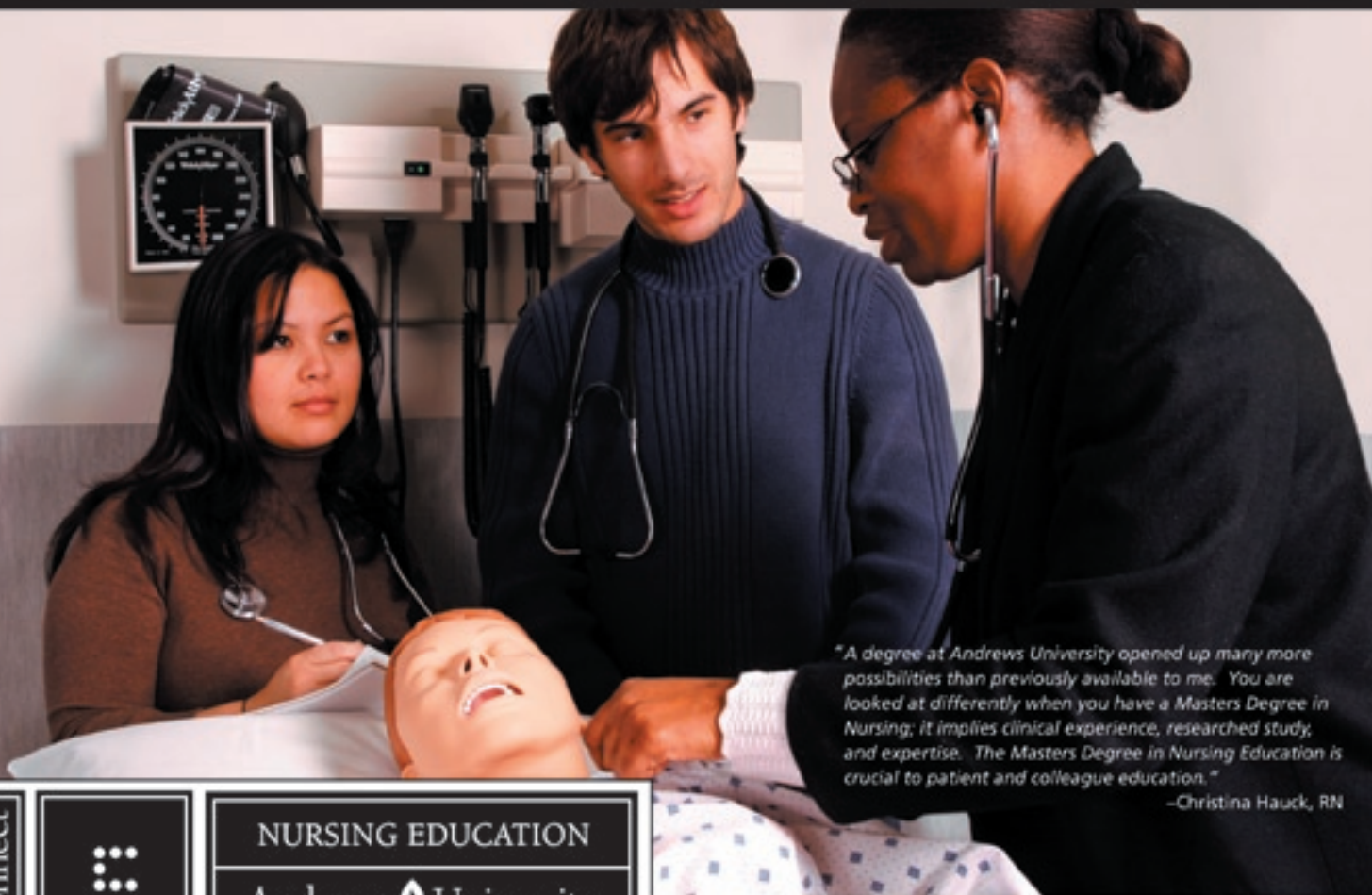
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