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Jesus: Hope for Our Day

At this season of the year, some might tend to see the Lord only as the Babe of Bethlehem. Christmas cards, lawn decorations, and church pageants feature God arriving on the human scene as a tiny baby boy. Paul's teaching in Romans 1:1-7 focuses our eyes not only on the promised seed of David, but also on the crucified, risen, and coming Son of God, bringing hope to all.

In this passage from Romans, Paul reaffirmed that this Christ was the child of promise, prophesied by the prophets in the Old Testament. The first hint came in the Garden of Eden when God said to Satan, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen.3:15).

Forty years after Israel's deliverance from Egypt, Isaiah promised a deliverer. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). Isaiah goes on further to say that this Son would be a suffering servant, bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows. The coming of this promised one would be during the terrible oppression of the Jewish people under Roman rule.

The fulfillment of the promise so clear in scripture came in the birth of Jesus who "was made of the seed of David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3). The angelic message was clear to Mary: "Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son. ... He shall be great, ... the Son of the Highest: ... and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33). The same clarity is seen in the angel's message to Joseph, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt.1:21).

History has authenticated this promise. On the night of the Savior's birth, the stars shown brightly down on a manger scene. On resurrection morning, the "bright and morning star" gave new hope to all people. Death no longer had its sting, nor grave its victory.

As we share gifts with one another, let us also thank God for His unspeakable gift to each of us. Let us never forget that the greatest gift we can ever give anyone is the knowledge of the Christ who freely gave Himself for each of us in order that we might have hope. We will have that opportunity during the 2004 Year of Evangelism. In the Lake Union we call it *Hope for Our Day*.

EVANGELISM IN KENTUCKY

Youth Minister at Kentucky Hospital

BY NICK ZORK

This was the first mission trip that I've been on," confided one of the youth who went on the WE CARE mission trip to Kentucky. "It was a memorable experience, and I have definitely been blessed."

WE CARE is a ministry of the Andrews University Center for Youth Evangelism that runs short-term domestic mission trips for North American Division (NAD) youth. Our goal is to provide mental, physical, and spiritual experiences for all who participate.

I had the opportunity in August to take a group of youth to Manchester, Kentucky, to assist the Manchester Memorial Adventist Hospital with several upkeep and repair projects. The hospital had hosted a WE CARE mission trip once before, and Debbie Wagers, hospital chaplain, expressed interest in having us back.

We wanted to return because of the great needs in the Manchester area. The hospital serves a population of over 30,000. Most of these residents are unemployed and live on welfare funds. Their health is poor. We also like the fact that the hospital works with us to ensure that the youth receive real hands-on, life-enriching experiences.

On Sunday morning, August 10, our group of 13 youth and sponsors boarded an Andrews University mini-bus and headed for Kentucky. We arrived that evening and were greeted by Lee

Wilson, plant services department head and our work coordinator for the week. Our responsibilities started the next morning. Before we retired, however, we gathered for an orientation and worship time. We wanted to pause and remember why we were there.



Students assisted with a building project at the Manchester Memorial Hospital.

As Christ's ambassadors, it is important to remember that, in reality, we are privileged to be joining Christ in the work He has already begun. It is humbling to realize that God's work, in every place, is so much bigger than any of us. If we have an attitude of gratefulness and humility, God can work in and through us as we serve.

For the next three days we were involved in a variety of projects. We did landscaping, stripped wallpaper, ran electrical wire, and assisted with a new construction project. We also made contact with patients. Since our youth were blessed with musical ability, we witnessed by singing and playing our guitars in the hospital and in



Students witnessed by singing and playing their guitars at the home of a hospital employee.

two local nursing homes.

In addition to the various projects and ministries, time was set aside for recreation. On Thursday morning we enjoyed the Kentucky outdoors on a whitewater-rafting excursion. And that evening we had dinner and relaxed at the home of the hospital CEO, Dennis Meyers.

On Friday, our final day, the youth were able to sign up to spend a couple of hours with a medical professional and experience first hand the healing ministries offered 24/7 at the hospital. That evening, our group put on a special vespers program of music and sharing experiences for the Manchester Adventist Church. Sabbath was spent worshipping with the congregation and relaxing at the Meyer's home before returning to Andrews University after sundown.

One of our participants, Andrea Heyn, remarked, "I came to minister to the people, but they really ended up touching my life. It is always encouraging to see how everyone wins when we serve Christ."

If readers are interested in joining one of our mission trips, we invite you to call us at 1-800-Youth-2-U ext. 3 (1-800-968-8428 ext. 3) or visit our Web site: AdventistYouth.org/WeCare.

Nick Zork is the Center for Youth Evangelism domestic mission trips director.

Lake Region

Doris Harris was a Seventh-day Adventist at age 16, but she strayed away. In 1998, she returned to the church and started attending the Capitol City (Indiana) Church. After the Revelation Seminar conducted in 2001 by Real Truth Ministries, Leon Bryant, Capitol City Church pastor, challenged church members to hold a series in the sections of town where they lived. Church elders Chris Peters and Andrew Bailey conducted a series in Doris' part of town on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Over 20 members supported the meetings, and about five non-Adventists attended. Doris' husband, **Tom Harris**, was one of them.



Tom and Doris Harris, new members of the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis, enjoyed their first Lake Region camp meeting experience at Camp Wagner in Cassopolis, Michigan.

The Harris' daughter and her husband were baptized during the *Real Truth Ministries Revelation Seminar*. Tom knew about the series then, but just didn't go. This time, Doris specifically invited him to attend the series. "I don't know, I guess the Holy Spirit just got a hold of me, and I decided to go," Tom says.

Tom made his decision to follow Christ at the end of the series, but he says there were points along the way that influenced his

decision. Two in particular, he remembers well: "I attended the Emmanuel Church in Indianapolis, where my daughter and family were members, and was really impressed with Tunde Ojewole, church pastor, and the friendliness of the members. The second was a special program and concert at the Emmanuel Church when Ralph Shelton, Conant Gardens Church pastor, and members from the Conant Gardens Church in Detroit came as special guests. I was impressed with Pastor Shelton, too. I remember clearly what he said to me, 'The next time I see you I want you to be a member of this church.'"

Tom says, "At the end of the series, they didn't even have to ask me if I wanted to give my life to Christ. I just said, 'I'm ready.'"

Tom and Doris attended their first Lake Region Conference camp meeting in June and were overwhelmed with the wonderful things they were learning. They also had an opportunity to get to know Capitol City Church members better and meet new friends in Jesus.

Debbie Young, Lake Region Conference volunteer correspondent

Michigan

God first began calling me, **Kevin Sanford**, when I was a child, but my life was so complex that I could not understand what was happening. My parents never went to church or spoke of God, but they did send me a little while to Sunday school. We were a poor family—at times homeless, without food, and separated. Over the next 16 years, I went back and forth between my

parents and foster families. Times were tough, as I was mentally, physically, and sexually abused. Because of these circumstances, I began to blame God for all my pain.

When I was 19, I went to live in the country with my grandparents. There was an abandoned church up the road from their home, and I used to go there in the night, sit on the steps, and pour out my heart to God. It seemed God really understood me, even though I was confused about Him. Then my grandfather died. I tried to locate my father so I could have a home, but I discovered he had remarried and I was not welcome.

My wanderings continued, and I stayed with some friends in Kentucky. Then I joined the Army, hoping it would bring stability into my life. All this time, I was searching for God, even as I lived in a sinful manner. When the Army transferred me to Hawaii, I met James who invited me to go to his church. During the services, I was impressed to surrender my life to Jesus, and although I did surrender (as I understood it), my lifestyle did not change.

Because of my actions, I was sent to prison for six years. There I cried out for God, and a year later I made my decision to stop playing games with Him. Soon I joined a prison church and sought to have the Holy Spirit change me.

In my search for truth, I began earnestly reading and studying my Bible. God led me to Cass Hudson, a Seventh-day Adventist prisoner, who introduced me to the *Amazing Facts* and *Voice of Prophecy* Bible courses. Now pieces of the Bible puzzle began to fit, and I began to keep the Sabbath and understand that Christ was coming a second time.

Soon Cass and I started a prisoner's Adventist church, with 25 inmates attending. We prayed for five months that God would send some volunteers from outside

our facility to love and care for us. The answer came when James Hord, Sault Ste. Marie Church pastor, and Brian Skeete started coming to hold services. The prison church Cass and I started has continued for almost a year, and already ten inmates have been baptized. These inmates have been given permission to hold in-prison evangelistic meetings using Mark Finley's videos from *The Revelation of Hope*.

I have now been released from prison by the mercy and grace of God. Although I am still on parole, I have been baptized, attend an Adventist church, and do some door-to-door evangelism. The Lord has prospered me with a job and an automobile, and my heart's desire is to serve Jesus with all my strength and mind, bringing glory and honor to Him.

Kevin Stanford with Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

Lake Region

Cheryl Claiborne and her eight-year-old daughter, **Carmay**, were baptized in April 2003 at the Sharon Inkster (Michigan) Church. However, her introduction to Adventism happened in the early '90s when she and her husband moved Cheryl's elderly cousin from Pueblo, Colorado, to Inkster.

During a doctor's appointment for her cousin, Cheryl's attention was drawn to a display in the lobby. There was an offer for a Heritage Bible with praying hands on the cover. She took a card and filled it out but didn't mail it. In fact, she lost it! Someone found the card, added the stamp, wrote a small note on the card, and mailed it.

Soon Cheryl had a visit from a literature evangelist (LE). She purchased several books, and during a subsequent visit, she accepted his invitation to do correspondence



Kevin Sanford gave his life to God while in prison. Through his and another Adventist prisoner's witness, a prison church was started, and 10 inmates have been baptized.

Bible studies. The LE told her of an upcoming Daniel Seminar, which she attended at the Sharon Church in Inkster. She enjoyed it so much that she attended the Revelation Seminar that followed some time later. She was blessed by the information given by Zaddock Reid, former Sharon Inkster Church pastor, who, with his wife Verna, frequently visited Cheryl to talk and pray with her.



Cheryl and Carmay Claiborne were baptized in April as members of the Sharon Church in Inkster, Michigan.

"Cheryl was very active in her Baptist church," says Evelyn Long, a Sharon Church member who befriended Cheryl and now studies with her every Monday evening. "Cheryl started cutting back her responsibilities at her church and finally backed right out the door and into the Sharon Church." As Cheryl and Carmay became acquainted with Sharon Church members and learned more of the Bible truths, they took their stand to be baptized.

Cheryl admits that when she was a child she always wondered why her church didn't observe the fourth commandment. Now she understands the Sabbath truth. She says her eyes have been opened, and she's happy to follow all the Bible truths.

Debbie Young, Lake Region Conference volunteer correspondent



Meet the People Who Make It Happen ...

BY GARY BURNS

As I travel about our territory, I receive many positive comments regarding the *Lake Union Herald*. Since the changes to the *Herald* came at about the time I became editor, many have inaccurately credited me for the success of the new magazine. Let me set the record straight.

I am very grateful to former editor Richard Dower and managing editor Nadine Dower for setting the stage for a very successful year. Before assuming their new responsibilities in the North Pacific Union, Richard secured the services of designer Mark Bond to assist new managing editor Ann Fisher in producing the *Herald* until a new editor was selected. That was the catalyst for the changes you have noticed in the *Herald*.

We have been very pleased with the results and the responses from our readers. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and to give you an opportunity to meet our staff members.

Mark Bond: Secluded in northwestern Montana, Mark Bond is the *Herald* art director/designer. Life in Swan Valley, is very different from the theme park environment of Orlando where Mark spent nearly 30 years of his life.

Mark began his design career with one of Orlando's top advertising firms, working with clients like Pizza Hut, Universal, Wet 'n Wild, and Disney World. Feeling the call to use his talents to support the church, Mark left the commercial advertising world to become lead designer for the *Adventist Review* and was later recruited as art director for Florida Hospital. He now owns his own design firm—Bond Design, Inc.

In addition to designing, Mark is also a singer-songwriter,



Mark Bond, designer, enjoys free time with his kids.

collaborating with his wife Conna—a gifted musician—to produce Christian music. Some of you may have seen their talents on 3ABN.

In addition to his passion for God and ministry, Mark enjoys working close to his family and has fun with his kids (goats included). He has four children: Emily Beth, 11; Chelsea, 10; Taylor, 5; and Adriana, 4. He also has six goats, four cats, and a dog.

Ann Fisher: *Lake Union Herald* managing editor Ann Fisher takes the magazine's mission seriously. "I enjoy being able to make a difference," she says. "I feel like it's a ministry to share spiritual insights with the Lake Union church members."

Ann has been the consistent fixture in the *Herald* office for the last seven years, serving in several capacities before taking on the responsibilities of managing editor.

Born in Seattle, Washington, Ann graduated from Pacific Union College with majors in music and



Ann Fisher, managing editor, only smiles like this when articles are submitted on time and deadlines are met.

elementary education. Ann also earned two post-graduate degrees from Andrews University. She and her husband Jim were student missionaries in Japan and later spent 17 years in Taiwan where Ann taught music and English at Taiwan Adventist College. They have two grown sons.

Despite being responsible for keeping the *Herald* “wheel” turning each month, Ann maintains a vision for the future of the magazine. “My goal,” she says, “is to provide more *Herald* articles that mentor new members and help them transition into Adventist culture.”

Judi Doty: Every successful team has someone who is the central point of contact, the one who keeps the director informed and organized, the one who provides a number of essential services to a variety of people, and does it all with grace and a positive spirit. For the *Herald*, that person is Judi Doty.



Judi Doty, circulation/classified ad manager, is a calming influence in our office.

For the past year, Judi has served as the circulation and classified ad manager in addition to her responsibilities as departmental secretary. For the previous nine years she was the Lake Union receptionist and administrative assistant to the union secretary.

Born in St. Joseph, Michigan, Judi is a native of Berrien Springs. A graduate of Andrews Academy and Andrews University, Judi received her associate degree in secretarial science. She and her husband Gary have two talented daughters, Heidi and Heather.

Judi is happy for the opportunity to use her talents to serve her church and enjoys her new position at the *Herald*.

Bruce Babienco:

With great dedication to his work as volunteer correspondent for the *Herald*, Bruce Babienco gathers information for his new member stories and other news articles that he writes.



Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, is really going to retire some day. Then what will we do?

Bruce brings with him experience from the Michigan Conference communication department where he served as director for three years and associate director for an additional three years.

Born in San Diego, California, Bruce graduated from San Diego Academy; La Sierra University, with a B.A. in theology; and Andrews University with a M.A. in systematic theology.

Bruce and his wife Marilyn began their ministry in the Northern California Conference where they spent 17 years. During this time, they were blessed with three children who have given them eight grandchildren. From California they moved to Wisconsin then on to Michigan.

Upon retiring, Bruce accepted the call to the Michigan Conference communication department. Last year, after retiring a second time, Bruce and his wife moved to Berrien Springs, where he continues his volunteer service.

Reggie Johnson:

Youthful, capable, loyal, spiritually mature, willing, humorous, dependable, congenial, ... That's Reggie Johnson. The youngest member of our department, Reggie joined the



“Of course the Web site needs updating. It's a Web site—it always needs updating!” Reggie Johnson, editorial assistant.

Lake Union Herald staff two and a half years ago as a communication intern after graduating *cum laude* from Andrews University in 2001 with a double major in religion and communication. Soon after graduation, he married Lexi Bujak, his college classmate.

As a missionary's kid (MK) born in Guam, where his father was mission treasurer, Reggie brings a world view to his work that is exceptional for his age.

Since joining the Lake Union communication staff, Reggie has performed a wide range of duties. One of his main contributions has been the continued development and maintenance of the Lake Union Web site (www.luc.adventist.org).

Reggie's youthful perspectives and ideas have been valuable as we have tried to broaden our readership and appeal to younger generations. It's hard to be “old fogies” with Reggie around to keep us in line.

By the time you read this, Reggie will have completed his internship and moved on to his new position as assistant director of communication at the Southwestern Union in Burleson, Texas. No matter what the future holds for him, Reggie says, “I want to serve God wherever He sees fit to lead me.”

In addition to our office staff, there are dozens of contributors whose combined efforts help us tell the stories of God at work in His people in order to encourage, inspire, educate, advance, and unify the church in the Lake Union Conference.

Lake Union Herald staff members wrote about each other for this article.

GOD LOVES A *Cheerful Giver*

ADD GOD TO YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

BY ED REID

I remember seeing a cartoon in a horseman's magazine a few years ago. The setting was the bull-riding event in a rodeo. During this event, the rodeo clown is very active and very vital to the safety of the bull rider. The purpose of the clown during this event is not to entertain the audience, but rather to attract the mad bull's attention from a fallen rider to himself in order to lead the bull in another direction. In the cartoon, things didn't work out as planned, and the clown and the displaced rider were running side by side for dear life for the nearest fence to climb for safety with the bull right on their heels. Though both men were literally running for their lives, the clown had a smile painted on his face. The caption spoken by the rider to the clown read, "What's so funny?"

When it comes to giving to God's cause, do we just have smiles painted on our faces, or do we really enjoy giving? Have "cheerful" and "giving" gotten a divorce?

Today we hear folks remark when referring to someone with a grumpy disposition, "That person has really got an attitude." Does it make any difference what our attitude is when it comes to giving? It is an interesting question because if God gets the money,

what difference does it make why we give it? Evidently, our attitude and/or motive in our financial relationship with God is in fact the bottom line. The reason is simple. God doesn't need the money! He wants our hearts. And He wants us to receive his promised blessings.

The Word puts it this way: "He who sows sparingly will

also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.

It occurs to me that one of the greatest hindrances to cheerful giving is when the giver worries about what will happen to the money he has given. "What will 'the brethren' do with it?" But isn't this backward reasoning? For one to say, "I will give money to the church if you will do this and this with it," is wrong motivation.

Cheerful offerings are a response of love, not a demand or an expectation.

This is not to say that we should have no interest in what happens to the offering. I am only saying that it is easier to give with a cheerful spirit when we reflect on the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf and His continuing blessings to us on a daily basis.

Ellen White, when commenting on the gifts of the poor who are motivated to do something to help in God's cause, pointed out that the use of the money by those in charge is not always what the giver had in mind. God will hold them responsible—not the giver. She states, "I was shown



that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver. The motive in giving is also chronicled. Those self-sacrificing, consecrated ones who render back to God the things that are His, as He requires of them, will be rewarded according to their works. Even though the means thus consecrated be misapplied, so that it does not accomplish the object which the donor had in view—the glory of God and the salvation of souls—those who made the sacrifice in sincerity of soul, with an eye single to the glory of God, will not lose their reward” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, pp. 518, 519.

May I suggest two solid reasons for cheerful giving? They are our response to the great love of God and the thrill of seeing the work of God go forward. “What can I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?” All the love that men and angels are capable of exercising sinks into insignificance in comparison with the love of God toward the human family. Calls for offerings generally mean that the work is being maintained and expanded, and doors of opportunity are being entered. This sounds like a cause for rejoicing to me.

Christ is anxious to return, the fields are white, ready to harvest. Souls are looking to heaven waiting only to be gathered in. Let’s exchange our painted smiles for expressions of genuine pleasure as we cheerfully respond to God’s unfailing love and the opportunities He gives us to bring our offerings to Him.

Ed Reid is the North American Division stewardship director.



Circle in the Sand

BY GARY BURNS

Mel Reese told me this story of his experience journeying across the sandy arctic shores of Alaska with a local tribe member.

As they walked, stepping over bleached and buffed driftwood, Mel noticed a treasure washed up on shore. Closer examination revealed Japanese hand-blown glass floats from fishing nets which must have bobbed thousands of miles in the ocean current.

He stooped down to pick them up, wanting to add these antiquitous treasures to his collection. His guide asked what he was doing. When he explained his desire to take them with him, his guide said, “You can leave them here and pick them up on the way back.”

“But someone else may find them. They might not be here when I get back,” Mel protested.

Without saying a word, his companion picked up a stick and began to scratch a circle in the sand around the treasure. Mel asked what he was doing.

“Now,” the native responded, “no one will take them.”

“How do you know?” Mel asked.

“Because,” he replied, “I have drawn a circle around them. When you draw a circle around something, you are declaring ownership. My people will see the circle and know that these belong to someone. They will honor the claim. No one will take them.”

The two arrived at their destination. Upon their return journey, Mel was anxious to see if his treasures were still where they had left them. Finally they arrived. He looked with amazement at the gleam of light reflecting off the globes. His guide was right. The circle in the sand worked. The people did honor that which was claimed by another.

God has declared His ownership. But His people were not always faithful in honoring His ownership. They denied His authority, and when confronted with their crime of theft, defended their actions by declaring, “Where have we robbed God?” The prophet replied, “In tithes and offerings.”

The God who created us—the God who created the bounty of our world—drew His circle around one-tenth of all our increase. He has declared it to be His. What will we do when we come upon God’s circle in the sand?

Gary Burns is the Lake Union communication director.

Neglected Challenges in the Euro-Africa Division

BY BRUCE BAUER

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

Mission offerings for the fourth quarter of 2003 are earmarked for the Euro-Africa Division to build a seminary in Sofia, Bulgaria, and an evangelistic center in Paris, France. Seminaries are needed, and the evangelistic center in Paris could potentially reach out to the many Muslims in Paris. However, the challenges in the

by a total of 4.5 million people. The challenge of reaching these eight countries is huge, but there is more to the challenge. The eight countries have 351 distinct people groups, each needing the Bible in their language, a unique strategy, literature, a dedicated team of church planters, and much prayer support.

Britain. Pray for the European Christians that they will witness to the Moroccans in their cities.

Turkey remains the largest unreached country in the world. Seventh-day Adventists have had a presence in the country since before the First World War, but most Adventists have been Armenians, unable to witness effectively to the majority population of Turks. Pray for the success of new witnessing initiatives.

For decades, Muslim people have been resistant to the gospel. Perhaps God is waiting for us to join Him in His love for Muslims. Perhaps God is waiting for us to intercede and petition Him for a softening and turning to God in



A Bulgarian lay pastor is working with this group of Bible students. The 13th Sabbath offering this quarter will help build an Adventist seminary in Sofia, Bulgaria, so that more trained pastors will be prepared to share the Advent hope in Bulgaria.

In Afghanistan, there are 48,000 mosques but not a single Christian church. There are fifty languages with only two of them having the New Testament translated and an additional three languages that only have portions of the Scriptures. Pray

for translators who will give the Afghan peoples the Word of God in their own languages.

There are 2.5 million Algerians in Europe. Pray that the gospel will reach them so they can be the ones to share the gospel with their relatives and friends back home. Iran has 69 official languages, but most are without the Bible. Pray for translators.

Few Libyans have ever seen a Bible, and only two of the 11 languages have the New Testament. Pray that Christian broadcasts and Web sites will impact the Libyan people. Moroccans have emigrated in large numbers—1.5 million in France, 240,000 in Holland, 150,000 in Belgium, more than 800,000 in Spain (most of whom are there as illegal immigrants), 100,000 in Germany, and 50,000 in Great



The Trans-Mediterranean Territory has a combined population of 245 million with only 176 Adventists. Most of the people are Muslims and worship in Mosques.

Photo by James Fisher.

southern portion of the division are staggering and are often neglected.

There are eight Muslim countries in the southern part of the Euro-Africa Division that make up the Trans-Mediterranean Territory—Afghanistan, Algeria, Iran, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, and Western Sahara. This territory has a combined population of 245 million people with only 176 Adventist members. Those numbers are shocking. There are 1,396,068 people for each Adventist member in that region.

Turkey and Iran are the two countries with the largest populations. Turkey has more than 70 million people with only 35 Adventists. Iran has a population in excess of 71 million with only 32 members.

During 2003, the population in these eight countries increased

Muslim lands. Perhaps God waits because of our hardness of heart toward Muslims. I know God waits because He wants Muslims from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people to join Him before the throne on the sea of glass.

Bruce Bauer is the department of world mission chair at the Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



Hope for the Homeland Harvest Still Being Reaped

BY MADLYN HAMBLIN

Southern Michigan is known for its abundance of fruits and vegetables. Fields cultivated and seeds sown often result in a rich harvest of delectable varieties of food. Faithful work and God's blessings in sowing gospel seeds also result in a harvest of people for God's kingdom. Such is the case at the Jackson (Michigan) Church where baptisms are still occurring, originating from the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings held last year.

Richard Chomic was one of the persons who made a commitment at the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings. Before the meetings began, he happened to pick up a colorful brochure in Todd Erhard's dental office. The brochure's content appealed to his heart, and he made a commitment to attend all the meetings.

At the end of the series, Richard was baptized. But even before his baptism, he began sharing his faith by passing out literature. And he began attending the pastor's Bible class taught by Jackson's head elder, Ray Hamblin. One of the persons Richard passed literature to was **Lori Rowley**, a young mother with four children. She began attending church on a regular basis.

The church opened its arms to Lori, and she was soon fellowshiping with other young mothers. After *Hope for the Homeland* finished, Lori continued attending church and attended the pastor's Bible class which began studying Don Gray's book, *How to Witness*.

Ray asked Richard to fill in as a substitute teacher when he was away, and Richard began this additional responsibility in the church.

The Jackson Church members began mailing "Something Wonderful" cards periodically to the different zip codes around Jackson. Bible study interest cards began pouring in, and Ray asked Richard to be his Bible study partner in following up some of the cards. Richard accepted.

The first person they called on was **Judy Hankerd**. However, the time that Judy could be available for studies was not a convenient time for Ray. So Richard conducted the studies on his own. Judy's cousin, Jeremy, began sitting in on the Bible studies also.

Judy had been searching for a church. She visited Catholic, Baptist, and non-denominational churches, but always felt something was missing. When she finished the studies, she *knew* where she should be—the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

While Richard was studying with Judy and Jeremy, he began sharing with his wife, **Betty Chomic**, at home. Betty began to think seriously about her spiritual



When Richard Chomic made his commitment to follow God at the *Hope for the Homeland* meetings, he immediately began to share his hope with others, resulting in three baptisms. From left: Richard Chomic; Betty Chomic; Gene Hall, Jackson Church pastor; Cindy Hall; Judy Hankerd; and Lori Rowland.

condition as she followed along with the lessons that Richard was teaching.

On April 17, Betty Chomic, Judy Hankerd, and Lori Rowland were baptized together into the Jackson Church.

Just as the trees planted many years ago in Michigan are still producing a harvest of peaches, pears, apples, cherries, and other fruit, so the seeds sown during *Hope for the Homeland* are still growing and producing a harvest.

Madlyn Hamblin lives in Brooklyn, Michigan, and is a member of the Jackson Church.



CREATIVE PARENTING

All I Want for Christmas

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Dear Mom and Dad:

Instead of writing to Santa, I decided to write to you about what I really want for Christmas this year. I know you worry about spending too much on me, and then you worry about not spending enough. When you listen to me and buy me a few of the things I want, I feel listened to. It is important for me to have some of the same things other kids have; but you can over do it, and then I feel a bit guilty myself. You may not believe your ears, but it's really not about the money you spend on me.

What I'd really like is for both of you to tell me that you love me. I may pull away or even try to escape; but I'm listening. The way you think you are showing your love may not mean the same to me. Could you also write it in a note and leave it on my pillow, or write it on the bathroom mirror, or write it on the banana you send in my lunch, too? Could you tell others during conversations how special I am and how important I am to you?

I'd really like you to keep your promises, too. I'm pretty smart you know. If you put me off and say, "We'll do that another time," or

"We don't have the money now, but later ...," I'll be counting on that.

I need you to say what you mean and mean what you say. If you tell my brother that he'll have to go to bed early, and then let him stay up until I go to bed just because he whines and stalls, I'll be disappointed and angry.

I know you are busy at work and stuff, but I am busy all day at school. I need you to have some down time with me in the evenings. I want you to listen to what really happened at school. And when I talk to you, I don't need your solutions about how I should do better. I just want you to listen.

My friends are important to me. I wish they were important to you, too. When you don't remember their names, that hurts! I'd like for my friends to be able to come over to our house. I'd like to take a friend to town or come over for sabbath afternoon. They don't care if the house isn't clean, and I don't either.

Well, actually I do care if the house is clean. I really need to learn how to be organized and do important things around the house. Can you show me how, and then trust me to take some responsibility?

I know Christmas is really about Christ's birth, but I like to have some fun, too. Could you keep working on your own Christian experience and be healthy in all the important ways? Could you let me know that you will absolutely and unabashedly love me forever, no matter what? Then I can better understand God's love for me, and I'll be getting the best gifts ever!

Thanks for listening.
Your Kid

Note: American parents spend \$4.2 billion for candy and snacks, \$6.3 billion on clothes, \$8.4 billion on toys, and \$2.1 billion on computers, stereos, and software for Christmas gifts. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, kids make around 25 shopping trips to buy things for themselves and pick things for parents and grandparents to buy for them. Children spend \$3.5 billion of their own money and influence their parents to spend another \$21.2 billion.





Healthy Choices

The Silent Killer

BY WINSTON CRAIG

Are things really out of control in your life? Are you faced with unrelenting pressures and deadlines? Have you become a “workaholic”? Maybe you are over-committed and trying to do more than you can realistically accomplish in a given time. It could be that you feel overwhelmed by various financial or family problems. Are you experiencing chronic fatigue? Do you feel you are inefficient in all that you do, and enjoying life less and less.

The ongoing pressures of daily life—especially during the holiday season—can wear or grind you down. Overloaded circuits have a way of blowing a fuse. Unmanaged stress can lead to high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar and blood lipids, ulcers, tension headaches, allergies, backaches, insomnia, irritability, impaired relationships, a depressed immune system, or a premature heart attack.

Ways to reduce or manage stress in your life:

1. Set realistic priorities for your life, and for each day.
2. Take time to exercise daily—preferably an outdoors activity you enjoy.
3. Avoid situations that are known to cause you stress.
4. Create adequate time in your schedule for appropriate rest and relaxation.
5. Have a meaningful time every day for prayer and Bible study.

Just as excessive stress can cause metal fatigue in an airplane wing, so constant stress on the human body can produce mental or physical fatigue. Such fatigue is often followed by depression. Fatigue also adversely affects your ability to judge, discern, and be creative.

There are some simple things you can do to help yourself cope effectively with ongoing stress. These

include identifying the stress factors in your life, learning to set boundaries, prioritizing your tasks, having a regular exercise program that is fun, having adequate rest and relaxation, taking time for prayer and reflection (Psalm 37:7), getting involved with an enjoyable hobby, and finding time to serve others who are in real need.

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

Hinsdale Hospital Donates Concert Grand Piano to Church

The history of the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church has long been linked with the hospital across the street. David Paulson, the founder of Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, was the church's first pastor, as well as the hospital's first doctor and chief executive officer.

As Hinsdale Hospital celebrated its centennial year, it also demonstrated its lasting commitment to the church with a gift of a nine-foot Steinway and Sons concert grand piano.



Jonathan Leach, AHSMR regional executive director of ministry and mission, (left) chats with Mardian Blair at the piano dedication service.

The piano was dedicated on April 26, in honor of Mardian Blair, another Adventist leader of both the hospital and the church. He served as CEO of Hinsdale Hospital from 1963 to 1970, a time when the hospital experienced much growth.

Blair started his 38-year career in Adventist Health System at Hinsdale Hospital in 1958 as a billing clerk. Later as CEO, he saw the construction of the hospital's North Wing and Garden Court Apartments. He led the facility during a time when all the beds were full and people were on waiting lists to get in. Morale was high. A profitable community fund drive enabled the hospital to purchase land, create an intensive care unit, and be a leader among community hospitals in the Chicago area. From Hinsdale, he went to Florida, serving as CEO of Adventist Health System from 1984 until his retirement in 2000.

"The Lord has blessed (Mardian Blair's) leadership," said Ernie Sadau, Adventist Health System Midwest Region (AHSMR) CEO. "When Blair worked and worshipped here with Christ-like leadership, he was instrumental in persuading the church to build a new facility on a larger site, rather than adding on to



Photos taken from a video capture.

Larry Dalton, an international concert pianist, inaugurates the Steinway and Sons concert grand piano at the Hinsdale Adventist Church piano dedication service.

the old church," added Sadau.

Referring to Blair as a "fair and honest man," Sadau said, "Besides my parents, he had the biggest impact on my life as a mentor in health-care administration and in my own personal life."

The plaque on the piano reads: "Dedicated to the worship of God April 26, 2003, presented by Adventist Health System Midwest Region to honor Mardian Blair, whose vision has brought great growth to both the Hinsdale Hospital and the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

John Rapp, Hinsdale Church pastor, thanked the AHSMR executives for their commitment to the Hinsdale Church and its ministry.

The first piece of music played on the magnificent instrument, "In the Garden," was chosen because it's a favorite hymn of Mardian and Joan Blair.

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



In celebration of its centennial year, Hinsdale Hospital presented a nine-foot Steinway piano to the Hinsdale Church in honor of Mardian Blair. From left: Mardian Blair and Ernie Sadau, AHSMR CEO.

Howard Performing Arts Center Opens at Andrews University

Nineteen months after the first shovels broke ground for the Howard Performing Arts Center, its doors opened to welcome patrons and performers to the Inaugural Programs.

John and Dede Howard, then of St. Joseph, Mich., and currently of Holland, Mich., donated a large sum of money for the building project in February 2001. The center is the fulfillment of a 40-year dream for Andrews, and will benefit not just the campus, but also the local community.



John and Dede Howard were presented with a large photo of the performing arts center, complete with music students' signatures.

Peter Cooper, chair of the department of music at Andrews, anticipates that the hall will have an overwhelmingly positive effect on his department as well as the entire university. "This generous gift from the Howards will enable us to broaden our influence and share our talents with an even wider audience, and will provide our music students with a professional performance venue," Cooper said.

Inaugural performances for the general public were sold out for the Saturday evening concert on Oct. 18, and only a handful of empty seats could be seen at the repeat performance on Sunday, Oct. 19. A special program for Andrews University students was held Monday, Oct. 20, complete with a hot beverage bar afterward.



Photos by Dave Sherwin.

The Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University held its Inaugural Programs the weekend of Oct. 18–20.

Approximately 350 campus and community members attended an open house on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 19. The community was invited to tour the building, sit in on fun seminars about the arts, try different instruments in the musical "petting zoo," and listen to three free mini concerts.

The Howard Performing Arts Center will be available to community groups for performances, seminars, and luncheons. Located near the front of campus, the Howard Center has been dubbed the "hello" building. Its diagonal placement affords a panoramic view of the campus from the glass-faced lobby, including Pioneer Memorial Church, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Chan Shun Hall, and the Science Complex.



The Berrien Springs Children's Choir, under the direction of Stephen Zork, opened both concerts.

Andrews University is humbled to be the home of such an acoustically perfect, intimate setting for the enjoyment of fine music, and hopes the community will embrace the building as their own. For a complete list of inaugural season events, log on to <http://howard.andrews.edu>, or call the box office at (269) 471-3560.

Katie Shaw, Andrews University Relations news writer

Adventist Health Study 2

better health for everyone!

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- Sprout and avocado sandwiches?
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Do You Run...

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- To the car after work?
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- 8 hours every night?
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- During church?

Please join today!

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Loma Linda University,
Loma Linda, CA 92350

OR

2 Call toll-free:
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Help find answers to questions like:

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- What foods help prevent cancer, diabetes and arthritis?
- Heredity or lifestyle—which is more important?
- Does faith contribute to a healthier life?...

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 - 4** Are you 35 years or older? **Yes No**
(if you are African American/Black 30 years or older)

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME
STREET		APT #
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE NUMBER		
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FULL NAME OF ADVENTIST CHURCH WHERE YOU ARE A MEMBER		
CITY WHERE CHURCH IS LOCATED		

Loving Your Neighbors Indiana Academy Style

Indiana—Noblesville (Ind.) citizens were bracing for flooding as a result of over eight inches of rain that fell over the Labor Day holiday, promising for the second time this year to bring catastrophe to residents surrounding the White River within its city limits. Hearing this news, Indiana Academy (IA) chaplain Ernie Peckham and other faculty members decided to



Photos by Diane Thurber.

Over 50 Indiana Academy students assisted Emergency Management Services workers by preparing sandbags to prevent flood damage in Noblesville, Ind.

involve IA students in a service project that would not only assist a neighboring community, but would provide students with the opportunity to experience the joy of reaching out to those impacted by disaster. It was early in the morning when Ernie Peckham telephoned the City of Noblesville to offer the services of the IA students in whatever capacity they were needed. It didn't take long for Emergency Management Services (EMS) to telephone back and say, "Yes! We can use your help."



Indiana Academy student representatives Ryan Thurber and Amy Jacobs, along with Ernie Peckham, IA chaplain, received a recognition plaque from Mayor Dennis R. Redick in appreciation for assisting Noblesville residents during the flood.

About mid-way through the afternoon, vehicles arrived bringing more students who wanted to participate in this outreach project. As tired students returned to campus, fresh students arrived to finish the job. Throughout the afternoon about 50 students left work and classes to help prepare for the flood. Luis Beltre, assistant chaplain, remarked, "It was amazing for me to see how many students wanted to volunteer and to see the way they worked so hard."

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At noon, approximately 25 students arrived at the EMS site where they would spend the afternoon filling sandbags for flood victims. They worked diligently to fill the bags, tied them off, and then stacked them on pallets to be moved to adjacent warehouses.

Newspaper and television crews stopped by to capture the students' volunteer spirit for local community news. Noblesville Mayor Dennis Redick also dropped in to extend his appreciation for their efforts. In a newspaper article about the flood the next day, Mayor Redick remarked about how heartwarming it was to see volunteers from outside the area help in the flood effort.

The White River did crest at 2:00 a.m. the next morning. Some homes and businesses weren't able to avoid the flood's destruction, but over 7,000 sandbags prepared by IA students helped stop the water from doing greater damage.

IA student Alisha Widing shared the students' sentiments with Channel 8 evening news viewers when she said, "It was hard work, but it was fun, too!" Students like Alisha helped the community learn what IA and the Adventist Church are all about—love for God and their neighbors.

Diane Thurber, Indiana Conference communication director

Alumni Weekend Concert Nets \$10,000

Lake Region—The weekend of Sept. 19–21 proved to be a very exciting and spiritual time for Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA) alumni. Some of them came from as far away as California, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, and Illinois to spend this special weekend at PWA and to renew old friendships.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night concert presented by the Madison Mission and Dynamic Praise choirs. Because of the hard work of the PWA faculty, the Detroit area pastors, and volunteers, the concert brought in over \$10,000 on behalf of the academy. Profits will go towards the new gym floor.

From Los Angeles, Calif., our own Chris Gardner came to support PWA's alumni weekend and host the concert. Gardner is one of "the interns" for Dell Computers' TV commercials. During the concert intermission, the Honorable Judge Greg Mathis was presented with an "Alumnus of the Year" plaque by Juanita Martin, PWA principal; Norman Miles, Lake



Chris Gardner, one of "the interns" from the Dell Computers commercials, signed autographs for the students.

Faith on Fire International Pathfinder Camporee

Lake Union —Lake Union Pathfinders will be attending the largest six-day Adventist Youth event in the world from Aug. 9–14, 2004, in Oshkosh, Wis.

Over 20,000 Pathfinders from over 60 countries will be attending this historical youth event. Participants will experience six days of fun and spiritual growth.

Each night the powerful life story of Joseph will be presented, so all can see how he kept his “Faith on Fire” in the good and the bad times. A special, giant outdoor stage is being designed for this unique Bible story. Two massive Jumbotron screens with a state-of-the-art sound system will make it easy for our “city” of 20,000 to see and hear God’s message.



Many Pathfinders make the decision to be baptized at the camporee.

This once-in-a-lifetime event for many Pathfinders will also include being inspired by some of the best marching/drill teams in the world, such as the Hong Kong club which took first place at the 1999 Discover the Power Camporee. New for the 2004 camporee is a drum

core exhibition that everyone will want to see and hear.

Many Pathfinders are preparing to be baptized and invested as Master Guides. Others are planning to collect new and used Bibles to help surpass the 32,000 Bibles collected in the 1999 Discover the Power Camporee. The goal is to collect 100,000 Bibles at the Faith on Fire Camporee.

The Faith on Fire Camporee is an opportunity to let Jesus come close to Pathfinders in a powerful and special way. To learn more about



Pathfinders will experience six days of fun and spiritual growth.

this important, historical North American Division youth event, contact the Andrews University Center for Youth Evangelism: 1.800.YOUTH.2.U or (269) 471-8380; www.camporee.org or www.AdventistYouth.org.

Ron Whitehead, Faith on Fire Camporee executive director

Region Conference president; and Edward Woods, Lake Region Conference educational superintendent.



The Peterson-Warren Academy choir sang for the alumni weekend divine service.

After the concert, both Chris Gardner and Judge Greg Mathis signed autographs and greeted the many guests who attended the event.

The next alumni weekend is scheduled for Sept. 17–19, 2004. Honored classes will be 1964 and 1974. For more information, call (313) 565-5808.

Juanita Martin, Peterson-Warren Academy principal

Peterson-Warren Student Witnesses to New Student

Lake Region —This is the first year that Lynette Burnette has attended Peterson-Warren Academy (PWA). She has only attended public schools, and this year she refused to attend another one. Through scholarships, Lynette is now attending a school that she loves. Leanna Pointer, a PWA student, invited Lynette to spend the weekend with her, and for the first time she was able to attend an Adventist church. This is the “thank you” letter Lynette wrote.



Lynette Burnette is a new student at Peterson-Warren Academy.

Dear Leanna,
I have known you for just three weeks, and we have become friends. Thank you for inviting me to your church, City Temple. I was impressed with how big your church is. I was surprised to see so many of my new schoolmates like Randy King and Mario Josiah.

My biggest surprise was seeing the school principal, Dr. Martin, and my homeroom teacher, Mrs. Bone. They were singing in the choir! Pastor Joseph is a wonderful person. I enjoyed the service. For that day, I felt that City Temple was my home. I felt welcomed, and I would like to come back soon.

A grateful friend,
Lynette Burnette
Grade 10

Albert Rogers, Peterson-Warren Academy English teacher

Bilingual Evangelism Results in 11 Baptisms

Michigan—For the first time in the history of our Hispanic churches in Traverse City and Elk Rapids we held dual bilingual public evangelistic meetings simultaneously. After a revival to prepare our members mentally and spiritually, the meetings began on Aug. 25. Carlos Camacho, the youth pastor on loan from a large Hispanic church in California, preached the messages in Spanish, and I, Frank Wilson, Elk Rapids pastor, translated into English.



Eleven people were baptized as a result of bilingual crusades held in Elk Rapids and Traverse City, Mich.

The meetings were held from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Traverse City, after which we immediately drove the 20 miles to Elk Rapids for the second session from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The meetings continued every night for two weeks with attendance fluctuating between 36 and 60 individuals.

In order to accomplish our goals, we worked late most nights, sometimes visiting interested people at midnight. We awoke each morning ready to continue our search for people who expressed a desire to know more about God's Word.

At the final meeting, an altar call was made, and eleven people came forward to give their hearts to Christ. Among them was Diego Pascual with his entire adult family—his wife, two daughters, and one son.

Since Pastor Camacho had to return to California, I continue to pray for and follow up on all the interests. We anticipate an even greater harvest from the gospel seeds planted at these evangelistic meetings.

Frank Wilson, Elk Rapids Church pastor, with Bruce Babienco, Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

Bringing Jesus to Jail Marion Members Reach out to Inmates at Christmas



It took many individuals to assemble 800 Christmas care packages for the county jails and juvenile facilities.



Former inmate Kathie Knight (right) appreciated the outreach program so much that she volunteers to help since her release.

Indiana—As the holidays approach, Marion (Ind.) members prepare for their annual Christmas prison outreach. It began six years ago at the Grant County Jail in Marion, and year after year other jails have been included. Last year, 800 gift bags were delivered to seven county jails and two juvenile facilities. This year the church plans to increase that number to 1,000 in order to include another county jail and juvenile facilities. The bags contain many goodies: fruits, snacks, coupons, brochures, Bible studies, literature, health information, Christian books, and letters of testimonies.

The church collects funds for this project throughout the year. Local Amish residents are some of the additional contributors to this ministry. They donate fruit for the bags and accompany members as they make deliveries, singing and delighting the inmates with their voices. By the end of November, the assembly starts. Many volunteers work in shifts to complete the gift bags.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, groups visit the inmates, cell by cell, shaking hands, singing, sharing words of hope, and offering prayers for different inmate requests. Hispanic members and friends contribute by translating for the non-English-speaking inmates.

Kathie Knight, once in jail for more than a year, keeps thanking the church for this program since her release. She is happily following Jesus and now assists the church with this outreach program. In addition to Marion members, a group in Fort Wayne coordinates Bible studies with the inmates.

Interested persons may come and witness our work this Christmas. For information about this program, you may call (765) 668-7300, and we will put you in touch with Lemuel Vega, the coordinator.

Ray Vasquez, Marion Church communication leader

Harvest Yields \$1,850 for Aboite Christian School

Indiana —In the fall of 2002, a small group of laity from the Fort Wayne Church was inspired to plant sweet corn on acreage at the Aboite Christian School and sell it to raise funds for the school. Beyond the financial gain desired, they also wanted the project to be a spiritual and educational experience for the children and adult members.



Photos by Brett McAllister.

LaDawn Willauer, Kathy Chambers, and Jack Fleckenstein help harvest sweet corn.

to give hayrides. It was decided to also use the tractor to plow the field, but a disc was needed. Smith had a neighbor who loaned the school a single-row disc plow and several hours were spent discing up the thick sod.

Over the winter, an old International Harvester 4-row planter was found and purchased for \$100. A school neighbor was approached about helping us, and he promised to disc our field and help plant corn.

In the spring of 2003, the seed was purchased, and two acres of land were planted with sweet corn. The old corn planter did a fine job.

An additional acre was reserved for planting pumpkins, squash, zucchini, and tomatoes. Many silent prayers were offered as we dedicated our undertaking to the Lord and waited to see what God would do. God was good, and there was an abundance of corn ready to be harvested in about 11 weeks.

Roadsiding was the method of selling that brought the best return. A festive corn roast was also held at the school. In all, it was determined that approximately 24,000 ears of corn were harvested. Members raised approximately \$1,650 selling the corn.

As corn sales dwindled, pumpkins ripened and were ready for harvest. At the time of this writing, members were in the process of selling pumpkins, and

The logistics of such an undertaking presented obstacles. The school had no corn planter, tractor, disc, cultivator, or experience to draw from. The existing area of land to be planted was approximately three acres and had been dormant for several years.

Jeff Smith and Brett McAllister stepped out in faith. During a fall school bon fire, a tractor was rented



Peggy and Tyler Skiles, of the Fort Wayne Church, sell corn by the roadside.

sales have reached about \$200. Approximately \$1,850 have been raised so far for the school.

Brett McAllister, Fort Wayne Church communication leader

UNION NEWS

Lay Evangelism Training Convention a Huge Success

Lake Union —Before the Century Center in South Bend, Ind., opened its doors to the Lay Evangelism Training Convention participants on Friday, Oct. 24, over 1,200 people had registered. Never before in the history of the Lake Union have lay people responded in such numbers for evangelism training and paid for the privilege.

Speaker Roscoe Howard, North American Division secretary, wondered if this might be the first drops of the latter rain. People came with a sense of eager anticipation from all five conferences of our union, and from every size and type of community.

Participants were divided into nine training groups: evangelism for Hispanics, evangelism 101, personal evangelism, sequence evangelism, child evangelism, youth evangelism, health evangelism, media evangelism, and family evangelism. Classrooms had standing room only.

Sunday morning, Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president, gave a challenge and call for commitment at the closing prayer breakfast. The response was nearly unanimous.

So what's going to happen now? Nearly 1,200 trained lay evangelists have returned to their communities and churches to begin planning how they will be involved in the 2004 Year of Evangelism. Will you join them?

Gary Burns, Lake Union communication director

MILEPOSTS

Within the Lake Union the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at luc.adventist.org/herald/herald-submit.html. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 31.

ANNIVERSARIES



SHELDON AND ANNIE MAY SELTZER celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24, 2003, by a surprise open house given by their children at the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church youth chapel. They have been members of the Buchanan (Mich.) Church for seven years.

Sheldon D.H. Seltzer and Annie May Carroll were married Aug. 23, 1953, in Phoenix, Ariz., by Claude E. Eldridge. Sheldon has been pastor of many churches. Since his retirement in 1996, he has been serving as an interim pastor for the Michigan Conference. Annie May has been a teacher and secretary in several conferences.

The Seltzer family includes Sharon and Ron Symonds of Berrien Springs; Sandra Seltzer of Niles, Mich.; Bryan Seltzer of Buchanan; and three grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

BREAKIE, THEODORE B., age 76; born Dec. 9, 1926, in St. Clairs Shores, Mich.; died Aug. 10, 2003, in Waterford, Mich. He was a member of the Waterford/Riverside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois (Braman); sons, Lee and Kent; daughters, Patricia Riley and Nancy Breakie; brother,

Clayton; sister, Barbara Keyes; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Conley, and interment was in Olive Branch Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

BYRAM, ELIZABETH A. (LIND), age 85; born Apr. 26, 1918, in Sandborn, Ind.; died Aug. 24, 2003, in Gulf Breeze, Fla. She was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her stepsons, Robert Jr. and Harvey Byram; daughters, Susan Bills and Deborah Underwood; sister, Beverly J. Vickrey; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Joel Underwood, and interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Arcadia, Ind.

CARSON, ELIZABETH "BETTY" (ROSENBERG), age 79; born Dec. 12, 1923, in Lima, Ohio; died Sept. 4, 2003, in Yuma, Ariz. She was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bertram H.; son, John; daughter, Nancy Beldin; sister, Sophie Riley; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor William McVay, with private inurnment.

FERGUSON, LORETTA I. (APPLE), age 78; born Oct. 27, 1924, in Romeo, Mich.; died Aug. 26, 2003, in Mt. Clemens, Mich. She was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Hugh K.; sons, Jerry and Jim; daughters, Judy Archer, Janet Pretzer, and Joyce Lindsay; brother, Edgar Apple; sister, Clara Atkinson; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Paul Larson, and interment was in Bruce Armada Cemetery, Bruce Twp., Mich.

MCGARVEY, BESSIE (MCCOSKEY), age 95; born Aug. 4, 1908, in Sullivan Co., Ind.; died Aug. 23, 2003, in Sullivan, Ind. She was a member of the Lewis (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her stepson, Willard McGarvey; stepdaughter, Kathleen McGarvey; and brothers, Robert and Charles McCoskey.

Memorial services were conducted by Elders Herb Wrate, Leone Copeland, and Bertie Tyler, with private inurnment.

METZGER, ARTHUR L., age 86; born July 31, 1916, in Tiosa, Ind.; died July 10, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy M. (Stacey) Snyder; stepson, Stuart C. Harrison; daughter, Patricia A. Elie; stepdaughters, Meredith M. Snyder, Martha M. Rentfro, and Loretta M. Howell; brother, Manfred L.; sisters, Dorothy M. Rideout and Edith J. Applegate; four grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Don Greulich and Fred Cawkins, and Elder Ed Stacey, and interment was in Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles.

MINEAR, MILDRED M. (HAMP), age 95; born July 9, 1907, in Burlington, Mich.; died Mar. 22, 2003, in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She was a

member of the Battle Creek (Mich.) Tabernacle.

Survivors include her son, William D.; brothers, Myron and Eugene M. Hamp; sisters, Ruth Cough, Evelyn Tigert, and Maxine Lovejoy; four grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bill C. Cowin and Fernando Ortiz, and interment was in Newton Twp. (Mich.) Cemetery.

SHELLEY, KENNETH "BUD" W., age 70; born Dec. 7, 1932, in Porter Twp., Mich.; died July 4, 2003, in Saginaw, Mich. He was a member of the Twin Cities Church, Alma, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce A. (Shaver); sons, Kenneth W. Jr., Douglas L., and Robert J.; brother, Richard; sister, Alwilda Crouch; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Jeff Freeman, and interment was in Porter Twp. Cemetery, Breckenridge, Mich.

STEINWEG, VIRGINIA (DUFFIE), age 89; born Oct. 25, 1913, in Battle Creek, Mich.; died Feb. 12, 2003, in Edmonton, Ky. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Philip and Don; daughter, Ann DiCicco; brother, David Duffie; sister, Alice Fahrback; eight grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Nathan Merkel and David Duffie, and inurnment was in Central Lake (Mich.) Cemetery.

TUCKER, HAROLD, age 92; born Jan. 4, 1911, in Huntington, Ind.; died Sept. 22, 2003, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Isabel (McClain); daughters, Barbara Slawson, Betty Parker, Ellen Curtis, and Jacqueline Boomsliter; sister, Gladys Payne; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Laurence Burn, and inurnment was in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington.

WALKER, HARRY, age 75; born July 1, 1928, in Buchanan, Mich.; died Sept. 9, 2003, in St. Joseph, Mich. He was a member of the Berrien Springs (Mich.) Village Church.

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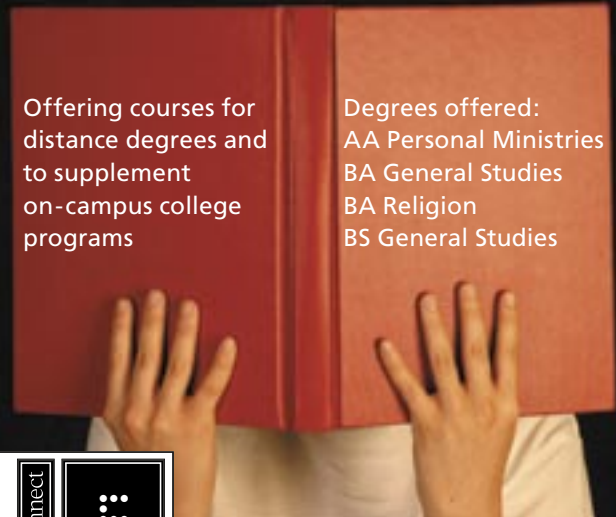
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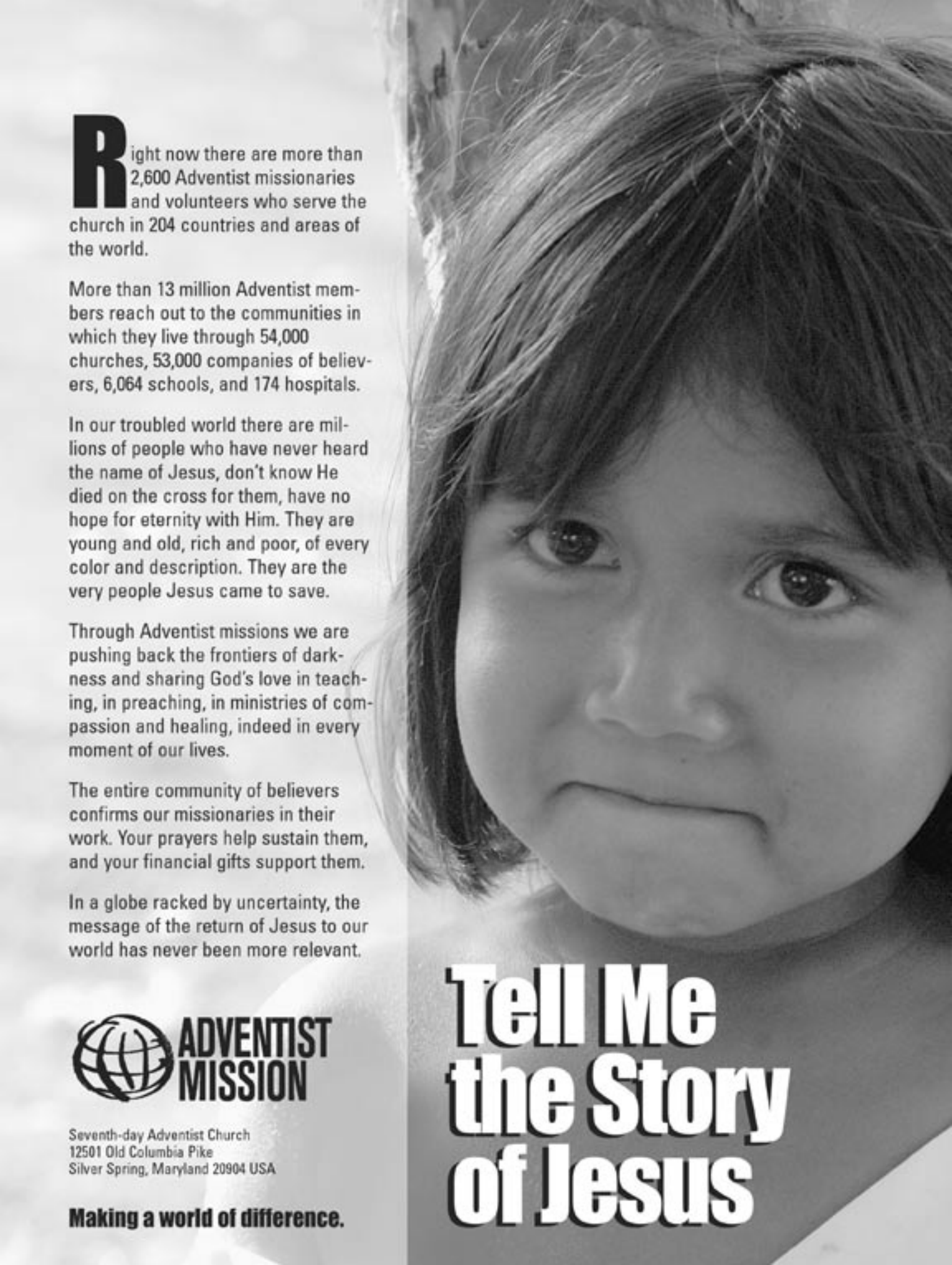
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Number of Members:					Increase	%	Average Tithes Per Member	
06/30/03	06/30/02	Conference	2003	2002	-Decrease	Inc. -Decr.	2003	2002
12,333	12,084	Illinois	6,882,039	6,736,120	145,919	2.17%	558.02	557.44
6,620	6,542	Indiana	4,556,643	4,522,548	34,095	0.75%	688.31	691.31
26,509	25,635	Lake Region	7,738,549	7,487,082	251,467	3.36%	291.92	292.06
24,538	24,263	Michigan	19,391,572	19,317,793	73,779	0.38%	790.27	796.18
6,646	6,419	Wisconsin	4,152,630	4,011,056	141,574	3.53%	624.83	624.87
76,646	74,943	Totals	\$42,721,433	\$42,074,599	\$646,834	1.54%	\$557.39	\$561.42
Average Weekly Tithes:			\$1,095,421	\$1,078,836	\$16,585	1.54%		

Sunset Calendar

	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9
Berrien Springs, Mich.	5:14	5:14	5:16	5:20	5:25	5:32
Chicago	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:25	4:30	4:38
Detroit	5:00	5:00	5:02	5:05	5:10	5:20
Indianapolis	5:20	5:20	5:22	5:26	5:31	5:39
La Crosse, Wis.	4:28	4:28	4:29	4:33	4:39	4:46
Lansing, Mich.	5:05	5:05	5:06	5:10	5:15	5:23
Madison, Wis.	4:23	4:23	4:25	4:28	4:33	4:41
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www.acnsat.org

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www.bolministries.com

Week of:

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- Dec 21 "Special Delivery," Part 1
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Lifestyle Magazine, www.lifestyle.org

Week of:

- Dec 7 "Children and AIDS"
- Dec 14 "Overcoming Addiction Through Spirituality"
- Dec 21 "Christmas Special with the Voice of Prophecy"
- Dec 28 "Vote for Me for Surgeon General"

The Evidence, www.theevidence.org

Week of:

- Dec 7 "On God and War"
- Dec 14 "On God and Dying"
- Dec 21 "Wrongfully Accused"
- Dec 28 "Pathways to God"

Voice of Prophecy

www.voiceofprophecy.org

Week of:

- Dec 7 Sun.: "The Joy of Jesus," Part 4; Mon.–Fri.: "Can Jerry Seinfeld Make It into Heaven?"
- Dec 14 Sun.: "The Christmas Kings"; Mon.–Fri.: "Proving the Resurrection Story"
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www.iiw.org

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- Dec 28 "When God Becomes Poor"

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Melchior's Memories

BY DICK DUERKSEN

"I had expected a king, instead I found a Savior!"

My name is Melchior. I serve as counselor to the king of Assyria, an advisor on foreign policy and, specifically, as an authority on the gods and goddesses of the world.

During my life, I have visited every kingdom, searching for the perfect God, for a way of worshipping that raises men to their best.

None has seemed right. Each spiritual solution turned out to be no solution at all—more fear than holiness, more abuse than hope.

Then a new star rose in the East.

My friends and I were visiting a temple in the mountains of Ararat, where the night sky was nearly as bright as day. We studied every corner of the heavens from first dark till dawn. We stared intensely through our scopes, analyzing each star until the sky became our home.

Then a new star rose in the East.

Each night, just before dawn, it would come, slightly slower than a comet. While most stars rotate through a predictable dance around the sky, this one was unique—marching with a determined gait through the

galaxies to hang, suspended above the distant western sea.

Each night its track was the same—but brighter.

The star consumed us.

We studied all the writings, hoping for some mention of the glittering orb. Maybe a divine sage predicted its arrival. Maybe ...

But nothing.

Then I found two veiled predictions in the writings of the Hebrews.

"A Star will come out of Jacob," a seer named Balaam said, "a scepter will rise out of Israel ... a ruler ..."

the star a divine announcement of God's arrival on earth?

More than 500 leagues passed beneath our camels before we arrived at the tattered city the Hebrews claim as their capital. There we found a king, the commanding presence of Rome, fawning priests, and sub-rulers.

But no *real* King.

I asked a proudly-robed scholar, "Where is the king of the Hebrews to be born?"

"In Bethlehem, as the prophets fortold," he answered, as if I were a first-year student.

We left that night, slipping away from the false pomp toward the hamlet of Bethlehem. The Bethlehem gatekeeper was awed by our language, and by our question.

"K-K-K-King," he stammered. "You must be looking for Jesus—the miracle child. He and his parents (terribly poor folks) are in the small hut beside the Stable Inn. Cute kid he is."

We found them outside their hut. Oddly, they almost seemed to be expecting us, as if it was normal for dusty scholars to wander up asking about their star-promised son.

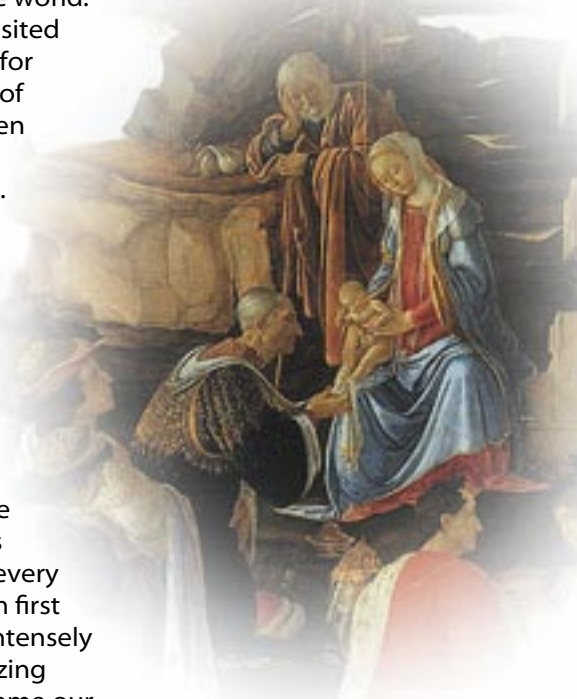
"This is the one," the girl-mother chuckled as she pulled back the lad's blanket to show off his beaming smile. "This is Jesus, God on earth, come to save people from their sins. Have you come to follow Him?" "Yes," we each whispered.

We told Him about His Star, about the prophets, about the traveling, about everything. We gave Him gifts—fine treasures of gold, incense, and myrrh.

Then we were silent. And we worshipped—God among men.

He has captured us, taken us in, and made us His subjects.

We went looking for a King. Instead, we found our Savior!



"Nations will come to your light," the great Israelite prophet Isaiah wrote, "and kings to the brightness of your dawn ... you, the Holy One of Israel."

The words seemed written for us, and we knew we had to follow the star. Would there be a new King at the end of its nightly path? Was

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Profiles of Youth

Andrews Academy senior and vice-president of the class of 2004, **Allison Nowack** is the daughter of David and Judy Nowack of Berrien Springs, Mich. According to the senior class sponsors, "Allison's hard work and dedication helped make the class trip this past September a great success."

During Allison's four years at the academy, she has been a class president, vice-president, and an officer in the National Honor Society. She has been an active member of the choral music ensembles—including Silhouettes, the select choir, and Octet, an eight-member traveling ensemble. On Sabbath morning, if she is not performing with an ensemble, you may find Allison at one of the doors at Pioneer Memorial Church where she is a greeter/deaconess.

Allison is a diehard Nebraska Cornhuskers fan who loves to participate in sports, to shop, and to hang out with her friends. She plans to pursue a degree in the medical field because she wants to work with and minister to patients.



Allison Nowack

As class president, **Daniel Bedney** is an active member of the senior class and all student activities at Andrews Academy. Any given day might find him giving assistance to fellow classmates, working with faculty on projects or class business, or leading out in school worship. Known to his friends as DB or Danny, he loves to be involved in sports—especially basketball and baseball—and music. A four-year member of the Concert



Danny Bedney

Band, Danny is also a first tenor in Men's Chorus and singer/director of his own gospel group.

Born to Donald and Elynda Bedney in Reading, Pa., where they were pastoring at that time, he lives with his family in Berrien Springs, Mich. Danny attends the Highland Avenue (Benton Harbor) Church, where his father is currently pastoring after recently transferring from the Niles Philadelphia Church.

Danny plans to pursue a career in sports medicine, working as a team doctor or possibly going into private practice.

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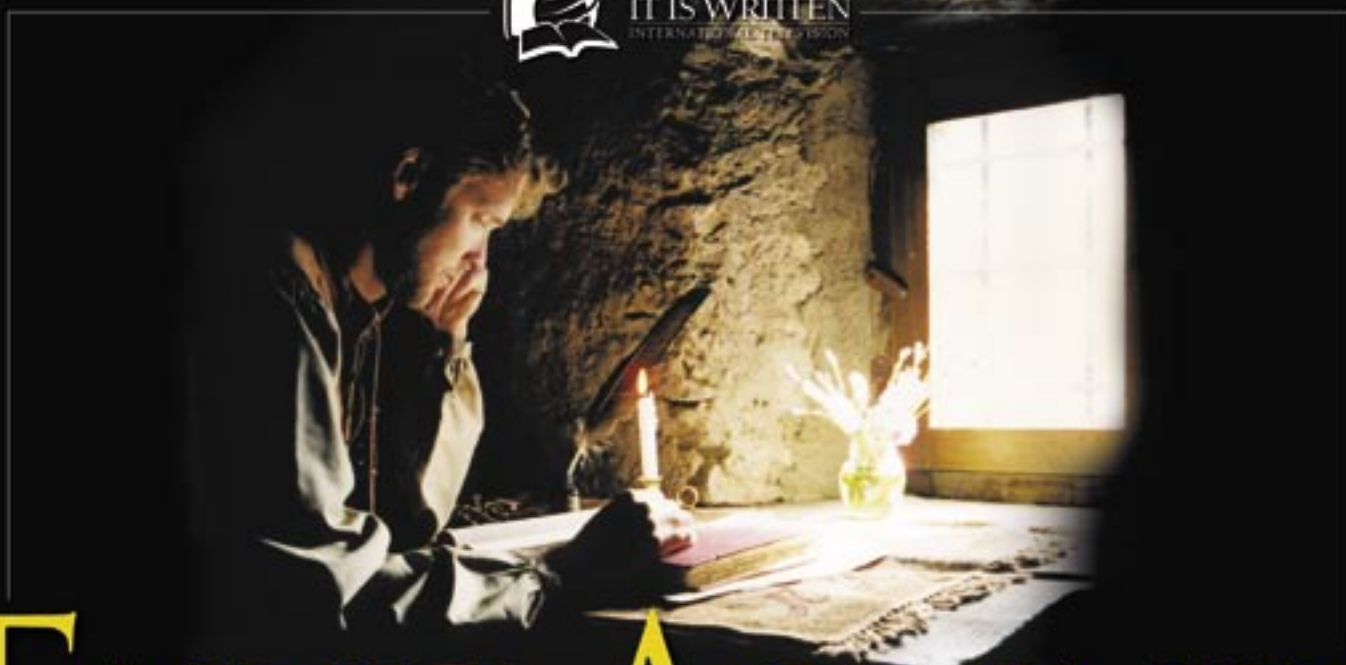
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