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COVER

Photo by Sarah Spangler. Christian education at Andrews University is the focus of this issue. A partnership with God is essential in order for students to reach their educational dreams. Pictured on the cover are the student financial services team members. You will read about the miracles God has performed for Andrews students in answer to their prayers.

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EDITORIAL



BY WALTER L. WRIGHT,
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It's God's School

Australia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, England, Germany, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Switzerland, and Wales: I have had the privilege of traveling to and serving in each of these marvellous countries. You will find great diversity of language, culture, topography, politics, economy, natural resources, ecology, currency, and food between them. There was one thing each of them held in common. Each has a healthy representation of Andrews University (AU) alumni.

How could such a small, midwestern institution have such varied representation around the world? Very simply—it's God's school. I attended the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1973–74 under strange circumstances. My conference administration wanted me to meet the General Conference policy for those entering Adventist ministry. I was instructed, "We are not concerned with how much you learn, just don't let them take away anything you already have." It seems there was a gross misunderstanding of the AU mission and purpose. You see, it's God's school.

Many of my friends shared discouraging tales of racial bigotry at AU that even infected the faculty. Some of these stories seemed credible to me because of a very negative personal experience I had with the AU forerunner, Emmanuel Missionary College. But my mother reminded me, "It's God's school."

I didn't do very well in Greek. It wasn't Dr. Leona Running's fault. She was an excellent instructor. Looking back, I think that I simply missed my wife Jackie. I studied at Andrews all week, then commuted the 300 miles to Germantown, Ohio, on weekends to pastor my church, do visits, hold board or business meetings, share time with my little family, and return to classes on Monday. One of my conference's stipulations was that I couldn't bring my family with me.

The encounters with professors LaRondelle, Hasel, Maxwell, Wittschiebe, Dederen, and Blinco were inspiring and challenging. They were God's men in God's school, and I will never forget the blessing that each brought to me.

Maybe the real test of one's belief in an institution comes in later life. I am pleased to have enrolled my third son and only daughter at AU. Harold has gone on to become a clinical psychologist in Philadelphia. Lisa earned the master of science degree in physical therapy at AU and is now director of therapies for a nursing home chain for the states of Ohio and West Virginia. We should expect no less than excellence and success for those who matriculate through God's school.

YOUTH IN ACTION



DISCOVERING TALENT

BY ERIN HELDSTAB

What do pepperoni pizza and “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” have in common? For Anthony Moore, a third-grader from Benton Harbor, Michigan, it’s all about rhythm. Anthony is just one of the 15 children taking free music lessons from Andrews University students as part of the Benton Harbor String Outreach Program.

The program developed when Carla Trynchuk, associate professor of music and accomplished violinist at Andrews University, felt a burden to use her talents to reach out to the community. She began attracting media attention, requesting instruments and financial donations. Carla then enlisted the help of several music majors in her department to teach the lessons.

Once there were enough instruments and money in place to begin the program, Carla and her instructors went to four Benton Harbor schools to find eager and interested kids. At the schools, Andrews music majors performed demonstration recitals, resulting in over 50 parents and their children interviewing to see who might be the best fit for the program. When it came to choosing, Carla said, “We were looking for students who were interested and enthusiastic about learning a new instrument, and who also had a commitment to stick with it.” In the end, 15 children

were chosen to begin free violin, viola, or cello lessons.

Each Sabbath afternoon, students meet with their Andrews University teachers at the Benton Harbor Salvation Army. “We are so fortunate to have this location for lessons,” Carla said. When most people think of a Salvation Army, they think of used clothes or a red kettle around Christmas time. However, the Salvation Army is currently in its seventh year of providing extensive arts and education programming for Benton Harbor. When Susan Dietrich Reed, arts and education director, found out about the need, she said, “We have the facility, and there is space.” Thanks to this generosity, students can now have their one-on-one lessons in private music rooms.

Ginnie Roa, Isaac Sinnett, Aaron Sinnett, Cecilia Coe, and Abigail Doukhan, string instructors, have all noticed improvements, no

matter how small, in each of their students. “We try to make music not just a lesson but a part of life,” Isaac said. While in lessons, these teachers build relationships with their students by asking questions about school, home, and, of course, how much they practiced that week. These lessons are providing a different outlet for students to express themselves, making other areas of their lives stronger.

After tuning, students are taught proper hand positions for their instruments as well as different rhythms to use when playing. These rhythms are put to words or songs, such as “pepperoni pizza” and “Mississippi stop, stop.” Ginnie Roa said, “When they learn a song or rhythm and are happy with what they’ve learned, that’s success.”

In December 2003, students had the opportunity to show off their progress at their first recital. “It was so fun to see the new students with new instruments in their lives,” Carla said. “I was impressed with how the students performed and the creativity of the teachers.” There was a great sense of achievement for all the parents, students, and teachers. It’s amazing what a little “pepperoni pizza” and “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” can do for a child and a community.



Isaac Sinnett enjoys instructing Anthony Moore on the cello each week.

Erin Heldstab is an Andrews University student news writer.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Michigan

Lloyd and Andrea McPherson were practicing Jehovah's Witnesses in 1984, but they weren't satisfied. While studying Revelation, Lloyd could not find peace with the answers he received. He tried other Sunday-keeping churches with no satisfaction. Then his sister gave him a satellite dish in 2002. He reports, "We began to watch Sky Angel by chance, we thought. The truth is, the Holy Spirit was leading us."

They were able to participate, via satellite, with evangelistic series presented by Dwight Nelson, Doug Batchelor, and Mark Finley. Revelation became clear and the truth understandable. They found what they had been looking for all along.

When other specific series on Daniel and Revelation were given through the satellite downlink, questions they had about the feet of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the Sabbath were answered.



The whole Central Lake Church played a part in nurturing these new members. From left: Tom and Louise Ernst, Andrea and Lloyd McPherson, and Nancy and Pastor Terry Nelson.

Lloyd started looking for a Sabbath-keeping church. When Dan and Kay Collins conducted evangelistic meetings at the Central Lake Church, they attended. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, they

came forward during an altar call and were later baptized.

Louise Ernst, Central Lake Church personal ministries secretary

Michigan

Bill White, an employee of an auto body repair shop, and his friend, **Kay Gillette**, a supervisor in the hardware department at Midland Wal-Mart, had been together for several years. Like many others, they were fearful of marriage, but were both feeling the need of God in their lives. They received a *Revelation Chronicles* brochure in the mail to attend a prophecy seminar conducted by Steve Vail, a Michigan evangelist. They came to the all-day prophecy seminar at the Valley Plaza Convention Center in Midland the first weekend, and never stopped coming to the remaining meetings.

In March, Bill, a smoker for 37 years, successfully participated in the *Breathe Free* plan to stop smoking with Kay as his cheerleader. As they learned more biblical truths at the prophecy seminar, they always responded to the leading of the Holy Spirit in a positive way. Because they felt a part of the seminar's small discussion groups, they began making friends with everyone. When the evangelist gave an invitation to join God's remnant church, Bill and Kay joyfully responded.

Their new love for Jesus Christ as their personal Savior led them to join their lives in marriage as they made a commitment to each other during a beautiful wedding ceremony in the Midland Church sanctuary. The following Sabbath,



Bill and Kay White (center) are new members of the Midland Church. They found Christ and each other during the Revelation Chronicles series.

Bill and Kay were baptized and became active members of the Midland Church family, seeking to witness about Christ's saving grace whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Dale Wolcott, pastor of Midland and Mt. Pleasant churches

Michigan

Wayne Dispaltro, a prize-winning chef in a Midland restaurant, and his wife **Mary**, who works as a phlebotomist in Saginaw, learned about the *Revelation Chronicles* evangelistic series through a brochure sent to their mailbox. They had moved to Midland several years earlier, and Mary had gone "church shopping;" however, she never found a church congregation and pastor that satisfied her biblical hunger or caused her to feel spiritually at home.

After attending a few *Revelation Chronicles* meetings at the Valley Plaza Convention Center, and before the series was transferred to the Midland Church, Wayne asked the pastor if it would be possible for him and his wife to attend the Sabbath services in the Midland Church. They came for the first time on a communion Sabbath! Mary said later that as soon as she stepped inside the church, she felt like she had come home.



Wayne and Mary Disapltro (right) are newly baptized members of the Midland Church.

Soon Mary and Wayne were baptized and became active members in the Midland Church family. Both shared their religious convictions with their employers, which resulted in the loss of their jobs. Wayne now has another job with his Sabbaths off. They continue to trust in God's promised blessing to provide for all their future challenges.

Dale Wolcott, Midland Church pastor

Michigan

Mary Bukowiec had been studying the Bible for over 18 months with her brother, Ed Cloutier, who became a Seventh-day Adventist four years earlier and today is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church. With Ed's encouragement, Mary took their mother to the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center, where she greatly benefited from putting into use the Adventist health principles she learned there.



Mary Bukowiec (right) on the day of her baptism.

Although Mary lives in Standish, an hour's drive from the Midland Church, her quadriplegic sister, Theresa, lives in a Midland home-care facility. Mary decided she would like to take her sister to the Adventist church in Midland, so she telephoned the church to ask for directions. She learned during the telephone call that a *Revelation Chronicles* seminar was to begin soon.

She attended most of the Revelation sessions, despite the long drive, and later brought her mother and sister to the Tuesday evening Revelation Speaks follow-up Bible studies. Convinced the biblical truths she heard were God's truths for this time, she was baptized. Today she is seeking to be an active witness to her mother and sister in order to win them to Jesus Christ and have a united family waiting for Christ's second advent.

Dale Wolcott, Midland Church pastor

Indiana

Nick Harris was baptized on December 20, 2003, at the Cicero Church. Although Nick attended the Cicero church school and graduated from Indiana Academy, he never developed his own walk with Jesus.

Not sensing a need for the Lord, he worked various jobs and was in and out of different relationships. He pursued worldly pleasure and ignored the voice of the Holy Spirit, but Jesus doesn't give up easily. Through the tragedy of divorce, Nick recognized the emptiness of self-centered living, and in his brokenness, he turned to the Lord, surrendered his heart, and became a disciple of the Master. One year later, after careful preparation and thoughtfully counting the cost, he

publicly proclaimed his love for Jesus through baptism.

Though his family is not reunited, Nick faithfully rises at 4:30 a.m. every day, drives to his former wife's home to get the children, and then goes to the church parking lot which overlooks the lake, and has worship with them. He then takes them to his home and prepares them for their day at the church school before going to his own busy schedule at his concrete business. He faithfully brings his children to church and Sabbath school on the weeks that he has them.



photo by Ramona Trubey

Nick Harris (left) recommitted his life to Jesus and was baptized by Ron Kelly, Cicero Church pastor.

Even though the divorce is a severe trial, Nick's faith is strong, and his hold on the Lord is firm. Through the help of the pastor and loving church members, he will continue his walk with the Lord. "I wasted 40 years of my life," Nick says, "and some things still don't make sense, ... but now I have the Lord to hang on to, and I lean on Him."

Ramona Trubey, Cicero Church communication director



Your Hidden Inheritance

BY ANN FISHER

Linda and Sue watch their parents pull out of the driveway on their way to church. The girls could have occupied the back seat as they used to. But today they are spending the first Sunday at home. They're attending church on Sabbath now. They walk to the patio and sit facing each other, feeling a bit strange. The excitement of their first Sabbath, the baptism, the welcome, and the sense of belonging to a new church family—all of it means making adjustments at home, school, work, everywhere.

The girls remember the pastor's words about getting involved in church activities, giving their time to witnessing, and using their "talents" for the church. They want to share their beliefs with their parents, but they wonder if they have the ability to do that. They wonder if talents mean special gifts. Spiritual gifts? How can they get them? They have the time and the desire, but where are their spiritual gifts?

What is a spiritual gift?

A spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit

to every member of the body of Christ, according to God's grace, for use within the context of the church body. This definition makes three important points. First, a spiritual gift is given by the grace of God. God is the one who determines the spiritual gift we should have. God knows which gift fits best with our personalities, and God, in His wisdom, gives us the appropriate spiritual gift. The second point is that every member of the body of Christ has a spiritual gift. And the third, spiritual gifts are given to be used for the strengthening of God's church.

The foundation for spiritual gifts is found in three key biblical passages—Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. You will want to look these passages up in your own Bible and study them prayerfully. Somewhere in these three references is God's special spiritual gift for you.

How do you discover your own, personal spiritual gift?

Start with study and research. Here are six suggested methods for you to use.

1. Study the Scriptures.
2. Read other articles and books on spiritual gifts.
3. Rub shoulders with spiritually gifted people.
4. Form a group and discuss your spiritual gift possibilities.
5. Analyze your own strengths and weaknesses.
6. Attend a spiritual gifts seminar.

Why is it important for you to discover your spiritual gift?

Because the Lord wants to use your gift. With your gift you can help God's church to succeed. But unless you find your gift, develop it, and implement it, your own spiritual growth, as well as that of your church, will suffer. By discovering your gift, you will be able to experience a feeling of belonging within your local church. God has given you a spiritual gift because you are important to Him, to His church, and to all potential Christians. That's exciting!

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EVANGELISM IN CENTRAL AMERICA

REACH Honduras

BY GLENN RUSSELL

As Josef Kissinger reached the check-in counter at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago on December 28, 2003, he muscled his luggage onto the scales. Unfortunately, the luggage—two boxes of children's supplies—was overweight. But Josef was on a mission, and he quickly began handing out clothing from one of the boxes to the rest of the team members who stuffed the children's socks, shoes, underwear, and shirts into their carry-on bags.

During Christmas break 2003, 22 Andrews University and Andrews Academy students and faculty headed to the Hogar de Ninos (children's home) in Honduras. The orphanage is operated by REACH International, an Adventist children's ministry caring for over 20,000 children in dozens of countries around the world. The volunteers from Berrien Springs, Michigan, conducted a FLAG camp for the children of the orphanage, day-care center, and the local REACH mission school. Students at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School



Andy Helm, Andrews Academy student, was one of 22 students and faculty that went to Honduras for a mission trip after Christmas.

and others from the Andrews community had donated clothing for the team to take to more than 110 children in Honduras.

The week began with over 60 children, but God richly blessed till over 155 had joined in the exciting activities by the final day. Students Michael Bell and Jodi Poole went



Andrea Felt enjoyed building relationships with the kids at the Hogar de Ninos.

with me into the community to invite children to attend.

"It was such a joy to see the excitement on the children's faces when they heard the invitation," recalls Jodi. "One of the little girls said her mom let her come because the REACH school was a place where she could learn about God."

The FLAG camp featured worship and other activities such as crafts, Bible lessons, music, nature study, and games. Naomi Jackson, Andrews University freshman education major, used all her teaching skills to help the children learn to play recorders in music class. Gradually the cacophony of squeaks and shrill wrong notes morphed into recognizable tunes, till the children



Jodi Poole spent time in the community near the orphanage, inviting the local children to attend FLAG camp.

were able to play special music on Sabbath.

"God worked a musical miracle," was Naomi's smiling assessment. "It took a lot of patience, but these children really wanted to learn." Scott Schalk, businessman and FLAG camp director, spoke for all the team, "It is such an inspiration to come here and work together with the dedicated staff here at the orphanage. They are doing a wonderful job; we're glad to help do something special for these children."

The trip is over, but the memories of hugs, lots of laughter, sun-tanned smiles, passionate prayers, refreshing relaxation at the river, and dozens of new friends will last forever. Andy Helm, Andrews Academy student, summed up the whole team's feelings: "It was awesome; I'd love to go back again!"

If you would like to make a difference in a child's life and learn more about REACH International—an Adventist organization providing food, shelter, education, and Christ's love to over 23,000 children around the world—call (269) 471-7460 or go to their Web site: www.reach.org.

Glenn Russell, director of this mission trip, is a professor in the religion department at Andrews University.



The Blessings and Responsibilities of Pets

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

My first pet was named “Muggins.” Actually, he was my uncle’s cat. In a 16-year-old “generous” gesture one day, he said I could have half of him as my own—the back half! A couple of years later, my grandparents took me out to a family friends’ ranch, and we came home with a black terrier-mix puppy. My grandfather helped me choose her name, “Topsy.” She was my closest companion. Those first pets were the beginning of my life-long enjoyment and respect of God’s creatures. They also had a role in teaching me responsibility. I learned some of the same things I invite you to consider in teaching your children how to enjoy, respect, and understand pets.

- ▶ Let your dog or cat eat without being disturbed.
- ▶ Never take a toy or bone away from a dog’s mouth unless the dog is willing to drop it. Explain that some pets become very attached to their balls and toys, just like children do.
- ▶ Teach your children to pet animals in the direction their hair lies. Don’t let them poke a pet’s eyes or throw things at them. Teach them that animals are *not* toys.
- ▶ Show your children how to observe body language. Since dogs and cats can’t talk as we do, they communicate by body

language. Dogs that are upset usually have their tails up, ears back, hair standing, and are barking, growling, or showing their teeth. Cats who have their hair standing, tail stiff, ears back, are hissing, or have dilated eyes are being bothered. Teach your child, “If you ever face a dog showing these signs, do not scream, run, or stare into the animal’s eyes. Walk away slowly with no fast movements.” It’s a good idea to practice this with your child.

- ▶ Don’t invade a pet’s space. Tell your children to never put their hands in a car window or dog pen. A dog might growl or even bite to defend his territory.
- ▶ Don’t get near or try to stop two dogs from fighting. Tell children to get an adult to help.



- ▶ Teach your children to wash their hands after playing with their pets because of bacteria. Discourage your children from letting their cat or dog lick their faces.
- ▶ Teach your children to always ask for the owner’s permission to pet an unknown dog or cat. Once your child has permission, have her approach the pet slowly, allowing the dog or cat to smell her scent before petting the animal.
- ▶ Teach your children to enjoy and appreciate the personalities and peculiarities of their pets.

Researchers are exploring the healing power animals generate. Tropical fish are stress busters for the anxious and depressed, and animal relationships speed recovery from heart attacks. God uses pets to help us understand unconditional love.

Suggestions:

- 1 Plan a special family worship, focusing on God’s gifts of animals in our lives.
- 2 Have your child visit <http://dogs.about.com>

Susan Murray is an assistant professor of behavioral sciences at Andrews University.

EXTREME GRACE

Five-second Delay

BY DICK DUERKSEN

I wish my life were on a five-second delay.

The hi-jinks of Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake have completely changed the meaning of “live television.” Where the Grammys, Oscars, and Super Bowl half-time shows have always been right-now-see-it-as-it-is live TV, that is no longer true. This year’s Grammy awards were broadcast with a five-minute delay—just to be sure there were no “wardrobe malfunctions,” or “verbal malaprops.” No one wants the public relations chaos that followed the Super Bowl.

Rush Limbaugh has a time delay on his talk radio show—so crazy people will not be heard shouting crazy things to the world through the EIB network. Similar delays are commonplace on all radio talk shows. Why trust your credibility to someone else’s poor choices? Why let someone embarrass you on your own show?

The delay simply offers the programmers/engineers/audio and video geniuses just enough time to “fix” the problem. They bleep out the bad words, toss in a replacement commercial, skip past the “malaprop,” or place digital fuzziness over bared

skin. They take out the bad stuff so the owner/host/network/sponsor will still look good. The delay makes everything come out OK. Whew!

I wish my life were on a five-second delay.

When an idiot launches his SUV into my lane

without blinking, I could get angry, shout, and make nasty gestures at him ... then quickly repair the tape so all it shows is me smiling kindly as he nicks the “Honk if you love Jesus” sticker on my bumper.



There are so many good uses for a five-second delay. I’d use it to pull back things I wish I hadn’t said to my wife. To undo bad decisions at work. To change my wrong answers on a test. To seem good when I was really bad. Trouble is, five seconds wouldn’t be enough. Sometimes it’s an hour, or a day, before I come to my senses and realize that I shouldn’t have done that!

I wonder if God has a five-second delay on His Universal Broadcast Network?

Nope. Everyone around the universe sees stuff “as it happens.” They see how poorly Christians live like Christ. They hear the angry words of good people. They watch while spiritual giants live as moral dwarfs. They see good intentions abandoned like candy bar wrappers. The watchers hear God say, “These are my kids, I love them and they’ve chosen to live like me.” Then they see us live on our own, behaving like the Devil. There is no delay, no digital fuzziness. Just instant painful truth.

Then God clears His throat and asks, “Child, could you use an eraser?”

When I nod my heart in submission, He smiles and bathes me in His blood. “Though your sins are blood-red,” He scrubs, “they’ll be snow-white. If they’re red like crimson, they’ll be like wool” (Isaiah 1:18, *The Message*).

A five-second delay would be useless in God’s world. He’s into truth, public repair, and personal transformation!

The enemy is into digital fuzziness. God’s into *grace*.

Dick Duerksen is the director of mission development for Florida Hospital in Orlando.

The Learning Brain

BY VICKI GRIFFIN

The human brain is marvelous, mysterious, and surprisingly malleable, or plastic. That means it has an amazing capability of being altered by outside influences, and a profound capacity for adaptive change. Although greater in childhood, the brain retains this “plastic” potential throughout life which is central to our ability to learn, to grow, and to change.

Geneticist Fred Gage has remarked: “A milestone is marked in our understanding of the brain with the recent acceptance, contrary to early dogma, that the adult nervous system can generate new neurons.”¹

Genes contribute to personality traits but do not entirely determine them or dictate who we are. John Ratey, a neuropsychiatrist from Harvard University, explains it this way: “The point to remember is that genes can be active or inactive and that everything we do affects the activity of our genes. ... Genes do not make a man gay, or violent, or fat, or a leader. Genes merely make proteins. ... We humans are not prisoners of our genes or our environment. We have free will. Genes are overruled every time an angry man restrains his temper, a fat man diets, and an alcoholic refuses to take a drink. ... It may be harder for people with certain genes or surroundings, but ‘harder’ is a long way from predetermination.”²

People make dramatic mid-life career changes, master new skills,

adopt healthy lifestyles after years of abuse, make positive changes in the way they relate to people after years of dysfunctional relationships, and learn to enjoy new activities, hobbies, foods, and friends. All this human dynamism involves change—genetic, neuronal, and hormonal. New associations and new memories mean new proteins are being synthesized in the brain, changing its very structure.

Paul wrote, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”³

Science is showing that being new in Christ means more than we have understood. As we cooperate with Christ, relying on His power, making new decisions, thinking new thoughts, and trying new and better behaviors, the imprint of those changes are left embossed on our material selves!

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Vicki Griffin is the Michigan Conference health ministries director.



The attractive Lifestyle Matters kits include books, audio CD’s, and videos designed to help you incorporate God’s principles into your life. These principles deal with issues such as stress sensitivity, immune function, memory, learning, behavior and mood. They are simply presented and easy to share with others. You are also encouraged to include the Lifestyle Matters ministry modules in your church’s comprehensive evangelistic plan for 2004. Visit www.lifestyl matters.com or call 866-624-LIFE (5433).

Sharing our HOPE



Earning the Right to be Heard

A retired pastor finds ways to serve his church and lead his community.

BY GAYLE SHOMLER

Wilder, with a population of 68, has never been the brightest spot in southwestern Minnesota. It is a blink of the eye on highway 60. Because of the rundown appearance of a number of its properties, one might not have even noticed it. Since 2000, Ed Eigenberg, a retired pastor, has made a positive change in the town by serving in its city government. In the process, he is changing the way Seventh-day Adventists are viewed in the southwestern corner of the state.

Ed served as a pastor for 40 years and pastored the Petoskey, Carp Lake, and Cheboygan, Michigan, churches until his retirement in 1994. But upon retirement, he and his wife, Doris, returned to his Minnesota childhood home, where he was raised and where his father had been a well-known farmer. Here he serves the Windom and Marshall churches. And here he serves his community.

During the first two years after returning to the area, Ed sat on the city council of Wilder, being written in as mayor *pro tem* after his first year. When election time rolled around in 2002, Ed received 90 percent of the votes to be mayor.

He began immediately promoting development, rebuilding streets, and working to put a sign up near the freeway. He's also worked at cleaning up the old used cars and making rundown

properties visibly attractive again. The Seventh-day Adventist church in nearby Windom, with a membership of 30, has had a role in Wilder's development. Members have done a great deal of community service work in the town. And in return, the town has been very grateful.

One way that Ed communicates about what goes on in Wilder is through the newspaper that he and his wife, Doris, put together. Published monthly, the one-sheet paper is mailed to the Wilder community. Often Wilder articles are reprinted in the county newspaper that goes to thousands of households throughout Cottonwood County. It is through this positive press that Ed is recognized and stopped on the streets of Windom, a community of 5,000 only five miles away from Wilder.

Through this publication, people county-wide have gotten a new view of Seventh-day Adventists. As mayor, Ed rubs shoulders with government officials county-wide. He has found that he and the name Adventist have gained respect, including those from Marshall, a university city of 25,000.

"It's my belief that to rightly represent our church," says Ed, "we need to be active in our communities. They need to know that we care. We don't just want to make them Christians. We need



Ed Eigenberg retired in 1994 from pastoring in Michigan and returned to his Minnesota roots where he created a stir in town by purchasing and cleaning up the "junkiest" lot in town. The town eventually elected him mayor. Through his community involvement, he has made a positive change in the way Seventh-day Adventists are viewed in the surrounding communities.

to find the ways we can make a difference," he says.

When Ed joined the area's ministerial association, he discovered years of prejudice had created nearly insurmountable walls. Local pastors said, "We didn't know that Adventists were interested in the community. We thought Adventists thought they'd be contaminated if they were part of us."

"These are barriers that we need to break down," Ed says. "As Adventists, we have a great deal to share. But we forget," he says, "that we have to *earn the right to be heard.*"

Gayle Shomler was a Minnesota Conference assistant news editor at the time she wrote this article.

Hope Supports Parents in Their Walk of Faith

Hope in the midst of loss is the key to the success of Still Missed, a compassionate program offered by Adventist Health System Midwest Region for parents who experience miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal loss. The program began 17 years ago at Hinsdale Hospital and has expanded to include La Grange Memorial and Glen Oaks Hospital patients. The program's caring team—chaplains, staff volunteers, and trained grief counselors—model Christ's love. These words of parents taken from recent thank you notes describe their journey of faith.

"Still Missed gave us hope that our lives would become normal again."

"What does it feel like when grief starts to wane? It becomes not so much about surviving one day to the next. It has become a feeling of overwhelming love for my baby without as much loss attached to it. ... The biggest gift my baby gave to me was the ability to see and feel the beautiful mystery of my faith. ... I am convinced that during my suffering and sorrow, my soul has been indelibly imprinted by God. He entered my soul and will never leave it."

"Having someone so kind, caring, and knowledgeable help us was the best we could hope for during the loss of our baby. We are so glad for the pictures, dress, blanket, foot and handprints, and teddy bear. It was so nice having someone else treat our baby with such specialness."

This support program provides an invaluable service that parents say family members and friends

just can't fill. "The Still Missed staff members are truly gifts from God! Without their love and continuous support, my family and I would not be in such a good frame of mind. I know that God was watching over us.

"Their caring and warm words have helped us cope with so many issues regarding our loss. The resources available were also very helpful. We truly value all the services of your program—especially the phone calls."

The Still Missed program holds monthly support meetings for parents, as well as separate meetings for grandparents, and offers an interpreter for Hispanic parents.

"It is extremely helpful and comforting to be able to meet with people. Still Missed has been an integral part of our grieving process since our loss."

"The support, care, concern, empathy from the Still Missed program was outstanding. I found the followup phone calls, sympathy cards, call at my due date, and other calls just to check in with me or to remind me of upcoming meetings, very helpful."

According to Rosmarie Roose, R.N., a coordinator of the program for the past 16 years, many families later call with good news about subsequent births. "They share this information, forever remembering the babies they have lost, but with deep gratitude and thanks for the support they received."

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



Student Financial Services: A Partnership in Action

Andrews University has an awesome merit-based scholarship program accompanied by a generous gift aid program. I say this after working more than a decade in student financial services on more than one campus. During that time, I've seen a variety of scholarship programs and efforts to help families afford a Seventh-day Adventist college education. I believe our new program reflects Andrews University's strong commitment to partner with families to achieve their educational dreams.

The Andrews Partnership Scholarship was first introduced to our 2002–03 freshman class. Each freshman was awarded from \$1,000 to \$6,000 based on their ACT/SAT scores and academy/high school GPA. Because our scholarship commitment is for four years, many of those freshmen have received \$12,000 from Andrews University by the end of their sophomore year. By their graduation, they could receive \$24,000! That's an awesome partnership!

Because these scholarships are based on academy/high school scholastic performance, it is important for parents of seventh- and eighth-grade students to encourage their children to do their best as they enter their academy/high school years. For students who are already in academy/high school, it is important for them to recognize that their academic performance will make a big difference in their Andrews Partnership Scholarship eligibility.

The Andrews Partnership Scholarship is also available to undergraduate transfer students whose college GPAs are 2.5 or higher. The renewable scholarship amounts are \$1,500 to \$4,000. This is great news, because many of these transfer students ran out of merit scholarships after their freshman year at other schools. This is just part of the story, though. How do we partner with families in financial need?

The need-based portion of our financial award

to students is our Andrews Gift ... and is just that ... a gift. Andrews Gift funds are available to undergraduate students based on their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) information. We provide Andrews Gift to satisfy a percentage of need with free money. In fact, we have awarded our students with not just a \$6,000 Andrews Partnership Scholarship, but also an additional Andrews Gift of more than \$4,000. That's more than \$10,000 in free money for one academic year from Andrews University! In addition, federal and state aid might be available, depending on the individual student's award.

Why has Andrews University taken such a significant step in partnering with students and their families? It's simple: We believe God Himself designed Adventist education. We believe Adventist education is part of God's redemptive plan. In turn, we are committed to helping students develop their full potential to serve their Creator and Redeemer. Be blessed by the miracle stories we share in this issue. Miracle stories our students are experiencing now ... not years ago ... now!

If you are contemplating beginning or continuing an undergraduate or graduate program and are interested in receiving financial aid, we'd like to hear from you. Let us know what we can do for you. There's still time to apply for fall 2004.

Please call us at (269) 471-3334, e-mail us at sfs@andrews.edu, and explore our new student financial services Web site for prospective students (including details on financial aid priority dates, a calculator to determine Andrews Partnership Scholarship award levels, complete details on our student financial services advisors, links to important information, and more): <http://www.connect.andrews.edu/studentfinance>.

We cordially invite you to come see us during a workshop at one of the Lake Union academies, or in our office on the Andrews University campus. Also look for us at Lake Union camp meetings. Wherever we meet, let's talk about our partnership in Adventist education. Students, their families, Andrews University, and God—that's an awesome partnership.

Jerri Gifford, student financial services director



Jerri Gifford is the Andrews University student financial services director.

Food Fixations:

FINDING FREEDOM

BY VICKI GRIFFIN AND EVELYN COLE KISSINGER

Who doesn't know one? We all have heard people laughingly refer to themselves as "junk-food junkies" as they dip into a plate of brownies for the third time at a party. But for many, it is no joke. To the serious food addict, those brownies can be more compelling than gold bullion. If a desired food item is in the house, whether it be fried cheese curls, chocolate kisses, or sugar-laden soda pop, the food addict knows exactly how much is left and where it is located, and cannot stop thinking about it until it is gone—eaten, that is.

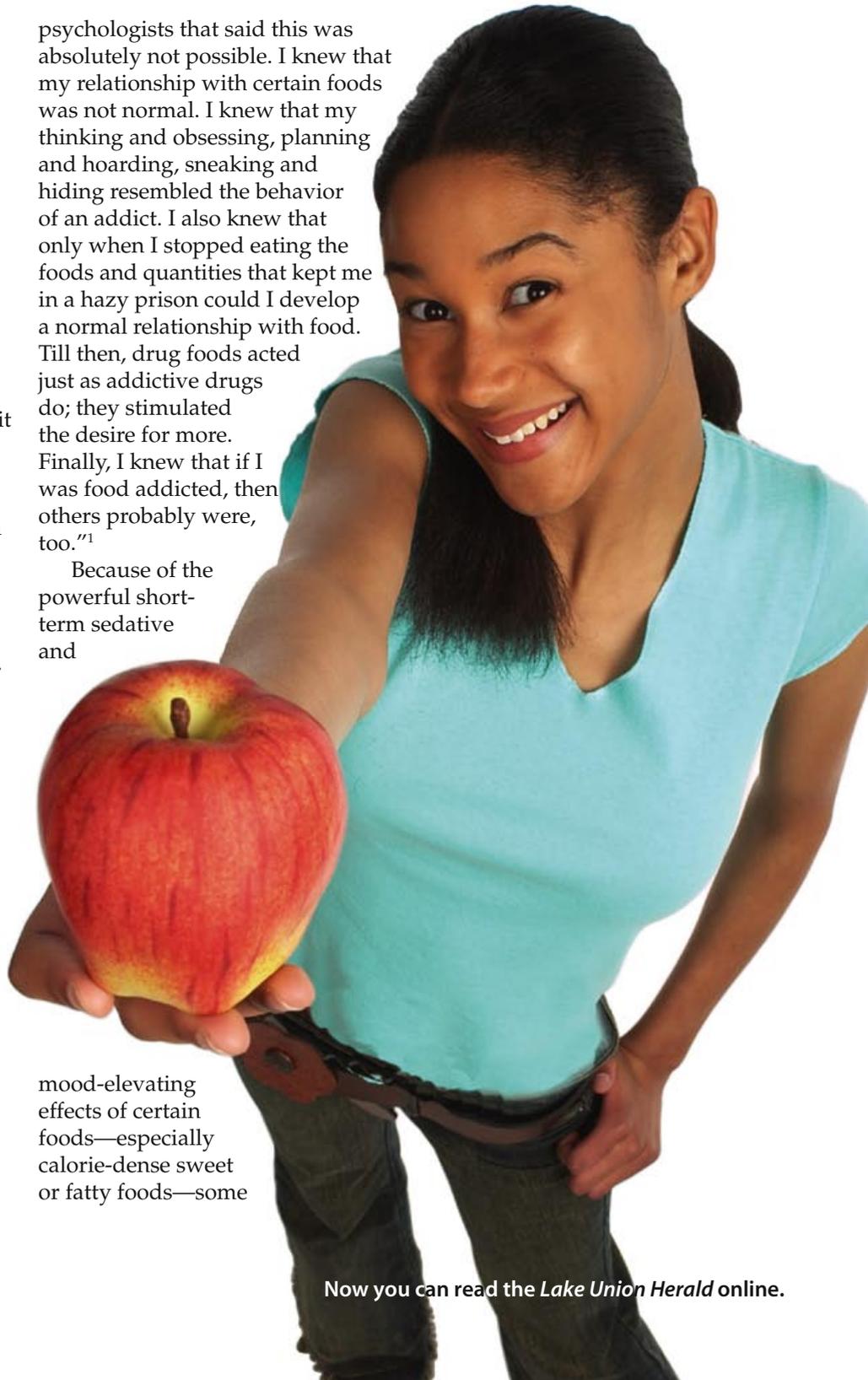
Food addicts are in a strange predicament. They are generally not perceived as real addicts. Often they don't understand that they have a real addiction that causes changes in the brain—but they are as isolated, driven, and controlled by their addiction as a drug abuser. And so the food addict is left in some never-land of dysfunction, obsessively preoccupied with certain foods, and not understanding it as an addiction.

Notice licensed therapist Anne Katherine's compelling personal description of her struggle with food in her book *Anatomy of a Food Addiction*: "I knew from my own internal experience just how compelling a food craving can be, how powerful and irresistible. ... My food addiction seemed like a curse, preventing me from feeling like a normal person. But when I understood that my experience was proof that food could be addictive, it helped me stand firm when I came under attack by some

psychologists that said this was absolutely not possible. I knew that my relationship with certain foods was not normal. I knew that my thinking and obsessing, planning and hoarding, sneaking and hiding resembled the behavior of an addict. I also knew that only when I stopped eating the foods and quantities that kept me in a hazy prison could I develop a normal relationship with food. Till then, drug foods acted just as addictive drugs do; they stimulated the desire for more. Finally, I knew that if I was food addicted, then others probably were, too."¹

Because of the powerful short-term sedative and

mood-elevating effects of certain foods—especially calorie-dense sweet or fatty foods—some



people fall into the trap of using them to avoid experiencing the pain and challenges of everyday life. For others, food becomes a substitute for unmet needs for love, security, acceptance, or happiness. Snack cakes become the antidote for loneliness, rejection, abuse, and anger.

Not all people who have emotional problems become addicts, and not all addicts have emotional problems. But addictions more readily occur in individuals who have unmet needs that they have not learned to deal with in constructive ways. And once those addictions occur, for whatever reason, emotional problems are on the way, because addictions are isolating, disabling, and destructive by their very nature. There is also a physical side to the addiction.

Although research is still in its infancy, there is some indication that binging on foods high in fat and sugar can not only hijack hormones that govern appetite, but also cause changes in the brain associated with addiction to drugs, promoting addiction in susceptible individuals.² Evidence of sugar addiction has been documented in rats.³ Fortunately, as with any other habit, the brain is highly plastic, and these changes are largely reversible over time.

Is it possible for a junk-food junkie to change bad eating habits—for good?

The answer is, yes. If you are hooked on fast foods, sweets, and high-fat snacks, the place to begin is by eating more fiber foods and choosing healthful plant fats.

- ▶ Fiber foods are satisfying and reduce hunger between meals.⁴
- ▶ Fiber foods help raise serotonin. If your serotonin level drops, you may feel down, which may cause a craving for sweets.
- ▶ Fiber foods may help reduce emotional distress.⁵

- ▶ Fiber foods are rich in complex carbohydrates that provide energy.⁶
- ▶ Fiber foods are rich in antioxidants which protect cells from excessive free radical damage, which is a real problem with the popular high-fat and protein diets today.
- ▶ Fiber foods may improve brain function.⁷
- ▶ Be on the offense; choose fiber foods at each meal: fruits, vegetables, beans, whole-grain breads and cereals. High-fiber foods provide a powerful package of healthful benefits like vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, and antioxidants to keep your appetite satisfied and enhance your physical and mental health.
- ▶ Eat more plant fats. Choose nuts, seeds, olives, and avocados. Plant fats help cell membranes to maintain more flexibility and better permeability, so that the cells are more responsive to hormone signaling. Fats that are brain healthy are also heart healthy! Plant fats also add satiety to your meals.

- ▶ Put nuts or seeds on your cereal or salad.
- ▶ Eat olives and avocado on your salad or sandwich.
- ▶ Choose a breakfast with whole-grain cereal and fresh fruit.
- ▶ Add fruit and/or vegetables with your lunch and supper.
- ▶ Choose whole grains and beans often.

Soon you will prefer healthful and tasty high-fiber choices. Once they become a part of your regular eating habits, you will find that eating healthfully is easy and enjoyable.

Physical addictions can be beat in a short period of time, but God provides staying power so you can stay free. God promises us, “I have seen his ways, and will heal him. I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him ... I will heal him” (Isaiah 57:18, 19).

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For more information on food addiction and treatment options, come to the 14th annual Summer School of Addictions at Andrews University. Sex and food addictions and exploration of treatments: May 3–6, 2004. Food addiction treatment options will be covered Tuesday, May 4. CEUs available. For more information, contact Derri Hanson at (269) 471-3558.

True Education at Indiana Academy

BY RHONDA CRUMLEY

Hurried with the day's "to-do list," I was completing a business transaction when a voice nervously popped a question nearby, catching my attention. "Mr. Ortiz, are you an administrator?" I heard the voice ask. My first split-second reaction was, "I wonder what is wrong? Why does she want to know?" I looked up to see who this inquisitor was, and my eyes now read her body language. Instead of viewing an attitude problem, I saw timid reservation on this senior's face as she asked my boss, "May I pray for you?"

Humbly, I began to reverse my thoughts. "You mean she doesn't want anything?" Quite the opposite, she wasn't taking; she was offering what to me is the most priceless gift. Looking back down, my ears were once again tuned into the sweet voice that offered, "Is there anything that you would like for me to pray about for you?" At this, my nose began to tingle, my eyes were freshly moistened, and my vision blurred a bit as my heart was touched with the tender concern of this young girl.

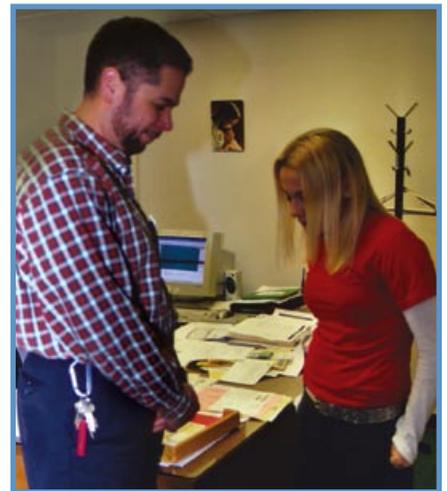
I don't remember the words of the prayer, but I found myself glancing up once again as I heard her steps leave Mr. Ortiz' office. I witnessed a slightly reddened nervous face, blond hair flowing from the confident quick steps,

and a joyful smile that couldn't be held inside. I could tell from her face that I wasn't the only one touched by this experience. I walked down the hall to wipe away my tears.

Upon returning to my work area, I looked to my left, and there I saw a silhouette of two girls praying with one another—doors propped open, leaves blowing in, people passing, all unnoticed by the two praying forms.

"Hallelujah!" I partly raised my arms, and with clenched hands said an emphatic, "YES!" I continued on to my destination, not sticking around to see the results on their faces, but I imagined the same

picture all over again—slightly reddened nervous faces, confident quick steps, and joyful smiles that couldn't be held inside.



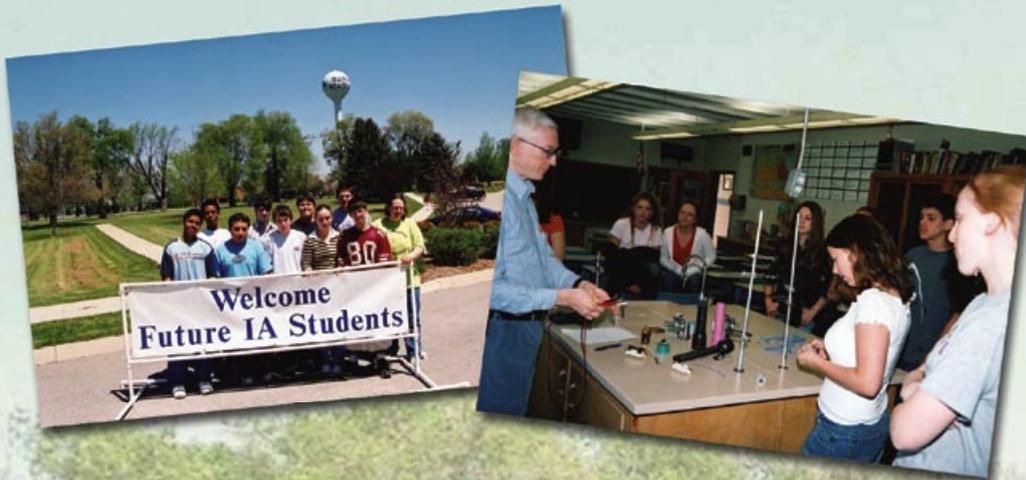
Orville Ortiz, Indiana Academy business manager, is touched by the prayer of Emily Vance.

Later I learned that the students had conducted these prayers for Perry Pollman's Bible class assignment, but it still meant a lot to me. Instead of disappointment, my heart again resounded with joy at the thought that religion was made practical by a Bible teacher. I saw its results on the participants' faces, and I felt its power on myself as an observer.

Now that's true education!
Thanks, IA.

Rhonda Crumley is the business office assistant at Indiana Academy.

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Service: A Way of Life at Andrews Academy

BY MARK BECKER

On a beautiful autumn day, 10 groups of Andrews Academy (AA) students and teachers stepped out of the classroom and into the community for a day of service, a long-standing tradition at the academy.

Alvin Glassford, religion/outreach teacher and organizer of "Community Service Day," took his group of 17 to Warren Dunes State Park to pick up clay tiles and other trash that had been dumped in a creek bed. According to Alvin, permission for this project was granted because of Andrews Academy's reputation from previous years.

Bronson Elementary School in Benton Harbor. "When I saw the effect it had on the students at both Sterne Bronson and the academy, it brought tears to my eyes," Sherita said.

Two similar activities involved the Benton Harbor Salvation Army and the Adventist Community Service center in Berrien Springs. Most of the students at these sites were responsible for sorting and organizing clothes or weeding the parking lots.

But service at AA was not limited to one day last semester. Students' willingness to be involved in service is evidenced

organized a "Random Acts of Kindness" club which raked leaves for senior citizens and has done other acts of kindness.

Service to others can also come in the form of a note sent to someone in a time of need. In a number of English classes, students write notes to those who may be struggling mentally, emotionally, or physically; who have lost someone close to them; or who are fighting illness. These students are learning to use language in a variety of contexts and to recognize the power of communication to effect change in people's lives.

"These acts of service are



Joel Harris and Peter Robinson help organize sale items at a women's shelter.



Kim Amor, art teacher, works in the Dowagiac Woods.



Erika Fortin carries a box of sorted clothing at the Adventist Community Service center.



Andy Jones works with students at Benton Harbor's Sterne Bronson Elementary School.

One group went to Dowagiac Woods with Kim Amor, art teacher, where they cleared the forest floor of dead trees and straightened bent saplings. "They had a ball," Kim said. Rebecca Wright, English teacher, went with her group to Andrews University to work on the grounds. "It's hot, hard, sweaty work," she said. "I tell my students, 'It's more about serving other people, and that makes it all worthwhile.'"

Math teacher Sherita Moses-Whitlow's group tutored second-through fifth-graders at Sterne

by their initiation of the Ezekiel Project which continues to collect funds to finance a young Dominican boy's education and living expenses. Also this fall, the Friendship Team class organized a food and clothing drive for a local homeless shelter. Students filled a truck to overflowing with their contributions. The One Can Drive also benefited the homeless shelter with food items collected by students who took a Friday afternoon, going door-to-door, giving the community a chance to help. A few weeks later, students

illustrations of the way God is moving the hearts of our young people at Andrews Academy to make a significant difference in their own corner of the world," says Clemen Sheppard, Spanish teacher and librarian. The community, the faculty, and the students have benefited, and will continue to benefit, because service has become a way of life for many at Andrews Academy.

Mark Becker is Andrews Academy's marketing director.

Miracles from a Cubicle

BY KATIE SHAW

Does God care where you go to college? The student financial services advisors at Andrews University definitely think so! They have seen miracle stories unfold within their cubicle walls which confirm the existence of a God who cares about Christian education.

Matt* is from a single-father, low-income family, and needed to find a job to help pay his college expenses. He told his advisor that he wanted to get a job off campus, but his car was unreliable and frequently in the shop. His advisor prayed with him and was impressed with his determination to do whatever necessary to stay at Andrews.

Within the week, another student came to the same advisor to speak about her finances. She said: "Before we get started, I have something to ask you. Do you know anyone who needs a car?" She explained that a friend was giving her a car, and she didn't need hers anymore. The advisor thought of Matt immediately.

At the same time, a list of scholarships was given to the advisor who nominated Matt for one of them, and he received an extra \$1,000. "When I called him to let him know about the car and the scholarship, he was not only thankful, but was praising God!" the advisor said.

Jamila* and her family came to Andrews from abroad. In the final semester of her senior year, her "well" ran dry and she could not

pay the large balance still owed from fall semester, let alone the coming spring semester expenses. Her advisor prayed with her, and she went to her department to see if they could help her. They gave what they could, but it was still not enough. One day before the financial clearance deadline, she received a check for \$10,000, completely wiping out her old balance, her entire spring semester balance, and giving her money to help with her family's living expenses. She praises God for the way He took care of her.



Andrews University financial services advisor Juan Fresse helps a student.

Jeff* and his family had been facing hard times and wanted the opportunity to serve God as a pastor; however, he still hadn't completed his undergraduate degree which he needed for acceptance to the seminary. His wife believed in his dream and helped him get his finances in order while he worked during the day. Pregnant with their fifth child, she and Jeff moved their family to Berrien Springs only to find out

that they could not obtain campus housing. Before the day was over, they had found a four-bedroom house on a spacious country lot for just \$450 per month! Jeff soon realized he would need a full-time job to support his family and was blessed with a manager-in-training position.

Mikaela* owed \$4,400 from fall semester and needed to pay that balance before she could give her down payment for spring semester and graduate. She put her faith in God and prayed about her situation. She found out days

later that she had been awarded two \$1,000 scholarships, but this was still not enough to wipe out her balance. Through the Andrews Partnership Scholarship she received an additional \$2,000. During this time, her advisor received information about several Michigan Colleges Foundation scholarships to be awarded, and he nominated her. She received \$3,000. Her advisor reported: "When I saw her in the cafeteria and shared the good news,

she was dumbfounded! I could see that it was an emotional moment—her eyes teared and her voice was shaky as she gave the glory to God."

Who knows. Maybe there is a miracle waiting at Andrews University for you, too.

**All student names have been changed.*

Katie Shaw is a university relations news writer.

Project Education Learning Lab: A Family-based Summer School

BY RANDY SIEBOLD, ANDREA BALDWIN, AND KATIE SHAW

Anyone can sit behind a desk and read from a textbook about the inner workings of static electricity. But when you see the effects of positively charged electrons make your best friend's mom's hair stand on end and laugh until it hurts, that's learning you'll never forget.

Seventeen children participated in an out-of-the-box educational experience, called Project Education Learning Lab, or PELL, for two months during the summer of 2003. Children and their parents, primarily from the Seventh-day Adventist church in Stevensville, Michigan, took part in a hands-on summer school, directed by Randy Siebold, assistant professor of teaching and learning at Andrews University, as an extension of his doctoral dissertation. Andrea Baldwin, graduate student, acted as assistant director.

This process-based approach to Adventist education is rooted in concepts found in Ellen G. White's book, *Education*. The project received funding from the K-16 Collaboration Council at Andrews University, with additional assistance from the Lake Union, the Michigan Conference, and the Stevensville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In February of 2003, a group of parents, educators, a pastor, and students met with Randy to form the design team. They were

given the task of crafting a summer school curriculum based on *Education* for participating students in the Stevensville Church. The team was led through the design process by using the Mission-Infinity model, simply combining the "thinking" and



Matthew Lemon tries out some of the controls on one of the Andrews Airpark planes. Airpark personnel gave the kids and their parents airplane rides around campus.



Rob Zdor helps Lathan Bidwell get his custom-built kite airborne.

"doing" stages of any idea with the mission of the concept at its core. The group studied *Education* as well as other pertinent articles and

handouts before beginning to construct the curriculum.

The team chose Joel Bennett, recent Andrews graduate, to facilitate the summer program with the help of Rachael Barrera, Andrews Academy senior. The learning lab began June 10, 2003, with the first week consisting of interviews with the students and their parents to better understand their needs and to help tailor group activities. Four main "classes" were taught during the six weeks of summer school: Flight in Nature (experiencing and observing natural flight), Web Site

Design (sharing knowledge through the Internet), Aerodynamics (exploring and experimenting with the physics of flight), and



The group traveled to Warren Dunes State Park to learn about flight in nature from one of the naturalists.

The Ultimate Flight (a drama on the second coming of Christ).

“Classes were meant to be experience- or theme-based,” Randy said, “not subject-based. Students learned physics, math, and reading in one class instead of three separate courses.” Students and their parents could choose to attend during the mornings or afternoons of two- or four-day weeks. This schedule allowed for more parent participation because of the flexibility it provided.

Some older peers who are Stevensville Church members and experienced birders, led the group on a nature walk around the Andrews University campus, pointing out this or that species for the Flight in Nature class. The group also traveled to nearby Warren Dunes State Park on Lake Michigan to explore other types of



Randy Siebold used his video camera to show Adam Proctor and his classmates frame-by-frame footage of two water balloons of varying weight hit the ground at the exact same time due to equal gravity pull.

flight, such as flying squirrels. For the Aerodynamics class, the kids made paper airplanes and kites. They also saw the equal effects of gravity on water balloons of different weights. Students timed each water balloon’s fall from several feet in the air, discovering that, regardless of the weight, both balloons hit the pavement at the same time. “We talked about concepts only after the kids had

seen and experienced them in reality,” Randy said.

Because the learning experiences were child-centered, students had the opportunity to work on various projects at their own pace with the help and encouragement of their peers, PELL staff, and, most importantly, their parents. During the closing ceremony day, each student presented a project they had completed during the summer course to an audience of proud parents, fellow students, and educators. Each student was also given a certificate of completion.

The future of the PELL program is being considered, while Andrea Baldwin is using her involvement in this experience as the theme of

her dissertation. Randy and Andrea found that involving the local church leadership in the course design process helped to provide continuity for the students’ learning experiences. Stan Hickerson, Stevensville Church pastor, was able to integrate themes from the school into his Sabbath sermons and to promote the school’s concepts to his parishioners. PELL has also proved that home, school, and church can collaborate for organized learning—

enabling students to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually as God intended.

Randy Siebold is an Andrews University assistant professor of teaching and learning. Andrea Baldwin is a graduate student, and Katie Shaw is a university relations news writer.

Andrews Grants

\$1.2 Million Awarded for Research

BY LYNNETTE STRUNTZ

In the last six months, Andrews University has received more than \$1.2 million in grant awards to further important research by a number of professors in a variety of fields to support innovative education in the sciences. "It's kind of a new day to get this much support over such a short time period. We are excited, to say the least," said John Stout, dean of research at Andrews.

A large percentage of the funds provided to the faculty members by these new grants will support undergraduate and graduate students involved with them in research, an invaluable learning tool which undergraduates usually are not given the chance to participate in. "Students may have the opportunity to coauthor papers even before they graduate. That's rare for undergraduates," said Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration. "And it's a terrific asset when students apply to top graduate and medical schools. We're pleased we can offer this experience to them."

For years, Andrews has placed an emphasis on research. The university supports faculty research and creative scholarship through its Office of Scholarly Research. Each year, through this office, funds are allocated from the university's budget to assist professors with their research and support students working with them. Discoveries and preliminary results made during this research

process help catch the eyes of different government and research foundations that award grants.

James Hayward, professor of biology, and Shandelle Henson, associate professor of mathematics, with their team of students and consultants, received a grant for \$304,000 from the National Science Foundation to create mathematical models that predict how many sea birds and sea mammals will be in a specific habitat at a specific time. This is particularly important because of recent habitat losses due to human encroachment.



In 2002, several months before they arrived on Protection Island off the coast of Washington, the seabird ecology team at Andrews used a mathematical equation to predict the numbers of gulls resting on this pier every daylight hour for an entire month. Later, actual counts showed the predictions to be remarkably accurate.

Hayward and his colleagues have worked on the behavioral ecology of sea birds since the early 1970s. "Now with the benefit of input from a mathematician," he notes, "our research is at the cutting edge of science. The prospects are exciting."

The team is highly active in publication and speaking



The seabird ecology team from Andrews University stands at its observation point at Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge.

engagements.

Henson and Hayward speak around the country at professional conferences, sharing the results of their research. Already successful at predicting the movements of animals in one habitat on Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge, Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington, the sea bird ecology team is now working on models that predict the movements of animals among several habitats on the island.

Robert Zdor, associate professor of biology, received a \$65,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to further his research on a type of soil bacteria that has the ability to live around plant roots. Zdor discovered that by applying a certain type of soil bacteria around velvetleaf, a common weed found in cornfields, the plant is harmed and growth is reduced. He is now looking at the genetic basis for cyanide production and is going to test whether or not the cyanide is important in how the bacteria interacts with plants.

"The idea is, if cyanide is important in this interaction, and if we can optimize the cyanide production, then maybe we can optimize the harmful effect of the bacteria on the plant," Zdor explained. He hopes this research will lead to a new method of fighting weeds using a biologically based, as opposed to chemically based, weed control.

Desmond Murray, assistant

professor of chemistry, received a \$248,500 grant from the National Science Foundation and a \$50,000 grant from the American Chemical Society to study boronic acid substituted flavonoids. This research branched off from a discovery made by an Andrews

and he decided she should focus on boronic acid-substituted chalcones. While engaged in this research, they unexpectedly made a purple chalcone.

"This was highly irregular," Murray said, "since both natural and synthetic chalcones are generally yellow to orange in color." They proceeded to make more purple chalcones, as well as other colors.

Murray anticipates that extending the chalcone work to other classes of flavonoids can potentially lead to applications in molecular sensing, antimicrobials and new functional materials.

Candice Hollingsead, associate professor of teacher education, received a grant for \$116,000 from the United States Department of Education, part of a larger \$899,900 grant divided among five universities as a collaborative

education child cases, teachers can test and strengthen their skills in a realistic environment. The goal of this project is to develop a new special-education teaching theory model that can be used for national emulation.

Finally, John Stout, dean of research, with his core team of Gordon Atkins, associate professor of biology; Shandelle Henson, associate professor of mathematics; and Duane McBride, behavioral sciences department chair, received a \$490,600 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the unusually high percentage of graduates from the Andrews University biology department who are accepted to medical school—nearly double the national average.

Freshman enter the program with average high school GPAs and ACT or SAT scores, but leave the program scoring above the 90th percentile on national exit exams. The team will develop a new undergraduate program in behavioral neuroscience, modeled on the university's biology program. The National Science Foundation believes that the teaching model that develops from this study can be adapted for use in other disciplines or situations and provide a model for national emulation.

"Behavioral neuroscience is an area that's really growing nationally and provides tremendous opportunities," Stout said. "Our interdisciplinary program will open opportunities to successfully enter this field or go on for advanced training programs in psychology, the neurosciences, or medicine. We are excited to offer this great program to our students."

Lynnette Struntz is an Andrews University graduate intern.



Andrews University graduate students, Karl Phillips and Smruti Damania, make bird counts from their makeshift platform on Protection Island.

clinical laboratory science major three years ago who was experimenting with chalcones under Murray's supervision.

Chalcones, which belong to a class of plant pigments called flavonoids, have previously been known to have a wide range of biological activity. However, the student found that only one of the twenty chalcones she prepared inhibited growth of the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus*. Particular strains of this bacterium are becoming increasingly drug-resistant and are leading to hospital-acquired infections that cause complications such as blood and bone infections and infections of the heart and valves that lead to toxic-shock syndrome and death. The chalcone that inhibited this bacterium contained a boronic-acid group.

The following year, a freshman asked Murray for a research project,

project to implement new methods of teaching special-education teachers through virtual-reality, case-based instruction. They will then evaluate its effectiveness in an effort to create a new instructional model. Using CDs with video clips that show 10 actual special-



Desmond Murray, chemistry professor, and student research assistants received a \$248,500 grant from the National Science Foundation and a \$50,000 grant from the American Chemical Society to continue their purple chalcone research.

Fifth- and Sixth-grade Students Produce Weekly TV Program

Michigan—Six years ago, the fifth- and sixth-grade classes at Grand Rapids Junior Academy visited one of their local public access television stations. The studio personnel were impressed with the students and invited them to produce their own television program. Since then, the students have filmed 148 episodes of their show, “Out of the Classroom.” It has aired on several local public access stations as well as on a station in Spokane, Wash., and Georgetown, Guyana.



Grand Rapids Jr. Academy students work in the control room at the television studio.

Their TV program is based on students interviewing parents, grandparents, fellow students, pastors, and numerous other interesting people. They also demonstrate how to play musical instruments, make various food dishes, create interesting projects, and talk about what is important to their lives. The show’s topics are only limited by the students’ imaginations.

It is a total student production as they host the programs on the air, run the TV cameras, sound system, graphics computer, microphones, and just about everything that needs to be done for their programs.

They have made close friendships with the station personnel and grown close to the volunteers who faithfully transport them back and forth between the school and the television studios.

This Bible Labs program has gotten the students out of the classroom and given them a unique opportunity



Kelsey Duthil operates the television camera.

to learn how to use modern technology, develop public speaking skills, and to interact and share with adults in the community.

Judy L. Shull, Grand Rapids Junior Academy sixth-grade teacher

Village School Bible Labs Project

Michigan—A couple years ago at Christmas time, I received a telephone call from a good friend who volunteers at the local Salvation Army. He asked if I would like to help. I was assigned to take mothers around the center to pick out gifts for their children and also to make sure that each family had a food basket. It was an incredible experience.



Berrien Springs, Mich., Village Adventist Elementary School students volunteered at the local Salvation Army, making and delivering 1,900 Christmas baskets.

After going through that experience, I decided that this was a place that could use our Village Adventist School students as volunteers.

This past Christmas we had more than 40 junior high students volunteer at the local Salvation Army. We were in charge of making the food baskets and delivering them to the needy families' vehicles. When it was all said and done, our student volunteers handed out more than 1,900 baskets.

Chris Davisson, Berrien Springs Village Adventist Elementary School Bible Labs coordinator

Indiana Academy Awarded NCA Accreditation

Indiana—Perry Pollman, Indiana Academy (IA) principal, announced that Indiana Academy earned accreditation for the 2003–2004 school year from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). The association recognized the school on Jan. 31 at its board of trustees meeting held in Scottsdale, Ariz. Indiana Academy joins over 9,000 schools across a 19-state region that were honored for attaining accreditation.

To achieve accreditation, schools must meet NCA CASI's quality standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and engage in continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. The accreditation process is voluntary and must be renewed each year.



“Accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents, and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators,” stated Principal Pollman. “NCA CASI accreditation is recognized

across state lines, which not only eases the transfer process as students move from accredited school to accredited school but also assures parents that the school is meeting regionally and nationally accepted standards for quality and successful professional practice.”

Parents and interested community members can learn more about Indiana Academy and NCA CASI accreditation at the following Web sites: www.indianasdaacademy.org; www.ncacasi.org.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations director

Andrews Launches New Academic Program in Campus Ministry

Andrews University—In July 2004, Andrews University will launch a graduate certificate program in campus spiritual leadership with two tracks—one in Christian campus ministry, the other in public campus ministry. If you work on a Christian college or academy campus or if you work with Adventist students on public campuses, this program is for you.

The 12-semester credit program of master's level work will be offered in two one-week intensives over three summers. It is possible to use the credits as electives in other academic degree programs such as an MA in religious education, MA in youth ministry, or master of divinity degree. A non-credit option is also available.

Courses will be taught by college professors and by professionals who are on the front lines “doing” campus ministry. Often the courses will be team taught. As in any adult-learning situation, students will also learn by sharing professional experiences with each other.

Now is the time to apply for admission to the program. Contact us for more information or to get an application packet at (269) 471-8618 during weekday mornings Eastern time, or e-mail us at campusleader@andrews.edu.

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2004 Lake Union Camp Meetings

Illinois Conference

Central (Camp Akita) June 25–26
Hispanic (Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wis.) Aug. 26–29
Northern (Broadview Academy) June 11–12

Indiana Conference

Main (Indiana Academy) June 6–12
Hispanic (Indiana Academy) June 12

Lake Region Conference

Main (Camp Wagner) June 18–26
Hispanic (Camp Wagner) Sept. 2–6

Michigan Conference

Lower (Great Lakes Academy) June 18–26
Upper (Camp Sagola) July 23–25
Hispanic (Camp Au Sable) May 28–31

Wisconsin Conference

Main (Camp Wakonda) June 18–26
Hispanic (Camp Wakonda) Aug. 20–22



2004 Lake Union Summer Camp Schedules

Illinois Conference—Camp Akita

Family Camp, June 20–24
Cub Camp, ages 7–9, June 27–July 4
Junior Camp I, ages 10–12, July 4–11
Junior Camp II, ages 10–12, July 11–18
Teen Camp, ages 13–16, July 18–25
Hispanic Camp, Aug. 26–29
Adventurer Family Camp, Sept. 17–19

Indiana Conference—Timber Ridge Camp

Single Mom's Retreat, moms and children, June 17–20
Blind Camp, June 20–27 (Contact Christian Record Services at (402) 488-0981 for ages)
Cub Camp, ages 7–10, June 27–July 4
Junior Camp I, ages 10–13, July 4–11
Junior Camp II, ages 10–13, July 11–18
Teen Camp, ages 13–16, July 18–25
Family Camp, all ages, July 25–Aug. 1

Lake Region Conference—Camp Wagner

Junior Camp, ages 8–15, July 11–24
Basketball and Drum Corps Clinics, July 25–31

Michigan Conference—Camp Au Sable

Adventurer Camp, ages 8–9, June 13–20
Junior Camp, ages 10–11, June 20–27
Tween Camp, ages 12–13, June 27–July 4
Teen Camp, ages 14–16, July 4–11
Specialty Camp, ages 10–16, July 11–16
Family Camp I, July 18–25
Family Camp II, July 25–Aug. 1
Mini Family Camp, Aug. 4–8
Family Camp III, Aug. 8–14

Wisconsin Conference—Camp Wakonda

Blind Camp, June 29–July 4
Junior Camp, ages 8–10, July 4–11
Tween Camp, ages 10–12, July 11–18
Teen Camp, ages 13–16, July 18–25
Family Camp, July 25–Aug. 1

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Cicero Church Prepares to Impact Community

Indiana—Cicero (Ind.) members and the pastoral staff were excited to learn about the impact the CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program was having in the Anderson (Ind.) community as it was implemented by the Anderson Adventist Church.

Upon learning about a health summit in Vancouver, British Columbia, two Indiana Academy students and five adults flew to Vancouver to attend the CHIP leadership training conference. On Sabbath, Dec. 5, they shared what they had learned with their church family and invited the members to become involved in the upcoming CHIP outreach program.

Indiana Academy students Amy Jacobs and Laurie Bartlett, both certified nursing assistants, were fully involved in teaching healthy lifestyle changes to CHIP program attendees. Four pre-sessions were held in January at the Cicero Church and at the church's Tipton Living Center where the CHIP program was to be offered. The CHIP meetings were conducted Feb. 2 through Mar. 4. Cicero leaders provided not only healthy lifestyle assistance, but members plan to continue building relationships with Tipton residents, a neighboring community.



photo by Ramona Trubey

CHIP Health Summit attendees speak to Cicero Church members about the program's benefits and encourage them to participate in their church's upcoming CHIP outreach program.

For further information about the CHIP program, visit www.sdachip.org. To learn about CHIP programs offered in Indiana, contact Clinton Meharry, Indiana Conference health and temperance director at (317) 844-6201.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero Church communication leader

Kalamazoo Korean Company Organizes

Michigan—About four years ago, a group of Korean members at Battle Creek Tabernacle decided that a Korean company should be formed in the Kalamazoo area. They contacted Michael Nickless, Kalamazoo pastor at that time, and the Michigan Conference and received their blessing to begin working among the Kalamazoo Korean population.

Bruce Lee, Battle Creek Korean Company pastor, provided pastoral encouragement and help. After nearly four years, their dreams became a reality as they were organized into an official company in the Michigan Conference sisterhood of churches.



Bruce Lee, Battle Creek Korean Company pastor, directs as the new Kalamazoo Korean Company charter members register.

Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director, and Quentin Purvis, Kalamazoo pastor and district superintendent, officiated in the organization of the company and challenged them to be true to their mission—that of proclaiming the gospel to a lost world. They were challenged to grow and reach every Korean-speaking individual they could.

The service was blessed by the presence of Korean pastors and members from other Michigan Conference churches. Some traveled from South Bend, Ind., to witness the organization service.

Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director

Building Houses Opens Doors for Witness

Lake Region—Alice Dent has found a way to witness through her work with Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing organization that has built homes for lower-income families in 87 countries.

In January 2004, community publications such as the *Detroit Free Press* highlighted the work of this Habitat chapter and recognized Dent's enthusiasm and commitment as their new part-time executive director.

A member of the Ypsilanti (Mich.) Church, Dent



Alice Dent has found a way to witness through her work at Habitat for Humanity.

has a dual purpose in working with Habitat. She wants to help people find housing here and in the hereafter. She looks for ways to witness about Jesus as she works with clients. When homeowners experience hardships, they call Dent and ask her to pray for or with them. She says "I feel that when you are known as a praying person, that is a powerful witness." Dent readily offers information when asked about her lifestyle and religious beliefs. Offering invitations to church gives opportunity for her to answer queries about Saturday worship.

Dent wants to introduce Habitat clients to other Adventists and has enlisted the business skills of friends to make it happen. Several Ypsilanti Church members have developed a financial life skills program. They will share their expertise through financial management classes for Habitat homeowners. Dent's high energy and passion have earned her front-page recognition, but her ultimate goal is to open doors to more than shelter and security. She hopes to open doors to the promise of eternal life through friendship and Christian witness.

Debbie Young, Lake Region Conference volunteer correspondent

Ypsilanti Church Elder Receives Prestigious Award

Lake Region—David Williams, Ph.D., an Ypsilanti Church elder in Ypsilanti, Mich., was one of two social and behavioral scientists selected nationally to be a recipient of the 2004 Decade of Behavior Research Award. He was nominated for the award by the American Sociological Association. Williams was honored for his research on health issues that has contributed to the use of social and behavioral science knowledge in policy settings, and has enhanced



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public understanding of behavioral and social science principles.

The two awardees will receive funding to participate in a briefing on Capitol Hill. The Decade of Behavior (2000–2010) is a multidisciplinary initiative to focus the talents, energy, and creativity of the behavioral and social sciences on meeting many of society's most significant challenges. These include improving education and health care; enhancing safety in homes and communities; actively addressing the needs of an aging population; and helping to curb drug abuse, crime, high risk behaviors, poverty, racism, and cynicism toward government.

Ray Young, Lake Region Conference communication director

Never Too Old to Serve

Indiana—Velma Owens is a 96-years-young Greenfield (Ind.) Church Investment leader. It is a Sabbath school office she has honored during the past 73 years in the 24-member congregation. Together with her assistant, Carolyn Schroeder, God has blessed with amazing Investment offerings for missions. Each year they have been able to bring larger amounts as God again blesses their plans.

In 2001, their investments brought in \$1,172.52; during 2002 it was \$1,286.35; and last year (2003) it amounted to \$1,438.85. Their secret? They involve everyone— young children, teenagers, and adults in individual projects. They praise God for these opportunities to build His kingdom.



Velma Owens points to the Greenfield (Ind.) Church Investment totals for 2001 and 2002.

Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

Award Winner Honors Sabbath

Michigan—Much to his surprise, Tom Mejeur, a member of the Wyoming Church, received a call that informed him that he had won the 2003 National Program Chair of the Year Award from the ITT Technical Institute. The award would be presented at the corporate managers' meeting in Hilton Head, S.C., Oct. 31–Nov. 2, 2003.

ITT Technical Institute is a technical college that grants associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees for computer-aided drafting, electronics, information technology, and project management. ITT has 76 campuses in 28 states and over 33,000 students. Mejeur is program chair for computer-aided drafting and design.

When the call came, Mejeur quickly looked at his PDA calendar and discovered that part of the meetings were scheduled on Sabbath. He told his director that he planned to go to church on Sabbath. But he was told, "We accommodate your religion on this campus, but you are going to corporate meetings, and all those meetings will be mandatory."

Mejeur chose to go to church on Sabbath, even though he was scheduled to meet with the ITT chairpersons that morning. In the afternoon, he spent time at a park then walked on the beaches and roads back to the hotel.

Shortly after sundown, he returned to the corporate meeting and the director was so glad to see him. He was treated as if he had been there all day.

Nancy Graham, Wyoming Church communication leader

Hope for Our Day News Note

Wisconsin—Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, announced plans for the 70 churches of the Wisconsin Conference to conduct 140 series of meetings during 2004. They have mailed 500,000 Sow 1 Billion tracts, and are handing out an additional 100,000.

From the Desk of Don C. Schneider, North American Division president.

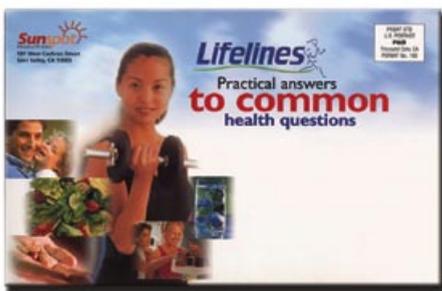


From left: Mike Powers received the Instructor of the Year Award, and Tom Mejeur received the Program Chair of the Year Award. This is the first time in ITT's history that two awards were granted to the same campus, which is in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lifelines Radio Spots

Adventist Media Services—Lifelines, a public service of the Adventist Church, provides practical answers to common health questions. This resource, which contains 52 60-second spots is now in its fifth edition and has already been circulated to 1,000 radio stations throughout North America.

Lifelines is hosted by Elmar P. Sakala, M.D., M.P.H., an expert in lifestyle education. Sakala was also speaker and writer for the nationally syndicated public service radio program, "Got a Minute for your Health," which aired on 700 radio stations in the United States as well as stations in Canada, Singapore, and the Caribbean.



"As a public service, Lifelines helps identify Adventists as the people who enhance quality of life in communities," said Kermit Netteburg,

assistant to the president for communication for the Adventist Church in North America.

Lifelines is a great resource for local churches, especially those who own radio stations or produce radio programs for community radio stations. For additional *free* copies of Lifelines to share with your pastors and members, please call the Adventist Media Services Agency at (805) 955-7606, while supplies last.

Church Leaders Share How to Keep Our Kids in the Church

Pacific Press—An important new book entitled *We Can Keep Them in the Church* has just been released. The book, full of insightful information from today's top Adventist youth and children's ministry leaders, explains through stories, interviews, and personal testimonies how they are making a difference in the lives of young people today.

We Can Keep Them in the Church is compiled by Myrna Tetz, former managing editor of the *Adventist Review*, and Gary L. Hopkins, director of the Center for Prevention Research and associate director of the

Institute for Prevention of Addictions at Andrews University.

Tetz says, "Try picturing ten young people from your church, some of them may be your own children or grandchildren. Then, mentally divide the group in half. Now, ask yourself, which five am I willing to lose?"

A startling question, but the truth is that in North America, nearly half of our young people are leaving the church and saying no to the Adventist way of life. Can anything be done to reverse the trend? Tetz, Hopkins, and 30 youth specialists and ministry leaders say, yes!

To read a sample chapter or to purchase this valuable resource, visit AdventistBookCenter.com or call toll-free (800) 765-6955.

Nicole Batten, Pacific Press Publishing Assn. publicity director

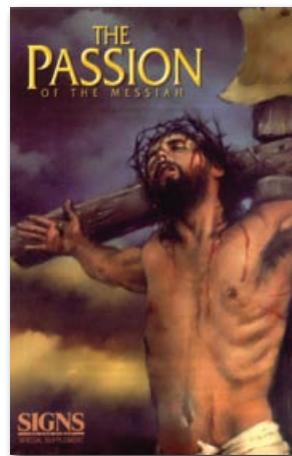
"The Passion of the Messiah" Sharing Booklet Available

Pacific Press—A timely sharing booklet from Pacific Press and *Signs of the Times* is being released in response to the much-publicized Mel Gibson movie "The Passion of the Christ." This 16-page, beautifully illustrated sharing booklet, called "The Passion of the Messiah," tells the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, using selections from *Messiah*, the popular contemporary adaptation of Ellen White's classic on the life of Jesus, *The Desire of Ages*.

"The Passion of the Messiah" sharing booklet includes a response card for free Discover Bible study guides, and is designed and priced for mass distribution by churches or conferences or for individual use as a sharing piece. It is also ideal for outreach during the Easter season.

Each church in North America will receive a sample copy of the "Passion" sharing booklet along with ordering information. You may order the booklet through your local Adventist Book Center, online at www.AdventistBookCenter.com, or by calling toll-free (800) 765-6955.

Nicole Batten, Pacific Press Publishing Assn. public relations director



MILEPOSTS

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ANNIVERSARIES



CHARLES W. AND DOROTHY B. MEADOWS celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 23, 2004, by enjoying a quiet vegetarian supper by themselves and recalling the beautiful memories of meeting each other and their travel with the Lord. They have been members of the Williamston (Mich.) Church for one and a half years.

Charles W. Meadows and Dorothy B. Harl were married Jan. 23, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio, by the justice of the peace. Charles has been a salesman of soft drinks and owned a 7-Up distributorship in Tampa, Fla. Dorothy has been an executive chef and owned her own restaurant in Detroit, Mich., and is now semi-retired.

The Meadows family includes Cheryl and Jeffrey Inez of Pasadena, Calif.; Charles III and Theresa Meadows of Detroit, Mich.; Sarah Lee LeBaron of Williamston, Mich.; Albert E. and Maureen Meadows of Royal Oak, Mich.; and Larry R. Meadows of Salt Lake City, Utah; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

AUTUMN M. GILHAM AND ENOCH N. BURRIS were married Dec. 13,

2003, in Jacksonville, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Samuel Bush.

Autumn is the daughter of Greg and Cathy Brummett of Jacksonville, and Enoch is the son of Dale and Linda Burris of Freedom, Ind.

The Burrises are making their home in Jacksonville.

JESSICA J. SEARFOSS AND BENJAMIN A. HUBBLE were married Nov. 30, 2003, in Claire, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder Forrest Hampton.

Jessica is the daughter of David and Susan Searfoss of Gladwin, Mich., and Benjamin is the son of Steve and Carol Ehle of Harrison, Mich.

The Hubbles are making their home in Gladwin.

OBITUARIES

BONNETTE, CARRIE E. (ADAMS), age 94; born Sept. 10, 1909, in Bloomington, Ind.; died Dec. 16, 2003, in Freedom, Ind. She was a member of the Spencer (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Aletha Foster; sister, Elena Banks; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Fish, and interment was in Clear Creek Cemetery, Bloomington, Ind.

BROWN, CARMELLA L. (VERGO), age 88; born Aug. 1, 1914, in Chicago, Ill.; died Jan. 22, 2003, in Marion, Ill. She was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include her son, Ron Brown; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Dale J. Barnhurst and David Sitler, and interment was in Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Elmhurst, Ill.

BROWN, HERMIONE V. (HILE), age 96; born Aug. 14, 1907, in Kendallville, Ind.; died Nov. 17, 2003, in Fort Wayne, Ind. She was a member of the Fort Wayne Church.

Survivors include her sons Richard D., Donald P, James C, Thomas W., and Ted A.; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Carmelo Mercado, and interment was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

CRISWELL, BEATRICE E. (WHITE), age 86; born Oct. 22, 1917, in Dyersburg, Ind.; died Dec. 16, 2003, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include her sisters, Lorell Archer, Peggy Golden, Jean Blackburn, June Basham, and Mary Jo Moss; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Harry Sharley and Michael Messervy, and interment was in West End Cemetery, Wytheville, Va.

DANFORTH, CLARA A. (BLOSSER), age 72; born Feb. 12, 1931, in Page County, Va.; died Dec. 26, 2003, in Pontiac, Mich. She was a member of the Waterford/Riverside Church in Waterford, Mich.

Survivors include her sisters, Betty Lou Burner and Sally L. Cain.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Lyle Davis, and interment was in Oxford (Mich.) Cemetery.

DEPAIVA, RUIMAR, age 42; born July 5, 1961, in Brazil; died Dec. 22, 2003, in Airai State, Palau. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his daughter, Melissa DePaiva; father, Itamar; mother, Ruth; brothers, Elimar, Herman, and Emerson; and sisters, Mariane Silva Ottoni and Marjorie Ottoni Marcondes.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Tom Evans, and interment was in Keene (Texas) Memorial Cemetery.

EVANS, "PAULENE" M.E. (HUDGINS), age 86; born Feb. 2, 1917, in Decatur, Ill.; died Jan. 2, 2004, in Decatur. She was a member of the Decatur Church.

Survivors include her husband, George M.; daughter, Florence Shipowick; sister, Ruth Stockslager; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor William Davis with a private inurnment.

FISHER, DORA MAE (SHAKE), age 97; born Nov. 11, 1906, in Sullivan, Ind.; died Jan. 4, 2004, in Linton, Ind. She was a member of the Lewis (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandy Walters; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ernie Peckham, and interment was in Westlawn Cemetery, Farmersburg, Ind.

FITCH, JAMES ROBERT, age 72; born Aug. 30, 1931, in Sioux City, Iowa; died Jan. 24, 2004, in Berrien Center, Mich. He was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include his brothers, Charles and William; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were

conducted by Pastor Kevin Parkins, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

GAL, ANNA N. (ALDEA), age 78; born Dec. 4, 1925, in Chicago, Ill.; died Jan. 17, 2004, in Livonia, Mich. She was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Ty; and brother, Dave Aldea.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park Mausoleum, Livonia.

GARDNER, MILDRED D. (GODBEY), age 96; born Aug. 18, 1907, in Madison County, Ind.; died Jan. 3, 2004, in Anderson, Ind. She was a member of the Anderson Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Marilyn Huston; brother, George Godbey; two grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Clinton Meharry, and interment was in Mendon Cemetery, Pendleton, Ind.

GORNEY, VERA L. (PURCHASE), age 84; born Feb. 14, 1919, in Lansing, Mich.; died Jan. 10, 2004, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Kathy Yeomans, Carol Lipscomb, and Barbara Campbell; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Leonard Sudlick from Holy Spirit Catholic Church, and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

HAMANN, DARLENE, age 47; born Mar. 13, 1956, in St. Joseph, Mich.; died Jan. 3, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church.

Survivors includes her mother, Bertha (Hebner); brothers, Jerald and Paul Hamann; and sister, Anna McQuality.

There was a private inurnment service.

HAWTHORNE, JUDITH (SOUTH), age 63; born May 28, 1940, in Terre Haute, Ind.; died Dec. 9, 2003, in Terre Haute. She was a member of the Lewis (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Keith; brother, Manley South Jr.; and sisters Bobbie Kuykendall and Geraldine Rowe.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Manuel Ojeda, and interment was in Prairie Creek West Lawn Cemetery, Prairie Creek, Ind.

HINKLE, JOHN F., age 70; born Aug. 1, 1933, in Clark County, Ill.; died Jan. 11, 2004, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include his wife,

Lounette (Ley); son, John; daughters, Barbara Veres, Karen Davidson, and Nancy Jo Nelson; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

ICE, GLORIA M. (MILLS), age 68; born Mar. 18, 1935, in Walbash, Ind.; died Dec. 9, 2003, in Muncie, Ind. She was a member of the Muncie Church.

Survivors include her son, Jeff; daughter, Angela Anderson; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tim Henry, and interment was in Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

JOHNSON, ERNEST A., age 86; born Aug. 27, 1917, in Howard City, Mich.; died Nov. 11, 2003, in Rockford, Mich. He was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.



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Survivors include his wife Beulah H.; son, Gary E.; daughter, Sheila A. Antor; brother, Charles; sister, Ruth Kellog; and three grandchildren.

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

LITTLE, WILLIAM B., age 77; born May 29, 1926, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Dec. 8, 2003, in Jeffersonville, Ind. He was a member of the New Albany (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Doris E. (Jones); son, William Bayard II; daughters, Cynthia Ann Wolff, Deborah J. Howard, and Mary Jane Lawson; brother, Robert M.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jerry Higgins, and interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Henryville, Ind.

MCNEELY, MARY B. (MIXEN), age 91; born Nov. 23, 1911, in Jonesboro, Ill.; died Oct. 29, 2003, in Springville, Ind. She was a member of the Brookfield (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary E. McNeely, Dorothy Lymangrover, Marion Kovalcik, Barbara Hunt, and Janet Peterson; brother, Charles Mixen; sisters, Frances Mason and Martha Ozment; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale J. Barnhurst, and interment was in McKinney Chapel Cemetery, Marion, Ill.

OSBORN, LESTER L., age 73; born July 23, 1930, in Ladysmith, Wis.; died Oct. 24, 2003, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Dowagiac (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Stephen L. and John; daughter, Beth A. Stevenson; and brothers, Eldon and Raymond.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor William Dudgeon, and interment was in South Union Cemetery, Berrien Center, Mich.

PRATHER, VIRGINIA L. (GUESS), age 78; born Jan. 25, 1925, in Terre Haute, Ind.; died July 5, 2003, in Indianapolis, Ind. She was a member of the Glendale Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include her daughters, Carole Shepard and Nancy Hester; foster children, Dorian Jorgensen and Kimberly Scott; and brother, John Guess.

Funeral services were conducted by Manuel Ojeda, and interment was in Flanner and Buchanan Cemetery, Terre Haute.

ROSE, RUTH (ADAMS), age 83; born Oct. 5, 1920, in Coloma, Mich.; died Dec. 14, 2003, in Huntington, Ind. She was a

member of the Chapel Hill Church, Markle, Ind.

Survivors include her daughter, Geraldine Pendergrass; three grand-children; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Conrad Reichert, and interment was in North Shore Memory Gardens Cemetery, Coloma.

STOCKS, JACK D., age 80; born Apr. 13, 1923, in Springfield, Ill.; died Jan. 3, 2004, in Sebring, Fla. He was a member of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine (Welklin); sons, Gary and Jere; daughters, Karen Kiessling and Jacquelyn Stocks; brother, Joseph; sister, Mary Harvey; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Chaplain Harry Bennett, and interment was in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

THAYER, FRANCIS M. (SHORT), age 81; born Aug. 2, 1922, in Lupton, Mich.; died Jan. 14, 2004, in Tawas City, Mich. She was a member of the Long Lake Church, Long Lake, Mich.

Survivors include her brothers, Arthur, Walter, Gordon, and Leo; and sisters, Virginia, Dorothy, and Viola.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Richard Mendoza and Elder Charles Mackintosh, and interment was in South Branch (Mich.) Cemetery.

WILSON, CLEO C. (HOLLIS), age 95; born July 23, 1908, in Elizabeth, Ind.; died Dec. 31, 2003, in Clarksville, Ind. She was a member of the New Albany (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice K. Timberlake; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Emmitt, and interment was in the Bethesda Cemetery, Elizabeth, Ind.

Lake Union Conference Tith Comparison Year-to-date

5 Sabbaths ending January 31, 2004, compared to 4 Sabbaths ending January 31, 2003

Number of Members:					Increase	%	Average Tith Per Member	
12/31/03	12/31/02	Conference	2004	2003	-Decrease	Inc. -Decr.	2004	2003
12,503	12,205	Illinois	628,952	632,448	-3,496	-0.55%	50.30	51.82
6,712	6,619	Indiana	449,663	343,569	106,094	30.88%	66.99	51.91
26,826	26,065	Lake Region	787,654	889,907	-102,254	-11.49%	29.36	34.14
24,692	24,489	Michigan	2,083,797	1,623,356	460,441	28.36%	84.39	66.29
6,685	6,648	Wisconsin	489,542	388,200	101,342	26.11%	73.23	58.39
77,418	76,026	Totals	\$4,439,607	\$3,877,481	\$562,127	14.50%	\$57.35	\$51.00
Average Weekly Tith:			\$887,921	\$969,370	-\$81,449	-8.40%		

Sunset Calendar

	Apr 2	Apr 9	Apr 16	Apr 23	Apr 30	May 7
Berrien Springs, Mich.	7:12	8:20	8:28	8:35	8:43	8:51
Chicago	6:17	7:25	7:32	7:40	7:47	7:56
Detroit	6:59	8:07	8:14	8:22	8:30	8:38
Indianapolis	7:10	7:16	7:23	7:31	7:37	7:45
La Crosse, Wis.	6:32	7:41	7:49	7:58	8:06	8:15
Lansing, Mich.	7:06	8:14	8:23	8:31	8:39	8:48
Madison, Wis.	6:25	7:33	7:41	7:49	7:57	8:05
Springfield, Ill.	6:23	7:31	7:37	7:44	7:52	7:59

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HISPANIC YOUTH RALLY: Hispanic youth are invited to a weekend rally at Timber Ridge Camp, **Apr. 9-11**. For further information, contact Orlando Vazquez at (317) 209-8246 or e-mail: yorland@juno.com.

WOMEN'S ONE-DAY RETREAT: You are invited to a one-day retreat at Indiana Academy, **Apr. 17**. Inspirational talks

will be given in both English and Spanish. For further information, contact Marjorie Driscoll at (812) 526-5856 or e-mail: driscoll@iquest.net.

PATHFINDER FAIR: A Pathfinder fair will be held at Timber Ridge Camp, **Apr. 30-May 2**, for all Indiana clubs. For further information, call Dean Whitlow at (812) 829-0625 or e-mail: dwhitlow@bluemarble.net.

ACADEMY DAYS: Students in grades 8-11 are invited to spend two days at Indiana Academy, **May 2-3**, to enjoy an exciting academic experience! If you are unable to attend Academy Days, but would like additional information about IA, please call Larry Willsey at (317) 984-3575.

OUTDOOR SCHOOL: Indiana schools are invited to Outdoor School at Timber Ridge Camp, **May 3-6 or 10-13**. For further information, call Lutricia Whitlow at (812) 829-0625 or e-mail: dwhitlow@bluemarble.net.

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TEEN BACKPACK TRIP: Enjoy the great outdoors with other Adventist teens, **June 4-6**. For

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INDIANA CAMP MEETING: Camp meeting is **June 6-12**. Plan now for an exciting week with inspiring teachers and speakers and excellent programming for youth and children. For camp meeting information, visit ww.indianaadventist.org. To register, call Julie at (317) 844-6201.

LAKE REGION

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the regular Triennial Session of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on Sunday, **Apr. 18, 2004**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the South Bend Century Center Convention Hall, located at 120 South Saint Joseph Street, South Bend, Ind. The purpose of the session is to elect officers and departmental directors for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to this session are duly appointed representatives of the various churches of the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each 35 members or major fraction thereof. The organizing committee, made up of duly appointed members from the churches, will meet on Saturday night, **Apr. 17, 2004**, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Ballroom of the South Bend Marriott, located at 123 North Saint Joseph Street, South Bend, Ind.

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South Bend Century Center Convention Hall, located at 120 South Saint Joseph Street, South Bend, Ind. The first meeting of the association will be called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to restate and amend the articles of incorporation and bylaws, to elect trustees for the ensuing term, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates from the churches in attendance at the 24th Triennial Session of the Lake Region Conference comprise the constituency of the association.

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ASI SPRING FELLOWSHIP, Apr. 23-24, Brook Lodge Conference Resort, Augusta, Mich. You don't want to miss this inspirational and relaxing weekend. You will be blessed spiritually! Go to www.asi-lakeunion.org for registration form, program and event updates.

ALL LAKE UNION ACADEMIES ALUMNI, ATTENDEES, AND FRIENDS of any academy in the Lake Union are invited to the 15th annual reunion on Sabbath, **May 1**, at La Sierra Academy, Riverside, Calif., beginning at 10:00 a.m. Call (909) 796-8593 or (909) 799-8039 for more information.

MICHIGAN

CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY (CLA) ALUMNI AND STUDENTS: If you attended CLA in 1954 or earlier, this announcement is for you. The second annual pst-CLA reunion will take place on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA, formerly CLA) **June 10-13**. Honor classes will be 1934, '44, and '54. For information, call the GLAA alumni office at (989) 427-5181, or visit GLAA's Web site at www.glaa.net.

ADELPHIAN ACADEMY ALUMNI HOMECOMING is **June 11-12** in Holly, Mich. Honor classes are 1979, '64, and '54. Friday evening vespers is at 7:30 p.m. in the Holly Church, 16180 Fish Lake Rd. Sabbath school and worship services begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Holly Academy (formerly Adelpian) chapel. A potluck dinner will be served at the Adelpian Junior Academy gymnasium, 740 Academy Rd. A music and meditation program will be presented at 3:30 p.m. at the Holly Church. Individual classes plan their own evening reunions.

ADELPHIAN ACADEMY CLASS OF 1974 will be meeting in Holly, Mich., **June 11-13** for their 30th-year class reunion. For information, please contact Mitzi Lipscomb at (540) 896-3207; or e-mail: lb1koolmom@aol.com.

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WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND is **Apr. 16-17**. The festivities begin with vespers on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with speaker Bruce Bauer. Sabbath school is at 9:30

a.m. followed by church at 11:00 a.m. with David Smith, speaker. There will be a musical program at 3:00 p.m., and the weekend will close with a varsity vs. alumni basketball game at 8:30 p.m.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

ATTENTION SPRING VALLEY ACADEMY ALUMNI: Homecoming weekend is **Apr. 16-18**. Jeff Brown, class of '74, is the featured speaker. Honor classes are '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, and '99. For more information, check our Web site at www.springvalleyacademy.org; call (937) 433-0790; or e-mail: dahill@sva.pvt.k12.oh.us. Your friends are coming, you should too!

COMPUTINGANDMISSIONS.NET 2004, a weekend of meetings to encourage innovative use of technologies in all areas of local ministries and global missions will be held on the campus of Southern Adventist University **Apr. 16-18**. Details at www.ComputingAndMissions.net. No registration fees.

MADISON ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION invites you to join us for a once-in-a-lifetime Madison Academy event as we celebrate 100 years of Christian education on our campus **Apr. 23-25**. Come and enjoy a weekend-long look back at the history of the academy we all know and love—from the ground breaking in 1904 to present day grads. Visit our Web site www.madisonacademyalumni.com or contact Lynn Grundset at (615) 851-0044 or grundset@bellsouth.net for details and to sign up for the golf tournament. To reserve your tickets for our fundraiser, "The Academy Awards: A Night of 100 Stars" there are forms available on the Web. Open to all. Please plan now to attend.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY ALUMNI, formerly of Redfield, S. D., please make plans to attend

our annual alumni reunion **June 25-27**, on the campus of Dakota Adventist Academy in Bismarck, N. D. Honor classes are those ending in four or nine and include all who attended or graduated from Plainview Academy.

THE ASSOCIATION OF ADVENTIST WOMEN (AAW) is soliciting nominations for its 2004 Women of the Year Awards that will be presented at the annual AAW conference to be held at Andrews University **Oct. 13-17**. Nominees should be Seventh-day Adventist women who have made outstanding and unique contributions to home, community, and/or professional life. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 24. Request a nomination form via e-mail: vkwiram@comcast.net, or write: Women of the Year Awards coordinator, Association of Adventist Women, P.O. Box 25025, Seattle, WA 98165-1925.

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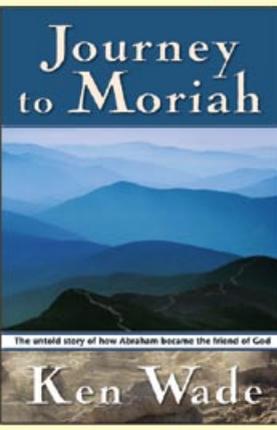
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A Means to an End

BY MELINE PRIYAKUMARI PONNIAH

Growing up in Berrien Springs, Michigan, allowed me to look forward to one thing—leaving. I had been through the Adventist school system in Berrien Springs my whole life. I started with grade one at the Village Adventist School and moved on to Andrews Academy. As graduation day approached, I hoped my diploma would be a ticket out of Berrien Springs for good—maybe even the Adventist school system. I figured that since I attended Adventist schools for my elementary and academy years, it was time to move out into the "real world" and leave the Adventist school system behind.

Little did I know my parents had a very different idea of what my college experience should be. They made the decision that their daughter should attend an Adventist university. I thought the choice was ridiculous and unfair. After all, I was a "grown" 18-year-old woman. How did my parents know what was best for me? After much discussion, I chose to find an Adventist college to attend.

Only four Adventist colleges offered a clinical laboratory science major, and only two had fully accredited programs—Andrews University and Loma Linda University. California wasn't ever a place I wanted to live; so my choice was made to attend Andrews University. I was discouraged, annoyed, and furious.

Now, four years later, I once

again anticipate leaving Berrien Springs as I embark on my clinical practicum. As I look back on my Andrews experience, I would not trade it for anything this world has to offer. I am fortunate to have had a Christian education.

Attending an Adventist university offers so much more than I expected. My professors taught me that my relationship with the Lord must take precedence. This was by no means an excuse to neglect school work. But it was a phenomenal feeling when teachers cared about students' salvation more than their grades in hematology or immunology. It is comforting when a teacher starts the class with prayer or a short worship thought. If I had attended a public university, I would not have had that opportunity to publicly welcome God into my classroom.

Andrews University has taught me so much about

responsibility, integrity, honesty, and, most importantly, my relationship with Christ. My professors have prepared me to enter the "real world" with a mission-driven attitude.

Andrews University has not only prepared me with skills to excel in the workplace but also trained me to be a Christian in the workplace. And in the end, *that's* what *really* matters. Certainly, my education at Andrews University is a means to an end—eternity!

Meline Ponniah, a clinical laboratory science major, is a senior at Andrews pursuing her clinical experience at the Hinsdale Hospital. She plans to graduate in August 2004. She will receive a \$100 scholarship for having her article selected for this column.



Profiles of Youth

Lauren Smith is a freshman elementary education major at Andrews University working on a double minor in language arts and music. When choosing where to attend college, Lauren said that it was the interactions with her teachers and advisor during a university preview weekend that helped her to decide. "When I met with my advisor, she offered to pray with me, and that really made an impression," she said.



Lauren Smith

During her four years at Wisconsin Academy, Lauren was actively involved. In her role as senior class president, she helped to organize and complete a mission trip to Zambia, Africa. "I love to work for God through missions and help people as much as I can," she says.

Lauren has brought her love for and experience in service to Andrews and is involved in many campus ministries. She helps out with the collegiate Sabbath school, Higher Ground; the Friday-night program, Mosaic; AU Out-REACH; and recently began leading out in a small group Bible study.

When asked about her plans after graduation, Lauren said, "I want to use the teaching skills I've gained to work wherever the Lord leads."



Salim Bourget

When he came to Andrews University in 2000 as a new graduate from Great Lakes Adventist Academy, **Salim Bourget** knew right away that Andrews University was where he wanted to be. "I love it here," he says. Salim is now a senior digital multimedia major and has been very involved while at Andrews.

Putting his outgoing personality and creative talent to work, Salim has served for both BRANCH (Bringing Andrews to Christ) and the Andrews University Student Association as their public relations coordinator. He has also been involved in RACE (Reaching All Cultures Equally), a club that promotes cultural diversity on campus, as both a member and serving as vice president for one year. Salim is currently in his second year as a resident assistant for Meier Hall. "I like talking to the guys and building relationships with them," he stated.

Like any college senior, Salim is looking forward to graduation and is on the hunt for a job. "I would love to work in the Adventist system when I graduate. I want to give back to the church, since it has done so much for me. So, if you know of anyone who's hiring, let me know!" he laughed.

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FULL CIRCLE FAITH. It doesn't happen by itself. That's why Andrews offers ministry opportunities of all kinds to help you. Sandy and Phil chose AU out-REACH. Each Sabbath they help to spread God's word to the kids of Benton Harbor, where they connected with siblings Michael, Andrew and Tatiana. After spending five weeks with the kids, 10-year old Michael asked, "When can I be baptized?" Michael

and Phil now spend one weekend a month hanging out together in the dorm, and Sandy and Phil have started Bible studies with the kids' mom, grandma, and aunts. "I started participating in AU out-REACH to help others...but after working with Michael, I can tell that we have grown spiritually together," Phil says. At Andrews, faith is about fellowship —why not make your faith full circle?"

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