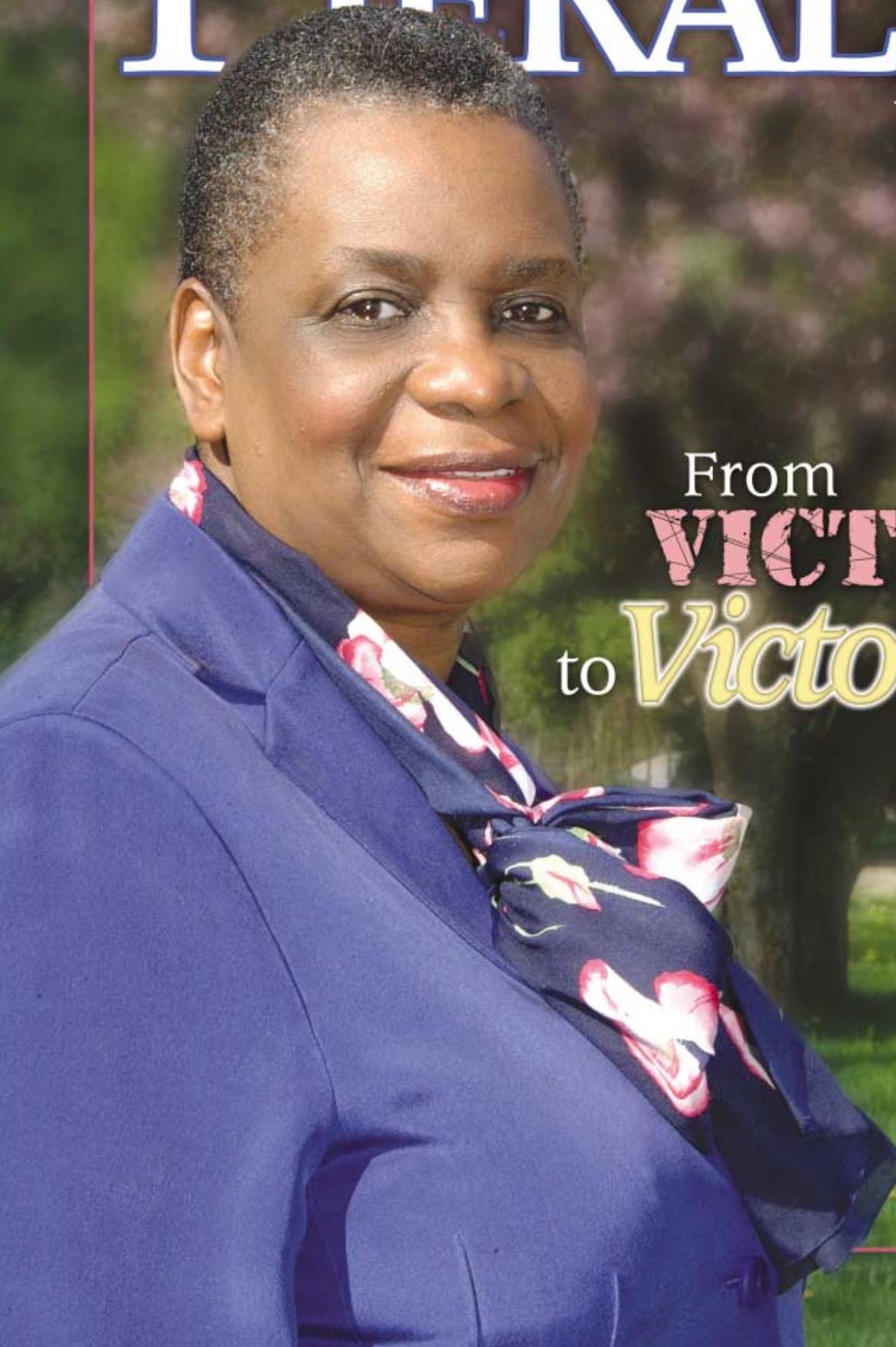


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Pictured on the cover is Amelia Rose, president and CEO of Women In Renewal, an Adventist haven for domestic violence victims and pregnant teens. A former domestic violence victim herself, Amelia has dedicated her talents to minister to hurting women and families in crisis.

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EDITORIAL

BY GORDON L. RETZER,
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Mothers in Israel

God gives gifts to people in order to help other individuals in their journey to heaven, and He expects us to fulfill His mission and purpose through the expression of these special gifts. It's not very complicated, and we often are not even aware of how God is expressing Himself through us. I think of a couple "mothers in Israel"* who went out of their way to make a difference in my young life. Of course, we have our own mothers, grandmothers, and aunts who guide and influence us. But beyond that, God enriches us with other persons—especially when we're maturing—who have a great affect on the future of our lives.

I had the privilege of going to Greater Miami Academy in southern Florida, and one of the "mothers in Israel" during that time was Eva Anderson. Mrs. Anderson knew I was working my way through academy and hired me to care for the landscaping at their beautiful home. She paid me by the hour, which wasn't unusual; but while I was working, she took time to ask me about my future and my goals. She prepared great meals and went out of her way to inquire whether I was able to keep up with my school bills. Sometimes she put gas in my little Renault. My Christian education was partly made possible because Mrs. Anderson took a special interest in my journey.

During my academy years is when I remember truly enjoying playing the piano. Mother had introduced my two brothers, my sister, and me to music, and she was my first piano teacher. Through the years, I had some very good teachers. When we moved from Costa Rica to Miami, we inquired about piano teachers, and I was introduced to Elsie Buck. Every lesson was an experience that motivated me toward excellence. In her gentle way, she expanded my horizon and introduced me to the beauty and effect of fine music. I was so intent on excelling in music because of her inspiration, that we purchased a piano keyboard—without the piano—so I could practice at 5:00 a.m. and not awaken the family. I practiced hours a day. She talked about church music and how to encourage other youth to enjoy fine music. When my practice paid off and the music flowed, Mrs. Buck glowed. Her affirmation inspired more and more dedication.

These two "mothers in Israel" are now "seniors," yet still vibrant and affirming. Even today in our ministry, they take time to share an encouraging word from time to time. They were unaware of their influence back then, for they were just living how God wanted them to live.

You, too, are influencing youth in your own way. God is intersecting your life with other young adults. In eternity, on the other side, heaven will be a place to exchange thank you's for special people who lifted us to higher ground.

*A reference from the "Song of Deborah" found in Judges chapter 5.

Wisconsin Academy Students Make a Difference in Africa

BY LAURA HOKANSON

Go to Africa? Raise over \$70,000? Leave the U.S. three days before the outbreak of war with Iraq? Some said it couldn't be done. Some said it shouldn't be done. Twenty-seven Wisconsin Academy seniors had faith in a God who is bigger than war or any financial obstacle. That faith took them to the mountain village of Lusyo, Zambia. Their five-day, action-packed work week included: building the exterior structure of a medical clinic; conducting Vacation Bible School for 300–400 children per day; hiking six to nine miles in the mountains each day to deliver clothing, food, and soap to famine-stricken villages; and providing medical care for up to 1,000 patients a day. Listen to their stories and you will see that their lives will never be the same.



Clothes and food were distributed in villages in and around Lusyo, Zambia.

"It was a series of events, added together that made me recognize what a selfish, unappreciative wretch I had been my whole life.

"I met an old man with a bum leg who wore a big pair of beaten-

up sunglasses. His eye was missing, his gait limping, but he had a smile on his face. An emaciated little dog walked around the homes where we distributed food. He reminded me of my own dog back home, who eats more in a day than a growing child does here. The children became very animated when given just a simple piece of gum, as if it were an extravagance.



It didn't take very much to make the local children happy.

"We were called missionaries, but I believe they were the real missionaries. They taught me, among other things, that I cannot complain about my blue-collar, Midwestern, American life. One of the Africans said that it would be a long time before the people we visited would forget us. I doubt I will ever forget them." —Kevin Westfall

"During clothing distribution, children were allowed only one article of clothing, and only if their shirt was already torn to shreds. I found myself turning people away, telling them they already had one shirt. I stopped in a moment of anguish, hating

myself. They had nothing, yet I told them they had enough! How can I wallow in my own self-pity when not satisfied to the fullest extent? How can I be so selfish?" —Lauren Smith



The Wisconsin Academy students helped build the exterior structure of a medical clinic while in Zambia.

"I knelt beside two bright-eyed little boys. Despite their swollen, worm-infested tummies and poor health they wore smiles of love and innocence. I gave them each a Beanie Baby. I was told that this was the first toy they had ever received, possibly the only one they will ever possess. The people of Zambia have few material goods, yet with God living in their hearts, they experience true happiness. God is amazing, and this trip has helped me realize that even more." —LeeAnn Paulsen

"God used this experience to teach me trust in Him. It was as if He said to me, 'Don't worry, I'll catch you if you fall. Now look up and see all the wonderful blessings I've given you.'" —Keith Wyland

Sylvester Tembo, Lusyo mission pastor, thanked the students for their service. "Your presence and the work you have done here have done more to inspire interest in spiritual things than any other evangelistic work," he said. These students are an example to us all of how God will work in our lives if we trust Him.

Laura Hokanson is the Wisconsin Academy development director.

NEW MEMBERS

MICHIGAN

Merlyn Jerstad, an Illinois native, moved to Paw Paw, Michigan, after her daughter and son-in-law, **Dawn and Scott Beltz**, found a house for her. Merlyn commuted to work in Illinois for several months until, by God's providence, she was hired at Lanphear Tool Works, an Adventist-owned company.

John and Mindy Lanphear, Lanphear Tool Works owners, became friends with Merlyn and her family, shared how much God meant in their lives, and then prayed that Merlyn and her family would accept their invitation to attend *Hope for the Homeland* meetings. Merlyn, Dawn, and Scott attended with their two-year-old daughter, Miranda, who couldn't imagine missing even one of the children's programs.



From left: John Lanphear welcomed Merlyn Jerstad and Scott and Dawn Beltz into Paw Paw Church fellowship.

Soon Merlyn, Dawn, and Scott were convinced of the truth of what they were learning, and the love they received from the church members impressed them. Merlyn made her commitment and was baptized first. Then Dawn scheduled her baptism several weeks later. For years Dawn had prayed that her husband would welcome Christ into his life, but he seemed

to hesitate even now. But as a surprise to Dawn, Scott met with Ted Toms, Paw Paw Church pastor, and arranged to be baptized with her!

Janelle Randall, Paw Paw Church communication leader

ILLINOIS

Pauline Kalappurayil's story began a few years ago when her husband, Tom, and son were baptized following an *Amazing Facts* evangelistic series. The Holy Spirit worked on her heart as she noticed how her husband, Tom, was growing as a Christian in the Northbrook (Illinois) Church. Then Tom was asked to be one of the lay evangelists for the *Hope for the Homeland* campaign.

In mid-summer, Pauline told Phil Johnson, Northbrook Church pastor, that she wanted to study the Bible. Trying not to seem overly excited, Pastor Johnson arranged twice-a-month sessions at her home. Each session had a delightful double focus: first, a time to be fed by the Word of God; and, second, an opportunity to enjoy a delicious Indian dinner that his hostess had prepared. The summer passed quickly, and then the *Hope for the Homeland* series began.

Tom Kalappurayil and his friend John Mathai, both lay evangelists, presented the messages of Christ with clarity and conviction for five weeks to about 30 people who came to the Northbrook Church. And in that gathering, night after night, Pauline sat and listened to her husband Tom and his friend John preach. What a thrill it was for Tom, in his first evangelistic

series, to see his own wife respond and be baptized five weeks later.

Ali Brown had grown up hearing the Seventh-day Adventist message, but he'd heard other voices, too. Islam had once held a special attraction for him, and yet he occasionally attended the Northbrook Church. During the past summer months, Ali made an appointment with Pastor Johnson to talk at length about what Adventists believe. Pastor Johnson gave him a summary of doctrinal beliefs to review what they had discussed, and Ali said he would contact him at a later date. The next time they met was during the *Hope for the Homeland* series and Pauline Kalappurayil's baptism.



From left: Phil Johnson, Northbrook Church pastor, Tom and Pauline Kalappurayil, and Ali Brown.

A few weeks later, Pastor Johnson received a late-night telephone call from Ali. He said he had been in the congregation on the Sabbath Pauline had been baptized and had heard Pastor Johnson make an appeal for others to follow in Jesus' steps. "Pastor," he concluded, "it's time for me to be baptized! How about next weekend?" Ali is now a member of the Northbrook Church, which intends to recruit and train more of their members for public evangelism in the months ahead.

Phil Johnson, Northbrook Church pastor, with Bruce Babienco, Herald volunteer correspondent.

Physical Therapy and Spiritual Healing

BY LYNN LARSON

Born with a neuromuscular disease, Jackie accomplished much from her wheelchair, including a bachelor's degree in psychology and an associate's degree in advertising design and illustration. But when Jackie resumed sessions at Paulson Rehab Center after a year's absence, she was a confused 23-year-old, wrestling with emotional and spiritual issues in addition to her physical limitations.

"I wanted a young therapist," recalls Jackie. "I had a new attitude. This time I was going to do therapy for *me*." She was paired with Sybil, who Jackie described as "very innovative and someone I could see would challenge and support me."

"During one of our early sessions, Jackie told me she didn't believe in God or heaven," says Sybil, "but I told her I was a believer, leaving the door open for future discussions."

When Jackie shared that her 16-year-old cousin had died of cancer, she asked Sybil what he had meant when he said that whether he "lived or died, it was a win-win situation."

"For me it means if you have God in your life and faith in Him to take care of you no matter what, you have no fear of death," said Sybil.

"Sybil shared her faith with me," says Jackie. "She knew I wasn't ready emotionally or spiritually for quotes from scripture."

Jackie started going to a large nondenominational church. "I didn't like to read, so I got the Bible on tape and started to listen to it. I knew Sybil was willing to explain things to me," Jackie said. "Faith became real to me. I accepted Christ and what He did for me. I had seen a re-enactment of the crucifixion, and I realized I could be a new person in His resurrection. My lifestyle changed—I started reading more books and asking Sybil more questions about her faith. I went to the Web and examined each of the Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, then went to the Bible to find them for myself."

"Sybil gave me *The Great Controversy*, which opened my eyes to the changes that took place in Christian history," recalls Jackie. "Reading this book gave me a foundation of the true meaning of being a Christian. I eventually checked out Hinsdale Adventist Church and found its warm, friendly environment. I started going to Sabbath school and attending Bible study."

"Jackie finally reached a crossroad and then wanted to know more about what Adventists believe," explains Sybil. As Jackie learned more, she felt moved to become an Adventist through a profession of faith.



Sybil Palmer (right), physical therapist at Hinsdale Hospital's Paulson Rehab Center, challenges Jacqueline Johnson with exercise and spiritual truths.



As Jackie pondered her future, she felt called to be a pastor. "I feel my relationship with God is strong; my prayer-life is growing. I continue to learn and gain a new perspective of God through the people He brings into my life."

Jackie would like to transfer to an Adventist university and someday work in a church setting or possibly the chaplaincy program.

"My relationship with God was such a life-changer," says Sybil. For Jackie, Sybil's sharing was a life-changer for her as well.

Lynn Larson is the Adventist Health System Midwest Region Lake Union Herald correspondent.



From VICTIM to Victory

BY AMELIA ROSE AS TOLD
TO CYNTHIA J. PRIME

My story is a story of God's incredible grace, and how He can take one who is broken and bruised, and bring healing. It's the story of how a loving God can take a victim in her valley of suffering to a place where she can help other hurting women experience victory.

It began when I left my home and teaching position in Jamaica to further my education in New York. My roots were Christian, but God led me to some meetings where I discovered and accepted the Adventist message.

With joy in my new-found faith, I was eager to do everything just right. I relinquished relationships with non-Adventist professional friends and four years later accepted the proposal of a man who was very active in the Adventist Church. He professed to love the Lord, and everyone loved him. I believed with all my heart that I could build a future with him.

We moved to Florida where my husband's family lived. I enrolled in the University of West Florida to continue my studies in industrial technology. But soon, problems began to surface. Within months

of our wedding, I was shocked when he began to abuse me physically. I had never had a man even raise his voice at me.

Finding myself in a new place with no family support was frightening. I wanted to return to New York, but he begged me to stay ... and I did. I didn't tell anyone. After all, he was dearly beloved and I was a stranger. Who would believe me?

After one incident, I became withdrawn and eventually sought the help of the pastor. He advised me to pray. I told him I didn't have a problem with God. The problem was that my husband was abusive. He said prayer would take care of everything.

The abuse continued for two years. I tried to hold out at school and got sick to my stomach at the thought of going home each night.

When I'd had enough, I discovered a public shelter and went there. I had no idea what to expect at a shelter. It turned out to be another nightmare. As a Christian, I couldn't figure out what I was doing at a place like this. Fortunately, a friend from church found out I was there and invited me to

stay at her place. I accepted, even though her home was on the same block as my husband's.

My husband expressed his repentance and I ended up back home. It started all over again. I discovered a gun under the bed while cleaning, but decided to keep quiet for fear he might get angry and use it. By then, I knew I had to leave for good.

I appealed to the people at the university, and they made student housing available to me even though it was late in the semester. I found myself in a dorm room with young girls who smoked, drank, and brought their boyfriends in at all hours. I decided that even if I starved, I would find my own place.

I struggled, but with God's help I completed college and went on to get a master's degree in educational leadership with a minor in management. I discovered that education and faith in God are the first lines of defense against abuse.

I felt God was leading me to something, but I wasn't sure what. I changed churches and became active in women's ministries. Before long, I was asked to be the

Illustrations by Harry Ahn



Mable Dunbar, founder and former president of Women In Renewal, dreamed of a haven where women and children victims of domestic violence could be ministered to in a safe, Christian environment.



Polly Westman donated the farm where she grew up to Women In Renewal. This country refuge is affectionately called Polly's Place.



Women in crisis with their children are welcomed by a loving and caring staff. From left: Faith Orukwowa, Women In Renewal resident manager, and Amelia Rose, CEO.



Women who come to the center will know that they are being cared for by one who understands.



The peaceful farm setting of Polly's Place and Mary's Inn is an inviting haven.

director. I found nurturing women and their children made my life very fulfilling. Now free of my husband's control, I was able to serve others as I grew professionally.

The Lord impressed me to pursue a degree in the helping profession, so I enrolled in a doctoral program specializing in pastoral psychology. God had a vision for what I would become. He helped me to build a secure life and blessed me with career success. I developed and directed a parenting and education center, serving teen moms and dads. I enjoyed that tremendously.

It was during a women's conference in Miami, Florida, where I was a guest speaker that I learned of a shelter run by Seventh-day Adventist lay workers in Niles, Michigan, called Women In Renewal. Because of my own experience, the idea of the Adventist Church openly becoming involved in helping victims of domestic violence or pregnant teens was a new thought for me. My heart resonated with the fact that there was actually a place providing a Christian response to hurting issues.

A year later, Mable Dunbar, the founder and president of Women In Renewal, relocated, and I was asked if I would help find someone capable of running the program. As time went by and I had not found anyone to recommend, I accepted an invitation to come to

Niles to visit the place and consider becoming involved myself, but I trembled in my shoes. Here I was, a single woman with a secure retirement and a growing career. And now I was actually contemplating a job that would remove all my security. When the board asked me to consider accepting the position, I knew I had to pray hard.

That Friday evening at a special vesper program, there were three speakers, and it seemed as if each one was speaking directly to me. I remember hearing the words, "When God is ready to work a miracle, He picks the wrong person and a ridiculous idea." I felt a tug of war inside of me. How could I give up the ground beneath my feet? Yet my heart was torn when I looked at the farmhouse and land dedicated to this ministry.

I knew that God had given a wonderful dream to Mable. I believed that it was God who inspired Ron and Polly Westman to donate the property. Before long, I found myself not just seeing what was there, but what it could become with God's help. I could see pregnant girls being helped before they became chronic victims. I could see women's lives being changed. But I was still scared. I asked God to speak to me so that I would know it was His voice. He did.

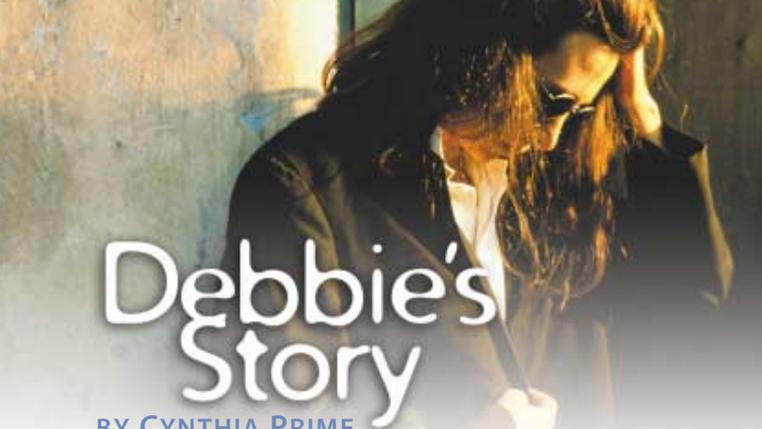
God has given me a dream for Women In Renewal. I would like

to build on the foundation that was put in place by Mable Dunbar. The Polly's Place Program for Domestic Violence is growing. But we need to be proactive. Early intervention programs save lives. I've had numerous calls from various agencies across the country asking if Mary's Inn, our teen pregnancy center, is ready. It hurts me to say no, because some of these girls have only two options—parenting or abortion.

We plan to begin small. As soon as our plumbing and electrical challenges are addressed, we will seek a license from the state. Ministries like this don't get much financial help because they are not perceived as evangelism. But that's a mistake—lives are changed here. I'm praying for a team of men who are builders that will be willing to help put up new housing for the girls and the women. I'm praying for volunteers and helpers who will embrace this opportunity to build something to the glory of God right here in Niles.

God has enabled me to use my journey as a path in blessing the broken and battered. I pray that there are others who God will enable to use their money, their time, and their talents to be a blessing as well.

Amelia Rose is the president and CEO of Women In Renewal, and Cynthia Prime is chair of the board.



Debbie's Story

BY CYNTHIA PRIME

As a mother of three children—ages 2, 9, and 15—Debbie* was in distress. She needed a place to go but had too many decisions to make before she could. One thing was certain—she did not want to return to her abusive husband.

Unemployed and isolated, her two boys blamed her for taking them away from their father, even though they had witnessed the numerous incidences of abuse. She felt at the end of her rope when she finally came to Women In Renewal.

Debbie spent many hours walking the grounds and crying. “Hang in there!” the staff encouraged. “When you get to the bottom, the only way out is up.”

During her two-month stay, she indicated that the counseling and the spiritual nurture were the most important factors in her recovery. She attended church with Amelia Rose, Women In Renewal CEO, on occasion, and seemed hungry to grow.

When Debbie completed the program, she had no place to go, so her stay was extended to give her time to complete her search. A landlord who had rented apartments to two other residents was contacted, and he helped with a place without the usual required deposit and references.† She then needed a job to pay the rent, but she had no transportation. Thesba Johnston located someone who was interested in donating a car. Because there were no funds for repairs, the donor fixed the car for Debbie. She saw God’s intervention. With transportation available, she was able to find full-time employment and truly begin the long road to recovery.

Debbie now wears a smile where pain and frustration once caused frowns. Her gray eyes sparkle with joy, not tears. The road still is not easy, but Debbie finally has made contact with the One who knows the way.

* Not her real name

†Transitional housing is being incorporated into Women In Renewal’s master plan, since some clients have no place to go except back to their abusive environments.

Music CD Benefits Women In Renewal

Under the direction of Nashville-based producer, Roger Ryan, twelve recording artists have contributed music for a compilation CD titled *Reckless Love: Heartsongs for Renewal*. The proceeds from this project, including royalties, will benefit Women In Renewal.

Soon to be available at Adventist Book Centers (ABC), the CD features Da’dra Crawford Greathouse, better known for her music ministry—Anointed; Patty Cabrera, whose contribution was nominated for a Dove Award; Ullanda Innocent, Christine Wollman, Stephanie Dawn, Jamie Thietten, and many more.

Song writers include Senator Orrin Hatch and well-known composer Madeline Stone as well as Cynthia Prime and Roger Ryan. The music is listed in the traditional category. To purchase CDs or cassettes or for additional information, contact Women In Renewal at: (269) 687-9822. Every CD purchased benefits pregnant teens and victims of domestic violence.

Women In Renewal Sponsors National Conference

As part of its commitment to community education, Women In Renewal has co-sponsored the second annual Women of Spiritual Praise Conference to be held in Orlando, Oct. 3–5. The focus of the conference is spiritual nurture and inspiration. On Thursday, Oct. 2, just prior to the weekend event, Women In Renewal will be involved in a “Taking Action!” educational conference. Co-sponsored by Florida Hospital, this conference provides seminars and resources for church and business leaders, educators, women’s ministries leaders, and lay people interested in learning how to help those in crisis.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Lenore Walker, a clinical and forensic psychologist who is one of the nation’s leading pioneers on family crisis issues. She has been featured on *Good Morning America*, the *Today Show*, *Oprah Winfrey Show*, and many other network news and information programs. She has also been an advisor on various congressional and senate committees, addressing family crisis issues.

For information or registration forms, contact Women In Renewal at (269) 687-9822; or go on-line to www.womenofspiritualpraise.com.

Women Meet Challenges in Papua New Guinea

BY CHARLOTTE ISHKANIAN

When Natalie Misikaram was asked to be women's ministries leader in her local church in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), she wanted to bring the women together to pray and encourage each other. Noticing that she was not the only woman whose husband did not attend church, she organized the women into prayer bands to pray daily for the 33 missing husbands.

The women prayed for each family and each husband by name. Natalie encouraged the women to show God's love in every act. Instead of arguing, they were to offer to pray with their husbands if they would allow it. Within a year, the women began to see the results of their prayers. Some husbands stopped smoking or drinking and some began attending church. The women prayed even harder.

With the pastor's help, Natalie arranged a prayer luncheon at a beautiful garden and invited couples who were both faithful church members as well as families with a missing spouse. The event built bridges and opened hearts to the love of God.

Within two years, 25 of the 33 prayed-for husbands, including Natalie's, were attending church, and 20 of these have been baptized. Eight more husbands continue to be remembered in daily prayers.

Following a major evangelistic series in Papua New Guinea, more women joined the church without

their husbands and were immediately invited to join the prayer chain. The women also prayed for former church members.

"Through our prayers, we have reclaimed three former women members and another new convert, a neighbor," Natalie said.

Many adults, mostly women, cannot read or write, so the women saw a need for a literacy program for their own members. Six church women volunteered to be trained to teach others to read and write, and 34 people enrolled in the literacy classes which met two mornings a week for two years.

Some of the students told their neighbors about the classes, and some non-members who wanted to learn to read asked to join the classes. One of these women chewed betel nut, even in the church. She noticed that the other women came clean and sweet-smelling and not chewing betel nut. Within a few weeks, she gave up the betel nut, bathed more frequently, and dressed better. Two non-member women were baptized, both graduates of the litera-



Even urban churches, such as this one in Lae, Papua New Guinea, are very basic and need upgrading.

cy program.

Peter Pamula was a mechanic and attended a charismatic church. One day as he walked along the street, he heard someone preaching and stopped to listen. The man said that Saturday is the Sabbath day. He had heard about the Sabbath when he was a child

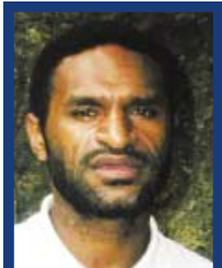
in the village. But this man's words struck him; the message was so clear. Peter could not get the Sabbath out of his mind. He wanted to know the truth, to know which church worshiped on the right day.

Peter began attending an Adventist church on Sabbath and his own church on Sunday, praying to find the truth. God sent Jimmy Barnabas to study the Bible with him. Jimmy invited Peter to stay with him and even offered him a job. Peter lived with Jimmy for a year, working by day and studying the Bible at night. Peter accepted God's Sabbath and was baptized.

A growing church is a blessing, but it also poses challenges. The church throughout Papua New Guinea is growing rapidly—far more rapidly than their ability to provide churches for the believers. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath offering will help build churches in Papua New Guinea, and an Aboriginal outreach and care center in western Australia.



Natalie Misikaram, women's ministries leader in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, organized a women's prayer ministry through which 25 non-member husbands were converted, including her own.



Peter Pamula went into the ministry and is now pastoring four Papua New Guinea churches with a combined membership of about 1,000.

Charlotte Ishkanian is editor of



CREATIVE PARENTING

Look for the Helpers Part 2

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

When Mr. Rogers' mother told him to "look for the helpers," she was teaching him two important life skills. One was to be observant, which we focused on last month, and the other was to be hopeful and optimistic, to find the calm in the storm. Not only did Mr. Rogers learn from his mother that he could find the helpers amidst the chaos, he learned he could also be a helper.

Actually, some research has been done in this area. C. R. Snyder of the University of Kansas at Lawrence, found that hopeful kids aren't passive bystanders. They take control, pinpointing goals and figuring out ways to meet them. We all know that success breeds success, and in experiencing success, hope takes root and flourishes.

Some children are born with more easy temperaments, and these children have a higher probability of growing up hopeful, but parents can really change the way their children think about themselves and the world. Snyder suggests that if parents can give any gift to their kids, even more important than intelligence, it should be hope.

Kenneth Pargament, a professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, suggests, "Put tragedies in

context. Tell your child that despite horrible events, some things remain sacred and can't be destroyed—such as your love and caring for each other and your faith in God." Andrew Weaver, a Methodist minister who provides spiritual care to 32 hospitals in the New York City area, is quoted as saying, "Children and adults who have a caring faith feel loved and nurtured by God as well as by the others in the community or congregation. The child feels we are all going through this together, not as isolated individuals. Spirituality is not only a great source of hope, but it's also a great conservator of it."

**Just as volunteering
to help others restores our
own sense of control as adults,
a child's ability to contribute
can boost confidence too.**

A ten-year-old girl was interviewed the other evening on television, as she has been instrumental in making more than 20,000 bracelets for individuals who have loved ones in Iraq. It all started with one uncle and one bracelet made with hemp and yellow homemade beads. She sent the first bracelet to her Marine uncle, and he in turn wrote her a letter of thanks. His appreciation encouraged her to get busy, and she's accomplished a tremendous job with a positive and hopeful attitude. Providing children opportunities and allowing them to make a difference is also a strong component of helping children to be hopeful. Even enlisting a child at home for "help" rather than just "chores" can convey that you see your child as a valuable family member rather than just a kid doing work for an allowance. When children believe the world will be a better place because they are in it, they are hopeful, confident, and productive. They are then free to serve a living God.

Just as volunteering to help others restores our own sense of control as adults, a child's ability to contribute can boost confidence too. Our children deserve to learn the reassuring lesson, that in our world there are more good people and kind acts than bad people and evil deeds.

Yes, we live in a world of sin, and Satan terrorizes people; but God does not want that for us. He does not desire for us to live in a spirit of fear. His desire for us and our children is to live in His light and to light the way for others with a spirit of optimism and hope.

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Healthy Choices

Just Do It!

BY WINSTON CRAIG

Four out of every five adult Americans do not exercise enough. They say they don't have enough time. Studies reveal that regular exercise not only adds years to your life, but also life to your years. And those who enjoy the physical activity in which they engage, gain the most benefit.

Brisk walking is the activity of choice for many people. Walking does not require any expensive clothing or footwear, can usually be done anywhere, at any time of the year, can be enjoyed by all ages, and is not associated with any significant risk of injury. Other useful activities include swimming, cycling, gardening, or working out in

Tips for getting active and staying active:

1. Choose an activity or exercise that you enjoy doing.
2. Plan your schedule to include exercise every day.
3. Choose an alternative indoor activity for severe weather conditions.
4. Wherever it is possible, walk rather than drive.
5. Get a family member or friend to join you in your exercise program.

a gym. It is important to remember that the slower the activity, the greater amount of time one needs to engage in that activity.

Regular physical activity (20 to 30 minutes per day, 4 to 5 times a week) helps to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels; protects against heart disease, cancer, and osteoporosis; helps better regulate blood sugar levels and improves insulin sensitivity; strengthens the immune system; helps maintain an appropriate body weight; decreases anxiety and depression; improves mental capacity, blood circulation, and digestion; reduces stress levels; boosts self-confidence; improves the quality of sleep; delays fatigue; and decreases death rates from all causes.

"The whole body was designed for action. Without regular exercise, the mental and moral powers are weakened" (Ellen White, *Education*, pp. 207-9). All of us should work a regular exercise program into our schedules. If exercise is enjoyable and is done with friends, it is more likely to become part of our regular lifestyle.

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

Charitable Care Helps Taiwan Teen

Yi-hsin Lin dreamed of becoming a normal-looking teenager. The 14-year-old from Taiwan had a visible growth on her eye that was enlarging and soon could obliterate her sight.

Last spring she was visiting the United States with her mother, Kuei-ying Tu, and her 18-year-old brother when, through a series of friendships and associations, Yi-hsin's plight came to the attention of Wing-ye Moy of Oak Brook, the wife of Mark Moy, an emergency physician with Hinsdale Hospital and Bolingbrook Medical Center. Moy examined the girl and diagnosed the growth as a dermoid cyst.

The family had seen several doctors in Taiwan as well as China, but no one, thus far, was able to remove the unusual growth. Those who could perform the surgery suggested fees that were out of reach for this family.

"When I first met Yi-hsin, I noticed a pretty but shy little girl who, although blessed with a friendly sweet smile, tended to glance down to the floor," said Moy. "When I saw the disfiguring growth invading the cornea of her left eye, her behavior was certainly understandable."

This physical defect is especially significant for any young person about to enter the sensitive years of adolescence when appearance is of the utmost importance.

"This cosmetic defect would be devastating for any teenager seeking acceptance into social circles," said Moy. "While the cosmetic defect is problematic in and of itself, the growth has begun to increase in size which adds potential loss of vision as the growth invades more of the cornea and sclera." This added danger of vision loss made surgical intervention significantly more urgent.

Moy became the girl's champion and contacted the following people who made the important decision to offer surgery to the youngster at no cost:

Mark Moy, emergency room physician at Hinsdale Hospital and Bolingbrook Medical Center, is Yi-hsin's

champion. He worked tirelessly and successfully to bring the team together.

Eddie Soler, Hinsdale Hospital chief financial officer, got the hospital on board with full cooperation and at no cost.

Bruce Larson, Hinsdale Larson Eye Center medical director, examined Yi-hsin and volunteered Larson Eye Center services.

Shirley Zemansky, Hinsdale Surgery Center executive director, offered the surgery facility and nursing care at no cost.

Robert Oppenheim, an ophthalmologist with Larson Eye Center who specializes in diseases of the cornea, performed the surgery at no cost.

Elise-Anne Guay Bhatia, a pediatric ophthalmologist, examined the girl and made important recommendations at no cost.

Hinsdale Anesthesia Associates provided services at no cost.

"It breaks your heart a little bit to see how much this bothers Yi-hsin," said Larson. "The eyes are so important, and even a small problem with the eye is psychologically devastating, especially to a teenager."

"This is important service to the community," said Shirley Zemansky, executive director of Hinsdale Surgery Center. "We feel an obligation to help under these special circumstances."

Hinsdale Surgery Center, Hinsdale Larson Eye Center, Hinsdale Hospital, and Hinsdale Anesthesia Associates all helped Yi-hsin by providing services at no cost.

"The magnanimous offer of charity services is entirely consistent with the basic motivation for service in healthcare," said Moy. "God blesses physicians and hospitals with the ability and responsibility to serve those inflicted with illnesses. The medical profession's light shines brighter because of this generous offer of charitable care by all involved."



Robert Oppenheim of the Larson Eye Center in Hinsdale, examines Yi-hsin Lin, a 14-year-old from Taiwan who had a dermoid cyst protruding from her left eye. The medical team that provided for the cyst to be removed at no cost included (from left) Mark Moy, Bruce Larson, Leonard Zalik, and Shirley Zemansky.

Ginny Richardson, Adventist Health System Midwest Region

New Degree at AU

Andrews University is pleased to announce the start of a new four-year bachelor of science degree in engineering with two concentrations: electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical engineering. This new program builds on Andrews' tradition of excellent science and mathematics programs and makes use of the rich honors and general education courses available at the university.

Freshman and sophomore levels commence in the fall of 2003, and prospective students are currently being accepted. Interested students are strongly encouraged to contact the engineering department and to visit the web site.

For more information, contact Ronald Johnson at the Engineering and Computer Science Department by phone at (269) 471-3368 or 471-3420; e-mail johnsonr@andrews.edu; or visit andrews.edu/ENGRS.

Katie Shaw, University Relations news writer

Andrews Hosts Academy Musicians

Nearly 200 participants from 13 different Adventist academies spread across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada came to the Andrews University Band and Keyboard Music Festival, Feb. 19–22. The festival gave those that attended a chance to hone their musical talents, socialize, and get to know Andrews University.



Andrews University hosted 160 participants from 13 academies for the Band and Keyboard Music Festival, Feb. 19–22.

A key person in the festival was Douglas Smith from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The composer/director/educator served as guest band clinician. Andrews University-based keyboard clinicians were Peter Cooper, Kenneth Logan, and Carlos Flores. Alan Mitchell, Andrews University Wind Symphony director, coordinated the festival.

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer

Teacher in the Spotlight

Kenneth Stout was rather shy growing up. While having a strong desire to serve the Lord, he did not see himself going into the ministry. So the fact that he is now a professor of preaching and coordinator of the preaching program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University takes some explaining.

According to Stout, his father a committed local elder and lay preacher was a powerful influence on him. He humbly modeled Christianity, and his practical faith made a huge impact, showing how it fit into every aspect of life, Stout said.



Kenneth Stout

As the young Stout began his college studies at Columbia Union College, he wasn't sure what direction to take in life. The chairman of the theology department saw potential in Stout for ministry. He told Stout that he should let go of his reservations and follow God's leading. Stout followed his professor's advice and, with the encouragement of his pastor and others, became increasingly convicted that he was on the right track.

Before teaching at Andrews, Stout pastored extensively and received both master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Andrews University. He also taught practical theology and chaired the religion department at Columbia Union College and received a Ph.D. in preaching from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. In order to help students develop their skills, Stout uses a variety of teaching methods. He enjoys the new preaching lab that he describes as well-outfitted, and the most high-tech classroom on campus. In a typical year, Stout listens to and evaluates about 325 student sermons. He jokes that it's equivalent to attending church for six years in one year.

Stout feels that the task of being a preaching professor at Andrews is an exciting, yet humbling and sacred responsibility as it helps shape worldwide preaching in the Adventist Church. For him, the most important thing to communicate to students is, the reality that Christ is their Creator, Lord, Savior, and best Friend, and that it is their great privilege to serve Him and to proclaim His love to the world!

Bjorn Karlman, student news writer

Aerokhanas Hold Week of Prayer in Missouri

Michigan — The Aerokhanas (Aeros), Great Lakes Adventist Academy's (GLAA) witnessing gymnastic team, spent a week at Sunnydale Adventist Academy (SAA) in Missouri, Feb. 23 through Mar. 2, presenting morning and evening worships.

"I thought it was really uplifting spiritually. When you are witnessing to others, it is just as much of a spiritual blessing as having someone witness to you," said GLAA freshman Jenna DeWitt.



The Aerokhanas, GLAA's witnessing gymnastic team, performed for the Sunnydale students.

Thursday night the Aeros demonstrated their skills with their gymnastics routine. In between routines, they presented a compelling drug-free message. The Aeros have presented a similar message to public school students in northern Michigan as part of the Listen America program. "It was a neat experience to see our team come together and speak for Christ," said Chelsey Harris, GLAA senior.

Jeremy Weaver, GLAA sophomore, commented, "We received a letter saying that just the way we acted was a witness to the students at Sunnydale Adventist Academy."

"It was neat to spend a spiritual week with kids that believe the same as you do," said Ryan Whitehead, GLAA senior. The Aeros, who have also performed for the basketball game half-time show at Central Michigan University, are good representatives of GLAA and Christian education.

Nicole Van Allen, Great Lakes Adventist Academy junior

Young Scientists Win Awards

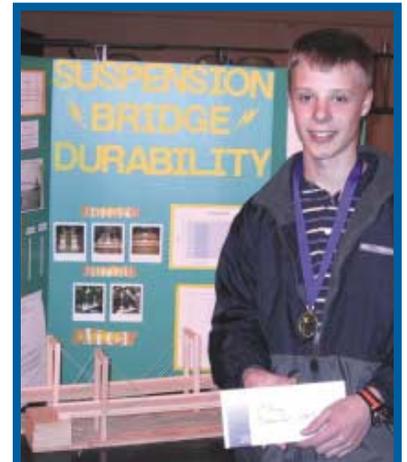
Illinois — During the month of March, Broadview Academy (BVA), a small school nestled away among the northern Illinois cornfields, has been the very center of scientific research. While no groundbreaking cures for cancer were announced, if you were to gauge the importance of the research being completed by the students' intense faces, the science was no less serious. Hypotheses were made and remade, experiments repeated, and logs carefully kept. They were preparing for the science fair.

On Apr. 6, BVA reinstated its annual science fair and invited all home-school and church-school students in grades 7–12 throughout the state to join them. Over 60 students entered projects on a wide range of subjects, including hot air balloons, solar electricity, making cannons, and incubating fertile chicken eggs. Entries were judged by former BVA science

instructor, Edward Kunitz; current BVA math and physics instructor, Dale Vinton; and BVA science instructor, Melody Jagitsch. Students stood beside their displays and were given the opportunity to present their findings to the judges and answer questions.

The winning entry was submitted by Nathan Strieter, a home-school student from Naperville. His experiment on the strength of various woods when used in a suspension bridge won the gold medal and the \$50 "Best in Show" prize. The silver medal and \$30 went to BVA freshman Jane Tu for her excellent research and model of clouds. The bronze medal and \$20 went to both BVA junior Jasmine Adams for her original experiment on photosynthesis and starch formation, and BVA freshman Romimir Altares for his experiments on hard and soft water.

Melody Jagitsch, Broadview Academy science teacher



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A Time of Refreshing for Wisconsin Women

Wisconsin — The stated purpose of women's ministries in Wisconsin is to build the church through fellowship, music, refreshing, laughter, tears, being near God, friendship, fun, healing, understanding, studying, praying, helping, sharing, and encouraging.

As one of the 412 women who attended our last annual women's retreat, I found myself wondering how well this event meets our women's ministries goals. Nearly everyone I interviewed mentioned friendship and fellowship. The weekend feels like "a mini camp meeting," one woman remarked. And for those who attend small churches each week, fellowship with a group numbering in the hundreds is indeed a special blessing.



Women's retreats provide fellowship and friendships that last a lifetime.

Both laughter and tears were evident throughout the weekend. One young woman who roomed with her

mother and two sisters admitted they had been awake until 3:00 a.m., laughing and talking. Tears surfaced while attempting to sing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" and "When We All Get to Heaven."

There was time for personal Bible study and a breakaway session which shared a Bible marking method that had helped the speaker make her Bible her most valuable possession.

Prayer groups met throughout the weekend and prayer requests were dropped in the prayer box. Participants will pray for these requests until the time of the next retreat.

We were encouraged by those who shared their stories of answered prayer, healing, how God's plan was worked out in a life thought to be of little value, and of reconciliation with God after years of estrangement.

Putting it all together, I concluded that women's retreats do build the church by meeting the varied needs of the women who attend. Plan now to attend our next retreat scheduled for Oct. 31–Nov. 2, 2003.

Pat Magray, Green Bay Church member

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Conference Sponsors Single Moms' Retreat

Indiana — Three years ago, Charlie Thompson, Indiana Conference youth director, approached the Indiana women's ministries leadership team with a proposal. He envisioned a retreat for single moms and their children at Timber Ridge Camp—a low-cost vacation with enrichment and relaxation for the moms, and lots of recreation and fun for the children.

The Indiana women's ministries team embraced this idea, and single mothers and their children have been blessed for the past two summers by this experience. This summer the Indiana Conference is again inviting single mothers from Indiana and throughout the Lake Union to this retreat, June 19–22.

This year, Ron and Collene Kelly will be assisting with the programming. Pastor Ron will be speaking at the camp fire programs each evening and will be the camp "Dad," providing a father figure and lots of love and encouragement

for the children. Collene will be the presenter for "Mom's Time Out," while separate activities are provided for the children. Highlights of the weekend will also include praise and worship services on Sabbath and breakfast in bed for moms on Sunday.

Julie Loucks, coordinator of last year's retreat, commented, "One mother expressed how attending the retreat helped provide energy and wisdom to help her understand the direction she needed to take."

This retreat provides an excellent opportunity to assist single moms. Churches are encouraged to sponsor attending, non-attending, and non-member single moms who they would like to see experience the love and acceptance of a caring church family.

Because the Indiana Conference subsidizes this retreat, the cost is only \$35 for mothers and \$10 for each child.

For further information about registering for this retreat, contact Julie Loucks at (317) 844-6201.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director



Single moms receive support and love in a nurturing environment.

Lake Union Women's Ministries Retreats

Illinois Conference

Oct. 3-5, Chicago area retreat
Contact Sarah Aragon (708) 444-2147

Indiana Conference

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Abe Mountain Lodge, Nashville, Ind.
Contact Marjorie Driscoll (812) 526-5856;
driscoll@iquest.net

Lake Region Conference

Sept. 19-21, Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Contact Joan Bauer (773) 846-2661, ext. 208; or Tracy
Jacobs (574) 272-4600

Lake Union Conference

Aug. 1-3, Hispanic woman's retreat
South Bend, Ind.
Contact Sandy Reyes (269) 473-8249

Wisconsin Conference

Oct 31-Nov. 2, Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Contact Aileen King (608) 241-5235



Hand-made quilts from New Albany women bring warmth and love to new babies and residents at local nursing homes.

Members from New Albany Warm Their Community

Indiana — New Albany (Ind.) Church women have found a fun way to provide warmth in their community. They meet for lunch on the last Wednesday of each month at the church and then spend several hours assembling small quilts for distribution to unwed mothers with new babies at the Catholic Home in New Albany and for residents of local nursing homes.

This ministry group assembles the blocks of material and then either ties or hand-quilts them. A Bible verse and information that the quilt was provided by the New Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church is attached. The quilts are called "prayer blankets" because the women pray over each blanket before it is given away. The New Albany Adventurer Club enjoys visiting nursing home residents as they help the ladies distribute their quilts.

New Albany pastor Jerry Higgs remembers a time when the quilts were being distributed in one nursing home. "As the church members were walking down the hallways looking for bed-bound patients," he shares, "they were being followed by a lady in a wheel chair. When she reached them, she remarked, 'I have been saving up for something special. Could I purchase one of your lap quilts?' The members looked at her outstretched hand and found inside two warm, crumpled dollar bills." Pastor Higgs said that when they freely gave her a quilt she was elated, and the joy they felt inside couldn't be measured.

*Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference
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Women's Day at Chapel West

Indiana — A special Sabbath to celebrate women and the contributions they make to their church, home, and society was held on Mar. 1 at the Chapel West Church in Indianapolis. Women led out in the whole day's program.



Women enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and worship together before the church service with guest speaker Barbara Couden (far right).

Barbara Couden, a marriage, family, and child counseling specialist who teaches in the counseling department at Indiana State University, was the guest speaker. Her topic for the day emphasized helping women focus on their strengths and nurturing them to be what God created them to be—strong and courageous.

The day included a catered luncheon, served by the church men, inspiring music from other Indianapolis churches, and an afternoon workshop with the guest speaker.

Daisy Blythe, Chapel West Church health and temperance committee member

Michigan News Notes

Michigan Conference women's ministries held three weekend retreats at Camp Au Sable in April with a combined attendance of over 650.

Cedar Lake women are sending *Women of Spirit* to five women and plan to add to their list.

Dowagiac women have a health seminar and brunch once a month. Four people are in their "Welcome Baby" program.

Glennie women are secret sisters to women outside the church family. They send them cards, etc.

Metropolitan women are developing a new-member packet.

Jackson women send love baskets to students away at college and academy.

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Polish Church Reaches out to Single-parent Families

Illinois — In order to reach the secular minds of their community for Christ, the Chicago Polish Church organized a unique Christmas event. Their aim was to attract non-church-going, single-parent families to come for a holiday program where they could share the gospel. They chose a dynamic drama, "How the Poplar Became a Christmas Tree," portraying how individuals like the Poplar tree can experience an initial rejection, but be accepted and saved by the power of God.



Adventist children distribute decorated cards containing a passage from the Bible to the children in the audience. The church members also gave out beautifully wrapped gifts to the boys and girls.

At the close of the service, refreshments were served, allowing the members an opportunity to mingle and become better acquainted with their guests. As the actors mingled with the visiting children, giving each of them a decorated card with a scripture verse on it, church members distributed beautifully wrapped gifts to the boys and girls.

Joanna D'Sylva, Polish Church communication leader

Busing Puppets for Large City Evangelism

Lake Region — With the help of the North American Division children's ministries, the Lake Region Conference children's ministries department has purchased a school bus that is being outfitted as a puppet theater for ministry outreach to children in public schools and housing projects. Health and counseling topics will be addressed for a start, as the teams using the bus build recognition and friendship with the communities they target. The bus will be made available for use in Chicago, Detroit, and other large cities of the conference.

NAD Monday FAX, Apr. 7, 2003

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ADOPT. If your church has a special connection to a specific missionary, share letters and information from that missionary with the congregation.

GIVE. Your congregation's financial support makes possible the funding of the church's mission work. Some of that comes through World Budget giving, but much of it is given during the Sabbath School offering each week.

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MILEPOSTS

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ANNIVERSARIES

ROGER AND SHIRLEY ECK celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during Christmas 2002 by a family vacation with their children at Marco Island, Fla. They have been members of the Stevens Point (Wis.) Church for 18 years.



Roger Eck and Shirley Slaght were married Mar. 18, 1953, in Lancaster, Wis., by Pastor Roberts. Roger and Shirley have been managers of Fireside Apartments for 18 years.

The Eck family includes Nancy and Randy New of Glenn Allen, Va.; Patti and Kent Davis of Green Bay, Wis.; Michael Eck of Franklin, Tenn.; Michele and Duaine Pixler of Menomonie, Wis.; and Suzanne and Mark Erb of Menomonie; and 11 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

KIMBERLY S. VERBRIGGHE AND DAVID K. DICKERSON were married May 19, 2002, in Petoskey, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor William Hurtado.

Kimberly is the daughter of Robert and Bonnie Verbrigghe of Petoskey, and David is the son of Karl and Linda Dickerson of Nottawa, Mich.

The Dickersons are making their home in Battle Creek, Mich.

MELISSA S. MEHARRY AND JESSE A. KRUGER were married Mar. 30, 2003, in Cicero, Ind. The ceremony was performed

by Pastor Ron Kelly.

Melissa is the daughter of Harvey and Lisa Meharry of Westfield, Ind., and Jesse is the son of Dwight and Patty Kruger of Arcadia, Ind.

The Krugers are making their home in Noblesville, Ind.

UNETTA M. CAMPBELL AND TODD A. ROSS were married Nov. 23, 2003, in Las Vegas, Nev. The ceremony was performed by Elder Leo Campbell.

Unetta is the daughter of Leo and Ruth Campbell of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., and Todd is the son of Gary Ross of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Donnice Ross of Mentone, Calif.

The Rosses are making their home in Lincoln, Neb.

KENNIE N. JACKSON AND KEITH L. WILLIAMS were married Apr. 4, 2003, in Indianapolis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Frank Haynes.

Kennie is the daughter of Richard Jackson and Marie (Lee) Davis, both of Indianapolis, and Keith is the son of the late Leonard Williams and the late Connie Steele.

The Williamses are making their home in Indianapolis.

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, AUDREY J. (GOULD), age 79; born June 17, 1923, in Sand Lake, Mich.; died Apr. 1, 2003, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Lakeview (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, John R.; daughter, Christine Baker; brothers, Charles, John "Ed," and Wayne Gould; half brothers, Joe, Glen "Art," Sim, and Guy Gould; half sisters, Glenice VanLoozenoord and Judy Troupe; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David W. Gotshall, and interment was in Sand Lake Cemetery.

ARMBRUSTER, FRANKLIN R., age 87; born May 22, 1915, in Alvordton, Mich.; died Mar. 9, 2003, in Alvordton. He was a member of the Prattville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Jonathan; daughter, Shirley Mavis; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Monte Landis, and interment was in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

BROOKS, CHADRICK M., age 14; born Mar. 7, 1988, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Feb. 3, 2003, in Howard City, Mich. He was a member of the Grand Rapids Central Church.

Survivors include his father, Michael J. Brooks; mother, Shari (Bogdiano) Lewis; brother, Austin D.; stepbrothers, Lenny, Matthew J., and William Lewis; half brother, Heath D. Lewis; sister, Rebecca L. Brooks; stepsisters, Rachel A. Lewis and Amanda Simpson; and half sister, Lisa Brooks.

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

BROWER, BERNICE (SIMMONS), age 91; born Mar. 28, 1911, in Muskegon, Mich.; died Mar. 11, 2003, in Holland, Mich. She was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include her son, Larry; daughters, Ellen Putnam and Lyndelle Chiomenti; brother, Lawrence Simmons; sister, Hazel Vander Schaaf; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private, and interment was in Graafschap (Mich.) Cemetery.

DOWNING, ARLENE R. (COBLE), age 82; born May 31, 1920, in Emerson Twp., Mich.; died Mar. 5, 2003, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Twin Cities Church, Alma.

Survivors include her son, Danny; daughters, Rosalie

Sowles, Carolyn Erskine, Janis Bott, Roberta Thomas, and Gloria Edgar; brother, Cletus Coble; sister, Esther Gurdziel; 18 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Jeff Freeman, with private inurnment.

EWALD, JEANE B. (BURGESS), age 78; born June 14, 1924, in Detroit, Mich.; died Dec. 3, 2002, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a member of the Onaway (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Roland; son, Donald G.; daughter, Kathie J. Christiansen; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Bill Edsell, and interment was in Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea, Mich.

HORNYAK, STEPHEN J., age 88; born Mar. 12, 1914, in Detroit, Mich.; died Feb. 9, 2003, in Naples, Fla. He was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Stephen J. Jr.; daughter, Barbara Vogt; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Glenn, and interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Cadillac, Mich.

LARSON, DOROTHY (SAUERBERG), age 92; born Aug. 18, 1910, in Joliet, Ill.; died Mar. 1, 2003, in Madison, Wis. She was a member of the Madison East Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Dorothy Simes, Patricia Schroeder, Sarah Wachter, and Roberta Edwardson; brothers, Robert, Walter, and Kenneth Sauerberg; 19 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William Ochs, and interment was in Oakland Church Cemetery, Oakland Twp., Wis.

MAYNARD, MARY ANN (GIARDINA), age 62; born Nov. 4, 1939, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Oct. 27, 2002, in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Joseph and Ben; daughter, Rachel Kostelac; sisters, Joyce Parker and Ellen Clizbe; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jim Clizbe, and interment was in Olive-wood Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.

MILLER, VIOLA (O'HARE), age 85; born Sept. 18, 1917, in Brick Chapel, Ind.; died Mar. 16, 2003, in Crawfordsville, Ind. She was a member of the Brownsburg (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Harold E. Jr. and Edwin W.; sister, Martena Stevens; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Jerry Lastine, and interment was in Ladoga (Ind.) Cemetery.

MONTGOMERY, LORETTA G. (LACEY), age 91; born Jan. 31, 1912, in Allegan, Mich.; died Feb. 27, 2003, in Ypsilanti, Mich. She was a member of the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, John; daughters, Mary Ann Ehinger and Juanita Brunett; brothers, LeRoy and Donald Lacey; sisters, Alice Vaeth, Lucille Lightbourn, Dorothy Pappalardo, Delores Mullis, and Joann Butler; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dan Hall, and interment was in Lenawee Hills Cemetery, Adrian, Mich.

MULLIN, NORMA J. (RODENBERG), age 71; born Feb. 6, 1931, in Richmond, Ind.; died May 21, 2002, in Berrien Twp., Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

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PENSINO, RUTH H. (GRIGGS), age 92; born July 30, 1910, in Fruitdale, Ore.; died Mar. 22, 2003, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. She was a member of the South Flint (Mich.) Church.

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POOLE, VIOLET E. (SCHLEGEL), age 97; born Aug. 16, 1905, in Marshall, Minn.; died Mar. 25, 2003, in Bridgman, Mich. She was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

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WILLIAMS, CAROLYN J. (SNOW), age 57; born Jan. 12, 1946, in Edmore, Mich.; died Mar. 16, 2003, in Lakeview, Mich. She was a member of the Edmore Church.

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INDIANA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT: Join ladies from Indiana at beautiful Abe Martin Lodge in Nashville (Ind.), for a spiritual retreat, **Oct 31–Nov. 2**. The keynote speaker will be Jan Yakush, Mount Vernon (Ohio) Academy Bible teacher and chaplain. Jan also pastors a small church in Amish country, and is published in the *Collegiate Quarterly* and *Women of Spirit* magazine. You'll also enjoy *The Joy of Wellness* seminar by Heather Neal, Southern

Adventist University teacher who is a certified personal trainer with a master's degree in wellness management. Musical guests, *Message of Mercy*. For more information, contact Marjorie Driscoll at (812) 526-5856; or e-mail Driscoll@iquest.net.

LAKE UNION

OFFERINGS: **June 7**—Local Church Budget; **14**—Multilingual Ministries; **21**—Local Church Budget; **28**—Local Conference Advance.

SPECIAL DAYS: **June 7**—Women's Ministries Emphasis Day.

WORLD CHURCH

THE FIRST SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE NATIVE AMERICAN CAMP MEETING, June 27–28, is geared for Native Americans and anyone who is interested in growing in the Spirit and learning more about Native American beliefs and their relevance to the Bible. For more information call Kay Bloom (978) 365-4551, ext. 28.

Lake Union Conference Tithes Comparison Year-to-date

13 Sabbaths ending March 31, 2003, compared to 13 Sabbaths ending March 31, 2002

Number of Members:					Average Increase	%	Average Tithe Per Member	
12/31/02	12/31/01	Conference	2003	2002	–Decrease	Inc. –Decr.	2003	2002
12,205	11,956	Illinois	2,182,681	2,067,976	114,705	5.55%	178.83	172.97
6,619	6,480	Indiana	1,423,584	1,400,319	23,265	1.66%	215.08	216.10
26,065	25,178	Lake Region	2,794,354	2,062,891	731,463	35.46%	107.21	81.93
24,489	24,105	Michigan	6,199,705	6,174,466	25,238	0.41%	253.16	256.15
6,648	6,455	Wisconsin	1,369,699	1,338,090	31,609	2.36%	206.03	207.30
<u>76,026</u>	<u>74,174</u>	Totals	<u>\$13,970,022</u>	<u>\$13,043,741</u>	<u>\$926,281</u>	<u>7.10%</u>	<u>\$183.75</u>	<u>\$175.85</u>
Average Weekly Tithe:			\$1,074,617	\$1,003,365	\$71,252	7.10%		

Sunset Calendar

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12
Berrien Springs, MI	9:18	9:22	9:24	9:25	9:24	9:21
Chicago	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:30	8:29	8:26
Detroit	9:06	9:10	9:13	9:13	9:12	9:09
Indianapolis	8:10	8:14	8:16	8:17	8:16	8:14
La Crosse, WI	8:44	8:48	8:50	8:51	8:50	8:47
Lansing, MI	9:14	9:17	9:20	9:20	9:19	9:16
Madison, WI	8:34	8:38	8:40	8:41	8:40	8:37
Springfield, IL	8:25	8:28	8:30	8:31	8:30	8:28

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MISSIONARIES TO AFRICA:

Fellowship of Adventist Missionaries to Africa (FAMA) 2003 retreat, **July 24-27** at Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Va. Registration information is available on the FAMA Web site, www.tagnet.org/fama. For more information, contact Dorothy Jean Salhany at (931) 829-4608; dsfama@mycidco.com; or Duane Brenneman (979) 846-6116; duanebrenneman@hotmail.com.

ATHOL (MASS.) CHURCH CENTENNIAL,

AUG. 30: The year 2003 is a special time for the Adventist Church in Athol. This late spring it will be 100 years from its beginnings. In commemoration of the centennial, all past members, friends, and those who have ever attended the Athol Church are especially invited to come Sabbath, August 30, for worship, food, and fellowship together. For more information call (978) 544-7066.

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Adventist Media Broadcast Schedules

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK

www.acnsat.org

- June 4** 7:30-9:00 p.m. ET, *NET 2003* follow-up
- June 6** 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET, Adventist Television Network (ATN) Uplink
- June 11** 7:30-9:00 p.m. ET, *NET 2003* follow-up
- June 13** 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink
- June 18** 7:30-9:00 p.m. ET, *NET 2003* follow-up
- June 20** 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink
- June 27** 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink

BREATH OF LIFE

www.bolministries.com

Week of:

- June 1** "Special Delivery," Part 2
- June 8** "Walls," Part 1
- June 15** "Walls," Part 2
- June 22** "Overnight," Part 1
- June 29** "Overnight," Part 2

FAITH FOR TODAY

Lifestyle Magazine, www.lifestyle.org

Week of:

- June 1** "The Prostate Problem: How to Help Your Man"
- June 8** "The Energy of Money"
- June 15** "Stop! You're Giving Me a Headache! (Migraines)"
- June 22** "Domestic Violence: His Side of the Story"
- June 29** "Old Wives' Tales"

The Evidence, www.theevidence.org

Week of:

- June 1** "On God and Dying"
- June 8** "Wrongfully Accused"
- June 15** "Pathways to God"
- June 22** "The Darwin Dilemma"
- June 29** "Matter of Faith"

IT IS WRITTEN

www.iiv.org

Week of:

- June 1** "Look at the Horizon—Smyrna," Letters from a Lonely Isle, Part 2
- June 8** "Cutting the Compromise—Smyrna," Letters from a Lonely Isle, Part 3
- June 15** "When It's Time to Leave—Thyatira," Letters from a Lonely Isle, Part 4
- June 22** "A Message for the Dead—Sardis," Letters from a Lonely Isle, Part 5
- June 29** "Find the Open Door—Philadelphia," Letters from a Lonely Isle, Part 6

LA VOZ DE LA ESPERANZA

www.lavoz.org

Week of:

- June 1** Jesús confió en su padre en la hora de su muerte
- June 8** Angeles que rescatan y protegen
- June 15** Angeles que contan
- June 22** Angeles que sanan
- June 29** Angeles de justicia



VOICE OF PROPHECY

www.voiceofprophecy.org

Week of:

- June 1** *Sun.*: "Philippians: Rejoice in the Lord"; *Mon.-Fri.*: "Once Saved, Almost Always Saved"
- June 8** *Sun.*: "Spice Up Your World"; *Mon.-Fri.*: "Behold, He Comes!" Part 1
- June 15** *Sun.*: "Colossians—Jesus Is Lord"; *Mon.-Fri.*: "Behold, He Comes!" Part 2
- June 22** *Sun.*: "Let There Be Light"; *Mon.-Fri.*: "Behold, He Comes!" Part 3
- June 29** *Sun.*: "Ezekiel—Faith for the Future"

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EXTREME GRACE

The Teal Mini

by Dick Duerksen

The moral of the story is this:

God is eager to give us gifts of far greater value than anything we can imagine—and wildly better than we deserve.

We'll call her Holly and assume she lives in a middle-class American family. She is a Seventh-day Adventist, as are her parents. She is 16, a high school junior attending an Adventist boarding academy as a "day" student, driving about 30 miles each day from home, to school, to work, and back home again. She earned an "A" in driver's ed., is a student body leader, and a member of three school clubs.

Both Mom and Dad are totally tired of driving her everywhere, especially since the timing and location of her appointments do not match theirs at all! It is time for Holly to have her own car.

Sunday morning they dropped off Holly at baseball practice and headed for the auto mall. Dad thought Holly needed a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass, one "she couldn't get hurt in." Mom was more interested in "new chrome."

They wandered from Olds to VW to

Mitsubishi to Honda and more, listening to spiels from salespeople as diverse as the cars. By 3:00 p.m. they were exhausted and ready to relegate Holly to her bicycle.

On a bench beside the Honda dealership, Mom and Dad thought aloud about their girl, their budget, and God.

"What kind of car do you think God would like us to give her?" Mom was the questioner.

"One with air bags." Dad was always practical.

They talked for most of an hour, concentrating more on God's grace than on cubic displacement and air bag placement.

"God gives gifts," they decided, "so we'll know he loves us."

"But, it's more than that," Mom again. "He gives us gifts so we'll recognize His love, be excited about it, and want to share it with everyone we know!"

"Does that mean a mini-van?" Dad was also always mischievous.

They laughed and drove downtown and stood transfixed before the plate glass windows of their town's newest dealership.

"There's not even room for an air bag in that!" Mr. Practical spoke first.

The salesperson quickly dispelled that thought, showing off air bags here, there, and everywhere.

Within a half hour they were both convinced, already imagining Holly's response.

Color was the hardest part,

but they finally settled on teal, a kind of blue that "called out to be admired and loved."

They arranged to pick it up Tuesday noon, Holly's 16th birthday. Mom drove it to the academy, parking it deep in the student lot.

Holly was waiting at the customary parental "pick-up point."

"We bought you a car," Dad spoke and Mom glowed. "It's in the student lot. See if you can find it."

Holly sprinted around the music building to a lot covered with cracking blacktop. There were pick-up trucks, small cars, big cars, old cars, and new cars. Even a couple of minivans. But there, shouting love in the midst of all the others, was a teal blue Mini.

She turned, amazement and excitement blending into awe.

"For me?"

"That look," Mom told me later, "I would pay anything for that!"

I know. It was her first car, and they should have bought a used Olds. She's probably not old enough to drive it wisely or treat it with care. She might wreck it. She might use it to take her friends out somewhere they shouldn't go. There's a lot of things she could do poorly with the gift.

Like we do with grace.

But Abba, our ever-loving Father, gives it anyway—eager for us to experience awe at his love.

Parents are like that.



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Cheryce Bone

Cheryce Nicole Bone, 18, is a member of the 2003 senior class at Peterson-Warren Academy and a member of the City Temple (Detroit) Church. As a very sensitive leader of the student association, Cheryce has been a mediator between faculty and students, and students and students. Cheryce says, "Peterson-Warren Academy taught me to appreciate individual differences. I learned to lead by listening."

Cheryce is able to take a stand on issues, yet she understands the other's point of view. Last summer, after being fired for refusing to work on the Sabbath, she returned to give her boss a thank you card for giving her her first job. The card was accompanied by homemade cookies and juice.

The daughter of Columbus and Joyce Bone of Detroit, Cheryce's ambition is to become a forensic scientist or journalist.

Darnell La Mar Logan, 18, is a June 2003 graduate of Peterson-Warren Academy. A determined young man who has his priorities straight, Darnell loves people and wants to make an impact on their lives. He is considerate and respectful of both adults and children. Darnell is a leader who is also capable of following others. He has a gentle personality and enjoys sports, writing, and electronics.



Darnell Logan

Darnell says that the most important thing he learned from his academy experience is "the importance of Christian education and excelling in school." He says, "Above all is the importance of having a relationship with God."

The son of David and Hattie Logan, Darnell is an active member of the City Temple (Detroit) Church. After graduation, he plans to study to become an elementary school teacher.

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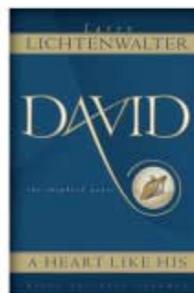
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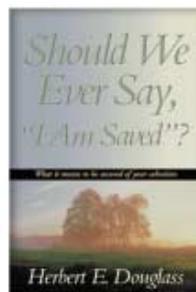
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