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The Adventist Church has designated February 9–15 as Christian Home and Family Week. This *Lake Union Herald* issue focuses on love—God's gift which makes all happy relationships possible.

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EDITORIAL

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Save It for a Rainy Day

When I was a kid we learned early the joy of giving gifts. Never was a birthday or anniversary overlooked, but our dad would not use his gifts. No matter how we implored him to wear the sweaters, slippers, jackets, socks, and shirts, he always responded, "I'm saving them for a rainy day."

Dad's childhood had been very harsh and extremely austere. It wasn't that he was materialistic. After all, how materialistic can you be raising seven children through America's Great Depression? He just believed that he needed to be prepared if hard times should return.

Fortunately, he learned that God was the real provider, and he was only the conduit. We had the pleasure of seeing him use the many gifts accumulated over the years. We also observed a new hoarding pattern in his life. He began to store up God's promises from the Bible kept on the little stand next to his favorite chair.

Promises like, "In that day when I make up my jewels; ... I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Mal. 3:17). "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children" (Isa. 49:25). "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout ... and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thess. 4:16).

Maybe every family should practice this kind of hoarding for "a rainy day."

Bringing Hope to the Masaii

BY TRACIE JACOBS

I was finally in Kenya! The Lord had brought me to a point that I couldn't have imagined a year ago. I was in a car riding toward Kilgoris for my first Sabbath.

My journey began a year ago when a woman talked with me after I had preached at the Lake Region Conference camp meeting. She asked me whether I had ever preached an evangelistic campaign. When I answered "no," she suggested that I start praying about it, because she had been impressed that the Lord could use me in that way. I promised I would.

The first Sabbath after camp meeting, a church member approached me with a flier from *The Quiet Hour* in her hand saying, "This is something I think you may be interested in." I was impressed to contact *The Quiet Hour* and was sure that God was leading when I was selected as a "guest evangelist" for Kenya. Twelve months later I was there, confident that I was where God wanted me to be!

The evangelistic site was in Kilgoris, the home of the Masaii



Tracie Jacobs (center) prepares to preach her first evangelistic series in Kilgoris, Kenya.

tribe. My translator was the first Masaii warrior baptized into the Adventist Church. He had baptized the other seven pastors that I would be working with, all of whom had been Masaii warriors.



Tracie (right) preaches with her translator from a platform across from the market in Kilgoris, Kenya.

My site was an open field, across from the outside market in Kilgoris. The congregation sat on the ground. A temporary platform was built to preach from, using a portable PA system. People came day after day, walking for miles to attend the meetings; and every night we saw the Holy Spirit moving, as men, women, and children responded to the call for baptism, which the pastors had advised me to make every night.

The first Tuesday was particularly challenging. As I began preaching, a young woman came walking through the congregation. It appeared that she was devil possessed and was bent on disrupting the meeting. She even came up to the front, right on the platform, trying to snatch my notes from the podium while a couple of pastors tried to detain her.

Halfway through the sermon, an older man joined her. They walked through the seated congregation, talking to themselves. Through all of this activity my translator and I continued preaching the sermon. When the time came to make a call for people to come forward and take a stand to be baptized, the man and woman continued their disruption, falling on the ground and wrestling with each other right in front of the podium! People still came forward, making their commitment to the Lord.

The next morning at worship after we had given progress reports, Nathan Oirere, the South Kenya Conference ministerial secretary, said, "I have something to add to Tracie's report. She is not aware that last night when she made the call for baptism, one of the men who responded is from a Masaii tribal area that we have not been able to penetrate with the gospel. This area has no Christian presence at all!" Then Pastor Nathan looked at me and said, "Tracie, if the Lord sent you here for this one baptism, we will praise the Lord!"



Many were baptized as a result of the evangelistic campaign in Kenya.

The Lord blessed with many baptisms, and the newly baptized members are building a new church, which they have decided to name "Tracie Seventh-day Adventist Church!" To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Tracie D. Jacobs is the Lake Region Conference women's ministries director.

NEW MEMBERS

ILLINOIS

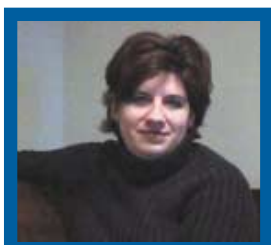
While a teenager, **Susan-Marie Stolarski** dated an Adventist and began attending his church. Having grown up Catholic, however, she found the Adventist Church to be very different. First of all, everyone spoke of the need to test everything by the Bible. When members showed her how to look up verses, she was absolutely fascinated.

"It was the first time I'd ever read my Bible," she says. "It opened a whole new world for me that I hadn't even known existed. I was like a sponge because I couldn't learn fast enough. I couldn't believe how ignorant I was about everything that had to do with God, when I'd considered myself a good Christian!"

Susan-Marie found in the Adventist Church a relationship with God she never dreamed possible. Now she could approach God directly and learn of Him in His Word. "I love Sabbath school," she says, "because I learn something every week. I'm like a kid in a candy store!"

After attending the Adventist Church for over 10 years, Susan-Marie felt God calling her to do something more for Him with her life. At the time, she was a successful business woman, quickly ascending the corporate ladder. As the youngest female retail manager in her corporation, she made good money and looked forward to a promising future. But Susan-Marie wanted something more satisfying.

Through prayer, she felt God calling her into full-time ministry



Susan-Marie Stolarski found in the Adventist Church a relationship with God she never dreamed possible.

for Him, and now she plans to study to be a pastor. "I'm the least likely person to ever be called into the ministry," she says, "because up until last year I was a career person. Now my outlook is different. Material things mean nothing to me." Even if she could only bring one person to Christ, she knows it would be worth the sacrifice.

When Susan-Marie committed her life to winning people for Christ, she knew God was also calling her to officially join His remnant church. On Feb. 23, 2002, she was baptized into the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church. Today she directs their singles ministry and leads the young adult prayer time for Sabbath school.

Staci Osterman, a 2002 Lake Union Herald summer intern.

MICHIGAN

Randy Blair attended a previous series of meetings in Kalamazoo. Recently he went through some family problems and contacted the pastor for advice. After being invited to attend church, Randy began attending when he could. In the meantime, he found the *Amazing Facts* web site and began studying over the Internet. When he studied about tithing, he sent an e-mail asking whether it was appropriate to tithe the gross or

the net income. After an explanation he responded, "I thought just paying on the net would be cheating God."

Recently, he studied baptism and in came another e-mail: "Hey, one of the Bible lessons talked about water baptism and how it is necessary to enter the kingdom of God. Sign me up. I have been 'sprinkled' as an infant in a Catholic ceremony, and I would like that mistake rectified ASAP! What do I have to do to make it happen?"

Randy continued to study on his own and with the pastor. The Kalamazoo *Hope for the Homeland* series involved small group study after the presentation, which provided a support group for Randy and others. After Randy completed his study, a date was set for his baptism.

"I always believed that I was 'saved' by faith. It didn't occur to me that even those who had faith could still experience hell fire because they didn't do God's will."

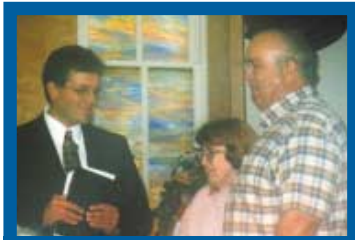
Satan continues to work on Randy, but by faith he claims God's promise to be with him. On October 26, 2002, Randy joined three others in baptism.

Michael Nickless, Michigan Conference communication director

Sabbath, September 28, 2002, was a high day for the little congregation in Mesick, Michigan, as they watched the baptism of **Carl and Linnie McDonald**. Three years ago they had been members of the Baptist Church where Carl had first given his heart to the Lord.

Together the couple had read the Bible through once a year, but there was something different this time.

Three years ago as they began again in Genesis, Carl was plagued by questions that had come up before. If the world was created in six days, what was the purpose of the seventh day? Why was it so important to God? The more they studied, the more convinced he became that they were worshipping on the wrong day.



From left: Quentin Purvis, Mesick Church pastor, welcomes Linnie and Carl McDonald into church membership.

Carl decided to take his concern to the Baptist pastor. He told the pastor that he had been studying and felt a strong desire to keep the seventh day as God expected. The pastor responded by saying that he loved them, would miss them, but would pray for them. He hoped they were making the right decision. "If I thought I could change your mind, I would," the pastor said.

Linnie, who had always been a Sunday-keeping Christian, had many more questions and reservations, and wasn't nearly as certain as Carl that they were doing the right thing. "If the seventh-day Sabbath is the right day for worship, why does everyone else go to church on Sunday?" she debated. But she chose to go with her husband, and they attended a couple of Adventist churches in the area.

Carl's brother and sister-in-law from Florida, members of the Adventist Church, came to visit the Mesick area. While driving through the little town, they were excited to discover an Adventist

church right in the middle of town. They shared the news with Carl and Linnie, and the following Sabbath the two couples visited the Mesick Church. They were thrilled with the warmth, love, and acceptance from the pastor and church members. Since that

time, Carl and Linnie have been involved in Bible studies with their new church friends.

Carl was raised in a large family, and his brother made the comment, "Through the years, I have prayed for my brothers and sisters, and Carl is the last one I would have expected to become a Seventh-day Adventist." Carl's sister, Marie, and her husband, Tim, were at the baptism, and after hearing a powerful sermon, Marie said with tears flowing, "Please don't give up on us. Keep us in your prayers."

Karol McDonald, Mesick Church summer attendee

I first heard of **Pam Oliver** when I received a follow-up card saying she had completed the *Voice of Prophecy* Bible course and would like to be visited. When my wife, Rosemary, and I went to visit her, we had a difficult time finding her address. We stopped a woman walking by and asked whether she knew where the street was that we were looking for. She said she lived on that street and asked, "What is the house number and the name of the person you're looking for." We told her, and she directed us to the house. We knew then that God had

led us right to her!

We visited with Pam, but she seemed happy with her own church. We told her if she needed anything or had any questions to please call us. My wife sent her cards of encouragement during the next few months, and then, one Sunday, we received a call from Pam's husband, Mike. He said he would like to visit with us, so we invited them to come to the



Pam Oliver dedicated her life to Jesus and was baptized by L.D. Kitson, Bad Axe Church pastor.

Bad Axe Church the following Sabbath. They came and continued to come every week for about a year. They also joined a Bible study group led out by Tim Bates, a church member.

One day the Olivers invited Rosemary and me over for supper. Mike had prepared a delicious vegetarian meal, which we very much enjoyed. After the meal was over, Pam told us that she wanted to be baptized! We set the date, and on April 6, 2002, Pam became a member of the Adventist family of God. Mike is continuing his Bible studies.

L.D. Kitson, Bad Axe Church pastor

What Kind of Gifts Are You Giving?

BY PEGGY AND ROGER DUDLEY

Tiffany was so excited. It was Valentine's Day, and she could not wait to see what her fiancé, Tim, had selected as a gift for her. This was their first Valentine's Day since their engagement. Tiffany had envisioned receiving something romantic, something personal. Would it be red roses, a box of Esther Price chocolates, a delicate perfume? Finally the time came for her to open her gift which was beautifully wrapped. Inside the box she found a low-fat cookbook! She tried to conceal her disappointment and be appreciative. What was wrong with that gift? Really nothing for some young ladies. But it was not something Tiffany viewed as a romantic gift.

When you find something you really like, do you find yourself wanting to give it to someone who is important to you? We have! But alas, we have discovered that what we value, enjoy, or appreciate may not be the same for our special person. We were amazed when at a marriage seminar we heard a young lady say that she did not like getting flowers—in fact she disliked flowers. Her husband had taken for granted that

all women cherished flowers. This leads us to the conclusion that it is important to know what the gift recipient values.



In the book by Gary Chapman, *The Five Languages of Love*, the author identifies five different love languages. Do you know what your cherished loved one considers a love gift? Do you know which language speaks to your heart? Let us examine each of these languages and look for an application to our gift-giving methods.

Affirmation—Some people thrive on positive feedback and find it very important for their

self-confidence. This may serve as a sort of evaluation of what really makes a positive difference. "Honey, you prepare such delicious and nutritious meals." Some people like to hear the words "I love you" or other words of endearment several times a day. Soft and gentle soothing words.

Gifts—Tiffany really enjoyed getting gifts—romantic gifts. This was a message that she understood as "I love you." To mean something special to her, presents needed to be personal and not practical like a cookbook. Now her fiancé also liked gifts, but he liked the practical kind, like books on how to make home repairs or about a hobby in which he was interested. Once they understood this principle, their gifts were really meaningful.

Service—In this category fall activities such as washing the dishes, vacuuming the rugs, washing the car, mowing the lawn, or putting a shelf in the closet. It makes a big statement to the one who is pressed for time and does not have opportunity to do it. This effort can be misunderstood by the one who does not see service as a gift of love. You have heard of husbands and fathers who have worked two jobs in order to provide necessary and extra things for their families, thinking that this was a declaration of their love. Yet these wives and children craved words of affirmation or spending time with the man of the house, in preference over material things.

Time—Perhaps you are a person who values personal time more than inanimate things. Time is life, and so spending time with someone is a gift of oneself, a gift that money cannot buy. In this age

of working mothers and fathers and long commutes, time has become a very precious commodity to these families. We have a presentation for families that we call LOVE is spelled T-I-M-E.

Touch—Have you noticed how some people are “touchy-feely” and others are reserved with a definite personal space that is not to be invaded? Culture has an important influence on the amount of touching that takes place in social interactions. As we have traveled to various countries, we have

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noticed the vast differences. Some families do a lot of hugging. Some parents often hold their small children in their laps and snuggle them. We hope that you can remember being held and rocked. Did your mom and dad hold hands and hug and kiss each other? Was there warmth and acceptance for everyone in your family? People who grow up in such an environment are conditioned to expect this in future relationships.

So what language speaks love to your heart? What language do those who are significant to you treasure? We have heard individuals say they wanted all of them. But in all probability there are some languages which stand out

and some which are not meaningful to you. Will this evaluation change the manner in which you choose gifts for your cherished loved one, for family members, for friends? There is a saying that “it is the thought that counts.” And even though it is significant to be thought about, isn’t it even more significant to select something that speaks love to the heart of the recipient?

February 9–15 is Christian Home and Family Week. We have just passed through a time of much Christmas gift-giving and are about to enter the Valentine season, which hopefully results in romantic gift-giving in your relationship. God knows how to give good gifts: *If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!* (Luke 11:13, NIV). Do you know how to give truly meaningful gifts?

There are many who regard the expression of love as a weakness, and they maintain a reserve that repels others. This spirit checks the current of sympathy. As the social and generous impulses are repressed, they wither, and the heart becomes desolate and cold. We should beware of this error. Love cannot long exist without expression. Let not the heart of one connected with you starve for the want of kindness and sympathy (Ellen G. White, *Adventist Home*, page 107).

Peggy and Roger Dudley, Pioneer Memorial Church members, are a pair of docs who enjoy family-life ministry and have 50 years of marriage experience. Their new book, Maximum Marriage: 28 Couples Share Their Secrets for Happiness, is coming off the press this month and will be available at the ABC.

Family resources available in the Berrien Springs, Michigan, area:

Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC)

Divorce Recovery
Marriage Mentoring Program
Family Life Committee
Marriage Ministry Committee
Engaged Encounter: March 28–30 at Andrews University.
For more information or to register, contact AU campus ministries at (269) 471-3211.

For more information, call PMC at (269) 471-3133.

Berrien Springs Village Church

Family resources through WellSpring Ministry:

Family Life Committee
Support Groups:
DivorceCare
DivorceCare for Children
GriefShare

Seminars:

Boundaries (building relationships on biblical principles)
Boundaries for Kids (guiding parents in the teaching and modeling of healthy boundaries)
Healing Damaged Emotions (finding God’s answers to personal brokenness)
Finding the Love of Your Life (mate selection God’s way)
Individual and couple therapy and premarital counseling are also available.

For more information, call the Village Church at (269) 471-5121.

MISSION MINDDED *Marriage*

BY SARAH WALDNER-STOUT

In college, before my husband and I were married, we both felt a call to go out and do great things for Jesus Christ. It was student mission emphasis week at Andrews University, and the entire week I felt a strong call from the Holy Spirit burning inside of me to go somewhere and do something. I didn't know where to go or how to get there, I just felt a clear tugging on my heart to go. So I listened and made a promise to God that I would go wherever it was that He needed me to go.

At the end of that week, I told my husband (boyfriend at the time) what I was feeling and discovered that he felt the same call. So we decided to go.

We were married that next summer and, the day after the wedding, flew off to do student missionary work for a year in Taiwan. It was the best year of our lives—not exactly easy, but extremely rewarding.

Not only did the experience bring us closer to each other, it drew us much closer to God. Spiritually, it was the most exciting and fulfilling year of our lives.

Admittedly, not every couple is called to the mission field, to pastor a church, or to one of the many other career fields that pop into mind when you think of “mission.” But a strong Christian marriage will have a mission mindset in whatever career field the two have been called to. This mission

mindset is developed by staying so connected to Jesus that His love spills over into every relationship, every activity, and every context in which you find yourself. It means that you, as a couple, will saturate the community you've been called to with the love of God—reaching the unchurched, loving the unloved, and giving hope to the hopeless. It means that, as a couple, you will build relationships with the people of the world and invite them into your home. I believe that this mindset will make a huge difference for Christ in our world, and will also make a huge difference in our marriage relationships.

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In preparing for marriage, prepare for mission. A thriving, strong, durable Christian marriage will be passionately mission-minded. If you're a Christian and you've accepted the call to follow Christ for the rest of your life, make sure you choose a partner

who has the same desire to follow Him as well. It's vital that the person you choose shares the same commitment, goals, and aspirations that you have, and that each of those goals and aspirations is wrapped up in a love for Christ.

God needs husbands and wives who will not only commit themselves to each other, but commit themselves to loving and reaching out to the lost people of the world.

Just as Aquila and Priscilla of the New Testament worked together as partners and opened up their home in service to God, let us do the same. Their marriage was mission-minded, and, because of that, many gentiles were saved. Being co-workers with Paul, they were powerfully used by God because they fully dedicated themselves to service for the Lord.

They had careers as tent-makers, and I'm sure that they had many of the same kinds of responsibilities that we have today—providing food for their family, pay-

ing rent for their dwellings, etc. Because they had a passion for reaching out to others, they made mission a priority in their lives and in their marriage.

God needs many Aquila's and Priscilla's in the world today. He needs husbands and wives who will not only commit themselves to each other, but commit themselves to loving and reaching out to the lost people of the world.

Sarah Waldner-Stout is a certified family-life educator and an Andrews University family studies graduate with a master's degree in pastoral ministry from the Adventist Theological Seminary, with a family ministries emphasis.



Sarah and her husband, Todd, have blended their lives in marriage for Christian service.

Lake Union 2003 Family Ministry Events

Illinois Conference Hispanic Ministries

Contact: Julio Juárez (630) 764-0920.

Julio 18–20

Retiro matrimonial (couples retreat)

En: Lake Geneva

Indiana Conference

April 26

Women's ministries one-day retreat at Indiana Academy, Cicero, will offer a variety of enrichment opportunities for personal growth and family strengthening. Contact: Marjorie Driscoll (812) 526-5856.

June 19–22

Single mom's retreat at Timber Ridge Camp, Spencer, will provide opportunities for fellowship, enrichment, and recreation. Contact: family@indianaadventist.org; (317) 844-6201

July 27–August 3

Family camp at Timber Ridge Camp. Contact: family@indianaadventist.org; (317) 844-6201

October 31–November 2

Women's retreat at Timber Ridge Camp
Contact: Marjorie Driscoll (812) 526-5856

November 7–9

"From This Day Forward," a marriage-strengthening weekend for married couples. Location not yet determined. Contact: family@indianaadventist.org; (317) 844-6201.

November 22

Men's conference at Indiana Academy
Contact: family@indianaadventist.org; (317) 844-6201.

Lake Region Conference

Contact: Pearl Bryant, family ministries director, (773) 846-2661 ext. 305; www.lakeregionsda.org for updates.

February 28–March 2

"Relighting the Fire," marriage retreat at Garland Resort, Lewiston, Mich.

May 9–11

"Relationship Expo 2003" family life retreat at Camp Wagner, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Lake Region Hispanic Ministries

Contact: oficina Hispana (773) 846-2661 ext. 201

Febrero 21–23

Retiro matrimonial (couples retreat)

Julio 24–27

Retiro para familias pastorales (retreat for pastors and their families)

Agosto 28–Septiembre 1

Campamento para familias (camp meeting for families)

Lake Union Conference

Contact: Walter Wright (269) 473-8200; family@luc.adventist.org; luc.adventist.org/family

March 21–22

Family seminar
Metropolitan Church, Evansville, Ind.

April 11–12

Family seminar
Call Hinsdale (Ill.) Fil-Am Church for venue, (630) 655-8786

April 25–27

Couples retreat
Call Buchanan (Mich.) Church for venue, (269) 695-6922

June 6–7

Family seminar
Maywood (Ill.) Community Church

September 19–21

Singles retreat, Timber Ridge Camp, Ind.

October 11

Family seminar
Vernon Memorial Church/Company, Mattson, Ill.

November 8

Couple's seminar
Boulder Pointe Conference Center, Oxford, Mich.

Michigan Conference

Contact: www.misda.org/Departments (click on Family Ministries); (517) 321-5949.

All events occur at Camp Au Sable, Grayling, Mich., except for Crystal Mt. marriage retreat.

February 28–March 2

Marriage retreat

April 4–6, 11–13, and 18–20

Women's ministry retreats

For Camp Au Sable family camp information, call the youth department at (517) 485-2226.

July 13–19

Family camp 1

July 20–26

Family camp 2

July 27–August 2

Family camp 3

August 7–9

Mini family camp

October 10–12

Singles retreat

November 14–16

Crystal Mt. marriage retreat at Crystal Mt. resort, Thompsonville, Mich.

Wisconsin Conference Hispanic Ministries

Contact: Rubén D. Rivera (414) 760-6396 or (414) 403-6396.

Marzo 28–30

"Matrimonios Saludables/Familias Estables" (Healthy Marriages/Stable Families)

Mayo 17

"Día de la Hermandad: Rescatemos Nuestro Hogar" (Brotherhood Day: Let's Rescue Our Homes)

Agosto 14–17

Campestre: "El Evangelio y la familia" (camp meeting: "The Gospel and the Family")

Kids Reaching Kids

Students Become Hope for the Homeland Evangelists

BY REGGIE JOHNSON

What do you do with the kids while the adults are listening to the *Hope for the Homeland* messages? South Bend (Indiana) Junior Academy (SBJA) had the answer this past fall, as it launched *Kids Reaching Kids*, an evangelistic series for kids, by kids. While parents heard messages of hope at the South Bend First Church, their kids went next door to the SBJA gymnasium to hear the same messages presented by other kids, in a way that they could relate to.



Lee Reed (grade five) and Clara Bepe (grade six) work together to prepare a presentation.

"The life blood of our school is ministry—reaching our children for Christ and teaching them to reach out to other children," says Karen Wade, principal. Karen had received training to use the *New Beginnings* DVDs and taught students to hold children's meetings.

The meetings were held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Each night's program included a video Bible story, song service presented by the Pathfinders, a story from around the world, the main presentation by a student speaker, an appeal, and healthy snacks following the meeting.

Attendance averaged 35–45 individuals each night, and Karen reports that three children have already requested baptism with five more expressing interest in baptismal classes.

"*Kids Reaching Kids* has been a blessing to both the children and adults," said Karen. "Not only have the children preached their hearts out, they have also learned to enjoy healthful snacks."

"I wanted to tell people more about Jesus and how He sacrificed His life for them," said Lee Reed, a fifth-grader who gave three sermons. "I hope everyone was touched by my sermons and will go to church more and learn more about Jesus. And I hope their lives have been changed."

The Indiana Conference, South Bend First Church, and the Lake Union provided funding to help SBJA purchase the needed equipment, such as a projector, laptop computer, CDs, PA system, banners, fliers, decorations, snacks, Bibles, and gifts to give to the attendees. The school also relied heavily on the volunteer work of the church members and school teachers.



Seventh-grader Gabe Crump preached two sermons, his favorite being on the judgement.

The "Hope for the World" children's program was utilized, including activities such as questions and answers on the sermons, activity sheets, and stories about people and animals from around the world. "People were amazed that at this grade level the students were doing such a clear and powerful presentation using the

technical equipment," says Karen. A video on the Bible shown before each meeting was also very useful in drawing interest.



Michael Thompson (grade four) was one of the youngest presenters at the *Kids Reaching Kids* evangelistic series.

Karen says that "teaching our kids to serve and be leaders" is what SBJA is all about. Her students have all expressed interest in learning more about God and have been involved in outreach at their school before. "The school senses the need to keep students involved in ministry, making an impact positively on the community—to really develop themselves," she says, adding, "I was very much impressed with the fact that the students had a deep desire to know God."

But that's not the end of it. From the *Kids Reaching Kids* series, a new ministry has started. During the month of January, the radio station WHME, South Bend, carried pre-recorded messages for the community given by the SBJA student presenters from 12:00–12:15. A generous sponsor funded the air time. Also, Andrews University Press published a workbook on Revelation called *Jesus Revealed in Every Chapter*, edited by Karen, with descriptions of each chapter of Revelation given by the students.

The work of sharing Jesus with the world is moving ahead, with kids reaching kids.

Reggie Johnson is the Lake Union Herald editorial assistant.

Photos by Reggie Johnson.



CREATIVE PARENTING

Challenging Children

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Eight-year-old Jessica wasn't an easy child. A bossy, fussy girl with only a few friends, she frustrated and alienated even those who loved her the most. She threw tantrums over seemingly minor issues—"These socks hurt my feet," or "This juice tastes yucky. I won't drink it." She became angry when her parents tried to leave her with a babysitter, often throwing herself down on the ground and screaming furiously. At bedtime, she demanded that her parents stay with her. Her teachers reported that she seemed overwhelmed, unable to concentrate. After school she came home saying the other girls hated her or that the teacher thought she was a dummy. At times, she could be a warm, funny girl who loved to giggle at knock-knock jokes, cuddle on the sofa with her mom or dad, and get thoroughly engrossed in her passion for horses. Most of the time she was unpredictable, and her parents were weary!

Stanley Greenspan, a leading child psychiatrist, finds the most frequent complaints from parents fall roughly into five patterns—one of which is a personality like Jessica's, often described as fussy, finicky, and oversensitive. The others are described as self-absorbed, defiant, inattentive, and aggressive.

Over the years our thinking about children who face challenges in controlling their feelings and behavior has

swung from one extreme to another. At one point, the accusing finger was directed at parents—it was *their* fault their children were impossible. Then the other extreme—children are simply born this way, and parents have no choice but to learn to live with them. We now recognize that biology and upbringing work together, that early life experiences actually determine how some cells in the nervous system will be used. Parents make a dramatic difference in how their children use their wonderfully different natural abilities.

Children are a product of the unique and continuous interplay between nature and nurture. This interplay happens in your relationship with your child. No matter what your child's natural tendencies are—whether she falls into one of the categories noted above, or how challenging a child's behavior is to you—there are approaches, styles, and attitudes that you as a parent can bring to your family life that will enable your children to overcome their challenges.

- 1 Be realistic about parenting.** Sometimes the best you can do is less than your "best." Decisions about how to use your energy and time can be complex, but the key challenge is to anticipate and plan for what your family really needs from you.
- 2 Give your child the precious gift of time.** In Greenspan's work, he found that giving special, unstructured time—30 minutes a day—to a child greatly enhances that child's ability to meet the challenges of his or her own personality. It's called *nourishing* availability!
- 3 Work towards a problem-solving orientation.** The goal is to help your child anticipate, practice, and eventually master particular challenges.
- 4 Empathize with your child.** If you don't have the same sensitivities, it can be hard to imagine what life is like for your child. Over time you can master that, just as your child can master his own challenges.
- 5 Discipline with love.** Children need both warmth and nurturing along with structure, responsibility, and discipline. The challenge is to provide discipline that is gentle and respectful, while being firm.



Healthy Choices

The Healing Power of Relationships

BY WINSTON CRAIG

Good health is associated with having meaningful relationships. Loneliness, separation, alienation, and depression are all too common in Western society today. These factors increase when a sense of community begins to disappear.

Positive relationships appear to significantly buffer the ill effects of high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and other risk factors for heart disease. Results from eight large-scale studies have revealed that lonely and socially isolated people have a two to three times higher risk of premature death from heart disease, strokes, cancer, and other diseases when compared to those who maintain social networks, family ties, and have a strong sense of community. Those who lived the longest had strong social ties and healthy behaviors.

The low rates of heart disease seen among the residents of Roseto, Pennsylvania, in the 1960's mystified scientists. Their high-fat diets and poor exercise habits should have put them at high risk of heart disease. Dr. Wolf observed that this village of Italian immigrants had close-knit families, community networks, devoted church-going habits, and a pervasive spirit of neighborliness. The social support system of the Roseto residents supported good health.

Isolation and loneliness are damaging to our health, while connectedness, intimacy, and a

Tips for healthy relationships:

1. Offer unconditional love to all family members.
2. Express sincere concern and support for someone in difficulty or distress.
3. Show kindness to someone with a physical disability.
4. Respect and acknowledge the sincere efforts of your colleagues.
5. Help a neighbor or friend in need, and you will be the one who is blessed.

nurturing social network are health-promoting. How we relate to others is a significant determinant of health and illness. We would do well to follow the advice of Paul to “encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thess 5:11 NIV) and “do whatever leads to peace and to mutual edification” (Rom 14:19 NIV).

Winston J. Craig, Ph.D., R.D.
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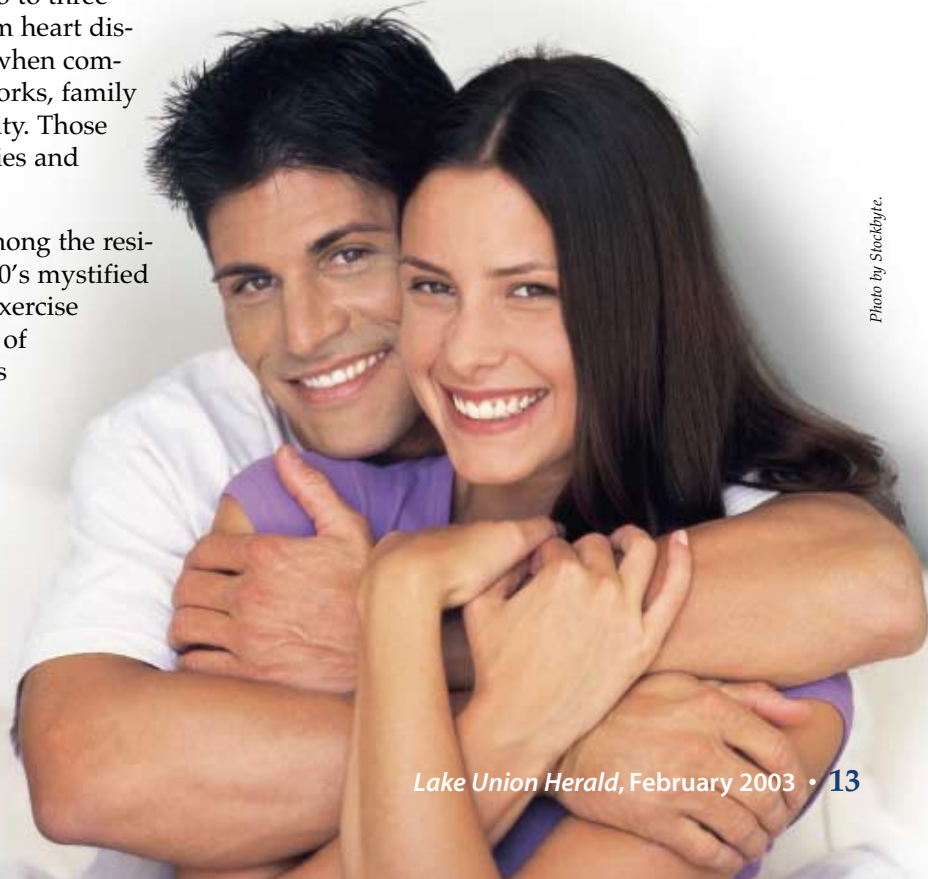


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Hope Beyond Hospital Walls

Mission focus leads hospital system to present concerts and donate wheelchairs

Community outreach is all encompassing at Adventist Health System Midwest Region (AHSMR), including flu shot services, wellness classes and screenings, and collaboration with communities of faith. As a Christian health care leader committed to providing whole-person care, that mission directs us beyond our facilities, into other countries, and even into the realm of music.



AHSMR invited recording artist Steve Green to give a concert at the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church as a thank-you to the community for its support.

Last fall, AHSMR brought recording artist Steve Green to minister through music in a pre-Thanksgiving concert held at the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church. Attended by 1,250 community residents, the popular event was the second pre-Thanksgiving concert offered as a thank-you to the community for its support of AHS, especially Hinsdale, La Grange Memorial, and GlenOaks hospitals. The musical

group Glad provided the inspirational, musical outreach for the inaugural concert in 2001.

One of the 2002 concert attendees wrote, "We were blessed with the opportunity to attend, and on behalf of those of us who attended, I want to thank you for your gift of song and praise. We are looking forward to accepting your gift again next year when Sandi Patti, through her singing, gives praise to the Lord."

Another AHSMR outreach provides out-of-service wheelchairs from Hinsdale Hospital to Wheels for the World, a disability program sponsored by Joni (Eareckson Tada) and Friends.

"We're happy to find another use for equipment that no longer meets our needs. That's good stewardship, and sharing in this worldwide effort is a great

blessing," said Tim Cook, Hinsdale Hospital vice president of operations. "We learned about the Wheels for the World program through John Herbert, a physical therapist with our Paulson Rehab Network, and now we will encourage other AHS facilities to inventory their stock and contribute to this mission outreach as well."

The donated chairs have outlived their service to the hospital for one reason or another, but reconditioning by inmates at three correctional institutions in Ohio, Tennessee, and Colorado can restore these chairs to like-new condition. During this process, lives behind bars are also being changed by the opportunity to contribute to someone else's need.

Wheels for the World short-term mission teams, consisting of physical and occupational therapists, mechanics, and support team members, work together to select a chair to best meet a recipient's needs and customize it for the best fit possible. More than several thousand wheelchairs have been distributed in 41 countries since 1999. For people in developing countries where the cost of a wheelchair could exceed a year's salary, gifts of reconditioned wheelchairs make their dreams of a better life through mobility and independence come true.

Hinsdale Hospital is grateful for the opportunity to touch hearts, change lives, and share in the ministry to keep the wheels turning.

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



The Wheels for the World trailer arrives at Hinsdale Hospital to pick up wheelchairs for reconditioning for use in developing countries.

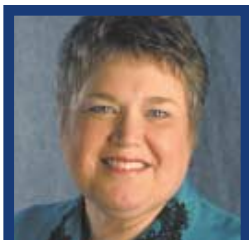


Harlo Chapman and Dallas Harding of Hinsdale Hospital help Fred Steinbach (left) of Wheels for the World, a disability program of Joni and Friends, load out-of-service wheelchairs from Hinsdale Hospital onto a truck for worldwide distribution.

Teacher in the Spotlight

"I do this job because I like it," said Candice Hollingsead, Andrews University Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum (TLC) Department chair. "I get to change people's lives forever." Hollingsead is new to the job this year and does not think she is at Andrews by chance. "I believe that God led my husband and me here to Andrews University. I am here to do His work."

The new chair has had a lot of experience in the teaching world. She taught K-12 special education children in two Kansas schools for four years. "You teach everything—all contents at all grade levels—and you don't teach 'normal' children." Children in special education classes can have a range of challenges from various learning disabilities to autism, blindness, and deafness. In 1995, Hollingsead was honored with the prestigious National Council for Learning Disabilities Teacher of the Year Award for her work.



Candice Hollingsead is the new Andrews University Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum (TLC) Department chair.

She went on to teach at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and then at Loma Linda University for one year at each institution. After earning her doctorate in special education and educational administration from the University of Kansas, Hollingsead taught for five years in the College of Education at Minnesota State University.

In addition to the teaching experience that she brings to her new job, Hollingsead sits on the editorial board for three professional educational journals, the most prestigious being *Teaching Exceptional Children*. "I can offer information, knowledge, and skills on how to educate students with mild special educational needs in a general education classroom. Typically we send those children away to public schools," she said, talking about the church school system. "We can help reverse that trend, and that is one of my passions. Another great passion I have is to train leaders, be they Seventh-day Adventists or not, in a Christian philosophy of education. At the Andrews Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Department, we're here to train teachers as leaders for tomorrow. That is our mission."

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer

Winter Wonderland

There's a new reason to celebrate winter at Andrews University. The addition of a tubing hill on campus has opened up a whole new level of fun for students and their friends to enjoy. The creation of the hill, located on the other side of Pathfinder Hill behind Burman Hall, one of the men's residence halls, was initiated by David Faehner, vice president for university advancement.

"Andrews had a tubing hill from the 1960s until the 1990s which the students absolutely loved," he said. At that time, the hill was closed because the narrow run presented too many insurance liabilities. Faehner reports that the new hill is "bigger, longer, and wider, making it much safer."



Andrews students enjoy the new tubing hill.

The tubing hill officially opened Jan. 12, during the university's second annual Winterfest. Niels-Erik Andreasen, Andrews University president, made the first run. Money for the hill, which had to be cleared of trees, was donated by the senior class of 2003, the Andrews University Student Association, and members of the Andrews University Board of Trustees and President's Circle.

The hill is complete with tubes and lights for nighttime fun. In the future, a shed for storing the tubes and a fence will be installed. Andrews is excited to offer yet another reason to enjoy our campus!

Katie Shaw, University Relations news writer

Indiana Academy Welcomes Alumni to Centennial Celebration

Indiana — The largest crowd to ever attend an Indiana Academy (IA) annual alumni homecoming celebrated IA's 100th year on Oct. 10–13, 2002.

Festivities began Thursday evening with a welcome-home banquet attended by about 200 former students. Dinner tickets were sold out, and after the banquet approximately 550 attended the evening meeting, where Don Gettys, class of 1960, and Harvey



Martha and David Rand (1949) receive a plaque from Harvey Byram ('55) as David is inducted into the IA Hall of Remembrance.

Byram, class of 1955, presented IA's 100-year history, highlighted with numerous human-interest stories about students and faculty. Most exciting was the introduction of the newly-published centennial yearbook, containing the school's history from its beginning in 1902 at Boggstown as Beechwood Academy, and its move to Cicero, in September of 1919, when it was renamed Indiana Academy.

Two former students, Robert Rigsby, class of 1943, and Mable Eastman Richards, wife of H.M.S. Richards Sr., were accepted into the IA Hall of Remembrance. Friday was the 12th annual IA golf tournament and auction, where approximately \$20,000 was raised for the school.

Friday evening was for honoring teachers and staff. Clark Willison, former principal and farm manager, and Charles "Chuck" Trubey, former farm manager, were inducted into the IA Hall of Remembrance.

On Sabbath, the honor class of 1977 led Sabbath school with the Good News Quartet providing music. After Sabbath school, five former students were inducted into the Hall of Remembrance. These five students all have made a major contribution to the school, church, community, or nation: Barbara "Spencer" Bergstrom, class of 1946; Clarence Heinlein, class of 1957; William Geary, class of 1947; Virginia "Nickless" Geary, class of 1947; and David Rand, class of 1949. IA

is very proud of the accomplishments of former students who have made the world a better place.

All too soon the weekend was over, and happy, sometimes teary, goodbyes had to be said. Many will be back next year. One thing is certain: none will be here for the 200th anniversary, but we plan on celebrating that homecoming with Jesus. Until then, Indiana Academy will continue to develop character in young men and women that will last forever in heaven.

Harvey Byram, IA alumni association historian.



IA golf tournament and auction coordinator Jimmy Arnett ('74) presents Perry Pollman, IA principal, with a check in excess of \$20,000 raised for Christian education.

Indiana Academy CNA Class Passes State Licensing Exam

Indiana — One hundred percent of the students in this year's certified nursing assistant class passed the state licensing exam. This class, taught by Susan Landess, R.N., B.S., worked diligently during the first semester to learn how to effectively care for patients in a clinical setting. The curriculum included 30 hours of class work and 75 hours of clinical skills practice in area long-term care facilities.



Indiana Academy CNA graduates celebrate 100% pass rate on the state licensing exam with class coordinator, Susan Landess, R.N., B.S.

The Commonwealth Foundation and the Indiana Conference funded this program, now in its second year of existence. Thanks to the generosity of many, 12 students are now able to increase their earning power as they help pay for their Christian education.

For information about next year's CNA class, contact Indiana Academy at (317) 984-5081.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations director

Indiana Academy and Andrews University Farms Collaborate

Indiana — The Indiana Academy (IA) farm livestock herd was increased by 75 Holstein heifer calves recently. A joint venture with the Andrews University (AU) dairy farm permits the calves to be raised on IA's farm for about 18 months before returning to AU. IA is given a subsidy for each calf it helps raise. It is hoped that a total of 380 AU calves will be incorporated into the IA farm in the near future.

Since the calves are typically four months old when they first arrive, they are bottle-fed by the students. IA students are also able to learn a variety of other skills required for taking care of the animals. They provide clean bedding, hand feed the calves as they grow older, drive the silage wagon, and help maintain the feeding areas—in addition to the many other responsibilities assigned at the farm.

New structures are being raised to help accommodate the additional livestock, including feeding facilities, a hoop building for round hay bale storage, and a new barn. A \$175,000 grant, obtained by IA



IA freshman Josh Fruth feeds the hungry calves each morning at 7:15 a.m.

farm manager Jim Olson, will help improve the farm operations as well.

In addition to raising the heifers, approximately 700 acres of farm land are planted and harvested annually. You can expect to find this hard-working manager on site before 7:00 a.m. and well after dark each evening, keeping a personal watch on the livestock and students.

IA offers many opportunities for students to learn about farming as a rewarding career, to enjoy the benefits of a good day's work in the outdoors, and receive tuition assistance for their academy experience.

If you would like more information on the Indiana Academy farm program, write to 24815 State Road 19, Cicero, IN 46034-9509; or call Beth Bartlett, IA registrar, at (317) 984-3575.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

Academy Students Share Prayer Blankets

Indiana — Students in the essentials of living class at Indiana Academy (IA) recently gave an impromptu baby shower for Birthright of Cicero, a pregnancy counseling center.

The students, assisted by volunteers Carolyn Rollins and Lynne Bandel, made 25 baby "prayer blankets" to provide warmth and comfort to babies in need. The blankets were presented to Birthright executive director Elizabeth Bridgewater during a baby shower at the academy on Nov. 8, 2002. The baby shower was complete with decorations and refreshments.

During the baby shower, Bridgewater related to the students how their gifts would be used. Birthright, a world-wide volunteer organization, offers free counseling, financial assistance, food, clothing, and medical services through a volunteer network.

After learning to sew the prayer blankets, students appreciated the opportunity to share their gifts with community residents who needed them. Each blanket contained a label with the name of the student that sewed it and a message for the mother, saying that the baby receiving the blanket had been prayed for.

For information about Indiana Academy, a school that integrates community service into its curriculum, call (317) 984-3575.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director and Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy public relations director



Students from the Indiana Academy essentials for living class made and wrapped prayer blankets for Birthright of Cicero, a pregnancy counseling center.



Birthright of Cicero executive director Elizabeth Bridgewater, assisted by her daughter, expresses appreciation for the new prayer blankets, sharing that just the day before she had wondered where a new supply of blankets would come from for the center.

Lakeview Hispanic Holds *Hope for the Homeland Crusade*

Illinois — The Lakeview Hispanic Church participated in the *Hope for the Homeland* crusade. Arcadio Colon, personal ministries leader, preached at the north side of Chicago. The whole church was involved, and more than 10 visitors were present each night. At the end of the crusade six people decided to turn their lives over to the Lord.

Four people have been baptized and two more are getting ready to be baptized in the near future. Praise be to the Lord for the participation and dedication of the whole church and for the altruistic work of this layman who preached the Word of God every night. As a result of this experience, the members are now planning to have another crusade next year.

Julio Juarez, Illinois Conference Hispanic ministries director

Adventists Witness at Strassenfest

Indiana — In the town of Jasper, the Strassenfest (a street festival) celebrated its 24th anniversary in August with an estimated 30,000 people attending this year. The Strassenfest seems to occur on the hottest days of the summer, and this year was no exception, with temperatures at 95–97 degrees each day.

This is the fourth year that Adventists have had a booth at the Strassenfest. A Hispanic group that was meeting in Jasper started this ministry and passed the baton on to the Huntingburg Church.

Many decisions had to be made before the first customer came to the booth: What will we serve? What will we charge for each item? Who is going to set up and tear down the booth? Who will be in the booth and when? What are we going to do during the Sabbath hours? How will we cook the food? A lot of organization and volunteering was required.

On Thursday evening, Friday until sundown, Saturday after sundown, and Sunday, the Huntingburg members served vegetarian fajitas and tacos, nachos and cheese, and bottled water. Sheri Helm, Huntingburg Church pastor's wife, made the excellent suggestion of handing out balloons with the church name and phone number on them to children who passed by our booth during the Sabbath hours. A parent accompanying the child was required, so we

could give them a coupon to come back and get a "freebie" at the booth after the Sabbath. Not only did all these balloons bear the silent witness of the Adventist name in the city, but they caused bright smiles on a lot of children's faces.

We sold over \$1,500 worth of food, gave out a couple hundred balloons, and generated a lot of sweat and work. But the real result of our efforts will only be measured in heaven. Meanwhile, the people of Jasper and the surrounding communities got a chance to see and taste what Adventism is all about.

Angela Wilson, Huntingburg Church communication leader

Irvington Community Benefits from Health Fair

Indiana — The tent was up and the banner announcing the second annual health fair was flying at the Irvington (Ind.) Church; however, Saturday night an infamous Indiana thunderstorm blew in.

Early Sunday morning, Irvington personal ministries leader Paula Cross and her team of volunteers observed that while the tent was still standing, the ground was too saturated to set up for the fair. They



Gary Case, Irvington Church pastor and Indiana Conference health and temperance director, prepares to greet health fair community guests.

immediately prepared to move the health fair into the multipurpose room, created new signs, and made sure the entrance was clearly marked for visitors.

Over 70 community visitors benefitted from the health fair. Irvington pastor Gary Case attributes increased fair attendance to a mass mailing of personal invitations.

Participants were able to check cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, and measure their stress levels. They also sampled delicious vegetarian dishes. The



More than 70 Irvington community guests came to the Irvington Church health fair where they participated in health-screening tests and tasted vegetarian dishes.

“tasting kitchen” was a great success, with hot and cold samples and recipes made available for each dish.

The Indiana Conference health van was set up outside the entrance, and visitors were invited to complete a computerized “health age” questionnaire with the promise of an immediate printout of their results.

Cross, a registered nurse and nurse practitioner, invited several colleagues and her sister to participate as unpaid staff. These volunteers also contributed to the success of the event.

While waiting in line for the different tests, guests were asked to complete a brief questionnaire about future interest in community programs and seminars. This information provided the personal ministries team with leads for future programs.

A community health fair requires good organization and effective advanced planning. It was worth the effort for Irvington members who enjoyed the opportunity to provide vital services for the community and make new friends. A Bible study has already been started as a result of the health fair.

Gary Case, Indiana Conference health and temperance director and Irvington Church pastor

Holy Boldness in Lafayette

Indiana — Thorstur Thordarson, Lafayette Church pastor, focused on training members to conduct three separate *Hope for the Homeland* series of meetings. At each of these sites, church members were in charge of planning, speaking, praying, and greeting. “They were excited,” shared Thordarson.

Before the meetings began, members were distributing handbills when they were approached by a police officer who directed them to stop. Pastor

Thordarson, having recently learned of a U.S. Supreme Court decision which supported religious and political groups handing out materials door-to-door, advised the officer of this and indicated that his group would be continuing. The officer proceeded to write a ticket, while members boldly continued distributing handbills throughout the community.

After a 45-minute dialogue with the officer, Thordarson was informed that he would not receive a ticket, but this situation would be referred to the prosecutor. If the prosecutor decided the situation warranted a ticket, Thordarson would hear about it later. Pastor Thordarson reports that he still hasn’t received a ticket for this incident, and he is thankful that his people could finish their work. Many “seeds” were planted in Lafayette because of this group’s holy boldness.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

Lake Union Sponsors Hispanic Theological Symposium

Lake Union — The idea of a symposium in Spanish, suitable for pastors as well as for informed lay persons, was new, at least for the Adventist Theological Society (ATS). This time, the English speakers would listen to the translation! Otoniel Reyes, Lake Union vice president, approved the idea and arranged for participants to receive continuing education credit. The union also covered expenses. The objective was to clarify theological issues in the Adventist Hispanic world and in the church at large. The title: “Haciendo Frente al Fin” (Facing the End).

The Lord blessed abundantly with thought-provoking lectures and good music. Meetings began Sabbath afternoon, Oct. 19, 2002, on the Andrews



More than 40 people attended the Hispanic theological symposium, receiving continuing education credit and gaining valuable insight into the challenges of the end times.

Photos by Reggie Johnson.

University campus. Pastor Reyes set the tone with his welcome and opening address. Loron Wade of Montemorelos (Mexico) University followed, speaking about "The Son of Man in Daniel 7." The evening ended with interesting questions answered by the panel of speakers.

Sunday morning meetings began in the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Spanish Church. Speakers included Angel Manuel Rodríguez, General Conference Biblical Research Institute director, and topics included "Adventist Thoughts on the Apocalypse, Relevance and Challenges," and "Eschatology and the Destiny of Adventism." Recordings of the lectures in Spanish are available on CD. Contact tedw@andrews.edu; (269) 471-4717 if interested.

In the closing exercises, Jo Ann Davidson, Adventist Theological Seminary assistant professor of systematic theology, offered appreciation and encouragement. Many were recognized as contributing to the success of the symposium. Lael Caesar, Andrews University associate professor of religion, was the spark that got it all going. More than 40 received certificates of attendance, and all were inspired to be alert and faithful, facing the challenges of the final days.

Ted Wade, Adventist Theological Society president

Mentor with a Mission

Wisconsin — On April 17, 2002, Sam Bass, community services director of the Fox Valley Church in Neenah, received the Volunteer Educator Award for his dedication to elementary-age students. This award was one of several made during the Fox Valley "Celebrating Our Volunteers 2002" banquet. The event was co-sponsored by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and *The Post-Crescent*, an area newspaper.

Bass is a member of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Twice a week, he spends time tutoring at the Kimberly Area School District's Janssen and Sunrise schools. "I help the kids to read and write," he says. "I want them to be up with the other kids in their grade. I feel my award represents all the people who volunteer in this field. I was selected to represent them. They do the same thing that I do."

Bass is also trained to be part of a Beginning Awareness/Basic Education Studies (BABES) team. BABES teams visit elementary schools to teach children how to make safe choices about alcohol and drugs. The program also teaches them how to express

feelings. The teams use puppets to get their message across. Bass narrates the skits and provides music with his guitar.

When Bass first started volunteering with the RSVP in his area, about 75 people were involved. Now, three years later, more than 300 volunteers give their time and energy to various projects. Bass has been instrumental in recruiting many of these volunteers. RSVP is an organization that matches the skills and interests of retired and senior people with needs in the community. Programs exist in nearly every state.

For Bass, the real rewards of volunteering come from the kids. "I was walking down the hall at one of the schools, and a little girl said to her friend, 'Hey, that's my grandpa.' That made me smile. ... The kids



Sam Bass is involved in several volunteer programs. Here he tutors elementary student Erin VandenBoogaard.

come to see the volunteers as family. When I got this award, they made me cards and a dinner."

Bass encourages everyone to become involved in a volunteering project. Many people and organizations are looking for volunteers, he says. He suggests checking the newspaper or a local church for volunteer opportunities. For example, Bass and many of the members of his church collect about 125 pounds of items such as groceries and gifts for needy families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Bass's community has become his mission field. "Volunteering is a good way to witness," he says.

Kristy Brown, former Wisconsin Conference communication intern

NAD Selects Lake Union Representative for Singles' Ministry Steering Committee

Indiana — The North American Division (NAD) recently named Indianapolis Southside Church member Gina L. Vanderveen as the Lake Union Conference representative to the Singles' Ministry Steering Committee.

The NAD family ministries department plans to establish a ministry for unmarried Adventist adults. Recognizing there are more than 300,000 unmarried adult church members, Willie Oliver, NAD family ministries director, has begun the process of developing a ministry targeted to this specific group.

Single adults are members who often "fall through the cracks." Feeling ignored and abandoned by the church, many will just quietly drift away. A ministry that is specific to their needs will go far to help singles realize just how much God does love them.

Vanderveen has served as both the Indiana singles' ministries secretary and president, leading out in two retreats each year at Camp Timber Ridge, Spencer, Ind.

J. Blake Hall, Indianapolis Southside Church communication leader

Michigan's Only Low-power FM Station Is Dedicated

Michigan — On Sabbath, Dec. 7, 2002, Loren Nelson, Michigan Conference ministerial director, was at West Branch to dedicate the brand new and only Michigan FM low-power radio station—WAWB-LP, 107.3 FM.

The project began in September of 2000 when the church board, under the leadership of former pastor Charles Davisson, accepted the challenge to have a radio voice as an outreach program to their community. The church board and committee members voted to construct and operate the radio station. They had learned that the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) was taking applications from non-profit, educational, and governmental groups for low-power stations. Tim Searfoss, church board and committee member, was appointed to contact Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) to determine how to proceed. The network suggested the church contact CMBE, a consulting company that would assist them in obtaining the proper permits and licenses.

The studios for WAWB-LP FM radio are located in a

room of the West Branch Church. Costs to build the studio and its initial set-up charges were a little more than \$20,000, which does not include the hours of volunteer work needed to install the equipment. The costs to maintain the station average \$600 per month. Currently, they are broadcasting 3ABN programming 24 hours a day, and the signal reaches most of Ogemaw County. They hope to start producing and broadcasting a limited number of local half-hour programs. In February of this year, they anticipate broadcasting sermon tapes of West Branch's current pastor, Keith Phillips, using tape delay.

Bruce Dean is the station's general manager, responsible for its operation and maintenance, while Keith Searfoss provides technical computer assistance. They care for the transmitter, audio processor, mixing board, microphones, CD player, tape deck, the antenna, and temporary tower.

But, they still need a permanent tower, EAS (Emergency Alert System) decoder, remote-facilities controller, music CDs, and high-quality audio CDs with recorded messages that can be used in place of 3ABN programming that is repeated throughout the day.

The West Branch Church is one of only a handful of Adventist churches that were issued a construction permit and have gone on the air. Nationwide, 3,270 applications from nonprofit organizations were submitted. To date, 513 construction permits have been issued, with only 98 stations on the air.

The church family welcomes everyone's prayer support for continual success in their mission of sharing "... this gospel of the kingdom ... as a witness ... and then shall the end come" Matt. 24:14.

Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent, with Erin Maul, West Branch Church communication leader



West Branch and Mio church members gather in the studios of WAWB-LP, 107.3 FM at West Branch, Mich. The station reaches most of Ogemaw County, Mich.



Keith Phillips (right), West Branch Church pastor, and Logan Seafross try out the microphone in the studio.

Proposed Language for European Union Constitution Challenged

Silver Spring, MD — A call to unite Europe based on its Christian heritage employs the wrong premise, says an Adventist theologian citing the current discussion surrounding moves to form a common foundation for the European Union.

In an interview with *Adventist Newslines*, Teofilo Ferreira, a Portuguese Adventist theologian and educator, said the covenant, which is to bind the European nations on the grounds of a common cultural Christian heritage, should be challenged.

“Culture goes nowhere,” said Ferreira. “The common ground we have from the Scriptures is the concept of (a) covenant—God’s covenant with his people. Europe is the oldest Christian continent, and it is clear that Europeans are generally proud of being Christian and with such rich background.”

“It’s well known how many historical backgrounds (Europe) has,” says Ferreira, and he says it’s difficult to unify Europe if it’s not for a common element—religion, mainly Christianity.

Recent comments by the pope regarding the proposed European Constitution are perhaps understandable from his perspective, says Jonathan Gallagher, Adventist Church liaison to the United Nations. Gallagher said, however, that it is more important to speak about issues of religious freedom than of religious heritage.

“The most important aspect is religious freedom—which was all too frequently absent in European history. The European Constitution should contain clear and unambiguous guarantees of religious liberty, and language that guarantees the rights of religious minorities will be fully respected. Freedom of conscience and worship are at the heart of any free and democratic society.”

*Ansel Oliver, Adventist News Network/
Adventist News Review*

2003: Adventist Youth Year of Compassion

Silver Spring, MD — The year 2003 will not be just another typical year for Adventist youth, says Baraka Muganda, General Conference youth director. In a proclamation declaring 2003 the Year of Compassion, Muganda challenged millions of youth to “spread out into the community, making people happy, filling homes and schools with hope, and touching lives with the hands of God.”

Explaining the initiative, Muganda said the world youth team is recommending more than 100 projects to tangibly involve young people around the world in “performing acts of compassion.”

In an interview with *Adventist News Network*, Muganda explained the Year of Compassion objectives. “Youth in our postmodern culture need to do more than hear the Word of God preached. There is a need and an opportunity to make Christianity real and practical. The program is creating an opportunity for Adventist youth to share their love of God with the community.”

“We usually talk about the benefits of doing this or doing that,” Muganda said. “By being compassionate, our young people will develop an increased feeling of self-worth. They will achieve a more open and honest relationship with each other, and obviously will get an increased awareness of the needs in their communities. As this is an international initiative, we hope that our Adventist youth will deepen the feeling of being a part of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist mission.”

The Year of Compassion will culminate with the Youth and Community Service Bangkok World Conference, Dec. 14, 2003, to Jan. 3, 2004. It is projected that the Thailand event will draw thousands of young Adventists who participated in the “Actions of Compassion” projects.

A starter kit, prepared by the world church youth department, includes an “idea list” of suggestions for each quarter of 2003, building on the theme and helping them explore practical ideas on living a life of compassion.

For more information or to request a starter kit, contact the General Conference youth department at (301) 680-6140 or <http://youth.gc.adventist.org>.

Ray Dabrowski, General Conference communication director

MILEPOSTS

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WEDDINGS

TRICIA T. OPICKA AND DAVID D. MUTH JR. were married June 16, 2002, in Ionia, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Dan Collins.

Tricia is the daughter of Darrel and Anna Jean Opicka of Ionia, and David is the son of David and Norma Muth of Boseman, Mont.

The Muths are making their home in Caldwell, Idaho.

OBITUARIES

COLLARD, ROBERT G., age 77; born Mar. 11, 1925, in Sarasota, Fla.; died Oct. 31, 2002, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" L. (Scanlon); sons, William and Robert "Scott"; daughter, Zoe Giles; sisters, Kathryn Frey and Betty Weakley; and two grandchildren.

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

HOPKINS, THELMA L. (MARTIN), age 76; born July 19, 1926, in Boyne Falls, Mich.; died Nov. 21, 2002, in Gaylord, Mich. She was a member of the Gaylord Church.

Survivors include her husband, James; son, Keith; daughters, Joann Carper and Rosilee Toth; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Terry

Nelson, with private inurnment.

NEU, WILLIAM (BILL) G., age 70; born Jan. 30, 1932, in Leslie, Mich.; died Nov. 25, 2002, in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia (Dornan); sons, Clark R., Kevin D., and Brian K.; sister, Violet Abbey; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Don Siewert, and interment was in Woodland Cemetery, Jackson, Mich.

OKONSKI, ELLEN L. (JUNKKAR), age 84; born Nov. 17, 1917, in Painesdale, Mich.; died Sept. 13, 2002, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Benton Harbor (Mich.) Fairplain Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; son, Craig D.; daughter, Marsha L. Murphy; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Victor R. Brown, and interment was in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph, Mich.

PECK, BILLY H., age 78; born Jan. 13, 1924, in Mammoth, W.Va.; died Mar. 14, 2002, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the Pinedale Church, Gobles, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Hedwig (Weingartner); sons, William and Hans "Dan"; daughter, Edith Nieboer; brother, Calvin; sister, Agnes Ives; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Alvaro

C. Sauza, and inurnment was in Kendall Cemetery, Pinegrove Township, Mich.

PERRY, ARLA M. (OTTO), age 78; born Nov. 29, 1923, in Detroit, Mich.; died Oct. 27, 2002, in Holly, Mich. She was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donald L.; daughters, Sue Kirk and Carol Matthews; brother, Arnold Otto; sister, Janet Kline; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Bob Benson and Elder Earl Zager, and inurnment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

SADOSTY, ANE (JENSEN), age 95; born Dec. 3, 1906, in superior, Neb.; died Sept. 10, 2002, in Ludington, Mich. She was a member of the Ludington Church.

Survivors include her son, Walter L.; brother, Jens V. Jensen; sister, Inger Harrell; and two grandchildren.

The memorial services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Carlson, and inurnment was in South Victory Cemetery, Victory Township, Mich.

SCHNECK, CARL F., age 85; born Mar. 16, 1917, in South Bend, Ind.; died Sept. 5, 2002, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edith L. (Reid); son, Gary L.; stepsons, Dale and Darrell Johnson; stepdaughter, June Morris; brothers, Otto and Bill; sister, Rose Kupper; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Isaias Santos, and interment was in Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles.

SMALLEY, BERNICE G. (HANSEN), age 88; born Apr. 23, 1914, in Kent County, Mich.; died July 9, 2002, in Belding, Mich. She was a member of the Belgreen Church, Greenville, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Jay and Lester; daughter, Genevieve Clark; brother, Martin Hansen; sisters, Cora Parker and Mildred Allen; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Karl Tsatalbasidis and James E. Micheff Sr., and interment was in River Ridge Cemetery, Otisco Township, Mich.

SWANSON, OLIVER F., age 91; born Sept. 9, 1911, in Hinsdale, Ill.; died Oct. 23, 2002, in Springfield, Ill. He was a member of the First Church, Springfield.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude L. (Anderson); son, Richard O.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Art Nelson, and inurnment was in St. John's Cemetery, Oakbrook, Ill.

TEMPLE, ALMA (FELDBUSH), age 84; born Dec. 17, 1917, in Silverwood, Mich.; died Aug. 2, 2002, in Gaylord, Mich. She was a member of the Gaylord Church.

Survivors include her sons, John and Bob; daughter, Joanne; brothers, Otto, John, Harold, and Walter Feldbush; sisters, Beth Currant, Ida Anderson, and Dorothy Engle; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Jan. 30–Feb. 2—University special preview weekend (for prospective students); **Feb. 1**—Chamber Players "American Dreams" concert at 8:00 p.m. at the Box Factory in St. Joseph, Mich.; **11**—Black History chapel at 10:30 a.m. in Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC); **18–22**—Creative Arts Festival; **19–22**—Lake Union music festival; **21**—Wind Symphony vespers at 7:30 p.m. in PMC; **22**—Music festival concert at 4:00 p.m. in PMC; **22**—Symphony Orchestra "Young Artists" concert at 8:00 p.m. in PMC; **24–Mar. 1**—Week of

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SPECIAL DAYS: **Feb. 2–8**—Black History Week; **9–15**—Christian Home and Marriage Week; **22**—Health Ministries Sabbath; **Mar. 1**—Women's Day of Prayer.

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Feb. 1—11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon ET, *Adventist Worship Hour*, John Nixon, Oakwood College; **4**—7:00–8:30 p.m. ET, Adventist Television Network (ATN) Uplink; **8**—

4:30–6:30 p.m. ET, Rejoice (Ministry Rally); **11**—7:00–8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **18**—7:00–8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **25**—7:00–8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **Mar. 1**—11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon ET, *AWH*, Lee Venden, College Place (Wash.) Village Church; *Voice of Prophecy* concert, Orlando, Fla.

BREATH OF LIFE

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Week of Feb. 2—“Who Are You” Part 2; **9**—“Medicine and Magnetism,” Part 1; **16**—“Medicine and Magnetism,” Part 2; **23**—“A Woman Called Somebody.”

FAITH FOR TODAY

Lifestyle Magazine, www.lifestyle.org, **Week of Feb. 2**—“Youth Violence”; **9**—“Gender Depression”; **16**—“HMOs (Health Maintenance Organizations)”; **23**—“Transitions,” Part 1;

The Evidence, www.theevidence.org, **Week of Feb. 2**—“Through the Fire”; **9**—“Searching for God”; **16**—“On God and War”; **23**—“On God and Dying.”

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Week of Feb. 2—“The Hidden Invitation”; **9**—“The One and Only”; **16**—“The Other World”; **23**—“A Place Called Home”; **Mar. 2**—“Terror for Terror.”

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Week of Feb. 2—“So You Want My Honest Opinion?” (Sin Pelos en la Lengua); **9**—“A Pitfall Named Envy,” (El Pozo de la Envidia); **16**—“The Worst Prison,” (La Jaula de los Celos); **23**—“A New Covenant,” (Pacto con los Sentidos).

THE QUIET HOUR

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Windows of Hope, Feb. 3—“Unforgettable Forgiveness”; **10**—“The Best of Friends”; **17**—“Jesus the Revolutionary”; **24**—“Strength at Your Weakest”; **Mar. 3**—“Great Failures I Have Known.”

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Week of Feb. 2—*Sun.*: “Getting the Goods”; *Mon.–Fri.*: “A Free Extra Decade of Life,” Part 1; **9**—*Sun.*: “1 Corinthians—How to Grow a Church”; *Mon.–Fri.*: “A Free Extra Decade of Life,” Part 2; **16**—*Sun.*: “How to Stay Found”;

Lake Union Conference Tithes Comparison Year-to-date

48 weeks ending November 30, 2002, compared to 47 weeks ending November 30, 2001

Membership Basis			Average Increase (Decrease)		% Inc.-Decr.		Per Capita	
11/30/02	11/30/01	Conference	2002	2001			2002	2001
12,101	11,881	Illinois	8,339,692	7,961,486	378,206	4.75%	689.17	670.10
6,540	6,459	Indiana	5,620,175	5,244,236	375,938	7.17%	859.35	811.93
25,903	24,925	Lake Region	9,455,357	8,753,218	702,139	8.02%	365.03	351.18
24,362	24,034	Michigan	23,862,585	22,809,587	1,052,998	4.62%	979.50	949.05
<u>6,494</u>	<u>6,393</u>	Wisconsin	<u>5,088,027</u>	<u>5,172,458</u>	<u>-84,430</u>	<u>-1.63%</u>	<u>783.50</u>	<u>809.08</u>
75,400	73,692	Totals	52,365,835	49,940,985	2,424,851	4.86%	694.51	677.70
Tithes per Week			1,090,955	1,062,574	28,381	2.67%		

Sunset Calendar

	Jan 31	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28
Berrien Springs, Mich.	5:59	6:08	6:17	6:25	6:34
Chicago	5:04	5:13	5:22	5:31	5:39
Detroit	5:46	5:55	6:04	6:13	6:22
Indianapolis	6:03	6:12	6:20	6:28	6:36
La Crosse, Wis.	5:14	5:24	5:33	5:43	5:52
Lansing, Mich.	5:50	5:59	6:08	6:17	6:26
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Springfield, Ill.	5:17	5:25	5:33	5:41	5:49

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The Lake Union Welcomes New Communication Director

This morning as we were preparing to go to press with this February issue, we received the good news that Gary Burns has accepted the call to be our Lake Union Conference communication director. This issue of the *Lake Union Herald* would not be complete without adding this warm welcome to Gary, his wife Maryann, and their children as they make the transition to join our ministry team.

Presently, Gary pastors the church at Dakota Adventist Academy in Bismark, N.D. He also teaches an academy Bible class or two, and serves the Dakota Conference in youth and young adult ministries and as summer camp coordinator. He has also been associate pastor for youth ministries at Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich., and pastor of a three-church district in Ohio.

Previous to his pastoral experience, Gary managed a commercial video production company, recording studio, and advertising agency, where he

produced, directed, edited, and designed programs and commercials for broadcast television. For five years he was producer/director/writer for Kettering Medical Center Television and was a health reporter for WKEF-TV news in Dayton, Ohio. He's written articles for several Christian journals and designed a series of Bible studies for entry-level Christians—*Principles of Christ's Kingdom*.

Gary has an M.A. in religious education from Andrews University and a B.A. in theology from Columbia Union College. Gary and Maryann have three children—Josie, Tyler, and Ryan.

Gary and his wife, Maryann, love to serve God and the Adventist Church. We look forward to working with Gary and to the contribution his experience will bring to our Lake Union communication ministry.



Gary and Maryann Burns

EXTREME GRACE

all in the failed hope that I could do something to take the stains away and give me a life I could wear in public without embarrassment.

Stained Blue Jeans

and Other Lessons about Love

by Dick Duerksen

My new pair of jeans is covered with stains. When I wear them, I look like I've been playing in a mud pile. There are dark brown stains on the knees and a big reddish-black Rorschach splotch on one of the rear pockets.

I've tried every stain remover known to Target, including "Shout It Out" and Amway's "last stain remover you'll ever need!" None helped. Whatever I wallowed in has muddied me forever. About the only options left are dyeing the jeans dark brown, bleaching them white, or giving them to the Salvation Army. I am certainly embarrassed to wear them in public as they are.

Unfortunately, my life is rather like my jeans. Stained!

I am dirtied by choices I've made and by choices I've neglected to make. I've tried everything I know to come clean. I've made New Year's resolutions, attended 12-step programs, had Crucial Conversations, read my Bible, and attended church—

Nothing has worked. I look into the mirror of my life, and every stain still shouts my failures—little white lies, angry bursts of emotion, thoughtless words. I feel like the enemy is right beside me, eagerly reminding me of every fall, every dumb mistake, every failure to live up to God's ideal.



Some of the memories are so old that they come up in black and white. Others are matrix-like holograms that make yesterday's events more real than they ever were. All come accompanied with condemnation, designed to wipe away all smiles and break my resolve for living the good life.

But, *praise God!*, there is an effective antidote, one product that lives up to its cleansing claims. It's called F&R—Forgiveness and Restoration—and it's marketed directly by the producer, God Himself.

Apply F&R, and it's like Christmas, birthday, anniversary, baptism, communion, and last rites all rolled into one awesome truth. God takes away the stains—and then forgets them! Filthy becomes clean, sad becomes happy, angry becomes peaceful, and guilty becomes innocent. All because that's how He made us to be.

"Come," God invites, "let my love do a cleansing job in you. I will scrub away all your stains and give you a life as pure as fresh snow, as clean as lambs' wool. I'll give you a new start, a guilt-free life filled with energy, adequate to maintain its purity" (Isaiah 1:18).

A new year can celebrate far more than a change of calendar. For those who accept God's offer of cleansing, it can also be the shout of joy that comes when we look for our stains and see only His *purity*.

It is the applause that comes when our stains are exchanged for His gift of *love*.

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Lindsey Sands

Lindsey Sands, 18, is a senior at Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) where she has attended all 14 years, beginning with pre-school. As a very active member of the HAA student body, she has served as student association religious vice-president, while also participating in the band and choir and playing on the girls' basketball team. Her favorite class is math. During the afternoons she works in the school office where she is a real asset to the administrative staff.

Lindsey is also an active member of the Hinsdale Church where she attends faithfully, helping with Pathfinders, and at times giving assistance in the junior Sabbath school division. She has also worked with the youth pastor in planning a Bible camp weekend and an area-wide youth rally.

Lindsey is a very committed Christian young person. Her career goal is to become a youth pastor or to work in some area of youth ministries.

Andrew Maldonado, 18, has been enrolled at Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) for 13 years, kindergarten through this his academy senior year. He is president of the senior class of 2003, but more than this, he is also a student leader who leads by example both academically and spiritually. According to Mike Burks, HAA principal, "Andrew is one of the most positive spiritual leaders on our campus, and he will do anything he can to help you anytime."

Andrew is a member of the National Honor Society. He also plays a key role in many groups at HAA, including band, choir, gymnastics, and the boys' basketball team.

He is a member of the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church where he also is very involved musically with the youth. Wherever he is, Andrew demonstrates a positive Christian spirit in all that he does.



Andrew Maldonado

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