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for service, and the
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Christian Education: What's the Big Deal?

“School days, school days, dear old golden rule days. Reading and writing and ‘rithmetic, taught to the tune of a hickory stick.”

Yes, that is education, but it certainly is a lot less than Christian education. First of all, Christian education starts in a Christian home. Christian education is taught in an atmosphere of prayer to God for guidance. Christian education is concerned with developing pure character as well as filling heads with knowledge.

As a child I attended a two-room schoolhouse attached to the 2nd Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dayton, Ohio. My daddy was the first elder, and my sister and I left home with him every school day at 5:30 a.m. We drove the 17 miles to Dayton from our farm home near Germantown. Daddy opened the school, started the fire in the potbellied stove, and turned the water on that had been secured the night before to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Classes always started with singing and prayers. I learned U.S. history early, as I heard the upper class boys and girls recite their lessons. I knew geography, geometry, Latin, and civics way before my time because our little school included grades K-10. I was taught to print a school newspaper by the holograph method. We were taught to read by the phonetic system, which means I can still pronounce words never seen before.

I can remember my daddy giving impassioned pleas to the members to contribute the teachers' salaries each month. He was the champion of the teachers. Forced to drop out of school to earn his keep, he valued education. And he was particularly fond of Christian education.

Our school had the most awesome school closing programs at the end of each year. Proud parents sat in the audience as the teachers put us through the paces. Oh, we knew reading, writing, and arithmetic. But we also knew all the books of the Bible in order, and the Beatitudes, and the Ten Commandments, and the 23rd Psalm! We could give simple Bible studies because we practiced on each other under the watchful eye of godly teachers.

So, you see, it is not such a miracle after all that I am who I am and where I am. A Christian home had cooperated with a Christian school to form and mold this clay for God's use. I recommend it without reservation!

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YOUTH IN ACTION

HINSDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY STUDENTS SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY

BY JENNIFER WOLLEMBERG

We are meant to stand out, to be different. We go to Adventist schools, and sometimes we don't always get the chance to be an example and witness for Christ. So when do we get a chance to testify? In the community! Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) has always valued ministry and witnessing as a key issue in the lives of its Christian students. And so we all have been putting ourselves out there and trying to reach others in any way we can.



The Hinsdale Adventist Academy Lady Hurricanes show their Christian spirit at the basketball tournament.

The Hinsdale girls' and boys' basketball teams went to Texas this year to participate in the annual basketball tournament held at Southwestern Adventist University. Now, you are probably thinking to yourself, "How can basketball teams witness when they are competing with other teams and playing a sport?" I'll tell you how. Our basketball teams went with eagerness to play and have fun, but they also went knowing that they could be examples of Christ

to others. In each game or event, they were never afraid to pray and glorify God for His help. When they competed, they made sure to act as Christians to their fellow teammates and show good sportsmanship. By these actions, people were able to see God at work in the players' lives.

The Service Outreach class is an elective that was just added to our school curriculum this year. This class has tremendously helped our school to be more involved with the community. The students in Service Outreach have gone to the Salvation Army where they helped pack boxes. They also visited a nursing home, and they helped pack things for the homeless. They demonstrated that they were Christians, happy to go out and help those less fortunate. Many lives were reached and touched by these community service projects.



Brandon Shadel packs food boxes at the Salvation Army.

This year Lawrence Galera, our new choir and band teacher, has helped us develop our singing and

playing abilities to move others and bring more lives to Christ. Our performance schedule has been tight with one performance after the other, but all that means is more witnessing. We have visited many churches in and outside of the area. By singing and playing songs about God, we have, hopefully, brought more people to the feet of Jesus.



Cantori sings at the Hinsdale Adventist Church.

We should never be afraid to stand up for what we believe in or to tell others the good news that we carry in our hearts. We, the HAA students, not only have been able to witness to others but have grown spiritually ourselves from these witnessing experiences. As Christians, we should demonstrate God's love, and here at HAA, we will continue striving each day to reach others—to touch our community for Him.

Jennifer Wollemborg has just completed her junior year at Hinsdale Adventist Academy.

Wisconsin

Adrian and Heidi Crabb were members of the Rastafarian religion who read the Bible and prayed daily before becoming Adventists. Adrian was dealing marijuana on a large scale and using it himself as a sacrament in the Rastafarians religion. Adrian noted, "We were under quite a bit of stress before coming to the church. Heidi was pregnant, we didn't have any idea of how to deal with money, and we had little family support."



Heidi, Adrian, and Isaiah Crabb came from a Rastafarian religious background to join the Madison East Church

Adrian and Heidi first encountered Adventists through 3ABN. They were inspired by what they saw and decided to attend the prophecy seminar by Steve deLonge in the fall of 2002. Their experience at the seminar led to their baptism in October 2002. After baptism, the Crabbs began to see gradual changes occur. "I gave up smoking before I was baptized, but then I started again," noted Adrian. "I was trying to resist on my own. After trying to quit numerous times, I just asked God to take away the addiction. The Holy Spirit took the desire away from me altogether."

The Crabbs are also excited about the health message they found in the Bible and have changed their diets as their consciousness about health has changed.

Most importantly, though, Adrian and Heidi believe that God has given them a focus to their lives and a heart to reach out to their old friends. They also believe that it is through the acceptance of church members that they stayed active in the church. "The church members were really supportive and welcomed us wholeheartedly by bringing us food and asking us if there was anything we needed," said Adrian. "The information we received in the prophecy seminar wasn't new to us. The one thing that kept us coming back was the way that the church members treated us."

Brian and Kristin Potts were active members in the Columbus Lutheran Church when they received a card in the mail advertising a prophecy seminar in Sun Prairie. Kristin initially attended the seminar by herself, but her excitement soon led Brian to join her. At those meetings, the Pottses believe they heard the truth through the word of God and were convicted to start attending the Adventist Church. They became baptized members in May 2003. Kristin thanks God for the blessings He has brought to their lives through the church.

"Before I came to the church, I was an extremely depressed, even suicidal woman. I didn't see any hope in my life and felt lonely and rejected by the people around me," Kristin shared. "I thought that I had to be a certain type of person—successful, beautiful—for people



Kristin and Brian Potts found new reasons for being through Jesus and His family.

to like me. God healed me of my depression and gave me a church family who accept me just the way I am."

While Kristin and Brian love their new church, they have had to get used to some different ideas. Praying out loud, foot washing, even camp meeting were experiences that took them out of their comfort zones.

Despite these adjustments, Kristin and Brian feel welcomed and accepted in their new church family. "The church members said to us, 'We're family, we love you, and we want you here.' We know that the church really cares. We would never go back!"

Laura Larssen, Madison East Church correspondent

Michigan

Debra Zoerhof was raised in a Christian home and was baptized as an infant into the Reformed Church. Later she joined the church by confession of faith when she was 17. She believed Jesus was the Son of God, but she did not have a personal relationship with Him.

Years passed. Debra married and raised her family, independent of a trusting relationship with God, until a family crisis with her daughter threatened to destroy her marriage and family. She felt like she was no longer in control of her

life or surroundings. This crisis led her to focus on the need for Christ's divine power to come into her heart and give her strength to deal with the situation she was in. By faith she reached out to take Christ's hand and to learn to trust Him. She made a commitment to study the Bible and learn God's will for her life.



From left: Ilko Tchakarov, Holland Church associate pastor, baptized Debra Zoerhof into the Holland (Michigan) Church family.

The miracle began to happen as she studied the Bible and experienced a change in her emotions and thinking. She became submissive and let go of circumstances she could not change and allowed Jesus to lead.

Providentially, she began attending Hope for the Homeland evangelistic meetings in Zeeland, Michigan. There she learned that the Sabbath the Creator made and blessed was to be observed on the seventh day of the week. She wondered why she had been taught for 42 years to worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, when the Bible clearly taught she should worship on the seventh day. It was a question that repeated itself over and over again in her mind and heart.

However, it was the Bible's teaching about discovering the difference between tradition, truth, and worship, as they related to the "mark of the beast" and a pretense of correct doctrine, that really touched her heart. She now knew she could no longer honestly deny truth, and that she had to make a decision. She began attending the Holland Adventist Church.

About six months later, Satan once again brought doubts and discouragement to her, but this time she prayed for God to give her strength to obey and follow His will. That prayer was answered as she studied the "Voice of Prophecy Speaks" Bible course she had been given at church. It added new blessings and assurances that the truths she had learned were truly God's will for her life.

Debra was baptized on October 11, 2003, by Holland's associate pastor, Ilko Tchakarov, and became a member of that congregation. The text that is especially meaningful to her is, "Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth" (Psalms 26:2, 3 NIV).

By Debra Zoerhof with Bruce Babienco, Herald volunteer correspondent

Michigan

Dennis and Lynette Barnum were raised in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was baptized as a teenager, but he was not baptized until after he met her and they were married.

About 15 years ago, circumstances developed that led them out of the church. They were treated unkindly by two pastoral staff members, resulting in hurt feelings which led to conflict and disbelief in the mission of the church. Still seeking to live as Christians, however, they joined other denominational churches in

a search of a satisfying relationship with Christ. At that time, they did not realize Jesus Christ was patiently waiting for them to surrender to His leading.

Then Dennis became employed at the Zeeland Community Hospital and met Jack Nickerson. As their friendship developed, Dennis and Jack began to have lengthy talks about the Christian life in general. They discussed God's saving grace and His plans for His remnant church. It resulted in a spiritual renewal within Dennis' life as he understood how God had led Jack into his life. Their conversations about biblical principles and values spilled over into both his and Lynette's lives. The result was they decided to "come home" to the Adventist Church.



Dennis and Lynette Barnum are reclaimed members of the Holland Church.

They were warmly welcomed "home" and re-baptized in the Holland Church. It's Dennis and Lynette's desire to join their church family in praying and working for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Bruce Babienco, Herald volunteer correspondent, as told by Dennis Barnum



The Education Advantage

BY ANN FISHER

There is something unique about your new Adventist family. Has it ever amazed you to watch Adventists—even seemingly complete strangers—get together and act like they are old friends? What is it about Adventist culture that enables us to connect so easily? Everywhere we travel around the world, we meet someone we know—or at least someone who knows someone we know. How is that possible? It's because Adventists strongly believe in Christian education.

We go to school together from kindergarten through college and even get our Ph.D.s, M.D.s, and Ed.D.s at Adventist universities. So no matter where we go, we are likely to find someone we went to school with at one time or another.

A Service of the Church

The church has been established to be a blessing to its members by providing services that help you travel the Christian journey. The Lord knows we need assistance in nurturing and rearing our children to love God and grow in His grace. In accordance with God's divine plan, the church has established an educational system which is redemptive in nature. This educational system has three major

components: the home, the church, and the school.

A Product of Inspiration

The Bible gives abundant counsel concerning the training and educating of our children. But God used Ellen White to bring to our attention the importance of establishing the global school system the church operates today. In 2002, this system operated a total of 5,605 schools with a total enrollment of 1,056,349—the second largest parochial school system in the world. In the Comprehensive Index to the Writings of Ellen G. White there are 25 pages of references to education and its importance.

God designed that we should be educated in a setting that would bring about a harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers. Adventist education is designed to keep these three major aspects of education in balance.

In Adventist schools subjects are integrated with faith. History is seen as His story, nature is seen as the workmanship of the Creator God, business is studied with the integrity of the divine law as the central principle, and the Bible is studied as the revelation of God

Why Christian Education?

Just how important is Christian education anyway? If I have children, is it really necessary to send them to Adventist schools? Isn't it expensive to send my children to a church school, an Adventist academy, or an Adventist college or university? Concerned parents the world over have asked themselves these questions.

The most important value I cherish for my two grown sons is that they love God and are saved for eternity. An Adventist education put them in the best environment for that to happen. I want my children to form Christian homes where my grandchildren will grow up loving Jesus. Adventist colleges gave my sons the opportunity to meet and marry Adventist girls who share their values. Several Adventist teachers made an impact on my sons' spiritual development, and I am eternally grateful to them. Adventist education prepared them not only to compete in the job market, but also to serve their church and communities.

Getting Started

To find an Adventist school near you, go to: www.nadadventist.org. Click on "information" and "find a school." Get started on your Adventist educational journey. You'll be glad you did.

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BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY

Leaders for Christ in Puerto Rico

BY MICHELLE CAIN



The students had the gratification of being able to see the finished amphitheater.

The Battle Creek Academy 2004 graduating class didn't plan to go to Elias Burgos Youth Camp in Puerto Rico. They were all set to go on a three-day senior trip like any other senior class. While exploring their options, it came to their attention that Nicholas Zork, coordinator of "We Care Domestic Mission Trips," was organizing a one-week mission trip to Puerto Rico through the Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University. After a lot of discussion and prayer, it was decided to join the one-week service project, fully aware that they only had half the money needed for the venture.



BCA students Jacob Bishop, Deni Conkell, Troy Kossick, and Roni Fogg pour and finish concrete for the amphitheater benches.

The students determined to do all that they could do to raise the necessary funds, and then depend on the Lord to open the "floodgates of heaven," if this trip was His will. In a little over two months, they raised nearly \$10,000. In addition, one constituent provided the funds that would allow the students to go

three days early to tour the island before they were scheduled to work.



Laura Eastman shovels sand for the concrete.

This set the tone for the trip. Everyone did all that they could do, and then let the Lord work out the details. On Sunday, March 21, BCA students joined students from Wisconsin Academy, Auburn Academy, and a youth group from Beaverton, Oregon, as they started clearing the ground for an outdoor amphitheater at the Elias Burgos Youth Camp. They formed and poured concrete benches to seat 350 people, which then had to be carried up hill and put in place. They were able to complete this project plus replace tile in several bathrooms, replace the stucco on the pool house, put a fresh coating on many of the camp roofs, and a lot of fresh paint in many of the buildings.

Abbie Rodriguez, camp pastor, had been trying to get the camp utility truck running for some time before the missionaries arrived. He had spent \$2000 of his own money

trying to fix it to no avail. The BCA group took up an offering amongst themselves and collected \$1,800 from the 20 students and adults so that Pastor Rodriguez could make the necessary repairs. In addition, they left a complete set of Sabbath school felts with the local Adventist church youth department and visited a local public elementary school to share thoughts on service to others and dental hygiene. Each child present received a new toothbrush, labeled in Spanish.



Each student at a local public elementary school was given a toothbrush and a lesson on dental hygiene.

Summing up the trip, Ken Wilson, class sponsor, shared: "Knowing this senior class as a highly spiritual and closely united group, it was very gratifying to see them take leadership roles in working together well and reaching out to other students from different groups on the trip. Christ was well represented by this class in Puerto Rico."

Michelle Cain is the Battle Creek Academy marketing director.



Christian Home Ministry

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

My first glimpse of Ellen White as a real person was when I was a young mother and on Andrews University's campus the summer of 1975. My husband was participating in a workshop, and I had an afternoon to myself. I went to the library and found the vault in the basement where Ellen White's writings and other early documents are kept for safekeeping.

When the woman on duty learned that I was a mother of two young children, her face lit up and she scurried to find something she wanted me to see. When she returned, she showed me a handwritten letter on rather fragile paper. It was from Ellen White to her son, Willie. Written September 26, 1859, while she was on a long trip, she shared words of warmth, love, and encouragement. She also wrote of her longing to be with him and the rest of the family. Right in the middle of the paper, there was a round depression. Imagine, after all these years, there was still a remnant of a peppermint candy she had tucked in for her "Dear Little Willie."

At the General Conference session in Toronto a few summers ago, I bought a book entitled *Ellen White: We Never Really Knew You*. It was written by Bernadette Irwin, who we first met as college students years ago and who is now



a psychologist. This book touched my heart in a very special way. George Knight's book, *Walking with Ellen White: Her Everyday Life as a Wife, Mother, and Friend*, is one I am currently reading. Again I'm touched because it reveals more to me about the woman, wife, and mother she was.

Yes, she was a real woman, with a real ministry, living in a real world, and wrote for real people. The *Ministry of Healing*, written by Ellen White for real families, contains these gems about the Christian family:

"The family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred, of any on earth. It is designed to be a blessing to mankind" (p. 356).

"The mission of the home

extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world.

Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives" (p. 352).

"If we will open our hearts and homes to the divine principles of life, we shall become channels for currents of life-giving power. From our homes will flow streams of healing, bringing life and beauty and fruitfulness where now are barrenness and dearth" (p. 355).

"Though difficulties, perplexities, and discouragements may arise, let neither husband nor wife harbor the thought that their union was a mistake or a disappointment. Determine to be all that it is possible to be to each other. Continue the early attentions. In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life. Study to advance the happiness of each other. Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance. Then marriage, instead of being the end of love, will be as it were the very beginning of love" (p. 360).

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

EXTREME GRACE

We Are God's Children, Caring for God's Children

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Gordon is a real estate agent, a nice guy with an honest handshake, a professional whose kindness brings business his way. He's the kind of fellow you would feel comfortable loaning money to.

Then came Maggie, eager to buy a house.

"She took me to new boundaries of patience," Gordon says. "Being severely disabled, Maggie evoked my compassion immediately. She was born without the use of her extremities—except for her right arm, which is half the size it should be, has only three fingers on it, and is partially paralyzed. I knew she would need a little extra help, and I was ok with that."

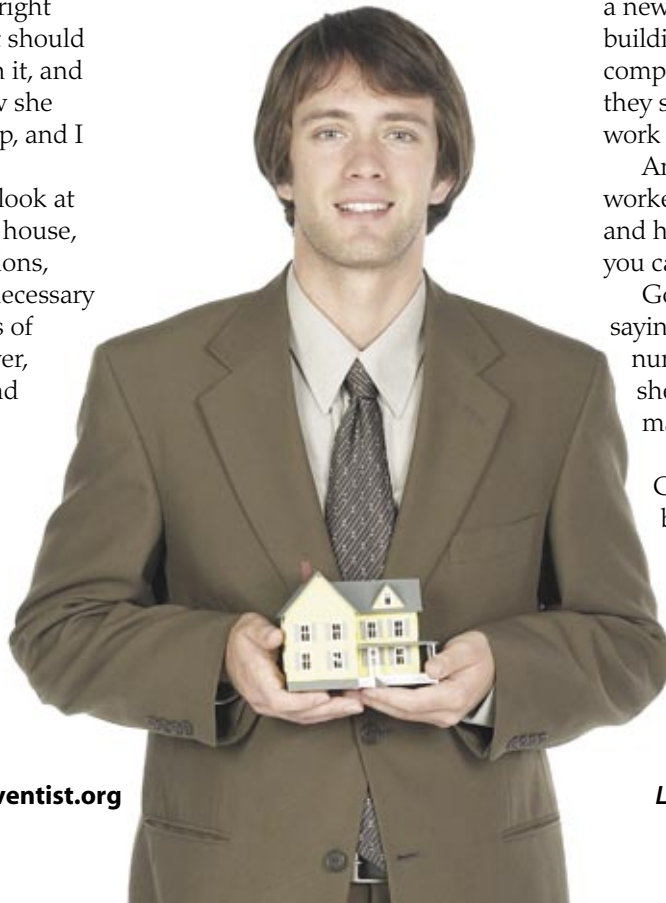
Gordon took Maggie to look at houses. House, to house, to house, to supermarkets, to gas stations, plus other stops that were necessary for Maggie. After two weeks of 12–16-hour days as cab driver, nurse, maid, travel agent, and secretary, Good Christian Gordon was fuming.

"When I realized that my compassion was being played upon and being taken advantage of, anger began to develop. Maggie never even said thank you! She just expected."

The climax came on Gordon's birthday.

"It was 11:00 p.m.," he writes. "After a 16-hour day, knowing that my family was ready to open the Sabbath and celebrate my birthday, Maggie's demands still kept coming. Under my breath I grunted, 'Shut up, Woman.' She didn't hear me, but I really didn't care."

On the way home Gordon and God had a very direct conversation about the responsibilities of



realtors, mortgage brokers, and Christians. The words he heard that evening and throughout Sabbath, were, "It's not about you!"

"I realized that I was responding to my client through my worldly titles and certifications, but not through my heavenly title, 'child of God.'"

So Gordon chose to care for Maggie.

"I met with her Sunday and spent 13 hours going through receipts, doing soiled laundry, and packing clothes. God helped me do it with a smile. We had dinner together and laughed. And when it was time to go, she couldn't stop thanking me. No big sale, just a giant 'Yea God!'"

Gordon is content with the story ending right here. Kindness, he feels, is its own reward. We are, first and always, "God's Children, Caring for God's Children."

But God is seldom content with just, "thank you." Usually He affirms our choices and sends more work!

A few days later, the owner of a business Gordon and Maggie visited asked him to find them a new house, and a new office building. "We watched the compassion you gave Maggie," they said, "and we would like to work with you."

And, one of Gordon's co-workers asked him to pray for her and her family, "because I saw how you cared for Maggie," she said.

Gordon received a phone call saying that Maggie had hired a nurse to care for her the next time she comes into town. "It will make everything easier for you."

We are God's children. Caring for God's children. And, being cared for by God!

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

Exercise: It Can Go to Your Head

BY VICKI GRIFFIN

We hear a lot about the benefits of regular exercise on physical health. But what about mental health? Your best exercise machine may be your dog. Just taking the dog for a daily walk can yield some surprising benefits—for you as well as Bowser!

Reduces Stress

- ▶ Even a single bout of exercise can be a valuable short-term therapy for reducing tension, depression, anger, and confusion.
- ▶ A ten-minute brisk walk will yield one hour of increased energy and reduced tension, whereas a sugary snack will ultimately result in fatigue and tension.
- ▶ Moderate-intensity exercise is even more beneficial than high-intensity exercise for anxiety reduction.
- ▶ Regular exercise increases the ability to handle stress by causing less stress hormone to be released when stress does occur.

Improves Mood

- ▶ Students who exercise regularly show lower levels of anxiety, shyness, loneliness, and hopelessness than their less active peers.
- ▶ Moderate, regular exercise has a positive impact on mood, vigor, psychological well-being, creativity, and self-esteem in all age groups.

- ▶ Animal studies show that regular exercise can reduce symptoms of depression and may alleviate some major depression.

Boosts Brain Power

- ▶ Exercise increases cerebral blood flow, increases neurotransmitter availability and efficiency, and affects brain structure.
- ▶ Small increases in aerobic fitness improve mental fitness, particularly executive control functions of the brain, which have to do with planning, coordinating, and filtering out distracting information.
- ▶ Animal and human studies show that repeated physical activity triggers chemical changes in the brain that enhance learning and memory.
- ▶ Children learn better when the brain is stimulated by exercising.
- ▶ People over age 60 who walk rapidly for 45 minutes 3 times a week can significantly improve mental processing abilities that would normally decline with age.

Helps You Sleep

- ▶ Exercise can help alleviate sleep problems in older adults.
- ▶ Exercise can be effective in improving reported sleep quality, depression, strength, and quality of life.

- ▶ Treating chronic fatigue with appropriate exercise can improve sleep and mood.
- ▶ Exercising in the evening does not disturb sleep.

After Adam and Eve sinned, the Lord told Adam that he would eat by “the sweat of your face” (Genesis 3:19). What inestimable benefits were hidden in that brief directive! God knew that from the beginning and blessed us with exercise.

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.lifestylematters.com or call 866-624-LIFE (5433).



Sow 1 Billion Takes Off

BY JAMES FOX

In 2003, a generous North American donor made a wonderful offer to the world church—he would pay for the printing of one billion cards offering Bible studies and supply them without charge to the church. The church would only have to come up with the money to mail them or a plan to distribute them by hand. Thus Sow 1 Billion was born.

The Wisconsin Conference requested 700,000 of these one billion cards for distribution in our state. Pastors met with church boards and together they decided how many invitations to Bible study they could handle. When the discussions were finished, English churches in Wisconsin had committed to mailing 583,000 brochures with church members personally distributing another 90,000. Our Hispanic churches had accepted the challenge of distributing another 65,000 invitations in the Spanish language.

“The postage to mail these brochures was over \$56,000,” reported Kitty Crary, secretary to the president. “It was an awesome logistical task to get everyone’s order prepared and mailed to the exact zip codes the churches specified.”

“The goal of this mailing is to generate 5,000 Bible studies in Wisconsin,” stated Don Corkum,

Wisconsin Conference president and personal ministries director. “People can respond by mailing the card back, they can call a toll-free number, or they can sign up using the Internet. But it is the personal followup by church members that will determine the success or failure of Sow 1 Billion,” reported Corkum.

This outreach will dramatically impact our fall evangelism. Successful evangelistic campaigns throughout the world have one

there were 80 written cards. On Thursday, there were 138 cards and 177 telephone requests. On Mar. 1 and 2, 419 cards came in and we received 16 telephone requests! It is a major challenge to the conference office secretaries to record these interests and send them on to pastors and lay Bible instructors who will visit them and provide the lessons. What a great problem to have!

“God is prepared to do miracles for us as we do His work. We need more workers in our churches who can give Bible studies,” said Corkum. “We have the training materials and our pastors are delighted to instruct and support lay Bible instructors in this work. We simply need more people willing to learn how to do this great work.”

Maybe God is speaking to your heart. Could you help by dropping off a few Bible lessons each week? Pray

for God’s continued blessing on men and women who are looking heavenward for spiritual light. Pray for more Spirit-filled harvesters to enter the work. For in Wisconsin, the harvest is indeed ripe!



Photo by James Fox

Don Corkum and Kitty Crary receive the first two of over 2,000 Bible study request cards from people in Wisconsin.

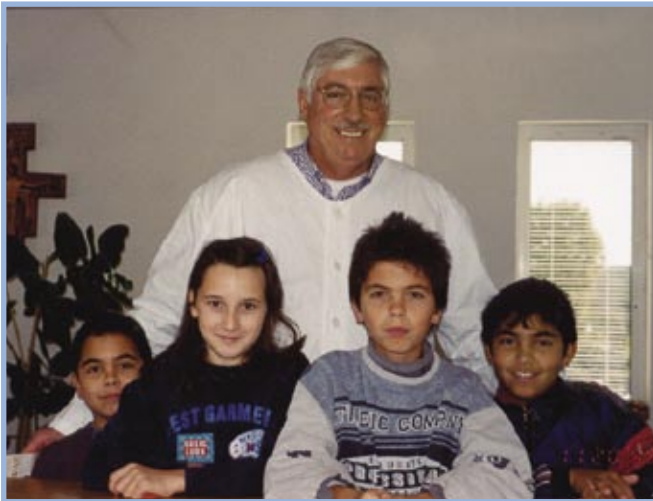
common factor—the great amount of effective preparatory work done in giving Bible studies and visiting interested people. There is nothing more thrilling than conducting an evangelistic series where many Bible studies have been given by the church members preparing the way.

On Tuesday morning, February 24, we received our first two responses. On Wednesday,

James Fox is the Wisconsin Conference communication director and evangelism coordinator.

One Man Can Make a Difference

How much can one American dentist's participation in a medical mission in Bosnia affect the patients he sees there? Each of the more than 1,000 patients seen by Dean Skuble, D.D.S., a member of the Hinsdale Hospital medical staff, could give a different answer and a nice smile. There are no oral surgeons in Bosnia, so the oral maxillofacial surgery he has performed on a dozen trips since 1999 is much needed and greatly appreciated.



Dean Skuble, D.D.S., is surrounded by many of the children in Bosnia that he has provided dental care for.

"I was scheduled to go to South America, but a guy from my church asked me to go to Bosnia to work at a clinic that was being built through the Riley Foundation. We did the full scope of oral surgery. When I started, we were giving care to the homeless and orphans of the war-torn country. We saw many of the same children on different trips, but now many orphans have gone to live with other family members elsewhere.

"The work I do in Bosnia is more challenging than what I see in my practice here. Their teeth have been neglected. I've removed abscessed six-year molars and given dentures to 10-year-olds."

But one case has been life changing for both Skuble

and his patient. He explains, "When I saw this young girl—with half a face like a 90-year-old and half a beautiful young woman—I dedicated myself to helping her. She had developmental deformities that disfigured her face. She had been to specialists in European capitals, but no one would take her case."

To help her, Skuble has become politically savvy to work through red tape in Bosnia to obtain a travel visa for the girl and her mother to come to the United States.

"It's taken a lot of time and effort," he explains. He's written letters, brought her case before numerous surgeons, and financed her travel personally. He's even provided housing for her. This spring she'll be in the United States for a month for her third surgery in Miami.

"I don't know anybody in Miami, but this has been a very spiritual experience for me," Skuble said. "I prayed this would go without any glitches, and I have found a doctor to do the surgery, a hospital volunteer to provide housing, and received \$5,000 from a Canadian—all people who want to help make this happen."

"I'll go over to Bosnia later for her dental surgery," says Skuble, who noted the clinic now has a Bosnian dentist serving there. He says his work in Bosnia has become a "calling" and plans to return once or twice a year until "I feel I can't be used anymore." Skuble notes, "I came to realize that the more you are given, the more you should do."

Jonathan Leach, Adventist Health System Midwest Region regional executive director of ministries and mission, notes, "Dr. Skuble is one of the many physicians from AHSMR hospitals who gives of his time and resources to bless needy individuals. He exemplifies the Christian core values in our Adventist facilities."

Lynn Larson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region

Lake Union Herald correspondent



This girl's smile is reflective of the care Skuble has provided on 12 dental mission trips to Bosnia.

Center for Youth Evangelism Turns 25

The Center for Youth Evangelism in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University celebrated its 25th anniversary with an open house on Mar. 8. Former center directors were invited to come and share stories from their tenures.

The Youth Resource Center started in 1979 with Des Cummings as director. In a video message he recorded for the open house, he said, "We must not teach the youth to be afraid of spiritual war, but to equip them to fight in it." When he moved on, Steve Case, currently the president of Piece of the Pie Ministries, was hired by the seminary to teach youth ministry and became the center director. There was a gap of several months between Cummings' departure and Case's arrival, and Case remembers the center being a box with files in Roger Dudley's office. "He gave me the box and said, 'Here, Steve, this is what you'll need to run the Youth Resource Center.'"



Randy Wisbey, Ron Whitehead, and Steve Case were present at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Center for Youth Evangelism to talk about the past, present, and future of youth ministry.

When Case left in 1989, the center was without a director for two years until Randy Wisbey took over. Niels-Erik Andreasen said he remembers that soon after his appointment as president of Andrews University, Wisbey approached him about changing the center name. "The Youth Resource Center wasn't a very descriptive name. Plus, it was really hard to

say," Wisbey joked. He met with Andreasen and the center's executive committee and changed the Youth Resource Center to the Center for Youth Evangelism. In 1998, when Wisbey answered a call to be president of Canadian University College, Ron Whitehead was hired and is the current director of the Center for Youth Evangelism. Don Schneider, North American Division president, dedicated the center and its efforts to prepare each generation for service to God.

The Center for Youth Evangelism offers an environment that fosters a vision for creative youth ministry. Its mission is to provide the research methods, resources, and leadership necessary to train young people in various forms of effective youth evangelism. YouthNet Extreme, Impact Toronto 2000, and Mission Possible are the past ministries that the center has sponsored. Current ministries include the Faith on Fire camporee, 411 E-Mail Newsletter, We Care Domestic Mission Trips, AY Internet Radio, Giraffe University, Giraffe News, and the Andrews University Passion Play.

For more information on the Center for Youth Evangelism, visit www.adventistyouth.org or call 800-YOUTH2U.

Katie Shaw, news writer

Andrews Cafeteria's New Sabbath Pre-pay Policy

The Andrews University Terrace Café (cafeteria) will be implementing a pre-pay policy for meals served during Sabbath hours (sundown Friday through sundown Saturday), beginning June 1. Customers who have paid cash or used credit cards in the past are requested to purchase a pre-paid card from the food service office in advance of Sabbath hours. Cards can be purchased at a minimum of \$10 and up, and are usable until the balance on the card runs out. Call (269) 471-3161 to purchase a card, or come to the food service office during regular business hours. Staff with charge privileges may continue to use the ID charge option.

The university operates the Terrace Café, located on the top floor of the Campus Center, with limited hours and staff during the Sabbath hours. Food preparation for Sabbath is done in advance as much as is practical, and hours of service are limited to allow as many staff as possible to attend Sabbath services. The food service team strives to provide quality food in a clean, Christian environment and appreciates your patronage.

Andrews University cafeteria

Bahonda's Quest

BY CHARLOTTE ISHKANIAN

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING
13TH

Bahonda Sandrine is a 23-year-old woman who lives in the Republic of Congo in West Africa. For years she had suffered terrible headaches.



Bahonda Sandrine

At times the headaches were so severe that she could not read, and eventually she was forced to drop out of school. She hated giving up her studies, which she saw as the only avenue to a better life.

One of Bahonda's classmates told her that the people of her church could pray for her headaches to go away, and they would. So Bahonda went to the church. The church members prayed for her, but they prayed in a language Bahonda had never heard. At first these prayers frightened her, but she continued attending the church, and in time she began praying in tongues too.

Bahonda's headaches did not go away. In fact, one day while she was praying in tongues, she sensed that a spirit had entered her. She told the church members, and they prayed for the demon to leave her. As the people prayed, Bahonda

became dizzy and cried out, "Jesus, help me!" Immediately she felt comforted. But when Bahonda stopped praying in tongues, her friends in the church turned their backs on her.

Special Visitor

Bahonda's mother told her that her uncle, a pastor, was coming to visit. Bahonda decided to ask him about God and the issues that were troubling her. When Bahonda asked him questions about God, her uncle opened his Bible and shared Scripture with her. What he told her was so different from what she had learned in her friend's church. Bahonda asked her uncle to teach her more about God.

As she studied the Bible, Bahonda became convinced that the Adventist church is God's true church. But one thing troubled Bahonda. There was no Adventist church in her city. She traveled to the national capital, Brazzaville, but she found no church building there, either. The Adventists she met worshiped in houses and lean-to sheds in courtyards. But not one congregation worshiped in a church.

Why No Church?

Bahonda asked why God's true church had no houses of worship. She learned that the church's property had been taken during a time of war, and the church has no money to build even simple churches.

Bahonda shares her faith with her friends and invites them to worship with her. But her congregation meets in a single rented room in a simple house far from any road. Her friends suspect the church is one of many cults



The church members in Brazzaville, the national capital, have no church building in which to worship.

in Congo, and they are afraid to return.

"You have a good message," people say, "but your church is not good. When you have a real church, then I will come. I won't come while I am ashamed of the church."



The Talengai Church members will be most grateful to move from this present meeting place into their own church, made possible by your 13th Sabbath offerings.

Bahonda has been an Adventist for four years. She has invited her friends to worship with her, but they come only once and do not return. They like their own churches better.

Bahonda would like to have a proper church to which she can invite her friends to worship without fear that they will think the Adventists are a cult. The 500 other Adventist believers in Congo would like to have churches, too. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build up to three churches in the Republic of Congo.

Bahonda Sandrine lives in Pointe Noir, Republic of Congo. Charlotte Ishkanian is editor of Mission.



Church members meet in homes because there are no church buildings to meet in.

A Student Finds Peace

Walking in the early morning darkness, the stinging cold was penetrating the many layers of my clothing and numbing the very muscle fibers of my face. All I knew was that I wanted to hurry up and get this exercise thing out of the way and get back inside. But as I exercised longer, I soon didn't notice the cold. My thoughts drifted back to the conviction that God had placed in my heart during my morning devotional time.

I stopped to look up at the starry sky in an attempt to talk face to face with the Source of my convictions. Lord, how do I warm this indifferent coldness that I feel towards someone I should love unconditionally? I know Your will. Please give me the desire that I don't have. Help me to do right, and to know where to start.

Little did I know how the answer would come. Later in the day, work was going as usual when a student at Indiana Academy (IA) asked if I had a few minutes to

listen to a letter she had written to her father. As she began to read, I could sense the longing love she wished to express.

Dear Daddy,

I just wanted to let you know that I love you. I didn't get to tell you Merry Christmas, or Happy New Year. So Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! I know you're still mad at me, and you're not going to change your mind. But I need to let you know that I'm happy here. For once, I'm truly happy.

Since I came to Indiana Academy, I have gotten closer with God. I found this peace that I never had before. It's great. I have started Bible study on Wednesday nights with Pastor Peter Neri and Mrs. Neri. I have an A++ in Bible class. And my G.P.A. is 3.15.

I pray for you every day and night. I pray that you can put your feelings aside and talk to me again. Pastor Beltre says that I should keep praying. He reminded me that God always answers prayers, even if it takes a while for them to be answered.

This weekend I am going snowboarding at Paoli Peaks. I'm really excited, never been snowboarding before. I hope I don't break anything. That would be bad. I have to go now. I'll always pray for you.

Love,

Your daughter

P.S. Titus 3:9, Ephesians 4:30, Colossians 3:13

By the time she finished, tears that had filled my eyes were trickling down my face. "That is beautiful," I confirmed to her questioning eyes. I gave her a hug and offered her an envelope and stamp.

It was then I knew what I needed to do for my own estranged relationship I had wrestled with earlier that morning.

Once again God used adults associated with IA to inspire a student to walk with God, and the embers from that flame fell down and touched my life, too.

The author wishes to remain anonymous. The letter was used with permission.



Dear Daddy,
I just wanted to
tell you that
I love you...

BY KATIE SHAW

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

A Gathering of Nations

Andrews University proudly displays the flags of the nations their students come from.

Moving can be a difficult undertaking for anyone. But packing your belongings, your family, and your culture into a few boxes and shipping them to a new country can be monumental. International students deal with a vast amount of changes in a short period of time, emigrating temporarily from their home countries to obtain a Christian education at Andrews University.



Students are encouraged to wear their national attire and raise their country's flag at the international flag-raising ceremony during alumni homecoming weekend.

Some of them have to learn a new language before they are accepted for study abroad. Some have to adapt to a different type of school system. And still others must become well-versed in the art of layering their clothing to keep warm in the winter! But for each one, the sacrifice is worth the challenge of setting up a new life for themselves, because their dream is to realize a scholastic goal at a

Seventh-day Adventist Christian university.

Camille Butler, a student from Toronto, Canada, decided to come to Andrews University specifically because of the diversity. "Toronto is one of the most diverse cities in the world, and Andrews, with all its international students, reminded me the most of home," she said.

Marcus and Mathilde Frey, with their two daughters, Delia, 8, and Chiara, 3, left their home and jobs in Freiburg, Germany, so Mathilde could pursue master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees at Andrews University. Mathilde had worked as a pastor in Freiburg for a number of years. Marcus worked for a prominent chemical industry company, repairing pumps and serving as the company's employee rights advocate. Coming to Andrews without sponsorship was a huge



An Indonesian group plays the Anklung for International Sabbath.



Francesca Lippi works with Delia Frey on her English skills using one of Delia's favorite series, Amelia Bedelia.

commitment for the Freys, since they plan to stay in the United States for at least five years. Mathilde's F-1 visa allowed her to go to school, but initially, Marcus could not work. He was able to apply for an F-1 visa 90 days after their arrival, and received permission to work in mid-November 2003.

Although their parents spoke some English, Delia and Chiara hadn't had a lot of exposure to the language. Delia entered the third grade at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, the university's laboratory school, at the beginning of the year. Chiara, still too young for school, learns English from her parents and older sister.

Delia's teacher, Stacey Campbell, recalls, "On Delia's first day of school, the only English she knew was 'Good morning, teacher.'" Delia and Stacie were able to communicate with the use of a



Peggy Whidden directs the Berrien Springs Children's Choir, largely comprised of international students.

German-English dictionary and the help of a classmate who spoke German. Delia was also enrolled in English as a second language (ESL) classes with Francesca Lippi, who works one-on-one with her. "Delia has made amazing progress," Francesca says. After just three months of school, she has picked up English so quickly that she is now writing complete stories.

When they return to Germany, Mathilde hopes to teach Old Testament studies at the Adventist seminary in Friedensau. She and Marcus feel that their experience at Andrews has been enriched by all of the other international students they have met. "It's very interesting to get to know people from all over," Mathilde said. "Our neighbors are from Rwanda."



Each April, international clubs have the opportunity to showcase food from their home countries at the International Food Fair.

Getting a Christian education is very important to the international students at Andrews. Students with families also appreciate the opportunity for their children to attend a Christian school. Adebola Osundina, a master of business administration student from Nigeria, was looking for a balanced education for his children. "I found it here at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and the Crayon Box daycare center where all the values I teach at home are reinforced in school."

The high concentration of international students among the general Andrews population is a great asset, according to the professors, students, and alumni. John McVay, dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, appreciates the fact that theological students from the North American Division will know what a world church is like after attending the seminary. "They will truly appreciate that in either Kansas or Kenya, the same gospel is preached, just with a different language," John said.

Chris Bokich, an Andrews 1999 bachelor of business administration graduate, noted, "Once in my job at Volkswagen of America, where I am constantly traveling and dealing with other cultures, I realized how valuable my Andrews education truly was. I feel comfortable with



To help students who come with very few financial resources, free food is delivered daily at the university apartments parking lot where students can come and take what they need. This ministry is provided by Pioneer Memorial Church and staffed entirely by volunteers.

diverse groups of people. After leaving Andrews, I now feel like the world is literally at my fingertips because I understand and am at ease with a wide variety of people and cultures."

Every year hundreds of students come from around the world to Andrews University to study in a Christian environment and prepare themselves for service. They discover that the sacrifices they make to get a Christian education are well worth it.

Katie Shaw works in university relations at Andrews University.

Karen's Story

BY KAREN BEKOWIES

I was about 10 or 11 years old and living in a foster home. Doctor Neal, my foster family's physician, was a Seventh-day Adventist who made a practice of asking his patients if they would like to study the Bible with him. My foster parents accepted his invitation, and I went along.

William Heffley and his wife gave the studies with Dr. Neal. When the studies were completed, the Heffleys asked us children if we would like to go to Battle Creek Academy (BCA). I said, "Yes." So my sixth-grade year was the beginning of a journey that would change my life forever.

My parents were divorced, and my father had custody of me. He really didn't care where I went to school as long as he didn't have to pay for it. After a period of time, however, he noticed that there was a difference between the academy

and the public school system. He later helped me with my tuition.

The family I lived with sent us to Sunday school, but there was no spiritual instruction in the home. It was in church school that my spiritual journey began. That's where I learned about Jesus.

I remember the Week of Prayer my eighth-grade year. While sitting in class, one of my classmates, Kathy Sykes, turned to me and said, "Karen, you ought to be baptized." I thought, "Wow! Be baptized?"

I started going to Sabbath school after that, and it seemed to me that everyone accepted me just the way I was. It didn't matter that I didn't come from a religious family with both a mother and a father, they just accepted me the way I was. I remember the love my classmates' families showed me by taking me home on Sabbath. I was just one of their kids. There was more than one family that did that all through my high school years.

There were certain teachers that cared about me. "Karen, if you need this, you can count on me. My wife and I will be there for you." Teachers like that really cared, not only during school hours but outside of school too.

I had talked my father into letting me come and live with him my freshman year of academy. My junior year he said he wasn't going to pay for me to go to

BCA anymore. He said that if I wanted to go to that school I would have to call my friends for help.

I remember that I had to swallow my pride and pick up the phone because I wanted to be at BCA. I hadn't turned 16 yet, so I couldn't work other than a little labor at school. So I called Mrs. Heffley and told her that I wanted to continue at BCA, but my father said that he couldn't afford it. She said, "No problem, we'll take care of it." I am so grateful for her love and generosity.

I don't know what my life would have been without a Christian education, but I do know that Christian education put me in touch with a loving church family that I would not have had otherwise. That family is what brought me into the church and has kept me in the church ever since.

Karen Bekowies is the certification registrar in the Lake Union education department.



Happy 100th Birthday

BY ROBERT RICE

Grand Rapids Junior Academy (GRJA) will be 100 years old this fall. In 1904, there was one Seventh-day Adventist church in Grand Rapids. It was a church that was committed to the gospel commission and to God's ordained plan of Christian Adventist education.

A dedicated church member named Cyrus Clark felt the need for the children to be in church school. As there was no building or money to build or buy one, he pitched a tent in his backyard, and Grand Rapids Jr. Academy was born. When the cold weather came, they moved into his wood shop until a more suitable building could be found. As the "Central" church grew, smaller groups branched out into other surrounding areas and began a work there. Today there are 18 churches in the greater Grand Rapids area that participate in sending children to GRJA.

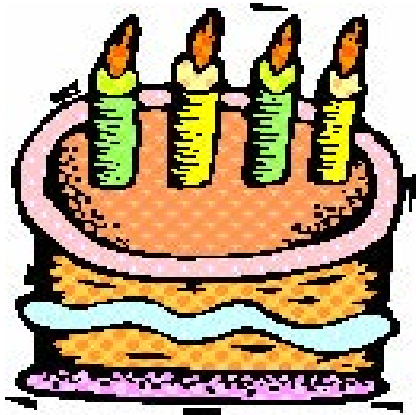
I wish Cyrus Clark could read some of the essays that were written by our students recently, as they would warm his heart. He would reflect on the humble beginnings of our school. He would be blessed! Here are some of the things our students wrote:

"I love my Grand Rapids Jr. Academy! I learn more about God and how to live the Christian life."

"I value my Christian education because GRJA has strengthened my relationship with Christ. Christian education not only helps the students, but it also helps the staff with their teaching, attitudes,

and their own relationship with Christ."

"I'm glad to see the school growing. I've been here since kindergarten. Now I am in the 10th grade, and there are 100 more students now than when I started to attend. I'm glad to see that there is a new building addition coming together for our school because we are out of space. The GRJA school board, parents, and churches have shown a commitment to having their children get a quality



education by supporting a growing program."

"I'm really happy with our school for both academic reasons and for the religious experience."

"GRJA not only helps with spirituality, but it also helps with school work. Though our school is growing, we are still small enough to get personal help from our teachers."

"I appreciate Bible and worship the most."

These are just a few of the testimonies from children who love their school and love Jesus!

We will celebrate our centennial birthday with a great alumni homecoming, Oct. 1-3. It is of particular significance that we will meet in a large tent on the school property, not only to celebrate our roots, but for the simple fact that we have outgrown our "more suitable building" once again, and we cannot fit in the school anymore.

Nearly 200 children attend GRJA, and there has been an average six percent growth rate over the last several years. We have added grade 11 this year and will add grade 12 next year.

Thank you, Cyrus Clark! Thank you, churches! Thank you, families! Thank you, students! Thank you, Jesus! Please come soon, and take us to the "more suitable building" you have prepared for Cyrus and for us.

Robert Rice is the Grand Rapids Junior Academy development director.

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Wisconsin Academy: From left: (back row) Heather Williams, Sara Schaezka, Nicole Edminster, Sara Meulemans, and Michelle Paulsen; (front row) Katherine Miller, Erin McLean, Kelli Gauger, and Rebekah Helsius; (not pictured) Jerry Miller and Jane Noh.



Battle Creek Academy: From left: (back row) Kevin Cooper, Weston Gatewood, Jesse Smith; (front row) Brendan Mattson, Sarah Barrett, and Christie Fogg.



Indiana Academy: From left: (back row) Ryan Thurber, Jarrod Dunson, J.D. Sundin; (front row) Jessica Jantzen, Ashlee Widing, Carol Lopez, and Cherie Meharry.



Chicago Academy: Alicia Roberts.



Andrews Academy: From left: (back row) Lorraine Siebold, Ashley Harris, Ryan Choi, and Lauren Catron; (middle row) Ashleigh Burtnett, Gina Bangkuai, Elizabeth Tidwell; (front row) Ashley Chung, Gregory Michel, Kelsey Grellmann, Rachel Wilson, Catherine Wolfer, Christelle Miot, Takishah Michel, Christianna Markovic, Melanie Maguad, Erika Fortin, and Michelle Evans.



Broadview Academy: From left: Jane Tu, Brandy Radoias, Sam Cross, Michael Boryca Jr., Romimir Altares, Melissa Faifer, and Joanne Cross.

Great Lakes Adventist Academy: From left: (back row) Eric Paddock, Jeremy Weaver, Brenden Matus, Jason Boothby, Gavin Heslop, Lauren Fraser, Cassandra Johnson, Jennifer Moutsatson, Vanessa Jorgensen, Alaina Elder, and Ashley Vallieres; (middle row) Nicholas Peterson, Robin Seymour, Leslie Bruff, Nicole Van Allen, Stevi Shepard, and Katharine Van Arsdale; (front row) Joanna Prouty, Jacob Mayor, Allen Clayton, and Isaac Lee.



Andrews Academy Receives Monetary Award

Michigan — On Feb. 28, in Phoenix, Ariz., Andrews Academy received an Academy of Excellence Award in the amount of \$15,000. The award, from the Adventist Alumni Achievement Awards Foundation, recognizes excellence in secondary education in Seventh-day Adventist schools.

Of the 90 academies in North America who are eligible to apply, Andrews Academy was chosen to be among the three finalists from a group of 22 academies who had applied. The application process involved review of accreditation documents, standardized test scores, comparison of Andrews Academy's program against the North American Division's curriculum guidelines, an on-site visit, and a presentation during the convention in Arizona.

Another facet of the convention was a golf tournament which took place on Friday, Feb. 27. Andrews Academy sponsored a team that was awarded \$4,000 for their third-place overall net score.



Andrews Academy received an Academy of Excellence Award for \$15,000.

Allan Chase, academy principal; Rebecca Becker, academy development director; and a delegation of four students (Daniel Bedney, Jeff Habenicht, Allison Nowack, and Beth Tidwell) traveled to Phoenix to participate in the convention and accept the award.

"Andrews Academy emphasizes the importance of a vibrant spiritual life and provides many opportunities for students to become involved in a variety of community service and mission projects," said Rebecca Becker. She feels the academy earned the award because of its "well-established reputation for offering outstanding academics as well as a wide

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The Andrews Academy alumni golf team was awarded \$4,000 for their third-place win in the golf tournament.

breadth of course offerings.”

The academy plans to improve school programs with the money they received.

Katie Shaw, Andrews news writer



BCA students James Quines, Brendan Mattson, Erica Smith, and Kyle McKelvey work on the construction site in Mexico.

Battle Creek Academy Performs Week of Service

Michigan — The week of Mar. 22–26 was set aside as mission emphasis week at Battle Creek Academy. Each student in grades 8–12 is required to perform 25 hours of community or foreign mission service each year. This year 18 seniors went to Puerto Rico and 21 students went to Libertad, Mexico, on mission trips, while the remaining 34 students served in the local community.

The missionaries to Puerto Rico spent the week building an outdoor amphitheater at Elias Burgos Youth Camp. See their story on page 7.

The work in Mexico, coordinated by the Battle Creek Tabernacle, included medical clinics, construction of a Sabbath school facility, Vacation Bible School, and evening evangelistic meetings. Coordinator

Bonnie Velez said, “The students became leaders who exercised flexibility and good judgment in dealing with an incredibly hectic schedule ... yet still found time to make life-long friends with the local youth. Many expressed that they had come closer to Christ during this trip than at any other time in their lives.” The results of their time and effort are demonstrated by the 40 adults and 50 children that continue to come to the church for their spiritual and physical needs.

Locally, students volunteered at a variety of facilities, including Mercy Pavilion, Creekside Manor, Marshall Center for Children, Salvation Army, and the Branch County Library. One group of young people volunteered to help a local resident clear some downed trees. The goal was to split and stack enough wood to last through next winter. During the week’s work they were able to put up enough wood for the next two winters.

Principal Kevin Kossick observed, “To experience authentic service in your own community can be difficult because of the comforts of home. However, the youth serving in greater Battle Creek each had to experience the vulnerability of seeking a service site, performing at an acceptable level, and risk the evaluation of the project supervisor. I was pleased with the project choices and the quality, quantity, and variety of the services provided. They truly experienced the art of serving and making the community a better place.”

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy marketing director

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New Birth at Peterson-Warren Academy

Lake Region — On Apr. 6, Peterson-Warren Academy conducted a very special service for six of its students. In the fall of 2003, Ken Dixon, University of Michigan campus ministries chaplain, conducted a Week of Prayer on our academy campus. As a result of the Holy Spirit's efforts, a number of students joined the baptismal class conducted by Chaplain Dixon and Albert Rodgers, math and English teacher. Six young ladies made their decision for baptism.

LeAnna Pointer, 10th grade; Ashley Bowden, Angelica Landrum, and Jennifer Walker, ninth grade; JaQuese Hawkins and Michelle Bowden, eighth grade, were baptized at the Sharon Church in Inkster, Mich.



From left: (back row) Angelica, Jennifer, JaQuese, and LeAnna; (front row) Ashley and Michelle.

Prior to the baptism, a brief service was conducted with Chaplain Dixon preaching a sermonette on Naaman and the necessity of cleansing in preparation for heaven. After the baptism, the students, faculty, parents, and visitors welcomed the new members of the family of God into the fellowship of believers.

Kathryn A. Shaw, Peterson-Warren Academy ninth- and tenth-grade Bible teacher

PWA Science Fair

Lake Region — Each year Peterson-Warren Academy's science department sponsors a science fair so that the students may enhance their understanding and application of the scientific method beyond the textbook. Projects were displayed by students beginning with fifth grade through the academy. Projects were judged by professionals in the science arena who work throughout the Detroit-Metro area. Judges were given a specific set of criteria on which to judge each project. Elementary projects were categorized separately from academy projects, and winners received first, second, or third prize ribbons



A DNA model display.



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Kara Baxter's award-winning tongue.

as well as ribbons for participation. Parents and guests were also invited to observe the displays.

The winners for the elementary category first prize were: Nydia Jessup and Ellaura Reeves, *How Plants Grow Fast*; second prize: Ryan Price and Michael Shelton, *Fruits Make Electricity*; and third prize: Tracy Buggs, *How Does a Generator Work?* The winners for first, second, and third prize ribbons in the academy were Kara Baxter, *Taste Buds*; June Ragland and Imani Jones, *Evaporation and Humidity*; and Tyler Dorsett, *Faster Than Cold Water*, respectively.

Angelita Crawford, PWA science teacher

Public Investment in Christian Education

Lake Region —

For the last 24 years, Peterson-Warren Academy has provided a venue for college-bound seniors to receive scholarships. This program is funded through the solicitation of advertisements from local businesses, family, friends, community, and religious organizations. Over the years, parents have welcomed this opportunity to provide additional funds for their children. Although each child determines his or her individual scholarship amount, the yearly average has been \$20,000.

This year's 17 seniors are sure to surpass that amount. Letters to donors went out as early as December 2003. The seniors themselves have a special incentive to raise money. The male and female student who raises the most money is awarded the prestigious titles of king and queen of the academy.

Darnell Logan, Mr. Peterson-Warren 2003, is presently studying at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala., majoring in engineering/education. Cheryce Bone, Miss Peterson-Warren 2003, is studying at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., majoring in communication/journalism. Cheryce also received



Sarah Sims, Sherelle Palmer, and Meghan Prince all aspired to become Miss Peterson-Warren 2004.

the Caring Heart Award, the Presidential Award, and the Michigan Education Assessment Program Merit Award. All of the participants will receive a scholarship; however, Jonathan Taylor and Ciera Jennings will receive the M.E.A.P. Merit Award as well.

This year's coronation took place on Sunday, May 16, at the Fairlane Holiday Inn. This scholarship-coronation program was the dream of the late Reginald Barnes, former Lake Region Conference educational superintendent. Parents had voiced their concern for the future of their children who needed help financially with entrance fees and books for college. Through the dedication of Joyce Bone, the program coordinator, this program has become a rite-of-passage for graduating seniors since 1981.

By soliciting funds, students show initiative and responsibility for their own welfare. Students are expected to further their education at any institution of higher learning; however, two seniors will be going into the military. We are very proud of all of our graduates.

Joyce Bone, PWA English teacher

Eau Claire Students Receive Awards

Wisconsin —

On Jan. 27, four students from Otter Creek Christian Academy were honored in an award ceremony at the Altoona Fire Hall. These four students were among a group of 1,100 students

who participated in a fire-prevention poster contest sponsored by the Altoona Firefighters Association. Sixteen prizes were awarded in all, two per grade for grades one through eight. First prize posters will be sent in to the state fire-prevention poster contest.

Among the winners were: Kyle Thompson, second place, sixth grade; Stephanie Goss, second place, seventh grade; Angelique Kuntz, first place, seventh grade; and Brittaini Daw, first place, eighth grade.

Laura Daw, Eau Claire Church



Brittaini Daw, seventh grade, received a first-place award for her fire-prevention poster.

Photo by Laura Daw

Wisconsin Schools Excel above National Average

Wisconsin — Wisconsin Conference students in grades three through eight take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills each year to determine their level of achievement and to help us fine-tune the curriculum to better meet their needs. The student average for this school year was 67.2 percentile. To put this in perspective, this shows that our students' average score is greater than 67.1 percent of all students taking this test nationwide.

If we average our scores over several years, our school averages are at 77.2 percentile. This means that our schools average higher than 77.1 percent of all schools in the nation. Wisconsin Conference schools are in the top 23 percent of all schools nationwide!

Looking at the natural abilities of our students, our scores look even better! Each year our students in grades four and seven are given a cognitive abilities test to determine their level of natural intelligence. Each year our students are shown to be of average mental ability, yet, for the past four years our students

have obtained scores that are from .7 to 1.2 grade levels above what would be expected based on their natural abilities. Our students are working at a higher academic level than we would expect based on their levels of intelligence.

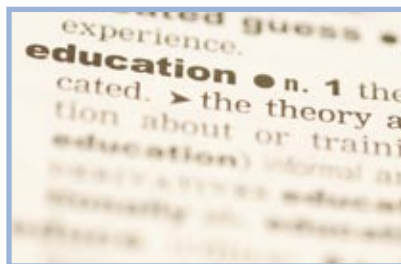
Wisconsin church school students are getting a quality academic education. While this is one of our important goals, it is not the main reason we sacrifice to provide this program. Even more important is the fact that every day when our children walk into the classroom, they will be with a teacher who will teach them about the Bible and God's great love for them. Each day they will be encouraged to enter into a personal relationship with their

Savior, Jesus Christ! That is what gives meaning to our Adventist education program!

We must always remember:

"Christian education is not expensive, it is priceless!"

Ken Kirkham, Wisconsin Conference education superintendent



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Indiana Conference Constituency Report

Indiana — The Indiana Conference held its 38th Triennial Session on Apr. 24 at Indiana Academy with approximately 330 delegates. The day began at 9:00 a.m. with the selection of the large organizing committee responsible for nominating the members of the Standing Nominating Committee, the Conference Executive Committee/Association Board, the K-12 Board of Education, and the Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

“People with a Purpose” was the title of the opening message, given by Gary Thurber, president. He focused on three essential components and challenged the church in Indiana to be: 1) people of the Word, 2) people who walk the walk, and 3) people of reconciliation. Ministry is to be directed to the global community, to the youth, and to our neighbors.



Photo by Gary Burns

Walter Wright, Lake Union president, affirms Gary and Diane Thurber as he announces Gary's re-election.

Following the president's devotional message, Archie Moore, secretary, presented the Elkhart Hispanic Company to join the Indiana Conference sisterhood of churches. The seating of the delegates included delegates from the new church.

The nominating committee returned all the names of the officers and departmental directors for re-election. Each name was voted on separately by secret ballot and approved overwhelmingly.

In addition to elections, there were some changes to the articles and by-laws. The most significant action was changing the session from three to four years, making 2008 the year of the next constituency session.

The various reports throughout the day informed and inspired the delegates and united them in prayer for their leadership as people with a purpose.

Gary Burns, Lake Union communication director

Within the Lake Union the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 39.

BIRTHDAYS



MARY (ERVIN) BEAUMONT-PACKARD celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 10 with family and friends at home at Villa Health Care Center, Riverside, Calif. She has been a member of the Marion (Ind.) Church for 76 years.

Mary was married to the late Edward Packard.

Mary has been a treasurer and clerk in Knox, Ind.; Bible worker for the Indiana Conference; Primary leader, pianist, and Sabbath school superintendent for the Marion Church; and retired in 1965 from housekeeping at Marion General Hospital.

Mary's family includes Marilyn and Warren Trenchard of Riverside; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

GRACELYN F.H. BAN AND DONALD L. LLOYD JR. were married June 30, 2002, in Battle Creek, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dale Leamon.

Gracelyn is the daughter of John and Florence Ban of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and Donald is the son of Donald

and Martha Lloyd of Climax, Mich.

The Lloyds are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

OBITUARIES

BAUER, ARTHUR, age 82; born Oct. 28, 1921, in Sheboygan, Wis.; died Mar. 6, 2004, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carol (Froehlich); sons, John A. and Mark S.; daughter, Christine A. Bauer; brothers, Chris, Richard, Conrad, and Harold; and four grandchildren.

Private services were held by the family, with private inurnment.

BEMENT, VIRGINIA M. (WACHTER) HAYS, age 82; born Jan. 25, 1922, in Big Rapids, Mich.; died Mar. 28, 2004, in Ludington, Mich. She was a member of the Big Rapids Church.

Survivors include her sons, Richard A., Roger A., and Russell A. Hays; daughters, Roma A. Robinson, Rita A. Corkum, Rebecca A. Parker, and Rae A. Seath; 25 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Szykowski and William Routley, and interment was in Pine Plains Cemetery, Big Rapids.

COLE, KENNETH R., age 82; born July 8, 1921, in Beaverton, Mich.; died Jan. 20, 2004, in Holly, Mich. He was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include his wife,

Dorothy (Evans); son, James; daughter, Jayne Keating; stepdaughters, Linda Bialo, Sherri Ann Kamin, and Lori M. Halpin; sisters, Hazel Moyer, Almita Thomas, Aleen Marsh, and Lucille Thomas; three grand children; five great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Benson and Elders Gene Hall, Earl Zager, and Dan Towar, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

COOPER, LEE F. (FROFF), age 86; born Aug. 8, 1917, in Monticello, Ind.; died Feb. 26, 2004, in Bakersfield, Calif. She was a member of the Lafayette (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, David M.; daughter, Georgia A. Bronson; sister, Clara Crisp; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Throstr Thordarson, and interment was in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, Lafayette.

CRARY, OTIS E., age 91; born Sept. 26, 1912, in Hillsboro, Wis.; died Mar. 13, 2004, in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Madison Church.

Survivors include his sons, Bert and Bill; foster child, Dawn Barnett; brother, Berton; three foster grandchildren; and six foster great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors William J. Ochs and Jonathan Larssen, and interment was in 100 Mile Road Cemetery, Vienna Twp. Wis.

DODD, NOLA E. (THORNBERRY), age 90; born Jan. 20, 1914, in Pelican Lake, Wis.; died Jan. 22, 2004, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was a member of the Elmhurst (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her son,

Duane; daughter, Donna Lowe; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David J. Sitler, and interment was in Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst.

FIELD, IDA M., age 75; born Mar. 6, 1928, in Detroit, Mich.; died Oct. 21, 2003, in Howell, Mich. She was a member of the Livingston Church, Howell.

Survivors include her brother, Edwin Field.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Chris Small, and interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, Mich.

GORDON, BENJAMIN T., age 95; born Dec. 6, 1908, in Oconto, Wis.; died Mar. 7, 2004, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his daughters, Shona Gordon, Sharon Constantine, and Martha Prokot; brother, Jerome; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Glenn Russell, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

HEIL, OLIVE L. (SENKER), age 88; born Jan. 13, 1916, in Highland Park, Mich.; died Mar. 2, 2004, in Auburn Hills, Mich. She was a member of the Troy (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Glenn J. and Richard E.; sisters, Doris Boyles and Virginia Webster; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Nathan Renner and Glenn Heil, and interment was in Mt. Avon Cemetery, Rochester, Mich.

HOSKINS, RUSSELL, age 92; born May 8, 1911, in Glennie, Mich.; died Mar. 17, 2004, in Saginaw, Mich. He was a member of the Glennie Church.

Survivors include his brother, Arthur; sisters, Esther Whitford, Wilma Dafoe, Edna Geyman, and Helen Hutchens.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Richard Mendoza, with private inurnment at a later date.

HOWARD, G. ROBERT "BOB", age 73; born Nov. 20, 1930, in Decatur, Ill.; died Mar. 20, 2004, in Decatur. He was a member of the Decatur Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Martin); sons, Terry and David; daughters, Kathleen Stewart and Sandra Akins; sister, Virginia Moore; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Keith Trumbo, and interment was in Boiling Springs Cemetery, Decatur.

MARTIN, LEE, age 75; born June 2, 1928, in Lockhart, Ala.; died Mar. 24, 2004, in Ionia, Mich. He was a member of the Ionia Church.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine (Carr); sons, Edward L. and Michael A.; daughters, Patricia A. Trammell and Nettie R. Gray; brother, Johnny; sister, Lucille Martin; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Karl Tsatalbasidis and James Micheff Jr., and interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Ionia.

MILLER, ALAN R., age 47; born Jan. 20, 1957, in Saginaw, Mich.; died Mar. 10, 2004, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Reed City (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Debra K. (Waite); sons, Alan III and Robert; daughters,

Michelle, Melissa, and Melinda Miller; step-father, William Ricklefs; mother, Barbara (Savage); brother, Robert; stepbrothers, William, Rich, Kevin, and Lawrence Ricklefs; sister, Rose Miller; stepsisters, Dawn Ricklefs, Barbara Coleman, Iva Henschel, and Gretchen Opperman; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Szykowski, and interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, Hersey, Mich.

PARKER, CORA A. (HANSEN), age 94; born Sept. 20, 1909, in Trufant, Mich.; died Apr. 6, 2004, in Dowagiac, Mich. She was a member of the Ionia (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Jay; daughters, Pat Cruttenden, Janice Smith, and Jean Scribner; brother, Martin Hansen; stepbrother, Ralph Siems; sister, Mildred Allen; stepsister, Ruth Sherwin; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Jim Micheff Sr. and Karl Tsatalbasidis, and interment was in Tuttle Cemetery, Ionia.

PETERSON, IRENE E. (REED), age 76; born Aug. 12, 1927, in Des Moines, Iowa; died Feb. 6, 2004, in Phoenix, Ariz. She was a member of the Plymouth (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ross D.; son, William; daughters, Robin A. Milner and Stephanie H. Hembrough; brother, Frank Reed; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Bob Stewart and Royce Snyman, with private inurnment.

RHYNDRESS, EMMA (MAUDE), age 83; born Nov. 4, 1920, in Calumet, Mich.; died Mar. 24, 2004, in Lansing, Mich. She was a member of the Holt (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Gary; daughters, Patricia Bodi, Darlene Townsend, Kathy Hubbard, Janet Bailey, and Dawn Robisen; brother, Tom Maude; sisters, Dorothy Widing, Beverly DeYoung, and Barbara Hall; 22 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Alan Meis and Elder Olan Thomas, and interment was in Summit Cemetery, Williamston, Mich.

SACKETT, F. ALLEN, age 88; born Jan. 18, 1916, in Tillamook, Ore.; died Mar. 25, 2004, in Centennial, Colo. He was a former pastor in the Wisconsin Conference.

Survivors include his wife, Maurine (Johnston); son, Glenn; daughter, Sharon Barnes; brothers, Ronald and Harry; sisters, Florence Sackett, Margaret Best, and Velma Moniot; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor John Cress, with private inurnment at a later date.

STONEBROOK, FLORENCE J. (PETERSON), age 91; born Apr. 3, 1912, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Mar. 24, 2004, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include her son, David; daughter, Kathleen Lockert; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and inurnment was in Moravian Cemetery, Green Bay.

STREET, SR., WILLIAM DALE, age 90; born Apr. 10, 1913, in Bloomfield, Ind.; died Jan. 29, 2004, in Charlestown, Ind. He was a member of the Madison (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his son, William Dale Jr.; daughter, Rosanna Harshman; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Billy Ed Hostettler, and interment was in Simpson Chapel Cemetery, Bloomfield.

SUMNER, NANCY LYNN (SCHUELER), age 61; born Mar. 21, 1942, in Berrien Springs, Mich.; died Jan. 21, 2004, in Berrien Springs. She was a member of the Glenwood Church, Dowagiac, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Lynn C.; daughters, Lynda Fay Haley and Cara Lynn Rumer; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Scott Labbe, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

TOMS, HAROLD A., age 88; born June 23, 1915, in Frederick Cty., Md.; died Feb. 18, 2004, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the Paw Paw (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy M. (Sampson); sons, John D. and Ted; brothers,

Robert and Stephen; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Ben Orian, with private inurnment.

WALKER, RUTH ANN (DRIVER), age 64; born Nov. 21, 1939, in Williamston, Mich.; died Mar. 16, 2004, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a member of the Ann Arbor Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse P.; sons, Jesse G. and Daniel T.; daughters, May L. and Claudia J. Walker; brother, LaVerne Driver; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Dan Hall, with private inurnment.

WILLIAMS, FORREST D., age 69; born Sept. 13, 1934, in Wyoming, Mich.; died Dec. 6, 2003, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary M. (Tompkins); daughters, Debbie Higgins, Diane Stockdale, Kathy Collier, Marilyn Lefler, and

Patty Williams; brothers, Robert and Donald; sister, Maris Kilbourne; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, and interment was in Georgetown Cemetery, Jenison, Mich.

WYLIE, VERNA E. (KIEMELE), age 91; born Feb. 24, 1913, in Canada; died Mar. 17, 2004, in Livonia, Mich. She was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Robert Judnich; daughter, June Balon; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, with private inurnment.



Lake Union Conference Tithes Comparison Year-to-date

13 Sabbaths ending March 31, 2004, compared to 13 Sabbaths ending March 31, 2003

Number of Members:					Increase	%	Average Tithe Per Member	
12/31/03	12/31/02	Conference	2004	2003	-Decrease	Inc. -Decr.	2004	2003
12,503	12,205	Illinois	2,209,543	2,182,681	26,862	1.23%	176.72	178.83
6,712	6,619	Indiana	1,451,077	1,423,584	27,493	1.93%	216.19	215.08
26,826	26,065	Lake Region	2,550,920	2,794,354	-243,434	-8.71%	95.09	107.21
24,692	24,489	Michigan	6,152,246	6,199,705	-47,459	-0.77%	249.16	253.16
6,685	6,648	Wisconsin	1,405,116	1,369,699	35,417	2.59%	210.19	206.03
77,418	76,026	Totals	\$13,768,901	\$13,970,022	-\$201,121	-1.44%	\$177.85	\$183.75
Average Weekly Tithe:			\$1,059,146	\$1,074,617	-\$15,471	-1.44%		

Sunset Calendar

	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 18	Jun 25	Jul 2	Jul 9
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:16	9:20	9:23	9:25	9:25	9:23
Chicago	8:21	8:25	8:28	8:30	8:29	8:28
Detroit	9:04	9:08	9:11	9:13	9:13	9:11
Indianapolis	8:08	8:13	8:16	8:17	8:17	8:15
La Crosse, Wis.	8:42	8:47	8:50	8:51	8:51	8:49
Lansing, Mich.	9:15	9:20	9:23	9:24	9:24	9:22
Madison, Wis.	8:32	8:37	8:40	8:41	8:41	8:38
Springfield, Ill.	8:22	8:26	8:29	8:31	8:31	8:29

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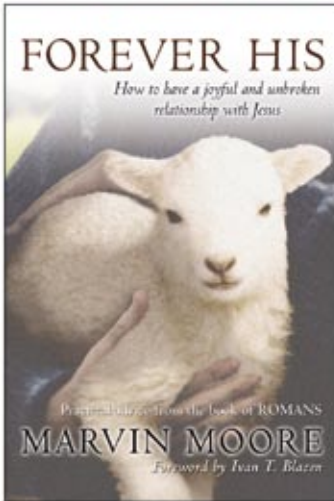
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NATIONAL RETIREE CONVOCATION for all Adventist retired workers will be held at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., July 28–Aug. 1. All retired persons, whether denominational workers or not, are welcome to attend. Come enjoy good fellowship, special speakers, musical guests, and timely seminars on senior health issues and other relevant topics. Special guests this year include Del Delker and Desmond Doss;



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PINE FORGE ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND is Sept. 3–5. Special events include: an alumni career fair, special recognition of former NPFAAA presidents and Peter McGalleria, Friday vespers with Phyllis Pelote Edmonds ('64), and Sabbath divine service speaker Charles Cheatham ('54). Honor classes are 1954, '64, '74, '79, '84, '94, '99, and 2004. For more information, visit www.pfaalumni.org.

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HE LOVED

BY AMARILIS ANDREA CORNEJO

"Can I play with you, guys?"
"Ah—," somebody would search for an excuse.

"—we have enough players already, sorry," another would interrupt.

Not liked by many kids, he would go home and help his mom in the house or his dad at the shop. Kids didn't hang around him too much. He was too nice, too "holy," as many called him.

Even adults avoided him. "Well," they would say or think, "he's from the ghetto." In addition to all this, his home was covered by a shadow of suspicion, since he was conceived out of wedlock. Everyone knew about it.

As he got older, he became well known for his sharp mind. Despite his lack of formal education, he knew how to read and write. Poor, but always clean and organized, he was constantly attentive to other people's needs.

There was a group who always talked behind his back. At church or when a crowd surrounded him, they would come and ask him tricky questions to embarrass him. They wanted to prove him wrong in order to get the attention

they felt they deserved.

Through it all, he would answer every question in such a nice way that the questioners would end up being the ones who were embarrassed. He was kind to them, even though they hurt him. He loved. They hated.

Jealousy, envy, pride, anger—all combined to generate prejudice against this humble man. His enemies got together several times to plot his death.

One evening, as this young man prayed for himself, his closest

friends, and for the rest of the world, who would end up learning about him, he was arrested and charged for breaking the law. He was also accused for having associated with the worst people on earth—addicts, gangs, killers, robbers, liars, the poor, and people with incurable diseases. How could he be around those people, unless he was one of them?

After being severely beaten, called unholy names, and spat on, he was hung on a cross to die. "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing," were some of his last words. He hated sin, but loved sinners. Why?

We are all sinners, living in darkness. We cannot stand the light and often don't even try to get used to it. We envy and hate and indulge our prejudices.

But there's more to His story. A great earthquake shook the earth and an angel descended to open the tomb and awaken Him. His true friends were filled with joy as He instructed them and promised to return and take them and us to the place He is preparing in heaven.

But in order to go with Him, we have to love Him like He loved us. It's our turn to live as He lived—hating sin, but loving sinners—not because we have to, but because we want to ... because we love Him.

Andrea Cornejo will be a senior next year at Wisconsin Academy. She will receive a \$100 scholarship for having her article selected for this column.



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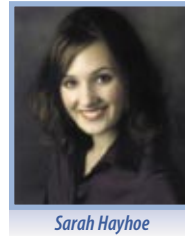
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Profiles of Youth

Sarah Hayhoe transferred to Wisconsin Academy (WA) her sophomore year when her family moved from Maine to Wisconsin. Now a senior at Wisconsin Academy, Sarah found it was easy to form new and special friendships. Her leadership qualities have given her opportunities to serve in several key positions. During her sophomore and junior years, Sarah was a member of the student-faculty council. In her junior year, she also became the editor of *Wisconian*, the school newspaper. This year she has served as vice-president of the student association and coordinator of the touring praise team. "Some of my most meaningful experiences at Wisconsin Academy have been interacting with staff who mean a lot to me," Sarah says.

In college she wants to discover what God can do with her talents in a career combination of business and communications. A creative way Sarah wishes to expand her borders spiritually is to become a student missionary. She believes this will give her a chance to show God's love in a tangible way.



Sarah Hayhoe



Ruben Rivera

Originally from the Dominican Republic, **Ruben Rivera** is a senior at Wisconsin Academy (WA) where he has been a student all four of his academy years.

Ruben says, "The best part of being at WA is participating in the music program." He is a four-year member of the choir and Choralaires, the traveling choir. Ruben also uses his vocal talents to sing in a quartet;

and he leads out in the songs for Friday evening vespers, Week of Prayer, and church as a member of the praise team. Recently, Ruben found he had new talents and started taking piano and trumpet lessons. It wasn't long before Ed Pelto, the music director, claimed him as a member of the band. He also enjoys making mellow music with the bell choir.

Ruben feels he has grown spiritually while attending WA. He enjoys sharing his faith with other guys in the dorm. He says sometimes they read their Bibles together and discuss what they have learned. He is looking forward to sharing and increasing his faith while attending Andrews University in the fall. At college, he plans to continue his love for music by participating in the school's musical programs and pursuing a career in music.

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