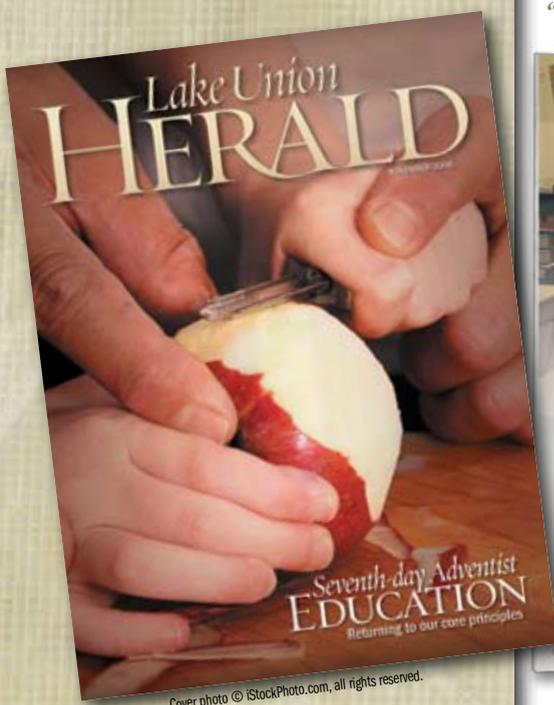


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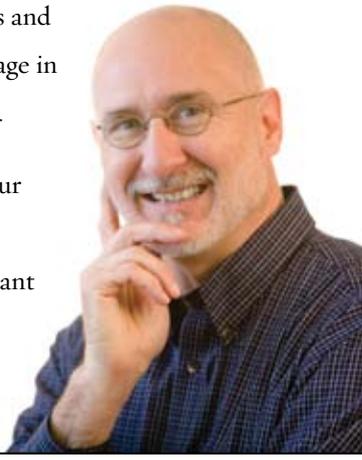
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In response to our participation in the Lake Union Education Summit, we have dedicated this issue to the "mission." The stories and experiences of God doing His work of restoring His image in the lives of our students need to be told and more often.

At this time, especially, we cannot say enough about our need to focus on the mission to make disciples, and the wisdom in investing in something that gives such abundant returns.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

BY RODNEY GROVE, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

We asked Rodney Grove to write the November editorial in keeping with the bylaws, which call for the executive secretary to carry out the responsibilities of the president in the president's absence. —*The editors*



Peace in the Storm

“Where’s my barf bag? I can’t find my barf bag! I need a barf bag now! Somebody...”

I was on my way home—almost two weeks on a mission trip in South America, then five days at a conference president’s council. I couldn’t wait to get home. To say I was tired, weary and exhausted, both mentally and physically, would be an understatement.

This was the last leg of the trip. I was in the aisle seat, and just wanted to sit back and close my eyes. The man next to me, however, was not in the same frame of mind; he was not only awake and alert, he was a sanguine! I think he would have talked to the tray table if no one had been around.

Before I even hit the seat he said, “Hi, name’s Jim.” From there the conversation went to where I was going and where I had been, to what I did for a living and every question he could think of about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

As we were taxiing for take-off, the pilot announced that we could hit a storm front from the north just before we landed. He was right. It was probably the worst storm I’ve flown into in more than a million miles of flying. The rocking and shaking were accented by sudden drops, and when lightening hit the plane, some passengers started screaming—including the man directly across the aisle from me. Actually, he didn’t start out screaming, but by the time there were three aborted landing attempts he could be heard by most of the passengers on the jet.

“We’re going to die! I don’t want to die! We’re going to die!”

The man sitting beside me never stopped talking. He acted like everything was normal, except he did get louder so he could be heard above the storm. Apparently, though, he couldn’t take the pessimistic attitude of the man across the aisle any longer, because in a voice loud enough to be heard three states away he yelled, “Shut up, this man is a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and God is with him!”

Talk about pressure! And then he made it worse. Just as he was making this declaration, we came out of the storm and everything went quiet. So, naturally, his next comment was, “See!”

Well, I became an immediate, though unwanted and undeserved, celebrity. Actually, the pilot had turned around and taken us back, but somehow I became the hero. Even standing in line at the hotel the cockpit crew wanted to talk about the church rather than the challenge of flying in a storm. It was a tremendous opportunity to share—something I had prayed for that morning.

Our children are like those passengers on the plane. In case you haven’t noticed, we’re in the middle of a storm that threatens their souls. They need someone to ride through the storm with them—someone who daily prays that God will give them the opportunity to share the peace that only comes from a relationship with Him. I’m thankful that our schools have teachers and pastors dedicated to that mission.

Ah, yeah ... the barf bag. That was the lady behind me. I gave her mine. I’d like to tell you it was because I wanted to be a good witness. It wasn’t. When the person right behind you wants a barf bag you get them one. She thanked me with a sound I don’t want to describe.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Indiana One big reason I, **Gabriella Bettegnies**, love to come to this church is because I love to look at all the smiling faces of the people who worship here. Everyone I know smiles. I also like to meet new people every time someone new comes to visit our church for the first time. It is a very warm and loving church.

The reason why I gave my life to Jesus Christ is because



Gabriella Bettegnies (right) said, "The reason why I gave my life to Jesus Christ is because I love Him with all my heart."

I love Him with all my heart. As I studied my Bible, I learned more about how He wants me to live as a Christian. One of the things I came to understand is that the Bible asks those who believe in Jesus to be baptized.

So I asked to be baptized because I wanted to express my love for Jesus and my desire to follow Him all my life.

Gabriella Bettegnies, member, Irvington Church, as shared with Charlotte Dodd, communication leader, Irvington Church/Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*

Wisconsin It was a "high Sabbath" at the Menomonie Church on March 8, as the church family celebrated three momentous events: a baptism, a wedding and a farewell. Each of these events created different emotions within the congregation, and brought either joy or sadness into their hearts.

Mark Engel attended several evening lectures during a Revelation seminar about ten years ago at the invitation of Jim and Jan Lyberg, his neighbors in rural Independence, Wisconsin. Just last year, Mark looked up the Lybergs again to discuss one of his favorite subjects, food for health. Jim and Jan took Mark with them to visit the local Adventist churches in the area and to the Wisconsin Camp Meeting and annual conference at Country Life Natural Foods in Pullman, Michigan. Mark was blessed by the Christian fellowship, and enjoyed the dynamic speakers and the beautiful music he heard at these services.

Soon afterward, Mark became acquainted with Steve

and Lorie Nelson, also neighbors near his 180-acre family farm. Steve and Mark began Bible studies together, which led Mark to accept Christ Jesus as his Savior. He also gained a heartfelt understanding of the Bible's doctrines. On this very special Sabbath, Mark became a member of the Menomonie Church family through baptism.



Mark Engel (right) was baptized by Bob Mills, Menomonie Church pastor (left), after accepting Christ Jesus as his Savior and gaining a heartfelt understanding of the Bible's doctrines.

This eventful Sabbath continued as Marcia and Orv Harycki renewed their wedding vows. They had originally spoken their vows in 1978 during their wedding at a county courthouse, but it was a special blessing to renew those wedding vows before the pastor and their entire church family on their 30th wedding anniversary. Standing at the altar with veil and boutonniere, the bride and groom were full of joy, evidenced by their smiles, as they shared their "moment of memories."

The day's brightness was overcast with sorrow as church members and community friends gathered to say farewell to the Mills family. Earlier in the year, their pastor volunteered as a chaplain in the United States Navy Reserves, and he was being deployed to the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan. Bob, his wife Virginia, and daughters, Victoria and Elizabeth, had 30 short days to pack up and be on their way. Although they will be greatly missed, our prayers go with them. God will care for them until we meet again.

Marcia Harycki, clerk, Menomonie Church, as shared with Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*

Michigan It was June 2007 when my world was turned upside down! I (**Vickie Leach**) had been watching "Israel in Prophecy" with Steve Wohlberg on what I later found out to be 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network). It wasn't until the third program of that series that I saw the credits listing the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I literally held up my hands and said, "Whoa!" But since I was very intrigued with the programs I continued watching, ever listening for something that I would have to refute. But that is not what happened.

I was particularly intrigued about the Sabbath. Steve reminded me that God established the Sabbath with mankind, not the Jews, clear back in the week of creation—2,000 years before there were any Jews. God sanctified



that seventh day and made that seventh day holy. Then I read Isaiah 66:22–23, which says that in the new heavens and the new earth, all flesh (not just the Jews) shall come to worship the Lord from one Sabbath to another.

I continued to listen to 3ABN and heard many other areas in contrast to what I had been taught all my life. I felt that my entire world was being turned upside down! I desperately wanted to know God’s will, so I prayed and I cried a lot!

I finally decided to check out a local Adventist church. It “just happened” to be the last day of the Doug Batchelor “Here We Stand” series at the Lansing Center. One who stayed behind at church that morning was Quentin Purvis, Lansing Church pastor. I started to cry as I told him about my three-month struggle.

After an additional three months attending both Sabbath and Sunday services, I met with my pastor [of another faith]. He turned to various passages and said they were “clues” as to why we worship on Sunday. But none of these passages said “God commanded” or “Thus saith the Lord,” or that God had made a different day other than the Sabbath holy. None stated that Jesus decided to change the Sabbath to Sunday worship. Jesus never outlined in the New Covenant that He wanted to start a new tradition and have us commemorate His forthcoming resurrection by worshipping on Sunday instead of Sabbath. Scripture tells us that God never changes, and Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

So I was finally forced to make a decision: Would I continue to worship on Sunday based on “clues” or would I follow God and worship Him on the day that He created, sanctified, made holy, commanded us to observe and never changed?

I decided to write a letter to my former church about my decision to leave after being a member there for more than 30 years.



Vickie Leach (center) was happy to share her special baptism day with her parents, Sammie and George Golden (left), her husband Kerry (back right), and new friend, Sheri Christie (right).

After my recent re-baptism, I am now a member of the Lansing Church, a church that not only teaches and preaches about the Sabbath and Christ’s Second Coming, but does so with great emphasis! Praise the Lord!

Vickie Leach is a member of the Lansing Church.

Indiana Each Sabbath, Carolyn Nash brings her granddaughter **Tori Nash**, Tori’s brother Levi Nash, and their cousins to the Tell City Church where Carolyn is a member. During the past year, Tori has expressed a growing interest in baptism. So Justin Childers, Tell City Church pastor, asked Stacy Huffman, a church member, if she would have time in her busy schedule to give Bible studies to Tori. Stacy responded positively, and chose to use the new Voice of Prophecy series, “Kids Zone,” for their study guides during the following months.



As Stacy Huffman (left) studied the Bible with Tori Nash (right), Tori became convicted she should not participate in school sports on Sabbath. She witnessed to her coaches as she explained her convictions.

As they studied, Tori took a bold stand on Sabbath observance. Previously, she had played softball, was on a bowling team, and participated on a track and field team on some Sabbaths. However, as she studied her Bible lessons with Stacy, Tori realized she could no longer be a part of these sports. She explained her religious convictions to the school coaches as she told them she could no longer play or participate in these sports on Saturdays.

Once Tori completed the Bible studies, the pastor reviewed the baptismal preparation guide, “In His Steps,” with her, and set a date for Tori’s baptism. The happy occasion took place on August 2, when Tori was baptized in the Tell City Church. At that time, the pastor commended Tori in front of the church for her decision as a young person to stand up for her beliefs about the Sabbath. He reminded everyone it would not be an easy thing for a young girl to do. Tori has become a dynamic example for Jesus to the other Tell City Church young people.

Justin Childers, Tell City Church pastor, as shared with Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*

Hands-On Ministry

BY KERI SUAREZ

When Andrews University students awoke Thursday morning, September 4, few had any clue that by the end of the day they would be on a bus headed for Louisiana's Hurricane Gustav-affected region. It was only one day earlier when Jeff Boyd, director of WeCare Missions, was asked to organize and lead the mission trip. But after a flurry of activity, last-minute planning and packing, 42 students, staff and faculty boarded a bus headed south.

Rearranging schedules took top priority, not to mention packing for the trip. Latoya Wolfe, a graduate student, canceled particularly busy weekend plans including standing up as a bridesmaid in a friend's wedding. "As a Christian, sometimes God calls for us to drop everything and follow Him," says Latoya. "I know I'll never be the same [after the trip]. I'm still processing it."

The group drove 19 hours straight before arriving at the Adventist Convention Center in Hammond, Louisiana. Representatives from Louisiana Adventist Community Services (ACS) were on location as well as the Michigan Conference Adventist Disaster Response Communication Team and trailer.

Though it had been a long day of driving, the group quickly settled into their temporary warehouse-style lodging with limited electricity. Meanwhile, a team of five headed to the Seventh-day Adventist church near Baton Rouge to clean up debris.

On Sabbath morning, the volunteers were eager to be of service. Three trucks full of blankets and cleaning supplies were unloaded, while elsewhere the assembly of 100 clean-up kits was underway. Three chainsaw teams headed out into the community to clear debris from yards.

"One elderly lady who had lost her husband this year was especially thankful for the help. She said no one had helped her before," recalled Jeff.

Later that day, comfort kits and clothing were distributed to more than 900 individuals at two separate shelters.



Student volunteers assembled 100 clean up kits—complete with cleaners, a mop, a broom, scrub brushes and a bucket—to distribute to those affected by Hurricane Gustav.

"I was talking to a group of survivors at the distribution site. ... They were amazed the students were willing to come to help and live in the same conditions they found themselves in," said Joe Watts, ACS disaster relief director. "It reminded me of Christ. Christ was willing to come into this world and live in the same conditions as the ones He came to help."

The trip was about more than helping others in need;

it was also a time to connect with each other and Christ. Sabbath evening the group worshiped and shared together. They told of God's work in their lives; of coming to Andrews University; of their shared desire for coming on the trip; and of their journey toward spiritual growth. Some did all four.

With fulfilled hearts following a full day, the group got some much-needed rest. The following morning, clean-up kits were distributed, more debris was cleared and the convention center was cleaned and readied for the team's departure. The bus departed Sunday afternoon and arrived back to campus Monday morning.

"The Gustav trip was really eye-opening: to see how people can be so thankful for something as simple as a change of clothes," says Bradley Austin, junior photography major. "This was a Christian journey of action. We were Christ's disciples, involved in hands-on ministry."

Keri Suarez is a media relations specialist at Andrews University.

BEYOND *our* BORDERS

Among the Masses

A SEARCH FOR IDENTITY

BY ASHLEIGH BURTNETT



I sat on a plane en route to Detroit. My pants were trickled with tears, and I looked a wreck. My conscience incessantly reminded me, *There's no going back for 12 months—no home, no family, no Taco Bell.* My destination was Bangkok, Thailand. It is a place where I learned that we are all but one in the same, searching for love and desiring acceptance from even the most unlikely persons.

I arrived at the airport in Bangkok with a nervousness of spirit because the unexpected lay before me. I stood, luggage in tow, quite aware of the title seemingly tacked on my forehead: "White American." Apparently, enough foreigners have stepped foot in the airport for the locals to learn a few key phrases.

"Taxi, taxi!"

"Where you go?"

"Need hotel? Very cheap, Miss!"

They took pride in their broken English and said each phrase with such vigor that I almost gave in. I shook my head and walked away in quiet defiance to their calls, pretending that needing a place to stay was the least of my worries.

I felt all eyes on me. Naturally, I checked my hair. Maybe it was disheveled from sleeping in the plane. I checked my teeth. Maybe my smile exposed the complimentary airline peanuts stuck in my teeth. None of the above was a culprit, but I began to notice a common denominator—being stared at happened everywhere I went in Asia.

They thought their stares were inconspicuous, when they were really the least unobtrusive thing they could have done. I remember one student asking me, "Teacher, why are you so white?" The fact is, there was nothing special about



In Thailand, Ashleigh Burtnett says she "began to see all people as ones deeply loved by God and deserving of every happiness."



Through experiences shared with her Filipino family and others in Thailand, Ashleigh Burnett learned "we are all but one in the same, searching for love and desiring acceptance."

me in particular; getting stared at is a sort of rite of passage for every fair-skinned person who enters the country.

As an American, I was classified under a single category: tourist. I felt debased any time someone called me such a thing. Tourists carry video cameras and maps and cannot pronounce anything except for brand names. They wear flowery shirts and eat at buffets, and only travel in groups. I certainly did no such things, but I was an obvious spectacle nonetheless. This I learned to expect and eventually ignore. For as much as I desired the locals to adopt me as Thai, they conversely wanted to be like me.

For 12 months, I lived in a sea of faces much unlike my own, and I wanted to fit in. I tried hard to

learn the language and do as the locals, but it never seemed enough. I eventually stopped acting as if I belonged and tried simply being ... me. I found that to be true to self is to be universally respected. I began to see all people as ones deeply loved by God and deserving of every happiness. I learned that though the world is scattered with different people, one thing bonds us all, and that is our search for identity, and within the search itself, we are accepted.

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FAMILY TIES

Creating an Atmosphere of THANKFULNESS

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Sharing meals together as a family does more than just create healthy eaters. When you slow down and sit down—together—it creates a space for all of you to enjoy one another and focus on the good that is in your life.

First, say a blessing. “A blessing celebrates the profound connection we all have to giving thanks for food,” says Adrian Butash. His book, *Bless This Food: ancient and contemporary graces from around the world*, contains 160 blessings, including ancient prayers. When children select a blessing, or originate one of their own, it gives them a feeling of being an active part of the family. A blessing can be a great conversation starter, and it turns our thoughts toward our gracious heavenly Father.

Keep it simple. Pancakes or waffles at supper time, grilled cheese sandwiches or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, served on real plates and eaten with real people, are just fine. Recently, I read of a family who has a pasta or pizza bar one night a week. The night before, someone makes a homemade sauce for the pasta or gets the pizza toppings ready and in the refrigerator. The next evening, they have a delicious meal in a short time. Who wouldn’t be thankful for that?

Make meals a team effort. Kids love to feel needed, and it’s amazing how much cooperation you can get, in both cooking and eating, if you give each person a task. An idea I saw in a magazine showed a pantry with several wire baskets on the shelves. In each basket were all the staples needed for different meals. For example, there was a basket with pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, Parmesan cheese, salad dressing and a loaf of French bread. Anyone could start the meal and, by adding a fresh salad, they were ready to eat!



Be flexible. Look at your schedules and decide which meals will usually work for you, but be open to a change of plans if things get too busy. Sunday mornings actually work surprisingly well for many families—when they plan for it.

Aim for stress-free communication. Eating together is one of the best times to hear what family members have on their minds.

Kids share what their likes and dislikes are, fill you in about their friends, and talk about what their daily life is like. It isn’t a time for lectures or heavy discussions about serious family issues. Sitting together after a meal can lead to such meaningful conversation and connection.

Turn off the TV. Years ago, when our children were home, we made a decision to never have the television on while eating. Even though there are just the two of us now, we continue that habit. It creates a special place where the two of us connect and have meaningful conversation, even after all these years.

Be creative and have fun. Eating by candlelight, eating on the “good dishes” or eating on paper plates can add to the fun. Of course, trying new foods and recipes is an excellent opportunity to be creative!

Creating an atmosphere of thankfulness is done in many ways, but I invite you to plan how you can specifically reinforce that attitude as you slow down and sit down and eat a meal together!

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Bananas, oats and onions are rich in healthy fructose polymers.

Growing Healthy Bugs

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Prebiotics improve the health of your colon.

A newly discovered family of carbohydrates has attracted considerable attention, due to its reported health-promoting properties. These non-digestible food components are found in a number of commonly eaten foods including asparagus, bananas, artichokes, garlic, onions, leeks and whole grains such as oats, wheat and barley. Fructo-oligosaccharides, or FOS for short, consist of short and medium chains of fructose, the sugar commonly found in many fruits and honey.

FOS are classified as prebiotics since they have the ability to selectively promote the growth of healthy intestinal bacteria, such as bifidobacteria and lactobacilli. These bacteria produce acetic and lactic acids, which inhibit the growth of pathogenic bacteria, decrease the risk of intestinal infections, and stimulate intestinal peristalsis. The latter provides a mild laxative effect that helps relieve constipation.

What other health benefits result from having these friendly microflora in the colon? They facilitate the absorption of calcium and suppress the activity of cancer-causing enzymes in the large bowel. In addition, they may lower the risk of cardiovascular disease. They have a significant effect on lowering blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels in certain individuals, and modulate blood sugar levels.

Preliminary studies suggest that prebiotics like FOS have a favorable effect on the immune system, and provide improved resistance against infection for the host. More research is required to verify this and the other health benefits claimed for FOS.

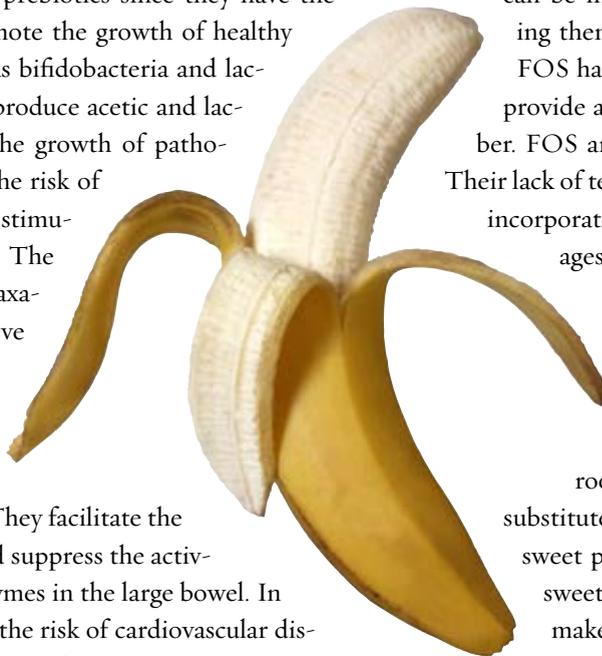
Today, consumers are interested in food products that support health beyond that of basic nutrition. Prebiotics

can be incorporated into functional foods giving them special health-promoting properties. FOS has properties similar to dietary fiber but provide additional health advantages beyond fiber. FOS are water soluble, and are mildly sweet. Their lack of texture and viscosity facilitates their easy incorporation into processed foods and beverages.

A common commercial source of FOS is chicory, the roots of which contains up to 20 percent inulin, a carbohydrate belonging to the FOS family. Ground and roasted chicory roots are also commonly used as a coffee substitute. Yacon, a Peruvian vegetable similar to sweet potato, is also a rich source of FOS. Its sweet, juicy flavor and low calorie content, makes yacon popular for low-sugar beverages and bakery products, and is a favorite of those with diabetes. Another dietary source of FOS is jicama, or Mexican potato, which is commonly used in soups, salads and stir-fries in Central America and Vietnam.

One should exercise care in not immediately adding substantial quantities of prebiotics such as FOS to the diet. A temporary increase in intestinal gas, bloating or bowel discomfort may result.

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EXTREME GRACE

How Valuable Is Christian Education?

BY DICK DUERKSEN

An application for your child to attend fourth grade in the local Adventist elementary school costs \$120, and that's before you know if there's even a chance for acceptance.

Tuition, books, board, room and incidentals will cost an additional 20 percent of your yearly income.

Public school is nearly free.

When you arrive at the school to purchase an application, there are already more than 1,000 other parents in line. When the doors open, the line has swelled to nearly 4,000, each determined that their children MUST be one of the 1,200 who will be accepted to attend the Adventist school. Nothing else will do. Nothing.

You stand in line most of the day, finally exchanging your savings for an application form and dashing home to fill it out—including the places where you have to explain why you want your child to attend, how your child will work hard to learn, and how you will be a strong supporter of the school.

Many words fill the house as you complete the questions—words of advice, counsel, command and expectation. Words that make it very clear that this is the most important thing that's happened in your home. Ever.

The next morning you join 1,599 other parents at the school gates—each hoping, praying, pushing and shoving to be one of the first to turn in application forms.

It will be expensive. It will give your child a future and your family new hope. It will change everything. Everything.

This story comes from Cuddupah, India, where a brand new Seventh-day Adventist school has just opened. Though there are public schools in the area, the reputation of Ad-



Jose Burns

ventist education arrived far before the school opened.

"This is going to be the finest school in the entire state."

"Adventists always give the very best education."

"A degree from an Adventist school is respected by everyone, especially employers."

"If your child can learn the values of the Adventist teachers, they'll be successful in life."

The Cuddupah school is a day and boarding campus with space for 900 boarding students and 300 day students.

On the first day of school as the accepted students were ushered in the front door, a number of parents pried open a back door, slipped their children inside and ran off, hoping their children would be able to stay.

A week later there was a celebration for the opening of a new Adventist church in a village near the school. But, before the ceremony began, a group of parents blocked the church door and demanded that their children be accepted into the new school.

"The church is good, and we're happy it's here," they said, "but the most important thing is to have our children attending the new Adventist school. What good would it be to have a church if our children didn't have the school?"

How valuable is a Christian education? Ask the parents in Cuddupah. I hope their answer would be the same as yours.

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God Is Walking

BY GARY BURNS

“Look at that old man with the walking stick. Is he homeless?” I didn’t hear my friends’ conversation as the car sped by, but I learned of it later when I arrived at my destination.

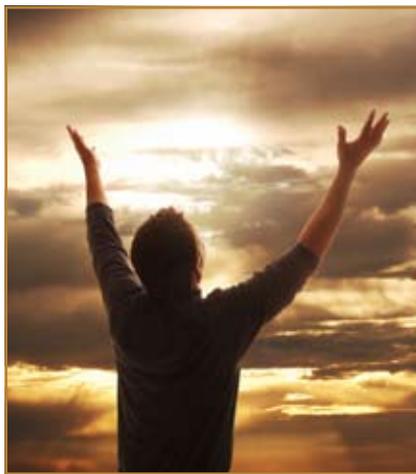
My boys and I began our summer with a backpacking trip in Paha Sapa (The Black Hills). We covered about 30 miles at 6,000-plus feet along Castle Creek in Kinney Canyon—just the three of us, all alone in a most sacred place. This, our former summer forest home, is our favorite spot in the whole world.

I felt really good, physically and mentally, after a week of high altitude hiking with my boys. I didn’t want it to end. When we got back to Berrien Springs, I decided to keep walking. So after Sabbath dinner, I grabbed a small backpack, a few bottles of water, my hand-carved aspen walking stick, and headed west toward the lake. My friends in the car passed me at about ten miles out, but I was totally unaware of their wondering about my sanity as they passed, and they never imagined it was me. I was deep in conversation—with God.

Walking alone with God is prayer in an indescribable dimension. This kind of prayer isn’t limited to words. It is often more about images, ideas and emotions. It’s the kind of language our minds use when we gaze into a campfire, inhale the cool mist of a waterfall, or wonder at a baby chick pecking through its shell.

Maryann and I enjoy walking together in the cool of the evening. Sometimes we walk around the campus of Andrews University, but most of the time, we head in the direction of our little village to immerse ourselves in the life of the community.

It’s amazing, almost magical, how walking produces honest conversation—sometimes with words, sometimes



with a touch, a twinkle of the eye, or a smile. No matter the form of language, it’s a time of sharing, listening and bonding. We cherish these walks and are disappointed when our oft’ divergent schedules rob us of our special time of restoration.

I’ve wondered what it would have been like to walk with Jesus during His ministry—to be one of His followers. Some have estimated that in those few years He walked more than 3,000 miles from town to town. The

Gospels record a number of teachable moments while they were walking. My favorite is the one that found them at the vineyard. “I am the vine and you are the branches; and my Father is the husbandman. ... Abide in me and you will bear much fruit” (see John 15:1–5).

But I wonder, *What was the silence like? What did He communicate when He wasn’t using words?*

“And Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden” (see Genesis 3:8). God is still walking. Do you hear Him? What is He saying when He doesn’t use words? Are you walking with Him?

I arrived at the sandy dunes on the edge of the lake in time to join my family and friends to observe our weekly ritual—bidding farewell to the precious Sabbath hours as the sun slowly sinks below the surface of the water. I reflected on the 15 miles that brought me to the water’s edge. It was a good walk with God. We didn’t say much, but we covered a lot of ground.

Gary Burns is the communication director for the Lake Union.

Shepherding the Flock

BY JUDITH YEOMAN

While attending Indiana Academy, Robert Massengill felt a call to gospel ministry. Following his academy graduation, Robert attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). However, when his first bill arrived Robert discovered it was more than he earned all summer. He could not pursue formal education to become a minister. Instead, God called him to be a shepherd of His flock. Wherever he was, in whatever he was involved, Robert watched for opportunities to serve. Wherever someone was hurting or hungry or lonely, Robert was found.

Many church school and academy students received the support of Robert and his wife Kate. Others found their way to Timber Ridge Camp each summer through their generosity. Robert was a Pathfinder leader in the Anderson church for more than 20 years. He could relate to people of all ages, and never met a stranger.

Robert's daughter, Sandra (Massengill) Schalk, says, "In the 1960s, along with others, [Robert] began a ministry at the Indiana Reformatory in Pendleton." Her parents took parolees into their home, providing them with food, housing and job placement until they could provide for themselves. It was not unheard of for the local police department to give Robert and Kate a phone call and say, "We have someone here passing through town who needs a place to stay." Robert would pick them up, bring them home and provide for their needs.

Until the day he went to his rest in Jesus on August 11, 2008, following injuries sustained in an automobile accident, Robert continued to visit those in need, to encourage and pray with them. A day never passed without him visiting two or three individuals who were alone or in the hospital or a nursing home, or someone who needed a Bible study, or just companionship.

Anderson Church members not only feel the loss of



Robert Massengill learned the value of Christian education during his childhood. He revisited his boyhood home in Bloomington, Indiana, where in the 1920s the first Indiana Adventist church school was held in his living room. The teacher was provided room and board there as well.

Robert's presence, but they also realize it is up to each of them to fill the void he left. The church board met shortly after his death to map out a plan to accomplish all Robert did. Terry Nennich, Anderson Church pastor, said Robert's death "was like losing an assistant pastor. It is unusual to feel that an individual who dies in his mid-90s has had his life tragically cut short, but in

Mr. Massengill's case, that is how it seems."

As one member stepped up to Robert's casket, someone remarked, "You're looking at half of the Anderson Church outreach program right here." Robert's example inspired many to become more involved with witnessing, sharing and helping others in whatever way they can.

Paul Yeoman, former interim pastor at Anderson, said, "I believe Mr. Massengill held every position in the church at one time or another. He served as a deacon, elder, young people's leader, building committee and board member. He did so much to help and encourage the people."

Robert left a legacy of love for God and service for others that has touched many lives. If a 94-year-old can affect so many lives for such good, so can each of us reach out to others in our own sphere of influence.

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EL GRAN OBJETIVO DE LA EDUCACIÓN

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“La obra de la redención debía restaurar en el hombre la imagen de su Hacedor, devolverlo a la perfección con que había sido creado, promover el desarrollo del cuerpo, la mente y el alma, a fin de que se llevase a cabo el propósito divino de su creación. Este es el objeto de la educación, el gran objeto de la vida” La educación, p. 17).

En el mes de septiembre el Departamento de Educación de la Unión del Lago invitó a los presidentes de asociaciones, superintendentes de escuelas de las asociaciones, directores ministeriales, pastores y maestros, todos con la gran preocupación por la salvación de la juventud, para reunirse y tratar este tema de gran importancia. El asunto principal fue cómo unirnos todos para llevar a cabo nuestro propósito en el contexto de las escuelas adventistas.

Por mi parte no tengo la menor duda que la educación cristiana hace una gran diferencia en la vida de nuestros jóvenes. Cuando llegué a la Universidad Andrews en el año 1971, decidí tomar clases de ciencia para poder ser aceptado en la carrera de medicina. Al principio sentía



Participantes en las reuniones oran para que la educación en la Unión del Lago sea todo lo que Dios desea.

cierta preocupación porque era mi primera experiencia como estudiante en una institución educativa adventista. En el colegio secundario del cual me había graduado en la ciudad de Nueva York, yo había tomado ya muchas clases en el área de ciencias para ir preparándome para estudiar medicina. Ese colegio en Nueva York era reconocido como uno de los que promovía la excelencia en la educación, tal es así que muchos de mis compañeros y amigos decidieron ir a universidades de renombre tales como Yale, Harvard y Princeton.

Al comenzar a tomar clases en la Universidad Andrews, noté enseguida que también allí los profesores de biología y química esperaban excelencia de parte de sus alumnos. No fue nada fácil sacar buenas calificaciones; recuerdo muy bien haber dedicado muchas horas para estudiar y repasar mis apuntes antes de cada examen. Pero lo que más me impresionó fue la consagración de mis profesores. Cada profesor empezaba su clase con una oración y le pedía a Dios que les diera entendimiento a sus alumnos.

Recuerdo en manera especial a un profesor de química que nos invitaba a su hogar para los cultos vespertinos los sábados de noche, y cómo luego pasábamos un rato muy agradable en ese ambiente social. Ese profesor era muy diferente de mis maestros de ciencia en el colegio secundario

porque él testificaba abiertamente de su fe en Dios.

Más adelante, el Señor me dirigió a aceptar su llamado al ministerio pastoral en lugar de seguir la carrera de medicina. En sí no fue un cambio dramático en mi meta porque el objetivo de todos los profesores de Andrews era el mismo – encauzar a sus alumnos a tener una relación íntima con Dios.

Al pensar en la juventud hispana, mi mayor anhelo es que nuestros jóvenes aprovechen a lo máximo de la educación adventista. Sé que en realidad no todos asisten, por varias razones, a nuestras instituciones educativas. Sin embargo, en las reuniones que tuvimos con los dirigentes noté que hay mucha determinación de hacer más accesible la educación adventista. Pido las oraciones de cada uno de ustedes para que podamos ver realizado en nuestros jóvenes el gran objetivo de la verdadera educación—la restauración a la imagen de Dios.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente general de la Unión del Lago.

The Mission IS the Mission

BY GARRY SUDDS

The year was 1993, and my world suddenly changed. I came to the stark realization that unless I learned how to use a laptop computer I would soon become extinct—a dinosaur. Needing an additional 15-plus years for retirement eligibility, I determined to master the rising necessities of communication—word processing and e-mail.

Today, I feel very confident having mastered my little keyboard friend. That confidence soon fades, however, when I find myself in the presence of one of our elementary students who can demonstrate all that my computer is capable of doing as if it were second nature. I soon realize that my perceived mastery is probably less than ten percent of what my little 1.8 GHz laptop is capable of doing.

That realization led me to think about the K-16 educational program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. It would be a tragedy if, while achieving solid academic success, we accomplished only a fraction of what our Father longs to provide. Our human nature is inclined to gradually slip away from His design, becoming satisfied with a partial and mediocre application of His will. The principles of education found in the rich resources of the Bible and the gifted counsel of Ellen White are a safeguard against wandering away from a mission-driven system of education that is focused on restoring in our students the image of their Creator.

Our primary focus is to be the redemption and equipping of our young people, seeing them as the very means by which God will accomplish the mission. Being mission-driven leads one to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness as a first priority (see Matthew 6:33). That priority demands the plea, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23–25).

At the beginning of this school year, the conference presidents, superintendents, principals, ministerial directors, pastors, Andrews University educators and retired Adven-

tist educators met with the Lake Union officers, determined to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discover ways to strengthen the God-ordained mission of our K-12 educational system. During the opening session, Fred Stephen, who closely monitored Seventh-day Adventist education in the North American Division for the past 55 years, gave his perspective. He reminded us that Adventist Education places the highest value on a child’s soul; that for many educating their children is more important than comfort or entertainment; that Adventist education is an investment with large dividends, not an expense; that our principles of education incorporate the whole person with a biblical world view; that the accreditation by God is more important than the accreditation by man; that in order for it to succeed, there must be a cooperative balance between home, church and school to develop the whole person physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Driven by these thoughts, 45 participants were divided into three sub groups, with a determination to strengthen:

- ▶ **mission-driven teachers** who understand the sacredness of their call to ministry
- ▶ **mission-driven students** who see themselves as “champions for Christ”
- ▶ **mission-driven pastors** who value Adventist education as a God-ordained plan for the salvation of His children

Let’s join together in prayer, asking for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to accomplish our mission.

Garry Suds is the director of education for the Lake Union Conference.

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My Teacher, My Guide

BY KATIE FRENCH

The summer before my eighth grade year, I heard I would get a new teacher. I was apprehensive about what the new teacher would bring to the classroom. Little did I know how much this teacher would change my perspective on life, God and education.

First of all, Mrs. Osterman taught me that learning could be fun. She always taught things in an interactive way that was entertaining while at the same time educational. I had been doing very badly in math the past few years, but because of her teaching, constant encouragement and patience, I was prepared for math at a high school level. She taught me better problem-solving skills and ways to apply education to everyday life.

By far, Mrs. Osterman's greatest influence on me was a spiritual one. Before eighth grade, I thought the word "character" was a person in a story. She taught me that character is your moral or ethical quality, and that a person needs to continually improve their character.

I had been an Adventist all my life, but I still felt like I was lacking something, and I didn't know how to attain whatever it was. She showed me what I was lacking—a deep personal relationship with God. Through prayer, Bible studies and Spirit of Prophecy studies, Mrs. Osterman showed me how to obtain the personal relationship with God that I was lacking. She thought of ways to better help us learn Bible verses. Mrs. Osterman taught us many Scripture songs that helped ingrain those Bible verses into our heads.

Before Mrs. Osterman came, I never had much respect for Ellen White and her writings. But in studying her writings with Mrs. Osterman, I realized that she was an important tool of God, and that she deserved my respect.

Also, I used to be very scared of the end times. Mrs. Osterman taught me that it's not as important to think about what will happen in the end times, but that it's more important to prepare yourself spiritually for the end times. If your focus is on God and trying to be more like Him everyday, you shouldn't have to worry about what will happen in the future. Through this topic Mrs. Osterman taught me a lot about having faith in God through difficult times.

I am so grateful that I was able to have Mrs. Osterman as a teacher, even though it was only for a year. I learned more from her in that time, spiritually and academically, than I had at any other time in my life. She was always there for me when I needed spiritual guidance or when I just wanted to talk. Through Mrs. Osterman's constant prayers and patience, I feel like I have become a better person. I am eternally grateful for all she did for me.

Katie French is a senior at Battle Creek Academy.

Prayers, Blessings and Baptisms

BY STEVEN ATKINS

Andrews Academy, like other schools in the Lake Union, is blessed to have parents, students and teachers praying for the spiritual journey of the school. Many people often see school programs, drive by their church school or hear about weeks of prayer, but not many people are able to see the spiritual journey happening behind the walls of an Adventist school. Let's take a peek behind the walls of Andrews Academy to see the spiritual journey of a school year.

At Andrews Academy, numerous parents have developed prayer groups that regularly meet to pray for the teachers and students of the school. One of the parent groups meets once a week in the conference room to pray for the students. They pray for all students and specifically pray for a number of students and teachers by name. They pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives. When the prayer session is over the parents place a little card in the students' lockers letting them know they were prayed for in a special way. Throughout the entire year they made sure each of the students received this special prayer. The parent group also placed a prayer box by the office door so students could leave special prayer requests for the parents to pray for.

The teachers also are actively praying for the students—not only praying during morning devotions and at the beginning of many class periods, but throughout the day. As a group, the teachers set aside some time during each faculty meeting to pray for individual students and groups of students. As teachers interact with the students, opportune times develop when teachers can pray with individual students in a meaningful way. It may be during a time when a teacher is praising a student for an accomplishment or in the midst of resolving a discipline issue that may have just occurred.

The students are also very involved in praying for the spiritual journey of their peers, and last year Andrews Academy was blessed by the spiritual leadership of so many

students. This year there is a special room set aside as “sacred space” called the Prayer Room. Darchelle Worley, religion teacher and outreach coordinator, got the idea from a book she read last year, entitled *Red Moon Rising*, written by a man whose ministry has been to start prayer rooms all over the world. Since the Adventist church's focus is prayer this year, it seemed a perfect time to try the concept here at the academy.

Located in what used to be storage and work space in Darchelle's Bible classroom, the Prayer Room is now uncluttered, has softer lights and colors, and an inspirational décor. There are comfortable chairs, Bibles and a journal in which students can write prayer requests. Students use the Prayer Room before or after school, and sometimes during their lunch break. In fact, each morning a group of students meets to pray and read the Bible. This past year they were reading through the book of Acts and praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our student body. Sometimes, when a student faces an extremely trying circumstance, he or she slips into the Prayer Room for a few moments to lift the problem to God. Some faculty and staff also use the Prayer Room as a place where they can pray for each other or for a particular student's need. It is a quiet place dedicated to God for students who want to step out of the daily routine and refocus their life through a few moments with God.

A number of students initiated DEEP (Drop Everything Except Prayer) as part of the afternoon experience. The

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student leaders requested that a brief moment be set aside in the middle of the afternoon so that students could pray together, or by themselves, to once again reconnect with God. Each morning the school day begins with morning devotions for the entire school family, a program of group singing, prayer and the spoken word. The DEEP experience provided another opportunity to pray, this time in small groups.

Each of the student organizations at Andrews Academy has a pastor as one of the officers. The student pastors of the various organizations regularly meet throughout the year to plan for spiritual programs at Andrews Academy. In May, they had a special meeting so they could be led by God as they planned an altar call for one of the morning devotions. They prayed together, discussed ideas, prayed some more, and planned the special morning devotion for later that week.

After prayerful consideration it was decided to have each of the organizational pastors present a short testimony to the students. Following an inspiring song service they each took their turn presenting their testimony, and personally made an appeal to their friends to come forward as a statement of their decision to be baptized or re-baptized. It was inspiring to see the Holy Spirit work on the lives of the students as 20 students came forward responding to the call from their peers.

On Sabbath, May 17, two weekends after the altar call, there was a baptism held for the first time in the Andrews Academy chapel. This chapel was strategically placed in the center of the school as a physical representation of the spiritual focus central to Andrews Academy. We were so pleased to have so many students decide to be baptized. In the past, students would often decide to be baptized while



in school; the purchase of the new baptistry allowed the students to make the public expression of baptism while at Andrews Academy.

The program began with singing led by the worship team, followed by a special music by Andrews Academy *Silhouettes*. A drama was presented illustrating God's love for us, followed by Ivan

Ruiz presenting the theme, "Joy." Victoria Brown presented a song, "My Life, My All." Three pastors conducted the baptisms: Oliver Archer, Fa'asoa Fa'asoa and Alvin Glassford. We are thankful for the decisions the students made to be baptized. Eleven students were baptized and became members of the Adventist church family. It was inspiring to watch the student pastors lead through the entire altar call and baptismal services as they ministered to their peers.

More baptisms were held during the consecration service of graduation weekend. Consecration service is the seniors' opportunity to commit and consecrate their lives to Christ as they leave childhood and begin their place in society as an adult. Following the special music, prayer and homily, a baptism service occurred for four members of the graduating class. David Hall, former Bible teacher, was so pleased to be able to baptize four seniors. He encouraged each senior and each in the audience to be close to Him so we can all "graduate" into our heavenly home. The baptisms were followed by special music and a closing prayer.

Numerous other academy students were baptized in their home churches. Please pray for a continued blessing on those who have been baptized. Please also continue to pray not only for Andrews Academy students, but all students of the Lake Union, that each would choose God and decide to be baptized and remain close to Him.

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Woven in Time

I can still feel the soft cotton loops that we stretched over the cold, spiked metal of the potholder frames. Greens, blues, pinks, purples—it didn't matter. We worked together—my brother, sister and me—sometimes using whatever loop we grabbed first to create a delightful hodgepodge.

Every year the lives of our students at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) are woven together. Each student, like a colorful loop of cotton cloth, has a different story, creating a delightful pattern. Here are just a few examples:

Loop 1—Laura Nurmi learned about Jesus and His love for her at Camp Sagola in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She attended church with a friend and prepared to be baptized on May 23, 2008. At camp meeting this past summer she shared her testimony at the Soul-Winning Festival. Thrilled at her conversion story, Greg Leavitt, GLAA's business manager, urged her to consider growing her faith at GLAA.

Laura already had a desire to come to GLAA, but didn't think it possible because of her home situation. Since neither parent is a Seventh-day Adventist, Laura wasn't sure they would understand her need to be among other Seventh-day Adventist young people. But prayers were answered as her parents agreed to the financial plan Greg worked out for them. Laura is now weaving her own beautiful design, on and off campus, as she shares her love for Christ with her teachers and friends, and goes out with the Witnessing Class to give Bible studies each week.

Loop 2—Andrew Ortiz weaves his pattern Texas style. He enjoyed his first year at GLAA so much, that Andrew



recruited his sister and a friend from his home town of Austin to go to school here, too. Before coming to GLAA, Andrew's parents had decided they didn't want him in public school, where playing sports on Sabbath would be a constant battle. Surfing the Internet to find options, Andrew saw GLAA's website and

was drawn by the pictures of kids playing sports—especially basketball. It was decided that he would come to Michigan for school.

Andrew loved it! "I've made so many awesome friends!" he says. With the positive influence of friends, Student Week of Prayer, great worship speakers and being part of Mid-Week Renewal (a short worship put on by students on Wednesdays), Andrew's love for Jesus grew during his sophomore year. So much so, that he ran for Student Association pastor and won. One of Andrew's goals was to witness as part of the *Aerokhanas* gymnastic team. He tried out and made the team. It was further confirmation that God has a big plan for him.

This Christmas Andrew is joining GLAA's mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where he will be a main speaker for an evangelistic series. "It's totally my choice to be here, and I love it!" Andrew says. God is weaving an amazing pattern through Andrew's life.

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Loop 3—Last May, Briana Brantley received a promise from her mom that she could keep whatever change she found on the ground for her education at GLAA. In four months, she saved more than \$83. Briana's family faced financial challenges, but her church family decided to band together with monthly commitments to make it possible for her to attend.



The pattern of Briana's life had already begun to be woven into a beautiful weave in her home church. She's been given opportunities to participate at many levels, including preaching the sermon and taking Bible studies door to door. As a village student, Briana is still very much involved in her home church activities.

"I love prayer meeting; I can't stand to miss it!" she says. Briana's pattern is now intertwining with other Adventist young people at GLAA as they go to churches around Michigan to help with church services, and give Bible studies in Witnessing Class. As a 13-year-old freshman, Briana was bold enough to give her testimony the second Friday night of school, sharing her faith in God's ability to provide for her to be at GLAA. The pattern in her life is living proof.

Loop 4—When Jon Bruch came as a freshman, he admits that although he liked God, he didn't really want to focus on Him or spend much time with Him. His idea of a life pattern was a bit different than God's. He didn't make much spiritual progress his first two years, but a whole new weave started during his junior year. For one thing, he started hanging out with people who were more focused on God and intentional about having a relationship with Him. During a Student Week of Prayer, Jon decided it was time to share his faith.

God gave Jon a desire to be a Flamekeepers leader (Flamekeepers are student-led Bible study groups that meet in dorm rooms), and Jon began to pray he would be asked. His prayers were answered and now, as a senior, Jon has grown

from being absolutely terrified to be up front, to someone who is not afraid to share his love for God in a public way. Jon's life pattern is on display to his peers, and it makes a difference on GLAA's campus.

Loop 5—Floyd Collins came to GLAA his freshman year and gave his life

to Jesus, becoming the first Seventh-day Adventist in his family. However, his sophomore year he was unable to come back due to family health and financial issues. But this year, Floyd arrived back on campus with a huge smile on his face and praise in his heart. God has held his hand while walking through difficult times and trials.

Floyd made the *Aerokhanas* gymnastic team and is also planning to go on GLAA's mission trip to the Dominican Republic to preach an evangelistic series. Being part of the Witnessing Class gives him strength, too, as he works to weave God's love into people's hearts with his big, warm smile and by sharing from the Bible. The pattern in Floyd's life has been woven from difficult times, but he brings a beauty from difficulties overcome.

Students who come to GLAA and make the academy their "home away from home" benefit from the varied patterns of the people they come in contact with. "Even though we're in a small setting, we are very diverse," says Elizabeth Janevski, a senior from Northville, Michigan, "and that's what makes it so neat, and makes us a family. We all have different backgrounds, but we sometimes have similar stories."

There are many more loops to this GLAA pattern, each individual adding their own dimension to make up the beautiful whole. GLAA's world is a safe place where students can learn God's beautiful pattern for their lives. You can be part of our mission by praying that God will continue to weave each person on this campus into the exquisite pattern of His plan—a pattern that will be on display throughout eternity.

Arlene Leavitt is the assistant development director at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

The Empty Desk

BY JUDY L. SHULL

It was just going to be a quick stop at the school building one warm, summer afternoon. I hurried past the forlorn-looking empty desks stacked top to top in the school hallway. As in previous years, all the student desks were removed from the classrooms for the annual carpets cleaning. Now these desks waited to be returned to their classrooms.

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WITH A SUDDEN CLARITY, I REALIZED THAT THE PRAYER FOR A NEW STUDENT HAD BEEN ANSWERED, BUT NOT IN THE WAY I HAD ENVISIONED.

In an effort to keep the unairconditioned building a little cooler during the hot summer months, all the window shades in all the classrooms were closed before the teachers left in June for the summer break. I watched the dust mites float in the sun's rays that filtered into the almost empty hallway.

Continuing my walk down the hall, I passed the office bulletin board. I paused to read the bright letters still stapled to the cork board from the previous school year. *A lot of good that idea did*, I thought. The letters spelled the words, "Empty Desk." I reflected back to the beginning of the school year. The principal asked each of the teachers to place an extra empty desk in their classroom. Then the teachers were asked to pray for the unknown student who should fill that desk and to pray for the Holy Spirit to lead that child and their family to the Seventh-day Adventist church school.

With the fall enrollment projections down, the teachers tried all the various methods we knew to recruit new students. This plan sounded like a wonderful idea. Surely the Holy Spirit would find those new students.

By the opening day of school, a couple of new students arrived and registered. And the teachers kept praying. By the end of the first month, three or four more new students enrolled in classes. None of them were in my classroom. The empty desk in my sixth grade room remained empty.

By now I was beginning to wonder, *Could it be that I had not prayed hard enough? Was God just not listening? Was I lacking in faith? Was this one of those times when God was saying no?*

I explained the empty desk prayer to my students, and they joined me in praying for the new student. Still no new student arrived.

With summer vacation coming to an end, and a new school year starting again in a few weeks, I continued think-

ing about the empty desk as I moved down the long hall. I passed desks from other classrooms and thought again about my prayers for the student who never arrived. Again, I felt my prayers had been ignored.

Suddenly, in that silent hall, I was struck by a new thought: *Wait a minute*. I stopped and stared again at all the desks. I remembered how the empty desk in my classroom had been moved around the room each time the seating arrangement changed. I pictured the desk and where it had eventually remained for the entire second half of the school year. The memory made my heart pound. The desk stopped moving around the room because after Christmas the desk became the classroom home for our new, unexpected student teacher!

The students enjoyed their student teacher who practiced her teaching skills on them. They liked the new games she taught them, and they liked teaching her their favorite games. Even her farewell party had been full of laughter as they remembered their many good times together.

With a sudden clarity, I realized that the prayer for a new student had been answered, but not in the way I had envisioned. It had never occurred to me until that moment that the wonderful student teacher, who was such a blessing to my class, was God's answer to those faithful prayers. How blind I had been!

I began to wonder how many other prayers had been answered in ways that were wonderful and unexpected. I realized how God can give magnificent answers that far exceed our expectations.

I left a hot, stuffy school building, refreshed with a new spirit and a new prayer for the unknown student who God would bring to my class sometime in the coming school year.

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Hospital among 100 most improved in country

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital in Glendale Heights, Ill., was named to a list of the 100 most improved hospitals in the country. Announced in *Modern Healthcare* magazine, the 2007 Thomson Reuters 100 Top Hospitals Performance Improvement Leaders are recognized for making the greatest progress in improving hospital-wide performance over five consecutive years (2002–2006). Hospitals on this list have set national benchmarks for the rate and consistency of improvement in clinical outcomes, safety, hospital efficiency and financial stability. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital and its medical staff have made major strides in increasing the quality and efficiency of services locally.

“Clinical quality and excellent patient care go hand in hand,” said Brinsley Lewis, chief executive officer of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.

In naming the 100 Top Hospitals, Thomson Reuters analyzed acute care hospitals using detailed empirical performance data from years 2002 through 2006, including publicly available Medicare MedPAR data, Medicare cost reports, and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) outpatient data. Researchers then rated hospitals on eight factors: patient mortality, medical complications, patient safety, length of stay, expenses, profitability, cash-to-debt ratio and use of evidence-based medicine. More than 2,800 short-term, acute care and non-federal hospitals were grouped into five categories: major teaching hospitals, other teaching hospitals, large community hospitals, medium-sized community hospitals and small community hospitals. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is among the medium-sized community hospitals.



Adventist GlenOaks Hospital's quality management team celebrates with hospital leadership and staff in earning this special award. Pictured from left are Mary Ann Palermo, Janys Schomer, Susan Gorman, Catherine Rothblum and Mary Clark.

“This study identifies superior leadership, based on the success of the hospital executive teams’ long-term strategies for strengthening performance,” said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters. “These are true ‘Good to Great’ leadership teams that have focused on improving quality, efficiency, use of evidence-based medicine, and financial stability in order to better serve their patients and communities.”

These improvements have continued. According to the most recently published quality statistics, which report data collected from July 2006 to July 2007, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital exceeded all state and national benchmarks for quality indicators related to pneumonia. The hospital’s scores for heart attack, heart failure and surgical infection prevention indicators were not far behind.

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital consistently ranks among the top five hospitals in the 38-hospital Adventist Health System for clinical quality. A renewed commitment to patients and

the community drove that success, according to Mary Ann Palermo, director of Quality Management and Regulatory Compliance at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.

“We’ve had tremendous support at the executive level for turning the reputation of this hospital around,” Palermo said. “It’s been our goal to improve our reputation and demonstrate to the community that we can and do offer quality, superior care at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.”

With that commitment came building the hospital’s new \$7 million Shanahan Emergency and Trauma Center, which has raised the bar not only for the patient experience but for increased clinical quality as well, Palermo said.

“We had a vision for this hospital and it’s coming to fruition,” Lewis said. “This award is evidence of the hard work we’ve done and the emphasis we’ve placed on patient safety and clinical excellence. But it’s only the start of where we’re headed in the future.”

Lisa Parro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health

Andrews University engineering program achieves ABET accreditation

The Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Inc. (ABET) recently notified Andrews University's Department of Engineering and Computer Science of their achievement of ABET accreditation, retroactive to 2006, for the engineering program. ABET is the nationally recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. This achievement gives Andrews University the distinction of becoming the second accredited engineering program in the Adventist higher education system. It is the culmination of years of work by many members of the Andrews University faculty and comes two years earlier than the original goal.

"Our program has always been of the highest quality. ABET accreditation confirms this," said Bill Wolfer, chair of

the Andrews University Department of Engineering and Computer Science.

Years ago, the faculty of the engineering technology program at Andrews University laid the foundation for developing a strong engineering program. Then, in 2002, a committee was charged with assessing the feasibility of establishing an engineering program at Andrews University. Would there be room for an engineering program, in addition to the one at Walla Walla University, in the Adventist education system? If so, would it attract quality engineering students? A study by Robert Kingman, professor emeritus, showed a large percentage of Seventh-day Adventist college students are receiving their engineering education from state schools. The research concluded with the realization of a great need for a Seventh-day Adventist engineering program located east of the Rockies to compliment the strong engineering program at Walla Walla University, located in Washington, while also offering students a choice for studying engineering at an Adventist institution.

In February 2003, the initiative to offer a four-year engineering degree program went to a vote of the Andrews University Board of Trustees. It was approved and the program was officially underway by fall semester of 2003. Wolfer, then faculty in the computer science department, was asked to chair the program. The first students majoring in engineering graduated in 2006.

"Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University, believed in us and our vision for establishing a great engineering program here at Andrews. ... His charge to us was to develop a world class, socially responsible program that will be a place of choice for those seeking an engineering education in a Christ-

centered environment," said Wolfer.

The fledgling program received a significant gift, making it possible to equip labs with cutting edge technology, helping attract internationally diverse, world class educators and professionals.

Andreasen says, "Our faculty aspire to be socially responsible engineers who prepare our students well for continuing education (grad school) and industry. We charge them to take our values of social responsibility and service throughout their career."

The Andrews University Department of Engineering and Computer Science currently employs five engineering faculty and three computing faculty. During the 2007-2008 school year, the department had 96 students, with enrollment nearly evenly split between engineering and computer science.

In the midst of the accreditation process, the Industrial Partnership Counsel (IPC), made up of education and industrial professionals, was formed in order to provide key input into the program. Members of the IPC represent a regional, national and global perspective, and include representatives from Western Michigan University, the University of Notre Dame, Grand Valley State University, Premier Tool & Die Cast Corporation, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency, LECO Corporation, American Electric Power and the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

ABET, a federation of 28 professional and technical societies, is among the most respected accreditation organizations in the U.S. ABET currently accredits some 2,800 programs at more than 600 colleges and universities nationwide. ABET is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist,
Integrated Marketing & Communication



Boon-Chai Ng, professor of engineering, assists Katie Parker, a senior engineering major.

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Church members aim community toward better lifestyle

Michigan—Hot and humid weather softened by a breeze; chance of showers kept away until after closing; all team members available except one, but a willing backup replacement—all of these and more were signs that God was blessing our efforts as we worked for Him.

The Buchanan Church sponsored and manned the Michigan Conference's Adventist Community Services health van on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons, Aug. 23–24, at the Old Mill Festival held in downtown Buchanan. The afternoons were divided into two-hour segments, each manned by a team of eight church member volunteers. During the afternoons free health screenings, free literature and seminar sign-ups were offered to all who stopped by the van. Those interested could sign up for a parenting seminar, a financial seminar, a prophecy seminar and the Amazing Facts' evangelistic crusade for kids, *Amazing Adventure*, to be held the end of September. Sabbath



Gary Doty, church member and assistant health van coordinator, helps a mother and her daughters find *Your Story Hour* Clubhouse magazines and story CDs in the free literature racks outside the health van at the Buchanan Old Mill Festival.

afternoon, 49 people went through the screening process and another 25 went through on Sunday afternoon.

Health age, blood pressure, body mass, cholesterol and glucose testing screenings were done, fed into a computer program, and then results were printed out for each participant.

Each team included either a medical doctor or nurse practitioner who reviewed the results and advised ways the participant could improve their lifestyle. Those screened were also asked if they would like to sign up for the "Living Free Seminar," which the Buchanan Church would hold beginning Sept. 7.

Each person who completed the screening was offered a free DVD

of their choice, a *Balance* magazine to fit their needs and other pamphlets. One young lady requested a free marriage DVD, and said that she hoped it would help her own marriage. A gentleman was happy to take the *Final Events* DVD, since he had fears of what was ahead. Parents were offered the *Clubhouse* magazine and a story CD from *Your Story Hour*, and bookmarks advertising It Is Written's "My Place With Jesus" website (www.myplacewithjesus.com). A few parents asked how their children could receive more *Clubhouse* magazines. Even grandmas and grandpas, and aunts and uncles, were happy to take the free offers for kids.

Members of the five ministry group teams enjoyed meeting the people and giving them something to hopefully improve their lives. Many positive remarks were heard from the member participants, and some had ideas on what we could add next year to help point people to a better lifestyle.

Judi Doty, back pages editor/circulation manager, *Lake Union Herald*



Bruce Christensen (middle), church member and health van coordinator, instructs Tammy Riess (left), a nurse practitioner from Buchanan, on how her counseling station should be run during the health van screenings. Kathleen DeLand (on right), church member and retired nurse, has her station set up for cholesterol and glucose testing.

North Vernon members celebrate a century in God's service

Indiana—In the 1920s when Lizzy King was the sole attendee of the North Vernon Church, she faithfully kept the doors open for whomever would come to seek Jesus.

Today her efforts have borne fruit.

On Sabbath, Aug. 9, the little church on the hill had its centennial anniversary. The celebration began Friday night with a vespers presentation by Manny Ojeda, pastor, who outlined the historical world events that have occurred while the church has been in existence. On Sabbath morning, Sabbath school was led by one of the former pastors, Gary Case, who is now director of the Indiana Conference Trust Services Department. Sabbath school was followed by a powerful sermon from Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president. Sabbath lunch was a marvel to see and consume; it reminded those present of the bountiful spread they will enjoy in Heaven as we gather together at the Lord's table to fellowship and eat. After the food had a chance to digest, Mary Ellen Perkins presented a detailed account of the church's history.

For those present, the general feeling was one of kinship and warmth. The trek that the North Vernon Church has been through in the past 100 years has not been an easy one, but God has taken this church and used it as one of the tools on His vast belt of the Gospel Commission. From this little church, pastors, physicians, church administrators, university presidents, missionaries, factory workers and many others have gone out to testify of Christ in their communities. What many of us do not realize is that even though we may worry about the small attendance, God's standard of success



On Sabbath, Aug. 9, the North Vernon (Ind.) Church, known as the little church on the hill, had its centennial anniversary.

is measured not by human results but through seeds planted and fruits borne that have eternal consequences.

North Vernon members would like to thank everyone who made this day meaningful. They thank you for traveling far and wide to attend this family reunion, and hope to reunite with you again beside our Lord and Savior in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Judith Yeoman, correspondent, Indiana Conference, as shared by Manny Ojeda, pastor, North Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church

Signs distribution ministry volunteers needed

Illinois—Lynn Netzel has faithfully stocked *Signs of the Times* magazines in newspaper-type Signs distribution boxes along the Metra tracks in the western suburbs of Chicago. She has, without a doubt, planted seeds of God's love and plan of redemption to thousands. Netzel has seen the Lord use the boxes to share Bible truths, and to help people enroll in the Discover Bible Course through the cards inserted in each magazine. The magazines also have a list of Seventh-day Adventist websites for readers to use in their search for God's truth.

Netzel is no longer able to continue this outreach. She is looking for others with a heart for this unique literature ministry to carry on this outreach in their community. Netzel's six Signs boxes (originally purchased for \$200 each) are now available as a free gift to whomever desires to use them to lead people to Jesus Christ and His gospel message.

Person or persons will need to telephone Pacific Press Publishing Association at 208-465-2500 or send a letter to Pacific Press at P.O. Box 5353, Nampa, ID 83653-5353 to learn what the current prices are for the Signs magazines, since they will be responsible to purchase the necessary magazines for their free distribution boxes. Churches may consider partnering with someone by supplying the magazines to the person as an outreach mission of their church's special evangelism projects.

This is an excellent ministry, since many people are reached without feeling any pressure. It enables the Holy Spirit to work in their lives and on their hearts as they read the well-written magazine articles. Please telephone Netzel at 630-985-0157, and she will be happy to discuss how you may obtain her free Signs boxes to use in your own outreach ministry.

Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, Lake Union Herald



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Women make blankets for needy children

Indiana—The women’s ministries group at the Columbus Church recently met to learn how to make some really cute “no-sew” blankets under the guidance of Beth Alexander. Every lady chose a fun children’s print fabric, and enjoyed one another’s fellowship as they completed a blanket for a needy child. Claribel Ojeda, the pastor’s wife, then offered a special prayer for all the blankets.

Later the same evening, some of the ladies took the blankets to the women’s shelter in town. After the little ones at the shelter had their baths, the blankets were presented to the very excited, happy children!



Several women from the Columbus Church show some of the blankets they made for needy children housed in the local woman’s shelter. From left (back): Joyce Carter, Marcia Trapp, Sally Seymour and Beth Alexander; (front): Veron Benjamin, Diane Daulton and Margie Driscol

The women’s ministries group said they considered it a privilege to work as God’s hands as they prepared the blankets for those children, and they treasure the experience as one of real spiritual growth.

Diane Daulton, woman’s ministries leader, Columbus Church

conference officials. Refreshments were served after the program, and family and friends celebrated that evening, praising the Lord for what He made possible for His church family.

World-renowned violinist, Jamie Jorge, opened a series of meetings on Mar. 31, with an electrifying concert and a silent auction/fundraiser for the church’s Jamaica mission trip (see article in the September 2008 issue of the *Lake Union Herald*). Adrian Peterson, Martinsville Church pastor, and Fernando Ortiz, Bedford Church pastor, held the weeklong series, “For God So Loved the World.”

“In terms of evangelism, this was a sowing event where we had opportunity to plant many seeds,” says Ortiz. He went on to report that “more than 40 [visitors from the community] came during the series, including a local dulcimer group of about 20.”

Everyone was so blessed by the messages, and the church members

Bedford Church opens new gym center

Indiana—Nestled in the heart of southern Indiana among the trees, yet visible from Highway 37, sits the new Bedford gym facility and future home of the Bedford Seventh-day Adventist Church and elementary school. The congregation has been making good use of their new building with several events, but before any of these could take place, there were many hours of meetings, work-bees and painting parties where church members, young and old, volunteered.

On Mar. 15, the members celebrated with a grand opening. In attendance was the mayor

of Bedford, Shawna Girgis, and Gary Thurber, president of the Indiana Conference, plus other



The new Bedford Church gym center



Gary Case (trust services director for the Indiana Conference) and his wife Sandi (seated in the front), were among those who attended the grand opening Mar. 15.

were grateful for the fact that they did not have to rent a place to hold the event. More than ever, they are convinced that with God all things are possible. Praise the Lord!

Junice Anderson, communication secretary, Bedford Church

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Indiana Academy students receive health evangelism training

Indiana—The LifeStyle EXPO health evangelism training was held recently at the Indiana Academy gymnasium for conference and student participants. This training, sponsored by the Indiana Conference Health Ministries Department, introduced a new way of reaching people for Christ through health education.



Photos by Gail Macomber

Jason Ruiz checks the pulse of Bonnie Wolfe, a LifeStyle EXPO participant, at the Harvard Step Test station.

LifeStyle EXPO was developed by the *Lifestyle* TV program in Sweden and emphasized health education to its participants and volunteers. The health expo is focused on eight health factors related to disease prevention and physical and mental health. These include nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest and trust in divine power. Each factor is addressed in

detail at the LifeStyle EXPO using a combination of large color posters with up-to-date medical information, screening tests and health counseling.

Screening tests offered were blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol, lung capacity, the Harvard Step Test, body fat percentage, body mass index and health age. The health expo also encouraged water drinking, gave lifestyle and spiritual counseling and provided an anti-stress massage to the participants.

Students and other conference volunteers were trained for all of these various stations and then given time to experience the stations for themselves before the first trial run the next day. Susan Landess, director for the Indiana Health Choices Initiatives, and Clinton Meharry, Indiana Conference health ministries director, conducted the training on Friday, Sept. 5, before the first trial run on Sabbath afternoon, Sept. 6, with local church members, students and community members participating.

The LifeStyle EXPO is one of many options available to churches to involve themselves in health evangelism as part of a comprehensive evangelistic plan for a church year. More information may be requested from the Indiana Conference Health Ministries Department or by contacting the Lifestyle TV program at www.lifestylertv.se.

Andrew Lay, communication correspondent,
Indiana Academy



Nathan Kelly checks Donna Ferguson's blood glucose level at the LifeStyle EXPO.

[NAD NEWS]

Guide magazine announces contest to name new outreach magazine for kids

Guide magazine is holding a contest to name the church's newest monthly periodical, a magazine which will target young people—friends, neighbors and family members—who don't attend church. "In North America there are 21 million children in *Guide's* target age group who don't attend an Adventist church. This is a huge mission field, and we want to reach it," says *Guide* editor Randy Fishell.

The new outreach periodical will contain true stories, puzzles, fun facts and other content from the pages of *Guide*, selected to meet the needs of secular kids. Church members of all ages can sponsor subscriptions to young people they know.

"The magazine needs a new name to distinguish it from the regular weekly *Guide*," says Fishell. "And that's where the contest comes in. We want the whole church to be involved in launching this exciting new child evangelism project."

Suggested magazine names can be submitted at the *Guide* website, www.guidemagazine.org/friend, or mailed to *Guide*, 55 West Oak Ridge Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740. The deadline for contest entries is Dec. 31.

"We're also inviting people to send us names and addresses of young people who need to receive this magazine," says Fishell. "*Guide* is currently raising funds to launch the magazine and send subscriptions to as many unchurched young people as possible." Names can be submitted online or by mail, using the addresses above.

Nick Bejarano, periodical marketing manager,
Review and Herald Publishing Association



One-Day Church project dedicated at ASI Convention

In sheer scope, the challenge is massive. Around the world some 100,000 Seventh-day Adventist congregations are worshiping under trees, in rickety shacks, in tiny rented rooms—they are homeless. And with 4,000 churchless congregations added each year, it is a burning problem.

“Our evangelism is bringing them in, but without a building, we lose them to the church down the street,” said Garwin McNeilus, a Minnesota-based businessman and member of Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI).

Each time a congregation has to change location, they lose an average of 30 members. Some groups have been forced to move multiple times, with disastrous effect to their membership.

Maranatha Volunteers International has been providing churches for Adventist congregations worldwide since 1989, and they knew an innovative approach was needed to help meet soaring demand. Attempting to solve this problem, Maranatha president Don Noble met with McNeilus and explored the idea of a steel church, one that would arrive as a pre-fabricated kit requiring minimal time and labor to build.

Thus the One-Day Church was born as a cooperative project between ASI and Maranatha. And it is indeed a church unlike any other, a galvanized steel frame and vented roof measur-

ing 20 by 35 feet when assembled—enough to seat 150 people. Engineered to meet hurricane and earthquake safety standards, the One-Day Church is durable and rustproof.

The One-Day Church is delivered to the construction site as one fully

contained kit weighing 1,300 pounds. A team of four using simple, readily available tools can erect the structure in one day. In fact, the very first One-Day Church was completed in six hours.

Cost-effectiveness was crucial in planning the One-Day Church. Arrangements were made to purchase the processed steel kits at cost, and the entire structure was carefully designed for both maximum strength and efficiency. An entire One-Day Church, including transportation and construction, costs \$3,000. However, this year’s ASI Convention Special Projects Offering provided dollar-for-dollar matching funds for the first 4,000 churches.

Involving the recipient congregation is a key element of the One-Day Church. Local members will be tasked with selecting the construction site and obtaining all necessary permits. They are also responsible to finish the walls and interior of the church. This



Gerry Challenge

Jan Paulsen, World Church president, and Don Schneider, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, dedicated the One-Day Church project during this year’s ASI Convention in Tampa, Fla.

provides the congregation with a sense of ownership, with “sweat equity” in their new church building.

Adventist leadership is squarely behind the One-Day Church. Jan Paulsen, World Church president, and Don Schneider, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, offered a special dedication of the project during this year’s ASI Convention in Tampa, Fla.

“Worldwide church membership growth is tremendous, however we haven’t been able to match that growth with church buildings,” Schneider later said. “It’s amazing how such a relatively small sum of money can build an entire church. And the effect on the congregation from having a church of their own is so great; this project is going to bless countless people,” he added.

“The One-Day Church has tremendous potential and will benefit the worldwide church in ways never before possible,” Paulsen said after the ASI Convention. He went on to describe how the church is a family, and like any family a church needs a home in which to grow and be nurtured. “The One-Day Church provides numerous such homes,” Paulsen said, “places where our family can continue to grow both spiritually and in number.”

The first One-Day Church is already standing—built this past July in Valle Hermoso, Ecuador. Soon there will be thousands.

More information about the One-Day Church can be found at www.onedaychurch.org.

Steve Hamstra, communication director for Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries

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Maranatha Volunteers International

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Weddings

Kristin Denslow and Paul Des Jardins were married July 13, 2008, in Hinsdale, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Kenneth Denslow.

Kristin is the daughter of Kenneth and Patricia Denslow of Westmont, Ill., and Paul is the son of Jeffrey Des Jardins and Darlene Wnukowski of Green Bay, Wis., and Connie and John Gales of Green Bay.

The Des Jardins are making their home in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Emily C. Eskildsen and Mitchell L. Graham were married Dec. 23, 2007, in Cedar Lake, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mickey Mallory.

Emily is the daughter of Peter and Debbie Eskildsen of Edmore, Mich., and Mitchell is the son of Mark Graham of Muscatine, Iowa, and Marcia and Pat Leaming of Reashor, Iowa.

The Grahams are making their home in Ashburnham, Mass.

Tiffany N. Harrington and Kenneth J. Meulemans were married July 11, 2008, in South Bend, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Adam Case.

Tiffany is the daughter of Michael and Lisa Harrington of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Terry and Alan Dickey of Niles, Mich., and Kenneth is the son of Joseph Meulemans of Reedsville, Wis., and Brenda Meulemans of Appleton, Wis.

The Meulemans are making their home in The Woodlands, Texas.

Obituaries

ARELLANO, Alice (Dean) Trubey, age 72; born Jan. 26, 1936, in Tullahoma, Tenn.; died July 26, 2008, in Fletcher, N.C. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Jeff Trubey; daughters, Pam Hughes and Lisa Knudsen; brother, Jable Dean; sisters, Mattie Lou Sorrell, Wilsie Mae Shahan and Frances Ferrell; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Gilbert Floyd, and interment was in Hurricane Cemetery, Tullahoma.

BEECHLER, Gwen V. (Hoffman), age 86; born Oct. 3, 1921, in Springfield, Ill.; died

Aug. 16, 2008, in Peoria, Ill. She was a member of the Peoria Church.

Survivors include her son, Eugene Jr.; daughter, Phyllis Harmon; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Clarence Small, and interment was in Parkview Cemetery, Peoria.

BOYS, Donna I. (Leffler), age 77; born July 21, 1930, in Marion, Ind.; died Dec. 30, 2007, in Marion. She was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include her sons, David L., Stephen P and Douglas C.; sisters, Delores Shannon, Mary Bryan and Carol Davis; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors John McFarland and Adrian Peterson, and interment was in Marion National Cemetery.

CHAVEZ, Eleazar, age 29; born June 24, 1978, in Chicago, Ill.; died Apr. 7, 2008, in Chicago. He was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his father, Milan Rajsic; mother, Cipriana; and sisters, Susana and Adriana.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Larsen, and interment was in Chicago.

ELLIOTT, Richard L., age 80; born Aug. 31, 1927, in Kennard, Ind.; died Aug. 20, 2008, in Tipton, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois E. (Moore); sons, Ronald and Jerry; daughter, Annette McLamb; brother, Donald; sister, Wanda Elliott; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Yeoman, and interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Arcadia, Ind.

FRITZ, Amelia E. (Dake) Swett Parkey Nelson, age 75; born Aug. 9, 1932, in Charlevoix, Mich.; died July 10, 2008, in Dowagiac, Mich. She was a member of the Glenwood Church, Dowagiac.

Survivors include her sons, Enoch, Seth and Sam Swett, and Phillip and James Parkey; daughter, Mary Miner; half-brothers, Robert and David Wonegshnik; sisters, Margaret Rawley and Charlene John; 11

grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Christien Hodet and Elder Earl Jenkins, and interment was in Northport Cemetery, Dowagiac.

GALBRAITH, Jean I. (Hammel), age 85; born Feb. 4, 1923, in Churubusco, Ind.; died June 20, 2008, in Wilson, Mich. She was a member of the Wilson Church.

Survivors include her husband, James M.; sons, James L. and Dohn M.; daughters, Sue J. Pierce, Janet M. Rau, Judy I. Buhler, Sylvia A. Effner, Lauren F. Bauer and Merry E. Ryan; 17 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 18 step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Olan Thomas and Bela Kobor, and interment was in Wilson Seventh-day Adventist Church Cemetery.

GODDARD, Matthew D., age 18; born Apr. 23, 1990, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Aug. 8, 2008, in Appleton, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his father, Richard; mother, Kimberly (Butt); and brother, Michael.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Fort Howard Memorial Garden Cemetery, Green Bay.

HALVORSEN, Forest E., age 87; born Dec. 2, 1920, in Berrien Springs, Mich.; died July 27, 2008, in Edmore, Mich. He was a member of the Cedar Lake (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Mae (Smalley); sons, Dale, Hart and Kirk; daughter, Beatrice Antisdal; sister, Betty Collins; six grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mickey Mallory, and interment was in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

HUSTON, Irvin, age 88; born Dec. 31, 1919, in Wabash, Ind.; died Aug. 9, 2008, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Chapel West Church, Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Amy L. (Haines); sons, Bob, Jeff and Jeri; daughter, Tyanne Smock; sister, Olive Ridenour; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Blake Hall, and interment was in Battle Ground (Ind.) Cemetery.

LINDER, Sherman K., age 62; born Jan. 21, 1946, in Garden City, Mich.; died July 18, 2008, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was a member of the Metropolitan Church, Plymouth, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Diana (Sturgill); son, Kelly Jr.; daughters, Crystal, Jessica and Patsy Linder; brother, Roger; half brother, Lavern Richards; sisters, Candice Ramirez, Shiela Wofford, Shelly Monteith and Siretta Cavaliar; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Stewart, and interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery, Canton, Mich.

SCHLESINGER, Walter E., age 80; born Aug. 3, 1927, in Millstadt, Ill.; died June 27, 2008, in Marion, Ind. He was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include his wife, Donna J. (Grosswiler) Jacobs; sons, Richard, David and Charles; daughter, Laura Klingeman; stepdaughters, Tanis Lott, Janis Henry, Mary Ellen Brading and Julie Rampsey; sister, Norene Albert; several grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Javier Quiles, and interment was in Marion National Cemetery.

WILLAUER, Elizabeth "Betsy" J. (Roosenberg), age 63; born Aug. 4, 1945, in Paw Paw, Mich.; died Aug. 16, 2008, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Buchanan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, David E.; sons, Morris and Adrian; daughters, LaDawn Willauer and Darla Hamman; brother, John Roosenberg; sister, Roberta Mellor; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Antonio Rodriguez Jr., and interment was in Crane Cemetery, Dowagiac, Mich.

WOLFF, Hester (Johnson), age 89; born Nov. 24, 1918, in Hamilton Cty., Ind.; died May 9, 2008, in New Albany, Ind. She was a member of the Marion (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ronald, Roger and John; daughter, Kathy Weinberg; sister, Lorene Hackleman; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Javier Quiles, and interment was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington, Ind.

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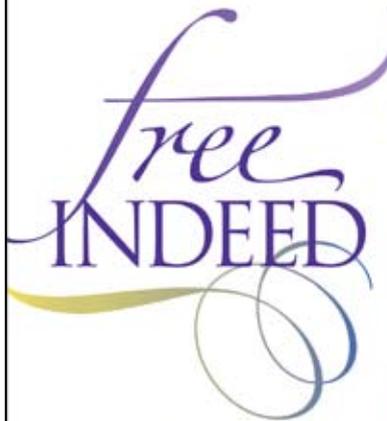
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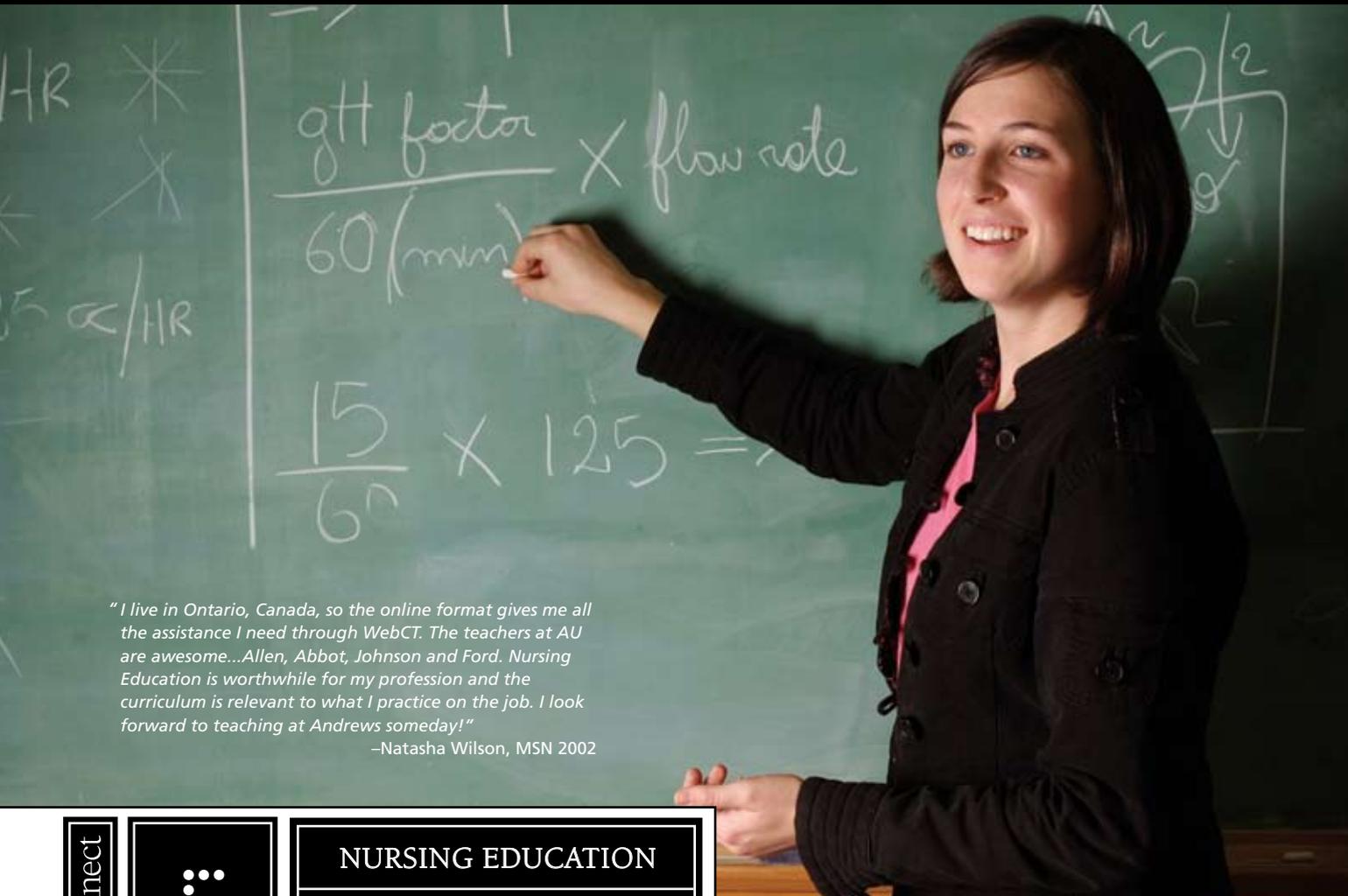
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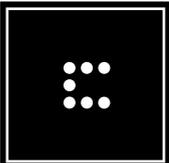
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Religulous?

BY GARY BURNS



Religulous is a new irreverent and satirical documentary, with Bill Maher of HBO's *Politically Incorrect*, designed to show that religion is what's wrong with the world. His self-described role is to pull back the curtain as Toto did in *The Wizard of Oz* and demonstrate that religion is the "ultimate hustle."

To the suggestion by Terry Gross of NPR's *Fresh Air* that Bill might be overreacting to religious extremists and that he himself might be an extremist, Bill responded in the interview, "Anybody who believes in personal gods ... who you pray to or who perform miracles and fight with devils and so forth ... that's extremism. That's extremely irrational" (NPR, *Fresh Air*, September 30, 2008).

In the same interview, the film's director, Larry Charles, mocked the Bible as something that reads like a Pinchot novel. Bill countered,

"The New Testament is obviously different. In the New Testament, if you strip away all the magic tricks, and the bells and whistles, and the nonsense, the message of Jesus is not only beautiful, but revolutionary. The idea that the meek shall inherit the earth, and the poor and the powerless have just as much dignity as the powerful and the rich—that was a very new idea at the time, and it has not gone out of style, I might add, and it's a wonderful message. It's a shame that it gets lost amidst all the other nonsense."

Here's the question: When non-believers interact with us, do they see nonsense? Or do they see a beautiful and revolutionary life in partnership with God?

Gary Burns is the communication director for the Lake Union Conference.

Expiration Date?

BY BEATRICE DOLCE

Does a testimony ever get old? After you've said it to different people in different locations at different times, does the novelty and awesomeness of the testimony fade into the recesses of one's mind as "common?" My answer is, "No."

If the testimonies of barren Elizabeth, Sarah and Hannah still speak to us, testimonies live on. If the testimony of the parting of the Red Sea before the Israelite multitude continues to encourage us to look beyond insurmountable odds, testimonies live on. Most importantly, if the testimony of God Incarnate laying down His life only to pick it up three days later on that blessed resurrection morn gives us hope of eternal life, testimonies definitely live on in our hearts, minds and souls. Hence, I've yet to see an expiration date on a testimony, and I believe I never will.

My testimony is that of a loving Savior who literally snatched me from the jaws of death. One Valentine's Day, unforeseen circumstances led me to the emergency room. After taking some cold medicines to combat flu-like symptoms, my body went into anaphylactic shock. I was in the process of dying. My head hurt. Blood spewed from my mouth, and fluid filled my lungs.

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The weeks that followed were not easy. Nonetheless, God cradled me in His love. God had birthed an unlikely testimony in my life.

The Bible declares, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11). There is something intricately interwoven into testimonies by the Divine artistic hand that paints a picture of love, faith, peace and strength—a strength motivated by the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to go on, eventually overcoming. Thus, I'm willing to allow the Holy Spirit to nudge me again and again to share my testimony of God's loving care and life-giving power.

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Larry Brooks

Larry D. Brooks, 19, is the son of Annette Berry and Larry Brooks of Gary, Indiana, where he attends the Mizpah Church.

Larry is a senior at Indiana Academy. He has been a member of the school choir, the *Choralanans*, and drama team. Larry has served as Guys Club member-at-large and pastor. He received awards in English for literary analysis and a Most Accomplished in Chemistry award.

Gary Macomber, men's dean, says, "Larry Brooks is a very helpful resident assistant who is always looking to help ease the burden of the dean. He will often observe a student who seems down and walk over to share a word of encouragement. He is our dorm pastor, and every morning he can be found having personal devotions. Larry is interested in a variety of subjects ranging from politics to camping. Larry's best trait is that he cares about people."

Larry's advice to the younger student is to "be yourself, but also be willing to adapt. Pray constantly in every situation."

Math classes are Larry's favorite classes. He says, "I like to break down problems and reconstruct them again in solving them." But the most important thing Larry learned in school was, "You can always trust God. He will never let you down." He added, "By attending this academy, I found that I wasn't alone or weird in my beliefs."

After academy graduation, Larry plans to take a year off to decide his future plans, which he says may include majoring in computer science.



Toni Crumley

Tonya "Toni" N. Crumley, 17, is the daughter of George and Rhonda Crumley of Atlanta, Indiana. She attends the Cicero Church.

A senior at Indiana Academy (IA), Toni has been involved in many different areas. She has been a member of the gymnastic team, band, bell choir and the National Honor Society. Toni has earned her certified nursing assistant license and works in area nursing home facilities. She has served as class secretary and vice president, and received

awards in World History.

Beth Barlett, IA registrar, says, "Toni combines the qualities of caring, competence and gentleness in her work and her interactions with others. She is a dependable young lady who provided outstanding support during the time she worked in the Registrar's Office. In all my interactions with her, I have never heard a complaint or cross word. From local mission work as a certified nursing assistant to global mission trips, Toni exemplifies the compassion of Jesus."

Toni's advice to underclassmen is to remember that "it doesn't matter what other people think. It matters what God thinks." The most important things Toni learned in school are, "No matter how busy you get, always put God first, and don't procrastinate." Her favorite class was World History, because "it was interesting and the class was challenging."

After graduation, Toni plans to attend college and major in elementary education.

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