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Spiritual Life on the
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Heather Ferguson, an Andrews University senior math and Spanish major and Inreach co-director, brushes snow off of a randomly chosen car as an on-campus ministry. Inreach is a new ministry created to "reach out to students during ordinary days."

Photo by Phil Anderson, Andrews University senior photography student.

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EDITORIAL

BY GORDON L. RETZER,
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The Prayers of the People of God

Andrews University has had a significant influence on my life and my journey with the Lord. I had the privilege of attending the Adventist Theological Seminary after I had been a pastor for about four years. It was fulfilling and very challenging at the same time. With two babies, two jobs, a full quota of credits each quarter, Cheryl and I hardly had time to enjoy the "luxury" of Beechwood apartment D-47.

One day between classes, I checked my mailbox at the seminary and found a note from Tom Blincoe, one of my professors. He was asking me to see him that afternoon in his office after I completed my classes. When I sat down in his office, wondering what it was all about, he very kindly began asking me how things were going. He asked about Cheryl, and our children, and my work, and my classes, and my relationship with God. He said life was pretty hectic at the seminary, and he wanted me to know he was available to encourage me. Then he prayed for me and my family and my friendship with Jesus. I could tell it wasn't just his job—it was his ministry.

At Andrews today, teachers and administrators still pray with their students. They still ask how they're doing. They still want more than anything for students to have a meaningful relationship with God.

On September 15, 1874, in a letter on the eve of his sailing for Europe, J. N. Andrews wrote: "And now, as we set forth, we commit ourselves to the merciful protection of God, and we especially ask the prayers of the people of God that His blessing may attend us in this sacred work."

I believe that Andrews University faculty, staff, and administrators need the "prayers of the people of God that His blessing may attend them in their sacred work." This is our school—Andrews—and I know you will join me in praying right now that God will attend Andrews' leaders in their sacred work.

Lake Union Volunteers Construct New Church

BY BRYAN DEL VALLE

Forty volunteers who, in the spirit of Christmas, believed it was “more blessed to give than to receive,” spent their Christmas vacation on a mission trip sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International—a non-profit Adventist organization which organizes and implements the construction of urgently needed buildings all over the world. On December 26, 2002, the volunteers arrived in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Steve Yeagley, of Andrews University, coordinated and led out in this 12-day mission experience.

Our group’s primary work focused on building a much-needed, cinder block church. Prior to our arrival, the church members met in a makeshift, open-air structure next to a noisy street. Our first Sabbath was spent there worshiping with this vibrant group of fellow believers. Attendance was so high that some

worshippers were not able to find a place under the shelter.

Jerry Anderson, a seasoned Maranatha volunteer, directed the work on the construction site. Each morning he awarded a prized box of Little Debbie’s to an outstanding individual on the work site. Safety was important, and workers were equipped with hard hats and gloves. As a result, no injuries occurred. Construction continued so smoothly and efficiently that we were able to hold Sabbath services in the new church before we left. Over 200 were in attendance that morning, and Jonathan Leonor, Great Lakes Adventist Academy senior, delivered an inspiring message in Spanish.

Nine days after construction began on this little church, the walls were complete and the roof was in place. The honor of laying the last block—the climax of all the backbreaking labor under the hot tropical sun—went to the church’s head elder. With aching muscles, soiled clothes, and satisfaction in our hearts, we gathered around this man of God as he put the finishing piece on what had now become his new church. He could not hold back the tears as he tried to express his gratitude for what God had done through us.

Having worked hard for several days, we were ready

for a day at the beach. Following a three-hour bus ride, we boarded a catamaran, which easily carried our entire group over the crystal-blue waters to a secluded island beach. After all the hard work our group had done, the sun, warm water, and waves proved a refreshing reprieve.

Aside from constructing a church, we also participated in other ministries. Steve Moulder, an anesthesiologist from California, ran a clinic, offering free medical assistance. Students from Andrews University and Great Lakes Adventist Academy offered assistance by taking blood pressures, giving vitamin B-12 shots, and assisting with the distribution of medication. We were able to help between 50 and 90 people per day.



Bryan del Valle interacts with a group of local children during a pause in the work schedule.

Vacation Bible School attracted an average of 75 neighborhood children, most of whom were not Adventist. For a week they learned new songs, heard Bible stories, and colored pictures. Students from Great Lakes Adventist Academy pitched in to provide gifts for each of the girls and boys.

Though we sacrificed much to help these beautiful people, we all returned with much more than we gave.

Bryan del Valle is an Adventist Theological Seminary student at Andrews University.



A group of Andrews University students traveled to the Dominican Republic to build a new church during Christmas break.

NEW MEMBERS

ILLINOIS

Douglas and Sandra Burcham were non-attending members of the Assembly of God congregation in Highland, Illinois, when they received an eye-catching flier in the mail, announcing that a *Revelation Odyssey* seminar was coming to their community. Since Sandra had just finished reading the end-time book, *Left Behind*, the ad captured her attention. She immediately telephoned the Oakhill Adventist Church in Caseyville, where the meetings were scheduled, and asked who was sponsoring the series and who was speaking. All of her questions were answered by a courteous and friendly lady who told her that the meetings were sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventists and presented by Jay and Renee Baker.

As Douglas and Sandra were attending the Revelation Odyssey meetings, Jay's dynamic Bible messages captured their hearts and began to change their lives. Douglas became so excited at what he was learning that he purchased an entire set of cassette tape recordings of the nightly lectures. These he immediately sent to his daughter, **Heather Tucker**, who lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, with her husband, **Jwan**, a helicopter mechanic at Fort Wainwright. Heather set the tapes aside for a

few days as she thought about how she would listen to them.

Then a providential meeting took place at the School Age Services, an after-school program on the post where Heather took her children while she attended her nursing school classes. She met **Loretta Overway**, one of the employees, and they spent five hours one day at Heather's home



Cody Burcham, son of Douglas and Sandra, is baptized by Jay Baker.



The Burcham family, (from left) Sandra, Cody, Jessica, Doug, and Doug Jr., were all baptized as a result of the Revelation Odyssey seminar at the Oakhill Church, Caseyville, Illinois.

discussing various biblical topics. From this experience, a close friendship developed, and Heather, remembering the tapes her father had sent, invited Loretta to her home to listen to those recorded lectures.

Just two days after they began listening, Heather received a flier in the mail announcing a Fairbanks Revelation Seminar in the local Adventist church by evangelist Lyle Albreicht. Heather wanted to attend and asked Loretta to go with her. They went

together and were captivated by the messages, deciding to attend all 21 of the lectures.

So, what has God done through that little flier that arrived in the Burcham's mailbox several months ago? Douglas and Sandra Burcham and three of their children, **Douglas, Cody**, and **Jessica**, were baptized into the Oakhill Church, while **Jwan and Heather Tucker** and their two children, **Ashlee** and **Stephen**, plus **Loretta Overway** were baptized into the Fairbanks congregation. The result is 10 new Adventists—nine from one family whose members live almost 3,000 miles apart. Sandra is taking four of her children to the Oakhill Pathfinder Club activities and staying to assist. Meanwhile, Heather and Loretta are working together to organize a children's program for their small church in Fairbanks. What a marvelous God we serve!

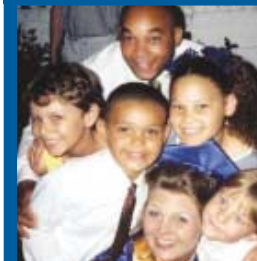
Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

MICHIGAN

Joshua (Josh) Drumm was considered by his position football coach, John Lewis, as the best long snapper on campus at Alma (Michigan)



Jwan and Heather Tucker with their children, Stephen and Ashlee.



(From left) back row, Jwan Tucker; second row, Marli Burcham (Douglas and Sandra's daughter) and Stephen and Ashlee Tucker; front row, Heather Tucker and nephew Zach Johnson.

College. During his junior year football season, he played in all 10 Saturday football games and earned his varsity letter. This past fall when the Alma College Scots



Joshua Drumm chose faith over football when he made his decision to keep the Sabbath and join the Adventist Church.

went 9–1 and earned a national ranking of 18th in the NCAA Division III, Josh chose to become a practice player only. Last March, at the end of his junior year and after having played football for 10 years, Josh made a life-changing choice. He chose to exchange his love for Saturday football games for, as he describes it, “a much more productive, eventful, and fulfilling experience.” Josh chose to become a Seventh-day Adventist Christian and celebrate the biblical Sabbath by worshiping his Creator from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday.

Josh made his choice following a personal search in the Bible to learn what God’s will was for him. He read in Exodus 20:8–11, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.” In his heart, he felt this was God’s voice speaking to him. Since he desired to follow Jesus, he made the choice not to play football on Sabbath. “At first it was a little difficult,” Josh said, “but now that I’ve chosen to walk down that path, my Saturdays are much more productive.”

On his own, Josh decided to attend the Twin Cities Adventist Church in Alma. At church he met Bill Butcher, a church elder, and asked him to come to his college room and help him study the Bible on Friday nights. They selected the *Good News* study guides, and Josh discovered all the Bible’s funda-

mental teachings.

During high school, Josh had an extensive athletic career. He was the only senior at Central Montcalm High School, Stanton, Michigan, to play in all three major sports—football,

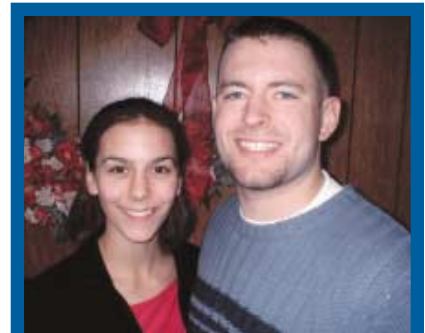
basketball, and baseball—and became a three-sports star. At Alma College, he began his football career by playing in the Saturday varsity games, but after his decision to follow Christ’s example, he has only played in the Monday junior varsity games. “If I wanted to keep playing on the Sabbath, I could. It’s my choice,” he said.

Back at college, his friends on the football team were supportive but split on how they felt about his choice. Some felt it was a noble and worthy stand, while others thought he was crazy and misguided. Jim Cole, his head coach who was both apprehensive and understanding, asked Josh to wait until the fall for a final decision. When fall rolled around, Josh had made a firm decision for Christ and His Sabbath.

In January 2002, Josh decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist. During a conversation in May, Josh told Jeff Freeman, Twin Cities Church pastor, he wanted to be baptized. Josh was baptized in June 2002.

Two months later, [Julie Jeppesen](#),¹ Josh’s fiancée and a sophomore education major, made her decision to follow Jesus and was also baptized in the Twin Cities Church. Today they are actively inviting college classmates to attend Bible studies and church as their guests.

After the morning worship service, they drive to Josh’s grandparents’ home for dinner and spend the afternoon discussing the Bible. Their weekly guests always seem thankful for these spiritual and social opportunities.



To share their new faith, Josh and Julie invite college students to attend church with them, and then take their guests to Josh’s grandparents’ home for Sabbath dinner and Christian fellowship.

It has been Josh’s lifelong dream to be a physician and take care of people’s basic needs. He believes that afterwards they will listen more intently to the biblical truths he wants to share. On December 4, 2002, he was accepted into Michigan State’s College of Osteopathic Medicine. Today he is praying for God’s continued leading as he steps forward in faith to follow Jesus in the pursuit of his life goal.

¹See next month’s New Member section for Julie’s conversion story.

Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

An Associated Press story entitled “Running Back Chooses Faith over Football” about Joshua Drumm appeared in the November 21, 2002, *South Bend (Indiana) Tribune* sports section.



Go Ye into All the Campus...

BY KATIE SHAW

There is a fresh, new way to praise God on the Andrews University campus. No matter what day it is, you will find our students in fellowship with each other and with their Creator. Whether they prefer to serve at an inner-city ministry, an on-campus ministry, or just want to start their own ministry, they can find it all on our campus.

This is the story of the faculty, staff, and students at Andrews, 3,500 students strong, who work to make the campus a house of God.

Keith Mattingly, religion department chair, and his wife, Margarita, physics professor, began a campaign a year and a half ago to make the weekly chapel experiences more interactive and meaningful. Margarita felt the traditional chapel service was not tailored to speak to each student and decided to do something to make worship more personal. That's when the Mattinglys came up with the idea for Chapel Choices, an alternative to the conventional services.

As all great ideas must, Chapel Choices began as an item on the Chapel, Assembly, and Religious Life (CARL) committee agenda. Keith, a member of the committee, brought the idea before a some-

what hesitant group of committee members. After some talking and lots of praying, the committee—chaired by Timothy Nixon, campus ministries chaplain—gave the go-ahead. So far, Chapel Choices has received rave reviews from the Andrews students. Junior international public relations and French major Bjorn Karlman says he likes this type of worship format. "It allows more interaction and connection between students. It has made me think and become a little more mature in my spiritual life," he says.

I've been able to meet new people because of the smaller group and have felt much more open about sharing.

Chapel Choices usually occurs twice each semester and includes approximately 20 different worship experiences presented by

faculty and staff on campus. Everyone—including a history professor, a student success consultant, a biology professor, and the University Press director—has jumped on the bandwagon and enthusiastically gotten involved in planning meaningful worship for students.

The sense of community is what most impressed communication professor Janice Watson's students. After the fall semester Chapel Choices, Janice asked her public speaking class if they had anything they wanted her to thank God for in her prayer before class started. She said, "I was fascinated because several hands shot up immediately. What followed was basically a reflection on Chapel Choices," but, "interestingly enough, none of them had attended the same one." Senior communication major Erin Heldstab also appreciates the more intimate feeling of Chapel Choices. She said, "I've been able to meet new people because of the smaller group and have felt much more open about sharing."

Robert Zdor, biology professor, facilitated a group of students at the February 18 Chapel Choices. His topic: Service. "Service is life-changing," said Robert. Other Chapel Choices options available

included a tour of campus history and inspiring stories of God's past providence, stories of three Andrews educators' college experiences and how their faith was strengthened, a study in literature about the meaning of true love, an inductive Bible study, and a Hebrew/English service of prayers, readings, and songs. Adventist Frontier Missions, an Adventist mission organization located in Berrien Springs near Andrews, even got involved and hosted a Chapel Choice of their own.

Inreach has helped me focus more on my relationship with God. It has brightened my days at Andrews!

One of the more popular choices is led by Mickey Kutzner, physics professor. Students are encouraged to bring their instruments and their voices for a praise "jam session." "One of the great things about Chapel Choices," said Keith Mattingly, "is that they take place in a smaller venue."

Don May, College of Arts and Sciences assistant dean and director of retention, also loves the idea of Chapel Choices. "It caters to individual perspectives on spiritual growth and meets the needs of the students more specifically. It also allows students to make a choice about a spiritual activity." Erin Heldstab appreciates being able to make that choice based on what is happening in her life around the time Chapel Choices is offered. "It provides a



From left: Erin Cook, Jon Davidson, Sheila Cook and Daniel Fekete enjoy a jam session with physics professor Mickey Kutzner.

Photo by Erin Heldstab

way for me to choose what it is I am needing at that specific time in the semester."

But Chapel Choices isn't the only revolutionary way to praise God on campus. Heather Ferguson, senior math and Spanish major, featured on our cover, and Kristin Schmid, junior chemistry major, co-lead Inreach, a new ministry they created to reach out to students during ordinary days. One of the Inreach ministries is scraping snow and ice off cars for unsuspecting winter drivers on campus.

The week of fall semester finals in December, Inreach took to the sidewalks armed with clothes pins displaying messages such as, "I just prayed for your finals," or "Jesus loves you." As students walked by, they clipped the pins on their backpacks or clothes without the students' knowledge. Erik Brown, freshman math major, was impressed with this gesture. "I thought it was cool that somebody had taken the time to do that. They went out of their way during finals, yet they had finals, too."

Teryl Scott, sophomore history major, definitely appreciates what Heather and her team do. "Inreach

has helped me focus more on my relationship with God. It has brightened my days at Andrews!"

Heather and Kristin's main objective is to show the students that Andrews cares about them. "Many times," Heather said, "students just need to know that someone loves them. That is what we try to show."

Education at Andrews is changing with the times, and so is worship. Students are still gaining book knowledge; however, they are deliberately making more and more time to spend with God. Youth of the past entered the halls of Andrews University in pursuit of missionary training to be used in the world for God. They now come to our campus eager to be missionaries in their classes, on the sidewalks, and in the cafeteria. Christ said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15, KJV). Our students, faculty, and staff have taken His call and applied it to Andrews University: "Go ye into all the campus ..."

Katie Shaw is both a news writer and office manager for Andrews University Relations.

More Ways to Praise God at Andrews

1 Dorm worship services: Both Lamson and Meier Hall provide several chapel opportunities each day.



2 Small-group ministries: Pioneer Memorial Church's School of Discipleship holds classes to teach students how to lead out in small-group ministries.

3 Drama ministry: Wanda Vaz, assistant dean of women, directs "Chosen," a drama ministry which "discusses the needs of college students, finds a scriptural answer, and then develops and perfects a dramatic presentation to get the point across in a creative way."

4 Higher Ground: If it isn't out there, create it! That's what Richard Parke, junior computer science major, and five of his friends did. They serve up the Spirit (and breakfast) in the cafeteria each Sabbath morning at 10:00 a.m. With an attendance of 200, apparently they aren't the only ones searching for quality time with God.



5 African-American ministries: New Life, Black Student Association of the Seminary (BSAS), and Black Students' Christian Forum (BSCF) all seek to make worship a more meaningful experience for African-American students.

6 Choirs: Steve Zork, University Singers director, and Hance Phillipe, Deliverance Choir director, both train their musicians to bless their audiences, but both men also seek to minister to their choirs as well. "I strive to show my students that to pursue excellence in musical art is to pursue God," Steve says.



7 AU out-R.E.A.C.H.: Formerly known as Benton Harbor (Mich.) Street Ministries, more than 100 students travel to this nearby city to connect with a community that has become dear to their hearts. AU out-R.E.A.C.H. consists of eight branches: two children's ministries, Rock and Buddies Forever; street ministry; puppet ministry; nursing home ministry; trailer park ministry; prayer ministry; health ministry; and music ministry.

8 Mosaic: This ministry combines music, art, and contemporary praise to form a service especially designed to reach out to students that don't feel blessed by any other worship experiences on campus. Three hundred students, faculty, staff, and community regulars pack the house in the Seminary Commons on a regular basis after Pioneer Memorial Church's Friday night vespers. Chaplain Laurence Burn describes Mosaic as, "a meeting place to present the gospel."



9 Student clubs: Andrews University houses scores of international and academic clubs formed to celebrate whatever their common denominator may be. However, they also take the opportunity to minister to club members in a cultural setting they understand.

10 Fireside Fellowship: Liz Beck has been hosting students in her garage-turned-cozy living room for more than 25 years. Each Sabbath afternoon, they gather in front of a roaring fire to sing and share. "Fireside Fellowship has been a valuable part of my Andrews experience," said Jose Moreno, senior religion major.

A Song in the Night

BY RAY MCALLISTER

One of the most meaningful acts of worship is singing the hymns, that is, for those who can read the hymnal. Many people, such as the blind, are unable to do this. As a result, they often are made to sit or stand bored, listening to everyone else praise God and joining in once in a while on a familiar chorus.

Some institutions offer worship music in Braille, but Braille books are slow to read, large, and heavy.



Photo by James Fisher

Ray McAllister is now able to sing hymns with the congregation by using his special lap-top computer system which he developed for the blind.

For many years I prayed and thought about how the blind could easily sing during worship services. In May of 2002, I finally had the breakthrough I was seeking.

Late one Friday night, I was sitting and thinking when it dawned on me exactly what to do. I have a special lap-top computer that will read any printed material that is loaded or typed into it. If I could have the hymns typed into my lap-top, I could take that system to church, and with a good headset, I could hear both the words to the songs and the accompaniment.

The next step was to do a simple experiment. I pulled out a Steve Green CD, and, while listening to it, quickly transcribed the words to "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." Replaying the song, I was able to sing along by reading line by line on my lap-top.

The next morning, I had one of the Sabbath school leaders choose that hymn. We began singing, and it worked perfectly. I was able to follow along with every line of every verse. I knew God was providing so I could worship Him.

The next day I went to the ABC and purchased a special hymnal that has only the lyrics. Without the musical notation to confuse my computer system, I began the long and difficult task of scanning

every hymn in the hymnal. After about a month, the entire hymnal was organized in simple blocks of twenty-five hymns which my slow, but battery-efficient lap-top could quickly access. I discovered that if I could move fast enough, I could reach the first line of any hymn in under ten seconds, which meant that I could find hymns about as quickly as anyone else.

The feeling I had during Sabbath school and church was nothing short of excitement and gratitude. God had finally given me a way to unite with fellow believers in song-filled worship.

During the next few months I continued to improve the system, and now that the project is finished, I am working with Christian Record Services to make the system available to the blind. God has answered my prayer and assures me each day that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13. NKJV).

Ray McAllister is a first-year Ph.D. student at Andrews University Theological Seminary. Though totally blind, he sees his blindness as a gift from God to help him more easily explore spiritual truth and inner beauty. Ray's hymnal on disk is available through Christian Record Services at (402) 488-0981. On April 12, a special offering will be taken for Adventist ministries to the blind.

Wake Up, Church!

Who's Minding Our Kids?

BY NOELENE JOHNSON

A few weeks ago at prayer meeting, I heard an anguished teen request prayer for freedom from sex addictions. Today as I open America Online and select the mail icon, I am surprised by the volume of mail awaiting me. I don't use my home e-mail very much, so I know these are not messages from friends; they are unsolicited "spam."

Startling words from the subject lines jump out at me. I can't print them here—let's just say that they boast pleasures and immediate gratification. I was once tricked into opening one such message, thinking it was from a friend. I could hardly delete it fast enough. I don't want those muddy

boots leaving footprints in my mind. So I delete them unopened.

As I delete the messages, I think of all the tech-savvy kids who get home from school before their parents and amuse themselves at the computer. A couple of innocent mouse clicks, and they could start down a slippery slide with no easy escape route. Kids are absorbing the concepts promoted by popular culture. One such message says, "How do you know it's not for you if you've never tried it?" Is this potentially lethal or what? How can we prepare our kids to meet such temptation and such lies?

For a starter, GraceLink has devoted the junior/teen lesson for March 22 to the story of David and Bathsheba. This presents a great opportunity to talk to kids about purity. Keeping our lives pure for Jesus is one very effective

way that we worship Him. We can help kids develop a personal slogan about valuing purity. They can make refrigerator magnets or design bumper stickers with a purity message. If we challenge them to post these in their rooms and on their lockers, purity can become a treasure to be proud of. We might also try one or more of the following:

- 1 **Involve** parents. Let them know that this lesson is coming up. Urge them to study it with their kids. With parents, brainstorm ways homes and churches can affirm purity. Pray together for success.
- 2 **Invite** the pastor to talk to the kids about purity. Kids will listen to him, especially if he sometimes stops by Saturday nights to play table games with them.
- 3 **Encourage** the family ministries committee to plan a discussion on the topic of teaching children purity. Parents need to know that by studying the Sabbath school lesson with kids and discussing topics the kids are interested in, parents earn the right later to talk to kids about sensitive topics such as purity.
- 4 **Look out** for unhappy young people whose behavior has suddenly changed; they may be children at risk. We need to make friends with them. If we don't look out for them and make them feel special, the enemy will.

Noelene Johnson is the North American Division children's ministries director. This article is printed with permission from the Children's Leader Newsletter available online at <http://childmin.com>.

“Monster Missionary Dog” Unites Couple

BY SONIA SANTOS

Carleston Huff looked around the mission grounds where he lived and worked in southern Brazil. “Has anyone seen Cafú (kah-FOO)?” he asked. Then Carleston saw the open gate and realized that Cafú must have gotten out.

Cafú was Carleston’s large boxer dog who served as the mission’s watch dog. Though Cafú’s size could frighten people, his gentle manner wouldn’t harm anyone. Carleston never let Cafú out of the mission grounds except on a leash. Now he was gone. Carleston dashed out to search for his beloved dog.

Carleston stepped inside a veterinary clinic and asked, “Has anyone seen a large boxer about this high?” He held his hand at waist height. Instantly he heard a familiar bark in the back room, and a moment later he and Cafú were happily reunited.

Marisa, the young woman behind the counter smiled. “I guess he’s yours,” she said. “He is one amazing dog.” Carleston nodded and thanked the clinic staff for keeping him. Then he started home. After they left, Marisa

wondered about the dog’s owner. He seemed so genuinely happy.

Marisa’s childhood had been difficult and lonely. Her family considered themselves Christians, but much of what they believed was not according to the Bible. She wondered if any church followed the Bible without adding or taking away from it. Marisa turned out the lights and locked the door. Then she made her way home.

One night Carleston awoke to hear Cafú moaning in pain. Carleston decided the dog had an earache. The next morning he took Cafú to the veterinary clinic for treatment.

Marisa was excited to see the large, friendly dog again, but she noticed that Cafú seemed subdued. Marisa ushered him into the veterinarian’s office. The veterinarian confirmed the ear infection and applied medication to the ear. He told Carleston to bring the dog back every day for two weeks for treatment.

During the daily trips to the vet, Carleston and Marisa had time to talk. At first, it was just about dogs and families. When Carleston mentioned that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, Marisa asked what his church believes. Carleston told her and invited her to attend church with him. Marisa agreed, and soon she began studying the Bible with him.

Cafú’s ear healed well, but he and Carleston continued to visit the clinic every few days. Carleston often walked Marisa home after work, and the two became close friends. Marisa continued attending church with Carleston, and in time she accepted Christ as her Lord and joined the church.

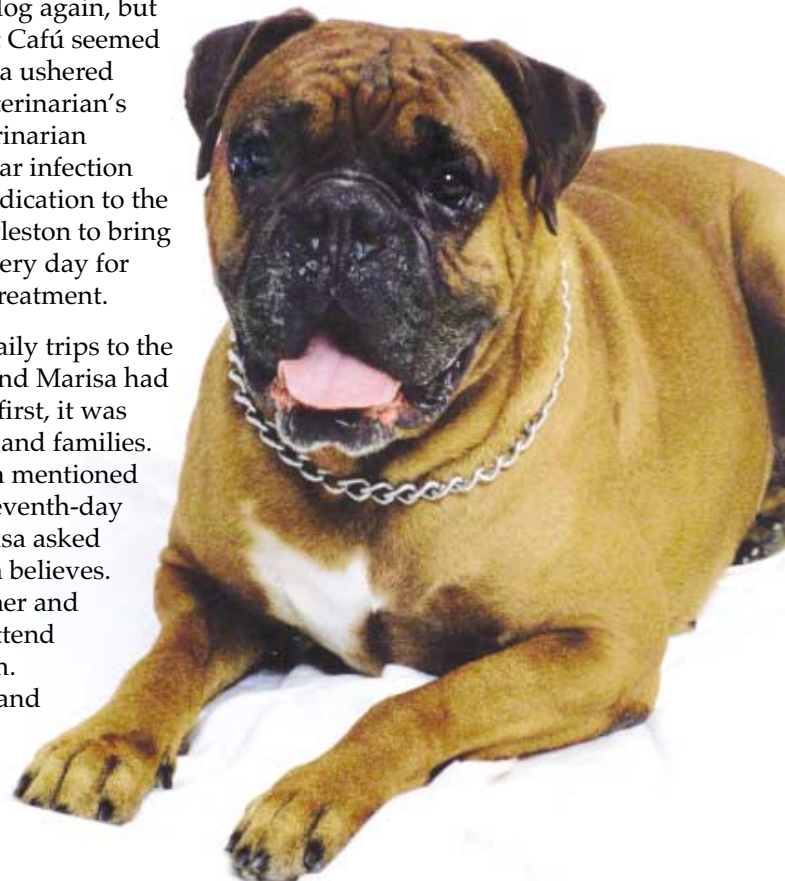
Carleston asked Marisa out, and after two years of dating, they were married, brought together by a big beautiful monster dog.

Southern Brazil will receive a portion of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which will be collected on March 29, to build churches in its poorest regions.

Sonia Santos is the Rio Grande do Sul Mission women’s ministries director in southern Brazil.



Carleston and Marisa Huff of southern Brazil were introduced by Cafú, the mission compound watch dog.





CREATIVE PARENTING

Loving the Differences

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

A friend once admitted that his two children were so different from each other that he actually found it difficult to “like” both of them equally. He discovered his tendency was to favor the child who was more like him. One day, however, he realized the Lord had given him just the children he needed to help him in becoming conformed to the image of Christ. He realized that part of making that happen was learning to understand and appreciate his children for the unique individuals they were.

Gail MacDonald¹ tells of a meticulous mother who had a “sloppy son.” After years of battling with him over his messy room and lifestyle, she finally admitted that there was nothing morally wrong with his behavior. Yes, every child must learn some degree of self-discipline and order; but a neat person is not morally superior to a messy one. Once she realized this about herself and her son, that he was more interested in other things, she was better able to enjoy him, help him with his weaknesses, and capitalize on his strengths.

A child who is very unlike us in personality is often a puzzle. We may ask ourselves, “Why is this child doing this?” “Is this defiant behavior or simply a difference in personality?” Gail suggests there are four questions we can ask ourselves to help understand and celebrate our children’s differences.

First ask, What energizes my child? Does he love being where the action is, preferring to play with others, or

is he more likely to be alone? While both my children enjoyed others and had important friendships growing up, our son brought all his buddies home, and there was always lots of action (and food eaten). Our daughter, on the other hand, looked to home as a place to re-energize herself. Recognizing these needs, without making value judgments, gives our children the freedom to be who they are meant to be.

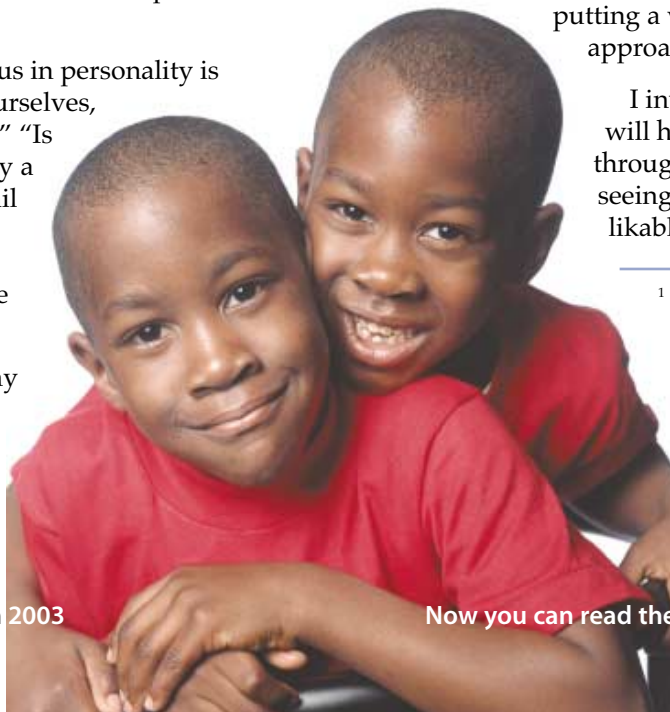
The second question is, How does my child take in information? Some children rely heavily on their five senses—seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, and smelling. These children pay attention and are observant. Others rely more on their intuition. They are less likely to care about details, liking to daydream and use their imaginations. More intuitive children need a great deal of affirmation and require more patience. Caring about details doesn’t come naturally for them. However, these intuitive children can delight you with their imagination and creativity.

The third question is, How does my child make decisions? The thinking child can drive you crazy with “why” questions. Rules are important to them, and they will be the first to notice when someone else has broken a rule. The more feeling child tends to take things more personally, and feelings are easily hurt. Harmonious relationships are important to them.

The ways our children make decisions give us a clue to the fourth question, How does my child relate to the outside world? Some have strong opinions, like to make choices, are more orderly, and thrive on schedules and plans. They need to know what’s happening and need help in making good decisions. Others are slower in making decisions, and they tend to procrastinate. We need to help them gather information and encourage them without putting a value judgment on their approach to life.

I invite you to pray that God will help you see your children through the eyes of Christ, seeing them as irreplaceable, likable, and unique!

¹ Gail McDonald, *Parenting: Questions Women Ask*, (Multnomah Press, 1992).





Healthy Choices

Got a Minute or Two for Your Health?

BY WINSTON CRAIG

Health is much more than life without pain and disease. It is a state of complete physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being. Health is the optimal functioning of every system of the human mind and body, working in perfect harmony with every other system. This does not happen by chance. We have to work at it. It takes time and thought and effort.

Today's society is so rushed, few people invest time in developing a healthy lifestyle. But good health results from making good



Tips for Developing Healthy Lifestyles:

1. Spend at least 30 minutes a day with God.
2. Take a brisk walk in the fresh air every day.
3. Drink at least 40–50 fluid oz. (six cups) of water a day.
4. Eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables every day.
5. Get at least seven hours of sleep every night.

choices on a regular basis. We must decide daily what and when to eat and drink. We have to organize our life and work schedule to get adequate rest and relaxation. We must take time to develop meaningful social relationships. Healthy lifestyle habits that are practiced with friends or family are more enjoyable and enduring. Every day we should plan 15–30 minutes for exercise, preferably in the outdoors.

Furthermore, we must set aside meaningful time every day to get to know God through prayer and Bible study. Understanding and following God's will must be a high priority for our lives. Most of life's important things are daily events and take a measure of time and effort to plan and execute.

It is our duty to utilize our time wisely and economically to the best advantage. God requires a strict account of how we use our time (Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 342). Time invested every day in building and maintaining a balanced, healthy lifestyle is time well spent.

Winston J. Craig, Ph.D., R.D.,
Andrews University
professor of nutrition

A Celebration of Salvation

First Annual Andrews Passion Play

Around the Christmas holidays, we are reminded that “Jesus is the reason for the season.” However, we are now entering into another season that Jesus—not a furry rabbit with a basket of chocolate eggs—is the reason for: Easter.

To counteract the commercialism and secularism that abound at Easter, Andrews University is beginning a new tradition this year. On Sabbath, Apr. 19, the day before Easter, you are invited to witness the events of the weekend that changed the course of the world forever. The first annual Easter Passion Play will begin by reviewing current events in the Pioneer Memorial Church with Dwight Nelson, senior pastor. The following five scenes, dramatically presented at different locations around campus, will remind us that no matter what happens to be on the front page of the newspaper or the lead story on the six o’clock news, we have hope.

Ron Whitehead, director of the Center for Youth Evangelism and the Easter Passion Play, is excited about this endeavor. “We see this as our Easter gift to the community,” he said. As head of Pathfinder camporees, Whitehead has facilitated several passion plays in the past. “We seek to make this experience as real as it can be.” Bustling marketplaces and Roman guards on horses are just a small example of how far Whitehead is going in order to make the experience real.

Nearly 450 youth are currently preparing and practicing to be guides, beggars, angry mobs, disci-

ples, and government officials. The outdoor scenes will include one of the healings Jesus performed, the betrayal in Gethsemane, Pilate’s judgment hall, and the crucifixion. A sound-and-light show in the Johnson Gymnasium will end the play with Jesus’ resurrection.

The Easter Passion Play is unique to the southwest Michigan area. No other group within a wide radius does anything similar, and Andrews University anticipates that this incomparable opportunity will have a big draw. “We want to show the community the beautiful story of Jesus,” Whitehead said. He estimates that about 4,000 people will have the chance to be part of the drama. A tour will begin every 20 minutes from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., and about 400 people will be included in each tour group. The entire play will last about an hour.

Free tickets are available now by calling (800) YOUTH2U or (269) 471-8380; or by e-mailing cfye@andrews.edu. Include your name and the number of tickets you will need. Keep in mind that the Easter Passion Play corresponds with Andrews University’s alumni homecoming weekend, so reserve your tickets early. No matter what the weather, the play will go on.

The Easter Passion Play is sponsored by the Center for Youth Evangelism, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Pioneer Memorial Church, the Lake Union Conference, the Adventist Book Center, WAUS 90.7-FM, and WFRN 104.7-FM. For more information, visit: www.PassionPlay.andrews.edu.

Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season, the Easter season, and for winter, spring, summer, and fall. Come celebrate our salvation!

Katie Shaw, University Relations news writer

Howard Performing Arts Center Built with Great Harmony

If you've ever been to the symphony, you likely have heard the musicians tuning their instruments. The less-than-melodic notes must be played to yield the exquisite sounds that follow. But it's one thing to tune an oboe. It's another when you've been given the task that Joseph Myers of Kirkegaard and Associates in Chicago has undertaken.

Myers has been given the job of tuning the new Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University. Not just an instrument—an entire building. Working closely with the architectural firm HarleyEllis of Southfield, Mich., Myers was able to design the room acoustics, noise isolation, noise control, and audio design.

Ayres Morison, project designer with HarleyEllis, crafted the building in such a way as to make it virtually sound-proof. The outer pre-cast layer of concrete, the inner masonry, and a gap in between the two filled with grout, create an almost three-foot-thick wall, and the ceiling is eight inches deep. "You couldn't hear an airplane fly over the building," said Morison.

The shoe-box dimensions of the main performance hall lend themselves nicely to a rich acoustical sound. "It will be a traditional concert hall," said Myers. "No



Construction on the Howard Performing Arts Center continues in spite of cold weather and snow.

amplification system will be needed, even for soloists." The attention to detail that Myers has painstakingly worked on for about a year will afford the concert-goer the most satisfying musical experience possible.

From filling the masonry with a clear coating to plug the porous holes that could trap sound, to a complex curtain system that will be adjustable for minimum or maximum absorption for different musical sounds, the hall, in concept, will be perfectly tuned. "We can't be sure until everything is done and installed," said Myers.

The Howard Performing Arts Center, which is scheduled to open in October 2003, is already crawling with talented performers. Masons, electricians, builders, plumbers, and steel specialists are all creating the 32,000-square-foot structure with great harmony.

"It is truly unbelievable to see the skill and sheer number of workers dedicated to the successful structuring of this building," commented Mike Hohnstein, site foreman with Fiskars, Inc. "On some days there are over 50 workers on site."

With the windows 90% installed, the lobby and terrace cement poured, and the walls framed, the construction "to-do list" keeps getting smaller with every passing day. "This is quite an exciting process to watch," said Dave Wilber, Andrews University plant administrator. "Even with my daily visits to the building, I notice that things are moving along quickly."

Andrews University is looking forward to serving the community with the use of the Howard Performing Arts Center. For a detailed view of the construction progress via a webcam and information about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.andrews.edu/HPAC.

*Katie Shaw and Tonya Snyder,
University Relations news writers*



Glass was installed Jan. 9, 2003, in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Strengthening Hearts

Every 29 seconds, an American experiences a coronary event, such as a heart attack, according to the American Heart Association.



Kathryn Sieberman has been an inspiration to other cardiac patients and staff, who have nicknamed her "the model patient."

Kathryn Sieberman's cardiac event occurred in the summer of 2001, following her retirement from a 44-year career at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Ill. The 78-year-old became ill while cruising in the fiords of Norway. She was hospitalized on board ship and then diagnosed with atrial fibrillation at a hospital in Norway. After a week, she was allowed to fly back to the United States, where she was admitted to Hinsdale Hospital. She spent the next several months on medicine to strengthen her heart rate and prevent irregular heart rhythms.

Then in January 2002, she came back to Hinsdale Hospital for a cardiac catheterization and ended up with quadruple bypass surgery performed by Rooney Heart physicians. Her road to recovery has been an inspiration to other cardiac patients and staff, who have nicknamed her "the model patient."

Following a heart attack, heart-related surgery, or diagnosis of heart disease, cardiologists prescribe a medically supervised program of cardiac rehabilitation to help their patients recover quickly and improve their physical and mental functioning.

Sieberman embraced her rehab program, diligently following her nurse Eileen Schwendt's instructions, because "cardiac rehab is the essence of your recovery. It's something you need to stay with to control your heart health. It's a package of your whole body's well-being," explains Sieberman. "While in the hospital you learn endurance," she says. "You learn to get out of bed and take care of your personal needs again."

The second phase is more structured. Professionals suggest patients attend three times a week for three months. The staff checks your blood

pressure and levels of activity. While in the rehab unit patients wear monitors.

"It's of great value to have the monitor and staff to help if you need it. For anyone who has experienced a cardiac event, exercising in a rehab unit provides a comfort level not found in any fitness center," says Sieberman.

"In the third phase of cardiac rehab—the maintenance stage—they also recommend we exercise three times a week. You don't have to wear a monitor, but you record your own rates and see your own progress," notes Sieberman.

"After a cardiac event of any kind, you need a systematic program of physical exercise. It helps you feel better and look better. Your body needs strengthening, and as you use the equipment, you can increase the levels of resistance to improve the overall effect. The exercise helps maintain your weight. It tones your muscles, improves your balance, and helps you walk effectively and safely. It also improves your blood flow. Emotionally, it gives you a confidence level. Many people are fearful or depressed following a cardiac event. I wasn't, and this program was helpful in that way."



Eileen Schwendt, R.N., of Rooney Heart's Heartcare Rehab Program in Hinsdale, Ill., helps cardiac patients strengthen their hearts through exercise.

Most plans include a program of carefully planned and supervised exercise, nutritional information, stress management, and cardiac health monitoring. Cardiac rehabilitation can help to reduce the risk of another cardiac event, or the worsening of a heart condition already present.

Rooney Heart offers cardiac services at Hinsdale and La Grange Memorial Hospitals, as well as Bolingbrook Medical Center, all members of Adventist Health System Midwest Region.

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

God's Promises Answered in Unexpected Ways

Indiana — It was the morning of the last day of 2002. I had reached my goal of \$21,000 in sales by Christmas. I had been praying for a week for \$22,000 by the end of the year, and at least \$3,000 for the month of December.

Sales since Christmas were rather low—only five magabooks for \$50 during the past week. If God was going to answer my prayers, it would have to be soon.

That day I had two appointments with people who intended to purchase some books. I was hoping these demonstrations would bring \$350 or \$540. Where the rest of my goal would come from, I had no idea. But as I began the day, I had a feeling that something special was about to happen.

As I headed toward Elkhart, Ind., I was planning to follow some leads along the way before arriving at my first appointment by 4:00 p.m. As I was going through Niles, Mich., I had a sudden idea to turn down Wayne Street and find the Mangenas—a referral of an Adventist family from Zimbabwe. I had tried numerous times to contact the Mangenas, but had never found them at home. By phone I later found out they had moved and got their new address. I had decided to forget about this lead, but as I approached their street, I decided to give them another try.

Vivian was home, and I was able to demonstrate the books to her, but she didn't have money for a down payment. While I was in her apartment, Thandanani appeared. I had canvassed her several months ago, but she had not bought any books. When she heard about the *Hope for the Homeland*

specials, she said, "Come to my home. I will buy today."

I went to Thandanani's home next, and she bought *The Bible Story*. Then she changed her mind and also ordered the *Bible Reference Library*. Her friend Kudzai arrived, and she also bought the *Bible Reference Library*. Then Thandanani was on the phone, calling her friends. She said to me, "Go do Jane. She will get something."

Jane had purchased *The Bible Story* and *Patriarchs and Prophets* in September. I went to her home next, and she ordered the rest of the *Bible Reference Library* and *God Cares*. Then she put me on the phone with another friend, Silile, who said, "Come and see me."

Soon I was on my way to see Silile, the mother of a two-month-old daughter, Tiffany. She and her husband bought *My Bible Friends*. They remarked, "Just yesterday, we were saying we should buy some books for Tiffany, and here you are today!"

God had heard my prayers. I had prayed He would prepare the hearts of those I would see, even though I didn't know who they were. He also showered me with orders from totally unexpected places.

By sunset, I had sold \$1,050 worth of books. It was a gorgeous sky—the last sunset of the year. It couldn't have been a happier beginning of the new year.

I was reminded of the verses in Isaiah 55:8, 9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (KJV).

The promise I claimed in my prayers was 1 John 5:14,15: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (KJV).



Ruth Ann Plue, an Indiana Conference literature evangelist, experienced God's faithfulness as He answered her prayers to achieve her 2002 sales goal on the very last day of the year.



Children Raise \$203 for Shelter

Indiana — Chapel West Church, a small Indiana Conference church, recently heard of the Women in Renewal shelter. Located in Niles, Mich., this shelter aides victims of domestic violence and pregnant teens. They wanted to help support this “haven” even if it was in a small way. As a result, the children’s Sabbath school department began a “mission” by saving any loose change at home and bringing it to church every week.



The Chapel West (Ind.) Church children’s department saved and brought their loose change to Sabbath school to support the Women in Renewal shelter in Niles, Mich.

This was in addition to their usual mission offerings. In order to display our progress, one of the cradle roll teachers purchased a tall glass jar (about two feet tall), and the goal was to fill it up to the very top.

Faithfully, every week, our kids brought in their loose change. It seemed small at first—a couple pennies here, a few quarters there. After five months, however, we finally did it. Our kids, with a little help from their teachers, filled that glass jar to the very top. The grand total was \$203, and every penny went to support the Women in Renewal shelter.

As a teacher, this experience has been very enlightening, because the generosity of our innocent kids was overwhelming. It was definitely a joy watching the children participate in this venture, and it was even more thrilling to see their enthusiasm as they offered their money so freely each week.

Daisy Blythe, Chapel West Church cradle roll/kindergarten department leader

Needy Family Enjoys Early Christmas

Indiana — Christmas arrived a bit early for a family of four thanks to the combined efforts of the Elkhart Church junior and youth departments. Under the supervision of their teachers, they contacted the city Church Community Services and expressed their desire to “adopt” a needy family for the holidays.

They were given the names of a family consisting of the parents and two young sons, ages nine and three. The father had experienced some financial setbacks, which made it necessary for their gas to be turned off, leaving the family with no heat in their home for two weeks. Fortunately, some of the church members arranged to have their gas turned back on. Their three-year-old son also had a health problem, which would require periodic visits to Riley’s Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis, beginning in January.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 14, 2002, the two classes sponsored a chili supper and a bake and craft sale in the church fellowship room, which netted over \$400. The following day, the class members and teachers went shopping for needed clothing for the family and some toys for the boys. There was enough money to also purchase a pre-paid gas card, which the parents greatly appreciated.



These junior Sabbath school class members experienced the true meaning of Christmas when they “adopted” a needy family to demonstrate God’s love for them.

Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings, was an added bonus as two large boxes of groceries were given to the family. The tears on the mother’s face and the smiles of the entire family were all the thanks the class members needed. As the juniors and youth left that home, they felt they had a better understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, for they had experi-

enced first-hand what it really means to have “good will toward men.”

On Dec. 28, 2002, the mother and two sons attended Sabbath services for the first time, where she publicly thanked everyone for making this Christmas the best ever—one her family will always remember.

Clareen Colclessor, Elkhart Church communication leader

Reaching Lonely Hearts in Prison

Indiana — About five years ago, Curt DeWitt, former Marion Church pastor, and his wife, Kim, started a prison ministry from the Marion Church. It all began when a friend of the church had extra candy from his grocery business. He had previously been involved with a prison ministry program and wanted to continue this important outreach program when he started coming to the Marion Adventist Church. He brought his excess candy to the church and presented the outreach idea to the members.

Kim DeWitt packaged the candy with some small tracts and then distributed the packages to the Grant County Jail inmates. After the first year of this outreach ministry, the DeWitts relocated to Africa, and others took over the project.

Various members send cards to inmates who desire correspondence. Around the first of November, we gather enough items, some through donations, to fill brown grocery bags half full. Each inmate receives items for personal hygiene, fruit, nuts, treats, and a copy of a beautiful letter written by someone who was also in prison. They also receive Christmas greetings, two applications for Bible studies, a form for free material from Prison Ministries, and the books *The Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Bible Readings for the Home*. This year we will reach a total of five facilities with approximately 800 care packages. We are further blessed to have some Amish people in our area who come to sing for the inmates as we pass out the packages.

Volunteers from the *Amazing Facts* Bible course ministry in Fort Wayne continue the Bible studies with the inmates, many of whom have completed the entire series. They also continue to support and encourage these persons as they move out of the county jail to the state facility.

We have been blessed to receive many positive responses to this program. Lives have been changed. One inmate writes:

I hope you remember me. It's been a long time since I have written because I just didn't have the stamps and

envelopes for it. I still think about how back in December you and the Seventh-day Adventist Church brought us all packages (thanks again). I did finally read Final Conflict, and you were right, it is a great book, and I was blessed by reading it. I am the only one left here in 3-C that was here at that time.

I have kept up with my “little ministry” here in the block, and now I have a number of the guys who are reading their Bibles and learning the basics. Each one of them now has the desire to share with others what they now have in their hearts. I show them how Jesus shared His love with everyone, not just saints but also sinners, and I show them that they can do the same right here where they are.



Marion (Ind.) Church members bag “goodies” to share with Grant County prison inmates.

I just wanted to let you know that the love and kindness that you showed back in December is still being shared every day, and I don't intend to stop sharing it.

If you would like more information concerning this prison outreach, please write Lemuel Vega, c/o Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1702 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, IN 46952.

Carol Duke, Marion Church communication leader

Adventist Church Receives Stewardship Award

Lake Union — The stewardship training programs in the Lake Union received the 2003 “Outstanding Stewardship Education Award” from the Christian Stewardship Association at its annual meeting in late January. Scott Preissler, association president, described it as the highest association-wide education award. “Your impressive education program and numerous books and materials put your denomination out front as a stewardship education leader.” The Adventist Church was chosen from among many denominations.

G. Edward Reid, North American Division stewardship director, received the award from Preissler. “Adventists take stewardship very seriously. It’s not really about raising money for the denomination; it’s about helping people develop a stronger relationship with Jesus.”

Reid said the Adventist Church’s certification program for stewardship leaders includes 40 hours of video-based instruction. That’s far more than any other denomination, according to Preissler. Reid said Adventists also have up-to-date brochures and videos for pastors and members, including the new Personal Giving Plan materials and other resources available from AdventSource (www.AdventSource.org).

The Christian Stewardship Association is extending its certification to every Adventist stewardship leader who has completed the church’s certification program. “They believe our program prepares stewardship leaders better than any other, so they’ve said all Adventists can be certified.” Reid said.

Commenting on this award, Glynn Scott, Lake Union treasurer and stewardship director, said, “In Malachi 3:10, God challenges us to prove Him and see if He will not open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings upon us that are more than we have room to receive. When we as God’s people practice the principles of stewardship, we enter into a partnership with God, whereby He promises to bless us abundantly more than we can ask, think, or imagine.”

*Kermit Netteburg, North American Division
communication director*

Church Library Serves Church and Community

Michigan — The Niles Westside Church members are delighted with the completion of their new library cabinets. Phyllis Shupp, the librarian, and her assistants have been working from a portable library for over four years. Shupp feels fortunate that she not only found a good friend in Ramona Bibi, but also a very capable, dedicated assistant who shares her enthusiasm.



The Niles Westside Church librarians are proud of their new library cabinets. They are (from left) Christina Loensor, Phyllis Shupp, and Ramona Bibi.

Shupp designed the cabinetry to be accessible to all church members and to meet their special needs. The library design features built-in desks, video and book displays, a book return, and shelving for over 600 books, 75 videos, and 170 cassette tapes for the youth, and over 500 books and 60 videos for the adult members.

Over 83 families have registered, 80 children are reading, and an average of 40–50 books are checked out each week. The library is dedicated as a resource center for inspiration, wisdom, and guidance which will help nourish a spiritual relationship with Christ, family, and friends.

Plans for the future include book clubs for the youth and a summer story hour for church members and the surrounding community.

*Elinor Williams, Niles Westside Church
communication leader*

February 2003 Lake Union Herald Corrections:

1. On page 21, in the news story entitled “Michigan’s Only Low-power FM Station Is Dedicated,” it was stated that WAWB-LP, 107.3 FM was the “only Michigan FM low-power radio station.” This is incorrect. The station is the only **Adventist** FM low-power station in Michigan.

2. On page 7, the Berrien Springs Village Church phone number should be (269) 471-7795; and on page 10, the contact phone number for Michigan family ministry and camp information should be (517) 316-1570.

We apologize for these errors. —Editorial Staff

Grand Opening at St. Joseph Church

Michigan — The efforts, prayers, struggles, sacrifices, and decisions of the last 17 years culminated on Nov. 30, 2002, in an event that had long been anticipated and looked forward to. Over 200 members, former members, friends, and visitors came to see the ribbon cut, the doors opened, and to be involved in the consecration of the newly constructed church in St. Joseph. From ground breaking to the grand opening was seven months almost to the day.

Because of the weather, the ceremony was held inside, with the ribbon being cut at the entrance to the sanctuary. Holding the ribbon were original charter members Ken and Charlotte Smith along with Frank and Natalie Bullock. Franklin Horne, the congregation's first pastor, and Ovidiu Stoica, current pastor, cut the ribbon.

The congregation then followed the choir into the sanctuary singing "O Come Let Us Adore Him." Consecratory prayers were offered, ending with "Bless This House," a song of consecration. Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, spoke for the worship service. Special Sabbath services were held throughout the month of December to celebrate God's blessing.



Franklin Horne, the congregation's first pastor, and Ovidiu Stoica, current pastor, cut the ribbon at the St. Joseph (Mich.) Church grand opening.

Photo by Dean Munroe

The month of November was a very busy month of activity to prepare for opening day. December was a catch-up month, as many small projects were still in the process of being completed. As we have all learned, building a church is a complex matter. There are still issues to be resolved and concerns that need to be addressed.

Praise God for what He has done and will continue to do here in St. Joseph. Come and visit us at the corner of Maiden Lane and Washington.

Dean Munroe, St. Joseph Church communication leader

Firefighters Honored

Michigan — Local firefighters were honored at the Dowagiac Church. Nearly all of the town's 20 firefighters and their families were present for the ceremony. The singing of the National Anthem and a salute to the flag launched the program, consisting of patriotic music, a slide show featuring pictures of the fire department, and remarks by the fire chief. Each firefighter was honored individually and received a flag pin along with books for family members.

The city's newspaper editor was present for the program and printed three articles in the next day's paper, describing the program and its significance for the community.



Firefighters from the local Dowagiac fire department were honored during a program at the Dowagiac Church.

"This is not about church," explained Bill Dudgeon, Dowagiac Church pastor, who played a major role in planning for the ceremony. "This is about those who are willing to risk their lives to save others." It was discovered, through conversation with the fire chief, that often the firefighters, many of whom are volunteer workers, do not receive the kind of care they need as they assist in emergencies. Church members are considering how the church might help to act as a catalyst in encouraging the community to develop an organized auxiliary for the purpose of meeting the needs of firefighters while they are on a job.

It is hoped that this program will be one of several in which the church will pay tribute to various organizations and agencies of local government which serve Dowagiac. As appreciation is shown for those who aid the community, and as their physical needs are met, opportunities may also develop for meeting the spiritual needs of these special people who daily sacrifice to serve our community.

Deborah Everhart, Dowagiac Church communication secretary

Lake Union Camp Meetings

Illinois Conference

June 6–7	Northern Camp Meeting	Broadview Academy
June 26–28	Family Camp Meeting	Camp Akita
Aug. 29–Sept. 1	Hispanic Camp Meeting	Camp Wakonda, Wis.

Indiana Conference

June 8–14	Indiana Camp Meeting	Indiana Academy
June 14	Hispanic Camp Meeting	Indiana Academy

Lake Region Conference

June 15–28	Lake Reg. Camp Meeting	Camp Wagner
Aug. 28–Sept. 1	Hispanic Camp Meeting	Camp Wagner

Michigan Conference

June 20–28	Cedar Lake Camp Meeting	Great Lakes Adv. Acad.
Aug. 1–3	Upper Peninsula Camp Mtg.	Camp Sagola

Wisconsin Conference

June 13–21	Wisconsin Camp Meeting	Camp Wakonda
Aug. 14–17	Hispanic Camp Meeting	Camp Wakonda

Lake Union Summer Camps

Illinois Conference: Camp Akita

June 22–29	Family Camp	
June 29–July 5	Teen Outpost/Adventure Camp	ages 13–18
July 6–13	Teen Camp	ages 13–16
July 13–20	Junior Camp I	ages 10–12
July 20–27	Junior Camp II	ages 10–12
July 27–Aug. 3	Cub Camp	ages 7–9

Indiana Conference: Timber Ridge Camp

June 19–22	Single Mom's Retreat	
June 22–29	Blind Camp	all ages
June 29–July 6	Cub Camp	ages 7–10
July 6–13	Junior Camp I	ages 10–13
July 13–20	Junior Camp II	ages 10–13
July 20–27	Teen Camp	ages 13–16
July 27–Aug. 3	Family Camp	
Aug. 11–15	Outdoor Camp	for home schoolers

Lake Region Conference: Camp Wagner

July 13–26	Junior Camp	ages 8–15
July 27–Aug. 2	Basketball and Drum Corps Clinic	

Michigan Conference: Camp Au Sable

June 8–15	Adventurer Camp	ages 8–9
June 15–22	Junior Camp	ages 10–11
June 22–28	Tween Camp	ages 12–13
June 29–July 6	Teen Camp	ages 14–16
July 6–13	Specialty Camp	ages 10–16
July 13–20	Family Camp I	
July 20–27	Family Camp II	
July 27–Aug. 3	Family Camp III	
Aug. 6–10	Mini Family Camp	

Wisconsin Conference: Camp Wakonda

June 29–July 5	Blind Camp	all ages
July 6–12	Adventure/Jr. Camp	ages 8–10
July 13–19	Tween Camp	ages 10–12
July 20–26	Teen Camp	ages 13–16
July 27–Aug. 2	Family Camp	

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BIRTHDAYS

FRANCIS E. JOHNSON celebrated his 100th birthday on Sept. 25, 2002, by a birthday party at Upperco, Md. He was a member of the Wisconsin Conference Church for over 60 years.



Francis was married to the late Veronica (Verna) Lawinsky.

Francis has been a salesman and shipping clerk/assistant manager, retiring in 1967. He was a head elder and lay minister in many Wisconsin churches.

Francis has two children: Francis E. Jr. and Vera Johnson of Hollywood, Fla.; and Shirley and Bernard Marsh of Upperco; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

TINA R. HUCKINS AND JEFFERY E. AVERY were married Dec. 15, 2002, in Alma, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor James E. Micheff Sr.

Tina is the daughter of Lowell and Patricia Huckins of Riverdale, Mich., and Jeffery is the son of Earl and Carol Avery of Crystal, Mich.

The Averys are making their home in Riverdale.

CHARISSA E. JENSEN AND J. JEFFREY BOYD were married July 7, 2002, in Alma, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor John Boyd.

Charissa is the daughter of Robert and Debbie Jensen of Cedar Lake, Mich., and Jeff is the son of John and Helen Boyd of Keene, Texas.

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

LINDA WILLIAMS AND RECO TOWNSEL were married Nov. 17, 2002, in Grand Rapids, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David Glenn.

Linda is the daughter of Betty Joyce Williams of Grand Rapids, and Reco is the son of Harold Lester of Muskegon, Mich., and Yolanda Townsel of Flint, Mich.

The Townsels are making their home in Grand Rapids.

ANGELINA M. VIITALA AND ROY L. YOUNT were married Dec. 22, 2002, in Northville Township, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Frank Haynes.

Angelina is the daughter of Daniel and Pamela Viitala of Dexter, Mich., and Roy is the son of Earnest and Lorene Yount of Belleville, Mich.

The Younts are making their home in Dexter.

OBITUARIES

ABBOTT, VETHA M. (JOHNSON), age 78; born June 23, 1924, in Acton, Ind.; died Nov. 16, 2002, in Noblesville, Ind. She was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; daughters, Linda Butcher and Kathy Engle; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Ron Kelly, with private inurnment.

BAULEY, ALICE M. (PENSINO), age 74; born Oct. 23, 1928, in St. Clair Shores, Mich.; died Jan. 12, 2003, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a member of the Belgreen Church, Greenville, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Bruce; daughters, Janith Mayhew and Nancy Bierwacki; mother, Ruth Pensino (Riggs); sister, Cheryl Morris; and three grandchildren.

Private inurnment was in Akron (Ohio) Crematory Mausoleum.

BENJAMIN, DANIEL, age 50; born June 15, 1952, in Oakland, Calif.; died Nov. 30, 2002, in Holland, Mich. He was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include his brothers, Dick and Ken; and sisters, Mary Lou Benjamin and Ruth Maquilon.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Ilko Tchakarov, with private inurnment.

BROWN, JERRY D., age 60; born Dec. 4, 1941, in Egypt, Ark.; died Nov. 17, 2002, in Wyoming, Mich. He was a member of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central Church.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene J. (Duffield) Wyatt; sons, Tom and Jerry; stepsons, David, Marshal, and Gary Wyatt; stepdaughters, Sandy Van Druinen and Ginger Wyatt; brother, Don; sister, Maxine Haagsman; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn and Elder Ron

Anderson, and interment was in Kent Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Byron Center, Mich.

BUSH, FRANCIS L., age 79; born Jan. 18, 1923, in Ludington, Mich.; died Dec. 11, 2002, in Reed City, Mich. He was a member of the Reed City Church.

Survivors include his wife, Iola M. (Phillips); sons, Gary and Francis Jr.; daughters, Constance Leatherman and Linda Coleman; and sister, Joyce Garland.

A private memorial service was held by the family, and inurnment was in Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington.

CARTER, HAROLD T., age 70; born Oct. 8, 1931, in Rockford, Ill.; died July 18, 2002, in Rockford. He was a member of the Rockford Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carol R. (Dempsey); sons, Steven, Sam, and Tom; stepson, Steve Dempsey; daughters, Susan Corzett and Elizabeth Meyers; stepdaughters, Cathy Szekely and Lynn Ulrich; brother, William; sister, Vivian Anderson; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Eric Shadle, and interment was in Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery, Rockford.

COLLINS, IRVEN, age 70; born Nov. 13, 1931, in Onaway, Mich.; died Sept. 9, 2002, in Livonia, Mich. He was a member of the Cherry Hill Church, Garden City, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Helen M. (Baird) Schultz; sons, Timothy, Theodore, and Rowland Collins, and Ronald Schultz; stepsons, Robert, Herb, William, and Mahlon D. Schultz; daughters, Sue Nygren and Vicki Lynn Smith; stepdaughters, Teresa McDonald, Karen Bork, Vendela (Schultz) Lackie,

and Cheryl D. (Schultz) Button; brothers, Bruce and Dwight; half brother, Stanley; sisters, Esther Ryan and Betty Pierson; half sisters, Beverly Schultz and Phyllis Collins; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Mike Doucoumes, David Grams, and Mike Conley, and Elder Donald Pierson, with private inurnment.

COREY, BARBARA J. (JOHNSON) WEST, age 76; born June 8, 1926, in Belding, Mich.; died July 28, 2002, in Greenville, Mich. She was a member of the Belgreen Church, Greenville.

Survivors include her sons, Paul, Frederick, and Russell Corey, and Jesse and Darrell West; brother, Bill Johnson; half brother, Jack Topper; sisters, Dorothy Montague, Mona K. Antes, and Phyllis Welch; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Mark Shaw, and interment was in West Montcalm Cemetery, Greenville.

EVILSIZER, DOROTHY (MAHAFFY), age 84; born July 23, 1918, in Pontiac, Mich.; died Nov. 26, 2002, in Aloha, Ore. She was a member of the Waterford (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, William "Bill" H., Bradley N., and John R.; daughters, Sue D. Carlson and Barbara D. Chapman; half brother, James Cronkle; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Doug Carlson and Mike Conley, and Bill Evilsizer, and interment was in Christiam

Memorial Cultural Center Cemetery, Rochester, Mich.

GENTRY, MARYDEAN (RAYBORN), age 68; born Dec. 26, 1933, in Detroit, Mich.; died Dec. 12, 2002, in Coldwater, Mich. She was a member of the Coldwater Rayborn Memorial Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon; daughter, Anita Griffin; brother, John Rayborn; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David Gotshall, Oscar Montes, and John Scott, and interment was in Mason Cemetery, Coldwater.

HERZBERG, RICHARD K., age 71; born June 28, 1931, in Middletown, Conn.; died Nov. 18, 2002, in Niles, Mich. He was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sara (Sanches); and son, Edward.

Funeral services were conducted by Chaplain Eliezer Castanon, and interment was in Mission Hills Cemetery, Niles.

HUNT, ROBERT J., age 69; born Sept. 26, 1933, in Noblesville, Ind.; died Oct. 25, 2002, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Fairplain Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Norma J. (Kuykendall); son, Robert J.; daughter, Heidi Butchma; brother, Walter; and three grandchildren.

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

KUIST, ALFRED C., age 96; born Nov. 12, 1905, in Odessa, Minn.; died Nov. 3, 2002, in Dayton, Tenn. He was a member of the

Wisconsin Academy Church, Columbus, Wis.

Survivors include his son, Bruce; daughters, Janice Hanna, Marilyn Halladay, and Sharon Kuist; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor David Jones, and inurnment was in Erkon Cemetery, Dayton, Tenn.

MCCANTS, WILLIAM E., age 93; born Apr. 8, 1909, in Herrick, S.D.; died Sept. 7, 2002, in Lebanon, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janice (Pearce); and son, William E. Jr.

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

MANN, VIRGINIA L. (MCCASLIN), age 99; born Jan. 24, 1903, in Jefferson County, Ind.; died Dec. 11, 2002, in Port Charlotte, Fla. She was a member of the North Vernon (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Bill Jr.; daughter, Betty Y. Dodds; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Gary Case, and inurnment was in Dupont (Ind.) Cemetery.

PACKER, NORMAN L. "BUTCH", age 55; born May 31, 1947, in Angola, Ind.; died Jan. 7, 2003, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the Centreville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sister, Ruthella Greenman.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Harry Hartmann, with private inurnment.

PIERCE, EMMA (SHENK), age 96; born Oct. 2, 1906, in Detroit, Mich.; died Jan. 7, 2003, in Tawas City, Mich. She was a member of the Tawas City Church.

Survivors include her husband, Hubert W.; daughter, Beverly A. Johnson; stepdaughter, Connie J. Day; sister, Edna Shantz; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Richard P. Mendoza and Elder James Danforth, and interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Gaylord, Mich.

ROTHERICK, MILDRED M. (FAVREAU), age 83; born May 5, 1919, in Lansing, Mich.; died Oct. 31, 2002, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include her stepdaughters, Nancy Rankin, Judie Rotherick, Beth Merryman, and Joanna Ringler; and several step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors David Glenn and David Jorgensen, and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

SANDQUIST, ANNA MAY (BUCHHOLZ), age 90; born May 8, 1911, in Waterloo, Iowa; died Feb. 17, 2002, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include her son, David B.; daughter, Sharon M. Miller; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Larry Lichtenwalter, and interment was in Wildwood Cemetery, Rockford, Ill.

SCHWEITZER, GERTRUDE (ARMSTRONG) KNECHTEL, age 90; born June 8, 1912, in Bad Axe,

Mich.; died Oct. 11, 2002, in Clare, Mich. She was a member of the Clare Church.

Survivors include her son, Dale A. Knechtel; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Russell C. Thomas, and interment was in Beaverton (Mich.) Cemetery.

VAN PUTTEN, BARBARA A. (GORDON), age 78; born Nov. 1, 1924, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Dec. 30, 2002, in Grand Rapids. She was a member of the Holland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Doug; daughters, Debbie Mayer and Merry Van Putten; brother, Malcolm Gordon; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Malcolm Gordon, and interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland.

VENEMA, FRANCIS S., age 87; born June 10, 1915, in Blanchard, Mich.; died Sept. 29, 2002, in Hastings, Mich. He was a member of the Hastings Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Mae (Messer); sons, Richard, Raymond, and Ronald; stepsons, Danny and Dwight Howell; daughters, Juanita and Joan; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Bill Cowin and Danny Howell, and interment was in Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery, Stanfield, Mich.

VROMAN, JEAN I. (BOUGHNER) KIRKHAM, age 90; born Sept. 13, 1912, in Danby Township, Mich.; died Sept. 27, 2002, in Portland, Mich. She was a member of the Portland Church.

Survivors include her stepsons, Leo, Albert, and George; daughter, Mary (Kirkham) Slagel; stepdaughter, Rosemond Ball; brother, Bruce Boughner; sister, Helen Spaulding; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 19 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Lyle Davis, and interment was in Danby Cemetery, Danby Township.

WALTZ, BOBBY, age 68; born Dec. 26, 1933, in Eldorado, Ill.; died May 7, 2002, in Alton, Ill. He was a member of the Greater Alton Church.

Survivors include his son, Robert L.; daughters, Beth A. Shallenberger and Shannon L. Plebanek; brothers, Alvin F., John W., Eugene N., James G., and Billy; sisters, Lola M. Irvin, Beatrice Stafford, Berniece Carter, and Mary B. Bonnell; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Gary Gray and Skip MacCarty, and interment was in Wanda (Ill.) Cemetery.

WARD, WILLIAM "BILLIE", age 79; born Sept. 10, 1922, in Ralston, Ky.; died July 14, 2002, in Sun City West, Ariz. He was a member of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite A. (Heinrich); son, Wayne T.; daughter, Thora Snyder; half brother, Colin Webb; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Don Pate and Elders Ed Baber, Herman Bauman, Lester Park, and Roy Lemon, and inurnment was in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix.

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Survivors include her husband, Norman; daughters, Lisa Frankel and Amy Wilson; mother, Irene (Jamison); brother, John Lefler; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by pastors Glenn Heil and Mike Conley, and interment was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac, Mich.

WISE, VIOLA C. (BOISMIER), age 88; born Mar. 14, 1914, in Durant, Mich.; died Dec. 23, 2002, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the Otter Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Gordon and Richard; daughter, Judith M. Guth; brothers, La Vern and Oscar Boismier; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Michael D. Wise, Melvin Santos, and Jeff Jorgenson, with private inurnment.

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WORLD CHURCH

CAROLINA CHAPTER OF ALUMNI FROM ALL LAKE UNION ACADEMIES get-together at Family Life Center, Hendersonville (N.C.) Adventist Church, Sabbath, **March 29**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. All area alumni/attendees/faculty are invited. Contact Geri Burt at (828) 693-8979 for further information.

COME CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE (PUC) homecoming. Dates: **April 17–20**. Where? All over campus! If you're a member of one of this year's honored classes, you're especially invited, although there'll be friends from your class at homecoming regardless of when you graduated (or attended). The honored classes are 1933, '43, '53, '63, '73, '78, '83, '93, and 2003. Join us!

MADISON (TENN.) COLLEGE AND MADISON COLLEGE ACADEMY annual homecoming, **June 27–28**.

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Mar. 1—11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon ET, *Adventist Worship Hour* (AWH), Lee Venden, College Place (Wash.) Village Church; 7–7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, Adventist Television Network (ATN) Uplink; **14**—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **15**—5:00–6:00 p.m. ET, *NET 2003 Training*; **21**—5:30–7:00 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **28**—5:30–7:00 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **Apr. 1**—1:00–4:30 p.m. ET, Ministry Professional Growth Seminar, "Rumors of Peace."

Mar. 21–23, 25, 26, 28, 29—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, Mark Finley, *It Is Written*, "A Man for All Time."

BREATH OF LIFE

www.bolministries.com

Week of Mar. 2—"A Woman Called Somebody," Part 2; **9**—"Standing Still in a Storm," Part 1; **16**—"Standing Still in a Storm," Part 2; **23**—"Authorized Break-in," Part 1; **30**—"Authorized Break-in," Part 2; **Apr. 6**—"Everybody Cried."

FAITH FOR TODAY

Lifestyle Magazine, www.lifestyle.org, **Week of Mar. 2**—"Transitions," Part 2; **9**—"People of the Project"; **16**—"Attention Deficit Disorder"; **23**—"Fear of Public Speaking"; **30**—"Organ Transplants"; **Apr. 6**—"Romance God's Way."

The Evidence, www.theevidence.org, **Week of Mar. 2**—"Wrongfully Accused"; **9**—"Pathways to God"; **16**—"The Darwin Dilemma"; **23**—"Matter of Faith"; **30**—"Both Sides of the Gun";

Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date

52 weeks ending December 31, 2002, compared to 52 weeks ending December 31, 2001

Membership Basis			Average Increase (Decrease)		% Inc.-Decr.		Per Capita	
12/31/02	12/31/01	Conference	2002	2001			2002	2001
12,101	11,881	Illinois	9,770,136	9,370,502	399,634	4.26%	807.38	788.70
6,540	6,459	Indiana	6,471,253	6,194,112	277,141	4.47%	989.49	958.99
25,903	24,925	Lake Region	10,641,012	10,500,615	140,396	1.34%	410.80	421.29
24,362	24,034	Michigan	27,453,875	26,625,788	828,087	3.11%	1,126.91	1,107.84
<u>6,494</u>	<u>6,393</u>	Wisconsin	<u>5,731,727</u>	<u>6,006,229</u>	<u>-274,502</u>	<u>-4.57%</u>	<u>882.62</u>	<u>939.50</u>
75,400	73,692	Totals	60,068,004	58,697,246	1,370,757	2.34%	796.66	796.52
Tithe per Week:			1,155,154	1,128,793	26,361	2.34%		

Sunset Calendar

	Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4
Berrien Springs, Mich.	6:42	6:50	6:58	7:06	7:14
Chicago	5:48	5:56	6:04	6:11	6:19
Detroit	6:30	6:38	6:46	6:54	7:02
Indianapolis	6:43	6:51	6:58	7:05	7:12
La Crosse, Wis.	6:01	6:10	6:18	6:27	6:35
Lansing, Mich.	6:34	6:43	6:51	6:59	7:07
Madison, Wis.	5:54	6:02	6:10	6:19	6:27
Springfield, Ill.	5:57	6:04	6:11	6:19	6:26

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Apr. 6—"Forgiving the Dead Man Walking."

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Week of Mar. 2—"Terror for Terror"; 9—"The Safest Place on Earth"; 16—"Whose Flag Will Fly"; 23—"We the Accusers"; 30—"Surviving Divorce," The Ultimate Survivor Series (US) Part 1; **Apr. 6**—"Surviving Depression," US Part 2.

LA VOZ DE LA ESPERANZA

www.lavoz.org

Week of Mar. 2—"Rejoice Always?" (¿Siempre gozosos?); 9—"The Psalm Everybody Can Pray," (El Salmo que todos podemos rezar); 16—"A New Fresh Look at Jesus," (Una nueva visión de Cristo); 23—"Find out Who Your True Physician Is!" (Descubra su verdadero médico); 30—"The Song of the Sinner's Melted Heart," (El cántico del corazón convertido); **Apr. 6**—"A Refuge for All" (Un refugio para todos).

THE QUIET HOUR

www.thequiethour.org

Windows of Hope, Mar. 3—"Great Failures I Have Known"; 10—"Seeing the Invisible"; 17—"First You Learn to Crash"; 24—"The Impossible Dream"; 31—"The Multiplication Factor."

VOICE OF PROPHECY

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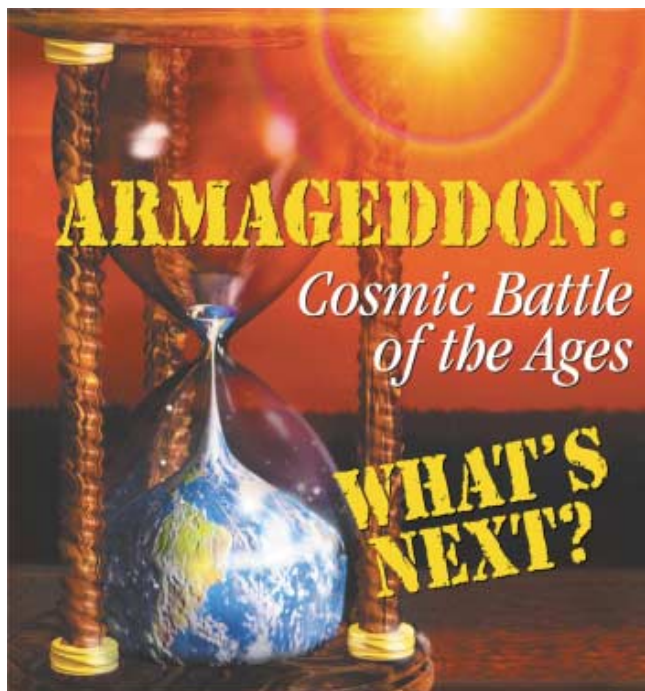
Week of Mar. 2—**Sun.**: "How To Be a Disciple"; **Mon.-Fri.**: "Beasts, Horns, and Crowns," Part 1; 9—**Sun.**: "Song of Solomon: God's Love Song"; **Mon.-Fri.**: "Beasts, Horns, and Crowns," Part 2; 16—**Sun.**: "The Compassionate Savior"; **Mon.-Fri.**: "Jesus, You Don't Really Mean That!" Part 1; 23—**Sun.**: "Isaiah: Hope in the Ashes"; **Mon.-Fri.**: "Jesus, You don't Really Mean That!" Part 2; 30—**Sun.**: "Standing Through the Storm"; **Mon.-Fri.**: "Is That God's Voice I Hear?"; **Apr. 6**—**Sun.**: "Galatians: The Fruit of Faith"; **Mon.-Fri.**: "Mountaintop Loyalty: The Elijah Experience," Part 1.

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Let's Get Married

by Dick Duerksen

I went to bed early and exhausted on New Year's Eve. No Times Square clock-watching. No need to dodge flying fireworks or brave the freezing cold of midnight. Just crash into bed and sleep, sleep, sleep. At least, that was the plan.

The knock came at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2003.

Brushing away the cobwebs of first-hour sleep, I focused bleary eyes and mumbled something like, "Come in."

"Pastor Duerksen?" His voice brought me full awake.

"Yes."

The door opened, and in walked Rouru Kapao, dedicated boyfriend of our daughter Julene. He was fumbling with his cap and stumbling over a carefully planned speech.

I listened, fascinated by the expected, and still overwhelmed by the request.

"Pastor Duerksen, I have come to ask if I can marry your daughter." He stood by the bed and waited for me to say something intelligent.

My body wanted to say, "Yes, Sure," and then go back to sleep.

My heart wanted to say, "Julene? Why, she is so young! Are you sure this is the right time? How will this work with your new jobs? Have you thought about

where you will live? And what about health insurance?" ... and a thousand other "father" questions.

It's hard to let a daughter go. A dad's mind immediately fills with a gallery of photographs. Julene holding her first kitten. Julene in the Redwoods. Julene at graduation, with friends, with family, at Christmas. You get the idea. Father is on rewind when he should be on Full Forward Fast Track!

I could feel her listening at the door.

So, my lips said something like, "Yes, Rouru. You may marry Julene. Brenda and I are so proud and pleased with the relationship you have developed and the blah, blah, blah, blah."

All they heard was "Yes!" and the bedroom was quickly filled with New Year's revelry.

Later that morning, I lay awake thinking about love and marriage. Imagine the smile on God's face as he finally got Adam and Eve's attention so he could say, "I give this woman to marry this man!"

Imagine Isaac watching from the hilltop as Rebecca's caravan came up the road. Feel his heartbeat? Imagine his hopes, his fears, his imaginations?

And what about Rebecca?

How would you like to be cameled hundreds of miles to the home of an unknown husband! Imagine her hopes, fears, and imaginations. Terrifying!

I remembered that text in Isaiah (62:5) where God describes how he feels about me. "As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so I will rejoice over you." And I remembered Rouru's love-filled face.

Julene's mother awoke in the bed beside me.

"What are you thinking about," she asked.

"About the night I asked your dad if I could marry you."

Laughter warmed our bedroom as we remembered Papa's chuckling response, "I'm sure glad I'm sitting down!"

That was late evening, January 8, 1969. Thirty-four years ago!

We lay quiet for a long time, each of us caught up in memories and imaginings.

"They'll be very happy," Brenda broke the silence.

For the next hour we talked about love, marriage, children, school, pets, church, finances, children, health insurance, and all of the other things parents with marriage-bound kids worry about.

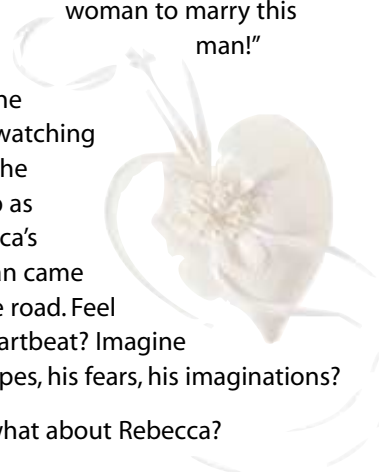
Then we remembered two lovers sitting on the edge of our bed earlier in the morning.

"He loves her," I said.

"She loves him," Brenda said.

"And they each love being loved by God," we both said.

"They'll be very happy."



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Lisa Fuatavai

Even during her pre-college years at Muncie Southside High School in Indiana, **Lisa Fuatavai** was determined to witness. "I loved my public school," she said, although she admitted that it was hard to miss out on certain things, like opportunities to play with the school band, because of Sabbath commitments.

Lisa carried her enthusiasm for her faith to college, first at Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., and then at Andrews University, where she has served as both a residence hall advisor and graduate assistant. Lisa has also been actively involved with the student-led AU out-R.E.A.C.H., formerly Benton Harbor Street Ministries, meeting with people, praying with them, and giving Bible studies.

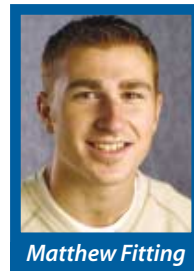
The senior elementary education major also enjoys spending time with friends and family, and playing sports. As soon as she is done with her studies, Lisa wants to start teaching. "I've had a few job offers," she said happily. "I love kids; that's my ministry."

Matthew Fitting is a freshman digital multimedia major at Andrews University, and a graduate of Broadview Academy, La Fox, Ill. While in academy, he held a number of student leadership positions and was part of the Honors Society. He was also active in his church and worked at camp.

This freshman keeps himself busy at Andrews as an honor student as well as being a member of the Andrews gymnastic team, the Gymnics.

Matthew recognizes that spending time with God in college is important. "It's a struggle; you've got so many things begging for your attention. When you deny Him, things seem rougher, but when you give Him time, things just fit."

In terms of the future, Matthew is thinking about altering the direction of his studies in order to pursue a career in accounting. He also looks forward to having a family. "I want to be a good father. Family is something that's important to me."



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

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