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Rick Shaffer, R.N., Centreville (Mich.) Church member and Michigan House Representative, is active in both his church and community. Shaffer has gone on 13 Pathfinder Teen Mission trips to the Dominican Republic as a medical staff member. This official photograph of Rick Shaffer was taken in front of the Michigan capitol building in Lansing.

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EDITORIAL

BY GORDON L. RETZER,
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The World God Is Trying to Reach

Once I heard a preacher say, "The world God is trying to reach is bigger than the world that's in my mind." I suppose it's true that some of us think of the world as the place where we live and the people we know. I believe that a Seventh-day Adventist thinks of the world as being everyone everywhere. That is indeed the world God is trying to reach. Not only that, it's everyone, everywhere, in every generation. So we love to keep telling the story of Jesus because there are always those who haven't heard it before.

I was in China the day it was declared that a baby born that day had pushed the population to one billion two hundred million. I stared at the headline in the Beijing newspaper—1.2 billion. The night before, someone I hadn't expected to see, a speaker for the Mandarin programs broadcast from Guam on Adventist World Radio, called at the hotel where I was staying. It was nearly 10:00 p.m. He said he hadn't told me he was going to be in Beijing while I was there because it wasn't safe.

I met him in the lobby, and he took me in a white van to a narrow, very dark street where there were several apartments. On the second floor was the home of a listener to the radio programs. When we knocked, the man inside asked him to identify himself. As the radio speaker called through the closed door, I could hear the man inside express hushed surprise. He had recognized the speaker's voice from years of listening to the radio.

Inside, we learned that this brother, who was now a baptized member of the Adventist Church, was an engineer—a professor at the university. He had been banished with all other intellectuals, and several years after coming back to Beijing, in a time of personal crisis, he had found the *Voice of Hope* radio program. In fact, he showed us the shortwave radio that had become his link to the Lifesaver.

This pastor speaker was the one who taught him about Jesus and the Sabbath and the second coming. Through the daily programs, he had learned about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since the church isn't listed in the "yellow pages" in Beijing, he had to go through the streets on Saturday, looking for a group that might be keeping the Sabbath. He found a group, was given his first Bible, and eventually was baptized. Even though this was a very dangerous visit, I was thrilled to meet this brother—one of the 1.2 billion persons in China who knows the true God and is faithfully living for Him.

The world God is trying to reach is everyone, everywhere, in every generation. It's not a cliché, it's our mission. In fact, "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary" (Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 195). Thank you for supporting mission trips, mission offerings, mission fields. Thank you for being a missionary.

Andrews Academy Students SOW for God's Kingdom

BY KATRINA EMERY

Thirty of us Andrews Academy (AA) students snuggled into our own beds on January 13 for the first time in two weeks, happy to be back in a place where the showers were warm and long, toilet paper could be flushed down the toilet, and food included things other than rice and beans. Since December 28, we had been on a SOW (Service, Outreach, Witness) Safari in the Dominican Republic, building a church.

The church, designed by Maranatha Volunteers, Inc., was built in Los Jovillosk, a small village of about 2,000–3,000 people. Evangelistic meetings, presented by Sergio Rodriguez, a seminary student from Andrews University, and a Vacation Bible School (VBS) were held each night for the community.

We stayed in the town of Azua, about 15 minutes away from Los Jovillos, at *Colegio Adventista de la Americas*, the local Adventist school. Conditions were not perfect, but adequate. When a centipede was found in the boys'



The church building begins to take shape, bringing joy and satisfaction to the hard-working SOW (Service, Outreach, Witness) Safari workers.

room, senior Michael Gardner said, "It gave me goose bumps to think of it crawling around me as I slept."

The daily routine was to wake up at 6:15 a.m., eat breakfast, then board the bus for the trip to the job site where we worked hard until 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. After a quick dinner and showers to wash away all the mortar and dirt, we rushed off to VBS and the meetings, getting home and to bed around 10:15 p.m., only to repeat the schedule again the next day.

Despite the hard work, we still had days off and a chance to have fun. Favorite activities on everyone's list included trips to the beach and the local ice cream store, which served flavors like passion fruit, coconut, and even corn.

On the job site, students wielded trowels, pliers, and hammers to construct the church. Three student supervisors—seniors Danielle Coon, Sara Vulicevic, and myself—were chosen to head up the work under Fred Specht, the building consultant from southern Indiana who accompanied the group.

"It was a hard job. I was totally unprepared in the beginning, but when I read the plans more, it was easier," Sara Vulicevic said.

The group labored hard for about nine days, and in the end, all but the tops of a few interior walls were completed.

"This church will make a huge difference in the community. It was already bringing people together," said Patricia Erhard, a Berrien Springs, Michigan, resident who accompanied the group along with her husband, Gary.



From left: José Feliz, bus driver; Katrina Hamel; Lennon St. Juste; Allan Chase, Andrews Academy principal; & Jaevan Harris enjoy socializing as they work.

As a result of the evangelistic meetings, 22 people were baptized while we were there, and more are planning to be baptized in the future. Even the bus driver, a man named José, started asking Pastor Rodriguez questions about his faith.



The pastor of the newly constructed church prepares to baptize some of the 22 new members.

"This was the smoothest trip I've been on, with the most cooperative, flexible students, who did the best job on the church," Sari Butler, SOW Safari director and AA guidance counselor, said. "I think we succeeded in ways that are more important than any other trip we've been on—22 baptisms and a church that will stay forever."

Katrina Emery is an Andrews Academy senior who participated in the SOW Safari mission trip.

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

Julie Jeppersen grew up in a Christian home. Church was important because both her grandparents and uncle on her mother's side of the family are United Church of Christ congregational ministers. However, she and her family stopped attending church when her grandparents retired from their ministerial positions.



Julie Jeppersen

Until approximately a year ago, Julie was not involved with any denominational church or Christian group. Things changed when Julie started dating Josh Drumm (the football player featured in the *Lake Union Herald* March issue New Members section) and joined him in a search for a Bible-believing church. Together they began attending the Twin Cities Adventist Church in Alma, Michigan.

Julie's background made her reluctant to attend church on Saturday when her family was attending a different church on Sunday. This forced her to research the reasons for Sabbath observance so she could give a biblical answer for her decision if she was asked by her family or friends. Although Julie's research convinced her that the Adventist Church is God's remnant church, she disliked the idea of attending a separate denomination from her family. Julie told Josh she was not going to continue attending church with him, hoping that he would change his mind about the Adventist Church. In spite of what she said,

they continued to attend church each Sabbath.

Julie confessed that she knew Josh had made the right choice, forcing her to rethink her spiritual commitment. Julie was baptized in August of 2002.

Julie's decision to observe the seventh-day Sabbath meant she would have to make the hard decision to quit cheerleading at the Alma College football games each Saturday. She had been a cheerleader during her entire high school career, for both the football and competitive cheerleading seasons. Julie, however, is still using her cheerleading talents as the eighth-grade cheerleading coach at Alma Middle School.

On January 13, Josh asked Julie to marry him, and she said, "Yes."

Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

WISCONSIN

Jason Kuk had been engaged in Bible study with me for nearly six months. When he discovered that we were holding *Hope for the Homeland* meetings, he covenanted to be there. Night after night as the presentations were made, Jason was nowhere to be found. He did, however, show up for two meetings and explained to me that his work schedule had conflicted with his attendance, but that he would come as much as he could.

Five people had made the decision to accept Jesus and fellowship in the Adventist Church at the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings. When the day came for them to be baptized,



Jason Kuk is baptized by David Guerrero, pastor of the Menomonie and Durand churches.

Jason arrived at the church, looking for me. When he found me, he informed me that today, the day that was announced for the big baptism, he wanted to be baptized too.

I immediately sat down with Jason and realized that we had already covered every Adventist doctrinal topic during our Bible studies except two. Then I looked at the *Hope for the Homeland* attendance records to see which nights Jason had attended, and discovered to our amazement that they were the very two nights that covered the topics Jason had not yet studied with me. God had providentially led Jason to attend those two meetings he needed to make his decision for Christ and baptism.

Jason and I quickly reviewed the baptismal examination questions, and Jason joined the five other baptismal candidates and was baptized into the Menomonie Adventist Church.

David Guerrero, pastor of the Menomonie and Durand churches

Blind Campers Enjoy a Winter Retreat

BY RON BOWES

Blind youth have found many new friends at winter camps in Michigan and Colorado, thanks to friends from Christian Record Services (CRS) and young Adventists from Canada and the United States. The week-long camps are held in February and March each year.

More than 40 blind young adults arrived in Colorado at the YMCA of the Rockies and an equal number at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan. Skiing, tubing, and even snowmobiling were on their schedules. In Colorado, campers enjoyed downhill skiing with their ski instructor, who gave verbal commands. In Michigan, Doug Show, a taskforce worker, provided snowmobile rides. Others ventured out on cross-country skis. One camper was a gold medal winner in the para-olympics.

"Winter camps for the blind are relatively new," says Larry Hubbell, a Michigan-based CRS representative. The winter camp at Au Sable is now in its fifth year. The Colorado camp has been operated by Christian Record Services since the 1980s. "It's the challenge of winter recreation and the fellowship that draws the campers.



We just provide the opportunity, and they eagerly want to come," says Pat Page, executive director of CRS Canada and camp director.

"Among the blind at Au Sable were new Canadian immigrants from England and Russia," Page said. "We had mostly Christians, but Buddhists and Muslims also attended this year," she added. "It is a real cross-cultural experience, and our sighted guides learn so much about blindness and other cultures that it's an education in itself," says Jim Ryan, Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ontario, boys' dean, who has served as camp pastor for several years.

The Canadian young people are so willing to help, that they raised \$250 each to attend as sighted guides. Jody Knowles, Kingsway College freshman, was a sighted guide for three campers under her charge. One of them, Susanna, is totally blind but does amazing things. She writes articles, plays the violin, and sings. Jody says that Gerald Brown, a Kingsway junior, has been so inspired by the spirit of the blind that he wouldn't miss this annual opportunity and has made it a part of his Kingsway program.

Pastor Jim says, "It's the best outreach program Kingsway has because of the impact on our own students and on the blind. We've seen baptisms, and many of the campers come from all sorts of backgrounds. They have turned their lives toward Christ and are headed on the right path."

Christian Record Services provides winter camp opportunities for the blind, enabling young adults like Angela Vetter, of Lincoln, Nebraska, to enjoy the thrills of downhill skiing.



Christian Record Services representative Felipe Movilla (right) tries to keep up with gold medalist Olga Nazarenko.



The worship team leads campers in singing praises during winter camp daily worships.

Tracy Woods of Berrien Springs, Michigan, is another leader in the CRS camping program. For several years he has been camp pastor in Colorado. "Tracy's worship talks are a big part of the winter camping experience," says Brian Schwartz, a building contractor from Simi Valley, California, who is the volunteer camp director. He is joined by a dozen other Adventists who leave their work as attorneys, nurses, audiologists, and business consultants for this special ministry.

The blind camps are free of charge to all visually impaired campers, as are all the services and programs of Christian Record Services. Over 1,000 blind people attend the summer and winter camps each year. CRS is able to provide these services to the blind because of the generosity of Adventist Church members who give to the annual offering that will be collected on April 12.

Ron Bowes is the Christian Record Services communication director.



One Man's Mission: Representing God in Two Different Worlds

BY MICHAEL NICKLESS

Why are short-term mission projects so popular with Adventists? We know that these mission projects continue to impact lives long after the events end, but what motivates people to go in the first place, and why do they continue to go?

Rick Shaffer is a registered nurse and was recently elected as the 59th District Representative to the Michigan House of Representatives. An active member of the Centreville (Michigan) Church, he has taken part in 13 Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact trips to the Dominican Republic as a medical staff member.

According to Terry Dodge, Michigan Conference Pathfinder director, this program gives Pathfinders, 14 years and older, the chance to observe and assist health professionals in the treatment of people with medical, dental, and optical needs in a Third World cultural setting.

In an endeavor to understand why people go again and again, the Michigan conference communication staff interviewed Representative Shaffer. Here are portions of that interview.

Michigan Conference (MC): When did you first go on a Teen Mission project?

Rick Shaffer (RS): It was 1981.

MC: I understand that you have gone 13 times, and that your son, Robbie, went with you this past Christmas as one of the teen volunteers. Is that correct?



RS: I started going during those early years with Merrill Fleming, former Michigan Conference Pathfinder director, and really loved being a part of Teen Mission. I see this as a double ministry. You not only minister to people's medical needs, but probably the greatest ministry is the influence that you are able to have on your own young people.

MC: Why did you go your first time?

RS: You are probably going to laugh at this. My mother tells the story about reading all the various missionary books to me as a youngster. She spent a great deal of time trying to instill a desire for medical missionary work in me.

During those early years of indoctrination, I never had an opportunity to do mission service as many of our kids do now. When Merrill invited me to come as a registered nurse, it just seemed like a great thing to try. And I kind of got it in my blood beyond that.

MC: Do you share your faith and what you do in mission work with others?

RS: Our hospital administrator was so enthused about the concept of Teen Mission that he came to my office and said, "Share with me more about Teen Mission." So we talked 20 minutes, and he said, "I want to go." I said, "What do you mean you want to go?" "Sign me up. I want to go on Teen Mission," he said. The last two years he has gone with us, and this year he brought his son with him.

MC: I understand that you are actively involved in your local church. What church offices have you held?

RS: You know, when you go to a small church, you end up holding most of the offices at one time or another. I've been a Sabbath school superintendent and teacher, youth department director, and had the junior and early teen classes. But the most important position in the church, next to the pastor, is the Pathfinder director. That is such an



Representative Rick Shaffer (right) watched by his son Robbie (center), hands a young mother medicine for her child during a clinic session in the Dominican Republic.

important ministry. A host of different programming comes under the umbrella of the Pathfinder director, so that's probably where my heart lies of all the various positions.

MC: Do you have any other examples of sharing your faith?

RS: This summer on the campaign trail, I was going door to door, meeting people face to face, sharing what my principles are. I met this one gentleman who quickly looked at my brochure and said, "Oh, I see you belong to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Centreville." Right in my campaign brochure I was not hesitant about who I am. He said, "My mother's an Adventist, and she is going to be visiting in a few weeks. Would you mind if we came to your church?" And they did! They came as a direct result of that campaign brochure.

MC: Why did you run for a public office?

RS: I have been very active in my southwest Michigan community for 20 to 25 years. My strong health-care background brought out a desire to be of service to my community. From that desire to be of service, I became involved in various committees. The desire to go into state legislative government just kind of evolved through the process.

MC: I know you have been here

only a short time, but do you ever feel like Daniel?

RS: Yes, I do! As a Christian, you are rubbing shoulders or you are involved every day with secular influences, everything from lobbyists to issues that certainly may not fit with our lifestyles or our goals. And so there are times that you feel

that as a Christian, you are somewhat out on a limb. But it is amazing how many individuals, even among the other legislators, hold good solid Christian ideals. We try to network with those individuals.

MC: Is it difficult being a Seventh-day Adventist in the public eye?

RS: I've always made it a point to wear my Christianity on the outside so people are well aware that I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist. We have a wonderful worldwide network, from education to health care, and we should be very proud. We should never be ashamed to be a witness to those that we come in contact with. Keeping the Sabbath hasn't really been a problem. Our sessions only meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, so it would be a rarity that Sabbath sessions should ever occur.

MC: Do you have opportunities to witness in this new job?

RS: Well, yes, that comes about as we live and work in a secular world. As far as the entertainment aspect of it, you go to lunches, you go to buffets, and obviously there are a variety of meats and beverages, and people will say, "I noticed you did this, but you didn't do that," and it is a great opportunity for sharing. Often times you will find people that will say, "Oh yeah, I have a Seventh-day

Adventist in my town at such and such a place," and you strike up a great conversation. Or, they will say, "There is a church that I go by every day; tell me a little about Seventh-day Adventists."

MC: What message do you want to get across to the youth out there?

RS: I think the first message I want to give to every youth is that all jobs are important. We are all on an individual heavenly pathway. And just like the parable in the Bible, we've been entrusted with different talents that God expects us to use for His glory. I would say to young people that I urge them to stay attuned to the call of God's voice, and to follow into whatever occupation He may lead. You, too, can be an effective witness to others within your community by rendering that service to Him.



Representative Rick Shaffer (left) and his son Robbie (center) help a student colleague as she checks out a timid patient at the Dominican Republic mission clinic.

Short-term mission projects are anything but short term in their impact on people. Rick Shaffer will continue to live as a missionary, not just when he accompanies the teens, but in his everyday life. I believe that is what Jesus wants all of us to do.

Michael Nickless is the Michigan Conference communication director.

Teen Mission Impacts the Lives of Pathfinders

BY TERRY DODGE

The purpose of Michigan Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact is to allow and encourage Pathfinder teens to catch a vision of service to people in another country (Dominican Republic) while having the opportunity to observe and assist health professionals—doctors, nurses, dentists, and optometrists—in a practical setting.



Pathfinders sort and package pills for the Teen Mission clinics.

Thirty-seven team members left Detroit on December 25, 2002, for the Dominican Republic to hold nine medical clinics in the East Dominican Conference. Each day the conference president or his representative assisted us in working with the people. At the close of the last clinic, Ramón Cedeño, East Dominican Conference president, presented a special plaque to the team that read, "To Elder Terry Dodge and the Teen Mission 2002–2003. In great appreciation for their service in favor of the people in the East Dominican Conference."

Spiritually helping those who come to the clinics is one of the blessings received. One incident



Jason Shelley uses an auto-refractor to determine a patient's eye-glass prescription.

this year involved a woman who came for medical reasons, feeling God didn't love her because of what was happening in her life. Treating her medical needs and bringing the local pastor to visit and follow up with her gave her the encouragement she needed.

This year's trip was different because almost half of the 23 Pathfinder teens came back as alumni, because of what the previous trips had meant to them.

"What I like about Teen Mission is that it changed the way I thought about life. The reason I decided to return is because I feel that now I can offer even more to the people than I could have the first time. The change Teen Mission makes in you is permanent, and it softens your heart. Instead of looking at people and seeing economic barriers, you see an equal, a relative in Christ. I feel that by going back again with this change, I will be able to help and serve these relatives in Christ and show them the love of God," says Becky White of Charlotte, Michigan.

Brittany Keith of Grand Rapids, Michigan, tells her experience: "I went to the Dominican expecting to clean teeth, fetch medicine, and fit glasses. I never thought that I would give an injection, use an auto-refractor, repair a road, make so many new friends, try so many

different foods, make an impact on so many lives, and come closer to God than I ever thought possible. It was amazing to see God working during the entire trip. There were many small miracles that took place every day in the optical clinics. Some of them could only have taken place through God's hand and His perfect timing. When you add up all the little things that took place before, during, and after the trip, you can't help but remember how great God is and how perfect His plan is for us. It's those little things that I will never forget."

The great staff the Lord sends each year helps to make the Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact a life-changing experience for everyone that goes. This year there were over 4,100 adults and children that received not only medical, dental, and optical help, but the love of Jesus given through the team members.



James Walangitan, a Pathfinder from Watervliet, Michigan, takes a clinic patient's blood pressure.

By now evangelistic meetings have been conducted in the various areas where the nine clinics were held. We wish to thank those who gave money to help our Pathfinder teens go and the health professionals who helped provide all the supplies for this year's trip.

Terry Dodge is the Michigan Conference Pathfinder ministries director.

When God Says "Go!"

BY GARRY L. TREFT

My dream had been to be a student missionary (SM) to Thailand, but it just never worked out. However, when God says, "Go"—hang on! This past year, my dream finally came true!

When Dan Smith, a former Illinois Conference pastor who grew up in Thailand where his parents had been missionaries for 17 years, spoke at the Northern Illinois camp meeting, he told me about the mission trip to Thailand his family was planning and said,



Garry Treft taught English to a group of first-grade students at the Prince Royal's College School in Thailand.

"There might still be room; call me when I return to California." As we made arrangements to take time away from our jobs and raised the necessary funds for the trip, we were amazed to see God pull all the details together.

From July 30 through August 14, 2002, my wife, Tricia, and I joined Dan Smith, La Sierra (California) Church senior pastor, and his team in Thailand. Before we arrived, Dan and his three brothers—David, Richard, and Donald—each held Week of Prayer meetings throughout Thailand.

Part of the team began the construction of an industrial building for an International Children's Care orphanage, located next to Chiang Mai Adventist Academy.



Children ranging from babies to 16-year-olds reside at the International Children's Care orphanage located near Chiang Mai Adventist Academy.

Pastors and lay workers from the area had already held 21 satellite evangelistic series, preparing individuals for baptism prior to our arrival. Our first weekend in Chiang Mai, the Smiths began an evangelistic series designed to reap the harvest already planted by the local pastors. Attendance each evening averaged between 300 and 500 people. Dan's mother, Jean, provided the children's programming nightly to approximately 70 children, speaking in the Thai language.

Additional opportunities for outreach were numerous. Administrators at the Prince Royal's College School, a Presbyterian school, learned that a group from America was coming and requested English teachers for their first-grade students. Every day Tricia and I and other team members had the challenge of engaging 30 to 35 youngsters for 45 minutes. Their enthusiasm was contagious as they learned new English songs or tried to teach us "The B-I-B-L-E" in Thai.

A mobile dental clinic was set up for the Chiang Mai Adventist Academy students. Several

students were amazed to discover Novocain for pain relief during their treatment.

Our second weekend in Thailand was similar to camp meetings I've experienced in the United States, only more special! Over 500 people from northern Thailand attended the conclusion of the evangelistic series. In some cases, this was no small feat, since travel in Thailand isn't as convenient as it is in America.

People were meeting old friends, sharing memories, and making new friends. In spite of the hot, humid weather, it was exciting to mingle with the people, dressed in their native costumes. Even the Thai food was wonderful.



Pastors Dan, Donald, and Richard Smith and their ministerial colleagues baptized 113 new converts at the conclusion of the evangelistic series in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

It was awesome to watch 10 pastors baptizing at the same time, as 113 people gave their lives to Christ through baptism and were welcomed with open arms by their new Adventist family. Phakdee Tawinno, Thailand Adventist Mission president, had the honor of preparing his own father for baptism.

When God says, "Go!"—hang on for the ride. He will take care of the details.

Garry Treft writes from Willowbrook, Illinois.

Short-term Mission; Long-term Impact

BY GLENN RUSSELL

During the Christmas holiday, 15 volunteers worked, played, and worshiped at the *Hogar de Niños* (Children's Home) operated by REACH International near Santa Barbara, Honduras. Sent out by the Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC), the team was comprised mainly of students from Andrews University and Andrews Academy. The team conducted a FLAG (Fun Learning About God) camp for about 73 children at the orphanage and day care center. FLAG camp includes interactive classes, worship, games, music, prayer times, service activities, and lots of smiles and laughter.

Was it worth it? Did it make any difference? Here are some answers from a few of the team members.

Joshua Chung, Andrews University senior: "This Honduras trip meant a lot to me. It let me see what God's love can do in this evil world and showed what I can do in the future to do God's work."



Joshua Chung bonds with his unit of boys at the Children's Home in Honduras.

Glenn Russell, team director and Andrews University religion professor:

"It is an awesome privilege to spend this time with Adventist young people who have taught me so much. The Children's Home children are our special friends. It was a joy to baptize Yasenia, a young woman at the Children's Home. I am inspired by the dedicated REACH staff who are doing a marvelous work for Christ!"

Dyana Coon, Andrews Academy senior:

"Jenny is a girl who is HIV positive. Her thirst for human touch and love really sticks out in my mind. She always had to be with one of us, holding our hands, giving us hugs. She couldn't get enough love."



Erica Russell enjoys time with a child from the day care in Honduras.

Erica Russell, Andrews University sophomore, served as a student missionary at the Children's Home last year. She was so excited about going back: "Those children are just like family to me. This was all I wanted for Christmas."

Kristi Witzel, Andrews University student: "I spent a lot of time playing with the children, but I was also able to help them with their chores, go on trips with them,

teach them things, and help put them to bed at night. Through spending time with them, I learned to love them."



The Hogar de Niños (Children's Home) in Honduras is one of the many orphanages REACH International sponsors around the world. The orphanage children are wearing T-shirts donated by PMC Pathfinders.

Scott Schalk, team co-leader and business professional:

"The children's smiling faces and boundless energy made all the sacrifices of time, money, and being away from our own families well worth it. It was a special joy to see Christina and Ioana, two girls from the REACH orphanage in Romania who are now young women serving as staff members in Honduras."

Tania Gainza, Andrews University senior:

"A little girl named Daysi had fungus on her feet which she had scratched until blisters had formed. I held Daysi as she screamed that she couldn't stand it any more. It broke my heart as I whispered to her quietly, "Just a little bit more." She looked up and gave me this wonderful smile through her tears. I then realized the value of what we were doing. Our being there relieved a little bit of those orphaned children's pain. We brought a little bit of happiness to help carry them through harder times and to give them the hope of God's love."

To learn more about REACH International, call (269) 471-7460; or visit their web site at www.reach.org

Glenn Russell, Andrews University religion professor, was the Honduras mission team director.

The Gospel in Working Clothes

BY SHIRLEY Y. TATUM

The Burns Church (Detroit) Adventist Community Services (ACS) department sponsors several outreach ministries under the leadership of Yvonne Jones.

One of these is the Cass Corridor Street Ministry, started in 1997 by the young adult Sabbath school class and now under the leadership of Adventist Community Services. For five years, the Burns Church family has taken food, clothing, blankets, school supplies, Bibles, and literature to the homeless who depend on volunteer services to keep them going.

The inspiring aspect of the ministry is the interaction with men, women, and children who continue to smile in spite of the meager resources they have to sustain life. We often stand holding hands in a circle on a busy downtown street, singing and praying as we distribute our wares. Some have requested special prayer, and with joyful hearts we stand where we are and pray with them, asking for God to move in a specific way to fill their needs.

Some attended the evangelistic meeting we had last summer at Martin Luther King High School because Terence Standifer, a Burns member, dutifully picked them up via the church van.

Members provided a delicious meal for them before the meetings. Followup is almost impossible because of the transient existence these precious people live. However, we continue each month to make our impact and depend upon the Holy Spirit to reap the harvest.

Last summer a special lady came up to our table. Thinking she was probably seeking food and clothing, we were surprised when she emphatically told us she only wanted a Bible. As she walked down the street, we could hear her telling others about how great it was that she received a Bible!

There are many needs that we cannot supply as we minister to these people, but we enthusiastically share our love and limited resources to show them that God does not forget them. When they thank us, we continually point to Him and the fact that it is His love that we bring each month.

We hope one day to see many of these individuals in heaven because of the Cass Corridor Street Ministry.

Shirley Y. Tatum is the Burns Church communication leader.



Yvonne Davis, Burns Church Adventist Community Services leader, brings coats to give to the homeless.



Davis and Burns members always pray with the homeless before distributing items and food.



Homeless persons make a prayer line before receiving food and clothing.



Homeless persons around the Cass Corridor, downtown Detroit, come to receive items and food provided by the Burns Church every month.



Burns member, Constance Gayles, dips hot soup for the homeless on a cold, wintery Sabbath afternoon.



CREATIVE PARENTING

I Miss You!

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

One of the most important things we do in life is to build, maintain, and enjoy our relationships with others. At times, these relationships become stressed because a parent, grandparent, or friend must be away for a time or move away indefinitely or forever. Whatever the reason, separation is difficult. To help children understand separation, we can start by explaining that there are two types of separation—long- and short-term.

What may seem like a logical, rather short separation to an adult, can seem like a very long time to a child. A friend shared with me that she told her grandchildren she would be gone for a short time. Her nine-year-old grandson, Charlie, said he thought she was going to be gone for a very long time, because she would miss two important events at his school.

Taking separations seriously is important, because these separations profoundly affect our children. Adults need to reassure children that they are lovable and that the adults in their lives will always love them, whether they are close or far away. It is important to remember that time has a different meaning for children than it does for adults. Relationships with children need constant nurturing. If you are separated from important children in your life, I encourage you to plan some specific activities to show those children that you value the importance of staying connected.

In this world of fast-paced communication, I would encourage you to remember that children need tangible remembrances of the important adults in their lives. While that can be accomplished to some

degree by e-mail messages, it is also helpful to talk on the telephone and to plan activities that will keep you in touch. It is easy to rely on other adults in the child's life to keep us posted as to their activities and advances, but that does not necessarily help the child feel connected to you.

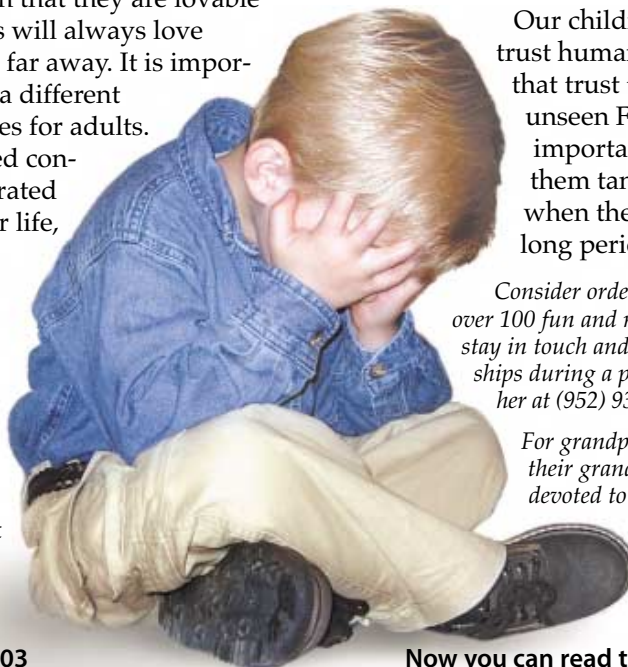
In her book *While We're Apart...*, Carol Gesme suggests many activities which adults can initiate to keep in touch with the important children in their lives. Some activities, in turn, can be completed by children.

- ▶ Create a calendar for one week. For each day of that week, write down the things that happened to you every day, both big and small. Include what you ate for breakfast, things you saw, feelings, thoughts, or memories you had. You might end each day with a statement: "The best thing I did today was ...," or "A way God blessed me today was"
- ▶ For older children, send a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant. Choose a certain day and time for each of you to go to the restaurant nearest you at the same time. Afterwards, call on the phone and talk about your experience, share what each of you ate, etc.
- ▶ Send a copy of a favorite tape or CD. Have them send you theirs. Let each other know what you enjoyed about the music.
- ▶ For a younger child, trace a picture of your hand with a colored pen or marker. Send it to that important child with instructions for them to trace their hand holding yours, with a different colored pen or marker. Share with them that they can look at it often and remember that you are thinking of them and miss them.

Our children will be better able to trust human relationships, and transfer that trust to their relationship with an unseen Father in Heaven, if the important adults in their lives give them tangible, consistent nurturing when they are separated for short or long periods of time.

Consider ordering Carole's book which contains over 100 fun and meaningful ways for loved ones to stay in touch and even strengthen existing relationships during a prolonged separation. You can reach her at (952) 938-9163 or e-mail cgesme@cs.com.

For grandparents living a distance from their grandchildren, there's a helpful web site devoted to helping grandparents and grandchildren keep connected: www.igrandparents.com





Healthy Choices

The Helper's High

BY WINSTON CRAIG

Allan Luks in his book *The Healing Power of Doing Good* describes the positive feelings experienced by volunteer workers. Many of them reported that their health markedly improved when they were engaged in helping others, friends, or strangers. Ninety-five percent of those surveyed indicated that helping others and doing volunteer work on a regular basis gave them a warm feeling, increased energy, and actually gave them a sense of euphoria, called "the helper's high."

Furthermore, 80 percent of the volunteers reported that these same health benefits returned when they later reflected upon the acts of kindness. Volunteers also report they experience such positive long-term effects as a greater calm and relaxation. Focusing their attention upon the needs of others allows volunteers to forget about their own difficulties and problems. The result? Their moods brighten and their bodies are energized.

Paul admonishes us not to grow weary in doing good, but rather, as we have opportunity, to do good to all people (Galatians 6:9,10). Long ago the

Tips for doing good:

1. Volunteer to help in a local community project, or go on a mission outreach trip.
2. Help with fund-raising projects at the local school.
3. Tidy up the yard of an elderly shut-in.
4. Extend help to the poor and homeless.
5. Participate in a soup kitchen, big brother/big sister program, or similar community outreach.

prophet Isaiah suggested that those who give assistance to needy people (giving food to the hungry, shelter to the poor, and clothes to the destitute) would experience a surge of health and healing (Isaiah 58:7,8).

Doing good brings true satisfaction and pleasure to the giver. Those who unselfishly engage in the work of doing good will experience an improved physical and mental health (Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 2 (2T), p. 534; *Ministry of Healing*, p. 257). Doing good has been described as being an excellent remedy for disease (2T, p. 29).

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



Peer Mission Review Notes Mission Effectiveness

Mission implementation is a positive component of being part of Adventist Health System (AHS). Every two years, each hospital in the system undergoes a rigorous peer review process. The Adventist Health System Midwest Region facilities were recently evaluated and found to be highly effective in carrying out Christ's holistic ministry and mission in the communities they serve. Reviewers noted positive attitudes across the system, and individuals referred to their place-of-employment colleagues as family.



Lanny Wilson, M.D., offers a prayer of thanks with family and staff after a delivery at Hinsdale Hospital.

Todd Werner, La Grange Memorial Hospital CEO, said, "It is nice to know we are making a difference. One surveyor noted the 'electrifying enthusiasm of employees' and the sense of team spirit in wanting to live out our mission. The peer review provides us an opportunity to learn from a larger experience. The sharing of best practices from other AHS entities provides a transfer of knowledge that is very beneficial. The experience shows us where we do well and provides keys on how we can do better."

According to Pat Sutton, Hinsdale Hospital CEO, "This process gave us such an affirmation of what we do. It was fun to get ready for this. It was like compiling a list of end-of-the-year accomplishments, then hearing staff acknowledge appreciation for what's being done to spiritually meet their needs."



Enthusiasmous, a male vocal group from Andrews University, sings during Spiritual Emphasis Week at Hinsdale Hospital.

The Midwest Region serves a diverse demographic base and has a strong representation of Christians and non-Christians in its work force.

"We try to be attentive to their diverse backgrounds while emphasizing their spiritual needs," said Brinsley Lewis, GlenOaks Hospital CEO. "Each campus has a spiritual life committee to focus on different constituencies of patients, employees, physicians, and visitors. We are not just content to run our hospitals and balance our budgets, we are focused on whole-person care, and that includes creating a spiritual atmosphere."

Jonathan Leach, executive regional director of ministries and mission, said, "I'm so pleased that the peer review group was so complimentary of the spiritual ministries that are taking place at each of our hospitals and facilities in the Midwest Region. I praise God for our chaplains, nurses, administrators, and other employees. They give such dedicated, loving care to God's precious children in our communities."

Reviewers included Benjamin Reaves, AHS corporate; Pete Weber, Huguley Hospital CEO; Wilma Heflin, Tennessee Christian Medical Center director of nursing; and Wayne McNutt, Heartland Hospital pastoral care director.

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



La Grange Memorial Hospital CEO Todd Werner, Sheila Horner, and Debra Skouletos serve food during Hospital Week.

New Accreditation for Andrews' School Psychology Program

As a first in Adventist education, the Andrews University post-graduate school psychology program was recently accredited by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). The accreditation, received in January, allows program graduates to be nationally certified as school psychologists upon achieving a passing score on the school psychology portion of the National Teachers' Exam.

The accreditation comes after painstaking work on the part of the Educational and Counseling Psychology

Department to fulfill the requirements for the accreditation. "It took two years to create the folio that we had to submit," said Sheryl Gregory, associate professor of school psychology.

The accreditation is well worth the effort.

"Prospective students regularly ask if we are a NASP-approved program. When they choose a graduate program, they are specifically seeking a NASP program," said Gregory. Students also find that graduating from a NASP-approved program is seen to be an advantage by prospective employers. "The school psychology job market is wide open," said Gregory.

"There is a shortage of school psychologists throughout the entire country. It will get more severe over the next 10 years because baby boomers are retiring," added Rudi Bailey, professor of educational and counseling psychology.

In a letter received from the National Association of School Psychologists, the accreditation officers commended Gregory and her colleagues for their "commitment to quality training and national approval."

Jim Jeffery, acting School of Education dean, said: "They have made the School of Education shine once again, and we are proud of them."

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer

Teacher in the Spotlight

"Unconventional" is probably the best word to describe Andrews University's associate professor of marketing, Lauren Oliver Strach. Students find her classes a refreshing break from the traditional and a reason to be increasingly interested in marketing. Strach has proved that it is possible to promote both serious thought and laughter in class for marvelous results.

Strach most simply describes marketing as "telling the story." Perhaps part of the reason Strach connects so well with Andrews students is the fact that her story started at Andrews. Strach served as student association vice president during the 1978-'79 school year, when she led the student senate and served as a student representative on a number of faculty committees, giving her what she calls, "a different, unusual perspective."

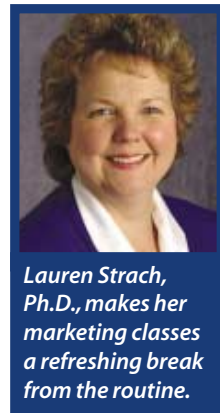
She graduated from Andrews in 1979, anticipating medical school, but along the way came a shift in her goals. "I decided that my true interests and abilities lay in the business world and especially in marketing," she said.

With that shift, Strach earned her MBA from Central Michigan University in 1984, and in 1990, she completed her Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

In the fall of 2001, after twenty years of studies, marketing work, and teaching at Central Michigan University and Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, Ind., Strach returned home. Her experience away from Andrews "provided a new appreciation for the quality and perspective of Andrews students," she said.

Back at her alma mater, she is determined to teach in a way that leaves no alternative to the student but to learn. As a true marketer, she is relentless in her efforts to impact her audience. "If you don't engage the students, what's the point?" she said.

Aside from her passion for teaching, Strach feels the need to contribute to society on an even wider scale. "The truest good that a person can achieve is to contribute to building the cornerstones of society—schools, libraries, and churches." Strach strives to serve the community through devoting a significant amount of her time offering marketing consulting for a range of nonprofit organizations, which in turn provides new material for her classes and experiences she can share with her students.



Lauren Strach, Ph.D., makes her marketing classes a refreshing break from the routine.



School psychology student Autumn Ryan practices administering the Differential Abilities Scale, a cognitive IQ test, to fellow classmate Mei-Ying Chang.

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Sandy Eickmann
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Lucy Torrey
Puyallup, Washington

"I participated in AHS-2 as a self-checkup. I found that I didn't eat as many vegetables as I thought I did. And that was important for me to find out."

Kelton Rhoads
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GLAA Students Become Maranatha Volunteers

Michigan — On Dec. 26, 2002, a group of 38 Maranatha Volunteers from Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA), Andrews University, and several Adventist churches left on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Our task was to build a church for a new group of Adventists in a small town outside Santo



Richard Spencer, project building supervisor, lays the first block of the new church.

Domingo—Los Alcarrisos. It was a blessing to work with such an awesome group of Christians, who were all excited about their mission as they worked for the glory of God. Many of the volunteers said they were blessed by seeing the people's happy faces and knowing how content they are with the little they have.

Because the Dominican is my home country, I know what it is like to live down there, and it is not easy. As we were working on the church—sifting sand, lifting and laying block—the people were talking excitedly about their new sanctuary to worship their Creator.



GLAA students joined Maranatha Volunteers to build a church in the Dominican Republic during their Christmas vacation.



Jonathan Leonor, Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) senior, translates the Bible story for the children during the Vacation Bible School held by the volunteers.

We did not just work on building a church. We also worked at building relationships with these dear people through a Vacation Bible School (VBS), medical clinic, and an English language school. Every day I heard praises from the people who watched us work. One lady said something to me in Spanish that I will never forget. She said, "Blessed be the God of heaven who takes care of us, and blessed are you all who give your time to serve the Lord and do His will of reaching out to His people." Those are powerful words that will stick with me forever.

Jonathan Leonor, GLAA senior

BVA Teens Model Smoke-free Lifestyles

Illinois — Twenty students from Broadview Academy (BVA) attended a training session on Feb. 6 at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill., sponsored by the American Lung Association.



Broadview Academy students, committed to smoke-free lifestyles, have completed Teens Against Tobacco Use training and are sharing their convictions with elementary students in both Adventist and public schools.

These students have made a choice to be smoke-free and are willing to be role models to others. Teens Against Tobacco Use (T.A.T.U.) educates high school students to provide a program to fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders about the effects of tobacco. The American Lung Association targets elementary-age students through T.A.T.U. members because the average age to begin smoking is 12 and a half!

BVA started this program in January 2002 and visited all Illinois Conference elementary schools throughout the spring semester. A training session was held in November and February of this school year. Visits continue to be made not only to our Adventist schools, but also to local public schools.

We're proud of our students and how they are actively ministering to our community.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).

Candi Vinton, Broadview Academy school nurse



Indiana Academy (IA) Choralanans sing in their new choir robes, made possible by the generous support of IA friends.

Indiana Academy Benefits Haitian Mission

Indiana — Forty of the recently-replaced Indiana Academy (IA) Choralanans' choir robes are being shipped to Haiti for a choir in need at Faith Mission, an inter-denominational mission.

As IA's music teacher, I encountered the request for good used choir robes in a professional newsletter. The Baziles of Fort Wayne, Ind., were looking for robes to clothe a 35-voice church choir in southwestern Haiti. After consulting with administration about the donation, Marialyn Bazile made the trip from Fort Wayne to examine the robes and choose the ones they could use.

This was a great opportunity to help another choral organization with their needs. After 25 years of hard

use at IA, the robes can still benefit others. Thanks to the generous support of IA friends, new choir robes were purchased last year.

Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy music director

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Ashland Gains Two Members on Final Sabbath of 2002

Wisconsin — It was the final Sabbath of the year. Mihail Baciu, a Romanian doctoral student at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and recently appointed Ashland (Wis.) Church pastor, was rejoicing with the church. God had blessed them with a baptismal service for two new converts.

Edward Hedican, a wise and capable young adult, came from a Presbyterian background. His personal Bible study led him to believe the seventh-day (Saturday) was the correct "Lord's Day." Because God has blessed Edward with wisdom and the spiritual gift of leadership, the church family believes he will develop into an outstanding youth leader.

George DeFoe's testimony was rewarding as he explained why, as a businessman with a Catholic background, he had joined the Ashland Church where his Adventist wife is a member. His words encouraged the whole congregation to continue their loving reflections of Christ.

When asked which doctrine led him to become an Adventist, he replied that it was not the teachings, but the warmth, friendliness, and open hearts of the members in accepting him. "I have visited many churches looking for the truth," he commented, "but here in this church I discovered I was warmly welcomed, and I found a real family to worship with."

"These new members have taught meaningful lessons to our church members," said Pastor Baciu. "We can have the correct doctrines, but if our lives are cold and unfriendly, it will be difficult to attract people to Christ and membership in His church. '... for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life'" (2 Cor. 3:6 NIV).

Mihail Baciu, Ashland Church pastor, with Bruce Babienko, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent



Mihail Baciu (center), Ashland Church pastor, baptized (from left) George DeFoe and Edward Hedican into Ashland Church fellowship on the last Sabbath of 2002.

MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Former members who now live outside the Lake Union may contact the conference communication director where their membership was held when they lived in the Lake Union to obtain the forms for submission. Milepost forms are also available at luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 31.

ANNIVERSARIES

HERB AND JANE SALISBURY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 13, 2002, at a surprise reception in the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Church. They have been members of the Kalamazoo Church for over 45 years.

Herb Salisbury and Jane Seeley were married Dec. 13, 1952, in Cadillac, Mich., by Lawrence Kagels. Herb was an employee of the Unifab Corporation until his retirement. Jane was an employee of Bronson Vicksburg Hospital until her retirement.

The Salisbury family includes Deborah and Steve Davis of Downers Grove, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

SLATA PATTERSON AND STEVEN CHAMPION were married Dec. 24, 2002, in Menominee, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Olan Thomas.

Slata is the daughter of Waldemar and Regina Hild of Germany, and Steven is the son of Carol Champion of Marinette, Wis.

The Champions are making their home in Menominee.

OBITUARIES

BANKS, EVELYN M. (JOHNSON), age 97; born Sept. 24, 1905, in Eagle River, Wis.; died Jan. 24, 2003, in Iron River, Mich. She was a member of the Iron River Church.

Survivors include her sons, John C. and Theodore "Ted"

H.; daughters, Laura J. Carlson and Margaret R. Henschel; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Duane O'Fill and Douglas Carlson, and interment was in Resthaven Cemetery, Iron River.

BREAKIE, NILA B. (MEISNER), age 81; born July 9, 1921, in Detroit, Mich.; died Jan. 10, 2003, in Garden City, Mich. She was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Northville Twp., Mich.

Survivors include her son, Richard A.; daughter, Janice L. Eliuk; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Frank Haynes and Robert Steward, and interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

BREZZELL, DAVID JR., age 73; born Apr. 26, 1929, in Flint, Mich.; died Oct. 17, 2002, in Detroit, Mich. He was a member of the Detroit City Temple Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce (Woodard); sons, Ronald, Alvin, David A., Dana, and Darryl; brother, John; sisters, Lula Philips, Marie McBrayer, and Carolyn Brezzell; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Murray Joiner, and interment was in Detroit Memorial Park West Cemetery, Redford, Mich.

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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 (Phillips); sons, Gary and Francis Jr.; daughters, Constance Leatherman and Linda Coleman; and sister, Joyce Garland.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Carlson, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, Mich.

CASE, ARLENE B. (INBODY), age 78; born Mar. 19, 1924, in Vestaburg, Mich.; died Jan. 13, 2003, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Riverdale (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Larry, Rodney, and Jim; daughters, Sally Dillinger, Linda Clark, and Donna Geister; brother Ed Inbody; sisters, Mary Sain and Betty Meyers; 15 grandchildren;

and 28 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Don Williams and Jim Mischeff Sr., and interment was in Chapel Gardens Cemetery, Elwell, Mich.

DAVIS, GEORGE W., age 48; born Mar. 2, 1954, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Jan. 15, 2003, in Stanwood, Mich. He was a member of the Lakeview (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nina M. (Underhill); sons, George W. II and Steven H.; daughter, Dawn E. Sadir; mother, Vi (Archev); brother, Forrest E.; sisters, Violet J. Jones, Susan B. Davis, and Mary M. Elliott; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Gotshall, and interment was in Altona (Mich.) Cemetery.

DEROPE, LAUREL L. (EYESTONE) BUSH, age 77; born Apr. 23, 1925, in Pentwater, Mich.; died



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Nov. 25, 2002, in Ludington, Mich. She was a member of the Ludington Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Bonita Lyle; sisters, Elaine Nolan, Geraldine Larr, and Eloise Smith; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Douglas Carlson, and inurnment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, Mich.

FELKER, FORREST M., age 71; born Apr. 23, 1931, in Kalamazoo, Mich.; died Jan. 7, 2003, in Caledonia, Mich. He was a member of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janet (Schoenborn); son, Ted; daughters, Juanita Raterink, Colleen Felker, Nancy Wierenga, Betty DeVinney, and Julie Hielkema; stepdaughters, Annie Williams and Cathy Heft; brother, Norman; sisters, Patricia Werkema and Sandy Rone; 11 grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, with private inurnment.

FERRELL, WILLADINE, age 89; born July 28, 1913, in Pontiac, Mich.; died Nov. 29, 2002. She was a member of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Paul "Pete" C. and Larry D. Britton; daughter, Ina G. Renwick; stepdaughter, Alice Kelley; sister, Dorothy Crawford; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

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

HAGEMAN, ALBERTA E. (BUTLER), age 89; born Mar. 25, 1913, in South Lancaster, Mass.; died Jan. 23, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs Village Church.

Survivors include her husband, James T.; daughter, Betty; and brother, William Butler.

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

HEIN, RICHARD H., age 82; born Dec. 4, 1919, in Baraboo, Wis.; died Aug. 29, 2002, in Baraboo. He was a member of the Baraboo Church.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie (Hartman);

brother, Robert; and sister, Ann Lipert.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jeff Coleman, with private inurnment.

KRONMILLER, ETHELYN, age 82; born Apr. 22, 1920, in Berrien Springs, Mich.; died Dec. 13, 2002, in Columbia City, Ind. She was a member of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her brother, Gerald W. Sweany.

Funeral services were conducted by Marvin Halvorsen, and interment was in Wolf Lake (Ind.) Cemetery.

REIS, JOHN N., age 78; born May 9, 1924, in Cameroon, West Africa; died May 16, 2002, in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Church.

Survivors include his sons, David W. and Daniel N.; sister, Eleanor Henry; three grandchildren; six

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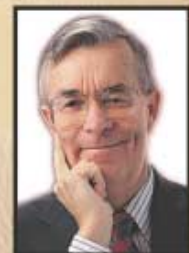
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ROHDE, MARTHA A. (BAARTZ), age 92; born Oct. 29, 1910, in Waushara County, Wis.; died Jan. 13, 2003, in Stoughton, Wis. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her son, David; daughter, Jeanette Taylor; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors William J. Ochs and Robert Stauffer, with private inurnment.

RUSSELL, CHARLES C., age 73; born Mar. 6, 1929, in Detroit, Mich.; died Jan. 13, 2003, in Decatur, Mich. He was a member of the Hartford (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly M. (Hammond); son, Cameron C.; brothers,

Bill J. and Wally E.; sisters, Lily V. Anweiler and Paula M. Defillipo; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Greg Timmins, and interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

TESS, ARLOINE O. (KROHN), age 97; born May 12, 1905, in Almond, Wis.; died Oct. 16, 2002, in Stevens Point, Wis. She was a member of the Almond Church.

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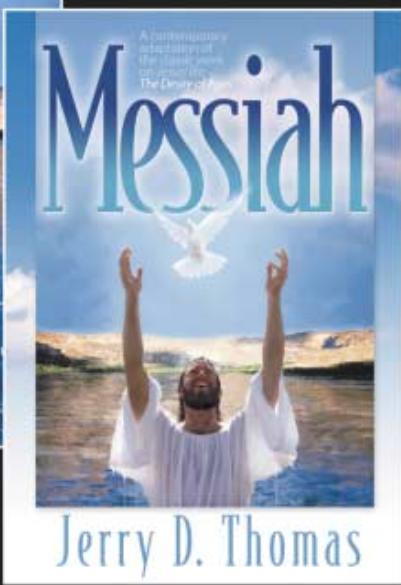
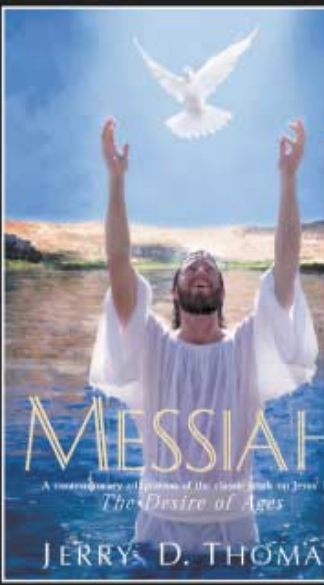
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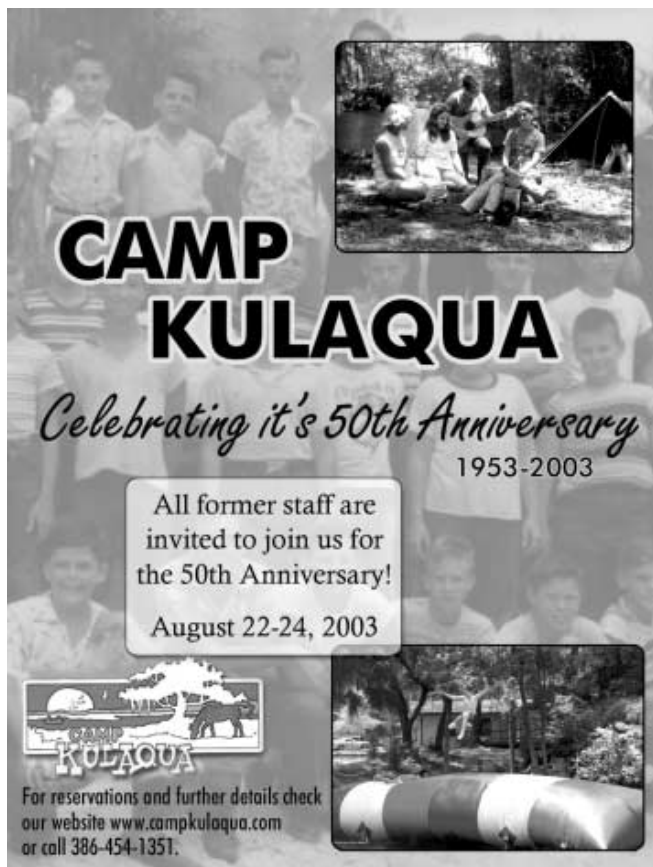
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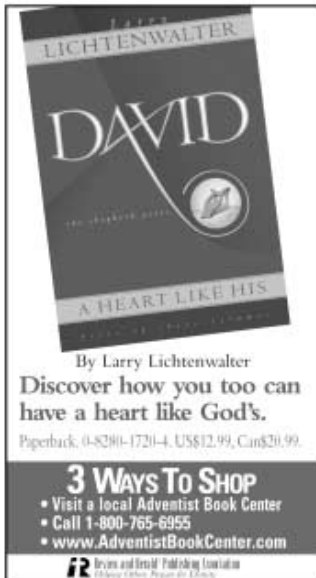
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4 Sabbaths ending January 31, 2003, compared to 4 Sabbaths ending January 31, 2002

Number of Members:			Average Tithe Per Member		Average Increase —Decrease	% Inc.—Decr.	Average Tithe Per Member	
12/31/02	12/31/01	Conference	2003	2002			2003	2002
12,205	11,956	Illinois	\$ 632,448	\$ 564,641	\$ 67,807	12.01%	\$ 51.82	\$ 47.23
6,619	6,480	Indiana	343,569	400,791	-57,221	-14.28%	51.91	61.85
26,065	25,178	Lake Region	889,907	564,884	325,024	57.54%	34.14	22.44
24,489	24,105	Michigan	1,623,356	1,626,594	-3,238	-0.20%	66.29	67.48
<u>6,648</u>	<u>6,455</u>	Wisconsin	<u>388,200</u>	<u>411,958</u>	<u>-23,757</u>	<u>-5.77%</u>	<u>58.39</u>	<u>63.82</u>
76,026	74,174	Totals	\$ 3,877,481	\$ 3,568,867	\$ 308,614	8.65%	\$ 51.00	\$ 48.11
Average Weekly Tithe:			\$ 969,370	\$ 892,217	\$ 77,153	8.65%		

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	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	May 2
Berrien Springs, Mich.	7:14	8:22	8:29	8:37	8:46
Chicago	6:19	7:26	7:34	7:42	7:50
Detroit	7:01	8:09	8:17	8:25	8:33
Indianapolis	7:11	7:19	7:25	7:32	7:40
La Crosse, Wis.	6:35	7:43	7:52	8:00	8:09
Lansing, Mich.	7:07	8:16	8:23	8:31	8:40
Madison, Wis.	6:27	7:35	7:43	7:51	8:00
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ADVENTIST ACADEMY 55th year alumni celebration to be held Apr. 12: beginning with registration and social time at 8:30 a.m.; musical program at 10:00 a.m.; and church service with guest speaker Craig Vendouris ('78) at 10:30 a.m.; followed by potluck dinner around 12:30 p.m.; with class meetings and suppers, socializing, and alumni basketball game in the afternoon and evening. Honor classes will be '53, '63, '73, '78, '83, and '93. For further information, contact Martha Johnson at (805) 558-1919, or Hugh Winn, alumni affairs office, at (805) 498-2191, or fax (805) 499-1165. Visit our web site: www.npaa.info; or e-mail to: hwinn@npaa.info.

SPRING VALLEY ACADEMY ALUMNI:

An exciting homecoming weekend is being planned for Apr. 25–27. Honor classes are '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, and '98. Alumni golf tournament is on Sunday, the 27th. For more information, check our web site, www.springvalleyacademy.org; call (937) 433-0790; or e-mail dahill@sva.pvt.k12.oh.us. Your friends are coming, you should too!

WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:

The Association of Adventist Women (AAW) is soliciting nominations for its 2003 Women of the Year awards that will be presented at the annual AAW convention in Loma Linda, Calif., Oct. 16–19. Nominees should be Adventist women who have made outstanding and unique contributions to home, community, and/or professional life. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 20. To request a nomination form, write or call: Toini Harrison, Women of the Year Coordinator, Association of Adventist

Women, 24414 University Avenue, #167, Loma Linda, CA 92354; (909) 799-5448; e-mail: kaynelson@earthlink.net.

ATHOL (MASS.) CHURCH

centennial commemoration on Aug. 30: This late spring it will be 100 years from the Athol Church's beginnings. In commemoration of the centennial, all past members, friends, and anyone who has ever attended are especially invited to come on Sabbath, Aug. 30, for worship, food, and fellowship together. For more information, call (978) 544-7066.

ADVENTIST MUSICIANS:

An invitation is extended to all musicians and those interested in music to become members of the **International Adventist Musicians Association (IAMA)**. Membership includes a quarterly publication, *Notes*, in which articles and news reports keep all readers in touch with music happenings and topics of interest in North America and abroad. For information, write the International Adventist Musicians Association, P.O. Box 476, College Place, WA 99324; or e-mail shulda@valint.net.

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

www.acnsat.org

Apr. 1—1:00–4:30 p.m. ET, Ministry Professional Growth Seminar, "Rumors of Peace"; **4**—Time to be determined (TBD), Adventist Television Network (ATN) Uplink; **5**—11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon ET, *Adventist Worship Hour (AWH)*, Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.; **11**—TBD, ATN Uplink; **18**—TBD, ATN Uplink; **19**—6:00–7:30 p.m. ET, Easter celebration, NSW Bible Society; **25**—7:00–8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **30**—1:30–4:00 p.m.

ET, "Living with Grief: Coping with Public Tragedy," Hospice Foundation of America teleconference; **May 2**—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **3**—11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon ET, AWH.

Americas for Christ, Apr. 4–19—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, Jere Patzer, Santo Domingo; **14–18**—TBD, training seminar.

NET 2003: The Voice of Prophecy Speaks, Apr. 27–May 4, 7, 9–11, 16–18, 21, 23, 24—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, Lonnie Melashenko, Columbia, S.C.; **Apr. 19**—5:00–6:00 p.m. ET, *Net 2003* training; **26**—7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, PRENET musical, "But We See Jesus," Lonnie Melashenko.

BREATH OF LIFE

www.bolministries.com

Week of Apr. 6—"Everybody Cried," Part 1; **13**—"Everybody Cried," Part 2; **20**—"Decisions," Part 1; **27**—"Decisions," Part 2.

FAITH FOR TODAY

Lifestyle Magazine, www.lifestyle.org, Week of Apr. 6—"Romance God's Way"; **13**—"Children and AIDS"; **20**—"Overcoming Addiction Through Spirituality"; **27**—"Vote for Me for Surgeon General."

The Evidence, www.theevidence.org, Week of Apr. 6—"Forgiving the Dead Man Walking"; **13**—"God, the Universe, and Everything"; **20**—"To God's Ear"; **27**—"Digging for the Truth."

IT IS WRITTEN

www.iiv.org

Week of Apr. 6—"Surviving Depression," The Ultimate Survivor (US) series Part 2; **13**—"Surviving Death," US Part 3; **20**—"Behind the Scenes at Oberammergau"; **27**—"An ID for Feeling Safe."

LA VOZ DE LA ESPERANZA

www.lavoz.org

Week of Apr. 6—"A Refuge for All" (Un refugio para todos); **13**—"When Everything Goes Wrong" (Cuando todo sale mal); **20**—"Father, Please Forgive My Enemies!" (¡Padre, perdona a mis enemigos!); **27**—"The Story of the Happiest Man in the World—Crucified!" (El hombre mas feliz ...).

VOICE OF PROPHECY

www.voiceofprophecy.org

Week of Apr. 6—*Sun.*: "Galatians: The Fruit of Faith"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Mountaintop Loyalty: The Elijah Experience," Part 1; **13**—*Sun.*: "Living Jesus' Way"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Mountaintop Loyalty: The Elijah Experience," Part 2; **20**—*Sun.*: "Ephesians: United in Christ"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Mountaintop

Loyalty: The Elijah Experience," Part 3; **27**—*Sun.*: "Return of the Compassionate Savior"; *Mon.–Fri.*: "Grinning While Giving."

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EXTREME GRACE

Take a Trip!

by Dick Duerksen

You don't have to go to BookaBookaVille to get the benefits of a mission trip. But it helps.

Send a teenager to build a church in Guatemala, to lead a Vacation Bible School in the Dominican Republic, to help at a clinic in P.N.G., or to participate in one of a thousand other short-term mission options. Almost every kid will say the same thing when they get off the plane. "This trip changed my life!"

Maybe it's the water. Maybe it's the culture collisions, the warm winter weather, or living without showers. Maybe it's just getting the kids out of their safety zones and away from TV that makes the difference. Regardless of the cause, mission trips make teenagers more vulnerable to the voice of the Holy Spirit. It is as if three days of sweat and beans make the human mind a lightning rod for God's love.

Mission trips do change lives. This issue of the *Herald* is packed with such stories, tales similar to the ones I've seen come to life around the world.

I've watched academy students weep with joy as they read Bible stories to orphans in Guatemala. I've heard them mispronounce Spanish

hymns from the pews of a church they have just built in Nicaragua. I've watched them play soccer with new friends in the Dominican, eat foul-smelling durian in a Borneo long-house, and sleep in thatch huts in Kenya. Everywhere, they make new friends, bridging differences with relationships that will last forever.

They come home different. Deeper. Safer. Send them to some far-off place with a trowel, and they come home more in touch with themselves and with God. While giving themselves to meet the needs of others, they discover meaning far beyond anything Sarah Jessica Parker has ever dreamed of.

But, you don't have to go to BookaBookaVille to get the benefits of a mission trip! Volunteer for two weeks at an AIDS clinic in the inner city of Detroit for a life-changing adventure. Join the staff of your county library and read stories to kids every Thursday afternoon. Tutor sixth-graders in math. Sign on with Bart Campolo as a missionary to Oakland, California. Help Maranatha Volunteers International build a free medical clinic in Summersville, West Virginia.

It would be easy to insert five paragraphs of U.S.A. volunteer options right here. Instead, I've chosen to ask you to call the library, Adventist Volunteer Services, the Red Cross, ADRA, a local homeless

shelter, or Maranatha Volunteers International and say, "Hi, my name is _____, and I'd like a life-changing volunteer experience. When can I go to work?"

Most of us can only afford to go on a short-term mission trip to Guyana once in a lifetime. All of us can afford to volunteer at a local food bank once a week.

Do local mission trips transform lives? Yes.

Do local mission trips offer moments of wild shock? Yes.

Life-changing experiences are not dependent upon geography. They are dependent upon a willingness to serve, to give, to reach outside of self, and love without limitation.

If you can afford the trip, go to Kenya. If you have the time, pack your gear and head for the airport.

However, if you're short on time or money, take a short-distance, short-term mission trip. Pack a toothbrush, a Bible, and a willingness to be transformed. When you get home, your first words may well be, "Today has changed my life!"



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PROFILES OF YOUTH

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Michelle Boothby

Michelle Dawn Boothby, 18, is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA). She has made it her focus to serve God both in leadership positions as well as in being a true friend who points others to Christ. A member of the National Honor Society for two years, Michelle was also the recipient of the Caring Heart Award. She is the student association pastor. Michelle is the daughter of Fred and Sandy Boothby of Gobles, Mich.

Michelle loves to learn and says that David Carter's chemistry class is her favorite. She likes sports, reading, writing, and visiting with friends. She has a special gift of empathizing with others and seeing their needs. She often spends time in other girls' rooms, encouraging them to know Jesus as their personal Friend. Robin Berlin, girls' dean, says, "Michelle is a spiritual leader. You can always rely on her, and she often volunteers. She's a mature, Christian lady who goes beyond the call of duty."

Michelle says she has learned that even in busy times you must still put God first. A member of the Pinedale (Mich.) Church, Michelle plans to go into the medical field, but most importantly, her desire is to follow God's leading.

Jonathan Leonor, 18, is a four-year senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA). He is the son of Marlene Ramirez and Bienvenido Leonor of Santo Domingo, Dom. Rep.

"Jonathan is the benchmark for Christian witness in youth," says Jeremy Hall, GLAA boys' dean. "His Christian witness shines out to everyone all over campus."

Jonathan's sincerity, empathy, and sensitivity have been a blessing to his fellow students. The staff know Jonathan as someone who stands up for what he believes, goes beyond the call of duty, and is well-balanced. He takes time for playing basketball, singing, and playing his guitar.

Jonathan received the "Most Christ-like Athlete Award" his sophomore year, "Most Spiritual Award" his sophomore and junior years, and has been a member of the National Honor Society his junior and senior years.

A member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Spanish Church, Jonathan plans to become an anesthesiologist so that he will be able to travel to other countries and help people, physically and spiritually.



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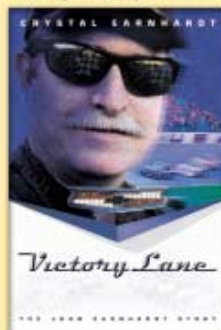
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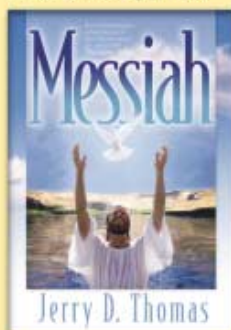
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