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*A tool for discipleship*

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Small groups are an effective tool for establishing new believers before and after baptism. They provide a warm and friendly environment where questions can be answered in a gentle way. Herald photo.

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# E D I T O R I A L

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## God's Surprises

BY GORDON L. RETZER,  
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The summer of 1967 I spent in Grafton, West Virginia, as a student literature evangelist (LE). My little green Volkswagen and I made it into “hollers” few had explored, and I found a lot of families who bought the books I was selling—*The Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, *Bedtime Stories*, *Bible Stories*, and health books.

The LE leader had given us students some very old lead cards. The “addresses” on the cards simply described how to find the houses—“When you come to the Y, go right, and after the fence runs out, go left, and look for the house with a broken screen door,” etc. I figured that if God wanted those people to learn about Him, He’d guide me to their homes.

Every morning I laid out the lead cards on the bed and knelt and asked God to help me find the people. And it worked! God helped me find one family after another who bought the books.

One morning after prayer, I left with high hopes only to be stumped in trying to find a particular house. I prayed several times during the day but kept getting lost. Where was God? At supper time I decided I would turn around and go back home defeated. I made a U-turn, and when I looked up to the left, I saw the house—just exactly like the description. I had gone right past it.

I got my books and ran to the porch. A lady came out, and I showed her the card and said I’d been looking for her all day. She laughed and told me I was lost. I wasn’t even in the neighborhood. I was really wondering about God now. I started back to my VW, and she called after me, “There’s a Baptist preacher next door; he might like to see your books.” I was hardly in the mood. “Where was God anyway?”

Unenthusiastically, I walked next door, knocked, and the friendly preacher invited me in. I was so discouraged that I probably did all the things that sales people (especially God’s) are not supposed to do. After quickly looking through all my books, he asked, “How much for everything you’ve got?” I gave him the price. He went to his bedroom and brought me the cash for all the Adventist books I was selling. He told me he’d been looking for books like these, and he knew God had sent me to visit him.

Then he invited me to his church for prayer meeting that night, and after he preached a good Baptist sermon and made a call, he introduced me by saying God had sent me to his house that day. He persuasively explained the benefits to families who would buy my books. It was the best day I had all summer!

Maybe you’re asking why God hasn’t come through for you this time like He has in the past. Maybe God has a big surprise for you just around the next corner.

# OPERATION AMIGO

*Nine from Lake Union go on*

## Ultimate Workout

BY JULIE Z. LEE

The 2002 Ultimate Workout, a summer mission trip for teenagers, welcomed 140 volunteers to the Dominican Republic. Nine were from the Lake Union. This year, the group constructed a total of four churches for congregations who have been meeting in shacks and church-member homes for lack of a worship space.

The volunteers arrived in Santo Domingo on July 9, and underwent a short orientation before dividing into four teams. The teams were then bussed to four different towns, all located in the southern part of the Dominican Republic.

For the next two weeks, the teenagers worked long hours laying block and mixing mortar. They encountered sweltering temperatures on the construction site while living out of tents, battling mosquitoes, and

using solar showers to bathe. The hardships, however, were for a good cause. The four churches will provide seating for approximately 1,000 people, and the impact these buildings will have on their communities is immeasurable.

Yet the transformation isn't limited to those in the Dominican Republic. Each Ultimate Workout volunteer says the greater change occurs within themselves. Fourteen-year-old Darlene Minisee, from Niles, Michigan, says this mission trip has given her new perspective on her own life at home.

"I'm more appreciative of the things that I have at home," says Darlene, who attends the Calvin Center

Church.

"After two weeks, I realized how much I missed my family, and I can really see the blessings I have in my life."

As for Adrianne Osano, from Berrien Springs, Michigan, she's determined to live life differently as a result of the

experience.

"I will try to be more spiritual in my relationship with Christ," says Adrianne, who is 17 years old. "I also want to be more like God and more understanding of people who don't know Christ."

The Ultimate Workout was started in 1989 by Chris Blake, then editor of *Insight*. He collaborated with Maranatha Volunteers International, a non-profit organization, which coordinates church construction all over the world. In 1994, Piece of the



**Darlene Minisee (right) relaxes after a long day at the construction site by hanging out with her fellow volunteers, Kim Coggins (left) and Mike Barker.**



**Nine volunteers from the Lake Union participated in the 2002 Ultimate Workout in the Dominican Republic last July. From left: Jeremy Weaver, Steve Yeagley (staff), Chad Higgins, Darlene Minisee. Not pictured: Amy Achata, David Achata, Luis Leonor, Adrianne Osano.**

Pie Ministries, joined the effort. The project aims to provide the "ultimate" mission experience for teenagers by creating an atmosphere void of modern distractions, including radios, televisions, and computers. The two weeks focus on building churches, character, and spirituality.

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*Julie Z. Lee is the Maranatha Volunteers International communications coordinator.*

# NEW MEMBERS

## ILLINOIS

**Sherry Ewing** does not know how she received her first two *Discover Bible* lessons because, although she never requested them, they appeared one day in her mailbox. Sherry considered herself a non-denominational Christian. Although she was not a member of a church, she did have a thirst for the Word of God. That is why she found the *Discover Bible* lessons so intriguing. “I have always considered myself a truth seeker,” she says, “but this time the truth found me.”

After having completed nearly 24 lessons, her mailed worksheets were returned undeliverable because the post office box printed on the cards had expired. She wrote to the *Voice of Prophecy*, and they sent her the address of Freda Hein, an elderly lady who attends the Hinsdale (Illinois) Church.

Six and a half years ago, Freda had prayed that God would show her how she could share God’s Word with others. “I heard that another older lady had a Christian lending library, and I knew that was my answer to prayer,” she says. “Now I have a Christian lending library and a *Discover Bible* school. *Voice of Prophecy* is so good. They gave me a purpose in life.” She has since enrolled 670 students in her school!

When Freda received Sherry’s lessons, she gave Sherry a call. “I recognized her enthusiasm,” she remembers. “She really wanted to know truth, and we became close friends. Our difference in age didn’t seem to matter.”

Sherry quickly completed her remaining lessons, including one on the Sabbath. “For many years,” she says, “I was very uncomfortable about going to church on Sundays, but I

wasn’t really sure why. I really wasn’t into Sunday worship. Then when I discovered the actual day for worship is the Sabbath on Saturday, I became very comfortable.”

Sherry immediately called Freda and asked, “What church do you attend?” Freda explained that she was a Seventh-day Adventist, and she then told her about the West Central Church in Oak Park. The next Sabbath morning at West Central, Freda met Sherry for the first time and handed her a diploma. “I was welcomed with



**Sherry L. Ewing found the Adventist message through the *Voice of Prophecy Discover Bible* lessons.**

open arms by everyone my first Sabbath, and I felt so at home. I have been going every Sabbath since. I crave the Sabbath, and I never had a craving for Sunday.”

On May 18, Stanley Hagen, West Central Church pastor, baptized her.

*Staci Osterman, 2002 Lake Union Herald summer intern*

## MICHIGAN

**Paul Papp** and I (**Holly Papp**) met two years ago on an interactive voice chat room. We were both divorced and away from any church families. We were both searching for something better in our lives and found each other.

I grew up as an Adventist, going through the Adventist school system. After my marriage ended, I started



**From left: Paul Papp, L. D. Kitson, and Holly Papp rejoice on the day of Paul and Holly's baptism.**

falling away from God and eventually even stopped keeping the Sabbath. In 1999, I found myself in a difficult new job in New York, far away from my friends and family in Michigan. I wished I had people around me who understood where I came from—who understood the faith of my childhood.

Paul grew up believing that if he just believed in Jesus, he was covered and saved no matter how sinful his life got. He grew up in rough neighborhoods with an even tougher attitude. As we got to know each other better, I began to share with him my Adventist background. He agreed to go with me to a church I had found. We came back during the week to watch Mark Finley on satellite, and that is where our journey back to Christ began.

We ended up moving to Bad Axe, Mich., where I grew up. The Lord was convicting me every day that we should not be living together, but before I was able to do anything, I found out that I was pregnant. The church was very supportive—they helped me accept my own situation.

Paul and I began studying the Bible with L. D. Kitson, Bad Axe Church pastor. Paul asked so many questions that we rarely finished a lesson each week. We both had grown so much during our first year in Michigan, and we wanted to get baptized. We had our daughter dedicated—committing ourselves to her—and then we were married in March—committing ourselves to each other. Then in June we were baptized—committing ourselves to God.

*Holly Papp, Bad Axe Church member*

BY STACI OSTERMAN

# A Polish Family's Story

While growing up in Poland, Joanna D'Sylva regularly attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church with her parents. "I was very aware of the truth and the gospel and all the rules of how I should live life," she says. At age seventeen she was baptized. Two years later she married an Adventist. However, in time they both became critical of the church.

"It was easy to be critical, because everything I was taught before was all the rules of what I was not supposed to do. I didn't see God's law as something good for me. I only saw a set of rules. I didn't see Adventism to be a true religion for me, because there was no spirit there—no heart."

Joanna says her separation from God started with her critical attitude. She stopped attending church, praying, and reading the Bible. She never dreamed her criticism would finally turn her into a secular person, but it did.

By this time, Joanna was divorced. For a little while, she tried out a charismatic church because she liked the way the emotional worship service made her feel. Then she met an American man who was an agnostic, and they planned to marry. "Prior to our marriage," she says, "I had the feeling that if I married this man I would most likely not be with God."

Following their marriage, they left Poland for Japan, where they both lived a very secular life. With tears she remembers, "Whatever part of me that wanted to follow God disappeared over time by being associated with people who didn't believe in God." Over the next several years, she often felt the Holy Spirit's calling within her and a sense of real unhappiness.

When her second marriage ended, she told herself, "This time I have to find my way." She decided to go to church with her parents while visiting

them in Poland. For ten years, her mother had prayed that Joanna would return to the Adventist Church. Back home in Chicago, she found an Adventist church. "I remember the first time when I went again to church," she says. "They were asking me who I was. They thought I was an outsider. But I didn't feel like an outsider. I told them, 'I am just a lost sheep.'"



**From left: Daniel Wasinski, his wife Agnieszka Wasinska, and his sister Joanna D'Sylva were baptized together and now worship as a complete family with their parents on Sabbath.**

Daniel Wasinski, Joanna's younger brother, had stopped attending the Adventist Church when a young teenager. Like his sister, when he left the church, he also turned from God. Now ten years later, he came to visit his sister in Chicago. When she invited him to attend the Chicago Polish Church with her, he agreed. God was answering their parents' prayers!

Several months later, Agnieszka, Daniel's former girlfriend from Poland, came to visit. At one time they had planned to marry, but because she was a devout Catholic and he a former Adventist, they could

not agree on religion, and finally decided to break up. During the next eight months, God worked on both hearts. Before Agnieszka came to America, Joanna sent her *The Great Controversy*. After reading it, Agnieszka was ready. Already she was convinced about the Sabbath. When she arrived, she came to church with Joanna and Daniel.

The three of them attended a Daniel and Revelation seminar conducted by Alfred Palla, Chicago Polish Church pastor. It helped Joanna and Daniel to review the truths they had learned in their youth and to develop a personal relationship with Christ. For Agnieszka, the seminar gave her a longing to become an Adventist. On Feb. 16, the three asked to be baptized together.

Since their baptism, Joanna, Daniel, and Agnieszka have blessed their church numerous times with their singing group Cantate Deo. On July 7, Daniel and Agnieszka were married.

The issue of religion that had once divided them, now joins them. Her mother, who had bitterly opposed her decision for baptism and marriage to Daniel, has since softened. She even attended their wedding in the Adventist church.

Daniel and Joanna's parents recently moved to Chicago. Now every Sabbath they worship God with their children like they did many years ago. Their story proves that God does answer the prayers of Adventist parents for their children.

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*Staci Osterman, 2002 Lake Union Herald summer intern*



# Making Hope Happen

## Small Groups

*A tool for discipleship*

BY VICTOR BROWN

### What is a small group?

Life, both in the church and out, consists of small groups. Families, classes, boards, and teams are all small groups. However, a structured and functional ministry of small groups is an entirely different way of doing ministry in the church. Because we live our lives in small groups, it seems consistent for us to continue the small group concept in our church life. This process enables us to answer the call of Jesus for oneness in the church.

### How can we establish new believers before and after baptism?

Not only will a small group ministry provide a warm, friendly, integrative environment for new members, it will also provide an entering door to the church. An attendee of one small group we started was a shy non-member friend of the leader and hostess. This group was formed just before the NET '98 satellite series. This person continued to attend the small group and later decided to attend the Pioneer Memorial Church. Later she was baptized, and her first desire was to form her own small group. She still attends the original small group and one other group. Now she is not just a participant but an active member who has ministry of her own.

### What is a Christian small group and what does it do?

Here is a brief summary of the main essentials of Christian small group

regular weekly meetings.

*Welcome:* This is a time of sharing and fellowship when introductions take place, the purpose of the meeting is stated, and general interactions take place in which all are encouraged to participate.

*Worship:* There may be singing, scripture texts repeated, soul-winning experiences shared, and reports on outreach project progress. This is followed by a prayer time, that includes praise and thanksgiving, requests for personal needs, and



***A Christian small group is three to 12 persons meeting together regularly to uplift Jesus through Bible study, prayer, and encouraging fellowship—a warm, friendly place where friends and neighbors can be invited and feel comfortable.***

intercession for those on the prayer and a special “blessing list.”

*Bible study:* Non-controversial scriptural topics are selected. The reason is to provide an environment conducive to inviting non-Adventist neighbors and friends. This makes the small group a time of spiritual growth both for church members and non-members. The lessons are to be more relational than informational. The

leader facilitates the Bible study by encouraging every one, including himself/herself, to apply the scripture passage to themselves, rather than telling one another what to believe. The Holy Spirit is petitioned to bring conviction and lead participants to bring their lives into harmony with the Word.

*Witness or work:* We have discovered that it is essential for small groups to keep the focus where Jesus focused, on lost people that He came into contact with, not people who are away off in another country or county or state, but people nearby where the group meets. Every group is asked to set a goal for reaching new people. We believe a doable goal should not be less than two new people per year. Other goals may include love-in-action projects, prayer contacts and requests, Bible studies, etc.

I believe this is a ministry that is very relevant to the time in which we live. Small group ministry provides one of the best ways to quickly integrate new members, nurture the weak and wayward, raise up new leaders, reach out to our

community, and win the lost to everlasting life.

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# The Sheep, the Elephants, and the Lambs

BY PAUL PELLANDINI

It was the second Sabbath of the 2002 Cedar Lake camp meeting, and about 2,250 people had assembled for the worship service. They had come to hear a message from the speaker, David Asscherick, Troy (Michigan) Church pastor.

However, an offering for *Hope for the Homeland* was to be taken before the sermon. There had been such an overwhelming response from the churches and companies in Michigan that there was not enough resources to cover the expenses.

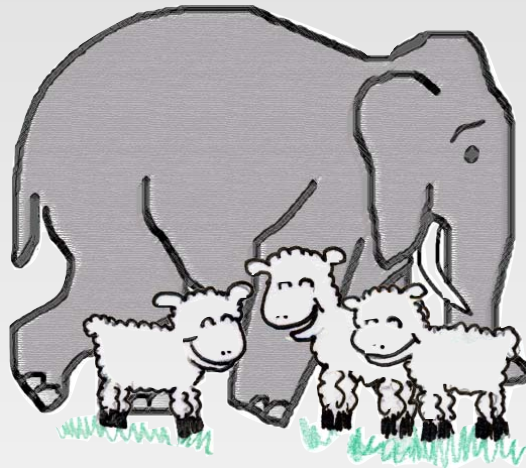
In addition to gifts by cash and check, commitment cards were distributed to the congregation, so that individuals had the option of making pledges. Not only was there a cash offering of nearly \$26,000, but almost 170 individuals chose to make systematic gifts, large and small, during the coming months.

As proportional ratios exist in the animal kingdom, so we find a similar pattern in the church. While there can be thousands of sheep per elephant, so there are the many church members who have the capacity to make commitments of support from \$5 to \$1,000. The majority of commitments fit within this larger group. God accepts each, and He blesses according to the intentions of the heart as well as the capacity of each person to give.

The few elephants among us made

pledges of \$2,000 and \$5,000. Two pledges of \$10,000 were received, and one of \$20,000, pending the sale of property. The appeal had been heard, and God's people responded. Gifts small and large are mingling together to accomplish the single purpose of letting Michiganders know that there is hope in a time of horror and despair.

But while the offering and commitment cards were secured away for safekeeping, yet another response to



the appeal arrived late into the hours of that Saturday night. Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, received the following e-mail message:

*Dear Elder Gallimore,  
Thank you for being the vessel for the Lord's offering appeal for Hope for the Homeland at camp meeting on the 29th. My seven-year-old daughter, Anya, perked right up and wanted to help immediately.*

*When we returned home that evening, we talked more about what we could do to help. She immediately emptied her bank of coins and bills to help with Hope for the Homeland.*

*It warmed my heart to see her respond to God's Spirit appealing to her heart. She was saving her money to buy a puppy but would much rather see more people have an opportunity to know the God of heaven.*

*Thank you for offering the appeal that fanned a flame in my daughter's heart. May that flame burn and consume the stubble of each of our hearts with more intensity than the fires burning in Colorado and Arizona together, and be multiplied over and over again.*

Even though Anya, one of God's lambs, heard the voice of a man, she listened to the voice of God. She responded because her Father was calling.

An important lesson emerges in these words from David to Saul: "And the Lord will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness ..." 1 Samuel 26:23.

Thank you, brothers and sisters—sheep, elephants, and lambs—for supporting *Hope for the Homeland!* While many of the Hope for the Homeland meetings are over, there is still a need for funding. Continue to respond and support however God leads you to give.

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*Paul Pellandini is the Michigan Conference stewardship director.*

## 2002 Magabook Program

# A Mega Success

BY ALLEN DYBDAHL

The Lake Union Home Health Education Service (HHES) magabook program has been a great spiritual and financial success for our students and schools. That's in addition to the benefits experienced by the thousands of customers who are prayed with and/or purchase and read the books. Only in heaven will we fully know the extent of our magabook program's influence in the lives of those who are contacted each summer. Our special thanks goes out to the Lake Union and local conferences that believe in the power of the printed page, and who help us financially to run this successful student program.

Every year the students in our magabook programs encounter life-changing experiences that they will never forget. Here's a sampling of reports from some of our groups.

### SOUTHERN INDIANA

For the southern Indiana magabook group, nothing was impossible. One day after they separated into small groups, one of the five-member groups headed for Indianapolis. They set a \$500 goal for that particular day.



*Indiana students help their leader unload the magabooks from the van.*

However, the day was not very promising. Clouds were gathering and it was getting dark. To make things worse, a tornado was forecast to come into the area.

But in spite of the dangerous storm predicted that day, they were determined to reach their goal. They prayed for God's protection and headed into the dangerous zone. While they were driving southwest, the tornado was going northeast. God blessed, and at the end of the day they went back home safe with over \$500 in donations.

### NORTHERN INDIANA

Most students sell magabooks to make tuition money for the next school year, but money is not the students' only motivation. They also desire to share God's love with everyone they come in contact with. At the end of one day, some students met a lady that was crying because she had just lost her husband the day before. The students prayed with her, and after the prayer, she said that she was feeling much better. They were able to make a difference in that lady's life.

On another occasion, they went to another home to share God's Word. The lady was very excited about the religious book that the students had. She wanted to buy all of the books, but she didn't have enough money to do that, so she asked them if they could wait until her husband came back home. When her husband arrived, he didn't have enough money either. So they decided to buy the *God's Answers to Your Questions* magabook. The students then decided to give a kid's book to their children without cost.

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Most of the homes we visited warmly received our books and us. We worked with more than 50 students in five programs, and distributed over 12,000 books, averaging \$11.00 per book, and more than 30,000 pieces of free literature. In addition, we left a response card with every contact, offering them the opportunity to enroll in a free Bible



correspondence course or to request personal Bible study with a pastor or lay member. We have received more than 100 requests for Bible studies and more information. This information is sent to the local pastors. Tom Ferguson, our student leader in Effingham, Illinois, and the district pastor for that area informed us that they have received more than 20 response cards that they are following up on.



One of Tom's students, Crystal, had an encounter with a lady that said she was only interested in reading her Bible, but would give a donation for Crystal's Christian education. She didn't want to take *The Great Controversy*. Crystal was very concerned about the lady's attitude and told Tom about the experience. So Tom took a *Great Controversy* with him and headed to the lady's house. He told her that she had given enough

of a donation to pay for the book and that it would answer all of her questions about end-time concerns. The lady was so impressed that they cared enough to come back and talk to her, that she gladly accepted the book.

What effects will the books that were sold, the free literature distributed, and the personal contacts made by our youth have on the eternal destinies of the thousands of people they met this past summer? Only God knows.

We at HHES wish to thank our students and magabook program leaders who made our 2002 summer magabook program a success.

For information about the magabook program, please contact Allen Dybdahl at (269) 473-8291; or Linette Escarfullery at (269) 473-8290.

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## Michigan Summer Magabook Ministry

BY VICTOR BROWN

This past summer about 26 young people were involved in distributing over 23,000 pieces of Christian literature as part of a Michigan Conference summer scholarship program that raised more than \$136,000. They worked in the east from Saginaw to Troy and in the west from Muskegon and Grand Rapids to Holland. A small team also branched out to work in the Lansing



***Students have worship every morning before going out into the community.***

area for two weeks. The programs also incorporated Bible workers who helped to connect church members with interests found in their communities.

One of the Bible workers shared this story. "Dana Knudsen, an Andrews University student, met a lady who had moved to Michigan from another country and had lost her



***Students that worked in the Flint area are from left: (back row) Courtney Bailey, Jason Thomas, John Sutton II, Jason Carlson; (front row) Elizabeth Kuziak, Jonathan Thomas, Justina Thomas, Brenna Paddock, Joelle Simpson, Carrie Lahti, Thaine Carter, Joshua Jorgensen, and Dana Knudsen.***

connection with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She had not attended church for 30 years, and she requested personal Bible studies. I was excited to be able to meet with her to study the Bible.

"After a couple Bible studies, I took the pastor's wife, Olga Bernardo, from the Fenton (Michigan) Church with me to the Bible study. The lady was lonely, had lost the closeness with her family, and was thrilled to be able to join her new church family in Fenton. It was amazing that, though she had been living in Fenton for five years, she never realized that there was an Adventist church only five miles away."

This story and many others like it

help to explain why academy and college students take ten weeks of their summer to share the message of the gospel with the people in our communities. But their work is not enough; it is the dedicated support of local churches to follow up on the new interests that brings results. In one area more than 40 church members have taken the challenge.

"So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase"  
1 Corinthians 3:7.

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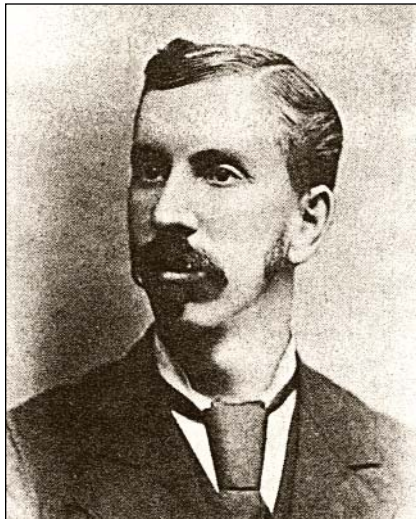
*Victor Brown is a retired Michigan pastor.*

# A Legacy of Learning Marks 130 Years

BY BETTY KOSSICK

All once-upon-a-time stories aren't fairy tales. One such story belongs to the history of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. A young man who hated to study grammar met up with a teacher who loved the subject. Unknowingly, the unlikely duo launched the worldwide Adventist parochial education system.

The story goes like this: One day in 1867, two years following the American Civil War, James and Ellen White's second son, James Edson, took a fresh-air break from his work. Edson, a typesetter at the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Battle Creek, Michigan, struck up a conversation with a patient at the



*James and Ellen White's second son, James Edson, while taking a breather from his work as a typesetter at the Review and Herald Publishing Company, struck up a conversation about English grammar with Goodloe Harper Bell.*

Western Health Reform Institute (forerunner of the Battle Creek Sanitarium). The patient was sawing wood for the publisher's boilers. It's not known whether the manual labor



*Goodloe Harper Bell, an out-of-work teacher, convinced Edson that English grammar could be interesting if properly taught. Edson asked him, "Will you teach me?" And that's where it started.*

was for physical therapy, or to earn money for his expenses, or both. His name was Goodloe Harper Bell, an out-of-work teacher.

Goodloe Bell and young Edson discussed the study of grammar. Edson expressed disdain for the subject. Goodloe Bell, a convincing man, seized the complaint, telling Edson that grammar is one of the most interesting studies in the world, if properly taught. Edson then urged him, "Will you teach me?" This led Goodloe Bell to conduct classes at

night for Edson and a handful of other Review and Herald workers. Among Edson's fellow students were other sons of early Battle Creek residents: brothers John Harvey and William Keith Kellogg, Homer Aldrich, E. R. Jones, E.C. Loughborough, J. Byron Sperry, and Edson's brother, William Clarence "Willie." This became known as Bell's "Select School." Five years later, the church fathers voted to support denominational education. This decision caused the world to light up with dedicated Christian workers, starting with Goodloe Bell's early students.

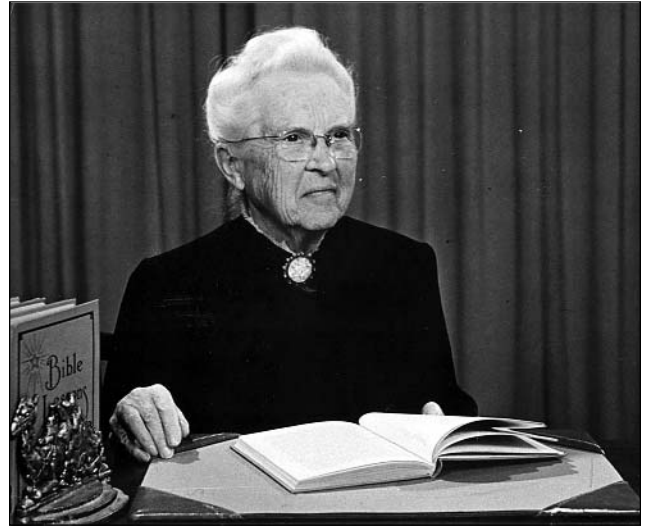
However, what prompted a people—the Adventists—to make the great sacrifices necessary to establish Christian schools? They certainly didn't envision that this educational system would encircle the globe with more than 6,000 schools—with still more being added in 2002. Then newly-elected General Conference President George I. Butler said, regardless of his skepticism of the long-range potential for success, "I expect to see this comparatively small beginning ... amount to something very important before the message shall close."\*

Up to 1872, Adventists were singularly concerned with Jesus' imminent return. Formal education seemed of little need. However, in 1853, a home school had been established in Buck's Bridge, New York, at Aaron Hilliard's residence. Martha Byington (Amadon) was the first teacher.

In 1854, Ellen White admonished parents through the pages of the *Review and Herald*, to separate their



**Battle Creek College was dedicated on January 7, 1874, after completing its first term of classes. Later it was moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where it was renamed Emmanuel Missionary College.**

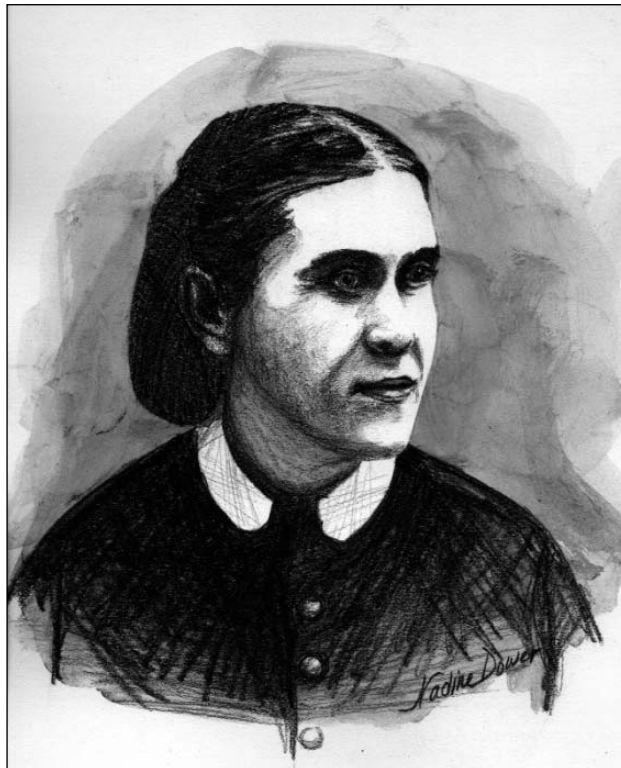


**Alma McKibbin started her first full-grade elementary school one Monday morning in 1897, with no teaching materials or equipment, in a small back room built onto the Centralia (California) Church.**

children from worldly influences. She was emphatic enough to title the article, “The Duty of Parents to Their Children.” That same year home schools opened in Jackson, Michigan, and Northfield, Vermont. A year later, a home school started up in Battle Creek. Even so, church members were divided about the importance of educating their children. Some were openly opposed, while others felt the urgency.

Three years after Ellen’s article appeared, her husband, James, similarly cautioned parents in a *Review and Herald* article. Five more home schools appeared on the scene in New Hampshire, Michigan, and Wisconsin during the 1860s.

The same year (1872) that Ellen had her first education vision, which shaped the denomination’s philosophy and aims for Christian schools, the Battle Creek School was established with Goodloe



**Ellen G. White urged the church to raise up Christian schools for the children . . . that taught more than just the development of the mind.**

Bell teaching a dozen students. Ellen White’s first comprehensive testimonies on Christian education are found in both *Testimonies for the*

*Church*, volume 3, pages 131–160, and in *Counsels on Education*, pages 1–30. As usual, God worked in tandem with willing servants to see His name glorified.

On January 7, 1874, Battle Creek College was dedicated after completing its first term of classes. In time, worldly influences pressed in on the growing town of Battle Creek. Ellen then urged that the college be moved. Thus, another Michigan town, Berrien Springs, was chosen as the site for the college, which became known first as Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University.

By 1888, the first Adventist teachers’ institute took place in Battle Creek. The same year, Danish Adventists opened the first Adventist school outside the United States. From that, the

world found itself freckled with Adventist schools.

Interestingly, the denomination

started its official education system backward, taking on higher education before elementary education. Though smatterings of elementary teaching appeared here and there, it was nearly into the 20th century before a gentle young widow named Alma McKibbin started the first full-grade Adventist elementary school in Centralia, California.

room built onto the Centralia Church. The unfinished room had a 12-inch board painted black to serve as a blackboard, 10 double seats, no equipment of any kind, no maps, no textbooks, and no library. But she did have nine grades of children to teach! Challenged, she improvised by using *Our Little Friend*, the *Gospel Primer*, *Christ Our Saviour*, and the Bible. At

of Seventh-day Adventist elementary education.

The long list, of Adventist educational institutions, that exists today, from the smallest church schools to universities, would have seemed an impossible feat 130 years ago. Yet, God planted roots for school, after school, after school dedicated to teach our youth Christian principles, preparing them to mature into able community, church, and world leaders.

The three latest schools that were added to the growing number in 2001 are all colleges in India, upgraded from secondary schools. Humberto M. Rosi, General Conference department of education director, lists the trio: Seventh-day Adventist Inter College, Roorkee, India; Northeast Adventist College, Meghalaya, India; and Flaiz Memorial College, West Godavary District, India. Humberto Rosi notes, "Our schools are growing, particularly in the younger, developing countries." He also listed the latest worldwide statistics: 6,064 schools, 56,000 teachers, and 1,065,092 students in 145 countries. What would that long-ago General Conference president, George I. Butler, think of it all?!

In Battle Creek, where it all started, a 13-grade flagship school continues as a herald with its motto "The Pursuit of Excellence in Christ." And such is the foremost endeavor of Adventist curriculum globally. Rosi points out, "Education is a God-given assignment for the home, the church, and the school together—and I like to add, it's the beginning of the University of Eternity."

Surely, one day soon in that heavenly reunion, Jesus will say to each one who taught, studied, sacrificed for, and remained faithful to Christian education, "Yours was a legacy in My name. Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

\* Emmett K. Vande Vere, *The Wisdom Seekers*, Southern Publishing Association, 1972.

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*Betty Kossick is Battle Creek Academy's volunteer communication consultant.*



**This photo of Battle Creek Academy was probably taken in the early 1900s when the school was located on Kendall Street.**

At the same time, Ellen White was urging the brethren to raise up Christian schools for the children, schools different from the world, schools that taught more than just the development of the mind. "True education," Ellen White said, "is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers."

Supplied only with willingness when she asked God, "What will You have me do?" Alma McKibbin started her first class one Monday morning in 1897. The school was a small back

night, she laboriously prepared grade-appropriate lessons. She also prepared the first Bible textbooks, called "shoestring textbooks" because they were tied together with shoestrings. As the years passed, she authored many textbooks for various educational levels.

It took a book, *My Sister Alma and I*, written by her brother, Alonzo Baker, to list all of Alma McKibbin's accomplishments in Adventist educational circles. It's no wonder that Alma McKibbin, who lived until the age of 101, is referred to as the mother



# CREATIVE PARENTING

## From Generation to Generation

by Susan E. Murray

Sometimes we just pass things on because they were passed on to us. Traditions are good for us, they ground us; but if they are not examined from time to time, we may find that we are doing things without any good reason other than, "That's the way we've always done it." Here's an example of what I mean.

The story is told of a young husband who was watching his new bride prepare her first holiday meal for his family members who were expected for dinner. He could not help but notice that she cut off the small end of the roast before putting it into the pan for baking. "Why do you do that?" asked the husband.

"I don't know," was her reply, "but that's the way my mom always did it." Later that evening Mom arrived early to assist with last-minute preparations. "Mom, why did you always cut the small end of the roast off before putting it into the pan for baking?" the young bride asked. "I don't really know," came the reply, "but that's the way your grandmother always did it. Why don't you ask her when she arrives?"

After the prayer of Thanksgiving, everyone passed the serving bowls around the table, and conversation ensued with everyone enjoying the holiday roast which had been baked to perfection. Grandmother commented that it was just as good as the others she has prepared for previous holiday meals. "By the way, Grandmother," asked the bride, "why do you always cut off the small end of the roast before baking it. Does it create extra

flavor or something."

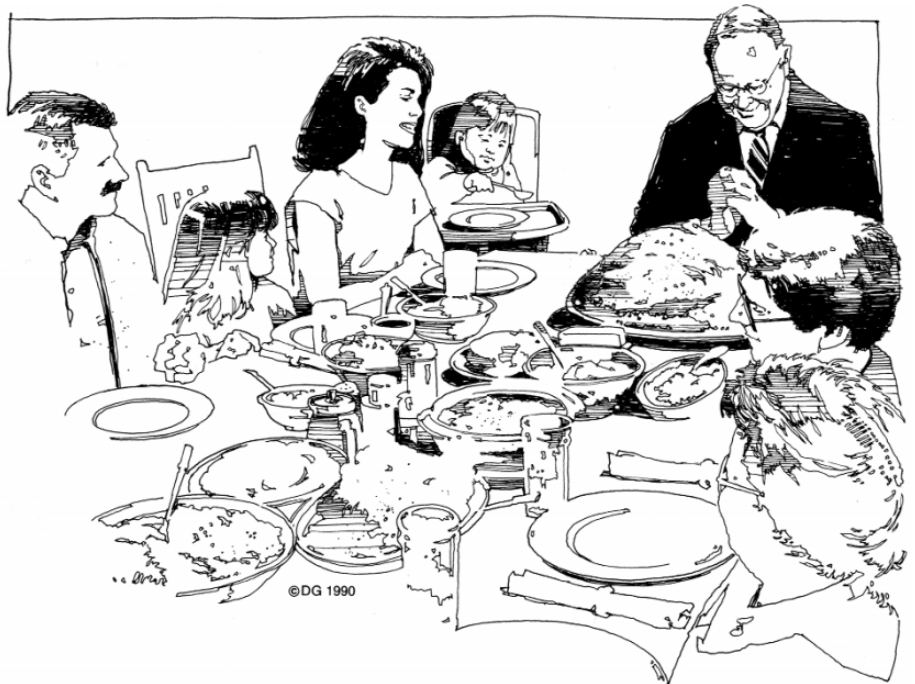
"Oh, no!" said Grandmother. "I always cut off the end of the roast because I don't have a pan big enough to cook the whole thing!"

I'm reminded of another "tradition" involving food that had a different outcome. Friends tell us of a couple they know who early in their marriage began a tradition of sorts in relation to eating sweet corn. The young bride, knowing her husband liked the sweet, more tender ears of corn, always took the less tender, more mature ears of corn for herself, leaving the others for her precious husband.

After several seasons of sweet corn, in exasperation he said to her one day, "Why do you always have to take the more mature corn? That's the way I like it the best!" Why, she was so shocked and hurt! Actually she had preferred the sweet, more tender ears herself, but had willingly made a sacrifice for her husband. Her motives were pure, but she didn't fully understand her husband's preferences. Thus a tradition was held in her family for some time that was not meeting either one's needs!

Why not take a few minutes with your family this season and explore the traditions you celebrate and the values you hold for these traditions.

Remember, it's never too late to begin doing something differently. I invite you to keep and celebrate the family traditions that are working, and find new and creative ways to make the desired changes within your family.



# Dominion Forfeited

by Gary K. Longfellow

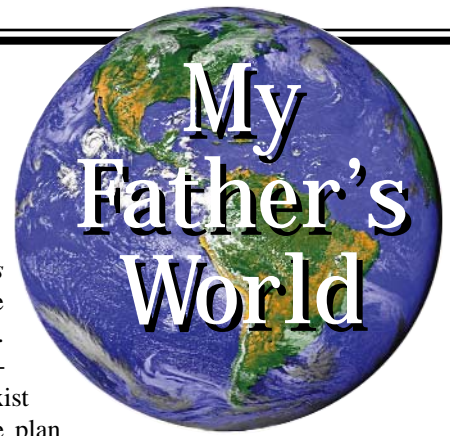
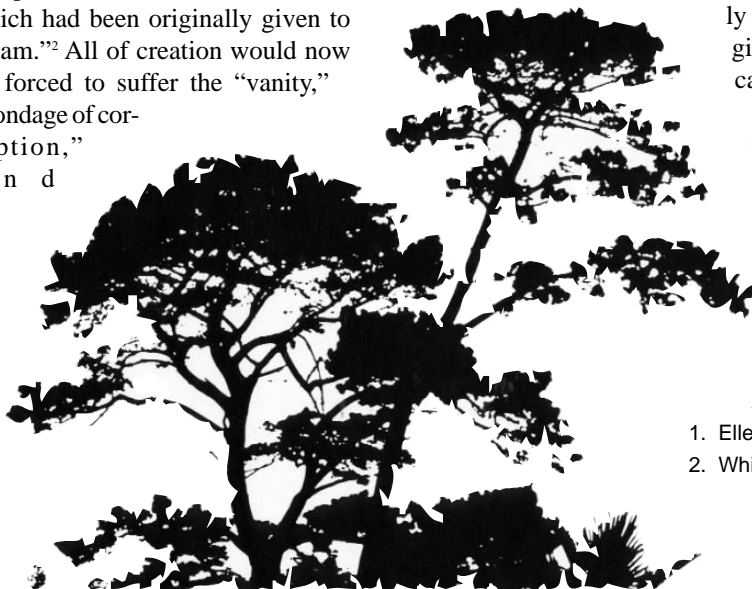
The current Seventh-day Adventist beliefs statement on environmental stewardship may have left some wondering what ever happened to God's call for man to exercise dominion over the earth (*Genesis 1:26*). Do we have the divinely bequeathed right to dominate the earth, or the considerable responsibility of stewardship over all creation?

Ironically, I have noticed that many Adventists are confused concerning our relationship with God's creation. There are times when our rhetoric includes dominion and stewardship terminology almost in the same breath. It seems clear that at least in this debate we have prophetic guidance which offers a clear resolution.

## DOMINION LOST

Much was lost when Adam and Eve fell under the tempting influence of Satan. It was God's design that all the earth would exist in a harmonious relationship. In this setting, "... so long as he (Adam) remained loyal to God, all nature acknowledged his rule; but when he transgressed, this dominion was forfeited."<sup>1</sup> A sin-filled world would no longer live in cooperation with the dominion of Adam, and sinful man would no longer assume the divinely appointed servant form of dominion that is expected and demonstrated by God.

Because of human frailty, all creation would be subject to a dictator. The tempter now laid claim to the authority of dominion. "When man became Satan's captive, the dominion which he held, passed to his conqueror. Thus Satan became 'the god of this world' (*2 Corinthians 4:4*). He had usurped that dominion over the earth which had been originally given to Adam."<sup>2</sup> All of creation would now be forced to suffer the "vanity," "bondage of corruption,"  
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"pain," (*Romans 8:20-22*) due to the one who subjected it. Little hope of anything better could exist outside of a divine plan established with the foundations of the world.

Perhaps the most dearly beloved verse in all scripture reveals the significance of God's plan for all of His creation. John 3:16 states, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John's contextual use of the "world" in Greek is *Kosmos*, which means the world in rebellion. "For God so loved," not just humans, but all of His sin-en-slaved creation. He was willing to give up His dearest Son, and in a very real sense bankrupt heaven for all the *Kosmos*.

## RECOVERY OF DOMINION

"But Christ, by His sacrifice paying the penalty of sin, would not only redeem man, but recover the dominion which he had forfeited."<sup>3</sup> The death and resurrection of Jesus ended any claims of Satan, as ruler of this earth. Yet who would take the rightful place as king and ruler of a recovered world? "... and that dominion, once consigned to Adam over the creation, and forfeited by him (*Gen. 1:26; 3:17*), shall be given to Jesus. He shall be king over all the earth."<sup>4</sup> So it is Jesus who reigns in dominion over all creation.

We are not called to exercise dominion over our fellow created beings. Instead, as Christians, we must embrace the honor and responsibility given to us as stewards. "All things belong to God. Men may ignore His claims. While He bountifully bestows His blessings upon them, they may use His gifts for their own selfish gratification; but they will be called to give an account for their stewardship."<sup>5</sup>

God's original plan, giving Adam dominion, was in fact relinquished by him. For a short time Satan laid claim to the role. Jesus cleared up all the questions once and for all. We can be thankful that He reigns in dominion over the *Kosmos*. What a great privilege it is for us to be accounted worthy of caring for the living testimony of our Creator. While the master is away, let us earnestly seek to serve as worthy stewards of that part of the *Kosmos* intrusted to each of us.

1. Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 26.
2. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 67.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 67.
4. White, *The Great Controversy*, p. 359.
5. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol 9, p. 246.



## Hospital Chaplains Provide Conversation and the Healing Power of Prayer

A hospital gown is a great equalizer—the mighty, wealthy, poor or meek, all have the same needs and concerns for their health when hospitalized.

At faith-based hospitals in Adventist Health System Midwest Region, dedicated chaplains serve as channels of God's love visiting patients, listening to their concerns, and praying with them and for them.

Volunteer chaplains of many faiths work alongside full-time staff chaplains at Hinsdale, La Grange Memorial, and GlenOaks hospitals. All share the listening, compassionate, caring nature that exemplifies Christ. Approximately 13,000 patient visits annually are handled by 38 volunteer chaplains, according to Chaplain Delora Hagen of GlenOaks Hospital in Glendale Heights, Ill.

A volunteer chaplain of six years, Mary Potter of La Grange Park, Ill., says, "I've been inspired by the people who are chaplains and their sensitivity to pastoral needs. I'm very interested in health and nutrition, and I believe in a Christian hospital. Hinsdale Hospital is a real blessing for this community."

She says a chaplain's visit can be a very moving experience for an anxious patient. "Some cry during prayer, when a chaplain holds their hand and lifts their concerns to the Lord." Being sensitive to patients' needs, chaplains may allow them to rest or be undisturbed while with a healthcare provider. At those times, chaplains leave a "sorry I missed you" card. Other times, chaplains may present patients with reading materials, such as "Spiritual Truths for Those Who Are Ill."

For Potter, even visits to terminally ill patients can be joyful. "If a person has faith, even when terminally ill, they have a radiance about them because they are not afraid to meet their maker."

She attributes her ability to listen as the motivating factor that led her to become a volunteer chaplain. "I've always visited people in the hospital and nursing homes. My talent is sensitivity to the needs of others, but I believe God wants our availability more than our abilities. This is my way of spreading God's love in the way He's blessed me," says Potter.

A few years ago, Martha Krause realized she'd soon be an empty nester. With her grown children out of the home, she was open to new opportunities to serve others. That's when she spotted a brochure about the volunteer chaplaincy program with Adventist Health System and decided, "That's the thing for me."

For the past two years, Krause has served as a volunteer chaplain at Hinsdale Hospital. She participates in chapel services and visits patients on the post-operative floor two days a week.

"We have friendly conversations about their concerns and life in general. They recognize that I'm someone they can confide in. Sometimes they find it's easier to tell me their worries than to bother family members. Then we pray about their concerns. It's very interesting work," says Krause. "I love all the patients. This is a wonderful experience to be with other people."

Krause also finds the other pastoral care staff and volunteer chaplains very supportive and good to work with. She describes their monthly gathering as "a refreshing night out to help energize us for the month ahead."

As a volunteer, Krause sees about 15 patients a day. On average she works about four hours a week.

"I'd encourage anyone who enjoys listening and cares about people to consider this opportunity to serve others. There are



**At faith-based hospitals in Adventist Health System Midwest Region, dedicated chaplains serve as channels of God's love.**

many people who need to know there is lots of hope."

Adventist Health System Midwest Region hosts chaplain training sessions twice a year. Approximately 15 new volunteers come through the program annually. One thing they all have in common is belief in the healing power of prayer.

According to Chaplain Tricia Trefl, of La Grange Memorial Hospital, "A conversation can be a prayer." With the help of volunteer chaplains, there seem to be lots of prayerful conversations ministering to patients at Adventist Health System facilities.

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

## Mission of Mercy: Andrews Flight Instructors Help Local Man Get New Liver

“Lifeguard November 95 15 Bravo,” crackled the message from the tiny plane to the air traffic controllers. The plane was on an emergency mission to help Alan Schmaltz of St. Joseph, Mich. He had been given five hours to get to Cleveland, Ohio, to undergo liver-transplant surgery. Several months ago,



**Dan Thompson, Andrews chief flight instructor (left), and Jim Doran, Andrews assistant chief flight instructor (right), flew Alan and Sandy Schmaltz to Cleveland for a liver transplant.**

Schmaltz had been diagnosed with cryptogenic cirrhosis, a condition that was causing scarring of his liver tissue, making it less and less functional. Without a new liver he could die.

Soon after the diagnosis, Schmaltz had been advised by his organ-transplant coordinator to find a plane to fly him to Cleveland Clinic in the event a liver was located. Attempting to drive there in five hours would be risky. As Schmaltz and his wife, Sandy, were thinking about an appropriate airport to contact, Sandy’s cousin suggested that they contact the Andrews University Airpark. This they did, and soon Dan Thompson, Andrews’ chief flight instructor, and Jim Doran, assistant chief flight instructor, were, dangerous weather con-

ditions aside, on 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week standby to make the emergency flight to Cleveland. “It was a great comfort to know that they were available and ready for us,” said Sandy about the nerve-wracking time waiting for an appropriate liver.

“We were almost planning the trip everyday,” said Thompson about the very thorough preparations he and his colleague went through in anticipation of their first-ever emergency medical flight. The two spent so much time preparing that Doran finally exclaimed, “I think we’ve planned this long enough!”

The call from the clinic saying that there was a liver available finally came on July 3, and the little team rushed to get ready. By this time Schmaltz’s health had deteriorated considerably, and he had lost a lot of his strength. “Jim pretty much pushed me in the plane,” he said.

Right before midnight, Thompson, Doran, and the Schmaltz’s paused for a prayer as they got ready to take off. “I thought that was so heart-warming,” said Schmaltz. “I will never forget that. It calmed me and settled me down.”

The pilots did their best, the weather was merciful, and the flight went well, taking about an hour and 45 minutes. “They were so professional,” said Schmaltz. “It was a very nice flight, although I don’t want to do it again, not under those circumstances!”

Schmaltz was immediately rushed to the Cleveland Clinic after the plane landed. After some additional hurdles at the clinic, he underwent a problematic, yet successful surgery, giving him a new liver. “We couldn’t have done this without the Lord on our side,” said Schmaltz. “There were just so many things that could have happened. I feel so blessed.”

“I can’t say enough for Dan and for Jim,” he said looking back at the ordeal. “I think the world of these guys.”

Schmaltz’s family and several churches had kept him in their thoughts and prayers. Schmaltz was especially appreciative of his wife. “Sandy’s been with me through all of this,” he said.

Reflecting on his organ transplant surgery, Schmaltz feels very strongly about the importance of organ donation. “There are so many people waiting for organs,” said Schmaltz. “I probably would have died without the transplant. It’s literally life and death.”

For more information on organ donation and how you can help, call The Gift of Life Agency at (800) 482-4881; or visit [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org).

*Bjorn Karlman, student news writer*

## Teacher in the Spotlight

Often what distinguishes an excellent professor from the





**"I would not teach my students something if I did not believe it myself," says Ranko Stefanovic, Andrews University associate professor of New Testament.**

rest are the little things. Ranko Stefanovic, associate professor of New Testament, is very good at paying attention to these little things. Countless students have had their days improved from an encouraging word or pat on the back from the professor. Whenever students need counsel, encouragement, or simply an avenue to get something out of their system, Stefanovic is all ears. "My students

can come to my office any time they want," he said.

"I am a teacher, but at the same time I'm an ordained minister," said Stefanovic. His background has allowed him to write a recently published book titled *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. "Jesus Christ is the central point of the book of Revelation," he said. "It is through my study of the book of Revelation that I discovered Jesus Christ more than ever before." The crux of Stefanovic's scholarly, yet practical commentary on Revelation, also characterizes his outlook on life: "Jesus is everything to me."

This teacher stands up at the start of semesters and tells his students, "If you do not feel much closer to Jesus Christ at the end of this semester, I will consider my class a failure." "I would not teach my students something if I did not believe it myself," he said.

Stefanovic's dedication stretches further than the confines of the classroom. "I'm a soccer player, but I don't allow the students to be better than I am!" he said with a smile. "The reason I'm still playing soccer is that I like to meet my students and let them see that faculty members are normal."

Some may wonder where Stefanovic gets the energy and motivation to be the teacher he is. "I have a good wife that supports me," he said. Estera Stefanovic loves to entertain, and it's a Stefanovic tradition to bring entire classes home for a meal each semester. This gives the couple a chance to talk with the students about their concerns and get to know them on a closer basis.

Stefanovic puts his all into his classes because he believes that they play a very important part in the students' lives. "This is our time to use every moment to help them and to reach their hearts with the love of Christ."

*Bjorn Karlman, student news writer*

## EDUCATION NEWS

### Big Winners

**Michigan** — How is it that Gobles Jr. Academy, a little country school in southwestern Michigan, became the big winner in last year's Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest? The 10-grade school with only 54 students walked away with \$2,000 in total prize money after placing first in the skit contest and taking two seconds and a third in the poster contest.

English teacher Renee Coffee gives all the credit to her very talented students. But she also admits that she enjoys the competition as much as they do. "In Michigan we have a great program called LIFT (Lifestyle Improvement for Teens). Students in grades 7–10 attend a three-day workshop where they have a chance to learn not only about topics such as drug prevention, nutrition, and exercise, but they also can try their hand at drama or leading out in song services. The grand finale is Talent Air Lift where each school presents a skit that focuses in on one area of better living. I've been writing skits for my students for nearly 10 years. When I was in academy, I always entered temperance contests. And now as an adult, I like to get my students involved."

But Coffee's interest in better living started years before that, when she was in elementary school. "Each year our teachers would pass out temperance pledge cards. Those little cards made a big impression on me and helped me stay away from alcohol and cigarettes. I'm hoping that my students will also be inspired to avoid anything that would detract from the quality of their lives."

Coffee believes that getting students involved in teaching others is the best way for them to internalize good principles. "A few years ago I wrote a skit that illustrates different ways



**The Gobles Junior Academy winners (left to right): Brandon Redmon, Laurie Neal, Michelle Boothby, Emily Whitcomb, Caitlin Elder, Allison Dorich, Carrie Rossenberg, Laura Eastman, Darrell Mahrle, Rob Boothby, Ben Crooks, and Paul Wright.**

kids can say no when they are in situations they aren't comfortable with. I took my class 'on the road,' and in two years we performed before more than 2,000 elementary and junior high students. It was an experience that my class will never forget. And hopefully they'll practice what they preached."

A few days ago Coffee got some news about Gobles' graduates who are now attending a senior academy. "Their boarding school just held its own healthy living contest. Their winners will be sent on to compete in the Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest. The good news is that my former students won 1st and 2nd in skits, 1st and 2nd in speeches, 3rd in essays, and 1st in posters. The bad news is that my present students will have to work a little harder, because we exported some stiff competition!"

Students from three Michigan Conference schools recently secured prizes that totaled \$4,600 in the Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest. "Michigan Conference won more prizes than any of the conferences in the North American Division," states DeWitt Williams, NAD health ministries director. "I salute the education department leaders for promoting the Student Healthy Lifestyle Contest."

The Michigan Conference leadership has placed an importance on the temperance message with its youth. The LIFT (Lifestyle Improvement for Teens) retreat is held annually at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Mich. Nearly all of the contest winners have attended this retreat. We can be proud of our young people, not for just winning a contest, but for making lifelong choices to treat their bodies as God's temples.

*Bill Reinke, Michigan Conference associate superintendent of schools*

## Michigan Conference Commissions Four Teachers

**Michigan** — Four Michigan teachers were commissioned this past summer on June 22 during an afternoon service at Cedar Lake camp meeting.

**Heidi Beardsley** grew up in Gobles, Mich., where she attended Gobles Junior Academy and Gobles Public School. After graduating from the public school system and taking a couple of classes at a community college, she enrolled at Southern Adventist University. "After attending public school for most of my education, the change in education and atmosphere was wonderful. I learned so much from my religion classes and the influence of my professors. It wasn't long before I knew there was something special about Christian education. I felt the Lord calling me to be a part of it."

Beardsley accepted her first teaching position at Woodland Elementary School in Coldwater, Mich. In 1998, she moved to her current position at the Niles Elementary School.

**Chad Bernard** came from a long line of Adventists. He attended Adventist schools, churches, camp meetings, etc. But he felt that he didn't know God and asked God for help. "He showed me how His Son died for me, and that everything would be okay if I just trusted in Him. I made a promise to Him that day, that because He died for me, I would live for Him."

Bernard is a teacher at Oakwood Academy in Taylor, Mich.,

because he couldn't think of a better way to communicate this message to young people.

**Janelle Boothby** was born in Australia where her father pastored churches in New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia. In 1971, her family came to the United States. Boothby graduated from Columbia Union College in 1979. Her first teaching job was at Kalamazoo Junior Academy where she met her husband, Ron. After staying home with her children—Rob, Angie, and Ronnie—for twelve years, Boothby returned to teach kindergarten at Gobles Junior Academy. She is now teaching grades 1–3 at Gobles. For her there is no higher work than serving the Lord, nurturing her family, and working with children.

**Nancy Gooden** had her first opportunity to attend an Adventist school when she enrolled at Andrews University. It was there that she finalized her decision to become a teacher and met her husband, Dale. During the early years of their marriage, Gooden felt the place where God wanted her was in the home to raise their three children—Francie, Cory, and Ryan. With each move that her husband made, Gooden was able to continue her education. She pursued her master's degree program at Grand Valley State University. In 1994, she was awarded the GVSU Student of the Year award and received her master's in reading and language arts that same year, graduating with Phi Kappa Phi honors.



**Four Michigan Conference teachers were commissioned this past summer at Cedar Lake camp meeting. From left: (front row) Chad Bernard, Nancy Gooden, Janelle Boothby, Heidi Beardsley, and Larry Blackmer, associate education director. (back row) Bill Reinke, associate education director, and Duane Roush, education director.**

She started her teaching as principal of Grand Haven Elementary, moving two years later to Grand Rapids Junior Academy where she currently is teaching third grade. Gooden says "If I can be instrumental in leading just one young person to Jesus, that will be worth everything."

*Julie Clark, Michigan Conference education department secretary*

# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## Five Pastors Ordained in Michigan

**Michigan** — Five pastors were ordained at Cedar Lake camp meeting June 29.

**David Asscherick** was raised in the Episcopal Church. He experienced the “extreme” side of life in an effort to be



**Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, speaks words of encouragement to the ordination candidates.**

fulfilled and free. But then he was challenged with a crushing emotional experience. During that time he found the book, *The Great Controversy*. On June 6, 1996, Asscherick was baptized into the Adventist Church. He has worked for the Northern California Conference, and most recently he was an evangelist with the Black Hills Mission College of Evangelism and Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI).

Asscherick and his wife, Violeta, are pastoring the Troy Church where he is also laboring to start a school of lay-evangelism. The Asschericks have a son, Landon, and are expecting their second child in December.

**Joseph Ikner** began his schooling in a Catholic kindergarten, but his parents soon decided to send him to Ramah Jr. Academy, an Adventist school in Cleveland, Ohio. There, Ikner learned the Adventist message, and at the age of twelve he embraced that message by being baptized at the Glenville (Ohio) Church.

God began to clearly show Ikner that ministry was His will for him. In 1994, Ikner attended Andrews University to pursue his Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. Currently, Ikner and his wife, Nordia, are pastoring the Detroit Northwest and Farmington churches and are eagerly expecting their first child later this year.

**Samuel Koranteng-Pipim** was born in a small village in Ghana, West Africa. He was introduced to the Adventist faith at a very early age, but rejected that influence and became

an active member of a non-denominational, charismatic renewal movement.

Years later, while attacking Adventists for being a legalistic cult, he was challenged by his future wife, Rebecca, and the book *The Great Controversy*. He responded to that challenge by becoming a committed Adventist.

In September of 1998, the Michigan Conference invited Koranteng-Pipim to direct its newly created public campus ministries department. His assignment was to develop a credible model to evangelize and nurture faith on secular university campuses. Koranteng-Pipim is also developing a Center for Adventist Ministry to Public University Students (CAM-PUS) to train “student missionaries” to work on secular campuses.

Samuel and Rebecca Koranteng-Pipim have two children—Ellen, 10, and Sam, 7.

**Gary Macomber** was born in Kalamazoo, Mich. His father, Kenneth, had been raised in the Adventist faith, but at the age of 17 he left the church. After high school, Macomber went to college, but the partying he did there did not provide the satisfaction he sought. He returned home, and along with his mother began attending the Kalkaska (Mich.) Church. Six months later they were baptized. His father followed four years later.

Macomber graduated from Andrews University with a B.A. in religion and secondary teaching credentials. During his college years, Macomber met Gail Hershberger and her two children, Colby and Raini. During his senior year, they were married.

Macomber was teaching at Weimar Academy when, during his morning devotions, he heard God calling him to a complete surrender. As he was giving God control of his life, he heard a specific call to return to pastoring. Secretly he answered that call. The very next day, Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, called to invite Macomber to return to Michigan as a pastor. He is currently the pastor for the Edenville, Estey, and Gladwin churches.

**Michael Szykowski** was born in Detroit, Mich. His mother was dedicated to instilling Christian values in the lives of her children, and faithfully took all five of them to the Troy (Mich.) Church. Although Szykowski had sensed a call to pastoral ministry, he quickly dismissed it, not mentioning it to anyone. In 1993 after an evangelistic series, he felt convicted that he needed to make a full, unconditional surrender to Jesus Christ. He was rebaptized. Following his rebaptism, the call to pastoral ministry became more frequent and more intense.

In July 1996, Szykowski and his wife, Sharon, moved to Southern Adventist University where he completed his degree in theology. During his senior year, the Michigan Conference extended a call for them to return home to Michigan. Szykowski currently pastors the Big Rapids, Fremont, and Reed City churches. The Szykowskis have two children, Joshua and Andrea.

*Michael Nickless, Michigan Conference communication director*

## Lake Region Ordains Pastor

**Lake Region** — **Calvin Tait**, the seventh of eleven children, was born in Monroeville, Ala. He received his elementary and high school education in the state of Connecticut.

Tait attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., and Andrews University Theological Seminary, where he completed his seminary degree in 1993.

Receiving a call to minister in the Lake Region Conference in 1995, he served in several districts, including Fort Wayne, Ind.; Southfield/Belleville, Mich.; and four years as Bible instructor at Peterson-Warren Academy. Presently Tait pastors the East Chicago/Michigan City districts in Indiana.

Tait met his wife, Robin, while attending college in New Jersey. The Lord has blessed them with four lovely children: Hassani (23), Jairus (19), Chea (15), and Chioma (11).

*Ray Young, Lake Region Conference  
communication director*

## Ordination in Wisconsin

**Wisconsin** — A fourth-generation Adventist, **Jeffrey R. Coleman** was born to James and Lititia Coleman in Grand Junction, Colo. His father was a pastor and Air Force chaplain, so Jeff grew up in California, South Dakota, Great Britain, Oklahoma, and Arizona as a “PK” (pastor’s kid) and an Air Force “brat.” He was home-schooled until eighth grade, attended Oklahoma Academy, and went to Weimar College for two years before graduating from Union College, Lincoln, Nebr.

Jeff married his academy sweetheart, Melony Kennedy, in 1995, and began his ministry in Wisconsin two weeks later. He pastored in Milwaukee prior to attending seminary for his Masters of Divinity degree. Returning from seminary he became pastor of the Durand Church and chaplain of the Chippewa Valley Hospital. He now serves in the Baraboo, Oxford, Portage, and Reedsburg district.



**Jeffrey R. Coleman was ordained at Wisconsin camp meeting.**

## Glen Ellyn Church Grows by More Than 25 Percent

**Illinois** — The town of Glen Ellyn, Ill., is used to evangelistic preaching. In Wheaton, the next town over, you’ll find Wheaton College, Billy Graham’s alma mater. Hardly a stone’s throw from any street corner in Glen Ellyn there are more Bible-believing churches, para-church organizations, mission headquarters, and printing houses than probably any other single community in the U.S. Only a congregation that was absolutely convinced it had something special to share would hold a six-week evangelistic crusade in such a biblical stronghold.

This past spring, the Glen Ellyn Church took up the chal-

lenge. Evangelists Jay and Renee Baker gave 110 percent night after night, presenting the “3 Cs”: Christ, His commandments, and His coming. By mid-June nine people had taken their stand for the Master by either baptism or profession of faith.

Cheryl Klee and Jean Ziolo were baptized on Friday evening at a special candle-lit service. “It was what I’d always believed about God,” Klee said. “I just had to keep coming.” Ziolo had her own testimony, “At last I’ve found the church home I’ve been looking for.”

The next week the water was warmed and the candles were relit as Alan Antepencko and Elena and Jennifer Carozza made their decision. Antepencko said he’d heard the Adventist message for years, but knew that now was the time to act. Elena and her daughter, Jennifer, were impressed by the way the Bible was opened to them. Now they want to share what they’ve learned with their family and friends.

There was a wonderful surprise on the last day of the crusade. Luigi Pafummi and Bettina Wendt came to church with their baptismal bags all prepared. “Is it too late for us to be baptized today?” Wendt asked. And so seven people gathered for the final group picture before the Bakers said goodbye.

But there were more to come. By the time you read this, Pinkney Jimerson and his friend Lily Long will have been taken in by profession of faith. Jimerson told of how his grandfather was an Adventist minister and how he’d been raised knowing what the Bible taught. Now, like Antepencko, it was time for him to take a stand.

Have you ever had the privilege of taking a new baby into your home? How about nine? We in Glen Ellyn, a congregation that had dwindled the last several years, now find ourselves grown by more than 25 percent. We’re busy doing our best to welcome and nurture these new-born Christians. We’re also committed to an on-going evangelistic emphasis.

*Phil Johnson, Glen Ellyn pastor*

## Noble Church Hosts Cooking Schools

**Illinois** — The Noble Church recently hosted their third cooking school in the last two years. July’s school was held in the Fairfield Senior Citizens Building with an average of twenty-five nonmembers enjoying Thursday night sessions for four weeks.



**From left: Rachel and Anna Muhs participated in the cooking school by presenting some of the cooking demonstrations.**

Demonstrations included two evenings for entrees, with twelve different dishes for sampling; one evening for breakfast meals; and the final evening was for three different ways of bread making, with sandwich spreads and salads to sample. Two sugarless desserts were available for sampling each evening.

The members were encouraged by the very first student who called to register. During the conversation,

she mentioned Ellen G. White even though she is not an Adventist. She asked where she could get more of White's books! Her husband speaks from the pulpit in other churches and appreciates all he has learned from these books. He attended most of the cooking sessions with her except for the night he was giving Bible studies. They plan to visit the Noble Church soon.

Colleen Muhs has coordinated all three cooking schools with much help from church members. Dennis Scranton, a physician, has presented several health lectures. Lori Foll and Tracy Scranton and their daughters assisted Muhs with the demonstrations. Clyde Liston, Noble Church elder, coordinated the *PowerPoint* presentations.

## WORLD CHURCH NEWS

### Empowering Leaders for Health Evangelism

"The health message is not THE message," Allan Handysides, General Conference (GC) health director, declared on the concluding Sabbath of the international health evangelism summit. "Our health message is to be centered around Christ and the cross and woven into every fabric of it. It is the right arm of the message, the entering wedge," he continued.



**CHIP is only one of the many offerings that will be available for certification Feb. 2-9 in Altamonte Springs, Fla.**

More than 500 people convened in the Forest Lake Academy Schmidt Music Building to celebrate Sabbath services at the first health evangelism summit weekend, sponsored jointly by the North American and Inter-American divisions. It was the climax to the five-day "Empowering Leaders for Health Evangelism" certification workshops held at the Orlando Hilton Hotel, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. Attendees from as far away as Alaska and from more than 30 other states, Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas, Cayman Islands, and other Inter-American territories spent the previous week in 11 level-2 and one level-3 certification classes.

"Two new certification classes were offered and were well-attended," said David White, NAD certification coordinator. "Our largest class was Fitness for Life, newly developed by LifeLong Health. It emphasized the importance of exercise to healthy living. The other new offering was on grief." Although White has taught this course for many years, because of the recent events in New York City, it was added to the certification curriculum to help those struggling with death, divorce, and grief.

Not only did those who helped in various ways enjoy sharing the health message given to us by a loving God, but they also found real joy in making new friends in the community. We have already had two calls asking, "When is your next cooking school going to be held?" "The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes" Mark 12:11.

If you'd like further information on how we conduct our cooking schools, you may contact Colleen Muhs at (618) 442-5404; or e-mail [mudyacre@otbnet.com](mailto:mudyacre@otbnet.com).

*Alyce Muhs, Noble Church communication leader*



**Here's a web site that has links to many other health web sites, including health ministries, health systems, and resources: [health20-20.org](http://health20-20.org). Check it out!**

Other offerings during the certification week were Regeneration (a Christ-centered, 12-step program for those struggling with addictions), Van Ministries, Coping with Stress, Diabetes Awareness, Breathe Free and smoking cessation, CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Program), Hydrotherapy, Eight Weeks to Wellness, and Vegetarian Cuisine Instructor.

Certificates of completion were given by the instructors, and CEUs from Griggs University were also available to those who desired them.

"The weekend was exciting," Debra Brill, GC vice president for ministries, said. "I loved it all. From the Friday evening success stories from lay people doing health work, to the Sabbath sermon by Dr. Handysides, to the concurrent workshops, to the presentation by Mayor John Street from Philadelphia, to the final awards buffet on Sunday by Philadelphia health czar Gwen Foster, it all said that health ministries are alive and well."

Awards were presented to 12 individuals during the weekend in appreciation for their outstanding leadership and service in health ministry. They were given to: Charles Thomas, Carol Allen, Don Hall, Richard Hart, Sylvie Cadet, Claudette Shephard, Byron Connor, Gwen Foster, John F. Street, Phyllis Herbert, Dave D. Higgins, and Harold Goodloe.

"The summit was so successful that we have already blocked off **Feb. 2-9, 2003**, at the Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs for a repeat performance," says DeWitt Williams, NAD health ministries director.



**You will find this information resource on the [health20-20.org](http://health20-20.org) web site. You may print out the pdf files and use them as bulletin inserts, or submit them to your local newspaper.**

“We plan to have smaller, mini summits in each of the unions during the next two years and an annual larger gathering in Florida,” he concluded.

## Adventist Radio Program Provides Quick Health and Lifestyle Tips

### *700 Stations Targeted in Health Outreach Initiative*

**Silver Spring, MD** — The North American Division (NAD) has launched a radio program called *Lifelines*. For its premiere, compact discs with ten 90-second shows were submitted to 700 U.S.-based Christian and mainstream radio stations to be used as public-service announcements (non-paid programming).

According to partnering producers—*Vibrant Life* magazine, North American Division communication and health ministries, and Loma Linda University Medical Center—*Lifelines* was designed to provide radio listeners with practical tips about a variety of topics, including disease prevention; physical, mental, and spiritual wellness; and the eight principles of health, all to raise quality of life.

“Health and wellness play a big role in determining the level of one’s quality of life, but the truth is, prevention is proving to be our best weapon of defense against disease and other illnesses plaguing our world,” said DeWitt Williams, NAD health ministries director.

“We share our health principles and preventative measures at hospitals, schools, fitness camps, and health retreats; through magazines, newspaper columns, and the television talk show, *Lifestyle Magazine*. Why not radio?” said Kermit Netteburg, assistant to the president for communication and the program’s executive producer.

### Common Questions, Practical Answers

The program is hosted by Elmar Sakala, M.D., M.P.H., a teaching and practicing physician at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Southern California, who wants to see Americans live longer and fuller lives.

“Even before Sept. 11, people were yearning to live better, but since the tragedy, I’m finding they are now ready to make the small, intentional changes necessary to help them get more out of life. That’s why each program answers a common question with practical ideas for life application,” he said.

“Could a small sample of your hair tell you the changes you need to make in your diet?” begins one program. “Does your partner keep you awake at night noisily grinding teeth?” begins another.

A complete script reads: “Are safer lunches part of your back-to-school plans for your kids or your grand kids? This is Dr. Elmar Sakala for *Lifelines*. Now is the time to do a little food safety home work for your kids’ school lunches. Bacteria loves school room temperatures which allow them to multiply quickly in the presence of food and moisture. To keep harmful bacteria away, try some of these suggestions to minimize your child’s risk:

“Pack shelf-stable foods such as canned fruit with pop-top lids, peanut butter crackers, bottled water, single-serve packets of mayonnaise, and boxes of fruit juice. Disposable silverware and single individual hand wipes are also a good idea. And wash off raw fruits and vegetables thoroughly. Consider freezing bottled water, juice boxes, and even sandwiches the night before packing them for school. The added cold will offer additional protection, and the items will usually thaw completely by lunchtime. Preheat or pre-chill insulated bottles to maximize the protection they provide. Fill with piping hot water or ice water and let stand a few minutes. When your kids are at school, they should store their lunches out of direct sunlight and away from heaters.”

At the end of each program, listeners are offered the opportunity to call or visit a web site ([www.vibrantlife.org](http://www.vibrantlife.org)) to get more information about healthy living. Those inquiries will be handled by Larry Becker, editor of *Vibrant Life* magazine. The name *Lifelines* comes from the most popular section of this bi-monthly magazine, available in Barnes and Noble bookstores, on newsstands, and by subscription.

“Our research shows that readers really like the *Lifelines* section where we share short interesting bits of health news and tips,” said Becker, who converted his copy into 90-second scripts for the radio version.

In addition to targeting radio stations, producers plan to make the program available to local church health ministries directors and pastors who wish to personally place the programs on community radio stations.

“We’re not just trying to educate America about health; our goal is outreach,” Netteburg said. “Adventists have placed a special emphasis on health and disease prevention for more than a century.”

It’s paying off. Studies show Seventh-day Adventists are some of the healthiest people in the world.

To receive a *Lifelines* radio program packet, call (800) 790-5433.

*Celeste Ryan, former assistant director of communication for media relations at the North American Division, served as producer for the Lifelines radio project.*



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## ANNIVERSARIES

**Don and Lovina Button** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 24, 2002. They have been members of the Grand Ledge (Mich.) Church for 47 years.



Don Button and Lovina Pierce were married June 24, 1942, in Petoskey, Mich. Don was a custodian at the Grand Ledge School District for 15 years. Lovina has been a homemaker, and enjoys making baby quilts.

The Button family includes Jack and Edna Button of Lansing, Mich.; Robert and Carol Button of Stanton, Mich.; Marvin and Cheryl Button of Belen, N.M.; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

## WEDDINGS

**Alethea P. Mustard and Richard P. Center** were married Sept. 3, 2001, in St. Joseph, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Elder Don Schneider. Alethea is the daughter of the late Stephen and the late Alethea Haslam of Watford, England, and Richard is the son of Euphie and the late Eli Center of Ringgold, Ga.

The Centers will be making their home in the Southern Union.

**Debbie C. Ruffin and Larry Jackson** were married Aug. 25, 2002, in Three Rivers, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Harry Hartmann.

Debbie is the daughter of Roosevelt and Silmore Ruffin of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Larry is the son of William and Bessie Jackson of Edwardsburg, Mich.

The Jacksons are making their home in Marcellus, Mich.

## OBITUARIES

**ABRAM, Isaac Leo**, age 85; born Feb. 5, 1917, in Cheboygan, Mich.; died July 31, 2002, in Cheboygan. He was a member of the Carp Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Gary and Daniel; daughter Kathleen; brother, Jim; sister,

Eustele Haut; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor George Dronen, and inurnment was in Pine Hill Cemetery, Cheboygan.

**ANDREWS, Allen E.**, age 76; born Apr. 10, 1925, in Windsor, Ont., Canada; died, Mar. 29, 2002, in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Roark); son, Marshall; daughters, Georgina Shea, Naomi Kirsche, Veronica Sullivan, Dianne Riemke, and Valorie Herbst; stepson, Warren Johnson; sisters, Iris Dube, Kathleen Dunlap, Carol Missett; 14 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carmelo Mercado, with private inurnment.

**BEEMER, Shirley L. (Olinger)**, age 60; born June 16, 1941, in Lafayette, Ind.; died May 27, 2002, in Lafayette. She was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald C.; son, Anthony A.; daughters, Linda J. Kendall and Veronica Ward; brothers, William and Roy Olinger; sisters, Betty Freed and Jeanette Bennett; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ron Kelly and Throstr Thorndarson, and interment was in Rest Haven Cemetery, Lafayette.

**DEMOSTHENES, Alette L. (Anthony)**, age 70; born Feb. 22, 1932, in the Virgin Islands, West Indies; died Mar. 24, 2002, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Yvell; daughter, Marva Richardson Griffin; brothers, Louie and James Anthony; sisters, Ernestine Smith, Daisy Roebuck,

and Eileen Georges; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

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

**DRIER, Edward**, age 73; born Apr. 7, 1929, in Pellston, Mich.; died June 1, 2002, in Pellston. He was a member of the Carp Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife Joyce (Reynolds); sons, Edward II and Mark; brothers, David and Walter Jr.; sisters, Rachel Pangman, Polly Westman, Audrey Connors, and Hazel Stark; and 8 grandchildren.

Private services were held by the family with private inurnment.

**FARRA, Russel C.**, age 81; born Nov. 26, 1920, in Elroy, Wis.; died July 25, 2002, in Reedsburg, Wis. He was a member of the Reedsburg Church.

Survivors include his wife, Violet L. (Hahn); son, Phillip; daughter, Judy Kopstein; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jeff Coleman, and interment was in Millard's Prairie Cemetery, Elroy.

**GRAVES, Jean (Carey)**, age 85; born Jan. 14, 1917, in Syracuse, Ind.; died June 19, 2002, in Hendersonville, N.C. She was a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Willis C.; son, Ted; daughter, Kay Vogt; sister, Lenna Guenther; and 1 grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Gary Tolbert, and inurnment was in Bronzewood Cemetery, Oak Brook, Ill.

**GREESON, Ernest E.**, age 70; born Sept. 4, 1931, in Indianapolis; died Aug. 12, 2002, in Martinsville, Ind. He was a member of the Chapel West

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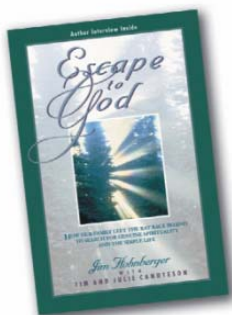
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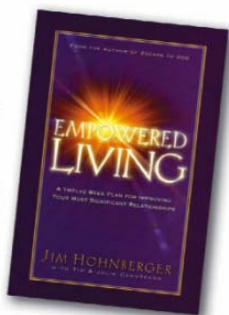
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Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Ann (Howell); sons, Jeff, Steve, Brad, Kevin, and Scott; daughters, Cheryl Merrifield, Carla Bumpus, and Kellie Badger; brother, Jerry; sisters, Wonita Henry, Mary Ditchley, and Patricia Mann; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Frank Haynes and

Philip Prime, with a private inurnment.

**HAUGH, Edith B.**, age 73; born May 22, 1928, in Mattoon, Ill.; died Jan. 5, 2002, in Mattoon. She was a member of the Mattoon Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Harry, Raymond, and Vernon Haugh; and sister, Harriet Fontanna.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Thomas Ferguson and elder Marietta Deming, and inurnment was in Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon.

**JONES, James T.**, age 91; born Sept. 5, 1910, in Owensville, Ind.; died May 30, 2002, in Sheridan, Ind. He was a member of the Vincennes (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Helen (Jacobs); son, Marion David; daughters, Clara Mae Webber, Golda D. McKee, Zella M. Hacker, Patty R. Easton, Anita C. Bird, and Betty J. Phillips; sister, Sara Ann Jochim; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dave Fish and Elder Don English, and interment was in Maumee Cemetery, Owensville.

**LOGAN, J. Byron, age 81;** born Jan. 23, 1921, in Sheridan, Ill.; died May 17, 2002, in St.

Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret E. (Bohn); son, Kenneth D.; daughters, Mary C. Jenks and Carol D. Stringer; and 7 grandchildren.

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

**POOLE, Frances E. (Brown)**, age 83; born May 14, 1918, in Wintersville, Ohio; died Mar. 31, 2002, in Travares, Fla. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Charles, John, and Roy; sister, Eleanor Householder; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Chester H. Damron, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**POSSMAN, Floyd L.**, age 81; born Jan. 2, 1921, in Arcadia, Ind.; died June 21, 2002, in Arcadia. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Fred; daughters, Judy Gonzalez and Linda Isaacs; 4 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Kelly, and interment was in Cicero Cemetery.

**REED, Paul F.**, age 79; born Oct. 6, 1922, in Tell City, Ind.; died Aug. 18, 2002, in Owensboro, Ky. He was a member of the Tell City Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Scott); son, Randall; daughters, Joretta Vandivier and Cindy Townsend; sister, Hilda Fox; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Helm and Elder José Vazquez, and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Tell City.

**SHULTZ, Steven R.**, age 45; born Sept. 2, 1956, in Madison, Tenn.; died Feb. 15, 2002, in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his sons, Lucas I. and Benjamin D.; father, George W. Shultz; stepfather, Sylvester Oles; mother, Edith I. (Thompson) Oles; brothers, David A. and Daniel W.; and sister, Lori Jean Little.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Edwin Buck, with private inurnment.

**SOUTH, Nettie I. (Neice)**, age 80; born Nov. 25, 1921, in Whitcomb Heights, Ind.; died

May 24, 2002, in Terre Haute, Ind. She was a member of the Lewis (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Manley M. Jr.; daughters, Judith A. Hawthorne, Geraldine Rowe and Bobbie J. Kuykendall; brother, Walter R. Neice; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

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

**TAYLOR, Chester**, age 83; born Oct. 18, 1918, in Barnhill, Ill.; died Apr. 3, 2002, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was a member of the Cheboygan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Raphaelia (Vallier); daughters, Brenda Backie and Janice Hoover; 9 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor George Dronen, and inurnment was in Loyal Cemetery, St. Ignace, Mich.

**TRICKETT, Verda L. (Buller)**, age 82; born Nov. 29, 1919, in Morse, Saskatchewan, Canada; died May 5, 2002, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Wilson L.; sons, Joseph and Robert; daughter, Barbara Gardner; brother, Allan Buller; and 3 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Esther R. Knott, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**TWOMLEY, James E.**, age 68; born Nov. 11, 1933, in Indianapolis; died Apr. 21, 2002, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca R. (Greer); sons, James D. and Jeffrey L.; daughter, Alice Marie McIntyre; brother, Donald L.; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, and inurnment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

**WEIDNER, Charles Jr.**, age 87; born May 6, 1915, in Frankfort, Ind.; died May 16, 2002, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include his sons, Ted and Tom; daughter, Rozalind Moore; sister, Jean E. Wolf; 7 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Randy H. Schmidt, and interment was in Green Lawn Cemetery, Frankfort.

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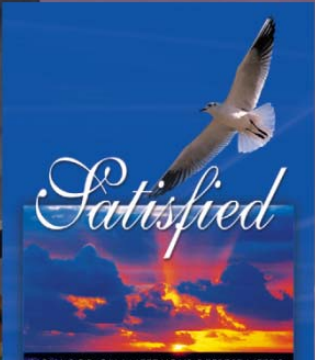
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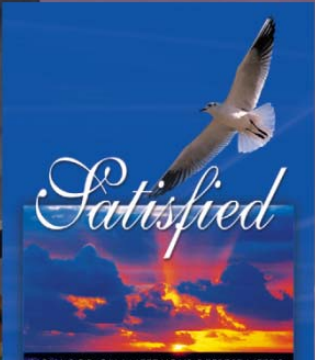
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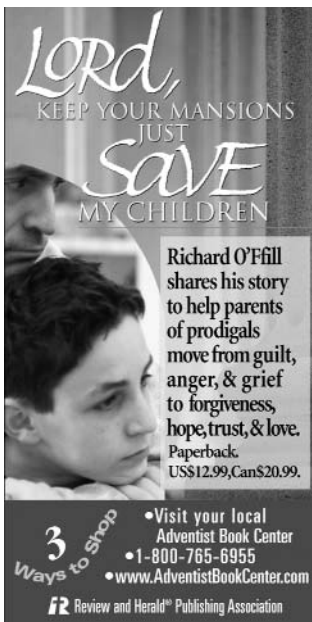
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## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

**Nov. 1-3**—Adventist Engaged Encounter. Call (269) 471-3211 to register; **7-10**—College Days; **12**—Walter Arties of the *Voice of Prophecy* will speak for chapel at 10:30 a.m. in Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); **15**—Symphony orchestra concert, "Homeward Bound," 7:30 p.m. at PMC.

## ILLINOIS

**West Central Church in Oak Park, Ill.**, invites former members and friends to a two-day 40th anniversary celebration. Former pastors and members will join to reminisce and worship together. There will be a 7:00 p.m. Friday evening meeting **Nov. 22**, followed by

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## LAKE UNION

**Offerings:** **Nov. 2**—Church Budget; **9**—Global Mission; **16**—Church Budget; **23**—Local Conference; **30**—Local Conference.

**Special Days:** **Nov. 2**—Stewardship Sabbath; **3-9**—Week of Prayer; **16**—Human Relations Sabbath; **23**—Welcome Home Sabbath.

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Membership Basis	2002	2001	Average Increase (Decrease)	% Inc. -Decr.	Per Capita	2002	2001
30-Jun-02 2001 Conference							
12,084 11,668 Illinois	5,934,260	5,617,903	316,357	5.63%	491.08	481.48	
6,542 6,376 Indiana	3,847,780	3,673,240	174,540	4.75%	588.17	576.10	
25,635 24,532 Lake Region	6,503,330	6,049,138	454,192	7.51%	253.69	246.58	
24,263 23,831 Michigan	17,154,641	15,705,684	1,448,956	9.23%	707.03	659.04	
6,419 6,361 Wisconsin	3,589,051	3,785,934	-196,882	-5.20%	559.13	595.18	
74,943 72,768 Totals	37,029,061	34,831,899	2,197,162	6.31%	494.10	478.67	
Tithe per Week	1,057,973	1,024,468	33,506	3.27%			

## Sunset Calendar

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29	Dec 6
Berrien Springs, MI	5:40	5:31	5:25	5:19	5:16	5:14
Chicago	4:47	4:38	4:31	4:26	4:22	4:20
Detroit	5:28	5:19	5:12	5:06	5:02	5:00
Indianapolis	5:44	5:37	5:30	5:25	5:22	5:20
La Crosse, WI	4:58	4:49	4:41	4:35	4:31	4:28
Lansing, MI	5:33	5:24	5:17	5:11	5:07	5:05
Madison, WI	4:52	4:43	4:35	4:29	4:25	4:23
Springfield, IL	4:58	4:50	4:44	4:39	4:35	4:34

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*Net 2002 "Revelation Speaks Peace," Nov. 1–3, 5–6, 8–10, 12–13, 15–17*—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET; Staff Meeting, **Nov. 10, 17**—3:30 p.m. ET.

*La Red Evangelism, Nov. 16–23*—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET.

## BREATH OF LIFE

[www.bolministries.com](http://www.bolministries.com)

**Week of Nov. 3**—"Special Delivery," Part 2; **10**—"Walls," Part 1; **17**—"Walls," Part 2; **24**—"Overnight," Part 1; **Dec. 1**—"Overnight," Part 2.

## FAITH FOR TODAY

*Lifestyle Magazine*, [www.lifestyle.org](http://www.lifestyle.org), **Week of Nov. 3**—"Domestic Violence: His Side of the Story"; **10**—"Old Wives' Tales"; **17**—"Fathers and Sons"; **24**—"Dyslexia"; **Dec. 1**—"Mothers and Daughters."

*The Evidence*, [www.theevidence.org](http://www.theevidence.org), **Week of Nov. 3**—"Searching for God"; **10**—"On God and War"; **17**—"On God and Dying"; **24**—"Wrongfully Accused"; **Dec. 1**—"Pathways to God."

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**Week of Nov. 3**—"The Rebel Who Came Home"; **10**—"Worth the Sacrifice"; **17**—"How Can I Feel Safe?"; **24**—"Still Giving Thanks"; **Dec. 1**—"It's Not What You Think."

## LA VOZ DE LA ESPERANZA

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

**Week of Nov. 3**—"Mary's Sword," (La Espada de María); **10**—"The Look of Life," (El Poder de una Mirada); **17**—"The Testimony of Jesus' Best Friend," (Confidencias del Mejor Amigo de Jesús); **24**—"Without a Doubt," (Sin Lugar a Dudas); **Dec. 1**—"Enjoying the Golden Years," (Gozando la Tercera Edad).

## THE QUIET HOUR

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

**Windows of Hope, Nov. 4**—"Survivors of Grace"; **11**—"Who Wants to Be in Heaven?"; **18**—"Fearless Factor"; **25**—"The Amazing Race—Grace"; **Dec. 2**—"Praise the Lord!"

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**Week of Nov. 3**—*Sun.*: "Job—The Devil's Punching Bag"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Heaven's Rainbow"; **10**—*Sun.*: "Catching Miracles," Part 1; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Blind Spots"; **17**—*Sun.*: "Psalms—God's Hymn Book"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Milkshakes and Obedience"; **24**—*Sun.*: "Catching Miracles," Part 2; *Mon.–Fri.*: "The Bright Lights of Broadway"; **Dec. 1**—*Sun.*: "Acts: Spread the News!"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "The Art of Christian Confession."

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## Like a Shepherd

A wonderful Bible story tells of the day Samuel the prophet went searching for the young man who was to be Israel's next king.\* God sent the prophet to the home of Jesse, a Bethlehem farmer who had sired eight sons, each of whom paraded before Samuel hoping to be selected for crowning.

Son Eliab was the first to be introduced to Samuel. He was tall, good-looking with strong shoulders and clear eyes. Samuel immediately "knew" he had met Israel's new king!

But God said, "No," and added a phrase mothers have been using on their children ever since. "Man looks on the outward appearance," God said, "but the Lord looks on the heart."

After Eliab, God said "NO" six more times.

Imagine Samuel's amazement as son after son walked by, and God said, "No, not this one." Each had an un-kingly flaw, usually something invisible to the human eye.

The eighth son, a young boy named David, was out on a hillside serving as shepherd for Bethlehem's flock of sheep. He was such an illogical choice, that his father hadn't even invited him to the audition.

While waiting for David to arrive, Samuel asked about him.

"Well," the villagers said, "he certainly does an excellent job of protecting our sheep. Once,

he killed a marauding bear with his own hands. Another time he killed a lion. Truthfully, no sheep-killer dares come near our sheep when David is protecting them."

God's "YES!" was clear and distinct. "He is the one!" were the Lord's exact words.

God looked far beneath the outward appearance, listened to the young shepherd's hillside songs, heard his eloquent prayers, and found safety within the young man's care. So, God called a shepherd, and Samuel anointed David to be the next king—the protector of the people.

I believe God is still calling shepherds today. There are scores of good-looking, would-be kings waiting to be crowned on the street corners of our communities. But, there are also a few shepherds, looking around quietly for new ways to protect God's children.

He is calling today, ready with the crown of responsibility. He is calling for you, and me, to watch out for the safety of His kids. He is calling for protectors who are willing to care, *like a shepherd*.

*Like a shepherd*—taking time to care for each person individually.

*Like a shepherd*—listening to each need with empathy.

*Like a shepherd*—ever alert to the challenges being faced by others, ever ready to support and encourage in the midst of those challenges.

*Like a shepherd*—protecting from anything or anyone that threatens life.

*Like a shepherd*—guarding against predators who demean, degrade, or devastate the hearts of his children.

*Like a shepherd*—loving, regardless of illness, color, language, or the thickness of our wool.

*Like a shepherd*—willing to lay down their life for the sheep.

King David is remembered as shepherd royalty; an honored king who cared, who protected, who failed, and who knew how to say, "I am sorry," and mean it. He was, as God himself said, "a man after my own heart."

I think that means he was a man who was

always chasing after God's heart, eager to catch and hold on tightly.

Not a bad model for all of us young shepherds.

*Dick Duerksen,  
Florida Hospital director  
of mission development*

\* 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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**Brandon Lowry**

**Brandon Lee Lowry**, a senior at Wisconsin Academy, is the son of Lem and Doreen Lowry of Stevens Point, Wis. Although Brandon is a quiet person, he assumed a leadership position as soon as he stepped on campus for his junior year. "Brandon is level-headed, honest, and a worker who goes the extra mile at whatever he does," says Joe Hokanson, plant service director who worked with Brandon last year. "I don't think I have ever heard him complain about a job. He is dependable and always eager to lend a helping hand."

Brandon's interests include kayaking, biking, and computers. His plans after graduation from high school are to attend a Christian college and eventually become a network administrator. He says the most important thing that he has learned from his academy experience is that "it's important to ask God to help you do your best in everything." This year Brandon is a resident assistant in the boy's dorm and the boy's club president.

**Bobbi Sue Gauger**, from Vesper, Wis., is one of Wisconsin Academy's special prayer warriors and a senior at Wisconsin Academy. "Bobbi's first reaction to a problem is to come together to pray," says friend Kerri Klassen. This National Honor Society student's most memorable experience at Wisconsin Academy was the all-night prayer vigil held last school year. "Bobbi is enthusiastic about life itself, always smiling even when she may be hurting inside," says Yvonne Thomas, assistant girls' dean. "She is always willing to stop in her busy schedule to have prayer with someone." Bobbi faithfully joins other students around the flagpole every week day at 6:45 a.m. to seek the Lord's blessing.



**Bobbi Gauger**

Her love for people and for God made her a perfect choice for this year's Student Association spiritual vice president. Bobbi is interested in waterskiing, reading, and music. Also high on her list of priorities is her family. Bobbi is the daughter of Bob and Suzie Gauger.

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