

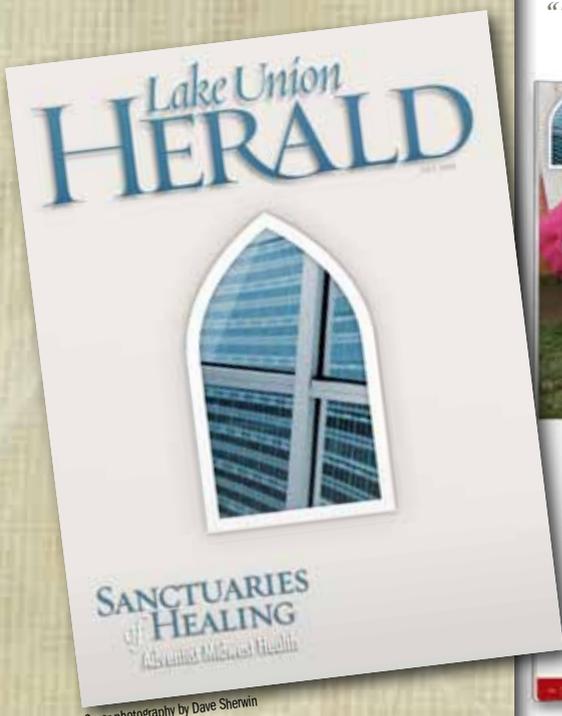
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Extending His Healing Touch Overseas

BY LISA KARRD

An average of 100 people in a month fight and sometimes lose their lives to cancer. In the United States, the most common cause of death is cancer. In the United States, the most common cause of death is cancer. In the United States, the most common cause of death is cancer. In the United States, the most common cause of death is cancer.

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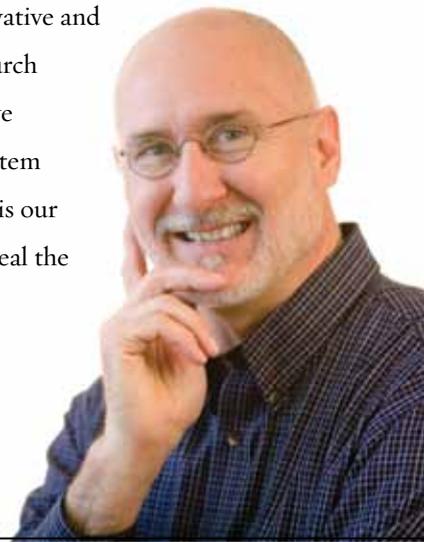
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Gary Burns, Editor



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World Class Service

If the phrase, “right arm of the message,” is new to you, it refers to the medical ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. My recent responsibilities included a close relationship with Adventist Health West, and currently I have the privilege to serve on the boards of Adventist Health System, with hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin, and Loma Linda University and Medical Center.

The challenges of operating hospitals in today’s financial and political climate are enormous. The pressures on the leadership of medical institutions are many and unrelenting, but the rewards are also great. Each time I attend a hospital or system board meeting, I hear stories of mission that relay how lives are impacted by the mission carried out by medical health professionals. Here is an edited story recently shared by a grateful parent:

“My son was a trauma patient at your hospital in April. He was hit in the eye with a baseball and was initially taken to a local community hospital at which time we were informed that he would most likely lose the sight in his right eye. After a CT scan, my son was transferred to the Emergency Room at your hospital. It is at this time that we began to experience the world class service and care we have always heard about.

“I called a friend who works for the hospital while we were in transit. I was amazed to find him in the Emergency Room along with the Chief of Ophthalmology, the Chief of Trauma and the most amazing team of doctors and nurses. The entire team not only provided the best medical care we could ever ask for, but they were constantly talking to us, reassuring us, and letting us know at all times what was taking place. The personal care that was provided by the nurse throughout the evening was amazing. I only wish I could remember her name. The compassion, care and communication we received was overwhelming! By about 9:30 p.m., we were told by the doctor that my son could see two fingers.”

This grateful parent went on to share the experience of the next several days of alert nursing care and responsive doctors who with a personal touch and extraordinary professionalism treated the primary injury and additional complications with their ministry of healing. This young man’s vision improved to 20/40.

Many years ago God showed Ellen White the powerful avenues of reaching people for Christ through the ministry of medicine. Since that time the Seventh-day Adventist Church has connected with millions of people all around the world. Lives have been touched, treated, healed and comforted through personal trauma. Most importantly, hearts have been opened to hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.

I invite you to pray for the thousands of medical caregivers and support personnel who make up our global health care ministry of which Adventist Midwest Health System here in the Lake Union is a part.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS



From left: An unexpected reunion in a Berrien Springs hardware store brought childhood friends, Ken Scribner and Dennis Snell, together and their rekindled friendship also opened the door for Dennis to renew his relationship with Jesus.

Michigan One day, while taking care of personal business at the local hardware store in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Ken Scribner crossed paths with **Dennis Snell**, also there on personal business with his wife **Judy Snell**. “I recognized [Ken] right away,” said Dennis. It took Ken a little longer to realize it was Dennis. They had lived across the street from each other as children. In the ensuing years, Dennis drifted away from the church and from the Lord.

Before they parted that day, Ken asked Dennis where he was now living. “In Edwardsburg,” he replied.

Ken’s mouth dropped open. “Edwardsburg!” Ken, on leave after pastoring for 15 years and currently the head elder of the Edwardsburg Church, was convinced their meeting was no accident.

In the following months Ken and Dennis rekindled their old friendship. Ken’s wife Kay and Judy became fast

friends; they were surprised to learn that they both lived on the same street in Berrien Springs at the same time years earlier!

Eventually, Dennis and Judy began Bible studies with Edwardsburg Church head deacon and head deaconess, Paul and Dianna Runnels. The Snells were baptized on October 4, 2008. Dennis’ parents, John and Ruby Snell, and Ken’s parents, Gordon and Beth Scribner, were all present to witness this event. “What a thrill of having the privilege of baptizing them both together!” stated Ken. Having lost his older brother to cancer in January, Ken added, “I feel like I received an older brother again!”

After the baptism, Dennis told the congregation that he and Ken had gotten into trouble together when they were children. Ken’s father had discovered them both plastering the side of his house with rotten apples. Ken was disciplined, and Dennis added, “but I got to wash it off with the water hose!”

Ken and Dennis see their meeting at the hardware store as providential. “Just one minute, and we would have missed each other!”

Kathryn A. Scribner, personal ministries secretary, Edwardsburg Church

Wisconsin When I, **Maria Ranieri**, review my life, I can see how God’s grace has led me from the very beginning. I was born in Germany to Polish war refugees in a camp organized by the United States. The camp had a hospital where I was born and remained until my family sailed to the United States when I was two years old.

The first time I attended church was on a Christmas holiday when I was four years old. We lived on the north side of Chicago when I started to attend the church’s school. I loved going to the church’s early morning worship service every chance I got.

Later, we moved to Pulaski, Wisconsin. One day a tornado touched down, destroying homes all around us. Because of God’s protection, nothing was touched where our house stood.

By the time I was a teenager, I still felt attracted to God, but my former church was no longer meaningful. However, I did begin going to a different church with a friend on weekends.

After a friend got married, I moved back to the north side of Chicago, and began to manage a fast-food store. One day a bad snowstorm hit the city, so I walked to work. After work, I took a taxi home. Trying to beat a red

light, the taxi driver lost control and hit a parked van, a tree, another car and a parking meter before his car came to rest at the side of a funeral home. I prayed for protection while this was happening, and God heard me. All I got was a sprained ankle.

After I was married and my daughter was born, my husband decided to take us to Italy for a visit. It was a sad adventure because he became deathly sick, had five operations and a month later he passed away. I was in a strange country with a small child, no money and unable to leave. However, God always provided food, money and wood for the winter from unknown sources. It took a year for me to arrange my papers to return to America. Before we could leave our area had an earthquake and we had to evacuate



As Maria Ranieri reviews her life, she says, "I can see how God's grace has led me from the very beginning."

to a mountain dwelling, then to a soccer field for more than a month. But God protected us. Soon after this the embassy gave us permission to return to America, and I thanked God for providing for us. I arranged to leave the next day, and we settled in Illinois until my daughter was in the sixth grade.

Several moves later, I located in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, where one day I found Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) as I looked through the television channels. I continued to watch 3ABN programs every

chance I got. I was amazed that a television network was actually teaching the Bible, and I could finally understand its messages. *Now what should I do?* I had learned the Bible's truths and the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventists, but did not know of any Adventist church where I could attend.

I began going to a restaurant once a month, and on the way I passed a health food store. Every time I passed it, I felt something drawing me inside. So one day I went inside and asked if they had the ingredients I needed for a recipe I had seen on 3ABN. The cashier and I began talking about 3ABN, and I discovered she was a Seventh-day Adventist. She told me one of her friends, Jane, liked company to go with her to church, and said Jane might pick me up. I left my phone number with her. Months went by, and there were no telephone invitations for church.

By then I had moved to McFarland, Wisconsin. One day as I was driving to my sister's baby shower in Illinois, my cell phone rang. I didn't recognize the number, so I didn't answer the call. At my sister's house, my cell phone rang again from the same number. (You need to understand I don't get cell phone calls unless it is a family member.) Finally, I answered the phone and a lovely voice asked me if I would like to attend the Adventist church with her. I couldn't believe it. Here I was in Illinois and someone calls me to attend church! When I explained I had moved, she said it was alright, since the Adventist church wasn't far from my house.

When I returned to Wisconsin, Jane offered to drive me to my Bible study each Wednesday night, and she drove me and my two grandchildren to church every Sabbath.

I began taking Bible studies in July 2007, and by December 2007 I was converted and baptized. Now I praise and thank God that I have become part of a beautiful church family. At last, I feel that I am home!

Maria Ranieri and Julie Ganski as shared with Bruce Babiencko, correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*

Share the Good News!

Do you know of someone who recently made a decision for Christ? Submit your story to the editors at our Web site: www.lakeunionherald.org



The Lord Needs You!

BY SOPHIA HART

Last summer I approached a home with one of my literature evangelism ministry leaders and knocked on the door. A middle-aged woman opened the door. I introduced myself and the ministry leader, and then began to share why I was visiting her. When I asked her, “Do you like to read?” she said, “Yes! I’m a librarian.”

Excitement grew inside me as I extended *The Great Controversy* to her. She took the book, and I told her all about it. The woman asked us who wrote it. I responded, “Ellen White, have you heard of her?” She said, “No,” then asked us a few more questions about the book and inquired about the price. I suggested a donation amount. The woman retreated inside, but soon returned with the amount stated. Praise the Lord, she took the book! She was the only librarian I spoke to last summer who accepted *The Great Controversy*.

Another experience happened on a humid, cloudy day. I looked down the road and saw a woman chasing after a little child, just a few houses from where I was. Soon, I neared the woman with the little girl. As I began to talk to the woman, and shared information about a book entitled, *My Friend Jesus*, the little girl said, “I want it! I want it!” I told the woman she could have it in her home for a suggested donation. The lady was very hesitant, but the little girl was insistent and kept repeating, “I want it! I want it!” Eventually, the lady decided to take the book and gave a donation. How thrilling to place a Christian book in that home!

Soon, the weather began to change dramatically. My



Sophia Hart (red shirt) says, “Opportunities are available to serve the Lord as a literature evangelist. The Lord needs you!” She invites other young people to consider joining the Review Youth Canvassing Army.

leader picked up my comrade and me; we left the area to rescue our other comrades, since it was raining hard! Dark clouds moved fast. As we drove, I reflected in amazement about the woman and little girl I had just met who received the book, *My Friend Jesus*. I recalled that in the book there is a story from the Bible about how Jesus was sleeping peacefully in the boat while His disciples were

awake during the storm. The disciples were scared and they woke Him up. Then Jesus calmed the storm. Was it a coincidence that the little girl would learn about Jesus calming a storm? I don’t think so! It’s experiences like these that are awesome, and very rare.

Opportunities are available to serve the Lord as a literature evangelist. The Lord needs you! I invite you to consider joining the Review Youth Canvassing Army, where you will learn “to bring hope to someone who might be on the end of their rope, to share the love of Jesus with someone who may never ever visit a church, to make a difference in literally hundreds of people’s lives ..., to reach your world for Christ.” Visit rycarmy.com to learn more.

Sophia Hart is a member of the Naperville Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Brightening a Bleak and Desolate Place

BY JERLEE TAYLOR-BOND

Intrepid members from the Ann Arbor Church visited Las Palmeras, Ecuador, last July to build a church. For some, it was their first visit to an area that mission trip organizer, Dave Reid, calls, “a bleak, desolate place.” The villagers have no bathrooms in their tiny, ramshackle homes, and instead of carpet, wood or tile they have simple dirt floors. For other members, however, it was a return visit. Why do they keep returning?

Tom Frary is a returning worker who worried that lack of funds would prevent him from joining the trip. The Lord impressed Tom to sell his car to come up with the necessary funds. He listed his car online, then removed his ad after a week. Tom was impressed to run it again, but this time with a slightly lower sale price. The car sold the last day funds and applications were accepted for the mission trip!



mother, daughter, and son

Tom’s favorite part of the mission trip was discussing Bible questions and become better acquainted with villagers. He looks forward to the next trip.

First-timer Maria Velez heard her husband’s stories from last year’s mission trip, but she was unprepared for Las Palmeras’ abject poverty. Maria quickly learned, however, of the children’s abundant spirits. A favorite memories is a little boy who repeatedly asked, “*Dome biblia, dome biblia.*” And yes, by the end of their mission trip, he had his Bible.

Las Palmeras was first visited by Ann Arbor Church members in 2004, and they built a daycare facility. Children had a place to go during the day, instead of running around unsupervised. Subsequent mission teams established an adult education building and a play area for the children, with play courts instead of just rocks. The Las Palmeras children have few toys, and those toys are brought by workers each year.

In Las Palmeras, if a child wants to attend school, they must pay between \$50 and \$500 annually, depending upon their age and the school. For most Las Palmeras families, \$50 is unaffordable. Many Las Palmeras young girls are pregnant by their early teens, and have multiple children by their early 20s. Church members who assist with school fees hope to give those children a glimpse of a different life that is not filled with daily

poverty.

After the 2008 trip, Dave was pleased to report there is now a Bible worker visiting Las Palmeras. Also, during the most recent mission trip, 12 people dedicated their lives to Jesus. The Bible worker will support those new in faith and continue to offer Bible studies to interested families.

There are many ways you can help the people of Ecuador, such as sponsoring a child’s education, contributing to the operating expenses of the daycare center, or helping to fund the 2009 mission project. To do more and see for yourself how this annual mission trip truly changes lives, contact Dave at drreid1958@gmail.com. He will be excited to talk with you about the people of Ecuador!

Jerlee Taylor-Bond is a member of the Ann Arbor Church in Michigan.





Preparing for Marriage

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

“If there is any subject which should be carefully considered, in which the counsel of older and more experienced persons should be sought, it is the subject of marriage; if ever the Bible was needed as a counselor, if ever divine guidance should be sought in prayer, it is before taking a step that binds persons together for life” (The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 175).

Sometimes called premarital education, premarital counseling is intended for couples who are considering becoming engaged or for couples who have already decided to get married and would like to prepare for the road ahead.

Approaches include many formats such as lectures, workshops, homework, group or individual sessions, or a combination of these. They may involve personal and relationship inventories, role-playing, communication exercises and mentoring. Fees may range from about \$250 to \$3,000 depending on the type and duration of the counseling, which can be anywhere from several hours to on-going work for many months.

Research has shown the average couple who participates in a premarital counseling and education program reports a 30 percent stronger marriage than other couples. Couples say that to be effective, in the short- and long-run, premarital preparation needs to be skills-based, include communication and conflict resolution, be presented by individuals who are trained to do so, be collaborative when necessary and not be mandated. When counseling was mandated, the couples received mostly lectures, the pastors were not considered to be good examples, they were not seen as competent, and the participants didn't feel comfortable asking questions.¹

David Olson and associates have developed highly effective instruments used in premarital education and counseling. More than 2.5 million couples have taken one of five print and online scored inventories, which include Prepare (for engaged couples), Prepare-MC (marrying with children), Prepare-CC (for cohabitating couples), Enrich (for those married) and Mate (for couples older than 50 planning marriage or facing life transitions). The new Customized Version of Prepare/Enrich (6th version) is the most

advanced couple assessment tool and is new this year. Many Seventh-day Adventist pastors and counselors use these inventories. Extensive information is found at lifeinnovations.com. If you want to find a trained professional in your area, follow the “Couples” link.

Adventist Engaged Encounter (AEE), a weekend-long enrichment opportunity for engaged and newly married couples, began at Andrews University in 1978 and continued for 26 years, with more than 1,200 couples attending. Some readers of this column likely attended an AEE weekend. The good news is that AEE is being re-established on the Andrews campus with two weekends scheduled in the coming school year: October 23–25 and March 26–28, 2010. Information and registration materials are available from Andrews University Campus Ministries.



If you are preparing for marriage, an important thing to re-

member is that a wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime. Take advantage of every opportunity to build a strong foundation of understanding and commitment, not only to the man or woman whom you love but also to the institution of marriage—one of God's greatest gifts!

Susan Murray is an associate professor of family studies who teaches behavioral science and social work at Andrews University. She is a certified family life educator and a licensed marriage and family therapist.

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Meat on the Menu

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

You need it to build muscle. And it helps to form rich, red blood. Such are the lines we are sold regarding red meat. But muscle building is not dependent upon meat, and the prevalence of anemia in vegetarians is no different to that of meat consumers.

So why is meat preferred by so many people? Could it be taste, or culture? We know that it cannot be economic reasons, since a serving of beans costs only a fraction that of a serving of meat. It is probably unrelated to monotony or a lack of variety in the diet, since there are more than 4,000 cultivars of beans, peas and lentils in the United States. These legumes come in many colors, including green, brown, red, and yellow, black and white. And again, meat certainly does not come out ahead when one is discussing the carbon footprint and environmental concerns.

And how does red meat stack up health-wise? Well, burger lovers beware. If you want to live longer you probably need to cut back on red meat. People who eat red meat every day have a higher risk of dying. In a recent NIH Health Study of half a million people aged 50 to 71 years, red and processed meat intakes were associated with modest increases in mortality. Men and women consuming the highest intake of red meat had a 31–36 percent higher risk for overall mortality, a 20–22 percent elevated risk for cancer mortality, and a 27–50 percent higher risk of cardiovascular disease compared to those with the lowest intake of red meat.

The researchers estimated that 11 percent of deaths in men and 16 percent of deaths in women during the study



could have been prevented by reducing consumption of red meat. The red meat in the study included all types of beef and pork, including bacon, cold cuts, hamburgers, hot dogs and steak, as well as meat in pizza, chili and lasagna.

In the Adventist Health Study, regular consumers of meat were 30 percent more likely to develop diabetes. In the Nurses' Health Study at Harvard, involving almost 70,000 women, diabetes was significantly linked to the consumption of bacon, hot dogs and red meat.

Furthermore, Adventist men who consumed beef three or more times a week had more than twice the risk of a fatal heart attack as Adventist men who never ate beef. Beef consumption also boosts blood pressure levels and risk of stroke. Adventist meat eaters were found to have a 20–30 percent higher risk of fatal stroke than vegetarians.

In another study, Adventist men and women who ate red meat one or more times a week had almost twice the risk of colon cancer as those who never ate red meat. As early as 1890 it was noted that, "Many die of diseases wholly due to meat-eating, when the real cause is scarcely suspected by themselves or others" (*Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene*, p. 47).

Winston Craig, Ph.D., RD, is a professor of nutrition at Andrews University.



God's Loving Hands

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Home-care nurses are God's loving hands. Nurse Samantha knew that for sure on the cold rainy day when Mrs. Cook finally opened her door.

"I rang the doorbell, pounded on the door, checked the address and pounded some more. Knowing that Mrs. Cook had just come home from the hospital, and that I had talked with her on the phone a few minutes before, I knew she was there. So I pounded some more."

Mrs. Cook finally opened the door a very tiny crack.

"Hello, Mrs. Cook. I'm Samantha, your home-care nurse, and your doctor asked me to check on how you're healing from your surgery. May I come in?"

"No. You cannot come in."

"But, Mrs. Cook," nurse Samantha laughed, "I can't check your surgical wound through the door!"

Mrs. Cook chuckled too, but maintained a closed door. The discussion went back and forth until they finally found a compromise. Mrs. Cook squeezed through the crack, sat on her porch chair, and hiked her blouse up to expose her slowly healing abdominal wound.

Traffic roared by just a few yards from the house. The postman tried to deliver the mail—and learned to whistle while he worked. And Samantha came for 45 minutes every day to care for her patient. Always on the porch. In all kinds of weather. With whistling.

Then winter came, and Mrs. Cook finally allowed nurse Samantha through the front door into her dark house.

Unopened junk mail, all sorts of trash and millions of industrious cockroaches filled the rooms—floor to ceiling. The kitchen was black with cockroach droppings. The cabinets were cluttered with canned goods whose labels had become roach desserts.

"I didn't always live like this," Mrs. Cook wept. "I was a

professional woman with a good job until my mother and my son, who were both living with me, got sick. They died ten years ago, and I haven't been able to live a normal life since."

The two friends cried together, and then Samantha asked if she could help her clean the house. Mrs. Cook agreed, and shared her dream of someday having a beautifully clean, totally white kitchen.

"But I have no one to help me," she said. "And no one would be willing to tackle this filthy challenge."

Samantha's teenage son Jeremy and his friend Eric willingly became the "clean-up" crew and started scraping off the kitchen wallpaper and killing cockroaches. Samantha called three pest extermination companies, but none were willing to attack the roach army. So she bought a case of "kill 'em dead" spray and started fumigating at the kitchen door.

Once the bugs abandoned their palace, Mrs. Cook asked if maybe the windows could be replaced so she could see outside her house. So Samantha took her to town to choose windows, cabinets, a stove and a shiny new refrigerator.

It took many months for everything to come together, but just before Christmas there was a party in Mrs. Cook's kitchen. A neighbor joined the "clean-up" crew, and everyone shared pizza, popcorn, root beer, Christmas cake and laughter. Lots of laughter!

That night Mrs. Cook went to sleep watching the night sky through a new window and smelling the fragrance of fresh paint. She was smiling. Happy. Loved.

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Dear God...

BY DON JACOBSEN

Dear God,
I've been thinking, *What's a nice church like ours doing in a complicated and competitive business like healthcare? As a small denomination in North America, is this the best place to invest our resources? A lot of us tend to cluster around our big institutions; does this soak up a lot of people who might better be disbursed in other places where we have little or no presence?*

Thank You for helping me as I've wrestled with these honest questions. And thank You for helping me look at the issues through Your eyes. Even though Jesus had a pressing message to deliver to His world—as do we—the Book records that He spent more time healing than preaching. I know enough about Him to know that was no accident.

I recognize that when we learn to love Jesus we immediately want to help people. You helped us do something about that early in our history. We were organized in 1863; just two years later the Battle Creek Sanitarium opened (as the Western Health Reform Institute). We've been in the health business ever since. It has not only helped us to live longer as a people, it also enabled us to love a lot of folks we might have missed.

It was an eye-opener for me to serve as Board vice-chair of a wonderful Adventist hospital for eight years. It was there I began to understand how hard our healthcare people work to be genuine extensions of the healing hands of the Great Physician—even in a difficult business climate. It was there I began to understand that we can help people find healing, even though there are times when we can't get them well.

That helped me see why we have invested so heavily in being a healing church. It also helped me begin to grasp the truth that medical missionary work is to this Movement what a strong right arm is to a healthy body. It reaches. It caresses. It lifts up. It supports. It encircles and encourages. I like those pictures, Lord. I like the imagery of a church that is helpful and caring. Your Son was like that when He was here.

I remember several years ago when my mother died... I wasn't near when her gentle heart stopped beating, but my dad got there moments later. He was crushed by his loss, but one of the first things he told me was that when he arrived at her bedside there were two nurses in her room, crying. They were grieving that they had lost a friend. Jesus also cried when He lost a friend. Christ-like healthcare makes a strong personal investment in those it serves.

I want to lift up all of our caregivers before you today, Father. Keep them strong. Keep them focused on mission. And help them to keep finding joy in the unique opportunity they have to be healing extensions of who You are.

Amen.

Your friend

Don Jacobsen is the former president of Adventist World Radio. He writes from Hiawassee, Georgia.

Offering Hope and Affirming Faith

BY MICHAEL CAMPOS

Helen Penn and Sara Moore are residents of Ruth Shriman House, an assisted living facility in Chicago, Ill. On March 28, about 25 Andrews University students had a chance to become their friends.

“You can’t imagine how everyone is buzzing about our afternoon,” Sara wrote in a thank-you letter. “It’s so good to get to speak with young people and get their views about the world. It’s also remarkable this group actually listened to what we have to say.”

Helen had a similarly positive experience. “I had the pleasure of meeting a group of students from Andrews University. They served us a meal and gave us music and fellowship. It was obvious they were from a religious university. The way they conducted themselves and the manner in which they treated the tenants was wonderful.”

The group who visited the residents were MyTown Ministries volunteers, an outreach opportunity for Andrews University students. Taking a creative approach to achieving the founding goal of “Touching Everyone for Jesus,” we, as college students, develop our talents through church and community service projects while also establishing a connection with Chicago-area Seventh-day Adventists.

On the last Sabbath of every month, MyTown Ministries holds its main activity with an average of 25–30 Andrews University students participating. We lead out in church services and perform afternoon community outreach such as volunteering at soup kitchens, door-to-door ministries, elderly visitation and working with children.

The weekend our group met Helen and Sara, MyTown Ministries volunteers joined forces with Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly. Together, the two teams of volunteers hosted a banquet for Shriman House residents. It was three



Hafiz Ally (right) gets a hug from a resident of the Ruth Shriman House.



Erin Schutt (left) and Erika Martin (right) pose with a resident of the Ruth Shriman House.

hours of socializing, listening, singing and, most importantly, sharing the love of God with the residents.

Helen and Sara weren’t the only ones blessed by the experience. So were our volunteers.

“I felt privileged to spend some time with these adorable seniors as I noticed that they were having a great time with our group of volunteers,” said Rosiele Nascimento, an MBA student. “Even though it seems we were providing a service to them, I feel we benefited the most from them sharing their life experiences and wisdom with us.”

“When I first started talking to Sara, I was a bit saddened when she expressed her eagerness to speak with me, because

the social workers informed us earlier that they don’t get many visitors. Although she was very happy with the time spent, it is hard for me to even come close to imagining how she could have received more of a blessing than what she was to me that day,” said Hafiz Ally, an Andrews alum (BBA ‘07).

MyTown Ministries provides not only myself but fellow Andrews students an opportunity to affirm faith while changing the world—one person at a time. It’s my prayer that these activities will impact our lives and those we touch for eternity and ultimately lead individuals to the kingdom of God.

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MyTown Ministries was created under the leadership of Kenneth Denslow, president of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Jose Bourget, pastor, a graduate of Andrews University.



NUESTRO AMIGO INOLVIDABLE

POR CARMELO MERCADO

El amor, la cortesía y el sacrificio propio nunca se pierden. Cuando los elegidos de Dios sean transformados de mortales a inmortales, sus palabras y actos de bondad serán manifestados y preservados por toda la eternidad.

... Por medio de los méritos de la justicia imputada de Cristo, la fragancia de estas palabras y actos serán preservados para siempre (Review and Herald, 10 de marzo de 1904).

Jamás olvidaré mi primer encuentro con Walter Wright, anterior presidente de la Unión del Lago. Fue en el año 2002 que siendo yo pastor de un distrito preparé un video sobre la tragedia de 9/11. Quería hacerlo conocer y distribuirlo a los pastores de la Unión del Lago para sus campañas de evangelismo y decidí ir a la Unión para pedir ayuda para promoverlo. Me entrevisté con el pastor Wright, quien en ese tiempo era secretario de la Unión. Me sentí complacido por su apoyo a mi proyecto, pero más que nada, me impresionó él como persona --un administrador deseoso de ayudar y apoyar a su iglesia.

Dos años más tarde me sorprendió una llamada telefónica de él en la que me decía que quería hablar conmigo. En ese tiempo él era presidente de la Unión y yo no tenía la menor idea que me iba a decir. Por esta razón fue una gran sorpresa para mí cuando me invitó para ser uno de sus colegas en la administración. Yo había tenido poca comunicación con él antes de esa entrevista, sin embargo era evidente que él había llegado a la conclusión de que quería tener a su lado a administradores que compartieran con él su amor por su iglesia y que tuvieran el deseo de avanzar la obra en la Unión.

Durante el tiempo que el pastor Wright fue nuestro presidente pude ver muy de cerca su dedicación a la causa de Dios. En momentos en que la Unión enfrentó grandes desafíos él dedicó mucho de su tiempo para reunirse con sus colegas administradores para tratar de resolver los problemas. De manera especial, yo sentí que él amaba a las iglesias hispanas. Siempre apoyó todas las reuniones hispanas que hubo a nivel de unión y llegó a estar presente en la mayoría de ellas. El pastor Wright y su esposa nos acompañaban en las fiestas navideñas que teníamos con los pastores



El pastor Walter L. Wright y su esposa Jackie en la República Dominicana

hispanos y él siempre pronunciaba palabras de mucho ánimo y aprecio por lo que los hispanos hacían para compartir su fe con otros.

En lo personal nunca olvidaré sus palabras de aliento en momentos de desánimo. Sé que tanto él como su esposa presentaban seminarios sobre la familia con el mismo propósito de dar aliento y fortaleza a las familias, y es algo que se apreciaba muchísimo.

La obra de Dios fue grandemente bendecida por el liderazgo de este santo hombre de Dios. Nosotros, los que trabajamos con él, sentimos una gran pérdida por su fallecimiento. Pero a la vez nunca olvidaremos su ejemplo de fidelidad y consagración. Recordaré su energía y dedicación al dirigir la obra de Dios, cosa que nunca disminuyó aún durante su enfermedad. Y en especial recordaré siempre el amor que sentía y demostraba por el pueblo de Dios.

El pastor Wright hizo una buena obra y tiene reservada su corona de victoria. Mi oración es que nosotros no olvidemos su ejemplo y podamos representar el carácter de Cristo en nuestras vidas.

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

Taking Care of the Patient in Their Own Backyard

BY DAVE CRANE

When a family member or loved one becomes sick, it can be an overwhelming experience. Not only are patients and their families filled with worry, they often find themselves in unfamiliar locations. Add in the hassles and the stresses of a big city like Chicago, and it's no wonder families end up exhausted and drained.

At Adventist Midwest Health, we're focusing on bringing world-class healthcare to our patients' backyards. This means providing the same level of services found in the major academic hospitals in Chicago. With some of the brightest minds in medicine providing care, we are truly succeeding in this mission.

In January, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital celebrated its first anniversary with an impressive list of accomplishments. During its first year, more than 30,000 patients sought treatment in the emergency room and more than 700 babies were born. The hospital also opened a cardiac catheterization lab, providing critical access for residents close to home.

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital opened a new Heart & Vascular Institute that allows patients with life-threatening heart blockages or those who need pacemakers or implantable defibrillators to receive care in their own community. The hospital also has received the prestigious chest pain center accreditation by the Society of Chest Pain Centers.

Adventist Hinsdale Hospital is partnering with the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital to allow pediatric epilepsy patients to stay in the suburbs while being monitored by top national experts. As patients are monitored at the hospital, their data is transmitted in real time to pediatric epileptologists in Chicago.

At Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, physicians are pioneering new procedures and surgeries that require tiny incisions, which help speed healing and recovery for patients. In fact, many of our physicians are on staff or have teaching positions at academic centers.

The impact of having these services and outstanding clinical care close to home was illustrated to me recently

during a phone call from a mother named Angela. She was with her 14-year-old son in Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's pediatric unit, and she called to thank me for the extraordinary care her family was experiencing.

Angela's son has Niemann-Pick disease, a rare disease caused by a genetic mutation that affects metabolism. There are only 350 cases worldwide like the one Angela's son has, and the disease will eventually claim his life. Even though Angela was facing insurmountable obstacles, she took the time to thank us for the care and support she was receiving from our physicians, nurses and staff.

It touched me to hear Angela speak of the compassionate care we were providing and the comfort she felt in being at a hospital that was close to home with her support system nearby. Her call showed me the powerful impact of our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ.

Jesus' healing ministry knew no bounds. He reached out to people from all walks of life to heal them. He met them in their towns, on dusty roads, in humble houses. He cared compassionately with a personal touch.

Angela's story reminded me that we are all healers, no matter if we perform a lifesaving procedure, provide a comforting touch or simply listen to a mother talk about the struggles her family has faced. We are honored to provide this level of care, close to home.

Dave Crane is the CEO of Adventist Midwest Health

Our Legacy of Health Ministry

Some have said that the Adventist Church through its history is like a stool supported by four legs: the local congregation, the educational program, the publishing work and medical ministry. In these next few paragraphs, let's take a look at medical or health ministry.

On June 6, 1863, two weeks after the organization of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ellen White had a major vision regarding health. The substance of that vision over time came to be referred to as the "health message." In the Adventist classic, *The Story of Our Health Message*, D.E. Robinson wrote: "As though Heaven had been waiting for the arrival of this propitious time for a united advance in temperance and godliness, the Spirit of God now spoke to the church through the prophetic gift by which it had received counsel and guidance all along the way." This vision became the basis for the worldwide Adventist interest in healthy living and medical ministry. From cooking schools to cutting-edge cancer treatment, Adventists have been obsessed with caring for the whole person, including the body.

Adventist Midwest Health, our Lake Union region of Adventist Health System (AHS), operates five hospitals: Adventist Bolingbrook, Adventist GlenOaks, Adventist Hinsdale and Adventist La Grange Memorial in Illinois, and Chippewa Valley in Wisconsin. In addition, there are many ancillary facilities like doctors' offices, imaging centers, hospice and labs, etc.

When I drive down the highway and see a huge billboard

proclaiming the ministry of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital or Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, or hear ads for Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital or Adventist La Grange Hospital on the radio, my heart skips a beat. That is my church sponsoring those hospitals, which are touching hundreds of thousands of lives each year for Jesus.

Just a few weeks ago the *Chicago Tribune* ran a front page story in all its Sunday editions telling about the ministry of Dan Ocampo, a chaplain at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. He is quoted saying: "Seventh-day Adventists believe that health ministry is the right-arm of the gospel." (You can read the entire story at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-night-chaplain-26-bdapr26,0,7122957-story>.)

I am proud the AHS mission statement talks about "Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ." Through all the AHS facilities, employees and volunteers are able to touch the lives of about four million patients each year. Every day, thousands of AHS employees also share a smile or a prayer or a word of comfort with patients, and thereby promote hope and healing.

What AHS makes possible in ministry is not restricted to the 37 hospitals that are being operated in 12 states, including the five hospitals here in the Lake Union. AHS also funds health ministry projects through the conferences in their territory. For instance, many have seen the *Balance* magazines which have been developed and published by the Michigan Conference. This series of 12 undated magazines on health and faith was developed by Vicki and Dane Griffin. What many people don't know is that AHS is a major partner in this project. Already, 300,000 of these maga-

zines have been sold to be used in health ministry in various places across the country, including thousands which are made available to the public in AHS offices throughout its territory. When I talked to Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, about this partnership, he said: “We are so grateful to be working with AHS on this project, and it’s having a huge impact on people’s lives.” This is just one project where AHS has participated with conferences and unions in touching people for Jesus—caring for the whole person.

Health ministry takes many shapes. I am proud that the Seventh-day Adventist Church was a leader in the anti-smoking movement long before it was a popular position. I venture to say that most of the churches in the Lake Union have conducted Breathe Free stop smoking classes in their community at some time. I am proud that the official position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is one of abstinence when it comes to alcohol. Through *Listen* magazine and its educational programs in public schools, American children are hearing the other side of the story about alcohol.

Many churches throughout the Lake Union have become involved with Hans Diehl’s CHIP program. CHIP, the Cardio Health Improvement Project, has been embraced for its application of solid scientific research for healthy lifestyles. In Rockford, Illinois, thousands of people have completed the hospital-based CHIP program in that community. It has made such an impact that local restaurants have found it necessary to list in their menus which items are “CHIP approved.” Dozens of churches in the Indiana Conference offer CHIP or Micro-CHIP programs capably led by Clinton Meharry, Indiana Conference health ministries director, and Susan Landess, Indiana Healthy Choices director (see <http://www.lifestyle4health.org/contact.html>). The Anderson (Indiana) Church, especially, has embraced CHIP and works in cooperation with their local hospitals. Oh, by the way, the training program and material costs for this health emphasis in Indiana is also funded by AHS through a program called F.A.C.E. (Following After Christ’s Example in Service).

Historically, Adventism has faced significant challenges reaching the Korean community. Korean churches in the Lake Union have discovered that one of the best ways to get involved in their local Korean communities is through health programming. The Chicago Unity Church has, for many years, conducted a short-term resident NEWSTART program modeled after the Wiemar Center of Health & Education program by the same name. The

church members have made many friends for the church and seen numerous baptisms as a result. (NEWSTART is an acronym for eight specific health principles: Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest and Trust in Divine Power).

To this point, we have seen a few of the good things that are happening in health ministry. Now let’s talk about what we can improve. Recently, Adventists have been noticed again for our longevity. It comes at a time when we are nearing the conclusion of a landmark research project entitled Adventist Health Study-2. In the past couple of years, there was an extremely positive article about Adventist lifestyle in the *National Geographic* magazine. About that same time, there was a feature story on CNN about Adventist longevity and our health message.

On February 20, Deborah Kotz wrote an article in *U.S. News and World Report* entitled: “10 Health Habits That Will Help You Live to 100”. Habit No. 8 was: Live like a Seventh-day Adventist. She went on to say, “Americans who define themselves as Seventh Day Adventists have an average life expectancy of 89, about a decade longer than the average American. One of the basic tenets of the religion is that it’s important to cherish the body that’s on loan from God, which means no smoking, alcohol abuse, or indulging in sweets. Followers typically stick to a vegetarian diet based on fruits, vegetables, beans, and nuts, and get plenty of exercise. They’re also very focused on family and community.”

I am proud to see the church I am a part of portrayed so positively and I’m sure you are, too. But maybe, like me, you worry that your lifestyle doesn’t quite match the hype. I am overweight and don’t get enough sleep or exercise. Now don’t misunderstand, I don’t want to get stuck in the rut of legalism and judgmentalism in this area of healthy living. But I do want to be a faithful disciple of Jesus and be a better steward of my physical being. Personally, I am having a bit of a “health message” renewal. And I want others to know that He has a plan for their total health, too.

As a church, this is our time. The spotlight is on us and our wellness. We have a wonderful legacy of health ministry; we have been allowed to be stewards of a positive health message. Let’s embrace it! And when someone comes and wants to know why we live longer, let’s tell them about the principles of health but also let them know that there is One who has this to say: “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).



Fulfilling our Hospital's Mission

For Rudy Cortes, working in health care isn't a job—it's a calling. As the lead nuclear medicine technologist at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, Rudy performs nuclear medicine studies on patients. But he says his most important responsibility is lifting patients' spirits.

"My job is to connect with patients on a deeper level, to show them compassion," Rudy said. "If I can help a sick person by providing a positive hospital experience, I've done my job."

Rudy is passionate about patient care. He begins every day with a prayer and lives by the principles outlined in "The Optimist Creed," which is posted at his desk. It reads, in part: "Promise yourself ... to talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet ... to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own ... and to wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile."

"Those aren't just words on paper to Rudy—he truly lives by that philosophy," said Rick Mace, chief executive officer of Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. "You only need to pass him in the hallway to feel Rudy's passion for our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ."

For those reasons and more, the 45-year-old was named Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital's 2008 Employee of the Year.

"Rudy has a way of making his patients feel at ease and acknowledging and alleviating their concerns. For example, he always gives patients blankets and brings them glasses of water before they even ask for these comforts," said his supervisor, Cecille Truver, manager of radiology/imaging.

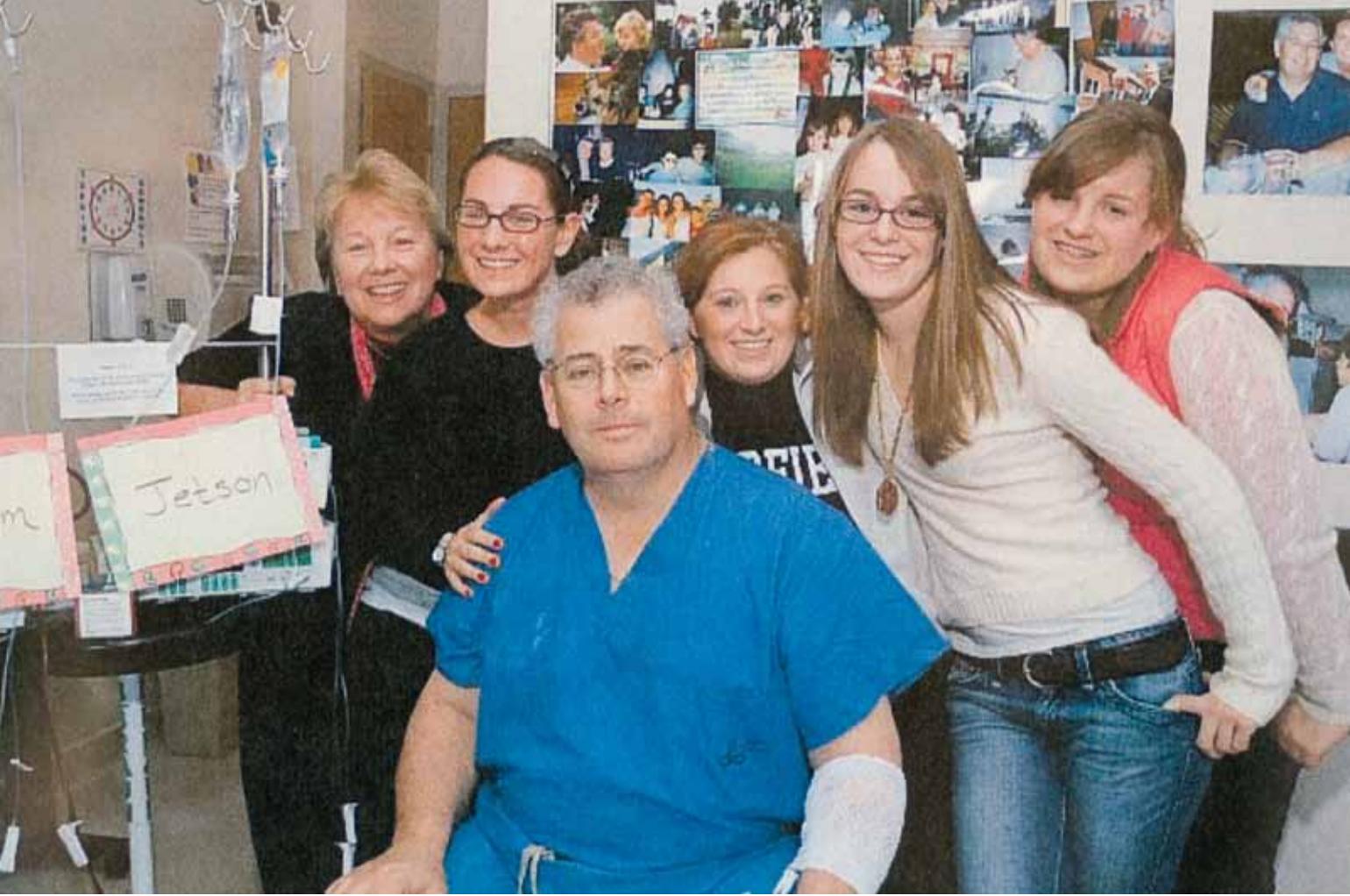
"Rudy comes to work with a sense of purpose and always has the hospital mission at heart in all that he does. He is a great example to all employees of what it means to serve."

Rudy serves as one of the hospital's spiritual ambassadors. Spiritual ambassadors are employees trained to identify, connect with and call upon the source of meaning, purpose and hope in an employee's life. The program is open to any employee of any faith background who is nonjudgmental, a good listener and able to empathize with colleagues. He also took on the role of lead angel in the hospital's "Living Nativity" performance in December and was one of more than 25 Adventist Midwest Health employees who went on a medical mission trip to Honduras earlier this year. A native Spanish speaker, Rudy served as a translator and caregiver. He was often spotted playing with the young children at the orphanage the team served.

Hired shortly before the hospital opened in January 2008, Rudy has more than 25 years of health-care experience. His career began when he worked as a patient transporter while he was still in high school. He worked his way up as he pursued his education and training.

"It's not about me," Rudy said. "I'm just a messenger. I'm here to play a small part in fulfilling our hospital's mission. That's very humbling."

Lisa Parro, public relations specialist, Adventist Midwest Health



Healing Hearts, Touching Lives

The human heart is a marvelous organ. Its vital beating reminds us of the vulnerability of our human bodies, the strength of our Creator and the miracle of life. For David Calandra, a cardiothoracic surgeon at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, and his wife Marcie, a cardiovascular nurse specialist, hearts were thematic in their life together—a shared profession and passion. As a surgeon, David healed countless hearts through his surgeries. As a man committed to Christ, he touched the lives of his patients, colleagues, family and friends.

“He was a surgeon who really understood our mission of ‘Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ,’” says John Rapp, regional vice president for ministries and mission at Adventist Midwest Health. “He believed it, he felt it and he lived it. And that example was so powerful that it just affected everybody here.”

Every day on the job, David demonstrated an unyielding drive and commitment to each of his patients, regardless of how difficult their case was. Even when faced with his own battles, he never stopped caring for those around him.

On February 14, 2007, David was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. At the face of adversity, David re-

mained strong and steadfast in his faith. He told his wife, “Marcie, this is God’s plan for us and we are going to walk through this journey as believers and followers of Jesus Christ; to show His glory through the whole journey.”

The very next day, David was admitted to Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, the same hospital where he served as a heart surgeon. During the next 60 days he underwent two courses of chemotherapy. Doctors regrettably concluded that their colleague, and friend, was suffering from a type of leukemia that could not be treated with conventional methods.

The family searched for a hospital that could treat David’s rare leukemia as well as meet the needs of their family. The Calandras decided on M.D. Anderson, in Houston, Texas, where the family could stay with David in his room, helping him every step of the way.

“We wanted to make this journey together,” Marcie explains. “His leukemia was my leukemia, and his leukemia was the girls’ leukemia.”

Leaving behind their jobs, schools and friends, the Calandras made the trip to Texas as a family. The “Calandra girls” remained by David’s side throughout his treatment. Marcie stayed with him during the day, tending to his every need. At night, his daughters took turns staying awake at his bedside.

“They would stay up and make sure he was breathing and that he wouldn’t fall if he got out of bed, and that all of his needs were met as much as we could possibly help him,” Marcie says.

As David progressed through his treatment, he wrote about his journey. He began blogging on Caring Bridge, a Web site designed to connect loved ones during illness, treatment and recovery. For 16 months, David devotedly wrote on Caring Bridge sharing his deepest thoughts, his struggles and his unflinching faith in the Lord.

“One day I particularly remember,” Marcie says, “he had bright-red chemo flowing into his veins that was too dangerous to touch with human hands. And at that very moment, he opened up his laptop and began writing on Caring Bridge—teaching and preaching and sharing his faith, so those who will read it might experience the awesome faith that he had, even in the midst of the drama that he was experiencing.”

On May 5, 2008, David passed away. As Marcie and their daughters tried to come to terms with life without the loving father and husband, they realized that in many ways they didn’t have to. David’s legacy lived on in the lives of countless people around them: nurses in his operating room, fellow surgeons in the cardiovascular ward, staff

members in Adventist Hinsdale Hospital’s administration, neighbors and friends.

“There was an incredible community outpouring of the love that people had for him,” says Marcie. “People would come up to me and say that because of David’s faith, in this whole journey, they had recommitted their lives to God.”

“It was hard to know David Calandra and not be changed at some level,” says Michael Zindrick, an orthopedic surgeon at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. “David’s approach to life and to other people was all based in his faith, and David treated everyone with dignity and respect, whether that was the environmental services staff in the operating room, a patient, a colleague or just the common man on the street. David was a beacon.”

Doctors who commit themselves to emulating Christ in their lives, like David, are helping create the culture of Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals—a culture based on whole-person treatment, heartfelt prayers and compassionate care.

“As a heart surgeon, David had the opportunity to see a beating heart and to touch it, which is an incredible thing,” Marcie says. “Yet the hearts that he really touched were the hearts that led people to the Lord. That had more of an effect than even his surgeries did in giving life to other people.”

Julie Zaiback is a corporate communications specialist at Adventist Health System.



Practicing Whole-Person Care

Whole-person care goes beyond treating a patient's physical illness; it means providing for the spiritual, emotional and mental needs of patients and their families.

"I'm proud to say that our employees consistently live out our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ," said Nancy Burke, director of emergency/ambulatory care services at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Don Alberts is a firm believer in the power of prayer, and he regularly prays for his patients and their families. Last year when Susan Bologna entered the ER with severe abdominal pain, a computerized tomography image (CT Scan) showed a mass in her abdomen; the examining physician told Susan's family it could be a cancerous tumor. As they awaited further test results, Don offered to pray with them.

"When Don came into Mom's emergency room, it was as if Jesus was standing there before us," recalled Susan's daughter, Mary Ann Jordan. "His loving and caring manner, his rock-solid faith and his certain and fervent prayers for my mother instilled such comfort and strength to a family who was already quite emotionally and physically depleted."

The mass was a result of diverticulitis, a condition that develops when pouches known as diverticula form in the wall of the colon. The diagnosis was a relief to Susan's family. A colonoscopy later confirmed the absence of cancer.

"I attribute that directly to Don's timely prayers," Mary Ann said.

Harry Blesy entered Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital's ER complaining of chest pain. An electrocardiogram (EKG) was performed. The retired police officer was found to be in stable condition and was about to be transferred to the cardiology unit.



Paul Martner, marketing manager

ER nurse Karen Hook realized Harry Blesy didn't look quite right, so she ordered subsequent EKGs. He was having a massive heart attack, but it was caught in time for a balloon angioplasty and stent insertion, and Harry recovered. "If not for Karen's gut responsiveness and great teamwork, this outcome could have been very different," said Nancy Burke, director of emergency/ambulatory care services.

But ER nurse Karen Hook thought Harry didn't look quite right. She ordered another EKG, which showed a subtle change from the first test. Ten minutes later, a third EKG was performed, showing that Harry was having a massive heart attack. He was rushed to the cardiac catheterization laboratory for a balloon angioplasty and stent insertion. Because of the location and severity of the lesion—more than 98 percent of the artery was blocked—this type of heart attack is colloquially known as a "widow-maker." Very few survive, but Harry recovered. "If not for Karen's gut responsiveness and great teamwork, this outcome could have been very different," said Nancy.

Thomas Stocker was in and out of hospitals his last four years of life. Because he had dementia, his family observed he was often ignored and disrespected by health-care professionals. But that was not the case at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, where Thomas passed away. There, according to his daughter Lorraine Liddell, Peder Storandt, an ER nurse, cared for her father with compassion and kindness. Peder also anticipated the needs of Lorraine's family. "Peder would bring us bottles of water so we didn't have to leave the room," Lorraine said.

For Peder, being a nurse is about more than recognizing the signs and symptoms of acute illness and treating patients—it's about connecting with patients and their families.

"If I can offer them a tiny bit of comfort during such a stressful time, I'm glad to do that," he said.

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Generous Boy Donates Bar Mitzvah Gifts to School

BY LISA PARRO

When Dan Simon considered community service projects to undertake in preparation for his bar mitzvah, the 13-year-old decided to help the school that had helped him grow and thrive as a student. So instead of accepting personal gifts for the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony, Dan requested donations to his school, Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School. He raised more than \$1,700 that will be used to assist his classmates at the Glendale Heights-based alternative school.

“Helping my school made me feel good because I love my school so much,” Dan said.

His bar mitzvah was held Dec. 6 at his home. Guests included many teachers and staff from the Therapeutic Day School.

A seventh-grader, Dan enrolled at the Therapeutic Day School in third grade. He has Asperger’s syndrome, a developmental disorder that affects a child’s ability to socialize and communicate effectively with others. Children with Asperger’s syndrome typically exhibit social awkwardness and a rigid, black-and-white way of thinking and looking at the world. Dan’s service dog, a specially trained three-year-old Golden Retriever named Tauqua, helps ease his Asperger’s symptoms, which include severe anxiety.

Dan benefits from the Therapeutic Day School’s supportive environment, therapy programs, caring staff and small class sizes, his parents said.

“Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School has given Dan self confidence and taught him so much about getting along in life,” said his father, Mike Simon. “The skills he’s learned have made a positive impact on our family.”

At the Therapeutic Day School, Dan is a member of the soccer team. The school belongs to the Chicago Area Alternative Education League (CAAEL), a nonprofit organization that provides a full spectrum of interscholastic academic and athletic programs for troubled youth attending local alternative schools. CAAEL emphasizes good sportsmanship over competition.

The funds raised by Dan will help students who have dif-



Dan Simon (back), a seventh-grader who has Asperger’s syndrome, raised \$1,700 to help his classmates at Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School. He remarked, “Helping my school made me feel good because I love my school so much.” He is pictured playing with his brother Ben at home.

ficulty paying for school supplies, field trips and other items, said Karen Lawler, executive director of the GlenOaks Hospital Foundation. The foundation will administer the funds.

“Dan’s generosity is so touching to all of us in the GlenOaks family,” Karen said. “A young man making such a grown-up decision to request donations to his school instead of gifts for himself really speaks to the community spirit of

Dan and his family.”

Added Lisa Grigsby, director of the Therapeutic Day School: “We are so grateful for Dan’s commitment to our school. It’s clear that he’s taken to heart our school’s emphasis on serving others and giving back to the community.”

Designed for children with learning disabilities and emotional and psychiatric problems, the Therapeutic Day School was founded in 1995. Elementary through high-school age students earn normal academic credits while addressing their therapeutic goals. Along with traditional individual and group therapy, the school uses recreation, pets, music and art activities with certified therapists to help with physical, social and emotional growth.

The school is staffed by a caring group of teachers, nurses, social workers, therapists, clinical psychologists and a psychiatrist; there is one staff member for every three students. The school is funded partly through local school districts in the six-county area that are reimbursed by the state and partly through Adventist GlenOaks Hospital and GlenOaks Hospital Foundation.

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Physicians, Adventist Midwest Health employees and their guests were among the 32 people who went on the mission trip.

Extending His Healing Touch Overseas

A 19-year-old man injured in a machete fight and a mother who spent two hours carrying her baby up a mountain were among more than 1,700 patients treated by a medical mission team from Adventist Midwest Health (AMH) that traveled to Central America in January. Team members also reconnected with a toddler they met on last year's trip. Little Maria, also known as Suyapa, was 14 months old but weighed less than nine pounds when the team met her in 2008. A year later, she had grown to 25 pounds—still small for her age but much healthier and one of the most social and loving children at the Honduran nutritional orphanage where she lives.



For the second year in a row, AMH partnered with Pan American Health Services Inc. to set up medical centers in remote areas and care for children at the nutritional orphanage, a place where parents leave their children when they can't afford to feed them. AMH sponsors an international mission trip annually for a team of physicians, employees and guests. It's a natural outgrowth of AMH's mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ, according to John Rapp, regional vice president, ministries and mission.

"Whether in the Midwestern United States or in a remote village in Honduras, Jesus calls us to fulfill the medical and spiritual needs of all His people," John said.

Among the 32 people on the trip was Gary Lipinski, regional vice president of medical staff services. He said the most challenging part of the trip was caring for patients with the limited medical resources available.

"A patient came in with chest pains, but we only had enough aspirin to help him for a month," Gary said. "We quickly realized that we were not going to be able to cure

all the illnesses, but instead, we could offer some comfort to most of the patients."

Gary and other members of the group's medical team traveled to different areas of the countryside to treat patients in churches and community centers. By the time the team arrived on site, there would already be 200 to 300 patients waiting in line. With the closest major health care facility 45–90 minutes away, medical care can be difficult to find.

"We in America live a life of luxury, and we don't worry about seeing a doctor because doctors are always around," said Liz Hulford, a chaplain at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. "But in Honduras, there's a real need, and it's our responsibility as Christians to go and serve our neighbors in need."

Common ailments include colds, flu, migraine headaches and parasite infections. Each member of the AMH mission team brought along two suitcases, one with their belongings and a second filled with basic hygiene and medical supplies. The second suitcase was left behind to help those in need.

Participating in the mission trip was something she felt compelled to do, said Cristina Ruiz, AMH's regional director of strategic development. Fluent in Spanish, she helped the medical team by interpreting. She also gave a presentation on abstinence. In an area where the average age of a girl's first pregnancy is 14, abstinence can seem like a foreign concept. The team saw some girls who had given birth as early as age 11. One girl told Cristina she was raped by her uncle.

"That broke my heart," Cristina said. "I was honored that she trusted me enough to share this terrible experience with me. I told her that even though this terrible thing had happened, her heart was still pure. We prayed together. I still pray for her."

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Adventist Hinsdale Hospital chaplain, Liz Hulford, holds little Maria, also known as Suyapa. The girl was 14 months old but weighed less than nine pounds when the Adventist Midwest Health mission team met her in 2008. A year later, she had grown to 25 pounds—still small for her age but much healthier.



Collaboration brings pediatric neuro program to suburbs

A partnership between Adventist Hinsdale Hospital (AHH) and the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital is making it possible for suburban pediatric epilepsy patients to stay close to home while being monitored by top national experts.

AHH recently opened a long-term epilepsy monitoring unit dedicated to pediatric patients. Staffed by pediatric nurses and pediatric physician specialists, the unit brings experts together from both hospitals who diagnose and treat some of the most challenging epilepsy cases. As patients are monitored at AHH, their data is transmitted in real time to pediatric epileptologists at Comer Children's Hospital.

"This collaboration with the University of Chicago Comer Children's

Hospital confirms our commitment to providing university-level care to patients in their own backyard," said David L. Crane, chief executive officer of AHH. "We are proud to offer these advanced neuroscience resources to the community."

The pediatric epileptologists at Comer Children's Hospital include Michael Kohrman, associate professor of pediatrics and neurology, and Abdul Mazin, assistant professor of pediatrics, both nationally recognized epilepsy experts.

"We are able to view the electrical activity of the brain as well as a video and sound recording. These are invaluable tools that let us identify the exact cause of the seizures and the best possible treatment," Kohrman said. "For a lot of parents, it's a relief not to have to travel far to get this level of monitoring."

It certainly was a relief for Cristina King, whose nine-year-old daughter,

Emma, was the program's first patient. The Plainfield, Ill., resident was able to eat dinner at AHH with her siblings and both parents, allowing her to feel more comfortable during her overnight stay as she underwent electroencephalography (EEG) seizure monitoring. The non-invasive method uses multiple electrodes attached to the scalp to record the brain's electrical activity.

"The entire experience was wonderful," King said. "When we came in, Emma felt like a rock star. The whole staff in the pediatric unit was so excited, which made her enthusiastic. Being so close to home was a blessing for our family."

At age four, Emma was diagnosed with "absence" epilepsy. Absence seizures, also known as petit mal seizures, cause a short loss of consciousness—just a few seconds—with few other symptoms. The patient, most often a child, typically interrupts an activity and stares blankly. Initially, Emma experienced three to four dozen episodes daily, but treatment and medication helped her become symptom-free. She undergoes overnight EEGs annually to monitor her condition; her most recent EEG on Feb. 24 at AHH showed zero epileptic activity in her brain, and she is now being weaned off of her anti-seizure medication.

Janet Barnum, RN, M.S.N., nurse manager of women and children's services at AHH, is gratified to see the partnership come to fruition after years of planning.

"Research has shown the links between collaborative medical interactions and positive patient outcomes," Barnum said.

The Hinsdale Hospital Foundation contributed \$150,000 to the program; the funds were used to purchase all the monitoring equipment housed at AHH. Identical equipment is housed at Comer Children's Hospital.



Emma, a nine-year-old Plainfield, Ill., resident, was the first patient treated as part of a collaboration between University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital and Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. Emma, who has absence epilepsy, underwent seizure monitoring in Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's pediatric unit; the information was transmitted electronically for analysis by University of Chicago pediatric neurologists.

Lisa Parro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



Deanna Doran, BSW, cum laude, of Decatur, Ill., was joined by her parents, Larry and Theresa, and younger sister, Darlene, a sophomore nursing major at Andrews.

130th graduating class joins nearly 37,000 alumni

Friends, family, faculty and staff attended graduation ceremonies May 1–3 as the 130th graduating class took their place among the nearly 37,000 Andrews University alumni. On that day, 227 undergraduate and 150 graduate students received their diplomas on the main Andrews University campus.

Friday evening, Verlyn Benson, dean of the College of Technology, delivered a thought-provoking address, “Life Isn’t Fair. Oh Wait, Yes it Is!” for Consecration. Don Livesay, president of the Lake Union Conference, offered graduates a glimpse at the years ahead during the Baccalaureate service with his sermon, “In the Center of a Tight Spot.” A Sabbath Vespers tribute to parents, faculty and students at Pioneer Memorial Church was followed by the President’s Reception for graduates and their families in the lobby of the Howard Performing

Arts Center.

Sunday morning, graduates were greeted by a colorful array of international flags against a clear blue sky as they marched into Pioneer Memorial Church. As the dean of each school/college announced the candidates, graduates walked across the stage to receive their degree from Niels-Erik Andreasen, president. Andre Weston, B.A., English/writing, cum laude, testified that the president’s grip was still surprisingly firm even after shaking the hands of hundreds of graduates.

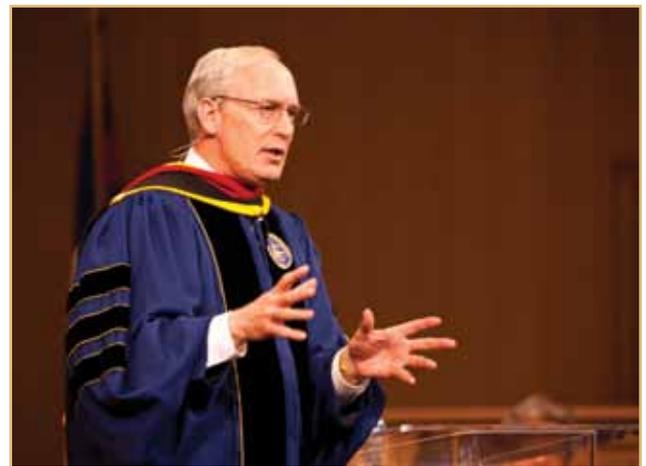
Esther Diaz, former dean of the Cuban Adventist Seminary in Havana, Cuba, was the keynote speaker for graduate Commencement. For her leadership in overcoming the prejudices and stereotypes concerning women

in ministry, the faculty of Andrews University presented Diaz with an honorary Doctor of Divinity.

Lawrence Geraty, president emeritus and professor of archaeology at La Sierra University in California, was the keynote speaker for the undergraduate Commencement ceremony. Because of his dedication to higher education, research and cultural diversity, Andrews University presented Geraty with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

During Commencement, the J.N. Andrews Medallion, an award recognizing significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education by Seventh-day Adventist teachers, scholars and writers, was presented to Shandelle H. Henson and Jane Thayer. Shandelle M. Henson, professor of mathematics in the College of Arts & Sciences, was awarded in recognition for her contributions to the field of mathematical biology and concern for the environment. Jane Thayer, associate professor of religious education, emeriti, in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was recognized for her abiding concern for the spiritual growth of University students.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist,
Office of Integrated Marketing &
Communication



Don Livesay, president of the Lake Union Conference, was the Baccalaureate speaker.

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Andrews students change the world for Honduran girl

Michigan—During the last couple of years, the Department of Physical Therapy at Andrews University has worked with REACH International (Render Effective Aid to Children) to take students on short-term mission trips to a Honduras orphanage. The idea first surfaced when a physical



A group of 21 Andrews University students and five physical therapist traveled to Honduras in 2008 where they assisted grateful individuals, assisted in the education of the Santa Barbara hospital staff and joined ADRA on a mission. Back home, they reached out to a Honduran girl they met on the trip, and their touch changed her life.

therapy student approached Kimberly Coleman, clinical education coordinator, and said, “You know, there are dental, vision and medical mission trips. Why don’t we do something in PT?”

From that spark, a 2008 physical therapy mission trip, which took 21 Andrews University students and five physical therapists to Honduras, was launched. Coleman was impressed with the effort’s turnout. “I had no idea when I put my sign-up list on the door that so many people would come forward.”

In Honduras, the group made home visits to those in need and took trips to the villages in nearby mountain ranges where they made lasting contacts with grateful individuals. They also assisted in the education of the Santa Barbara hospital staff and joined Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) on a mission.

Yet the highlight of their trip, interestingly, did not happen in Honduras. Back at Andrews, a couple of members of the class of 2008 stood up at a

banquet and challenged their classmates to send funds back to Honduras to pay for the corrective surgery of a young girl they met on the trip. The child, afflicted with osteoporosis, needed rods removed from her legs. When she was younger, the rods were inserted by doctors to stabilize her weakened legs. The price tag of the surgery, which also included reconstruction of her feet, amounted to \$1,300. The Andrews students rallied together and completely funded the surgery out of their own pockets.

Coleman was impressed with their actions, especially in light of the student loan debt many new graduates are already locked into. “To see the response of the students while they were there and even afterward was just amazing,” she said.

Princess Williams, a graduate student who attended the trip, said, “The trip to Honduras made me more open to doing mission work in the future. I learned that I can use whatever talents God has given me to do His work, no matter how insignificant they might seem.”

“Change the world” is not just a coined phrase at Andrews University—it’s a way of life.

Andre Weston, intern, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Susan Joshua memorizes 2,500 Bible verses

Michigan—If you memorized one verse from the Bible every day for six years you still wouldn’t have as much text under your belt as Susan Joshua. On April 16, she was presented with the Johnston Bible Memorization Award for the fifth time at the Andrews Awards Assembly, bringing her total verses memorized to 2,500.

The award, given out during the

Andrews Awards Assembly each spring, was founded by Madeline Johnston and named in honor of her husband Robert, upon his retirement from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Susan, whose husband Calvin is studying at Andrews University, initially began memorizing texts for her debut attempt at the award in 2004. At first, her efforts were based on a misunderstanding of the contest. Calvin, who worked as a janitor, told Susan about fliers announcing what appeared to be a \$750 prize for memorizing 500 Bible verses. Five hundred memory

verses later, Calvin reluctantly reported to his wife he had misread the flier. The \$750 referred to a different award. The Johnston Bible Memorization Award offered a free Bible as a prize.

The next time the contest came, Susan entered with no thought of a cash reward as a motive. She memorized a second set of 500 verses in 2006 and went on to win the award again in 2007 and 2008—an additional 500 each time. Susan describes the “satisfaction of having the Word of God hidden in my heart” as one of the most rewarding parts of what she does.

Although 2,500 verses is an im-

pressive feat, it was not Susan's first experience with lengthy memorization. While she was living in India, she says, "I took up the challenge of memorizing Psalm 119." Susan was asked to recite it—the longest chapter in the Bible—during the worship hour.

Susan describes her reason for memorizing Scripture as an effort to "stay comforted and close to God." In India, the Joshua family lived in the isolated Himalayas. While her husband was away doing Bible work, Susan was at home by herself. Scripture memorization became a source of consolation.

In addition to solitude, writing the text in a journal, recording her

voice and listening to it helped her commit verses to memory. Susan's preferred translation is the King James Version. As a former English teacher in India, she appreciates the old language.

Calvin and Susan plan to return to India in August.

Andre Weston, student intern, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University



Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen presents the Johnston Bible Memorization Award to Susan Joshua.

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School teacher receives Excellence in Teaching Award

Michigan—On May 6, TV anchor Tricia Sloma of 16 Morning News in South Bend, Ind., entered the library at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School with a balloon bouquet in hand and a cameraman in tow, to tell fourth-

grade teacher Laura Bowlby that she was selected to receive a 16 Excellence in Education Award. A very surprised Bowlby was in the school library reading with her students, including Bayley Schalk, the student who nominated her.

"Ms. Bowlby is very creative. She has taught our whole class how to knit (boys and girls) and she lets us knit after we finish our work. She also has lots of creative field trips for us to go on. We went bowling to learn about friction and to the grocery store to

learn about nutrition. We learned about caring for animals at the Humane Society and she taught us about directions with a compass journey around the campus of Andrews University. Ms. Bowlby's creativity makes her special," read Bayley's nomination letter.

Bayley's mother, Brenda Schalk, saw the call for entries on the local

TV station and encouraged Bayley to nominate her teacher. "Ms. Bowlby reminds me of Ms. Frizzle from "The Magic School Bus" (a children's cartoon). She's a very creative teacher," said Brenda.

Bowlby's creative attitude is an asset in her very diverse classroom. Her students and their families represent 20 countries: Argentina, Bahamas, Botswana, Brazil, China, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, Samoa, South Africa, South Korea, Uganda, United States and Venezuela.

During the interview, Bowlby was asked how it felt to receive this award. "It's very overwhelming and very special," she said. "I think Bayley is a remarkable girl."

Each year, three Michiana (a seven-county region in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan) teachers are given distinction for their commitment to high-quality education. In addition to the recognition and an award plaque, each teacher receives a \$1,000 savings bond and their school receives a check for \$250. Bowlby hopes to use the money to enhance an outdoor habitat her school is creating.

Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University



Laura Bowlby's creative attitude is an asset in her very diverse classroom, where her students' families represent 20 countries.

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

New Richmond Church dedicated

Indiana—Dec. 20, 2008, was a night (a glorious night) of answered prayers, miracles and fulfilled dreams for Richmond Church members. It was the very first Sabbath in their new sanctuary, and the very first time many members and guests from Michigan, South Carolina, Arkansas and Indiana were together to celebrate God's miracles and blessings in the Richmond community.

The prayers for a new church building began 25 years ago when a new school was built on a five-acre plot on U.S. 35, north of Richmond. This open, breezy spot beckoned the congregation to sell their church in town and worship God in a more natural setting. All this started when real estate was not selling and costs were getting higher.

The first miracle was the sale of the

church for more than hoped for. The second was the unity of all the church members to go forward with the huge project. The third miracle revealed God's power as the contractors moved forward with the turnkey program to build a high-quality sanctuary with the money on hand plus pledges.

The miracle of being completed on time led to the miracle of "That Glorious Night," a choral presentation and enactment of the story of Christ's birth, presented by Richmond Church members. The new sanctuary was filled with 237 guests, friends and members who expressed they were moved by the Spirit of God as they watched the portrayal of the miracle of Jesus coming as a Babe so each person could have eternal salvation.

The continuation of "That Glorious Night" miracle was the dedication of the sanctuary on Jan. 3, by Gary Thurber, Indiana Conference president; George Crumley, secretary/



Barbara Fisher conducts the Richmond Church choir in "That Glorious Night," a choral presentation and enactment of the story of Christ's birth.

treasurer; Steve Poenitz, ministerial/evangelism director; Gary Case, trust services/stewardship director; and Dwight Kruger, Richmond Church pastor. They inspired and challenged the congregation to fill their new house of God with knowledge of Him, and with love, forgiveness, caring, prayer, peace and scriptural study. Everyone rejoiced that "Surely the Lord is in this place" (Gen. 28:16).

Barbara Fisher, choral director, Richmond Church

Seminars help couples deal with tough issues

Indiana—On Feb. 18–19, at the Evansville First Church, 85 married, single and divorced individuals got a chance to laugh about (and make vital changes to) their relationships through an event presented live by Laugh Your Way, America! trained presenters, Paul and Robin Johnston, featuring Mark Gungor via DVD.

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" seminars help couples deal with tough issues in fun, non-threatening ways. There are no workbooks to fill out or emotional break-out sessions, and no one is ever forced to speak in front of the group.

"Our secular culture over-romanticizes marriage, and our Christian culture over-spiritualizes it," says Gungor. "The reality is that relationships between men and women are very down-to-earth."



Approximately 70 visitors from the community attended the "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" seminars at the Evansville First Church. From left: Terry Ruebush, pastor of the Evansville First Church; Melodie Ruebush; Robin and Paul Johnston, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage presenters

"The Tale of Two Brains" seminar broke down walls by making couples laugh about the differences between men and women, emphasizing how marital difficulties can be the result not of a heart problem, but a head problem.

In "The No. 1 Key to Incredible Sex," Gungor discussed how our culture's sexual messages are fundamentally flawed at best and destructive at worst, and suggested steps to achieve a spectacular and healthy sex life.

"Why Does He/She Do That!?" and "How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody" were hilarious explorations of marital dynamics meant to inspire couples to convert understanding into action.

At this life-changing seminar, 85 people learned to make real positive changes in their marriages and relationships. Approximately 70 were visitors from the community. We received much positive feedback and were thanked by numerous couples for bringing this event to our community.

Laugh Your Way, America! provided our church with a small-group leader's kit. We now have tools to offer the seminars to the community in a small group format. As a pastor, I highly recommend this seminar as a nonthreatening, neutral, community outreach, to show that Adventists care about their neighbors. For scheduling information, go to www.laughyourway.com.

Terry Ruebush, pastor, Evansville First Church

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

County fair mission adventure benefits Philippine pastor

Indiana—The members of the Northwest Church in Crown Point, Ind., were challenged by a fellow member to use their talents to raise funds for a mission project. After some prayerful discussion, they decided to enter the local county fair, submitting their arts, crafts and foods. They would keep their winning ribbons to show off, but the money they won would be used to help a missionary pastor who has 20 congregations in the Philippines. He usually walks or bicycles to get to all his churches, but said he could visit his members more often if he had a motorcycle.

More than 20 church members entered items at the fair. The local pastor, Allen Shepherd, entered his photography, and his daughter, Jennifer,



James Pavelka

From left: Pat Kubik, Gene Wineland, Ruth Baker, Shirley Nielson and Tammy Akers stand by a display of crafts Northwest Church members entered in their local county fair. Two thousand seven hundred dollars was raised and donated to purchase a motorcycle for a pastor in the Philippines to use as transportation to his 20 churches.

won second place with her photography entry. Shepherd was very happy to see the creativity of so many members in their effort to raise money for the mission project. Leota Hainey, 82 years young, didn't think her peanut butter fudge or knitting would win, but she won second and third place with them. She said, "God must have wanted my entries to win because my funds are limited, and He knew I was using the only resources I had to earn money for this mission project."

Members were impressed how God worked when they used their talents for Him. Gene Wineland received a blue ribbon for his woodworking. Shirley Nielson also won a blue ribbon for her bread. Jeanne Gilbert received Best of Show for her flowers that she takes so much pride in. Many members invited friends to see their entries at the fair and discovered it was an easy way to begin a conversation that led to witnessing for Jesus.

Pat Kubik said she never thought they could raise the money, but admitted that, just as the mustard seed was sown, God did big things with their little talents and their faith increased as a result. One gentleman, who wanted to remain anonymous, donated to the cause because he works for an auto dealership and could relate to a minister needing good transportation.

Altogether, with the award money from the fair plus donations from other members, God blessed and \$2,700 was raised for the motorcycle. The congregation recently received word from the Philippines that the pastor has purchased the motorcycle and also had enough money left over for a projector, which he desperately needed to show slides during his evangelistic meetings.

Some officials from the local fair board heard about the Northwest Church members' project to help a pastor in the Philippines. The officials remarked that they were impressed that people would do something like that "in this day and age and in this economy," and thought Adventists must be "really good people who care." They also expressed praise for their "very creative fund-raiser ways."

The Northwest Church members decided to enter the fair again next year and will designate another worthy project to be the recipient of their winnings. They hope their experience might serve as an inspiration for other churches to be involved in their own local county fairs to raise money for missions or church outreach projects.

James Pavelka, communication leader,



More than 40 individuals from the community attended the "2nd Annual Taste of Vegetarian" event sponsored by Rushville Fellowship members in March.

Rushville Fellowship introduces community to healthy living

Illinois—The Rushville Fellowship members held their "2nd Annual Taste of Vegetarian" on March 29 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Their purpose was to give people a tasty introduction to vegan and vegetarian food, and to encourage the community to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

There was something for everyone to do, from preparing the food to setting up tables and decorating. During the event there were four servers, and others enjoyed taking pictures and visiting with guests. More than 40 people attended, and it was especially exciting for members to see some people attend who they had invited.

Drawings were held for cookbook giveaways as well. One lady who won a cookbook recently said that she has been using the recipes and really likes them. Several in attendance showed an interest in a range of topics from cooking schools to Bible studies.

Rushville Fellowship members believe the "Taste of Vegetarian" events and cooking schools held provide great opportunities to also reach individuals for Jesus. They are confident that many contacts made through these venues may not have been reached any other way.

Leah Crosby, member, Rushville Fellowship

[UNION NEWS]



At the Michigan Pathfinder Fair on May 10, Terry Dodge and his wife Maxine were presented with a framed drawing of the Pathfinder Pavilion.

Terry Dodge recognized for dedicated service to Michigan's young people

Michigan—For more than 19 years, Terry Dodge has served as the Michigan Conference Adventurer/Pathfinder director. He and his wife Maxine, and family, moved to Michigan from the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1990.

On May 10, at the Michigan Pathfinder Fair, Terry was recognized by the youth director of the Michigan Conference, Ken Micheff, for his years of dedicated service to the young people of Michigan. The Michigan Pathfinder area coordinators also paid tribute to Terry and Maxine for their faithful leadership by presenting them with a framed drawing of the Pathfinder Pavilion at Camp Au Sable. Terry spent many weeks over the past several summers, along with other volunteers, in making the pavilion become a reality. Maxine was also given a gift certificate in recognition of her contributions.

If you ask anyone who knows Terry, they will tell you he lives and breathes Pathfinders. They might also tell you there is no one who works harder or has more fun and loves doing what he does—working with young people.

Terry is a gifted, visionary leader. He founded the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program, formerly Bible Bowl, which is now successful across the North American Division (NAD).

Terry has developed the Pathfinder camping area of the Northwoods side at Camp Au Sable. His most recent project was the Pathfinder Pavilion, which was dedicated at the Michigan Pathfinder Camporee in September 2008. Terry also developed camping sites, outhouses and water pumps for campers' use. He has continued the Teen Mission Impact trip every Christmas break to provide medical, dental and optical services to the people of the Dominican Republic, with the help of Luis Leonor, numerous medical staff and Pathfinders.

Terry's ability to see what needs to be done and find a way to get it done has been a real asset to the Michigan Conference, especially in coordinating the development of the campgrounds for Michigan camp meeting and the ongoing development of Camp Au Sable. He currently serves as Michigan camp meeting superintendent, chairman of the NAD Honors committee, vice chairman of the NAD Adventurer committee, member of the NAD Pathfinder committee, NAD AY Class Curriculum Task Force and as the Lake Union Pathfinder coordinator.

Under Terry's leadership, the Pathfinder organization has remained



As Pathfinder director, Terry Dodge developed the Pathfinder camping area of the Northwoods side at Camp Au Sable. His most recent project is the Pathfinder Pavilion, which was dedicated at the Michigan Pathfinder Camporee in September 2008.



Terry and Maxine with Jay Gallimore, Jim Micheff, Ken Micheff and Don Livesay.

strong in Michigan, with nearly 70 active clubs. The Adventurer program has grown to more than 40 clubs, with the help of Maxine who has always been there to support this ministry for children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade.

As Terry prepares to retire from the Michigan Conference later this summer, he already has his sights set on another project—a Pathfinder museum. His dream is to provide a

place for others to see the history of the Pathfinder program, as well as a learning and training center for both Adventurer and Pathfinder leaders.

Terry will truly be missed. His hard work ethics, his positive “no problem” attitude and his youthful spirit are an inspiration to those who have the privilege of knowing and/or working with him.

Edie Ellis, Adventurer and Pathfinder secretary, Michigan Conference

Lake Union ASI fellowship impacts participants: Spring Convention report

If you have never had the opportunity to attend a meeting for Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI), you are missing out. The recent Lake Union ASI event took place Apr. 17–19 at the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis, Ind.

The theme for the weekend, “Shine the Light,” came to life as church members, ASI members and friends heard testimonies of the unique ways God leads us to witness. For instance, a mission-minded couple from Illinois, Manuel and Esther Alva, were prompted by the Holy Spirit to start a church plant that meets in a car wash. Their testimony and others led many in the pews to ponder, *How does God want to use me in a greater way?*

ASI is all about sharing Christ in the work place and around the world. This is why ample time was devoted to not only hearing about local missionary endeavors, but sharing what God is doing through ASI members in countries like Peru, Thailand and Vietnam. Licia Dunder, former missionary and first-time visitor to an ASI chapter meeting, exclaimed, “I think it is wonderful how God uses different people with different talents to play a role in His cause. Hearing the testimonies made me grateful to belong to a wonderful



Michelle Catarama (center), vice president for membership recruitment, and Reg Mattson (right), president of the ASI Lake Union Chapter, welcome ASI member, Nathan Greene (left).

Adventist movement. I am looking forward to attending more ASI meetings.”

In addition to the inspiring testimonies, the weekend was packed with quality music, rousing Bible-based sermons and presentations from gifted ASI members such as Christian artist, Nathan Greene. To find out how to become an ASI member and to learn more about the upcoming national ASI convention in Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 5–8, visit www.asiministries.org.

Julia O’Carey, vice president for communications, Lake Union Chapter, Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries



Manuel and Esther Alva, active members of ASI, share their testimony at the Lake Union Spring Convention.

[UNION NEWS]

ASI and Wisconsin Academy witness God's providence in Chile

Lake Union members of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) along with a group of 27 students and staff members from Wisconsin Adventist Academy (WA) organized a mission trip to Santiago, Chile, Mar. 10–23. Their plans included building a church, conducting an evangelistic series, and teaching English and Bible lessons.

The group was challenged before one member of the team even stepped onto the plane. Karen Gonzalez, a WA student from Columbia, was stopped at check-in. Due to governmental policies and the type of visa she carried, Karen was not allowed to enter Canada, one stop on the flight schedule to Chile. After much prayer and urgent phone calls to other airlines, the once inflexible ticket agent found a flight directly from the United States. The team was comprised of students who chose this mission as their senior class trip, two physicians, a nurse, a nurse practi-



The site was picturesque where 14 new believers were baptized and welcomed by the family of God.



The mission group (ASI members, Wisconsin Adventist Academy youth and staff and other Lake Union members) stand in front of the newly-constructed church on the final Sabbath in San Clemente, Chile.

tioner, construction professionals, a pastor, willing faculty and friends. The team sensed that each one was there by God's design. Karen had a natural ability to interpret for the group, and God miraculously intervened on her behalf.

After a long red-eye flight, the team arrived in Chile, the long coastal South American country with a population of 16 million. The WA students had the opportunity to teach 100 sixth through eighth graders at Talca Adventist Academy. The students there, the majority of whom are not affiliated with the Adventist Church, were eager to learn practical English and Christian songs. Their openness and eagerness to learn made it easy to connect and form instant friendships despite the language barrier.

The facility where the team stayed was equipped with a small staff and the necessities for food preparation. The chef was intrigued with the group's commitment to a vegetarian lifestyle, and did an amazing job serving vegetarian meals. Carmelo Mercado, general vice president of the Lake Union Conference, says, "It was thrilling to see some of the employees eagerly respond to our visit through their willingness to take Bible studies.

They are now continuing to study the Bible with the local pastor, and they are responding well."

Jose Luis Tapia Salgado, one of the servers currently in Bible studies, e-mailed the following, "I now understand that God never stops speaking to us, His chosen ones. I hope to one day be baptized soon and be able to share with the world the message of Christ."

Prior to the team's arrival, arrangements were made to hire a Bible worker to work for two months in preparation for evangelistic meetings and then to work another two months as a follow-up. The meetings were held in a large, old theater in San Clemente. Mercado spoke each night while students and adults provided childcare and health evangelism as well. Several in attendance had specific health issues, for which physicians Manuel and Esther Alva provided counsel. At the conclusion of the series, 14 people took their stand for Jesus in baptism.

One of the team's projects was to build a new church. The small church that was on the site had been torn down, and the foundation was poured and ready for us to build a new, larger church. The crew worked very hard in

the heat of the day to get this project done in time for the first Sabbath service. They had enough time and energy left that they built new pews as well. Mercado reflects, "It was a thrilling experience to see the broad smiles of the San Clemente Church members as they witnessed not only the acquiring of new members but also to worship for the first time in their new sanctuary. On the first Sabbath in the new building we had an overflow attendance, an indication that the church had made a positive impact in the community."

Following the service, a bus transported the team to a beautiful river where the baptisms were scheduled. Just as the bus was about to enter a busy road, people in nearby cars and passersby persistently pointed at the bus. The problem was a broken tie rod. The team safely switched to available buses nearby and were reminded of Isaiah 65:24, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer and while they are still speaking, I will hear."

Sandy Miller, the team coordinator, kindly invited this growing church to celebrate with the team at a special spaghetti dinner following the



The church building team predominantly consisted of Wisconsin Adventist Academy seniors.

baptisms. The small number rapidly grew to more than 100 guests. Tables were set and food was cooked as more and more people streamed in. Realizing the potential for a problem, the team asked God to bless and multiply the food and began to serve the guests then numbering 200. God worked a miracle similar to the one found in 2

Kings 4:42-44 where He multiplied the 20 loaves of barley bread.

As the team enjoyed their last meal with their friends at this humble facility, prayers, gifts and tears were shared with the staff. Although the group went there to be a blessing, they came back forever changed, feeling a part of that once foreign land called Chile, and personally experiencing God's power at work.

Mercado states, "The trip certainly was a blessing to me, because it confirmed my conviction that we have a precious message to share and many people are anxious to receive it. God only needs people who are willing to share it. I am certainly thankful for the role our Lake Union ASI chapter had in providing time, resources and effort to help many people in Chile know God. In the end, I feel we who went on this trip received the greater blessing because we saw God answer our prayers."

Kerry Mattson, member, Lake Union Chapter, Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries



(left to right) Kelsey Mattson, Carissa Larson, Ray Alva, Debbie Brown, Kayli and Kerry Mattson with four of the students from the Talca Adventist Academy.



Plan to make new friends and hone your communication skills at the annual Society of Adventist Communicators Convention. This year the convention will be held in Newport Beach, Calif., Oct. 15-17.

Help exists for Adventist Communicators

If you've ever been asked to serve as communication director or webmaster for your church, you know the challenges that come with the job. Many members who end up serving in these kinds of positions have little to no training in communications. They aren't sure how to write and submit a press release to their local newspaper. They don't know how to create a Web site that attracts young families. They have never edited a newsletter and dealt with frustrating printing issues. They also usually don't have the first clue how to create a YouTube video for their church.

The thought of doing these kinds of communication tasks can be overwhelming for anyone. But the great news is you don't have to do it alone. There is an organization called the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) that provides support for Adventists involved in the field of communications. It is for everyone—

from communication professionals to lay-people serving in their local church.

Last Fall I attended SAC's annual conference—something I look forward to every year. Besides great speakers and valuable workshops that help you hone your communication skills, you get to meet people from throughout the North American Division who do what you do. You can swap ideas and ask for help on projects. It is an amazing networking opportunity. The attendees range from professionals who work for the denomination to freelancers to newspaper reporters to local members who serve in their churches. They all have one thing in common though—they're Seventh-day Adventists who want to use their talents to communicate God's love.

Last year's SAC conference included seminars on topics such as: how to use social media to build your awareness online, how to pitch reporters with confidence, how to use the power of video and how to communicate in a crisis situation. In addition to the learning and training that happened at the conference, there was an important spiritual component. Excellent

presenters, such as Dick Stenbakken, shared Jesus in new and powerful ways. And throughout the weekend a sense of camaraderie developed—one that made me realize we are in this "battle" together—we are not alone. I came away from the weekend feeling spiritually energized, ready to tackle whatever challenges the devil sends my way, and armed with new knowledge that would empower me to be a better communicator.

I have been a member of the Society of Adventist Communicators for six years now, and while I enjoy the annual conference immensely, I also benefit all year long from the resources and contacts they provide—resources like their online learning center, job bank, membership directory and their media credentialing. Whether you are local church communication director or a professional working in the field, you will find SAC's membership benefits worth their meager \$25 annual membership fee (\$10 for students).

SAC's membership benefits include perks like a free monthly newsletter and access to the Members Only part of their Web site. My favorite perk though is the online membership directory. This is helpful in finding people to collaborate with. For example, do you need to find someone who produces videos, designs Web sites or writes press releases? You'll find them in SAC's online directory. You can also post your own profile, even uploading samples from your portfolio.

The Members Only part of SAC's Web site also has an online learning center where you can listen to podcasts on various communication topics. All of the speakers and seminars from last year's annual convention are posted here.

If you work in the field of communication, you will definitely find SAC's job bank very helpful. It allows you to post jobs or post resumes. SAC also offers local chapters. If there isn't one in your area, you can start one. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each of our confer-

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Weddings

Judy D. Daniels and Miles G. Sturdavant III were married Mar. 29, 2009, in Lakeview, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David Gotshall.

Judy is the daughter of the late Lawrence and the late Helen Nolf of Gowen, Mich., and Miles is the son of Darlene and the late Miles Sturdavant II, of Lansing, Mich.

The Sturdavants are making their home in Edmore, Mich.



Anniversaries

Donald and Juanita Abernathy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 2008, by a dinner for two at their home. They have been members of the Shiloh (Chicago, Ill.) Church for 46 years.

Donald Abernathy and Juanita Hatchett were married Dec. 26, 1958, in Chicago, by Pastor Robert Jones. Donald has been an educator with the Chicago Public Schools, retiring in 2002. Juanita has been a homemaker.

The Abernathy family includes Thea Morris of Chesapeake Beach, Md.; and two grandchildren.



John and Ellen Thornton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 21,

2008, by a surprise open house hosted by their daughter and family at the Thorntons' home near Versailles, Ind. They have been members of the North Vernon (Ind.) Church for 44 years.

John Thornton and Ellen Reder were married Dec. 21, 1958, in Scottsburg, Ind., by Pastor Lawrence Cox. John is owner of Thornton's Motorcycle Sales. Ellen has been office manager of Thornton's Motorcycle Sales.

The Thornton family includes Tammy and Bill Schwagmeier of Versailles; and one granddaughter.

Obituaries

HAWKINS, Mildred E. (Pangburn), age 91; born Aug. 17, 1917, in Adrian, Mich.; died Jan. 29, 2009, in Inverness, Fla. She was a member of the Adrian Church.

Survivors include her son, David; daughters, Shirlee Heiney, Betty Breakey and JoAnn May; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Hershel Mercer, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Morenci, Mich.

HILL II, Franklin S., age 85; born Mar. 1, 1923, in Chattanooga, Tenn.; died Feb. 20, 2009, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille E. (Jackson); sons, Franklin III, Byron, Roland and Hallerin; daughter, Terry Harris; brothers, Billy and Eddie; sister, Peggy Devaughn; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Clinton Meharry, with private interment.

HUGHES, Carol C. (Faith), age 64; born July 6, 1944, in Louisville, Ky.; died Dec. 16, 2008, in New Albany, Ind. She was a member of the New Albany Church.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard "Mike"; daughters, Wendy Moreles and Dianna Howes; brother, James L. Faith; sister, Clara Toles; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Peckham, and interment was in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery, New Albany.

LEACY, Ralph S., age 74; born July 28, 1934, in Boston, Mass.; died Mar. 9, 2009, in Shelbyville, Ind. He was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Barbara A. (Smith); daughters, Cynthia Culp, Linda Gibson and Susan McGarvey; mother, Florence (Lannon) Leacy Gilliam; brother, Harry Leacy; sisters, Virginia Price and Florence Wing; half sisters, Miriam Davis and Eleanor Foley; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Brian Yensho, and interment was in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery, Greenwood, Ind.

MANFREDINE, Jean (Juneau), age 67; born July 12, 1941, in Iron River, Mich.; died Dec. 31, 2008, in Muskegon, Mich. She was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include her sons, Mark S., Lawrence A. and William J.; daughters, Rene I. Watson, Phyllis J. Brown, Mary A. Pieczynski and Andrea S. Kalaquin; half brothers, Thomas and Sunday O'Hagen; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Ryan Counsell, and interment was in Clocks Funeral Home Cemetery, Ravenna, Mich.

MOREAU, Julie M., age 48; born Jan. 11, 1961, in Jackson, Mich.; died Jan. 29, 2009, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the South Flint Church, Burton, Mich.

Survivors include her son, Anthony; father, Marland Moreau; mother, Audrey (Bufford) Moreau; brothers, Steven and Dale Moreau; and sister, Marlane Breedon.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Todd Ervin, and interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

PAUL, Julianne K. (Roberts), age 55; born Aug. 24, 1953, in Three Rivers, Mich.; died Mar. 4, 2009, in Tipton, Ind. She was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Larry D.; son, Seth D.; daughter, Katherine J.; mother, Shirley Roberts; brothers, Doug, Daniel and Mark Roberts; and sisters, Kathie Sample and Sarah Roberts.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Ron Kelly, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers.

ROLF, Raymond J., age 74; born Dec. 6, 1934, in Quincy, Mich.; died Mar. 2, 2009,

in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Wyoming (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carol L. (Sluiter); daughter, Anita Snow; brother, Ed; and sisters, Cora Mae Dobson and Eleanor Green.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Dan Rachor and Christian Martin, with private interment.

SCHMIDT, Alice M., age 88; born May 24, 1920, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Feb. 23, 2009, in Nashville, Ind. She was a member of the Columbus (Ind.) Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Manuel Ojeda, and interment was in Washington Park East Cemetery, Indianapolis.

SOPER, Vera G. (Benson), age 79; born July 6, 1929, in Houghton Lake, Mich.; died Feb. 15, 2009, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the South Flint Church, Burton, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; sons, Donald, Michael, Patrick and John; daughters, Terrie Soper and Vickie Scott; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Todd Ervin, and interment was in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, Mt. Morris, Mich.

SUMNER, Carol A. (Speer), age 68; born Mar. 25, 1940, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Feb. 26, 2009, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Eau Claire (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Delbert C.; sons, Jonathan E. and Nathan B.; daughter, Holly A. Harron; brothers, Lloyd J. and O. Leslie Speer; sisters, M. Kathryn Ratliff and Charlotte S. Gast; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Leslie Speer, and interment was in Greene Cty. Cemetery, Bloomington, Ind.

WYNN, Sylvain O., age 81; born May 18, 1927, in Henry Twp., Tenn.; died Feb. 12, 2009, in Muskegon, Mich. He was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Lue (Guthrie); son, Mark S.; daughter, Leisa White; brothers, Tommy and Allen; sisters, Beckie Barker and Addie V. Brent; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ryan Counsell and Elder Cliff Colburn, and interment was in Sun Rise Gardens Cemetery, Muskegon.

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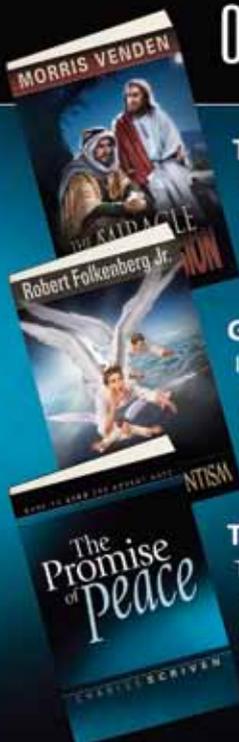
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Ed promised he would provide me with sufficient student labor hours to credit my monthly statement, leaving a balance my parents could afford. The amount was finally prayerfully agreed

upon, and God's plan for my future started to take shape.

Days later my belongings were loaded into the farm pick-up, and my parents and I drove 200 miles to Wisconsin Academy. The principal kept his promise and arranged for a janitorial work assignment, and later a position in the business office. My God-blessed academy journey was on course.

The Lord placed in my path committed Christian staff members whose influence helped mold my character and growth in the Lord. This only cemented my childhood desire to be a teacher someday.

Marion Noerrlinger Newhart, class of '55, taught business education at three Adventist academies. She now volunteers as office manager at American Christian Ministries (www.americanchristianministries.org). Adapted from h₃ (head, heart and hands), a compilation of mini biographies documenting the lives touched through Wisconsin Academy christian education.

I came so that they may **have** and enjoy **life**, and have it in **abundance**. John 10:10

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Andrews University

Family Celebration Sabbath will be held **July 17-18** in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Chapel. Noted author and speaker Mark Laaser of Faithful and True Ministries, will be the principal presenter. Laaser will address human sexuality, sexual addictions, pornography and their effects on the family. Pastor Terrence Taylor, former music and youth minister at The Emerald City Church in Seattle, will be leading praise and worship. Family Celebration Sabbath is sponsored in part by Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals, *AdventSource*, Andrews University, GC Family Ministries, NAD Family Ministries and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary Religious Education Program. For more information, visit www.andrews.edu/sem/reled.

The next 180° Symposium, scheduled for **Oct. 19-22**, on the campus of Andrews University, will focus on Public Campus Ministry. Sponsored, in part, by the Center for Youth Evangelism, this second annual symposium will bring together church and lay leaders passionate about creative ideas to work with those on public college campuses. Chris Blake will serve as moderator. Research papers will be presented. Learn more by visiting www.180symposium.org. The third annual 180° Symposium is scheduled for Oct. 18-21, 2010.

Adventist Engaged Encounter (AEE), an enrichment weekend for engaged and recently married couples, is being re-established on the Andrews University campus. AEE will be held the weekends of **Oct. 23-25, 2009, and Mar. 26-28, 2010**. For further information and registration materials, contact Campus Ministries at 269-471-3211 or e-mail cm@andrews.edu.

Indiana

Messiah's Mansion: Visit a life-size replica of the Old Testament sanctuary,

July 4-12, at the Northwest Church, 10570 Randolph St., Crown Point. Allow one hour to walk through and experience the sanctuary and learn about its ministry—past and present. The no-charge tours will start every 15 minutes from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. For further information, call 219-942-6793.

Teen Canoe Trip on the Whitewater River is **July 29-Aug. 2**. For complete details and an application, go to www.trcamp.org, or phone the youth department at the Indiana Conference at 317-844-6201.

Campestre Hispano 2009: Hispanic Family Retreat is **Sept. 4-6** at Timber Ridge Camp. Contact Antonio or Wanda Rosario for details: 317-856-5770.

Women's Ministries Fall Retreat is **Sept. 11-13** at the Embassy Suites North in Indianapolis with guest speakers Richard and Patricia Garey. Registration deadline is Aug. 27. For details, contact Tammy Begley at tammy.begley@gmail.com or 317-919-5318.

Heartland Health & Wellness Conference: This year's guest speakers are renowned health experts: Dr. Hans Diehl; Rip Esselstyn, author of *The Engine 2 Diet*; and Dr. George Guthrie. To register for this **Sept. 17-18** event, held at the Madison Park Church of God in Anderson, call Susan Landess at 765-621-7557, or e-mail susan_landess@yahoo.com. Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch on Fri., featuring Chef Mark Anthony. Thurs. evening event includes dinner with Chef Mark Anthony.

Chef Mark Anthony Cooking School will be held Sun., **Sept. 20**, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Cross Street Christian School in Anderson. To register, contact Susan Landess at 765-621-7557. Registration fee required to attend.

Elders Training Retreat with guest speaker Jim Cress, General Conference ministerial director, is **Sept. 25-26** at Timber Ridge Camp. For more information, contact Sheri DeWitt at the Indiana Conference office at 317-844-6201.

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Offerings

- Jul 4** Local Church Budget
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- Jul 18** Local Church Budget
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Special Days

- Jul 11** Home Study International Promotional Day

North American Division

Adventists and Islam: What message do Seventh-day Adventists have for Islam? Find out at a special weekend dedicated to teaching what we have to share with Muslims. This will be held **Sept. 24-26** at La Sierra University, Calif. For more information, e-mail NADAdventistMuslimRelations@gmail.com, or call 423-368-2343.

Oak Park Academy Alumni Homecoming Weekend will be **Oct. 9-10** at Gates Hall in Nevada, Iowa. Honor classes will be 1934, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '81, '82 and '83. Anyone who attended Oak Park Academy, graduates, former faculty and family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit OPA's Alumni Association Web site at www.OPAinIowa.com.

Greater Boston Academy Reunion will be held **Oct. 16-18** at Stoneham Memorial Church, 29 Maple St., Stoneham, Mass. Fri.: 6:00 p.m. light supper, 7:30 p.m. vespers; Sabbath: 10:45 a.m. church—guest speaker, former principal Bill Arnold, 1:00 p.m. fellowship luncheon at GBA; Sat. night: class reunions; Sun.: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. School Fall Festival. For additional information or directions, contact Arthur Barnaby at 951-359-4344 or afbarnaby@juno.com, or call GBA at 781-438-4253.

Wisconsin

Cruisin' for Christ: This year we will meet in the Rhinelander area. Come join us for a great weekend of food, fellowship and good riding. This event starts **July 24**. The cost for the weekend is \$100 per couple or \$60 per person. This covers food, tent space, t-shirt and tac pin. An offering will be taken on Sabbath for a Wisconsin Academy project to be designated. For more information, call Sally Johnson at 715-263-2811 or 612-750-2201, or e-mail kare4usaln@gmail.com.



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Chicago, Ill.	8:29	8:27	8:23	8:17	8:10	8:03
Detroit, Mich.	9:13	9:10	9:06	9:01	8:53	8:46
Indianapolis, Ind.	9:16	9:14	9:11	9:05	8:59	8:52
La Crosse, Wis.	8:50	8:48	8:44	8:37	8:30	8:22
Lansing, Mich.	9:20	9:17	9:13	9:08	9:00	8:52
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A Willing Unifying Spirit

BY GARY BURNS



I sat at the bedside of a dying man, his heart as cold as stone. His wife desperately pleaded with God for extended mercy and grace. Just one last chance for her husband to give his heart to God. We prayed through the night for the impossible. As the morning sky began to glow, he awakened. Within a few days he returned home, had a miraculous change of heart, and lived nearly three more years—the best years of his life and marriage. He was healed.

I spent three days at the bedside of one of our dearest friends. She kept hanging on to life, way beyond any scientific explanation, seeking some assurance that she would meet her children again in the Kingdom. We prayed with such fervor and faith on her behalf; we

truly expected her to rise fully healed. She did rise. She sat up in bed with such a glow and peace on her face indicating that Jesus had given her personal assurance that He would save her children. Moments later, she rested in peace.

Maryann's sister, Sherry, gave a most valiant fight to a very aggressive and insidious cancer. She fully expected to beat it—she was not one to accept failure. For nearly three years we prayed for healing. She died whole, led to the foot of the cross by her dearest friend. She was healed.

God wants to bring healing in many different ways. He is eager to do so as we join our hearts with His. Pray for healing.

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

Discovering God's Purpose

BY JONE'CE GRIFFIN

God has always been leading in my life. He's been more than amazing. However, my breaking point was when my father died. He was the lead man in my life, and I loved him a lot. I can remember that day as if it was today. I was in foster care, because I was taken away from my mom for child abuse. When I received the message my father died, I screamed and yelled at God. I was angry at Him for what He had taken away from me. I pleaded with God to take my life, because I found no purpose in it without my dad.

However, I was wrong. God found much purpose in my life. Throughout my life I was in and out of foster homes, moving from one family to another, from one behavior center to another. To me, I was found worthless. I felt like no one wanted me and that no one cared. But I was wrong. To God I was priceless. To Him I mattered, and to Him I was worth His life.

When I was 12 years old the judge ordered my mother to completely stop seeing me and my two brothers. For a child who grew up with a poor relationship with her mom, I was very saddened. However, I never gave up on God. I knew He was there helping me along the way. He was the light of my path.

Eventually, in 2003, my grandparents George and Mary Moore took me under their wings. I was not a very easy child to raise, but they did it once with God's help and they figured they could do it again with His help. They put me back in Mizpah Junior Academy as soon as they had the opportunity. I thought I would go directly to public school after finishing at Mizpah. But I

was wrong. I was introduced to Indiana Academy when I went to a music festival, and I fell in love.

I begged my grandparents to send me to Indiana Academy (IA). They thought about it, and they agreed. They thought it would be better than growing up in the streets of Gary, Indiana. Then one day I found out that my grandparents were struggling to pay my academy bill. It broke

my heart, so I begged them to take me out of school, but they never did.

I asked my grandpa, "Why do you send me to IA if you don't have the money for it?"

And he said, "Because that's where God wants you to be so that you can get a good Christian education and because I love you." Right then and there I knew God had a purpose for my life. Even though I might not have seen it, He was fulfilling it.



Jone'ce Griffin graduated from Indiana Academy in May. She attends the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in East Chicago, Indiana. Next year Jone'ce plans to attend Kettering College of Medical Arts where she will study pediatric nursing.

Most high school students don't have their own preaching schedule, but **Isaiah Horton** isn't like most high school students! Isaiah's mother, Ruth Horton, is the superintendent of education for the Lake Region Conference, and his father Michael is pastor of the Hyde Park Church in Chicago. Not only is Isaiah blessed with the ability to reach others with his spiritual gifts, but he is academically blessed as well. Isaiah graduated from Hinsdale Adventist Academy on May 31, completing high school in only three years!



Isaiah Horton

Isaiah was a member of the National Honor Society at Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA), a co-captain of the Hurricanes basketball team, and a very talented musician. He is one of those students every teacher wants to have in class, and every coach wants to have on his team. According to Isaiah's basketball coach, Bryan Garrett, "Isaiah's leadership abilities and work ethic will take him far, and I have no doubt that he will accomplish great things in his life."

Isaiah attended HAA since preschool, and will most definitely be missed by the students and faculty he left behind. According to Rebecca Garrett, HAA's marketing director, "HAA is a better place because Isaiah was here. Isaiah is still deciding on his choice for college and a career, but whatever he chooses he will, no doubt, excel."



Michael Shelton

Michael Shelton just completed his junior year at Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) and is looking forward to his senior year. He is the son of Michelle and Ralph Shelton, the youth director for the Lake Region Conference. This was Michael's first year at Hinsdale, where he transferred from a public high school. In fact, it was Michael who convinced his parents that he needed to be in an Adventist school!

Last year, Michael was a member of the Chamber singers and the Hurricanes basketball team, and was voted "Rookie of the Year" by the coaching staff. He was truly a great addition to the junior class and served as the class pastor. According to Jerry Newsom, business and technology teacher at HAA, "Michael is very humble, very passionate about mission work, and has a great sense of humor! He possesses a quiet strength and conviction, and leads by example."

Michael shows his dedication to Adventist education every day by commuting to school from the southwest Chicago suburb of Park Forest via PACE bus (public transportation), a one hour trip in good traffic!

At the Independence Church in Chicago, Michael is in Pathfinders and the drum corp.

These students were selected and profiled by faculty members at their school. To recommend outstanding students for recognition, speak with your pastor or a faculty member. Visit www.lakeunionherald.org for selection criteria.

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