

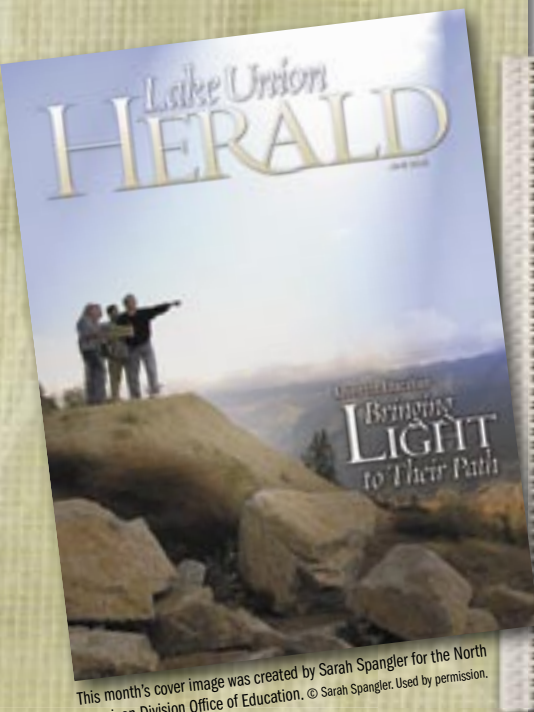
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In response to a rapidly changing society, Adventist education has embarked on a "Journey to Excellence." It stands to reason that in order to create a dynamic future, we must build on the strengths of the past. Yet the "Journey to Excellence" must also be about change.

This issue is dedicated to those who give so much of themselves to nurture our children. It is dedicated to their spirit of creativity and innovation that will result in school improvement and student advancement.

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Gary Burns, Editor



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**CAMP MEETING UPDATE:**

The dates for the Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting in Michigan printed last month have been changed. The new dates are: **August 12-14, 2005.** For more information, contact Duane O'Ffill at (906) 779-5554.

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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

## Why Do They Do It?

**B**oard members work as volunteers—that means for free. Teachers work for a fraction of the salaries their counterparts make in public schools. Churches make huge allocations in their budgets. Pastors take on the task of mediators and peacemakers. Parents sacrifice for years until their children graduate. Some anonymous members make secret payments to aid those without the wherewithal to enroll. Union conferences designate the largest percentage, by far, of their annual budgets. Children forego the possibility of playing competitive sports, and may miss out on the best facilities, libraries, laboratories, etc.

Why do all these individuals make extreme sacrifices for Christian education? Because they are convinced an education in the “school of the prophets” fits our young people for service to the King of kings. And by the way, I believe our church schools and academies should be just as committed to the Third Angel’s Message and the urge to share the good news about Jesus as any of our churches.

What a grand opportunity: The chance to influence children at an early and impressionable age, and to help raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord! In a Valuegenesis study I read a few years ago, I found it very interesting that the main reason parents do not send their children to church school is not about cost but convenience. Whoa! Did I say “convenience?” Yes, I did, and what a shame!

There are no better places than an Adventist home, church, and school to cooperate in fulfilling the command of Deuteronomy 6:6,7: “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Many are engaged in this work, and they do it without equivocation, excuse, or apology.

Why do they do it? They believe! They believe our children are a precious loan from the Lord, and that one day we must answer the query, “Where is the flock that I have loaned you?” May it be our privilege to answer, “Here they are, Lord—taught, trained, and committed.”

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

**Lake Region** René Renfroe was busy operating the switchboard when her mother, **Mildred Buright**, telephoned to tell her about a *Revelation Seminar* flier she received in the mail. René responded by saying she would like to see the “movie” about the book of Revelation at the advertised seminar.

A week later, René received another call from her mother reminding her of the meetings. They attended the class that evening. Returning home after the presentation, René found her whole night was turned upside down as she thought about what she had learned. She told her mother she couldn’t wait to attend the next class. René added, “I believe God has sent His angel to call us to come out of Babylon. ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen!’”



From left: Michael Cousins, pastor, baptizes René Renfroe while Steven Barber, pastor, baptizes her mother, Mildred Buright. Rosie Ratliff, church elder, assists.

René continued to be amazed at the way the pastor, Ralph Shelton, presented the information during the church’s *Revelation Seminar*. She never attended an Adventist church before and was awed by all the information she was learning.

Each night, René and Mildred could not wait to get home to discuss the truths being revealed. They eagerly looked forward to each Revelation class. Time seemed to drag slowly when there was no meeting and they had to wait for the next session. They wished the classes would never end.

Soon René and Mildred were talking about when they could be baptized and join their new-found church. That

day came on August 21, 2004, when René and Mildred were baptized together at the Conant Gardens Adventist Church. It was a joyful celebration as the women of the church welcomed them with hugs and kisses. They were “home at last.”

Matilda Martin, Conant Gardens Church communication leader, with Bruce Babienko, *Lake Union Herald*, volunteer correspondent

**Lake Region** Through the combined efforts of a *Revelation Seminar*, Walter Pearson’s “Experience the Power” telecast, personal Bible studies, and much prayer, twenty-seven people became new members of the Conant Garden Church. Here is one of their stories.

**Sean Wilkins** lived in Detroit with his aunt, Dorrette Tomlin, while his mother, Joan Tomlin-Wilkins, was moving and settling into her new job in California. He attended the “Experience the Power” satellite series shown at the Conant Garden Church. During the series, he sensed the promptings of God’s Spirit calling him to surrender his life. Sean later shared what was on his heart with Xavier Green, a pastor, at the church’s fellowship dinner. The next Sabbath, Ralph Shelton, senior pastor, made an appeal at the conclusion of his sermon and Sean made his decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Sean, accompanied by his two cousins, began meeting weekly with Xavier to study Bible lessons and establish their growing faith. With Christmas vacation fast approaching, Sean asked if he could have the rest of the printed lessons to take with him when he went to California to visit his mother. When Sean returned from his holiday trip, he had completed all the remaining Bible lessons and was ready for baptism.

With his mother settled into her new job, it was time for Sean to move to California as well. But before he made



Senior pastor Ralph Shelton baptized Sean Wilkins, assisted by Xavier Green, pastor; both pastors are from Conant Gardens Church in Detroit.

the move, he wanted to be baptized by his pastors who had played such an important part in his spiritual development. Although his mother had planned for him to arrive on a Friday, he made his travel arrangements for Sunday so he could get baptized on Sabbath.

Since a fire had earlier destroyed the Conant Gardens Church, Sean was baptized on February 12, 2005, at the Detroit City Temple Church. He now worships at Berea Adventist Church in Vallejo, California, each Sabbath.

Matilda Martin, Conant Gardens communication leader, with Bruce Babienco  
*Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent

**Wisconsin** Jerry and Patti Cohen have assisted Ric Swaningson, an evangelist, by coordinating pre-meeting work at churches since the summer of 2001. Last October, Jerry and Patti were scheduled to speak at Northwest Milwaukee's *Revelation Seminar*, while Ric conducted an evangelistic series at Green Bay, Wisconsin.



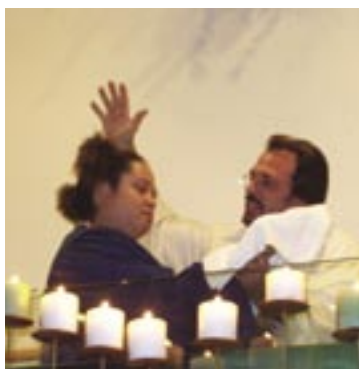
Diane, Sonya, and Adrienna Turner

They were excited about their assignment. However, just before the seminar began, Jerry had emergency surgery. It was decided Patti would teach the classes while Jerry recovered at home. A bit reluctant, but with a simple faith God would provide, Patti delivered the Bible lessons for eight evening classes and two Sabbath mornings until Ric could return from Green Bay to finish the series. God worked on the hearts of those who came, and seven people were baptized. Here is the testimony of three new members:

**Diane Turner** heard about the *Revelation Seminar* meetings in a brochure sent to her daughter Adrienna's home. Adrienna invited Diane and her sisters to go with her. Amazingly, Diane attended all 26 evening seminar classes, plus the ones on Sabbath mornings. She thought Patti was fantastic for the beginning classes, and deeply appreciated the presentations by Ric. She felt she



Diane Turner



Adrienna Turner

learned more in those meetings than in her lifetime in other congregations. At previous religious meetings, every time she was ready to make a commitment, it seemed something would get in the way to prevent it from happening. This time, God worked a miracle and she was able to finish what was started, and she rejoiced as she accepted new Bible truths and was baptized. Today, she thanks God for the gift of a precious church family and a pastor who cares for her.

**Adrienna Turner** prayed and hoped for someone to teach Revelation truths to her. She and her mother were frustrated their church never had in-depth Bible studies. They had questions because they believed they were living in the last days. It seemed the *Revelation Seminar* was an answer to their prayers.

When Adrienna attended the classes, she enjoyed learning what the symbolic language was teaching. She was now able to comprehend what had frustrated and confused her in the past. She was eager to research the material to better understand the messages of Revelation. Adrienna feels blessed to be baptized into a church family that teaches from the Bible and lives by the truths revealed in its pages.

**Sonya Turner** sought an intimate relationship with God as she worshipped in a variety of churches. Baptized at the age of five, she continued to grow in her faith while seeking a better understanding of the Bible. As she matured, she wanted a more satisfying relationship with Christ.

She found the *Revelation Seminar* at the Northwest Milwaukee Adventist Church interesting and enlightening. She had previously thought Revelation was a confusing book and believed its symbolism could not be understood. Never before had the book been opened up to her in such a clear and understandable way. She was amazed at how Revelation was explained and how new truths were discovered throughout the Bible.

During the meetings, Sonya sensed the Holy Spirit's call for her to surrender her life to Christ as He was revealed. She was baptized anew and is thankful she is now a member of the Adventist church.

Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent as shared by Patti Cohen



# Keeping Up With GOD

GOD ALWAYS GIVES ME SOMETHING TO SAY

BY ANGELA MCPHERSON

Located about halfway between Martinsville and Morgantown, Indiana, sits a little white country church. Mt. Nebo Community Church's historical records show the highest attendance ever recorded was 130, but on a typical Sunday there are around 15 worshipers. Brother Joe gives the Sunday school; Opal and Violet sing; Violet reads a poem or two and then she says, "It's all up to you now!" and I take the pulpit.

I'm Angela McPherson and am about a month shy of being 20 years old. Almost every Sunday morning around 11:00 a.m., you will find me in the pulpit at Mt. Nebo serving as the little congregation's "assistant pastor."

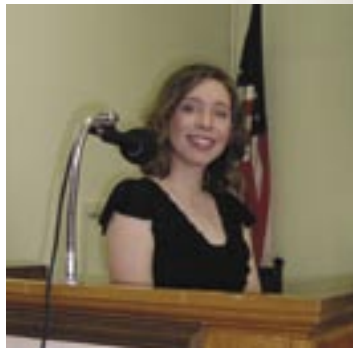
I'd say this whole thing started by accident, but then there are no accidents where God's providence is concerned. Let's just say I am constantly in awe of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I've been raised a Seventh-day Adventist, but since I *truly* gave my heart to Christ last year at the Indiana Conference Camp Meeting in Cicero, He's taken me on some awesome adventures.

For some time, my mom has worked for the Mt. Nebo congregation playing the piano. One day she asked my sister, Laurel, and I if we would have special music for "all those wonderful people who you'd just love!" So I went and, as mom predicted, I fell in love with the congregation! They radiated God's love and made me feel right at home.

Not long after I started accompanying my mom on a regular basis, their minister, Brother Marty, came up for candidacy at another church. So suddenly Mt. Nebo was on the lookout for a preacher.

"Can I volunteer you?" my mom asked. "Sure, if you want to!" I said. I had enjoyed the privilege of preaching on a few



Angela McPherson, a Seventh-day Adventist young person, is the "assistant pastor" of the Mt. Nebo Community Church.

youth Sabbaths at my own church, Chapel West, so I welcomed the opportunity to share God's word with my new friends.

The clock struck eleven o'clock. I gave my sermon at Mt. Nebo, and I couldn't have received more encouragement from the congregation. On my way out the door, Brother Bob stopped me to ask if they could count on me for another message sometime. "Yes, definitely, you can!" I told him. He countered with, "How about next Sunday?"

The following weeks have rapidly become a part of the little church's history since "next Sunday" has turned into my standing appointment. They have lovingly endowed me with the aforementioned title of "assistant pastor." They have showered me with love and encouragement, like all the best grandparents and relatives you could think of.

Preaching at Mt. Nebo has opened many doors for me, including a mission trip to India with the Cicero Church last October, preaching at other Adventist churches, and a recent visit as Cheri Peters' guest on Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). God always gives me something to say and is constantly revealing to me how incredible He is.

My experience at Mt. Nebo has helped me grow in my Christian walk more than I can measure. The responsibility of delivering His Word is an awesome privilege, what a huge blessing I've gained by putting my life in His hands! Please join me in praying for the wonderful people of Mt. Nebo who have welcomed me into their pulpit and their hearts. And pray for me so I can keep on "keeping up with God."

Angela McPherson is a member of the Chapel West Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.



# You Better BELIZE IT!

MATERIAL ITEMS DON'T EQUAL HAPPINESS

BY WENDY MANN

After much anticipation, late nights, and large amounts of procrastination, Wisconsin Academy's 2005 senior class, along with eleven adult sponsors, boarded a bus at 2 a.m. We had high hopes of reaching Punta Gorda, Belize, sometime the next day. As we left snowy, cold Wisconsin behind, we thanked God for the funds He had already provided to make this trip possible, and prayed we might be a blessing to the people we were about to meet. However, we were unprepared for the blessings we were to experience.

As we stepped out of the plane and into the sweltering heat of Belize City, the first part of our journey was quickly forgotten. Sweating through customs and gathering our luggage, we boarded yet another bus and began the last leg of our journey. What was supposed to be a five-hour ride turned into an eight-hour excursion due to a problem with bus brakes. Amazingly enough, we broke down in front of an Adventist family's home! We spent about an hour with the family and then continued on slowly through the mountains of Belize.

Arriving in Punta Gorda, we had our first taste of Belizean cuisine prepared by local Adventist women. We searched out our respected sleeping areas, and headed straight to bed knowing our work was cut out for us early the next morning.

Our goals were to continue building a four-classroom school (started last year by the 2004 senior class), to conduct a Vacation Bible School (VBS) in Punta Gorda and the surrounding villages, and to have as much fun as possible.

Rising early the next day to a very muggy morning, we started in on our respective tasks; we laid out plans, located supplies, moved dirt and leveled floors. Throughout the week, the construction crew cut rebar, constructed forms, poured the bond beam, poured floors, made tresses, and fastened on the roof. "One of the most rewarding things about our trip to Belize was being able to see something materialize out of our efforts," said Becca Helsius.

Throughout the week, the VBS crew held classes at four schools and visited two villages to distribute clothes. We have never in our lives experienced the excitement, vigor, and happiness these kids possessed. These kids alone made the whole trip worth it.

"One thing I enjoyed about VBS was the kids' smiles and how they sang at the top of their lungs," stated Sara Schaetzka.

As our week in Punta Gorda drew to a close, we looked forward to the two nights we would vacation on a private island. But, with heavy hearts and long faces, we said goodbye. The impact the people of Belize had on our class was immense. "Seeing how much they lack and yet how happy they are made me realize even more that material items don't equal happiness," said Swen Gillen.

We went to serve and to be a blessing to the people of Belize, but it is amazing how much more of a blessing we received in return. We will never forget our trip to Belize; the memory we have will always stay close to our hearts.

Sara Meulemans graduated from Wisconsin Academy in 2005.



Seniors work hard to get the building ready for the new roof.



The 2005 senior class from Wisconsin Academy poses in front of a welcome sign in Punta Gorda.



# FAMILY TIES

## Honoring Those We LOVE

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

While we want to have healthy relationships, some family interactions are based on habits that run contrary to the ways healthy relationships are built and maintained. Even though we may have learned many positive ways to relate in our families as we grew up, sometimes education and awareness can help us experience more of God's intended blessings in our lives.

Gary Smalley, in his video seminar series entitled "Homes of Honor: Love is a Decision," suggests, "The lower the value we attach to people, the easier we can 'justify' dishonoring them with our words or treating them with disrespect." In unhealthy relationships there is a lack of honor. Consciously, or unknowingly, family members are treated with little importance or value. This results in disconnected relationships where people are not allowed to think, talk, or feel.

### Encourage Thinking and Negotiation

Healthy relationships encourage thinking and negotiating. It is about getting excited about other's ideas, even embracing them and praising them for it, suggests Smalley.

### Encourage Honest Talking and Listening

If we were ignored, interrupted, or blamed whenever we spoke up as children, that unhealthy inherited tendency can easily be passed down to the next generation. When we encourage honest talking and listening, that fosters healthy self-acceptance.

### Encourage an Emotional Vocabulary

Men typically respond to a situation with logic by assessing the facts and formulating a plan. Given the right circumstances, they may recognize the emotions attached to the situation.

Women, however, tend to respond with their emotions first. Once

the facts are recognized and dealt with, they tap into their logic, which can be very effective in problem solving.

Husbands and wives demonstrate honor when they learn to listen to each other's emotional responses to life's challenges and accept their inherited differences. Home should be a safe place where children can learn an emotional vocabulary. These are tools that help build true intimacy.

### Encourage Connected Relationships

Parents can be neglectful and controlling at the same time. In disconnected relationships, the pain is so great people will seek to connect with something, or someone else. The potential alternatives include drugs and illicit relationships that bring immediate and temporary comfort. Being connected means thinking things through with a person, talking with them, being with them ... in other words, honoring them.

Thinking, talking, sharing feelings, and connecting are what God offers us. These are honoring behaviors, what God has directed us to do in honoring Him (Psalm 66:2).

Paul tells us to "give preference to one another in honor" (Romans 12:10). That would mean honoring, giving great value, to those whom we love, right?



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## *Finding Ways to* **COPE**

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

**Stress can elevate your blood pressure, blood sugar, and blood lipids.**

**A**re things out of control in your life? Are you faced with unrelenting pressures and deadlines? Maybe you are overcommitted and trying to do more than you can realistically accomplish in a given time. Do you feel overwhelmed by financial or family problems? Are you failing to achieve the high expectations you have set for yourself? Maybe you constantly feel fatigued, and are becoming inefficient, and enjoying life less and less.

The ongoing pressures of daily life can really wear you down. Unmanaged stress can lead to high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar and blood lipids, insomnia, ulcers and irritable bowel, tension headaches, backaches, allergies, and a depressed immune system with an increased susceptibility to infections and illness. Stress can also worsen an asthmatic condition.

Overloaded circuits have a way of blowing a fuse. With the constant pressure from stressful situations, many people experience lapses in concentration, memory failure, and depression. Unresolved stress can produce irregular heart-

beats, angina, and even premature heart attack. Stress can also quicken a person's breathing rate, causing shallow breathing and a minimal air exchange. Deep breathing can be a useful way to help a person to relax.

There are a number of other ways to cope effectively with ongoing stress:

- ▶ **Identify the stress factors in your life.**
- ▶ **Learn to set boundaries.**
- ▶ **Prioritize your tasks.**
- ▶ **Have a regular exercise program.**
- ▶ **Take time to relax, and get adequate sleep.**
- ▶ **Keep connected with supportive friends and family.**
- ▶ **Get involved with an enjoyable hobby.**
- ▶ **Have a sense of humor.**
- ▶ **Find time to serve those in real need.**
- ▶ **Take time for prayer and reflection on God's Word.**

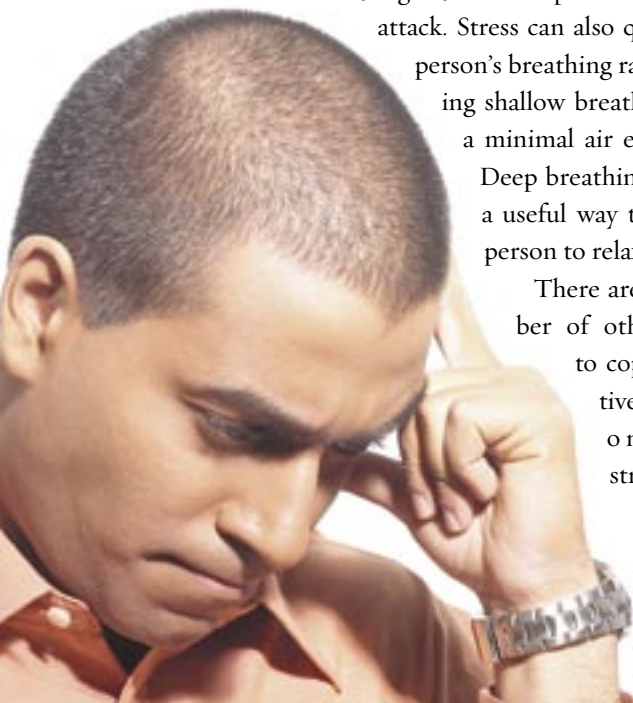
In addition, some people get help dealing with stress by recalling to memory an enjoyable occasion, a meaningful experience, or a peaceful moment they have personally experienced. These moments of quiet reflection include thoughtful contemplation of what Christ has done for them, remembering a favorite place on vacation, or recalling a good deed done to someone in need.

Stress may be substantially dissipated when God answers the earnest prayer:

“Lord give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Winston Craig is professor of nutrition at Andrews University.

**Overloaded circuits have a way of blowing a fuse.**





# EXTREME GRACE

## MESSIAH'S Message Marketing BY DICK DUERKSEN

Paul and his companions were on a missionary journey. You might even say they were checking out the market, and picking the low-lying fruit wherever they could.

In most cities they used their normal approach: Visit the synagogue on Sabbath. Stand during the “sharing time.” Read Messiah passages from Isaiah. Then tell the folks that these Scriptures have been fulfilled in the life of Jesus the Christ.

Usually a few wealthy merchants were “converted,” along with a crowd of women. The women, funded by the merchants, turned the city into a forum for Paul who told “The Good News” everywhere. Loudly. Everything would go well for a few days, then the opposition would grow, and the mayor would throw Paul out of town.

In Phrygia and Galatia the leaders shouted, “You cannot preach about Christ here,” even before Paul had cleared his throat.

Great brand awareness. Bad trends in sales.

Frustrated, they tried to cross the border into Bithynia, but couldn't get up the gumption to hand their passports to the guards. Every move seemed wrong, as if the Holy Spirit was holding a STOP sign in front of them. Unable to move, they cancelled all their marketing plans.

No new service line in Mysia. Doors closed.

No new product sales in Phrygia. Courts' command.

No educational center in Smyrna. Spirit cancelled all.

No expansion into Galatia. Paul silenced by God.

And that's when *Messiah's Message Marketing* took an entirely new turn—from disciple-planned to Spirit-called.

During the night Paul had a dream-vision. A giant stood over his bed, a man from Macedonia, his tunic embroidered with strange flags. Begging!

“Come over to Macedonia and help us!”

Again and again the man called, grimacing urgently. Paul slept little, and listened much.

Before dawn the disciples were following God toward Macedonia. Their brochures were not in the right languages. Their stories were not adapted to the Macedonian cul-

ture, yet they believed God was calling them to bring their product, “The Good News,” to a new world of potential customers.

The rest, as they say, is history. Lydia joined the group in Philippi, and started one of the world's strongest Christian congregations. They tried their old synagogue tactic in Philippi, got thrown into jail, and then released by God's midnight earthquake. Even as their normal marketing tactics failed, God brought down the house and converted much of the city.

In Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and Athens the stories were different, but the results the same. In each city they learned to minister in the Spirit's way. Sure, the results included riots, earthquakes, arguments, and midnight pasta dinners, but in each city God used them to organize a strong Christ-following congregation.

When they did it their way, using approaches that seemed to fit but brought few lasting results, they ended up sitting alone on the dock in Troas.

When they sat still, asked God's guidance, and listened to His expansive dreams, the world began to tilt God's direction.

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# A Message for All Nations

BY ANN FISHER

If you have a chance to witness the Parade of Nations that culminates each quinquennial General Conference (G.C.) Session, you will get an awesome sense of how global the Adventist Church is. This year in St. Louis, more than 200 countries will be represented.

Early Seventh-day Adventist believers were slow to catch the global mission vision. As immigrants came to the U.S. and accepted the Adventist faith, some wanted to return home and share the message. M.B. Czechowski, a Polish Catholic who joined the Adventist movement in 1857, approached church leaders with a request to return to Europe as an Adventist missionary.

Receiving no encouragement, he applied to another Adventist denomination, which sent him to Europe in 1864. Czechowski avoided telling his converts who was sponsoring him or where his Sabbath teachings came from; however, some of his Swiss converts discovered by accident the address of the Adventist headquarters in Battle Creek, Michigan. After receiving literature from Battle Creek, they requested an Adventist minister be sent to Switzerland to teach them.

In response, church leaders invited the interested group to send a delegate to the 1869 G.C. Session. That year the G.C. voted to form the “Missionary Society of the Seventh-day Adventists.” The June 15, 1869, edition of the *Review and Herald* reported that the purpose of the new mission society was to send the Adventist message “to foreign lands, and to distant parts of our own country, by means of missionaries, papers, books, tracts, etc.”

However, it was several years before the church united behind a mission program and sent John Nevins Andrews, the first church-sponsored missionary, to Switzerland in 1874. In 1888, S.N. Haskell was sent on a two-year itinerary around the world to survey the possibilities for opening mission work.

In 1890, the ship *Pitcairn* was built with Sabbath school offering money to carry missionaries to the South Pacific

islands. The ship made six missionary journeys between 1890 and 1899, visiting the Cook Islands, Pitcairn, Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji. The *Pitcairn* became a mission symbol, inspiring greater financial support for missions.

During the last part of the 19th century, Adventist missionaries went to India, Australia, and various countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Adventist pioneers organized churches, schools, and hospitals in these countries, establishing home bases that would eventually sponsor their own missionaries.

Today, Adventists send missionaries *from all the world to all the world*. There are endless opportunities for mission service through student-missionary programs and organizations like Adventist Volunteer Service, Global Mission, Adventist Frontier Missions, Maranatha Volunteers International, Adventist World Aviation, and Global Evangelism.

The church’s educational system is designed to prepare youth in each world division for service at home or abroad. Every Adventist is a missionary—at home, at school, across the street, at work, or on special assignment in a foreign culture. Adventists take Christ’s commission seriously when He said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15 TNIV).

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Ann Fisher writes from Walla Walla, Washington.



# More Than Books

STUDENTS LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH IN PRACTICAL WAYS

BY SARAH CANADA

How much of a difference can little kindergartners, first graders, and second graders make in a week and a half? Well, if you were to visit my classroom at Oakwood Junior Academy you would meet some of the most influential missionaries I know.

While studying a social studies unit on making a difference in other's lives, a student mentioned she wished there was some way my students could help the people hurt by the tsunami in Southeast Asia. After a quick look at the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) website, the students knew what they wanted to do.

To fund the project, we put a notice in our January newsletter encouraging students to save all their pocket change. The collected funds would then be used to purchase items online to assist survivors of the tsunami.

Friday Bible Labs came soon enough, and it was time for the class to count the money saved. In just a week, our 12 students raised \$74.66. There was no missing the excitement on their little faces as they stood in a group around the computer to make their Internet purchases. It's hard to believe that in just twenty minutes, we bought biscuits, buckets of water, flip flops, clothing, tarps, water purification tablets, hygiene kits, blankets, and kitchen sets for the victims of the tsunami.

Another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others occurred one Sabbath at a social gathering that included students in grades 7–10 from nearby Adventist schools and churches. The afternoon began with upper grade students from Oakwood Junior Academy and Greater Lansing Adventist School going to downtown Detroit, armed with steaming bowls of soup and chili, accompanied by sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, hot chocolate, warm clothing, and stacks of Adventist literature.



*Sarah Canada and her K-2 class purchased items online for tsunami victims.*

After spending a cold, blustery winter day on the streets of Detroit, students from First Flint Elementary, Greater Lansing Adventist School, Jackson Elementary, Metropolitan Junior Academy, Warren Junior Academy, and Oakwood Junior Academy, were rewarded with fun seasonal activities.

This experience brought to mind many memories singing, feeding, clothing, and talking with the homeless of Detroit when I was a student at Oakwood Junior Academy. I was reminded that outreach is still an essential mission for us today, and that these and similar activities planned by our local schools is another reason to celebrate Christian education.

Our schools may be small, but by working together, we can show our children how exciting Adventist education can be. Christian education is more than books. It provides an opportunity for teachers, parents, church members, and youth to experience the special blessings of learning to live out our faith in practical ways.

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## “Educación para la eternidad”

POR CARMELO MERCADO

Nunca olvidaré el día cuando vi por primera vez el letrero que dice “Andrews University”. Era el año 1971 y era la primera vez que me iba de mi casa en Nueva York. Mi familia estaba muy a favor de que yo asistiera a la Universidad de Andrews pero no tenía suficiente dinero para ayudarme con los gastos de estudio, así que llegué a Andrews con algo de ansiedad. Recuerdo que al principio yo había dudado mucho de que pudiera ir tan lejos a estudiar siendo tan limitados mis recursos. Por esta razón también había enviado solicitudes a tres universidades seculares en Nueva York.

Todas las universidades aceptaron mi solicitud y hasta me ofrecieron becas para cubrir todos mis gastos. Pero yo prefería estudiar en un ambiente adventista y conocer a otros jóvenes y maestros adventistas. Así que decidí ir a Andrews con pocos recursos y un poco de fe.

Cuando comencé a estudiar mi meta era seguir la carrera de medicina. Pero en mi tercer año de estudios un joven me preguntó si yo estuviera dispuesto a dedicar un año para servir como estudiante misionero en Bolivia. Sentí el deseo de hacer algo para Dios así que acepté el llamado. A pesar de no tener ninguna preparación pastoral, la misión boliviana me dio la responsabilidad de predicar y pastorear una iglesia pequeña. Cuando terminé mi tiempo de servicio me di cuenta que Dios quería que yo trabajara en la línea pastoral. Regresé a Andrews con una nueva determinación de estudiar y prepararme para trabajar para Dios. Cuando



me gradué en 1976 me acerqué a mis padres, les mostré el diploma y les dije—“Gracias por guiarme a conocer a Dios y a conocer su voluntad para mí”.

En la actualidad, en mis viajes veo aún a muchos de los que se graduaron conmigo, ya casados y con sus hijos que también estudian en escuelas adventistas. Al revisar mi vida me doy cuenta que mis años escolares en un ambiente ad-

ventista formaron una parte vital de mi crecimiento espiritual. Es interesante notar que en un estudio llamado AVANCE que se hizo de familias hispanas adventistas se demostró claramente que hay mucha más probabilidad que los jóvenes que estudian en escuelas adventistas se mantengan fieles a la iglesia que si estudiaran en una escuela secular.

Quizás usted se pregunte:—“Pastor, ¿cómo puedo yo enviar a mis hijos a estudiar en nuestras escuelas? Los recursos son tan limitados”. Es cierto que la educación cristiana es costosa y que pareciera estar fuera de nuestro alcance. Pero yo me alegro que Dios nos ha dado una promesa que nos anima cuando nos vemos tan limitados. En Mateo 6:33 nos dice lo siguiente: “Más bien, buscad primeramente el reino de Dios y su justicia, y todas estas cosas os serán añadidas”.

Mi oración es que el Señor siga guiando a nuestras familias hispanas para que usen todos los recursos disponibles (especialmente la fe) para guiar a sus hijos a ser fieles discípulos de Cristo.

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



## Adventist GlenOaks Hospital Marks Twenty-Five Years

Part of the Seventh-day Adventist healthcare family since 1997, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, in Glendale Heights, Ill., celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2005.

During the early 1970s, area leaders rallied to develop a community hospital in Glendale Heights. On Dec. 18, 1977, more than 200 community residents attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Glendale Heights Community Hospital. The hospital opened for business on Mar. 9, 1980. It was dedicated on Apr. 7, 1980. The hospital has grown to serve 50,000 patient visits annually, with a 275-member medical staff. Today, the 186-bed faith-based hospital offers acute care, obstetrics, cardiology, radiology, and behavioral health and wellness programs.

The full-service medical-surgical hospital includes a 24-hour emergency department, a 25-bed obstetrics department, a ten-bed cardiac and intensive care section, as well as diagnostic laboratories. The five-wing, two-story facility serves the Illinois communities of Glendale Heights, Addison, Bloomington, Carol Stream, and Glen Ellyn.

The hospital became affiliated with Hinsdale Hospital on Nov. 24, 1982, and in 1997, both hospitals became part of the Adventist Health System Midwest Region, now known as Adventist Midwest Health. Since 1998, Brinsley Lewis has served as chief executive officer.

The hospital keeps abreast with advances in technology to upgrade diagnostic treatment capabilities and enhance its commitment to quality health-care by delivering speedy outpatient and emergency services. Adventist GlenOaks encourages its community to become active partners in its healthcare through a wide variety of outreach programs, screenings, support groups, and lectures.

As Adventist GlenOaks Hospital marks its first quarter-century of service, it announced plans to renovate and expand its emergency medicine department and services. Fund-raising has begun, and groundbreaking is anticipated in 2006.

The hospital began offering behavioral health services for adults and children in 1981, and over the years, developed programs for inpatient, outpatient, and educational support. GlenOaks Hospital opened its widely-respected Therapeutic Day School for high school students in 1995, and lower grade school in 1999, for students from DuPage, Kane, and Cook counties.

GlenOaks was the first hospital in DuPage County to dedicate its entire obstetric unit to labor-delivery-recovery-postpartum suites.



Seven 25-year employees of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, (from left) Sue Karau, Carol Rohrsen, Elisa Mercado, Barbara Obenza, Karen Larson, Mary Clark, and Nancy Botts, share cake-cutting responsibilities with Brinsley Lewis, CEO, (center). The hospital celebrated its 25th anniversary Mar. 9, 2005.

In Nov. 2004, the hospital's name changed to Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. Recently, the hospital installed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and initiated a Star 3 program to fast-track outpatient diagnostics and results.

Lynn Larson, Adventist Midwest Health, Lake Union  
*Herald* correspondent

### What do some of the 25-year employees have to say about Adventist GlenOaks Hospital?

"GlenOaks has a friendly, Christian, nurturing environment where employees are free to grow and make contributions." —*Mary Clark, R.N., Quality Management coordinator*

"It's a small hospital with a family atmosphere where you can take care of patients the way you would want your family cared for." —*Carol Rohrsen, R.N., Cardiac Testing*

"Administration supports the staff and is receptive to their needs." —*Karen Larson, Geri/Psych secretary*

"The hospital's friendly atmosphere fosters knowing individuals in every department, which improves our communication with staff and patients." —*Sue Karau, Rehabilitation Services office coordinator/treatment assistant*

"At Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, we treat patients and co-workers like family." —*Peggy Burke, R.N., Intensive Care*



Adventist GlenOaks Hospital



## New Website Unveiled

Andrews University has a new look! On Apr. 19, 2005, Andrews unveiled its brand-new website, which includes a completely redesigned look and feel that gave the site a much-needed update. The website, which hadn't seen a major update in about five years, has been overhauled with new content, photography, and a fresh design that provides a more user-friendly site.

The result of well over a thousand hours of development, one of the major strengths of the new website is that it is built on a content management system (CMS), which allowed the web developers to separate the website's content from the design and programming. This long-overdue improvement will allow users to edit and create Web pages without the technical expertise normally required or the need to rely on the Web coordinator for everyday tasks such as content updates.

"The new design not only gives Andrews a new presence, but together with the CMS, provides a framework for continual improvement," said Martin Lee, Web coordinator.

The Apr. 19 launch marked Phase 1 in the website redesign plan, with the rollout of Andrews' main landing pages, some of which include the *About Andrews*; *Attending Andrews*; *Academics*; *Current Students*; and *Faculty and Staff* pages, as well as the new *Life@Andrews* section, which includes information on all aspects of campus life and Midwestern living. Work is currently being done to update all of the individual departmental pages.

Some of the features of the new website include a calendar that provides quick access to upcoming events, a Web cam with live campus shots, and "The Week in Pictures," which provides photographic highlights of the previous week.

"The new website is dynamic, and I found more useful information," said Kelli Karst, junior speech pathology and audiology major. "This is an important resource for our university, and I really like the new look."

Log on to [www.andrews.edu](http://www.andrews.edu) to see the new face of Andrews!

Beverly Stout, University Relations correspondent

## New Planned Giving and Trust Services Director Appointed

For most people, the term "estate planning" is not part of their everyday vocabulary, but for Tari Popp that phrase is at the core of her job as the newly-appointed Trust Services director. Officially appointed as director in Mar. 2005, Popp has served as acting director since last Sept. She has worked in the Trust Services department in some capacity for almost 24 years.



Tari Popp

After receiving her B.S. in accounting from Andrews in 1981, Popp, a native of Seattle, Wash., began working in the Andrews financial records department. Over the next 11 years, Popp handled much of the accounting work for the Trust Services program. She received denominational trust officer certification in 1988. In 1992, Popp officially began working in the Planned Giving and Trust Services department as trust accountant. In 2000, she accepted the position of trust administration officer before taking the position as acting director in 2004.

Popp's position consists mainly of overseeing and assisting trustors with their estate plans and deferred gifts to Andrews. While most people are not familiar with the nature of her job, Popp sees it as a real ministry to the community. "Over 60 percent of our trustors come from the Berrien Springs community," says Popp. "We have the opportunity to both build and maintain relationships with trustors."

Popp enjoys developing relationships with people who are excited about helping Andrews University. "They really want to help educate the future leaders of the church," says Popp.

Kyle Baldwin, University Relations student newswriter



# Lifetime Commitment to Adventist Education

UNENDING LOVE, DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICES

BY ALTHEA ELLIOTT

My parents' lifetime mission was to provide their children with a Christian home where our spiritual, educational, and physical needs were met.

It wasn't until my dad, George Spears, was in his mid-thirties that he came across the *Faith for Today* program and asked to begin Bible studies. His studies led to his baptism at the Ashland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ashland, Kentucky, where he still worships every Sabbath.

His desire after baptism was to meet a Christian woman who shared his beliefs and values. Little did he know God was already working in many ways to connect him with my mother, Brenda Spears.

Like my father, mother did not grow up holding any particular religious beliefs, but she was very open to attending church with my dad. After hearing many sermons, attending church functions, and engaging in discussions with the pastor and my dad, she made her decision to join the church as well.

As their relationship grew they discussed marriage. They both desperately wanted to have children, but the prospects were slim due to a childhood illness. They

had been married nearly two years when they received the wonderful news they would have a child whom they later named Althea. Four years later they were thrilled with the birth of another answer to prayer, a son they named Aaron. Thinking their family was complete, they were pleasantly surprised to learn they would have another child, a girl they named Andrea.

Education for us began in our home. Our parents provided quality learning materials and spent as much time as they could with us. Finding time to spend with us was not always easy since they both worked full time. Yet we have many fond memories of family worship, going to Sabbath school, church, Vacation Bible School, making cookies, holidays, as well as other special educational/fun vacations.

Once we were old enough, we attended the local church school. Mom and Dad were intent on not only sending us to Seventh-day Adventist schools, but wanted us to attend where we could all succeed, even if it wasn't always convenient. It became necessary for us to attend the Valley View Seventh-day Adventist Church School, located between Jackson and Waverly, Ohio.

My parents realized sending us to this school would be a great sacrifice. My dad was working at a fruit market and was about to begin nursing school, not to mention that the distance to school was 138 miles one way. However, my parents were both determined to provide us with the best education possible and felt confident they should make whatever sacrifices necessary in order for us to be successful. This meant buying a car with a backseat that would fold down so we could sleep on our way to school. It also meant waking up



From left clockwise: George, Andrea, Althea, Aaron, and Brenda Spears



at 4:00 a.m. so we could get to school by 8:00 a.m. After a long day at school, we arrived home around 6:00 p.m., where we would do homework, take baths, and be in bed no later than 8:00 p.m.

In addition to this rigorous schedule, our family attended every school event, which meant a lot of extra driving on the weekends. Overall, we spent four years at Valley View. In the meantime our local church school developed to where it needed to be, both academically and spiritually, and we resumed our education there.

My parents' commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education and involvement did not stop when we finished elementary school. Instead, it became stronger as we each completed four years at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, and four years at Andrews University.

During Andrea's eighth grade year at Ashland Seventh-day Adventist School, my brother's sophomore year at Shenandoah Valley Academy, and my first year at Andrews University, my mother informed us she may have Lou Gehrig's Disease, known as ALS. Within a few months, the doctors confirmed the diagnosis and indicated my mother would not be expected to live more than three to four years. In spite of this tragic news, my parents' faith grew stronger. My mother taught us that even in tragedy a lot of good things can take place.

Her commitment, love for us, and desire to see us graduate influenced her decision to be placed on life support, which she had always been against. Another contributing factor is that Lou Gehrig's Disease destroys the body, not the mind. And it couldn't destroy the love my mother had for God, her family, and her church.



*Althea Elliott at her graduation.*



With the help of life support, she and my father traveled many miles, at the risk of possible death, to see all of us graduate from high-school, college, and even graduate school. Apart from travel expenses to see each of us graduate, she used a great portion of her monthly disability check to pay for our schooling.

Thanks to the sacrifices of my parents, I graduated with a degree in elementary education from Andrews University and currently teach at Cross Street Christian School in Anderson, Indiana. My brother, Aaron, graduated from Andrews University with a degree in biochemistry and plans to attend medical school. My sister Andrea also graduated from Andrews University with a degree in animal science pre-veterinary medicine and plans to attend veterinary school.

My parents' lifetime mission for us to complete our elementary, secondary, and college education in Adventist Christian schools was achieved due to their unending love, dedication, and many personal sacrifices. When asked if it was worth it, my parents have said without hesitation, "Yes!"

My sister, brother, and I will always be grateful to our parents for making sacrifices to provide the very best home and education for us. We only hope with God's help we can provide the same for our children.

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Althea Elliott teaches grades pre-k and kindergarten at Cross Street Christian School in Anderson, Indiana.

**Note:** *Althea's mother, Brenda Lynnette Ross-Spears, died Sunday, December 19, 2004, on a trip to see Althea graduate and earn her master's degree in elementary education.*



# Adventist Education Through a Father's Eyes

BY DON SCHNEIDER

Jesus is my Savior. He's my Friend. He became special to me when I was a student at Wisconsin Academy. It was Friday night, my senior year. I had been challenged by students and by staff. I was in an environment where it could happen. So that Friday night I went into my room—No. 139 in the guy's dorm—locked the door, knelt by my bed, and gave my life to Jesus. What an exciting thing it was! Nothing in my entire life has compared to that event.

The next morning, as I walked across the campus with Jim Clizbe, I was singing, "I've wandered far away from God, but now I'm coming home." Jim didn't understand. He didn't know what had happened to me the night before. So he exclaimed, "Man, you've changed keys three times already!" But to me the key was not important. The message—Jesus had become my Savior—that was all important. That was everything!

Our family had met Jesus earlier in northern Wisconsin. There hadn't been much of a spiritual life in our home. But, the head elder gave us Bible studies, we became Seventh-day Adventist Christians, and I was enrolled in the Adventist elementary school.

In that school, in Merrill, Wisconsin, Mrs. Doyle taught me to pray. I'd never had that experience before. Mrs. Doyle taught our family about the Sabbath and how to keep it. She taught *me*, and I explained it to my parents. One day my mother said, "If Mrs. Doyle said it in church school, it must be right, so we have to do it." Mrs. Doyle had a lot of influence on the way we did things around our house.

That Adventist church school gave me the opportunity to learn about the Bible. Once, when I visited my grandmother, she said to me, "I've heard that there is something in the Bible called the Twenty-third Psalm. I've never seen it. Could you find it for me?" Because of Mrs. Doyle and the Adventist church school, I could easily find the Twenty-third Psalm. Church school made a difference.

Naturally, that experience affects me every day of my life. So, when Marti and I met (at an Adventist college), were married, and had children, we obviously had to take them to the Adventist school.

In a box at our house is the picture of our little boy holding his Snoopy lunch box, just before we took him to his first day of school at the Adventist school in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Later, our daughter entered the first grade in the Adventist school in Casper, Wyoming. Do you know what we wanted from those teachers? It wasn't very difficult. We had only one boy and one girl. Our mission for those teachers was, "Please, do everything possible so that boy will be in Jesus' kingdom. Please do everything possible, 'cause we want to live with that girl in Heaven." That's what we wanted from Adventist education.

Our two children graduated from Adventist academies, colleges, and universities. I kind of hope their education prepared them for their chosen professions. But the thing that is absolutely crucial to me is that they both know Jesus Christ personally.



Don Schneider Jr. looks forward to his first day of school at Helen Hyatt Elementary in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Don Schneider is president of the Adventist Church in North America. This article was edited by Ann Fisher from a presentation he made at the 2000 NAD teachers' convention.

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# Lessons I Learned from My Students This Year

BY JANE GRIPPEN JAFFERI

There's a lot of talk about lifelong learning these days. It's a reality none of us can avoid. Some of our best lessons, however, will surprise us like daisies popping up from the cracks in life's sidewalk. As a teacher, some of my best lessons have come not from my carefully-prepared lesson plans, but rather from the spontaneous responses of my students.

## Humility

One of the first lessons I learned this year was humility. As a veteran teacher, but a new Adventist, I sometimes felt overwhelmed by all my responsibilities. Making the transition from public high school English teacher to junior academy teacher of grades 5–8 kept me clinging to Jesus. Fortunately, my students have been quick to help and encourage me, “filling in the blanks” with answers I need. One student in particular, eleven-year-old Danny, has always been right there to do whatever I ask. His eager smile and willing heart have taught me much about what it means to be a servant leader.

## Perseverance

Another lesson I've learned is perseverance. When I'm frustrated or impatient, I think of Albert and his commitment to keep on going, even when the going is tough. He doesn't give up or stop trying, and he does it with a smile. That is a lesson for me in how to do everything, “heartily, as unto the Lord.”

## Laughter

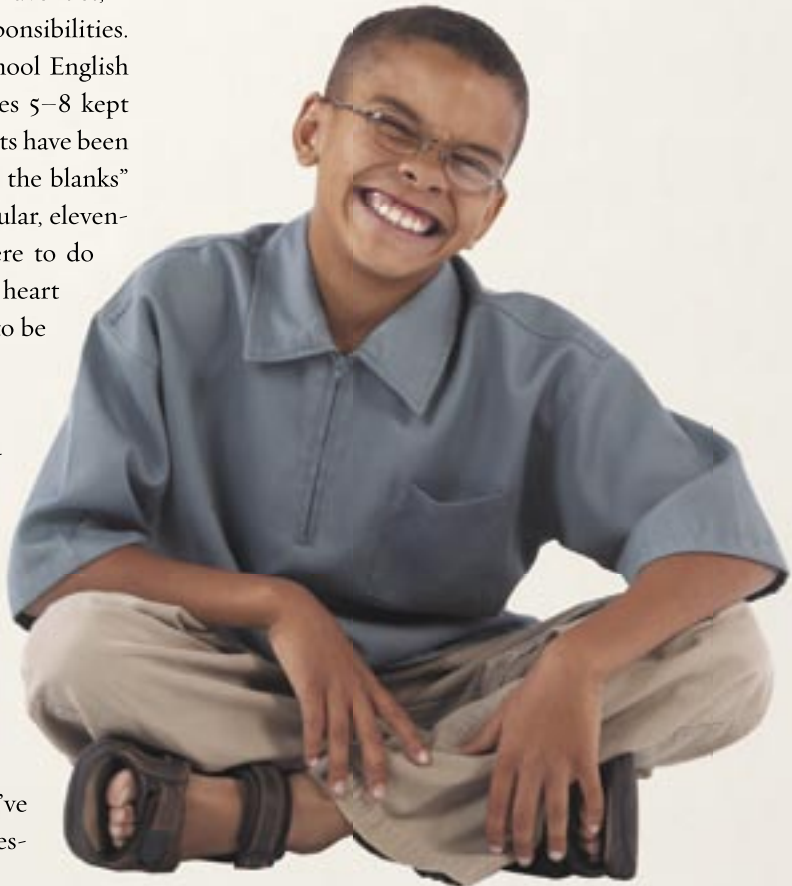
Perhaps the most important lesson I've learned this year from my students is the les-

son of laughter. When things get tense or tempers flare, sometimes it just makes sense to get silly. Sunshine, snow, and speeding sleds have a way of wooing us all back to sanity. And I love the look on my students' faces when they see me fly down that hill!

Yes, it's true that lifelong learning is a fact. A willing heart and a teachable spirit, however, are choices I make. Lord, give me both.

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Jane Grippen Jafferi teaches at Sharon Junior Academy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.





# Dahne Foster— My Spectacular Teacher

SHE INTRODUCED JESUS AND HIS MANY BLESSINGS IN MY LIFE

BY EDWIGE CHARLES

I met my teacher, Mrs. Foster, on the first day of elementary school. “Everyone, this is Edwige Charles. She is new at our school and I expect everyone to treat her like family here.” Those were the first words I heard her say. As I look back, my classmates did seem like family and my teacher was the mother.

Standing up there where I didn’t know anyone felt like being an alien in a foreign place. My heart was pounding like an African drum, and I was breathing faster than a humming bird as I stood there staring into faces I’d never seen before.

Looking for some kind of relief from my nervousness, I stared into the face of the person whose hand was resting on my shoulder, and saw spirit and determination. Right then, something about her made my fears and worries melt away as if they were snow on a hot summer day. Even as a little girl, I realized that I would never forget Mrs. Foster, or the things that she stood for.

My teacher had numerous qualities that I think are more than enough for her to qualify as a spectacular teacher. They include determination, fairness, strictness, patience, mercy, humor, and kindness to others—even to those who are undeserving.

One reason why I say my teacher had more determination than anyone else I know is because I’ve witnessed acts of it for many years. Dealing with many stubborn and disrespectful students for more than nine hours a day can be hard on anyone.



Dahne Foster

I’ve seen teachers and substitutes come and go, but Mrs. Foster stayed on for many years. She could even be as sick as a dog, but would refuse to call in sick and stay away from the school that she loved. Many days after school, when other teachers were going home, I saw her stay on tutoring children no matter how long it would take, or she would stay and wait for the children who stayed after school to be picked up. Nothing would keep Mrs. Foster away from the

school and the students that she dearly loved.

Another quality that always touched my heart was her fairness to her students. She wouldn’t punish you unless you really deserved it. She always gave everyone a second chance to admit their mistakes before punishing anyone. For instance, if you were late to class for three times in a row, you could expect a detention with any teacher. But it’s different with my teacher because if you had a very good reason for being late, like being sick, or going through traffic, then she would excuse the punishment. She wasn’t an ogre waiting for children to mess up so she could punish them. She was the kind of person who helped students avoid the problems and watch them succeed.

Strictness was another quality that Mrs. Foster had. She was the kind of teacher who would never accept lazy work from anyone. Mrs. Foster taught us the importance of education and always wanted us to try our hardest with our schoolwork. If I received a B on my report card or a test, and she knew I could do better, you could expect her to encourage you to do better next time. You



could never get away with looking sloppy in your school uniform, or behaving poorly in the classroom. She was very strict with appearance and how to behave. Because of her, many children (including me) can now behave well in class.

Mrs. Foster's patience was extraordinary. Since both of my parents worked, I stayed after school very often waiting for one of them to pick me up. Mrs. Foster put away her paperwork to talk to me about many things, like school and life. Sometimes she would even drive me home. Once I didn't complete an assignment because I didn't understand it. She worked with me on that assignment until I could do it backwards! She didn't care if you turned in assignments late if you needed help, or a little more time to finish it, as long as you understood the lessons, and you turned in quality work.

Her kindness was known everywhere. When students forgot their lunches, she would drive to Jewel or McDonalds or even give up her own lunch. On one occasion I forgot my lunch at home, and she gave me all of her homemade bread so I wouldn't be hungry. Another act of kindness is the time she arranged for the whole class to call me when I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Foster never gave anyone F's in her class. If you did badly on a test, of course she would help you and let you take the test over until your grades were better. She was known as everyone's grandma because she was sweet and caring, and cared with a passion about someone's school work.



Edwige Charles

Merciful would be another way of describing my spectacular teacher. Children make mistakes and do stupid things. Mrs. Foster understood that. She wouldn't punish you over little things if you had a good reason. My teacher was never a punishing person unless you absolutely deserved the punishment.

Lastly, her humor was one of my favorite qualities. Sometimes school can seem very boring. On days like that

my teacher would make you forget all of the bad things in your life just by making you laugh. She made learning fun instead of a routine. On gloomy days, she'd make us forget the weather or troubles just by making friendly jokes so we weren't in a bad mood to learn.

Mrs. Foster's goal was to educate children to see them flourish in the world. On my first day of school, I was nervous about change. Mrs. Foster opened up a new world of learning for me since that day. I learned a lot of things from her. She taught me how changes can be learning experiences that help you grow. She helped me to prepare for the many hardships of life. She introduced Jesus and His many blessings in my life. Mrs. Foster taught me how to bring my problems to God by praying. Most of all, Mrs. Foster taught me how to be a good person and a daughter of Christ.

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Edwige Charles attended Beverly Hills School in Chicago, Illinois, for elementary school. She just finished her freshman year at Seton Academy, where she received an award for this tribute essay.



# Journey to Excellence: Academics

BY GARRY SUDDS

“In the 21st century Adventist education must build on the strengths of the past to create a dynamic future. It must be about the work of innovative change, which will result in school improvement.”

—*Journey to Excellence*, NAD Office of Education

Excellence in Adventist education does not happen by chance. It comes as a result of an organizational culture which fosters continual, planned improvement. When all aspects of a school’s environment work together—visionary leaders, dedicated teachers, committed parents, supportive constituents, motivated students—quality schools emerge.

One indicator of the level of academics in Adventist schools is reflected in how our students score on the

Iowa Test of Basic Skills by Riverside Publishing. On an annual basis, over ten million students across the United States participate in this standardized testing program. Norming samples for each grade level are based on the scores of over 300,000 students. The percentile rankings below reflect how our students have performed against all other students at a given grade level.

While our system continues to strive for excellence, the scores reflect that we are definitely heading in the right direction. Let’s take a look at the GOOD NEWS!!!

Garry Suds is the Lake Union Conference associate director for education.

Lake Union Summary of Iowa Test of Basic Skills: 2004  
(Grades 3–9)

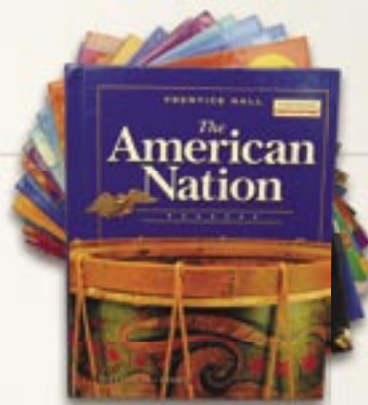
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5	85 %	83 %	73 %	82 %	83 %	81 %
6	82 %	78 %	73 %	79 %	82 %	80 %
7	84 %	80 %	73 %	82 %	80 %	83 %
8	84 %	82 %	75 %	77 %	78 %	83 %
9	79 %	77 %	72 %	74 %	74 %	77 %

Note: There are approximately 325 students per grade level in Lake Union schools.

Note: Percentile rank is based on national school norms.

# Journey to Excellence: Curriculum

BY GARRY SUDDS



“An effective journey to excellence requires careful planning. Resources must be allocated at all organizational levels in new and creative ways to support school improvement initiatives.”

—*Journey to Excellence*, NAD Office of Education

Adventist schools are to be safe and nurturing environments where the curriculum is delivered in a relevant and meaningful manner. For this to be accomplished, Adventist educators must utilize curriculum materials in each subject area which best reflect the system’s goals. These include: acceptance of God, commitment to the church, interpersonal relationships, responsible citizenship, healthy balanced living, intellectual development, communication skills, personal management, aesthetic appreciation, career preparation, and Christian service.

The Adventist system of education strives to update curriculum materials on a five-year rotation basis. In the past two years, major curriculum updates implemented in Lake Union schools include the areas of mathematics, science, music, and art.

In Fall 2005, students in our schools will experience a new social studies curriculum. Seeking to provide the very best for our schools, the North American Division Curriculum Committee selected materials from two major publishers. Social Studies textbooks adopted for use in Lake Union elementary schools this fall are shown below.

For additional information on Adventist education, visit: <http://www.nadeducation.adventist.org> and <http://www.circle.adventist.org/j2e/>.

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Kindergarten



First Grade



Second Grade



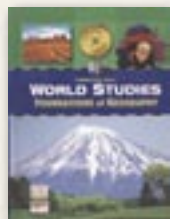
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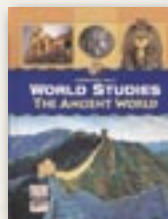
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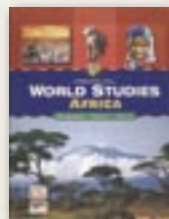
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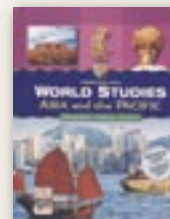
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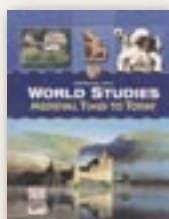
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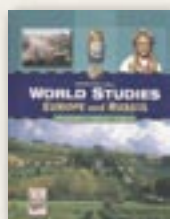
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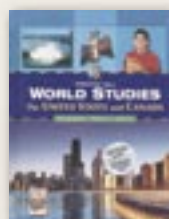
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Seventh Grade (4)



Eighth Grade

**Note:** Grades 6 and 7 will each utilize four mini-books to be taught on a quarter-year basis.





# Lake Union Conference Schools

## Illinois Conference

**James Martz: (630) 734-0920**

[www.illinoisadventist.org](http://www.illinoisadventist.org)

Alpine Christian School  
Beverly Hills Elementary School  
Broadview Academy  
Downers Grove Elementary School  
Hinsdale Adventist Academy  
Joliet-Lockport Elementary School  
Marion Elementary School  
North Aurora Elementary School  
North Shore Junior Academy  
Peoria Elementary School  
Richland Bridge Christian School  
SDA Christian School of Lake County  
Sheridan Elementary School  
Springfield Elementary School  
Thompsonville Christian School

## Indiana Conference

**Archie Moore: (317) 844-6201**

[www.indianaadventist.org](http://www.indianaadventist.org)

Aboite Christian School  
Adventist Christian Academy  
Cicero Adventist Elementary  
Cross Street Christian School  
Door Prairie Adventist School  
Elkhart Adventist Christian School  
Evansville Adventist School  
Indiana Academy  
Indianapolis Junior Academy  
Lucille Lutz Elementary School  
Northwest Adventist Christian School  
Pleasantview Christian School  
South Bend Junior Academy  
Spencer Adventist Christian School  
Terre Haute Adventist School

## Lake Region Conference

**Edward Woods: (773) 846-2661**

[www.lakeregionsda.org](http://www.lakeregionsda.org)

Calvin Center Elementary School  
Capitol City Elementary School  
Chicago SDA Elementary  
Fairhaven Elementary School  
Mizpah Elementary School  
Peterson-Warren Academy  
Peterson-Warren Elementary  
Sharon Junior Academy  
South Suburban School

## Michigan Conference

**Duane Roush: (517) 316-1550**

[www.misda.org](http://www.misda.org)

Adelphian Junior Academy  
Alpena Elementary School  
Andrews Academy  
Ann Arbor Elementary School  
Battle Creek Academy  
Battle Creek Elementary School  
Berrien Springs Village Elementary  
Blue Water SDA Elementary School  
Cedar Lake Elementary School  
Charlotte Elementary School  
Eau Claire Elementary School  
Escanaba Elementary School  
First Flint Elementary School  
Glenwood Union Elementary School  
Gobles SDA Junior Academy  
Grand Rapids Adventist Academy  
Grayling SDA Elementary  
Great Lakes Adventist Academy  
Greater Lansing Adventist School  
Harbor Light SDA School  
Hastings SDA Elementary  
Holland SDA Elementary  
Ionia SDA Elementary  
Ithaca SDA Elementary  
Jackson SDA Elementary  
Kalamazoo SDA Junior Academy  
Ledges SDA Elementary  
Lenawee SDA Elementary School  
Metropolitan Junior Academy  
Mio SDA Elementary  
Mount Pleasant SDA Elementary  
Munising SDA Elementary  
Muskegon SDA Elementary  
Niles SDA Elementary  
Northview Junior Academy  
Oak Hollow Christian School  
Oakwood Academy  
Onaway SDA Elementary  
Owosso SDA Elementary  
Petoskey SDA Elementary  
Pine Mountain Christian School  
Prattville SDA Elementary  
Ruth Murdoch SDA Elementary School  
Traverse City Elementary  
Tri-City SDA Junior Academy  
Troy Adventist Academy

Warren SDA Elementary  
Waterford Elementary  
Wilson SDA Junior Academy  
Woodland SDA School

## Wisconsin Conference

**Ken Kirkham: (608) 241-5235**

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Bethel Junior Academy  
Branch Christian School  
Fox Valley SDA Elementary  
Frederic SDA Elementary  
Green Bay Junior Academy  
Hillside Christian School  
Lakeland SDA Elementary  
Maranatha SDA Elementary  
Meadow Creek Adventist School  
Milwaukee Junior Academy  
Otter Creek Christian Academy  
Petersen SDA Elementary  
Thompson Lake Christian School  
Three Angels Christian School  
Woodland Adventist School  
Wisconsin Academy

## Andrews University

**Contact: (800) 253-2874**

[www.andrews.edu](http://www.andrews.edu)

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The Seventh-day Adventist Church in all of its church-operated schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools; and makes no discrimination on the basis of race in administration of educational policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

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**SHARE**  
**THE LIGHT**  
*Church Ministries Convention*



# SHARE THE LIGHT

BY RODNEY GROVE



It is so exciting to see that the church throughout the Lake Union territory has discovered a finished work will never be accomplished if only the trained clergy are involved. Lay members and pastors have accepted the challenge and are ready to take the next step under

Prince Emmanuel in the great battle for the souls of men, women, and children.

Will you be the next lay evangelist or support person to train for this exciting work? Come and accept the personal challenge the Lord has given each of us. Discover the ministry God has designed specifically for you to be involved in. Remember, in a little while He that shall come, will come, to take us home to live with Him forever.

*Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president*

## The Share the Light Church Ministries Convention

provides training workshops in various aspects of church life and programs designed to optimize evangelistic tools and opportunities.

### SEMINARS:

**Intercessory Prayer**—The Bible is filled with examples and principles of prayer. A key component of Jesus' prayer life was interceding for those He encountered in His ministry. Learn how to follow Jesus' example in praying for those around you, and how prayer can become the most effective component of evangelism.

**Family Life**—Families are in crisis all around us. Learn how to recognize and respond to opportunities to help families cope with today's challenges. The principles for making family ministry an evangelistic outreach will be presented. Information, training, and resources will be available so you can start a family ministry in your church.

**Diversity in Worship**—Hear biblical principals of worship and how they can be applied in a variety of ways to meet the spiritual needs of a diverse population.

**Women's Ministry**—Learn how to make women's ministry an evangelistic outreach, while meeting a variety of needs and enhancing the life of the local church.



**netAdventist.org**—Learn how a simple, yet highly-effective software module can empower a church to generate and monitor spiritual interests in an organized, methodical, and field-tested manner. Welcome to the cutting edge of evangelism!

**Communication**—Evangelism and church life is all about communication. Learn how to effectively reach people in the community and create a sense of community among your members.

**Making Disciples**—The Gospel Commission is a command by our Savior to “go and make disciples.” Only disciples can make disciples. Learn what it means to become a disciple of Jesus so you are effective in making disciples of Jesus.

**Evangelism 101**—A basic overview of public evangelism and evangelistic preaching. Receive information on how to conduct an evangelistic crusade—developing interests, leading people to Christ, and follow-up assimilation.

**Getting Decisions**—Learn how to lead people to a life commitment for Jesus Christ.

**Computers**—Today's advancing computer technology is becoming a powerful tool in reaching people for God's kingdom. Discover creative ways to use computer technology more effectively in your local church.

**Youth Ministry**—Is youth ministry about ministering to youth, or is it about youth being employed in ministry? Yes! Learn how to meet the spiritual needs of young people by involving them in ministry.

**Youth/Young Adult Outreach**—Many exciting seminars are planned to equip young people for ministry and mission.

**Foyers & Potlucks**—Discover how to make your local church more inviting and friendly to people in your community by developing a spirit of hospitality.



# Keynote Speakers:



Frank Gonzalez,  
La Voz de Esperanza  
speaker/director



Roscoe Howard III,  
NAD executive  
secretary



José Rojas, NAD  
Youth Ministries  
director



Ron Smith,  
MESSAGE Magazine,  
editor

# Musical Guest:



Rudy Micelli, Morning Song  
recording artist

**Deacons & Deaconesses**—Early in the formation of the Christian church, special gifts were employed to care for the needs of the emerging community. Discover how to become more useful and effective in this essential service.

**Elders**—Realize the joy of partnership in ministry by learning a variety of ways God uses leadership to equip the church and help it grow.

**Children's Ministry**—Discover how to be more creative and effective in providing religious education to the very young. Learn how children's ministry can become a powerful component of evangelism in your community.

## SEMINARIOS EN ESPAÑOL:

**Principios para pastorear una iglesia hispana en Norteamérica**—El poder resolver las necesidades de la iglesia hispana en Norteamérica tiene desafíos únicos. Aprenda cómo llegar a ser un pastor más eficaz en su iglesia y su comunidad.

**Desarrollar el evangelismo en la iglesia**—Aprenda cómo aplicar principios bíblicos para resolver las necesidades de las personas en su comunidad. Se presentarán maneras creativas y eficaces para alcanzar a aquellos a su alrededor.

**Grupos pequeños en la iglesia local**—Aprenda cómo organizar su iglesia en unidades pequeñas, como un medio de involucrar a más miembros en el ministerio y la vida de la iglesia. Los grupos pequeños pueden ayudar a resolver las necesidades individuales de los miembros, como las de sus vecinos.

**Perfiles de la personalidad**—Dios ha creado una variedad de personas, cada uno con cualidades únicas y con diferentes dones, para ser usados en su iglesia. Descubra cómo poder apreciar a ese Dios que nos creó tan distintos unos con otros y cómo él nos ha equipado para resolver las diferentes necesidades.



**Un modelo de discipulado**—Cómo plantar la semilla del evangelismo entre la juventud. ¿Está el ministerio juvenil ministrando a la juventud o la juventud está trabajando en el ministerio? ¡Sí! Aprenda cómo resolver las necesidades espirituales de la gente joven al involucrarlos en el ministerio.

**El Ministerio Femenino**—Aprenda cómo hacer del Ministerio Femenino una herramienta para evangelización y que a la vez resuelva las necesidades del sector femenino y realice la vida de la iglesia local.

**Who Should Attend:** Youth, laity, and pastors within the Lake Union Conference may attend any track offered in English and Spanish.

**Schedule:** Friday, August 26, 2005, from 7:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 28, 2005, noon.

**Meals:** Sabbath breakfast, lunch, and supper, and a Sunday prayer breakfast are included with your registration fee. All other meals are on your own. No meals will be provided for non-registrants.

**Registration:** All attendees must preregister through PlusLine. Registration can be processed online at [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org), or by phone: (800) 732-7587. No registrations will be taken on-site; please be sure to register early with PlusLine.

**On-Site Check-In:** You may pick up your event material on Friday, August 26, 2005, from 3:00–9:30 p.m.

**Children:** Please make separate plans for the care of your children during this special training event. There are no provisions for child care.



Rodney Grove is the Lake Union Conference executive secretary.



# SHARE THE LIGHT



## LAKE UNION CONFERENCE | CHURCH MINISTRIES CONVENTION

**Date: August 26-28, 2005**

**Venue:** Radisson at Star Plaza, 800 East 81st Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410

**Registration:** [www.PlusLine.org](http://www.PlusLine.org) or (800) 732-7587

**Cost:** Earlybird special—\$60 for the first 500 registrants  
Early registration is \$80 per person (after July 14, \$89 per person)  
Cancellation fee \$10. Cancellations after August 15, non-refundable  
Registration ends August 23.

**Payment Options:** American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Mastercard, Visa, cashier's check, or money orders accepted

**Hotel Reservations:** (800) 333-3333, Code #: LUC2  
\$92 per night (up to 4 persons per room)  
Cut-off date for this price is July 26, 2005.

**For More Information:** Send an e-mail to [ShareTheLight@luc.adventist.org](mailto:ShareTheLight@luc.adventist.org).

**Website:** <http://HopeForOurDay.info>

The Share the Light Church Ministries Convention is the Lake Union Conference's most comprehensive training event ever.

There are multiple tracks in English and Spanish, and for youth, on different aspects of evangelism and discipleship training. The weekend will include inspiring preaching, Spirit-filled music, Sabbath dinner, and will conclude with a Sunday morning prayer breakfast and commitment service.

Reservations are limited, so don't delay.



## [ EDUCATION NEWS ]

## Budding Scientists Demonstrate Knowledge at Science Fair

**Wisconsin**—Papillons, an exploding volcano, a hovercraft, and cakes in varying sizes were among the displays at the 18th annual Wisconsin Conference Science Fair, held Sun., Mar. 6, 2005. Over 114 students converged at Wisconsin Academy (WA) in Columbus, Wis., where projects lined the gym with colorful, eye-catching, and sometimes pungent displays.

Teams of judges from various Wisconsin communities spent time questioning students and examining their projects to determine which award the students earned. Each student received a ribbon and a \$25 certificate for their WA Passport, a program which consolidates all WA scholarships in one central database.



*Intrigued by a display of plants subjected to classical and rap music, visitors at the Wisconsin Conference Science Fair browse the project displays. One hundred fourteen students displayed projects at this year's fair, creating a vibrant pageant of colors and sounds in the WA gym.*

Six students also received scholarships to Andrews University based on their scientific methods in the Science Fair. Winners of \$500 scholarships were Toni Jackson and Allison Hanaway of Green Bay Junior Academy, while Amanda Goss of Otter Creek Christian Academy and Amy Miller of Petersen Adventist Elementary School took home \$300 scholarships. Jessica



*Derral Reeve, WA principal, stands with the Andrews University scholarship winners at the 18th annual Wisconsin Conference Science Fair. Andrews University donated \$2,000 in student scholarships at this year's fair.*

Buchholz, a home-school student, David Danaher of Woodland School, Sara Goss of Otter Creek Christian Academy, and Aphelandra Messer of Woodland School each received \$100 scholarships for their projects.

Joshua Burrington, an eighth-grader from Three Angels Christian School in Madison, shared, "I like that they give out scholarships to Andrews at the Science Fair. It's a cool thing to do for kids."

The day was the culmination of many months of hard work by the students, and provided an opportunity to demonstrate the new knowledge they had gleaned. Melissa Torres, a seventh-grader from Milwaukee Junior Academy noted, "I learned something new in my project—that organic and vegetarian food items are much better for your body. I enjoyed sharing that today."

Students who attended the event appreciated the opportunity to meet kids from other schools. Ken Kirkham, Wisconsin Conference Education superintendent, believes giving students a chance to interact with other kids their age is an integral part of the science fair experience. He shared, "The children from our small schools need to be brought together to see that they are part of something bigger."

Other highlights of the day included an electromagnet contest. Students in grades five through ten built what they hoped would be the strongest magnet. The projects were tested using

an electronic device that measured the weight of BBs the electromagnet could hold.

Younger students participated in the fair during the paper airplane contest. They tried to build a paper airplane that would fly far enough and straight enough to land in a nearby plastic pool.

The day concluded with a presentation

that kept the audience of about 250 kids and adults on the edge of their seats. Ben Roy, former director of the Science Zone in Chattanooga, Tenn., and a regular contributor on Three Angels Broadcasting Network, astonished the audience by levitating soap bubbles on a cushion of carbon monoxide gas, creating snow using a simple polymer, and launching a rocket made out of a can of Pringles and hydrogen gas.



*Blake Herbison, a student from Otter Creek Christian Academy in Eau Claire, Wis., works with electromagnet event coordinator Doug Flahaut to determine how many BBs his magnet can hold. The greatest amount of weight held by an electromagnet in the contest was 607 grams.*

The excitement in students' faces as they watched the presentation was one testament to the importance of the fair. Kirkham noted, "It's a joy to see the students enjoy science and be able to share what they've learned. The Science Fair gives us an opportunity to place God in the center of all science."

*Laura Larssen, Wisconsin Conference education department correspondent*



## CNA Program Graduates 43 Students

**Indiana**—A wonderfully unique educational opportunity began at Indiana Academy (IA) four years ago. Bob Rice, Jesse Landess, and Beth Bartlett arranged with the Commonweal Foundation, in Silver Spring, Md., to provide a grant so the academy could begin a certified nursing assistant (CNA) training program for students who wished to learn this valuable trade. The Indiana Conference matched the Commonweal Foundation donation at a ratio of one-to-two dollars, for a total of over \$23,000.



*Kristi Merrills, a CNA student, fills a water pitcher with ice for a patient.*

These funds made the following benefits to the students possible: physical examinations and TB testing, textbooks, tuition for the program, two uniforms per student, transportation costs for traveling to clinical sites, and the \$60 testing fee required by the State of Indiana for students applying for licensure. In addition, each student's account was reimbursed for 105 hours of student labor.



*Linda Ferguson practices feeding her "patient," Lisa Beltre.*



*CNA Recognition Ceremony honors students' achievements. (From left): Lisa Beltre, Katie Ferguson, Linda Ferguson, Phillip Mann, Kristi Merrills, Shaylee Pritchard, Ashley Seymour, and Amanda Vance; (Not pictured) Adrian Hines*

The new program got off to a good start with 14 students the first year! The second year the Commonweal Foundation again gave a grant for the program to continue, and with additional funding from the Indiana Conference, the program had another good year. IA provided the funding the third year, and for the current school year a grant was given by Adventist Midwest Health, under the direction of Ernie Sadau, president.

Susan Landess, R.N., B.S., taught the course for the first three years, and Donna Ferguson, R.N., M.S.N., has been the instructor this year. So far, a total of 43 students have successfully completed the program! Training involves 30 hours of classroom instruction, followed by 75 hours of clinical experience at a local long-term care facility.

At the course's conclusion, students sit for a state test. Upon receiving state certification, each student is qualified to become employed as a CNA, which carries the potential to double their earning power, while providing a needed and valuable service to persons in their care.

On Fri. evening, Feb. 11, a candlelighting recognition ceremony was conducted for this year's CNA class of nine students: Lisa Beltre, Katie Ferguson, Linda Ferguson, Adrian Hines, Phillip Mann, Kristi Merrills, Ashley Seymour, Shaylee Pritchard, and Amanda Vance. Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president,

was the featured speaker for the evening. A lovely reception followed.

One of this year's CNA graduates, Ashley Seymour, a senior from Columbus, Ind., expressed, "In addition



*Donna Ferguson, R.N., M.S.N., the course instructor, made sure all nine CNA students successfully completed the program and passed their exam.*

to making it a lot easier for me to get a good job next summer, the program also helped me learn new skills in interacting with people. Mrs. Ferguson was a really good teacher and I enjoyed her class!"

Certainly the program has equipped many students to find employment quickly and to support themselves with higher-than-average student wages during academy and college days. IA plans to continue this unique training program, keeping in mind the counsel we have been given that, "Our schools must be more like the schools of the prophets. They should be training schools, ... educating the youth for usefulness in this life" (*Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 6, 152-3).

Judith Yeoman, Indiana Conference correspondent



The festival band was directed by Barbara Favorito, a guest clinician from La Sierra University.

## BCA Hosts Music Festival

**Michigan**—Battle Creek Academy (BCA), recently hosted its semi-annual band festival, “Band Together.” The event consisted of a two-day workshop and concert. Four area schools comprised the workshop: Grand Rapids Adventist Academy, Gobles Jr. Academy, Kalamazoo Jr. Academy, as well as BCA.

Barbara Favorito, professor of music at La Sierra University and University Wind Ensemble director, La Sierra, Calif., was guest clinician for the festival. Favorito commented, “It is always a pleasure to come to Michigan and observe the amount of support given to music by the parents and schools represented, as well as the long history of a quality music program provided by the academy.”

Michele Stark, BCA’s band director pointed out, “This is an opportunity for students who attend smaller schools to participate in a large ensemble of 100 students. It’s awesome for them—and for us. The event comes together through major funding by the Battle Creek Community Foundation and the Calhoun Intermediate School District.”

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy public relations correspondent

## BCA Receives Prestigious Award

**Michigan**—During the Alumni Awards Foundation Annual Convention, Mar. 18–19, three academies presented their school for consideration in the 2005 *Academy Award for Excellence*. The presenting schools were Battle Creek

Academy, Battle Creek, Mich.; Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, Tenn.; and Glendale Academy, Glendale, Calif.

Each school had previously been scored on their application and on judges’ on-site school visits and was selected as one of three finalists to represent Seventh-day Adventist education in Scottsdale, Ariz. The schools were represented by four students and one administrator. Spiritual presentations were made on Fri. evening

and the competitive presentations were made on Sat. night during the awards banquet. The final decision was made based upon the compilation of scores from the application, on-site visit, popular vote, and a panel of judges.

“All three schools made us proud of the caliber of young persons we have in Adventist schools today. Each presentation showcased excellence and the enthusiasm of the students inspired us all,” said Dale E. Twomley, Board of Directors chair.

Collegedale Academy took first place and received a grant for \$25,000. Battle Creek Academy took second place and received a grant for \$20,000. Glendale Academy took third place and received a grant for \$15,000.

For more information, or to receive an application for the Academy Award for Excellence, please contact Pam Sadler, executive director at (423) 787-0256 or visit our website: [www.alumniawards.com](http://www.alumniawards.com).

Pam Sadler, Alumni Awards Foundation executive director



From left: Kevin Kossick, BCA principal, Lynee’ VanderWaal, Maggie Billingsley, Seth Day, Morgan Steely, and Robin Steely, BCA School Board chair



From left: Seth Day, Maggie Billingsley, Kevin Kossick, BCA principal, Morgan Steely, and Lynee’ VanderWaal hold the \$20,000 check awarded to BCA.



## Five Inducted to WA National Honor Society Chapter

**Wisconsin**—Wisconsin Academy (WA) held its National Honor Society (NHS) induction service Saturday evening, Apr. 2. The service consisted of song service, speeches given by current NHS members, and presentation of certificates to the new inductees. The senior NHS members were recog-



WA 2005 National Honor Society Chapter members

nized as well: Sara Schaetzka, Leah Schultz, Becka Helsius, Kelli Gauger, Mary Jean Rogge, and Sara Meulemans. Five students were inducted at this event: Teresa Shaetzka, Nicole Willer, Samantha Hanaway, Marlyn Santiago, and Adrienne Gust.

Students appreciate being in the NHS. New inductee, Adrienne Gust, views this privilege as “a reward for the hard work that I have done.”

The NHS program promotes and recognizes students with high grade point averages, good citizenship grades, and positive attitudes. It is an honor to be a part of this program. Many colleges recognize and give scholarships to those who have been a part of NHS.

Michelle Shufelt, Wisconsin Academy development director



WA's National Honor Society Chapter inducted five new members on Apr. 2, 2005. From left: Nicole Willer, Teresa Schaetzka, Marilyn Santiago, Samantha Hanaway, and Adrienne Gust.

## God Leads in Bible Labs Project

**Michigan**—This year for Bible Labs, students at Blue Water Elementary decided to donate a fund-raiser to God. Usually, when we do fund-raisers, we raise money for school trips or items the school needs. But this time, we decided to give all of the profits back to God.

God led us to use our profits to purchase copies of the book, *The Passion*

*of Love*, by Ellen G. White. With the money raised by the five students in our small school, we were able to buy over 600 books. The next step was distribution. Here are several examples of ways God has been leading us to distribute the books.

When our school attended Outdoor Education at Camp Au Sable, we brought the books and handed them out along the way. Another example is when anyone comes to our school, such as the trash collector, repair men, deliv-



From left: Cali Campillo, teacher/principal, John Hubert, Alex Gauthier, Andrew Whiting, Lilly Fullmer, and Lacey De Chane

ery men, etc., they leave with a copy of the book in their hands.

God also led us to contact the chaplain at our local jail. In talking to him, we found out that “coincidentally” he was preparing to show, for the first time ever, the movie, “The Passion of the Christ,” by Mel Gibson, to the inmates. After the movie, the chaplain assigned 18 volunteers to visit each person’s cell and talk to them about what they had seen.

Our school donated 200 books to the jail, and after the movie, the volunteers handed them out to everyone who wanted one. One hundred sixty-seven inmates received the book, and the chaplain told us 12 people gave their hearts to Jesus that day! Praise God!

One final example of distribution came when our church performed “His Last Days,” a play by Dallas Holmes. We performed the play on the 26th of Mar., the day before Easter, to a packed church. Our church was filled with mostly community members. At the end of the play, three students handed out a book to each person who wanted one.

We are still in the process of distributing the books, but God’s hand can be clearly seen in all of it. It is truly a blessing that will bear fruits for eternity.

Cali Campillo, Blue Water Elementary principal





Eighth-grader Aaron Will (left) quizzes sixth-grader David Danaher (right) on a Bible verse during a weekly text-a-thon game. Students at Woodland School have memorized an average of 60 verses each this school year.

## Text-A-Thon Raises Money for School

**Wisconsin**—Eighth-grader Ovi Goia pursed his lips in concentration as he strove to recall Jeremiah 29:11. He and two classmates, Austin Will and Nick Waagen, sprawled out in front of a colorful board game, moved their pieces space by space and completed missions, much like a normal board game. Unlike other games, however,

this game is Biblically-based and demands hard work, focus, and a sharp memory. At this point in the year, Ovi has learned 126 Bible verses as he and his classmates demonstrate how valuable their memories are during Woodland Adventist School's fund-raising text-a-thon.

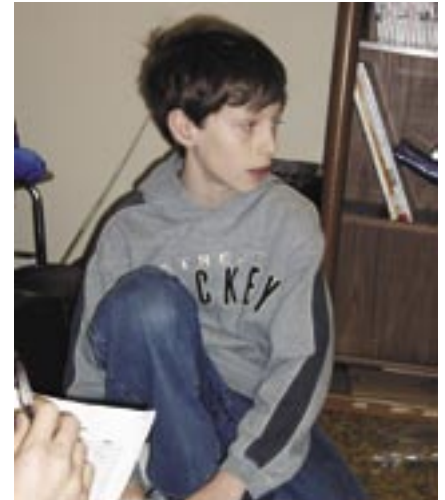
While most schools raise money selling magazines or candy bars, students at Woodland Adventist School in Janesville, Wis., chose a fund-raiser

with more long-term implications. Starting Jan. 3, each student in fifth through eighth grades asked family, friends, and church members to sponsor them memorizing Bible verses for the text-a-thon. The verses, chosen by Evan Moravetz, Woodland teacher, include selections from the current Bible class curriculum as well as topical studies, such as "Temptation," "Procrastination," or "Spiritual Fruit." "I've seen schools do all kinds of fund-raisers, but in the text-a-thon the students are doing something very valuable," noted Moravetz, who memorizes verses along

with his students. "What they learn in the text-a-thon is something they'll take with them for years to come."

In order to keep the text-a-thon lively, Moravetz uses a board game he created to quiz students on their texts. Every Friday, students pull out the colorful text-a-thon boards, get into teams, and compete against themselves and their classmates to move to the next level of verses memorized. In order to move from space to space on the board or complete missions, students must recite their verses to their classmates.

Woodland students are excited to participate in a fund-raiser that helps both their school and their spiritual lives. Eighth-grader Aaron Will believes the fund-raiser is about more than just raising money for Woodland. "When you go about your life and you have an incident, you can remember a



Focused on reciting his verse, sixth-grader David Danaher works to move ahead in the text-a-thon game. The game assists students in memorizing verses by helping them set goals and learn topical Bible studies.

text and it helps you," he noted. "That's the best part, and it makes you feel pretty special."

Woodland students have memorized about 60 verses each and have raised over \$800 in the text-a-thon for gym equipment and a class fund.

Laura Larssen, Wisconsin Conference education department correspondent



Sixth grader Austin Will (left) moves his playing piece after successfully reciting a Bible verse, while teammate, fifth-grader Nick Waagen (right), awaits his turn. The text-a-thon game and fundraiser were created by Woodland teacher, Evan Moravetz, and two colleagues, and was designed to make memorizing verses fun and engaging.



Nicole Willer and Teresa Schaetzka, juniors, taught the children how to make cookies—the wrong way—during the children's story at church.

## WA Junior Benefit Weekend Creates Memories

**Wisconsin**—In a flurry of nervous anticipation and careful preparation, the Wisconsin Academy class of 2006 ushered in Junior Benefit Weekend, Apr. 1 and 2, 2005. The stage was decorated, skits were rehearsed, and last-minute pieces were put in place. This left only one more task for the

juniors to complete—sit back, relax, and enjoy a weekend dedicated solely to them.

The event began with family and friends gathering in the chapel for Fri. evening vespers, a combination of praise singing, thoughtful reflections by the class, and a devotional given by Terry Pottle, class sponsor.

For the Sabbath program the following day, a short skit was presented depicting the forgiveness God grants His children even after they fail. A



Aaron Cook (left), junior class sports coordinator, and Colleen Danaher (right), junior class pastor, marched down the aisle for church service.

sermon given by D.J. McKenzie, chaplain, followed. His sermon focused on the victory we can have only through Christ.

The mood was lightened as the juniors presented musical numbers and skits for their talent night. The evening's program ended with a slideshow of pictures taken during the past three years the juniors have spent at WA. "Junior Benefit was a time of reflection over the past three years with my class as well as an opportunity to look toward the future," said Jerry Miller.

Junior Benefit was a weekend the class of 2006 will never forget. It created memories the students and their families will have forever.

Becka Helsius and Leah Schultz, Wisconsin Academy seniors

## WA Offers Affordable Education

**Wisconsin**—Wisconsin Academy (WA) was recently chosen as an official partner school with Pathways to Success, a division of the Commonwealth Foundation based in Silver Spring, Md.

When considering Christian education, cost is often a factor. "But we have to weigh the cost of not sending our children to our Christian schools," says Derral Reeve, WA principal.

The new partnership with Pathways to Success might make the decision to enroll your children at



From left: Erin Mclean, Christina Steffen, Katherine Miller, Teresa Schaetzka, and Nicole Willer performed a skit during the Junior Talent Show.



WA a little easier. Pathways to Success is a scholarship program that offers funding of up to \$5,000 per year to students who are experiencing boarding school for the first time. To qualify for this new program, you must be a first-time boarding school student in grades 9–12 and have a family income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.



Ashley Miller and Kayla Hasbrook, WA seniors, enjoy a laugh with friends at the Student Association Winter Banquet.

Although currently enrolled students are not eligible, over 50 percent of WA students already receive some level of financial assistance. This new program will assist many incoming students and make Christian education possible for students who might not have been able to attend otherwise.

Students accepted into the Pathways program will have the opportunity to reapply for continued assistance each year until they graduate. Scholarship awards are dependent on current financial status. There is also no minimum or maximum number of students who can apply for a scholarship.

Students in the program will have opportunities to meet with Pathways representatives to share their experiences during the school year, and be treated to a Pathways celebration meal. Additional benefits include having a special birthday recognition and receiving a copy of the *PathNotes* newsletter, featuring students and alumni of the Pathways program.

“The faculty and staff are extremely excited, not to mention honored, to have this program move onto the WA campus,” says Reeve. “Now more

students have the opportunity to enjoy the WA experience that has been shared by so many before them!”

Pathways to Success Boarding School Scholarship program was started in Aug. 1994 and has awarded approximately 2,000 scholarships. WA joins twenty-seven other boarding schools throughout the United States in this program.

If you have any questions regarding the Pathways to Success program, please contact Michelle Shufelt, WA development director, by calling (920) 623-3300 or e-mail [development@wisacad.org](mailto:development@wisacad.org).

Michelle Shufelt, Wisconsin Academy  
development director

## [LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

### Lifestyle Seminar Friends Begin Bible Studies

Michigan—Sharon Hilgendorf, South Flint (Mich.) Church personal ministries leader, has a passion for health! She shared that passion, using *Simple Solutions Lifestyle Seminar*, with senior residents at a facility in downtown Flint. She chose the senior building “because there are a lot of unhealthy people residing there. It seems they are dying too soon just because they have not been educated about a proper diet.”



Sharon Hilgendorf (left), organized the Simple Solutions Lifestyle Seminar at a senior resident facility in Flint, Mich. She stands with Francis, one of the residents who attended and never missed a night.



Seminar attendees tasted “haystacks” one evening.

After Hilgendorf received approval from Brenda Harris, building manager, she enlisted the help of South Flint’s Pathfinder club, the Timberwolves, to distribute advertising to the entire facility. She then coordinated a number of church members with various expertise to make the presentations each night.

Donald Vixie, a physician, used a Michigan Conference health department digital presentation to illustrate stress the first evening. Wayland Lively, a church elder, dealt with fat in a person’s diet. Hilgendorf and Brian Bodary, South Flint members, teamed up to present the effects of nutrition on stress. The final evening of the seminar was led by Teresa Broden of the First Flint Church. The presenters were assisted by Linda Bells, a sign language interpreter, to help the hearing impaired understand the health messages.

Each night, participants enjoyed samples of well-prepared, healthy food. The overall positive response was rewarding, and led to a request by the building manager to repeat the program at another facility she manages in Flint.

But the most exciting result was the request from three senior residents to join the weekly Bible studies Hilgendorf was already conducting with five other seniors in the building. This gave further evidence that the use of health evangelism can be an effective “right arm of the church” to lead individuals to Christ.

Todd Ervin, South Flint communication leader and head elder, and Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent



[ UNION NEWS ]

## LUC Woman Co-Authors Book with Straight Answers about Marriage, Sex, and Parenting

**Michigan**—Many conservative Christians don't feel comfortable asking intimate questions about sex and marriage, and so they go unanswered. A new book has come along that offers straight answers, addressing issues such as sexual incompatibility, affairs, abuse, pornography, divorce, and much more from a Seventh-day Adventist Christian perspective.



Madlyn Hamblin

Nancy Van Pelt of Clovis, Calif., and Madlyn Lewis Hamblin of Brooklyn, Mich., wrote a book together, titled *Dear Nancy*, based on letters Van Pelt received over the past 25 years from thousands of troubled individuals.

Hamblin, who has published over 200 articles in various magazines and newspapers, including *Women's Day*, has authored five books. She has traveled throughout the world speaking to women and hosting seminars such as "Successful Event Planning," "Toxic Trends," and "How to Turn Your Disadvantages into Advantages." Hamblin is also the co-owner of The Hamblin Company, a business founded by her husband in 1974.

Van Pelt, a certified family life educator, family and consumer science professional, and public speaker, has conducted seminars all over the world. She has authored over 27 books, translated into over 30 languages.

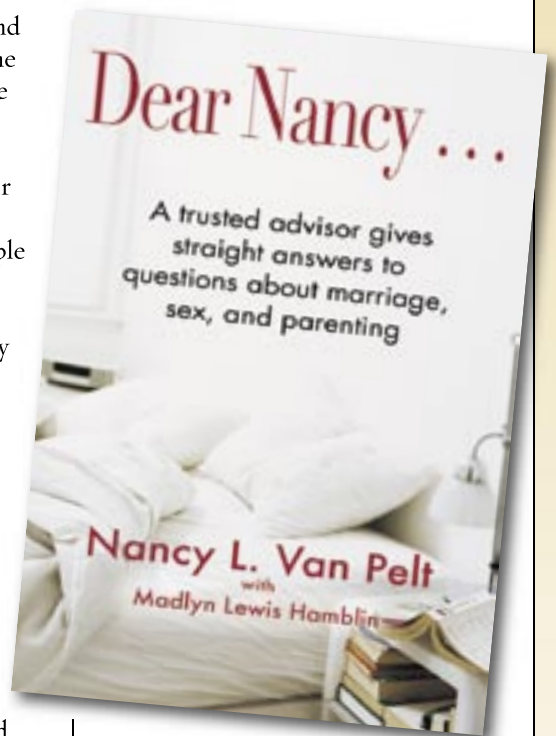
Hamblin stated, "Nancy and I have traveled extensively around the world together on behalf of women's minis-

tries. I've watched her in action, and many times thought the counsel she freely offered to so many should be available to more people.

"After one particularly grueling day, we set up appointments for many individuals seeking help for their personal problems. One couple stands out in my memory. They shared a history of affairs, abuse, and alienation. Even though Nancy was dead-tired after hours of teaching, she spent much time in the evening counseling this young couple.

"At night, after coming to our room, she would pray for divine guidance regarding how to advise them. Praise God, before we left that place, the couple had experienced a remarkable turnaround. The Holy Spirit obviously touched their hearts, and they rededicated themselves to Christ and their marriage.

"After this session, I *knew* Nancy's wisdom and knowledge needed to be put in a book, and thus *Dear Nancy* was born. The questions in this book are from real people and reflect many different types of problems that occur within relationships."



*Dear Nancy* was published by Pacific Press in 2005 and is available at [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com) or by phone (800)765-6955. You may contact Madlyn Hamblin by e-mail at: [Madlyn@hamblincompany.com](mailto:Madlyn@hamblincompany.com) to book a seminar.

Diane Thurber, *Lake Union Herald* managing editor, as shared by Madlyn Hamblin, book co-author



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## Weddings

**Sonia M. Hesler and Marshall W. Boike** were married Nov. 20, 2004, in Britton, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Jeff Freeman.

The Boikes are making their home in Britton.

## Obituaries

**COLE, Robert O.**, age 80; born June 8, 1924, in Saginaw, Mich.; died Jan. 30, 2005, in Kalispell, Mont. He was a member of the St. Charles (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frances E. (Martin); son, David W.; and one grandchild.

Inurnment will be in Summer 2005, at National Bison Range, Charlo, Mont.

**DEGROAT, Ford A.**, age 82; born Feb. 20, 1922; died Oct. 6, 2004, in Muskegon, Mich. He was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include his sons, Don and Jim Correll; daughter, Cathy Chandler; and sisters, Bessie Montin and Amber Russel.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ryan Counsell, and interment was in Muskegon Cemetery.

**DEGROAT, Freda L. (Hyde)**, age 88; born Aug. 28, 1916; died Nov. 16, 2004, in Muskegon, Mich. She was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Bordeaux, Bonnie DeGroat, Earlene Risk, and Donna Pider; brothers, Albert and Edward Hyde; sister, Helen Hyde; 23 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ryan Counsell, and interment was in Muskegon Cemetery.

**ENGLISH, Florence M.**, age 85; born May 11, 1919; died Nov. 20, 2004, in Muskegon, Mich. She was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include her son, Joseph; and daughter, Juanita English.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Ryan Counsell. Her body was donated to science.

**FEELY, Anna E. (Gilliland)**, age 91; born July 16, 1913, in Cannelton, Ind.; died Dec. 9, 2004, in Mattoon, Ill. She was a member of the Champaign (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Shamp; sister, Dorothy Siegmund; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Raymond J. Plummer, and interment was in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Mayview, Ill.

**GILLIGAN, Thomas M.**, age 62; born Dec. 22, 1942, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Feb. 8, 2005, in Grand Rapids. He was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jean (Kuiper); sons, Phillip, Thomas Jr., and Arend; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Philip R. Colburn, with private interment.

**HOPE, Carolyn E. (Meacham)**, age 63; born Oct. 31, 1941, in Lansing, Mich.; died Mar. 17, 2005, in Ludington, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Ellis and Milton Meacham; and sister, Frances Brashear.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, with private inurnment.

**MEFFORD Jr., John B.**, age 48; born Nov. 6, 1956, in Madison, Ind.; died Feb. 25, 2005, in Lawrenceburg, Ind. He was a member of the North Vernon (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Asusena "Susie" (Galindo) (Galindo); sons, John and Bradley; daughters, Nora Bear, Annette Hardy, and Cynthia, Glenda, Jerri, Brittany, and Joanie Mefford; stepdaughter, Linda Copeland; mother, Margaret (McCormick); brothers, Hubert J., Phillip W., and Gary L.; sisters, Linda C. Vance, Nancy K. Williams, and Marsha Ann Mildanov; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Michael Stough II and Jose Vazquez, and interment was in Dupont (Ind.) Cemetery.

**MEHNER, Margarete A. (Brandt)**, age 93; born Dec. 21, 1909, in Schedlisken, East Prussia; died Nov. 20, 2003, in Meadow Vista, Calif. She was a member of the Oakland (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Gunter H., Karl E., and Horst B.; daughter, Margarete R. ("Gretchen") Moon; brothers, Horst and Bernhard Brandt; half brother, Lothar Brandt; sisters, Marta and Ilse Brandt, and Krista Fritzenwanker; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

There was a private family burial, and interment was in Auburn (Calif.) New Cemetery.

**REINHARDT, Virginia R.**, age 76; born May 23, 1928, in St. Joseph, Mich.; died Feb. 21, 2005, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include her brother, Charles Reinhardt; and sister, Marilyn Barricklow.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry Lichtenwalter, and interment was in Coloma (Mich.) Cemetery.

**RINGER, Goldie M. (Stickler)**, age 100; born May 23, 1904, in Starke Cty., Ind.; died Mar. 15, 2005, in Plymouth, Ind. She was a member of the Plymouth Church.

Survivors include her sons, Lloyd and Eugene; daughter, Lenora Gann; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Don English, and interment was in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

**SAWEL Jr., Milo C.**, age 81; born Nov. 4, 1922, in Otter Lake, Mich.; died Oct. 7, 2004, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marian E. (Freeman); sons, Milo G. and Donald C.; daughters, Phyllis S. Ruddle and Pamela McHenry; brother, Austin R.; sister, Patricia Rosen; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors John Abbott and Isaias Santos, and inurnment will be held privately in July 2005 in Rose City, Mich.

**SCHADLER, Lillian (Wyman)**, age 92; born Oct. 9, 1912, in Cathay, N.D.; died Mar. 5, 2005, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include her sister, Rachel Heritz; and one grandchild.

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

**SCOFIELD, Paul H.**, age 82; born Aug. 24, 1922, in Devils Lake, N.D.; died Mar. 16, 2005, in Montfort, Wis. He was a member of the Gaylord (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, M. Maxine (Foster); son, David L.; daughters, Paula R. Follett and Judy A. Finnell; sisters, Eunice Carlin and Carol Foster; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David Scofield and Jan Follett, and interment was in Richland Center (Wis.) Cemetery.

**SHIMMEL, Helen E.**, age 84; born Mar. 15, 1921, in Wyandotte, Mich.; died Mar. 23, 2005, in Livonia, Mich. She was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include her sister, June Nelson.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

**TILTON, Brenda (Week) Pardington**, age 51; born Oct. 19, 1953, in Farmington, Mich.; died Feb. 7, 2005, in Westland, Mich. She was a member of the Liberty Church, Belleville, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Stewart; son, Jamie Pardington; and sister, Katherine Nock.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Doucoumes, with private inurnment.

**WATERS, Mildred E. (Saline)**, age 94; born Oct. 6, 1910, in Schofield, Wis.; died Mar. 10, 2005, in Belleville, Wis. She was a member of the Superior (Wis.) Church.

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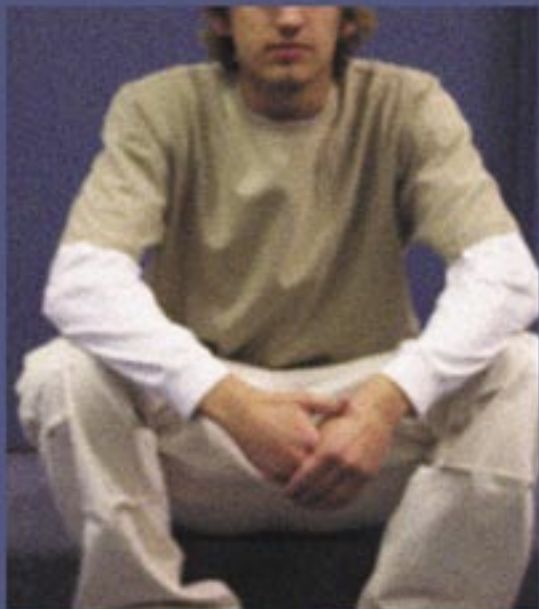


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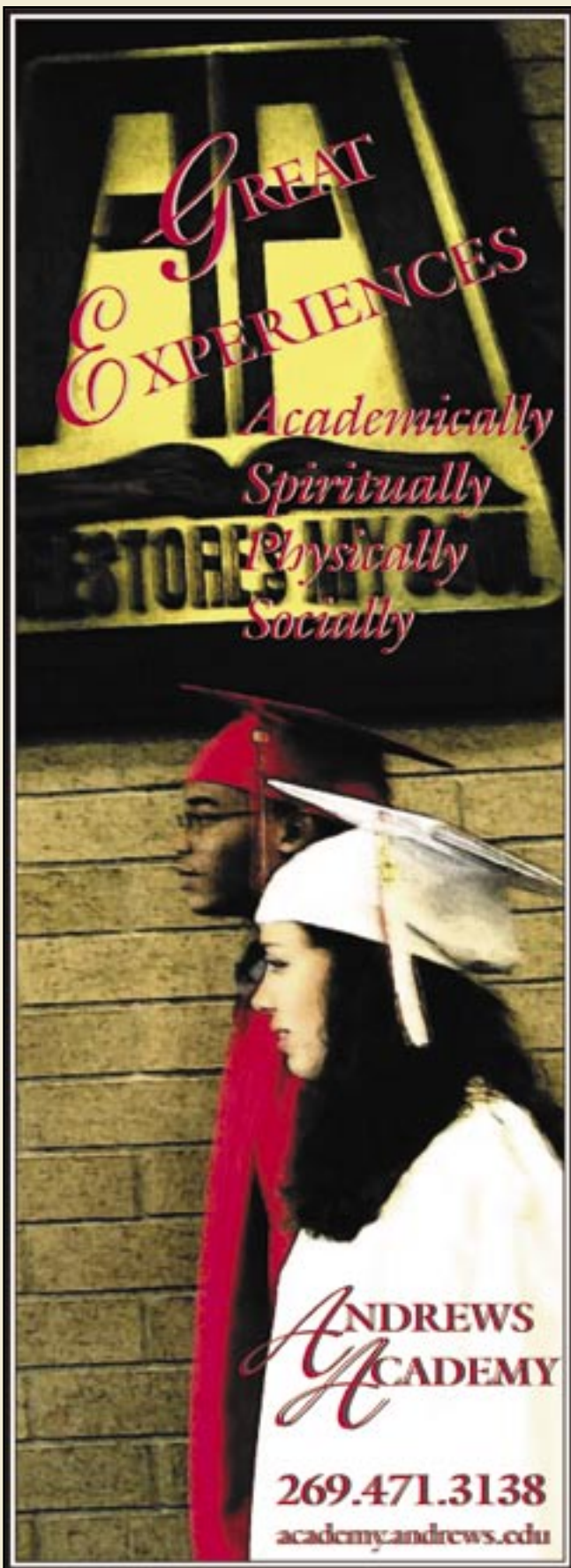
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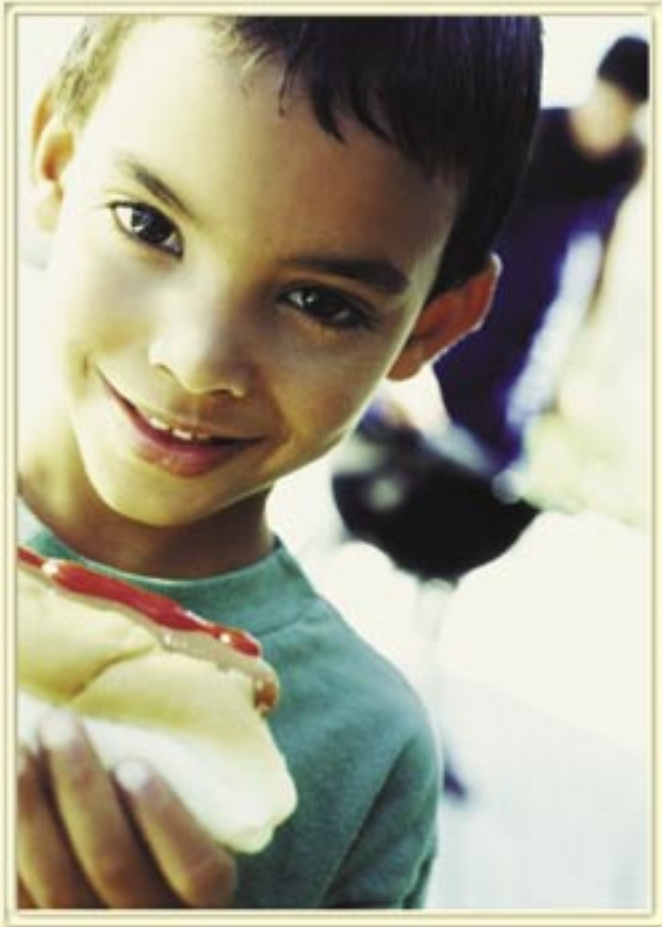


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Chicago	8:20	8:25	8:28	8:29	8:29	8:28
Detroit	9:04	9:08	9:11	9:13	9:13	9:11
Indianapolis	8:08	8:12	8:15	8:17	8:17	8:15
La Crosse, Wis.	8:41	8:46	8:49	8:51	8:51	8:49
Lansing, Mich.	9:14	9:19	9:22	9:24	9:24	9:22
Madison, Wis.	8:31	8:36	8:39	8:41	8:41	8:39
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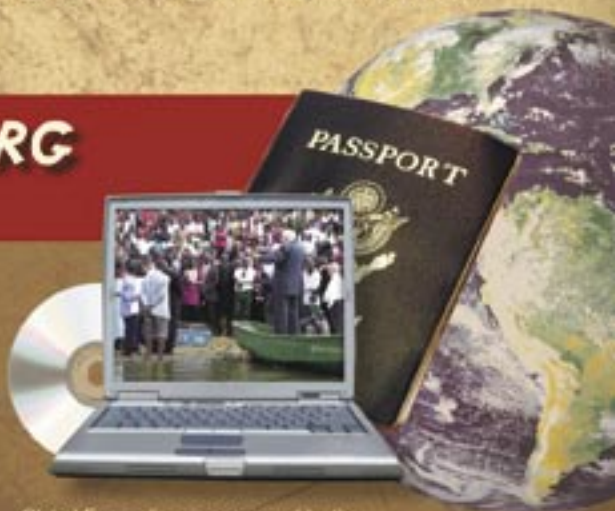
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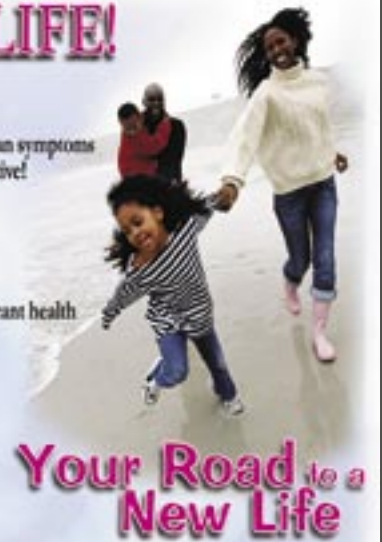
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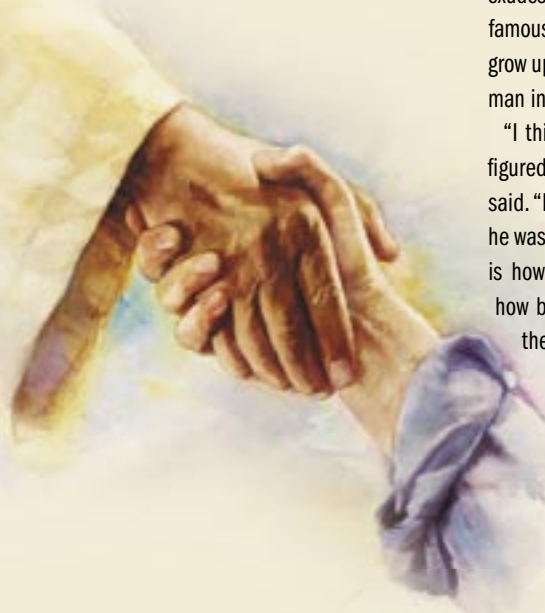
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## A Father's Gift

BY GARY BURNS



Hana Yasmeen Ali is a delightful, energetic, and enthusiastic writer who exudes a more beautiful version of her daddy's famous smile. I asked her what it was like to grow up as the daughter of the most recognized man in the world.

"I think I was about three years old when I figured out daddy was someone special," she said. "I saw how people would react whenever he was in the room. But what I remember most is how special he made me feel. No matter how busy he was, and no matter who was in the room, we (his children) were the most important to him. He never put us off.

I remember that he went out of his way to bring me lunch at school every day that he was in town. I knew I was loved."

As she described the virtues of her father with undying devotion, love, and respect, I couldn't help

but wonder what was going through my own daughter's mind who was sitting next to me.

What Muhammad Ali gave his daughter was an incredible gift of his time, his attention, his affection, and his consistency. It so happens that Hana has embraced her father's faith and the teachings and has co-authored *The Soul of a Butterfly* with him. It occurs to me that there must be a relationship between his gift and her response.

There are no more precious gifts we can give our children than our time, our attention, our affections, our consistency, and our faith. By embracing God's character, we become partners with Him in caring for our children. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of light. He is constant, unchanging, never eclipsed" (see James 1:17).

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Herald editor.



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**July 16, 11:00 a.m.:** Walter Wright at Battle Creek Tabernacle; 90-year anniversary of Ellen White's death; celebration of Ellen White's life.

**July 17, 2:00 p.m.:** Battle Creek Churches Choir Festival; special feature—Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president.

**Aug. 14, 2:00 p.m.:** Musical concert—Buddy Houghtaling.

**Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m.:** Historical play—"Men of Vision"; reenactment—History of Battle Creek.

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# IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

## *You Can't Put God on Hold*

BY STEVE SCOTT

Some say God goes to great lengths to save His children. I used to think terrible tragedies only happened to other people. Now, looking back, I see I've been through a lot of what "only happens to somebody else."

At the age of thirteen, I was diagnosed with a brain tumor; I had brain surgery and I've been a different person ever since. I've often felt I missed out on a lot during childhood. Now, I'm not so sure that's a bad thing. My situation was like a hedge around me that kept me safe from many negative influences. If only I'd known then what I know now, maybe things would be different.

When I was sixteen, I became reacquainted with a childhood friend who was living the type of lifestyle I yearned for. Before long I was living it too: staying out late, roaming the streets looking for girls, and yielding to the sins of the flesh. I was a mack in the making and getting good at what I did.

However, my innate sense of simplicity contradicted my newfound lifestyle and our quests for enjoyment often led to coincidental trouble. I've been harassed by police officers, jumped on by gang members, and even shot at! I was often in the wrong place at the wrong time, in search of fun. The problem was, I didn't know the right place to find it. Soon I grew weary with my way of living.

When I was a senior in high school, a representative from the U.S. Navy came to recruit me. However, this was not my way out of the game. Tests revealed a second brain tumor; another surgery left me worse off physically than the first. Bleeding on the right side of my brain impaired the entire left side of my body.

At the time, I was too heavily medicated to understand what had happened, but my life would be changed for years to come. Many of the physical activities I once enjoyed are now memories. I try not to ponder what things would be

like if only I'd done this or that differently, but there is one thing I know for sure. You can't put God on hold. I should have been seeking fun in Christ.

Securing salvation should have been my chief concern. My advice to anyone experimenting with a lifestyle not of Christ: don't. God will go to drastic measures to save your soul (John 18:9). I never thought these things could happen to me. Please, answer when the Lord calls; don't let it take an unnecessary tragedy for Him to get your attention too!

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**Jarvis Godley** is a senior at Chicago Military Academy at Bronzeville in Chicago, Ill., and a member of the Hyde Park Church. Raised by his grandparents, York and Dolores Godley, "Jay" is regarded by his teachers as friendly and personable.



Jarvis Godley

One of the ways Jarvis demonstrates his love for people is as a Pathfinder junior counselor. Verdell Williamson, his Pathfinder director, says "Jarvis exhibits a quiet strength and maturity that allows him to work patiently with young Pathfinders, provide solutions for problems, and firmly yet quickly respond to emergency situations." Jarvis says he loves working with the young people, teaching them honors and marching drills.

He also likes speaking and being up front, telling people about Jesus. Members of the Hyde Park Church affirm this gift of preaching, which has encouraged Jarvis to consider the ministry as a vocation. Jarvis is well-rounded and has broad interests, which include football, basketball, golf, poetry, and music. Upon graduation, Jarvis plans to attend Oakwood College, and is also considering computer engineering as a career option.



Nicolette Dabney

Deaf from birth, **Nicolette Shereen Dabney** was born to Forbes and Marie Dabney in Ypsilanti, Mich., where she attends church and has lived all her life.

A senior at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich., "Nica" is one of nine deaf students mainstreamed with an interpreter in all classes except the language arts. Being deaf is a challenge, but for Nicolette it has never been an obstacle.

Active in school, church, and community programs, she gives speeches to raise awareness about deaf culture. Nicolette is a member of the art club, vice president of the American Sign Language club, and received a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) award in recognition of academic achievement. She is the first deaf student to participate in the *Trailblazer* senior mentorship program. Participants are hand-picked since they are required to leave the campus four to five days a week for an hour to go to their assigned elementary school.

"Nicolette wants to excel and forces us to advocate for her," says her mother. "As a result, the Ypsilanti Church has an interpreter each week to allow Nicolette and two other deaf members to participate fully in the church service."

Nicolette's hobbies are volleyball, basketball, art, and hair braiding. She plans to attend the Gallaudette University School for the Deaf, in Washington, D.C., a dream she has had since a little girl, and aspires to be an art or math teacher.

These students were selected and profiled by faculty members at their school. To recommend outstanding students for recognition, speak with your pastor or a faculty member. Visit [www.lakeunionherald.org](http://www.lakeunionherald.org) for selection criteria.

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