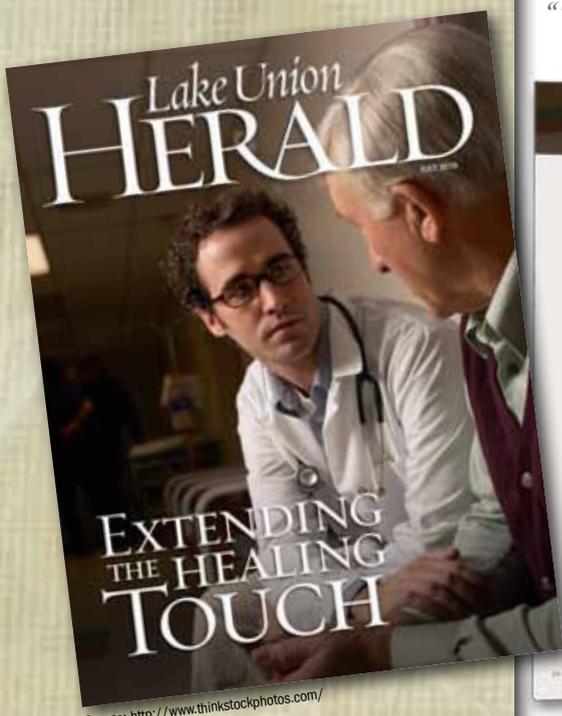


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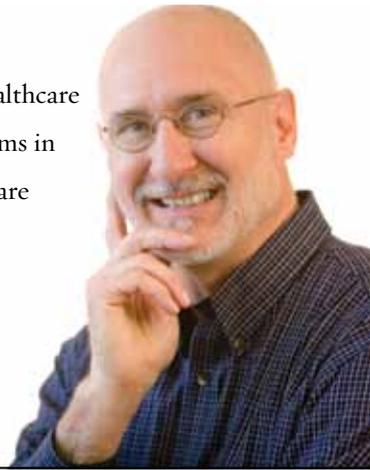
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Let Me Tell You About My Church!

Guest Editorial: Last month, I wrote of the need to engage our young adults in a more intentional way. I have asked Kessia Reyne Bennett, a seminary student, to share her story of how a small Adventist church made a huge difference in her life.—Don Livesay

I was 13 years old, visiting my non-Christian father for summer vacation as every year before. Yet, over the last several weeks, something crazy had happened to me: I encountered the Word of God, beautiful and powerful and full of truth. I began to pray, to worship, to search the Scriptures. Life was changing. As that summer drew to a close, I reached a crisis point. It was time to go back to school in California, which meant I would be leaving this community of Christian disciples in Washington. ... I had the hem of Christ's garment in one hand, and my torn fishing net in the other. What to do? To leave Washington basically meant giving up my faith. I knew that to go back home would be to sound a death knell to this new discipleship. But to stay in Washington meant leaving home, leaving my family, leaving my friends and everything I knew.

Then God brought to me Mark 10:29–30: “I tell you the truth,” Jesus said, “no one who has left homes or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel, will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and with them persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life” (NIV). That was it. I knew what I had to do. With some lingering trepidation, I phoned my mother to tell her I was moving to Washington.

I had become a disciple of Christ on His promise to give me a hundred times as much as I had forsaken: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers. At the time I had no idea what that might mean, but God provided all of it and more in a Seventh-day Adventist church that welcomed me, bought me my first “Sabbath clothes” and took me to the doctor when I was sick. They fed me countless meals and drove me countless miles. They gave me a safe place to be during the Sabbath hours and they gave me their time, mentoring me during my teen years. In them I had not just a hundred mothers, but a hundred grandparents, a hundred brothers, a hundred sisters, a hundred homes, a hundred couches, a hundred dining tables, a hundred people—and more—that sheltered me and “family-ed” me.

This small congregation encouraged me to spend my life in the service of God's Church, and they were the ones who sent me to college, paying in full for my four years at an Adventist university, sometimes literally with buried treasure: one large donation came from the discovery of silver buried by the late husband of a widow in the church. She said if it could be found, then it could be used to pay for my studies. It was found!

And so it was that Christ fulfilled a mighty promise through a small church. I stand as an example of what God can do for a hurting world through the lived-out love of His people. So let us never underestimate the usefulness of a congregation, no matter its size, to work miracles in God's name. To what miracle has He called your church?



A House of Love

BY MICHELLE HEYDEN

My father was a Syrian Iranian and my mother was from Russia. She became a Seventh-day Adventist in Russia at the age of 18. She had been taken by the KGB for speaking about Jesus, and the church members prayed for her release. Somehow, God let her loose and she fled to the border where she met my father and later got married. Although he was not a Seventh-day Adventist, he convinced her he was not going to stand in her way.

After they were married, they went to Iraq where I was born.

When my father lost his job, he went back to Iran and sent for us. We were illegally smuggled into Iran where mother raised me as a Seventh-day Adventist.

When mother was 35 years old, my father died—leaving her with six children to care for with no place to go and not a penny to her name. But God took care of us every day. We had three square meals and a roof above our heads. And I praise the Lord that my mother was such a good Christian. She asked God to take care of us and God did, and He still does.

I was brought up with strict rules, that we were not allowed to touch men's hands (or boys) until we were married. But when I came to this country things were totally different. While driving back to Illinois from California, I picked up a hitchhiker. Unfortunately, I trusted him to drive my car and he put something in the transmission that ruined it. We drove about nine miles outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and he yelled, "The car is on fire!"

It was December 28, 1968, and we were stranded. I nearly froze to death and fell unconscious. The next thing I knew, someone was playing with my face, rubbing my arms, and I heard a woman say, "She's back. ... She'll be alright." The hitchhiker had managed to get me to a motel back in town. When I came to, the motel attendant wanted us to have a room. I did not want to be in the same room with this hitchhiker, because it was against the way I was brought up.

I prayed about it, thought about it and then it came to me to call the pastor in Cheyenne. It was Friday night. I picked

up the phone and briefly explained my situation: "I'm in a motel room with a strange man that I don't know, and it's against my belief. Please, I'd like to go to church and I'd like to spend the night in your house, if possible."

He said, "How do I know you are not a jailbird?"

I had never heard that word before. I said, "What do you mean?"

He said, "You skipped jail, you know, prison..."

I said, "I've never been to prison. If you don't believe me, call my pastor in Champaign and he will tell you."

"I'm not going to make the call," he said.

I said, "Well, you can make the call collect and he'll accept it."

"Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzz..." He hung up on me.

I was in tears. I was hurt very, very bad. I decided then and there that when I grew up, when I got married, I would open my house to strangers.

In August, I will celebrate my 40th anniversary. I was dating my husband at the time my car broke down. It was strange when I called him to ask for help from Cheyenne, because I had no idea what was going on. I was not aware the hitchhiker had called the garage and they had towed my car.

"Where are you?" my boyfriend asked.

"I'm coming back. I'm in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The car broke down."

"What is it?"

"The mechanic says it's transmission," I said.

"Do you need money?"

"Yes."

"How much?"



I had no idea how much a transmission would cost so I said, “Maybe \$20, \$25.”

The mechanic took me to the Western Union and I discovered my boyfriend sent \$500. The mechanic took the money and put it in his pocket, then he bought me a ticket from the bus depot while I remained at the garage.

About that time, the Adventist pastor arrived. “I’m the pastor that you called. Are you the lady?”

I said, “I am.”

“I came to check out your story,” he said.

“Well, here I am,” I said. “Don’t you think it’s a little late? ...after church?”

He asked me what was wrong with my car, and I told him it was the transmission. Then there was a discussion about how and when the car would be fixed. At first I thought it would be fixed the same day, but the mechanic told me it would take three or four months to fix the car.

“You have to go home. I bought your ticket,” he said.

So I got on the bus and went home. When I got home, my phone was ringing. It was the mechanic. “I need another \$500,” he informed me.

I didn’t know what to do, but my future husband dropped by and provided another \$500, so I went back to Cheyenne to bring the car home. The car was not running well, but somehow we got it back. Afterward, it stopped while at a toll booth. They towed it, and sure enough it was the transmission and it cost me another \$700. I learned my lesson.

That was 1968. My boyfriend was not a Seventh-day Adventist and that’s what had been stopping me. But I believe this experience put him to the test. He told me that if I married him, he would follow me every bit, in every way. At first I did not believe him. I had many promises like that. Now I knew that I could trust him. We were married in August 1970, and he was baptized the following year.

He has been a big part of my keeping the promise I made to myself that cold Friday night in Cheyenne. He has been a

blessing. God gave me the right man. He does not complain about what I do.

For 38 years our home has been open every week to college and graduate students here at the University of Illinois. I did it mainly for foreign students. I knew what it was like to be a foreigner and not be accepted. Although I did it for foreign students, I saw that other people were coming, too—guests at the church, singles and new members. It’s everybody’s place. It’s just the place to get acquainted and get together and share. It’s not only Saturday. We always have company.

God has just really truly blessed us with everything—a woman who was born overseas and raised with one parent, and very, very poor. I truly believe God has blessed me, because I believe God is love and God demands we love Him and we love our neighbor. When we love God, He puts that love in us.

When I go to church, man, woman, young man, young woman, even children, run and hug my knees. I hug them and kiss them. If I pass by someone, they say, “I didn’t get my love. I didn’t get my hug.” So I turn around and hug them and kiss them. I kiss a lot. I hug a lot.

I see God’s blessings in this house so vividly. God not only blesses us, He takes care of us—my family, my son, my daughter. They are just treasures; they are just jewels—their love for me, for their father, for our members.

To see this group from different countries, different cities, come together and sit together and share common goals, to introduce themselves and what they are doing, to learn about each other so when they see each other on the campus, they are a family—that’s what I want from the whole thing. I don’t want anyone to be alone.

Michelle Heyden lives with her husband of 40 years just blocks away from the University of Illinois campus where their home is always open to those who need love and a home-cooked meal—where they are welcomed as family.

Grandpa, Real Men Love Jesus

BY SARAH CANADA

Does God answer prayers for our relatives to come to Him? Joy Bosman and her daughter, Tammy Fawley, certainly believe so! After years of praying for Jerry Bosman (Joy's husband) and Terrie Eastom (Joy's other daughter), God has heard their cries—and He used a young girl to do it.

Cheyenne Halley, Joy and Jerry's grandchild, has been the center of their world for many years, as they've faithfully brought her to Oakwood Academy each day. They've done all they could to ensure her success in this Adventist school: driving on field trips, cooking hot lunches, fixing broken doors at the school, attending all school events, and so much more. Besides driving Cheyenne to school, they've also brought her and many of her friends to Sabbath school, church, Pathfinders and Vacation Bible School.



When Cheyenne Halley was baptized in March, she wasn't alone. Because of her witness she led her grandfather, Jerry Bosman; her mother, Terrie Eastom; and her friend, Kaitlyn Rohmer, to a closer relationship with Jesus. They were baptized right along with Cheyenne. From left: Cheyenne Halley, Terrie Eastom, Kaitlyn Rohmer; not pictured: Jerry Bosman

Cheyenne wasn't satisfied with just bringing her grandpa to church. She also has been bringing some of her neighborhood friends to attend Vacation Bible School and church. Then she helped enroll one of her friends, Kaitlyn Rohmer, at Oakwood Academy.

While at Oakwood Academy, Cheyenne has blossomed into a wonderful Christian example; and on Sabbath, March 20, she celebrated her acceptance of Jesus as she was baptized. Cheyenne wasn't alone, though; Jerry, Terrie and Kaitlyn were baptized right along with

her. Many tears were shed and hearts were lifted as this family came to Christ together.

The Lord wasn't content with just these four baptisms, and He had two more precious individuals to add to the baptismal list for that Sabbath. Sean Villegas and Brenda Branch were also baptized by Justin Kim, pastor, as a result of their faithful study and love for Jesus.

Oakwood Church was truly blessed when these six new members were added to their family. They've all been inspired by the witness of a young girl and will never underestimate the faith of a child.

Cheyenne has truly lived out 1 Timothy 4:12, as she has been an example to the believers in word, conversation, charity, spirit, faith and purity.

Cheyenne is now 11 years old. As she grew, Christ became more important to her. The school and church activities helped her develop a personal relationship with her friend, Jesus. She has been a shining example to her family and friends. Cheyenne's teachers would describe her as being well-behaved, obedient and soft spoken in the classroom, but Cheyenne knows when it is time to keep quiet and when it is time to speak up. One thing continued to bother her, though, and that is the salvation of her mother and grandfather. One day, Cheyenne spoke up and brought this to Jerry's attention when she asked, "Grandpa, why don't the men in our family go to church? I really wish you would come with us." This question inspired Jerry to begin attending the Oakwood Church and develop his own relationship with Christ.

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The Miracle of a Giant Umbrella

BY DANIELA ORTIZ

You hear about them all the time: prayers answered, awesome experiences, unforgettable friendships and ... miracles. They all happened during our December mission trip to Costa Rica. We thought it was great to offer ourselves as a gift, but we soon discovered that it was God who showered us with His gifts.

First, He provided enough Christmas gifts for every child in the neighborhood of Zetillal, where we built a church. When we thought we were not going to have enough gifts for an “avalanche” of children who came to our Christmas party, it was miraculous to find our sacks were replenished, resembling the New Testament multiplication of loaves and fishes. Then, the attendance during evangelism and Vacation Bible School grew steadily every night, despite busy people being distracted with Christmas celebrations. Several decisions for baptism were made. The Holy Spirit spoke through our youth who preached nightly. Kevin Winklepleck preached with a PowerPoint presentation. In the middle of the sermon the computer froze, and he did not have the script. There was no hesitation. He continued to preach with conviction and power. When asked later how he pulled it off, he did not have an explanation. It was clear the Holy Spirit empowered Kevin to speak and reminded him of the words.

At our construction site, we prayed for the rain not to effect construction. It was amazing to see that one day it poured all around us, but not at our construction site. The Lord placed a “giant umbrella” over us.

“The rain beat down on the roof of the small church in Zetillal, Costa Rica. ... More than 100 locals gathered Christmas Eve to worship with [us] ... I saw God through



A mixing crew included Magdiel (a local boy), brothers Jeremiah, Simon and Bobby Miskimen, and Bonnie Moore.

each little child’s face, and ... the Holy Spirit working through His providence. If ever someone’s life was touched within the time period of ten days, it was mine when I went to Costa Rica. Now I know God can accomplish anything, because I’ve seen Him do it,” recalls Kate-Lyn Edwards, 16, Bloomington Church youth public relations leader.

Jasmine Davison of the Indianapolis Southside Church remembers, “The rain stopped right away, Monday morning after our prayers! God is amazing! ... This was my first mission trip and I can tell you it was the blessing on my life.”

“Our trip to Costa Rica was a blessing. We were fully engaged in working and serving others for the Lord. Not only were we involved in construction, but also the spiritual building of a lovely community. ... We connected with members of the community by immersing ourselves in their culture and language. It was quite a humbling experience. The joy and peace that we experienced on our trip is what we hope to translate in our own communities back home,” remarked Verleen McSween, Bloomington Church campus ministries leader.

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Ministry at Home

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

My first glimpse of Ellen White as a real person was when I was a young mother and on Andrews University's campus the summer of 1975. My husband was participating in a workshop, and I had an afternoon to myself. I went to the library and found the vault in the basement where Ellen White's writings and other early documents are kept for safekeeping.

When the woman on duty learned I was a mother of two young children, her face lit up and she scurried to find something she wanted me to see. When she returned, she showed me a handwritten letter on rather fragile paper. It was from Ellen White to her son, Willie. Written September 26, 1859, while she was on a long trip, Ellen shared words of warmth, love and encouragement. She also wrote of her longing to be with him and the rest of the family. Right in the middle of the paper, there was a round depression. Imagine, after all these years, there was still a remnant of a peppermint candy she had tucked in for her "Dear Little Willie."

At the General Conference Session in Toronto, more than a decade ago now, I bought a book entitled *Ellen White: We Never Really Knew You*. It was written by Bernadine Irwin, a psychologist, who we first met as college students years ago. This book touched my heart in a very special way. George Knight's book, *Walking with Ellen White: Her Everyday Life as a Wife, Mother, and Friend*, is another one I enjoyed reading. Again, I was touched because it revealed more to me about the woman, wife and mother she was.

Yes, she was a real woman with a real ministry, living in a real world, who wrote for real people. *The Ministry of Healing*, written by Ellen White for real families, contains these gems about the Christian family:

"The family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred,



of any on earth. It is designed to be a blessing to mankind" (p. 356).

"The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives" (p. 352).

"If we will open our hearts and homes to the divine principles of life, we shall become channels for currents of life-giving power. From our homes will flow streams of healing, bringing life and beauty and fruitfulness where now are barrenness and dearth" (p. 355).

"Though difficulties, perplexities, and discouragements may arise, let neither husband nor wife harbor the thought that their union was a mistake or a disappointment. Determine to be all that it is possible to be to each other. Continue the early attentions. In every way encourage each other in fighting the battles of life. Study to advance the happiness of each other. Let there be mutual love, mutual forbearance. Then marriage, instead of being the end of love, will be as it were the very beginning of love" (p. 360).

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To learn more about Ellen White, visit <http://www.whiteestate.org/about/egwbio.asp>

Some nuts and seeds are good sources of omega-3.



About one gram of omega-3 is needed per day.

Omega-3 Benefits

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

The risk of heart attack and stroke in the Greenland Inuit is only one-tenth that of Danish Eskimos living in Greenland. Why such a huge difference? The Danes eat a typical Western diet while Greenland Eskimos consume a diet rich in seafood, comprised of whale, seal meat and fish. This diet high in fat and cholesterol would normally be associated with a high risk of heart disease.

The conundrum was resolved when it was discovered that the marine-rich Inuit diet provided about ten grams a day of omega-3 fat, mainly the polyunsaturated fatty acids, EPA and DHA. Since then other studies have shown that one to two servings a week of fatty fish lowers the risk of cardiovascular disease. This discovery led to a big push to eat more fish.

Omega-3 fat exerts a number of useful physiological functions. It protects a person against cardiovascular disease by significantly lowering blood triglyceride levels, inhibiting blood clots and lowering the risk of arrhythmias. It can also lower blood pressure levels in hypertensive patients but does not consistently affect blood cholesterol levels. Omega-3 fat appears to improve the circulation and reduce the risk of a person having a second heart attack.

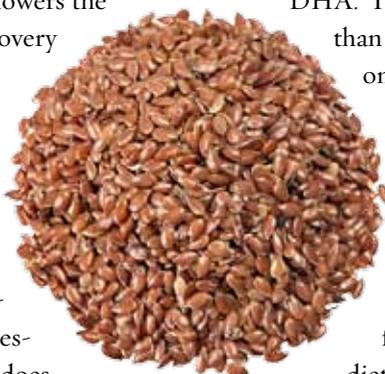
In addition, omega-3 possesses anti-inflammatory properties and has some value for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and ulcerative colitis. Preliminary evidence suggests that omega-3 can delay the growth of tumors and inhibit the appearance of breast, colon and prostate cancer. There appears to be a connection between omega-3 fat and cognitive development, and omega-3 may be helpful in cases of depression and anxiety.

How do vegetarians get sufficient omega-3 without eat-

ing fish or consuming fish oil supplements? Some plants do contain alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), an omega-3 fat with similar properties to EPA and DHA. The body can convert ALA—though not very effectively—into EPA and DHA. This conversion is more effective for women than for men, and excessive amounts of dietary omega-6 do hinder the conversion. The best plant sources of ALA omega-3 include flaxseed flour, flaxseed oil, chia seeds, walnuts, hemp seeds, butternuts, canola oil, soy nuts, tofu and soy oil. Pecans, purslane and green peas also contain small amounts.

Fish do not actually synthesize omega-3 fat, they obtain it from the microalgae in their diet. The DHA omega-3 fat, extracted from microalgae, is now added to fortified soy beverages, juices, mayonnaise, breakfast bars and other foods. In addition, the vegetarian DHA source is available as tablets. Chicken eggs are a good source of omega-3 fat when the chickens are fed a diet of flax seed, canola seeds, greens or fish oils.

Are there any health concerns for those consuming fish? Yes. Fish can be contaminated with mercury and other heavy metals, as well as PCBs and other environmental contaminants. Consuming large amounts of fish oils may increase the risk of bleeding and of hemorrhagic stroke, and worsen the control of blood sugar in persons with diabetes.



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EXTREME GRACE

Just Like Jesus

BY DICK DUERKSEN

"If you go to the clinic, the Americans will give you AIDS!"

The "discourager" slipped from hut to hut spreading the news to everyone in the Mozambiquian village of Chonguene, determined that *no one* would go to the Adventist clinic beneath the cashew tree in the African bush.

The clinicians—two doctors, a women's medicine specialist, nurses, a pharmacist and a distributor of reading glasses—arrived about 9 a.m. and began setting up under the tree. Triage to the North. Dr. Hill to the South. Dr. Bietz to the East. Pharmacy to the West. Women's Center 30 semi-private yards away under a tree hanging heavy with ripening mangoes. Chaplain ready to pray with each patient and their family.



Dick Duerksen

A few elderly women "tested" the Adventist clinic before reporting to their village that those working at the clinic were "just like Jesus."

"We were ready before 10 a.m.," said Nurse Brenda, the clinic coordinator, "and expected more than a hundred patients."

But instead of the normal crowd of women, children and the chief, there were only a dozen old women waiting to see a doctor.

"They came like boards leaning against a strong wind," said Nurse Brenda. "We treated each one as though she were the most important person in the village—filling prescriptions, fitting glasses and praying with each one."

Then there were no more patients. None.

For a mission clinic team accustomed to treating 100-plus patients each day, Chonguene was a huge letdown. They thought about packing up and going home, but stayed, prayed and waited to see who God would bring their way. Service, after all, is about following God—and that often includes waiting!

After awhile a woman walked in with her children. Then another family, and then several women leaning on canes.

It was a day of amazing grace. One young man grimaced into the yard holding his injured leg high over the side of his father's wheelbarrow ambulance. A woman cried be-

cause she didn't know how to get rid of the worms that were crawling out her son's nose. A man asked for help to stop his coughing. A worried mom brought an infant wracked with a malarial fever of 104 degrees. Everyone described sore backs.

"By 3 p.m. closing time," said Nurse Brenda, "we had seen 108 and were looking forward to a good shower and supper back at camp. Then one of the translators brought a cluster of women to the triage table."

"They've come a long way," the translator said, "and they have decided to trust you."

When Nurse Brenda finished the intake charts for the new arrivals, she asked the translator why so few people had come at the beginning of the day.

"We invited all the people to come to the free medical clinic," he explained. "But someone bad told all of the people not to come, and they were afraid. They thought you were coming to contaminate them with AIDS."

Nurse Brenda gasped at the absurdity, and then was humbled by his next words.

"Remember the first group of old ladies? They were sent to see if you were okay. When you helped them, they walked back to their huts and spread the story. They told everyone not to worry about AIDS but to come to the Adventist clinic because you treated them with love. You came to heal, not to hurt."

"You came to Chonguene and were just like Jesus," the translator said. "Just like Jesus."

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Dear God...

BY DON JACOBSEN

Dear God,
You know I never get a haircut from a barber who's a member of my church. And You know why. But I have some other routines like that one that I want to check out with You to make sure they're okay.

It's my preference not to have a mechanic who's a member of my church work on my car, either. Nor a plumber who works on my house or a painter who might come and paint it.

I don't think the folks in my church always understand my motive. And I am sensitive to the financial issues, especially in a slow economy. It seems like the loyal thing, the church-friendly thing to do would be to take my business to those who share my beliefs. It would be kind of like keeping the money in the family.

But Lord, You know that I'm always looking for opportunities to witness, to build bridges across which I can travel to share the love You have shown to me. I must admit that when I go to see my dentist it doesn't always go according to plan because he nearly always has his hand in my mouth and I can't talk anyway. But with many of the other trades, I find it really works well.

My barber takes 20 or 30 minutes every month, and we have had a bunch of wonderful conversations. Right now, her mother is facing some serious health issues; and last time I had a chance to pray for her—sitting right there in the chair. She even turned off the radio.

The man who came and fixed our roof was troubled about his son, and we prayed for him while we were standing out there in the driveway. The man who did some repairs on our porch told me he had victory over his drinking problem—he

had been dry, for six months. We hugged and rejoiced there on the top step.

You remember when we had the vendors who remodeled our bathroom come to our home for a "bathroom party" when it was completed. Some of them got teary-eyed when we stood in a circle and prayed for their businesses. God, I just love to do that.

We have some fine artisans in our local church. We have a handyman who can fix absolutely anything. We have an artist, a photographer, a printer and a brother who runs a tree-removal business. I love those folks, but I seldom hire them because I want to have an excuse to talk about eternal things to those who don't know the God I know.

I hope it doesn't come across to my fellow-members that I am disloyal or that I don't appreciate their skills. I hope they don't see my actions somehow as a criticism of their work. It's just that, well, it seems to me that they probably have other people and other resources around them they can turn to. But when someone lets me know he has not found forgiveness and peace in Jesus or that he is struggling on his journey, I see that as my call.

Is that okay? I'm just trying to follow Your heart.

Your friend.

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A Symbol of Hope

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

For the past two summers, the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, has sponsored a short-term mission trip to Fort Peck Reservation, home of approximately 6,800 Assiniboiné and Sioux in northeastern Montana. Participants offer Vacation Bible School, community service, jail ministries, hospital/nursing home visitations and other outreach activities.

But this July, Gary Marsh will do a little more.

“Last summer, a storm came through and destroyed an African tent that had been there [at Fort Peck] for 30-plus years,” says Gary, professor of aeronautics and assistant airport manager at the Andrews University Airpark. “I thought it would be fun to get a tipi and do something with it. I wanted to make a statement with the tipi because it has some significance for the Native Americans. So I

came up with the idea of painting a portrayal of the Native Americans welcoming the coming of Christ.” After toying with the idea, he presented it to the Andrews University Department of Art & Design. “They were excited!” says Gary. He located and purchased a tipi and poles, made of hand-peeled lodgepole pine from Montana. All there remained to do was paint the canvas.

Brian Manley, assistant professor of art, approached graduates Rebekah Helsius and Lea Shull, asking them to paint the canvas. At first, both were reticent to accept the assignment, not taking lightly the responsibility that comes with depicting something so longed for as the Second Coming. But after some conversations, the team came up with ideas to keep the tipi art both simple and deeply meaningful.

They depicted Native Americans both in traditional



Lea Shull and Rebekah Helsius stand in front of their artwork on the tipi, which depicts Native Americans looking for the Second Coming of Christ.

and modern dress, hoping to connect them both to their heritage and to a bright future with God. Some are on horseback and others on foot, all looking to the sky and watching Jesus coming in the clouds.

Rebekah says, “It felt wonderful to use my talents on a project that will be used as a tool to teach others about Jesus.”

With the painting complete, the tipi was first put on display at the Village Church.

During spring graduation weekend, it stood outside the Art & Design Center. When the mission trip team travels to Montana in July, they will take the tipi. It will be erected and will remain there on the reservation.

“When it is set up in Montana, we’re hoping people will come and ask, ‘What’s this all about?’ That will give us the opportunity for dialogue, to tell them Christ is coming and there is hope,” says Gary.

The Montana Mission Trip is an annual outreach opportunity. The focus of this year’s trip is health. The team will offer, among other things, health screenings as an outreach. To learn more about the trip and how you can participate, call the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church at 269-471-7795.

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Nuevo pastor comienza su ministerio en Wisconsin

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Dios ha designado apóstoles, pastores, evangelistas y maestros a fin de perfeccionar a los santos, para la obra del ministerio, para la edificación del cuerpo de Cristo, hasta que todos llegemos a la unidad de la fe” (Testimonios para los ministros, p. 406).

El comienzo del ministerio de un pastor es un momento muy especial. Es posible que no todos los hermanos se den cuenta que cuando un pastor aspirante llega al momento en que su sueño de ser pastor y de predicar se hace realidad, esto es el fruto de mucho sacrificio y oración. Recuerdo muy bien cuando al graduarme del Seminario de la Universidad Andrews me informaron que mi primera iglesia sería la de habla inglesa en la ciudad de Hammond, estado de Indiana. Era una iglesia pequeña pero con hermanos de mucha fe. Sentí gran emoción cuando prediqué mi primer sermón igual que cuando pude realizar mi primer bautismo. Me parecía increíble que Dios me hubiera guiado hasta ese momento—el de ser parte del cuerpo pastoral de la Iglesia Adventista, que para mí era un llamado sagrado.

Me siento feliz de ver cómo Dios sigue llamando a jóvenes a la obra pastoral. Conocí a Freddy de los Santos en el año 2008 cuando lo entrevistamos para ser obrero bíblico en una campaña evangelística que la Unión del Lago estaba realizando en la ciudad de Gary, estado de Indiana. Nos impresionó su dedicación durante esa campaña; y gracias a Dios, como fruto de su trabajo varias de las visitas llegaron a bautizarse.

El pastor Freddy de los Santos es oriundo de la República Dominicana donde aceptó el mensaje adventista cuando tenía 15 años. Estudió para el ministerio en la Universidad Adventista en su país. Trabajó allí un año como asistente de publicaciones y dos años como colportor en Puerto Rico. Después se trasladó al estado de Maryland en los Estados Unidos donde empezó por cuenta propia a dar estudios bíblicos a personas hispanas en un lugar donde no había iglesia. Eventualmente la Asociación de Chesapeake lo empleó medio tiempo y más tarde se formó una nueva congregación en la ciudad de New Castle, estado de Delaware. Conoció allí también a su futura esposa, Laura.



Pastor Freddy de los Santos, su esposa Laura y sus hijos Nicolás y Daniel

La Asociación luego lo envió al Seminario Adventista de la Universidad de Andrews y en mayo de este año se graduó con el título de Maestría en Divinidad.

El pastor Freddy de los Santos está actualmente empleado por la Asociación de Wisconsin y tiene a su cargo las congregaciones de La Hayes, Maranatha Spanish, Watertown, Sheboygan y Green Bay. Para muchos de nosotros tal cantidad de iglesias parecería demasiado, pero para él no es un obstáculo sino una oportunidad de ayudar a los hermanos a que desarrollen su liderazgo en las iglesias. Le pregunté

cuál era su sueño para sus iglesias, y me respondió: “Que los hermanos entiendan el evangelio y aprendan a vivirlo”. Al fin y al cabo, ¿no es eso lo que Dios quiere de nosotros? Que tanto pastores como laicos llegemos a esa misma meta: entender y vivir el evangelio.

¡Bienvenida, familia De los Santos, al cuerpo pastoral! Que Dios los guíe y use para conducir a muchas almas a los pies de Cristo.

Carmelo Mercado es el vice presidente general de la Unión del Lago.



Becoming a Blessing

BY DAVID L. CRANE

Little things mean a lot. We've all heard that phrase, and I suspect we know in our hearts that it's true. But how often do we think about our actions and actually take the time to do those "little things?"

Recently, I received a letter from a patient at our hospital that illustrated how the little things can add up to a wonderful experience. The patient talked about the care he received, how his physicians and nurses expertly cared for him and how he was pleased with his stay at the hospital.

The one thing that stood out in his mind was his socks—the white socks he wore when he came into the hospital. "I wore those white socks for four days, and I walked up and down the hallways of the hospital," the patient wrote. "And my socks were just as white when I left as they were the day I came in."

To the patient, his white socks proved that someone cared enough to keep our facility sparkling clean. He believed that if his socks were clean, then the hospital was doing a good job staying on top of cleanliness, and maybe even quality.

What if his socks turned black? What if there were dust bunnies and dirt attached to the bottom of his feet when he left the hospital? Would his experience have been diminished, even a small bit? Perhaps.

I know that I don't have to worry about passing the "white sock test" at our hospitals. Our employees, no matter what their jobs are, take pride in their work. We work in a special, godly place, and our pride shines through in everything we do.

At Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, we're beginning a journey that will benefit our patients in many ways—a \$75 million modernization project. The improvements we're making, including pri-

ivate patient rooms, will help keep us on the cutting edge of medicine. It's an investment our patients deserve.

The project includes updated nursing units, improved surgical suites, new corridors that segregate patient and visitor traffic, plus a new lobby and chapel and convenient parking. These upgrades will improve staffing efficiency and help Adventist Hinsdale Hospital attract and retain the best possible physicians and nurses.

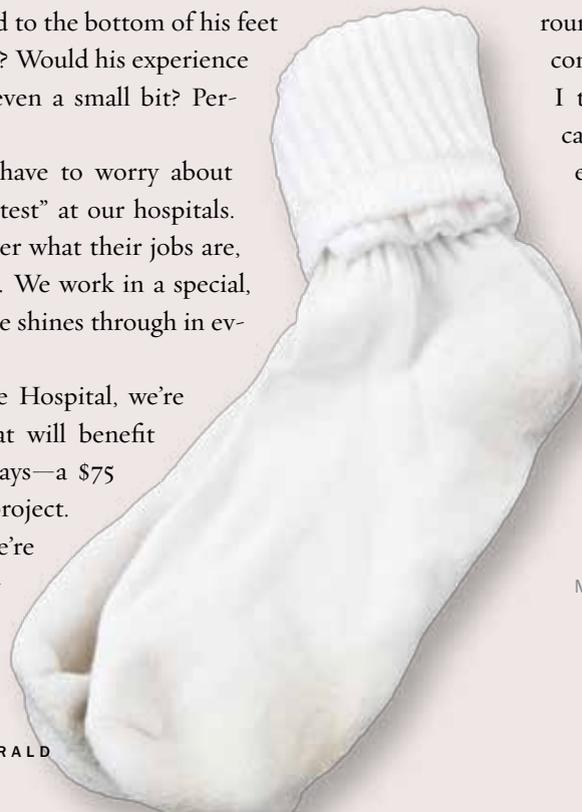
The latter is very important. I'm convinced that the work we do can change people's lives. From holding someone's hand to praying with a patient, we have been called to this field of service—and it is truly a gift.

Earlier this year, I learned one of my friends from college had passed away in our emergency room. I didn't learn about this until after the fact, and I felt terribly guilty I wasn't at her side.

But then I realized that my friend was surrounded by some of the most gracious and compassionate caregivers I have ever known. I took comfort knowing she was with the caring members of our team, and I knew everyone did everything they could possibly do to save her. My friend's last conscious thought was the loving presence of our caregivers. Her next conscious thought will be the loving presence of her Savior at the resurrection.

What happens in our hospitals—even the little things—can indeed change people's lives. I am grateful for the outstanding work we do.

David L. Crane is president and CEO of Adventist Midwest Health.



Touching Hearts

BY RICK WRIGHT

Growing up as a preacher's kid, I spent a lot of time learning and singing hymns. My mother was a pianist; and from an early age, I learned to play the piano, too. I wouldn't say I'm a skilled pianist, but I do believe if you play from your heart, people notice.

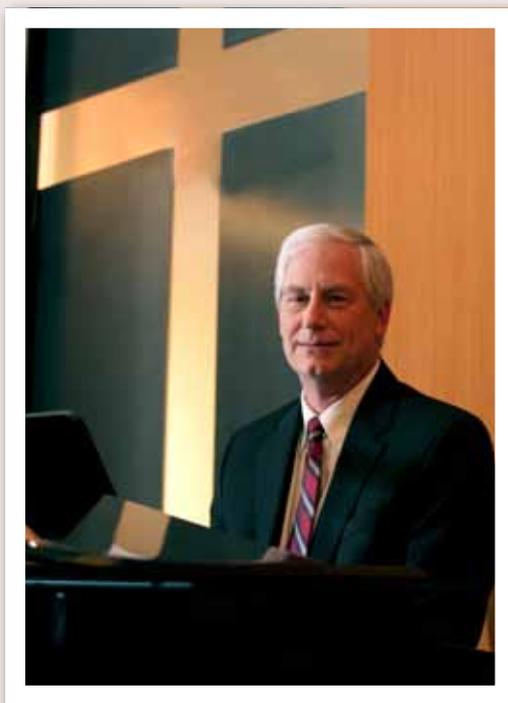
I know many hymns by heart, and I enjoy playing this expressive instrument. We have a piano in our hospital chapel; and when the mood strikes, I stop by to play a few hymns. If someone is in the chapel when I stop by, I might say hello and move on—allowing them time to be alone in prayer. I'm kind of shy when it comes to playing in front of an audience.

But recently, I stopped by the chapel and saw an older gentleman sitting with his head bowed. He looked up and our eyes met for a moment. I didn't feel like I could sneak away, so I simply asked him if he would mind if I played a few hymns for him.

When I was done, I shook the man's hand, gave him my business card and asked him if there was anything else I could do for him. He said no, and I went on with my day.

Three days later I received a phone call. It was the gentleman I met in the chapel. He wanted to thank me for making his day a little easier. You see, he had just lost his wife of 65 years; and he made his way to our chapel to try to come to grips with his loss.

I had a huge lump in my throat as I listened and real-



Rick Wright, chief executive officer of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, has been known to tickle the ivories in the hospital chapel.

ized how a simple gesture can truly touch someone's life. Our nurses touch our patients' lives every day, but everyone has the ability to touch someone's heart. We just need to open our minds and be receptive to these moments.

Our mission statement is "Extending the healing ministry of Christ." I wonder what we would do differently if we changed one word to have it read "Extending the healing ministry *to* Christ." In Matthew 25:40 Jesus says, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

If we truly believe God is in us and around us, and since we don't know what He looks like, we should treat everyone we come

in contact with as if they were God. So the question again is: What would we do differently if we thought that the person we were talking to or helping was God? And, more poignantly, what if we don't? Ironically, Matthew 25:45 answers the question: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Rick Wright is the chief executive officer of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Great Expectations

SPIRITUAL CARE VERY IMPORTANT
TO PATIENTS, SURVEY FINDS

BY LISA PARRO

Patients at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital are comfortable seeking spiritual support and confident that staff respect their unique spiritual beliefs, according to a recent survey.

More than 100 patients surveyed said chaplain visits and prayers are very meaningful and spiritual care overall is very important to them. The findings verified the commitment of hospital chaplains and staff to providing whole-person care.

“This hospital has wonderful spiritual support that other hospitals don’t have,” one patient told the survey team. Another was comforted “knowing you have (spiritual) support if you need it.”

The hospital’s pastoral care department commissioned the survey to gain further insight into patients’ answers to the spiritual-focused question on surveys mailed home to patients. One question on the survey asks whether patients believe their spiritual needs were met during their hospital stay. Adventist Hinsdale Hospital ranks in the 80th percentile on these measures; the goal is to reach the 90th percentile by 2012, said Tricia Trefth, manager of pastoral care.

“We wanted to delve deeper into our scores to determine what we might be missing when it comes to providing spiritual care for our patients,” Tricia said. “Our plan is to analyze the results of this survey, make improvements and repeat the survey annually in order to exceed our patients’ expectations.”

The survey also revealed the following:

- 86 percent of patients called chaplain visits meaningful or very meaningful;
- 73 percent said it was important or very important to have chaplains pray with them;
- 97 percent of patients responded favorably when asked if they believe the hospital staff respects their unique spiritual beliefs. The question refers not only to chaplains and other



Adventist Hinsdale Hospital chaplain Hector Ramos comforts patient Glenn Omholt and his wife, Jeanne. Patients are comfortable seeking spiritual support and confident that staff respects their unique spiritual beliefs, according to a recent survey commissioned by the hospital.

members of the pastoral care team but also to nurses, physicians and any other hospital representatives with whom the patient comes into contact.

The positive findings encouraged Tricia and other leaders.

“Because the hospital is a vulnerable place to be, we want patients to be comfortable here,” Tricia said. “Learning that nearly all the patients surveyed believe our staff honors and respects their beliefs validates our commitment to providing

exceptional spiritual care to all patients regardless of their personal beliefs.”

Sue Baetzel, lead RN in the hospital’s ambulatory care unit, is a spiritual ambassador who regularly prays with patients.

“Prayer is an important aspect of patient care,” Sue said. “To know that somebody else cares for you – that puts people at ease.”

Surveys were conducted in person instead of on the phone or through the mail so that patients would feel free to “speak from their heart,” said Beverly Moon, patient experience coordinator. Beverly’s team conducted the surveys over a monthlong period.

The survey team was assisted in large part by Diane Cesarone, director of quality management, who helped develop the questions and analyze the data. According to Diane, the results were not surprising given the organization’s commitment to extending the healing ministry of Christ.

The survey will be conducted at the other Adventist Midwest Health hospitals.

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Letters to God

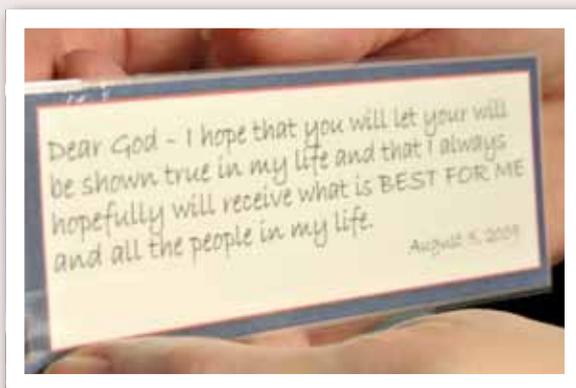
BY LISA PARRO

By his own estimation, Ian G. isn't much of a reader or writer. And as a lapsed Catholic, he doesn't consider himself a spiritual or religious person. So when he was asked to write a prayer to God as part of his treatment program at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital's New Day Center, Ian paused. He spent some time thinking and wondering about his Higher Power in a way he'd never thought about it before. What resulted was a brutally honest call for help.

"Dear God," he wrote. "Please give me the strength to get through this awful disease today. ... God, please help me understand why I put myself and others I love through this misery of my addiction and help me care about myself and lose the anger and hate I have for myself."

Those words are a daily reminder of how far Ian has come since taking his last drink. New Day Center offers outpatient treatment programs for adults who struggle with addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs. The center emphasizes strengthening each patient's spiritual connection, which is critical to the patient's long-term recovery. As a result of many losses, shame and guilt, patients often have lost hope and are spiritually bankrupt. While in treatment, patients are asked to write a letter to God—or their Higher Power—as a way to initiate or keep that spiritual connection.

Upon graduation, patients receive copies of their prayers printed on five laminated bookmarks; they're encouraged to keep some and give away the rest—to their sponsors, family members, friends and other loved ones. Many place them in their copies of *The Big Book*—Alcoholics Anonymous' (A.A.) basic text—and *Daily Reflections: A Book of Reflections* by A.A. Members for A.A. Members. After completing treatment, patients continue their recovery process by participating



in an aftercare program and 12-step meetings while working with their sponsor.

The idea to reproduce the prayers on bookmarks evolved as Donna Faur and Beth Tesmond, certified addictions counselors, and other members of the night staff discussed steps two and three of the 12-step program:

- We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

New Day Center began printing the bookmarks earlier this year. In addition to the prayer, each bookmark is imprinted with an inspirational image and the date of the patient's graduation from the program. Seeing their own words printed on laminated bookmarks gives patients a sense of pride in their work, said staff counselor Maria Coyne.

The prayers remind Donna why she began working with addicts and alcoholics more than 20 years ago.

"When they begin to grasp the spiritual part of this program, it's like watching a miracle happen," she said. "It's inspiring."

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Creation Health

FROM GOD'S WORD TO OUR HOSPITALS

BY JENNY TILLAY

One day while making my rounds in the hospital, a patient told me, "It's not the choices I made yesterday that landed me in the hospital—it's the choices I made 30 years ago that got me into trouble." That patient had come to the realization that every day we make choices that have lasting impact.

For more than 100 years, Adventist Midwest Health has offered excellence in health-care to our community and provided resources for each patient to nurture their spiritual and emotional well-being. The latest step in that journey has been the addition of Creation Health, a philosophy of holistic health and preventive healthcare, to our offerings.

The Creation Health principles originate in the first three chapters of Genesis, which outline God's prescription for experiencing fulfilled lives. The simple acronym CREATION highlights each of these eight fundamental ideals:

Choice: Good lifestyle choices are the first step toward good health.

Rest: Rest is a daily activity and a weekly activity (what the Bible calls Sabbath rest).

Environment: Spiritual peace and physical healing is affected by what surrounds us.

Activity: Play and exercise are a gift of God.

Trust: An experience of transcendence gives life a purpose and directly affects overall health and well-being. Studies provide abundant evidence regarding the connection between spirituality and health. God still speaks, and by grace invites each one into a personal relationship that affects our lives and destiny.

Interpersonal relationships: One heart touching another in intimacy is a powerful curative in the human experience.

Outlook: A hopeful, positive outlook influences our worldview and every relationship.

Nutrition: A balanced diet produces optimal energy and overall health.

Creation Health began in Florida as the blueprint for creat-



Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital chaplain Jenny Tillay illustrates some of the principles of Creation Health at the hospital's new Creation Health Center for Chronic Disease Management.

ing Celebration Hospital, part of Adventist Health System, and has since spread to the Midwest region. In April, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital opened its Creation Health Center for Chronic Disease Management. The goal of the Center is to utilize the eight universal principles of health to empower patients to manage their chronic diseases with self-care routines and ongoing medical care. This will improve their quality of life. The Center will offer many different services, includ-

ing cardiac rehabilitation/pulmonary rehabilitation, outpatient diabetes education, infusion therapy, pain clinic, congestive heart failure (CHF) clinic, asthma clinic, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) clinic, weight management (bariatric) and wound care.

In my work as a hospital chaplain, I find the principles set forth in Creation Health to be very helpful tools in working with patients. Engaging patients in their healthcare can really help them continue to make healthy choices as they return to their daily lives. Diabetes patients receive Creation Health handouts and worksheets to take home with them to provide further education on taking care of themselves.

Creation Health allows people to take control of their health and wellness. It can be used as an intervention for someone experiencing health problems or as preventive medicine for a healthy person. In John 10:10 Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Using the principles of Creation Health, we can all enter that abundant life.

To learn more, visit www.creationhealth.com.

Jenny Tillay is a chaplain at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital.

Opportunities from God

EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZES GOD'S LEADING IN HER LIFE

BY ASHLEY LAWLESS

Proverbs 3:5–6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” It’s a message that Esther Jarrette has lived by for years. As an executive assistant at Adventist Midwest Health, Esther placed her trust in the Lord, and He blessed her with a rewarding career.

For more than 35 years, Esther has worked at Adventist Midwest Health. Today she works in the pastoral care department, supporting the regional vice president for Ministries and Mission. “God has presented me with opportunities that I would have never found on my own,” Esther said. “Every day there are occasions to share God’s love by offering a hug, prayer or words of encouragement. It’s very rewarding to feel like you’ve made a difference in someone’s life.”

Serving others comes easily to Esther. A minister’s daughter, Esther was born and raised in Trinidad, where her family was part of an active, vibrant church. After graduating from Caribbean Union College with an associate’s degree in secretarial science, Esther went to work as the secretary to the president for South Caribbean Conference, where her father also worked. Her father believed in higher education, so he persuaded Esther to go to the United States to attend Andrews University. She graduated with a bachelor’s in medical secretarial science in 1973.

Esther had planned to return to Trinidad, but God intervened with a phone call from Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, offering her a job as a secretary in the pathology department. When her father died in 1975, Esther decided it was time to go back to Andrews for the advanced degree her father had encouraged her to obtain. She earned a master’s in teaching business education and then returned to work at the hospital.



Esther Jarrette, executive assistant, supports John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Mission, Adventist Midwest Health.

Esther recalls a time when her student visa was ready to expire and the hospital’s application for a work permit had been rejected three times. She and the human resources director knelt and prayed for a solution. Less than a month later, Esther received her work permit. “It was a miracle!” she said. “For me, that was a sign from God that He had a plan for me here at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.”

Over the years, Esther supported several executives before arriving in her current home in pastoral care in 2004. One of her many responsibilities is organizing the hospital’s annual mission trip. “I love that we embrace opportunities that give us the privilege of extending the healing ministry of Christ,” she said.

“Esther’s organizational and communication skills are top notch,” said her boss, John Rapp. “But what makes her truly unique is her passion for our mission and her compassion for our staff and patients. Esther’s character is impeccable, her focus on mission is unwavering and her commitment to Christ is profound.”

Esther and her husband, Michael, who works in the hospital’s facilities department, live in Hinsdale and have two sons: Rommel, a college sophomore, and Larnelle, a high school sophomore. Esther is an active member of the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she serves as a deaconess.

Ashley Lawless is a public relations department intern at Adventist Midwest Health.



Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ

C O S T A R I C A M I S S I O N T R I P

BY JULIE BUSCH

In January, 45 physicians, employees and guests from Adventist Midwest Health traveled to Costa Rica for a seven-day mission trip to provide needed medical care and services.

By the end of the trip, the team had treated 1,800 patients, completed four construction projects and handed out more than ten suitcases of toys and gifts to children.

I had the privilege to serve on this trip, and when I wasn't helping in the children's day camp area, I was blogging about our adventures. Below are excerpts from my blog:

Monday

We've arrived at our first site and already a small group of people are lined up to see us. Our hosts had the main room divided into private exam rooms with curtains for privacy. The pharmacy team got to work dividing up vitamins and medicines into little baggies with instructions. Our hosts have a giant inflatable bouncer for the children that was a hit from the moment we inflated it. We have nine physicians and 35 support clinicians (including interpreters) with us, and the team treated 330 people today.

Tuesday

We boarded the bus for Cristo Rey, a very poor section of Costa Rica. The morning got off to an exciting start when a man ran into the clinic, clearly panicked. He was a utility company worker and his co-worker had fallen off a ladder about 25 feet down. A doctor and a clinician ran over to help. Luckily, the young man only suffered a shattered shoulder and arm. They were able to stabilize the patient until an ambulance arrived 20 minutes later.

The construction team got to work painting the church. They are changing the color from bright blue to salmon. This work has been desperately needed for many years, but

there was no money or resources to complete it.

Around lunchtime, members of the construction team saw smoke billowing from a rooftop of a home a block away. People started yelling "Fire! Fire!" and several of our team members ran to the home to help. Jim Today, Miguel Luna, Hossein Isbitan and Bill Passero were first on the scene. They used buckets and a garden hose to douse the flames, and sprayed the adjoining house with water to protect it.

We formed an assembly line outside the neighbor's house as the family frantically threw out everything from inside—appliances, furniture, clothing, bedding, toys—and we piled it into the street. Our team even helped the firefighters once they arrived, but the entire home was destroyed. However, the next door neighbor's home was saved. The owner hugged Jim tightly and would barely let go, thanking him for saving his home.

Wednesday

Today, we've set up shop in Concepcion Alahuelita. Our medical team has treated some pretty serious conditions, including a large leg ulcer, stroke, a knife wound, and complications from diabetes and alcoholism. It's been a blessing to have two physical therapists with us, Karen King and Amanda Sears. The people here would never have the means to see a physical therapist.

Lanny Wilson, an obstetrician, worked with three obstetric nurses from Adventist GlenOaks Hospital—Nancy Botts, Billie Gallup and Barbara Mroz—as well as Amanda Orrantia, their interpreter. The team saw many pregnant patients, and most were refugees from Nicaragua. Lanny

was able to raise the funds himself to purchase a portable ultrasound machine, which was extremely valuable for these patients. Most don't have insurance and couldn't afford it anyway. Sometimes, it takes up to two years to get a doctor's appointment.

There are signs God is helping us with this mission. There's the elderly woman who tried on every pair of donated eyeglasses we had but still could not see, until finally she got to the very last pair and her eyes lit up. They worked perfectly and now she could see to read her Bible.

There's the family who was so poor that they couldn't afford to buy milk, so a group of our workers got some for them, plus some extra money for food. And there's the eight-year-old girl who said she was sad because she had no friends. People said she was ugly and they called her "fish eyes." "You're beautiful," our team told her, "inside and out."

Thursday and Friday

We are spending Thursday and Friday in El Guaso. The church here is so small that we have moved the clinic outdoors under a large tent. In the pharmacy, team members were singing "Amazing Grace" when the ground began to tremble and shake. It was an earthquake, but it only lasted a few seconds.

Today, the construction team is building a portable stage inside the church. The floor of the church is gravel, and when 80 people crowd into the tiny space for services it's hard to see the pastor. They also built a ramp for a member who is in a wheelchair. Now, the youngster is able to come up to the altar and can also enter the children's classroom.

We worked until noon on Friday and then boarded our bus and drove about an hour to tour the Irazu volcano, which has erupted 23 times since 1723. Off in the distance, we could see a neighboring volcano erupting in a cloud of white smoke. We had to exit the park pretty fast!

Sabbath

People either attended worship or enjoyed God's beautiful nature in Costa Rica. Our experience on the Sabbath was a wonderful way to end the week.

Julie Busch is the regional manager of Public Relations for Adventist Midwest Health.



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The mission trip team poses for a group photo at the volcano site.



Julie Busch

The construction team built this portable stage and ramp for the church.



Julie Busch

The OB/Gyn clinical team, including Barbara Mroz, Billie Gallup, Lanny Wilson, Nancy Botts and Amanda Orrantia (far right), stand with their patient.



Adventist GlenOaks Hospital celebrates 30th anniversary

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital commemorated its 30th anniversary with a dedication and prayer service Mar. 9. The village of Glendale Heights adopted a proclamation declaring Mar. 9, 2010, as “Adventist GlenOaks Hospital Day” in recognition of the hospital’s importance in the community.

“For 30 years, our hospital has provided quality medical care close to home,” said Brinsley Lewis, the hospital’s chief executive officer. “Reaching this important milestone gives us the opportunity to publicly honor our staff and physicians and thank the community for supporting Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. We look forward to a bright future and many more years of serving this community.”

A new work of art—the hospital’s mission statement, “Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ,” created on canvas by renowned local artist Timothy Botts—was unveiled and several 30-year employees honored. The honored employees include Botts’ wife Nancy, a nurse in the hospital’s obstetric unit. The Botts live in Glen Ellyn.

Adventist GlenOaks Hospital opened as Glendale Heights Community Hospital on Mar. 9, 1980, on a 15-acre parcel of land east of Glen Ellyn Road that once included the childhood home of Merle Reskin, a founding father of Glendale Heights.

“In the early 1970s there were no physicians practicing in Glendale Heights,” recalled Lewis, who has led the hospital since 1998. “Local leaders joined more than 200 community residents in rallying to develop a community hospital. Their efforts led to a groundbreaking in 1977 and the hospital’s opening in 1980. We are now a 186-bed award-winning hospital treating patients from all over northern DuPage County.”



Adventist GlenOaks Hospital honored 30-year employees, from left: Karen Larson, Elisa Mercado, Sue Karau, Margaret Burke, Mary Clark, Nancy Botts and Carol Rohrsen.

Added Jackie Conrad, chief nursing officer/vice president of patient care services at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital: “We’ve come a long way in the past three decades, but patient care still remains our top priority. Every day, our dedicated physicians, staff and volunteers transform patient care, thereby transforming the lives of our patients and their families.”

Glendale Heights Community Hospital became affiliated with Hinsdale Hospital in 1982. In 1997, both hospitals became part of Adventist Health System, one of the largest nonprofit faith-based health systems in the U.S. The hospital’s primary service area includes the communities of Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream and Glen Ellyn as well as Glendale Heights.

In 1995, the hospital opened Adventist GlenOaks Therapeutic Day School; there children with learning disabilities and emotional and psychiatric problems earn normal academic credits while addressing their therapeutic goals. The school has since grown to include three campuses, in Glendale Heights, North Aurora and Glen Ellyn.

Today Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is known for many services, including the area’s only “no waiting room” Shanahan Emergency and Trauma Center, an accredited chest pain center (one of only two in DuPage County), and board-certified physicians in interven-

tional cardiology and interventional radiology. The hospital also features a Heart & Vascular Institute, oncology, rehabilitation, surgery and imaging. Adventist Institute for Behavioral Medicine offers inpatient, outpatient and educational support in behavioral health services. Nearly 300 outstanding physicians admit and treat patients at the hospital.

The 30-year employees honored were Nancy Botts, an obstetrical nurse; Margaret Burke, a recovery room nurse; Mary Clark, a quality coordinator; Sue Karau, a physical therapy treatment assistant and coordinator of the physical therapy department; Karen Larson, secretary to the geriatric unit and the comprehensive treatment unit for high-functioning adults at Adventist Institute for Behavioral Medicine; Elisa Mercado, a medical/surgical nurse; and Carol Rohrsen, a nurse in cardiology stress testing.

“In this day and age, it’s rare to find employees who exhibit this level of commitment,” Lewis said. “That’s why we are taking the time to honor these seven individuals and the impact they’ve had on our organization. They are an inspiration to me.”

Lisa Parro, senior public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health



Kathleen Mitchell

The 27 members of the groundbreaking shovel brigade formally break ground for the new Buller Hall.

Groundbreaking for Buller Hall marks winds of change

The winds of change were blowing as the groundbreaking ceremony for Buller Hall commenced Friday morning, Apr. 30, in the heart of the Andrews University campus. Nearly 250 gathered just outside Griggs Hall as University administration, lead donors Allan and Mickey Buller, and faculty formally turned the first shovels of dirt for the new Undergraduate Learning Center.

Against a backdrop of construction equipment poised to bring down Griggs Hall and the sounds of a brass quintet, Niels-Erik Andreasen, University president, welcomed all in attendance to this historic occasion, including special guests Sir Patrick Allen, governor-general of Jamaica; the governor-general's wife, Lady Allen; and Peter N.R. Ogego, Kenyan ambassador to the United States. After sharing a bit of the project's 16-year history, Andreasen said, "We want to create a teaching and learning home where students and teachers have daily meetings of minds that inform, inspire and support the finest ideas the Seventh-day Adventist Church has developed since the first Adventist university—Andrews University—was established in 1874."

Following a word of prayer from

Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, interim provost Bill Richardson gave a historical perspective of Griggs Hall, a building Richardson taught in for 21 years. As a former member of the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages faculty, Richardson recalled the many times he had to wait for the crowd to thin a bit before he could navigate the glutted hallways of Griggs back to his office from the classroom.

Paul Stokstad, co-chair of the President's Council, offered a perspective on the Undergraduate Learning Center building project, paying special tribute to its lead donors, Allan and Mickey Buller. "Allan was just the type of person for whom to name a building: an undergraduate degree from Andrews, president of the student body and president of his senior class. He is a member of what today we call 'the greatest generation.' Allan traded his graduation gown for an armed services uniform the day he graduated," said Stokstad. He then recounted how the Bullers were content to put the project on hold time and again, allowing other worthy and needed projects to become a reality at Andrews University. Then came the day in 2009 when the President's Council reiterated the obvious: With a growing undergraduate enrollment, Andrews needed Buller Hall. "Yes, the economy was at its lowest, but so were interest rates and building costs," recalled Stokstad. "At the close

of one of the meetings, one member said, 'Let's borrow and let's build.'... And here we are today: ready to build."

Ending the program portion of the groundbreaking, Allan Buller said a few words of thanks to all who supported this project. "It has been said that anticipation is greater than realization. If that's true, we've had plenty of time to anticipate. But Dr. Andreasen, you're right; this delay has enabled us to think bigger and plan bigger."

David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, introduced the 27 members of the groundbreaking shovel brigade, each one with a Buller Hall hardhat and a shovel in hand. The shovel brigade included members of administration, Allan and Mickey Buller, faculty from the College of Arts & Sciences, and representatives from the architecture and construction companies on the project.

Demolition of Griggs Hall began on Friday, May 7. The construction of Buller Hall is scheduled for completion in May 2011. At that time renovation of Nethery Hall will begin, and it is scheduled for completion in August 2011.

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



Martin Lee

University president Niels-Erik Andreasen (center) stands with Allan and Mickey Buller in front of Griggs Hall.

[EDUCATION NEWS]



Hinsdale Adventist Academy students spent their spring break on a mission trip to St. Lucia. From left: HAA students Joelle Arner, Rosten Dieter, Cassie Chlevin and Larnelle Jarrette visit with a student of the St. Lucia SDA School center.

Friendships forged in St. Lucia

Illinois—Nine students and three faculty members from Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA) spent their spring break on a mission trip to the island of St. Lucia. There, they helped clean and paint the St. Lucia Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) school, conducted a worship service at the Bethany SDA Church and visited with the children of the Nightengale Children's Home.

Upon arrival to St. Lucia, the students were discouraged by their accommodations, which included primitive bathroom facilities, sleeping on the hard floor, no air conditioning, tons of mosquitoes and limited showers—St. Lucia is in the midst of a terrible drought and water is scarce. But their focus quickly changed once they began to meet the students at the St. Lucia SDA school. According to Kelly Wiedemann, one of the sponsors on the trip, “The students are so friendly! They came up to us, introduced themselves and wanted our names so they could find us on Facebook!” The boys

from the school taught our students how to play cricket, which was a new experience indeed!

Our students found out very soon that there was much work to be done at the St. Lucia school. They painted classrooms and cleaned the shutters on the outside of the building, and came to realize that HAA is a pretty nice school!

On Sabbath, the students put on a church service at the Bethany SDA Church where the members appreciated seeing our young students up front. Sophomore Larnelle Jarrette did a fantastic job sharing his testimony about the similarities and differences of the school in St. Lucia and HAA. After lunch, the group went to the Nightengale Children's Home where they delivered the items collected during HAA's “100th Day of School” (see “100 Days of Caring, Sharing and Learning” in the April issue of the *Lake Union Herald**). The children were excited when they opened their boxes and saw the clothing, shoes, socks, books, school supplies and toiletries our students collected just for them.

While in St. Lucia, the students

took in some of the local sights, such as the marketplace, the Piton mountains and the beach. They swam in the hot springs warmed by a volcano, and treated themselves to a natural “spa” day by rubbing the sulfur-filled mud on their bodies.

All in all, it was a very educational and meaningful experience for the HAA students, and it is evident that their perspective on the world has changed dramatically. Joelle Arner, a sophomore at HAA stated, “We will view our use of water much differently after this trip, and be much more thankful for the things we do have.”

The St. Lucia mission trip was the brainchild of Danny Frederick, HAA's Bible teacher and outreach coordinator, a native of St. Lucia. His goal is to maintain a relationship with the students at the St. Lucia SDA School, as our schools share in the common goal of preparing students for a life of service in this world, and eternal life in Heaven!

Rebecca Garrett, marketing director,
Hinsdale Adventist Academy

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Larnelle Jarrette shares with the congregation of the Bethany SDA Church in St. Lucia as Fawn Scherencel (HAA kindergarten teacher and one of the trip sponsors) looks on.



Kelly Wiedemann, HAA's music director and a trip sponsor, stands outside the St. Lucia SDA School.



A total of 117 students in grades 5–8 participated in the half-day Mini-Band Clinic at Village Adventist Elementary School.

Mini-Band Clinic provides unique music, social experience

Michigan—On Thursday, Apr. 1, Village Adventist Elementary School in Berrien Springs, Mich., sponsored the 4th Annual Mini-Band Clinic for Adventist Elementary School Bands. A total of 117 students in grades 5–8 from Battle Creek, Cedar Lake, Grand Rapids, Ruth Murdoch and Village Adventist elementary schools participated in the half-day event.

This opportunity for Adventist elementary school students began in the spring of 2007 when Village Adventist Elementary School and Grand Rapids Adventist School combined their bands for a Mini-Band Clinic at the Village Adventist Elementary School. “We wanted to provide our band students with a unique musical and social experience,” says Jose Cruz of Village Adventist Elementary School.

The first year was a success, so the Mini-Band Clinic was held again in the spring of 2008 and again in 2009. Each year, it is held at a different

Adventist school within the Michigan Conference; and each year, a new band from a sister Adventist school has joined in. The event not only offers students an opportunity to play music together, but also a chance to eat and socialize with each other. With pieces like “Call of the Champion,” conducted by Kimberly Bulgin from Grand Rapids Adventist Academy and “American Patrol,” conducted by Yves Clouzet from Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, the students sampled the flavor of other conductors’ tastes.

But for the teachers, it’s about more than the music. “The experience of playing in a much larger ensemble is a fantastic opportunity for all involved. There are new things to listen for, new challenges when working with several different directors, and a general appreciation for each other,” says Michelle Stark, music director from Battle Creek Adventist Academy. “Music clinics, like this one, allow kids to reconnect with friends they’ve made at camp meeting or summer camp; and it also encourages them to make new friends.”

“The clinic was an excellent opportunity for students from small schools like ours to play in a larger group and

be exposed to other conductors’ styles,” says Byron Graves, instrumental music director at Great Lakes Adventist Academy and Cedar Lake Elementary. “This was our second year to attend the clinic, and my students are already looking forward to next year!”

The organizers hope the band clinic continues to grow. Stark says, “It’s always fun to work with all the students together on a new piece. We only have a few minutes to put it all together, so things happen very fast. We hope to extend the clinic in the future.”

Each year, the Mini-Band Clinic concludes with an afternoon concert. This year, it was held in the Village School Gym. “It was fun and a great success!” says Cruz.

Stark says, “There is nothing like playing in a well-organized festival to encourage participation. It’s just plain fun! It makes you wonder what it’ll be like in Heaven when we all play our instruments for Jesus! I can’t wait!”

Keri Suarez, leader, Village Home & School Association

Peterson-Warren students win P.A.N.D.A. championship

Lake Region—Congratulations are in order to Peterson-Warren Academy, Inkster, Mich., for winning the 2010 P.A.N.D.A. (Pan African Nurturing and Development Association) Games sponsored by Eastern Michigan University and the distinguished Charles H. Wright African-American Museum located in Detroit.

The school had two teams made up of grades 9–11 with six students and two alternate members on each team. Each team was required to be knowledgeable of African-American history facts in the following categories: World Civilization, African Diaspora History, Geography, Famous African-Americans, General History and Joe Lewis.

After being fed a continental breakfast and given P.A.N.D.A. Games official T-shirts, the students were taken



Peterson-Warren Academy students answered questions for more than an hour and scored 460 points before being declared 2010 P.A.N.D.A. Games champions.



One of the student teams from Peterson-Warren Academy included (from left): Tracy Buggs, Tyler Barber, Calvin Walker, Ciera Wright, Quinn Walker and Anthony Weathers.



Peterson-Warren Academy students and supporters celebrate those who won the 2010 P.A.N.D.A. Games sponsored by Eastern Michigan University and the distinguished Charles H. Wright African-American Museum in Detroit.

on a tour of the museum and one of its newest section called the “Joe Lewis Exhibit.” The P.A.N.D.A. Games began with the students first playing against their classmates in the elimination round, with the winning team advancing to the final round. This round placed the students in competition against the winner of Detroit Public Schools’ elimination round.

The final round was witnessed by representatives of Eastern University and the Charles Wright Museum along with parents, classmates, teachers, games officials—all of whom were impressed by the extensive knowledge of all the participating students as they rang their buzzers and rendered their answers with confidence and ease.

After an hour of grueling questions and pointing out to judges different locations in Africa on a map, the results were rendered to the eager audience that Peterson-Warren Academy scored 460 to Detroit Public Schools’ 170 points.

Before final presentations were made, the contestants and guests were invited for a luncheon of pizza, salad, cookies and drink. During the awards ceremony, each participant from various schools received a beautiful medal and a certificate of participation award. Peterson-Warren Academy students received medals and certificates, and Peterson-Warren Academy was awarded

a beautiful trophy declaring them the 2010 P.A.N.D.A. Games champions.

The team members who led Peterson-Warren Academy to victory were Tracy Buggs, Ciera Wright, Waylandrea Smelley, Emmanuel Key, Anthony Buck, Calvin Walker, Shelby Palmer, Tyler Barber, Dennis Wallace, Scott Whitehead, Quinn Walker, Jada Price, Sherese Barnes and Chelsea Brown. Coaches for the teams were Nettie Gray, Lee Long and Quianna Jordan. The academy gives special thanks to Cheryl Price, a graduate assistant and Ph.D. candidate at Eastern University, for encouraging Peterson-Warren Academy to participate in the games; the parents who coached their students at home; and to parents, supporters and George Bryant, pastor, who came to cheer on the Peterson-Warren Academy 2010 P.A.N.D.A. Games super teams.

Albert Rodgers, correspondent, as shared by Nettie Gray, academic advisor, Peterson-Warren Academy

Students care for their community

Michigan—Garbage in, garbage out: This is a familiar truth for those who know computers. Only this time, garbage thrown out of cars is garbage put in trash bags by Niles Adventist School students for Bible Labs. The school has



Darral le Roux

Students from Niles Adventist School joined others in caring for a 1.5 mile stretch of road in their community during a Bible Labs outing.

signed up with the “Adopt-A-Highway” program for a stretch of Chicago Road in Niles between West River Road and Highway 12. Two signs, at the beginning and end of the route, identify the school as participants in caring for their community (a little free advertising is always a nice bonus).

On Apr. 14, Michael Jakobsons’ class of 21 sixth- to eighth-grade students joined Mr. “J” (Michael Jakobsons), Gina Meekma, Lauretta Mann, Darral le Roux (Niles Church pastor), Bill Fagal, Don Hilliard, Bob and Kristine Horvath, and Paul Runnals (Edwardsburg Church), and picked up trash along the school’s adopted road. It took less than an hour to fill 32 trash bags along the 1.5 miles of road.

Some students were excited to find “treasure” along the way. Some items of interest were books, hubcaps, refundable bottles and cans. One student even waded in a pond in his rubber boots to collect some “goods.”

According to a North American Division Web site with curriculum and information resources for educators, Bible Labs are “more than a witnessing opportunity.” They are opportunities for students to practice, participate and find joy in service. Learn more about Bible Labs at http://circle.adventist.org/browse/?browse_node=45.

Kristine Horvath, Bible Labs coordinator,
Niles Adventist School/Bob Horvath/with
Lake Union Herald staff

[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]



Jim Rieley/South Bend Tribune

Carmen Parkes, of South Bend, snuggles with her son, Patryk, 2, as she waits for her number to be called at the Needs for Neighbors Community Service Center in South Bend. Free food and clothing were available to the needy. The center is in the basement of Praise Fellowship Church.

Church steps in for those hurt by recession

Lake Region—After more than a year, Praise Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Bend (Indiana) sees an ongoing need for its Need for Neighbors program that distributes food, clothes, prayer and other help every month.

Attendance spiked Wednesday evening, passing 80 people soon after distribution started and heading for the record 90 who came for help one month last year.

Yvonne Larrier, coordinator for the 125-member church’s Community Service Division, said demand had been steady at 50 to 60 people for months—with each one representing at least four people in a household on average.

The line of people a half-hour early at the door of the church and the crowd of cars in the parking lot and along Bulla Road near Ironwood Drive may not signal that the economy is worsening, considering that other measures have improved.

Word of mouth and regular newspaper notices have raised the ministry’s profile since it started in February 2009, when employment counseling

was among the services provided at the event.

But the packed fellowship hall of people waiting to be called, three at a time, into the food distribution center for boxes of bread, milk, eggs, potatoes, macaroni and cheese, oats, detergent and other goods means for these dozens of people, the recession is still a source of suffering.

“Trying to live,” explained retiree Anthony Walker, who came for the first time after seeing a newspaper announcement of the service. “I’ve got a lot of kids, need to take care of my kids.”

Ernesto Salgado’s friends had mentioned the opportunity to him, and he needed the food and clothes because he lost his job as a metal packer in January.

Church members give money to buy food from the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, and this year the program qualified for USDA food, including oatmeal, beef, chicken, beans, juice, pasta and meat.

Members also furnish the clothing closet. A half-dozen volunteers set up the offering on the last Wednesday of every month, and 10 to 12 help the visitors in the evening.

Far from a food line, the event offers clothing, a blood pressure check, health advice, psychosocial counseling from church members who are social workers and counselors, and prayer. Volunteers help carry goods to the car.

“Our goal is to treat people with dignity and compassion,” Larrier said. “We believe we are God’s hands, His eyes, His heart. How we treat people is a reflection of Christ.”

For the people who came Wednesday, it’s working.

“I needed help. I’m retired, plus I’m sick,” said Victoria Holloway, coming for her second time. “Anything they give is a help when you ain’t got nothing.”

Gene Stowe, correspondent, *South Bend Tribune*.

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The Michigan Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact team recently completed 27 years of service to the Dominican Republic. Terry Dodge (far left) led 18 of those years before his retirement as Michigan Conference Adventurer/Pathfinder director at the end of January.

Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact team shows Jesus' love

Michigan—The Michigan Pathfinder Teen Mission Impact team recently completed 27 years of service to the Dominican Republic. Terry Dodge led 18 of those years before his retirement as Michigan Conference Adventurer/Pathfinder director at the end of January. On average, Dodge took 20 to 30 teens and approximately 13 to 15 staff to the Dominican Republic each year for an unforgettable mission/service experience. “Under Pastor Dodge’s leadership, parents felt confident their teens would be safe and in good hands,” said Edie Ellis, Adventurer/Pathfinder secretary, Michigan Conference.

Each year before the trip, Dodge collected eye glasses, medicines and toys to take to the clinics in the Dominican Republic, often personally picking up these items if they couldn’t be delivered to his Michigan office. Many hours were spent repackaging medicines with the help of volunteers. His wife, Maxine Dodge, logged hours too numerous to count as she assisted with trip preparations. On each trip, more than 4,000

individuals heard about and experienced the healing ministry of Christ by Teen Mission participants.

According to Ellis, “Teen Mission has been such a life-changing experience for those who have had the opportunity to go. It is always rewarding to see those who are now serving or have served as missionaries, physicians, dentists, optometrists who started their journey with Teen Mission.”

Andrea Lewis, who traveled with Dodge on the 1992, 1994 and 1996 trips to the Dominican Republic, again traveled with Teen Mission 2009–2010 and she reflects on the experiences.

“As I flew home over parts of Arizona and California, I looked out the window of the airplane and saw hundreds of tract homes. It appeared many homes were planned as the land was cleared and the lots prepared; however, as I looked closer, I realized that the building projects had stopped—many never to be finished. A sense of sadness came over me as I thought of all the people in the Dominican Republic who we were also unable to ‘finish.’

“The planning for Teen Mission 2009–2010 began months before we left on Dec. 24, 2009. The morning was

early and the weather cold and snowy, but the excitement of what was about to happen made it hardly feel like half-past four in the morning. After many goodbyes and several answers to prayer, the Pathfinders who represented clubs from various locations in Michigan, staff and luggage left Detroit Metropolitan Airport via Miami for Santo Domingo. Thirty-nine people in all!

“Upon arrival, we gathered our luggage and went through customs and immigration. Outside we were greeted by Luis Leonor, who has been a part of the Teen Mission Impact program since its beginning 27 years ago. We loaded the vehicles and traveled two hours to a baseball camp, which would be our home for the next 11 days.

“Our goal was to hold medical, dental and optical clinics to open the way for local Adventist churches to follow soon with evangelistic programs. Our clinics consisted of five full days and three half-days. With the help of local churches, Pathfinder clubs and conference officials, we saw more than 3,000 patients! Several experiences in the Dominican Republic reinforced my Christianity and helped me show God’s love as I did my part of the unfinished business.

“The first one was during a full-day clinic we held at a new Adventist church in Hato Mayor. When we arrived, long lines of people were there eager to see us. As the day wound down to a close and we began to pack up the supplies, a middle-age man still stood by the door waiting to be seen. He was told that he would not be able to be seen, but we could inform him of his needs and he could later meet us at another location in the days to come. After being told what he needed to have done, he looked at me with tears in his eyes and begged to have just one of the many things done that day. Even though I felt the group would be waiting solely on me to leave, I was impressed to help this man out. When the dental procedure was complete, he was so grateful—the filling we did was on a front tooth and he was very concerned about his appearance. He never returned to our clinics, but it made me think of how if I were the only one on Earth, Jesus would have come and died just for me—one person. How precious is each of God’s creations to Him!

“My other experience was at a school where we held a clinic. For some reason, a lot of people that day in the dental clinic needed root canals—unfortunately we were not able to perform that procedure on this trip. A man came in near the end of the day. Just by looking at his tooth, I knew he would need a root canal treatment. I informed him of the likelihood, but told him I would try to fill it if at all possible. The cavity in his tooth was very large. I placed a special medicine on the tooth in hopes it would heal itself, and then placed the filling material. The man was very grateful as this was his front tooth and other local dentists were not successful in resolving his problem. It made me think of how God keeps working and working on us. He does everything to save us if we are only willing and accepting of His gift.

“The highlight of the trip for many was a visit to South Camp. This location is equivalent to Camp Au Sable, a Seventh-day Adventist youth camp in Michigan; however South Camp was

undergoing renovation and new construction. On past Teen Mission trips, the group has stayed there. My last time, as a teenager, to South Camp was on the 1996–1997 trip. As we drove down the long road leading up to the camp, the anticipation was great. Many of us, who could relate from past experience, felt as if we were returning ‘home’ after being away for a long time. Many of the buildings were destroyed or torn down, but some of the same workers were still there and we were able to see familiar sites such as the beach area and the water tower. The group picture we took overlooking the ocean represented the past, present and future of Teen Mission Impact. What an experience! As we work to finish God’s business here on Earth, let us not lose sight of the place

He is preparing for us in Heaven.”

Lewis concludes by saying, “Throughout the world there is a lot of unfinished business. On our trip to the Dominican Republic, we were able to help further the work of telling and showing others Jesus and His love. As Christians, it is our job to keep striving on the path God has put us on to complete His business as the Second Coming draws close. Will you do your part of the “unfinished business” in preparing for Jesus’ return?”

Diane Thurber, assistant communication director, Lake Union Conference with Andrea R. Lewis, D.D.S., M.B.A., associate professor of the International Dentist Program, Loma Linda University



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When the Teen Mission Impact team exited immigration and customs, they were met by Luis Leonor (left), who has been part of the program since its beginning 27 years ago. Also pictured: Terry Dodge (center), trip coordinator, and his wife, Maxine Dodge (right)



Kendra Lemmon of Vassar, Mich., and Andrea Lewis, D.D.S., of Loma Linda University, see a patient’s smile of appreciation for excellent dental care.



Andrew Lewis, D.D.S., shows little children a model of teeth.



Christian Prohaska

The Chicagoland Convocation was like a festival of nations with attendees from so many linguistic and ethnic backgrounds present. It is estimated that nearly 3,500 attended the convocation.

New Adventists celebrate first Sabbath at Chicagoland Convocation

Illinois—All over Chicagoland, excitement had been building for the past few months as people anticipated coming together for a celebration of new life. More than a camp meeting, the fourth annual Chicagoland Convocation brought people from very different backgrounds, cultures, languages and colors to welcome new believers into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

To begin with, the venue already hinted at the evangelistic nature of the event. The convocation was held on the campus of Wheaton College—a place known for its evangelistic heritage. In this home of Billy Graham, Mark Finley's message, "It Is Finished," took the minds of participants from Jesus' completed work of atonement on the cross to the day when once again He says, "It is done" (Revelation 16:17 and 21:6). What a fitting message for the conclusion of many evangelistic meetings.

There were more than 30 series of meetings in Chicagoland this spring. Many of those came to a conclusion at the time of the convocation. Though many individuals united with area churches in baptism, 28 chose to experience this event during the convocation as they were baptized in the college swimming pool. For many others, their first Sabbath as Seventh-day Adventists was celebrated at the convocation.

It was exciting to experience the diversity of the weekend. It was like a festival of nations as people came from so many linguistic and ethnic backgrounds. Ken Denslow, president of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Jerome Davis, president of the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, each articulated the joy of this joint venture between the two conferences. "This project has been an exciting opportunity for the Illinois Conference and the Lake Region Conference to work together in a very meaningful way," said Denslow. The convocation Sabbath benefited from the spirit of cooperation that was cultivated between scores of churches and hundreds of individual church members.

Many new believers were amazed to see they are part of something much bigger than the local meetings they attended. It is estimated that a total of 3,500 people attended this convocation (3,200 were counted while others remained outside during the count). Several hundred people used overflow seating in another building as the main service was completely packed.

In addition to inspiring meetings, the convocation featured fun, food and fellowship. The praise service in the afternoon included choirs from Adventist schools in the area and from the local churches. A game night after Sabbath provided an opportunity for meeting new friends while others enjoyed a special concert featuring the *Andrews University Singers* and the *Advent Chamber Orchestra*.

Glenn Hill, communication director, Illinois Conference

Look for additional news about how God blessed the Chicagoland series in an upcoming issue of the *Lake Union Herald*.



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Obituaries

ALLEN, John E., age 90; born Mar. 10, 1920, in Zionsville, Ind.; died Mar. 30, 2010, in Zionsville. He was a member of the Glendale Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Survivors include his daughter, Jana L. Withrow; and sisters, Bonnie Wolfe and Donna Luke.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Paul Yeoman, Miled Modad and Greg Taylor, and inurnment was in Hutton Cemetery, Zionsville.

BENNETT, Keith J., age 77; born Apr. 30, 1933, in Webberville, Mich.; died May 3, 2010, in Chesaning, Mich. He was a member of the Chesaning Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne L. (Aldrich); sons, Lee, Joe, Keith Jr., Kirk and Kenneth; daughter, Linda Gary; sister, Janet West; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Stanley Cottrell and Curt DeWitt, with private inurnment.

BEZON, Ivan J., age 85; born June 15, 1924, in Holland, Mich.; died Nov. 6, 2009, in Holland. He was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include his wife, Myra J. (Stygra); sons, Dan and John; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Craig Harris, and interment was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Holland.

FRANKE, Siegfried, age 76; born Dec. 17, 1933, in Stolpmunde, Germany; died Apr. 26, 2010, in Fenton, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara B. (Kissinger); son, Michael S.; daughter, Corinne R. Withey; sisters, Lotte Blank, Elfriede Burke and Renate Schafer; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by

Elder Brandon Korter, and inurnment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

HANAWAY, James G., age 54; born May 3, 1955, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Mar. 25, 2010, in Green Bay. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his brothers, Jerry and Timothy; and sisters, Mary Peters, Kathleen Zirbel, Janet Hanaway, Susan Thiesfeldt, Terry Willett, Carolyn Austin and Jane Mencheski.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Delmar Austin and Michahael Tuionetoa, and inurnment was in Champion (Wis.) Cemetery.

HARRISON, Donald H., age 89; born Apr. 6, 1921, in Edgerton, Wis.; died Apr. 20, 2010, in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Madison East Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille (Campbell); sons, Russell and Donald Jr.; daughter, Linda Stallman; sisters, Vera, Arlene and Evelyn; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor Bill Ochs, and inurnment was in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Monona, Wis.

HARTMAN, Catherine C. (Clay), age 89; born Feb. 17, 1921, in Caro, Mich.; died Mar. 29, 2010, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She was a member of the Ann Arbor Church.

Survivors include her sons, Alan, Robert and Dennis Hartman; daughters, Cyndy Nyboer and Jane Sherwin; brother, Robert T. Clay; sisters, Betty Francisco and Jeanette Collins; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Daniel Velez, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Saline, Mich.

HERBEL, Ray E., age 77; born Oct. 9, 1932, in Nekoma, Kan.; died Apr. 14, 2010, in Mishawaka, Ind. He was a member of the Niles (Mich.) Westside Church.

Survivors include his wife, LeAnna (Rodie); son, Brent D.; daughter, Kathy L. Herbel; father, Harry F.; mother, Eva F. (Mohr); brother, Norman D.; sister, Elsie M. Hermann; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Darrel LeReau, with private inurnment.

HOSKINS, Crystal R., age 102; born Aug. 22, 1907, in Kalamazoo, Mich.; died Apr. 14, 2010, in Three Rivers, Mich. She was a member of the Kalamazoo Countryside Church.

Survivors include her niece, Jackie Aernie, who was her care giver and close loving friend; one half brother; and two half sisters.

No services were conducted, with private inurnment.

KANE, Ruth A. (Bradley), age 72; born July 10, 1937, in Willisville, Ill.; died May 7, 2010, in Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth L.; son, Michael; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Terry Nelson, with private inurnment.

LITTLE II, Robert M., age 87; born Dec. 30, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Apr. 22, 2010, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Anna R. (Hollingsworth); son, Robert M. III; daughters, Nancy Andersen and Judy Gephart-Hacias; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Dwight K. Nelson and Arne Swanson, and elder Erhard Gallos, and interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Indianapolis, with a second funeral service at the Glendale Church.

SCOTT, Ethel E. (Bailliff), age 93; born May 21, 1916, in Cedar, Kan.; died Apr. 1, 2010, in North Vernon, Ind. She was a member of the North Vernon Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Manuel Ojeda, and interment was in Vernon (Ind.) Cemetery.

SELESKE, Levi, age 89; born Nov. 25, 1920, in Durham, Kan.; died Apr. 19, 2010, in Harlingen, Texas. He was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his son, Kenneth L.; daughter, Sharon L. Hollobaugh; sister, Jeanne Bishop; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Family memorial services were held, and inurnment was in Clarendon Hills Cemetery, Darien, Ill.

SILVERNAIL, Ronald J., age 78; born Aug. 21, 1931, in Royal Oak, Mich.; died Apr. 26, 2010, in Grand Blanc, Mich. He was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn J. (Eytcheson); sons, Ronald J., Ray J. and Randy J.; daughter, Retha J. Sauve; brother, Wilbur L.; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Eric Rodgers, and inurnment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

SIMMONS, Ray J., age 89; born Oct. 5, 1920, in Centerville, Iowa; died Apr. 16, 2010, in Springfield, Ill. He was a member of the Springfield First Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lola (Staight); son, David J.; daughter, Deborah Ambuehl; brothers, Alfred, Paul and Royal; sisters, Virginia and Alfreda Simmons, and Madge Peterson; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Arthur Nelson and Bill Davis, and interment was in Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield.

WERY, Robert E.J., age 91; born Mar. 2, 1919, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Mar. 18, 2010, in Howard, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Celia (Denler); sons, Ellsworth and Norbert; daughters, Louise Grosse, Ruth Seizmer, Sue Dasher and Becky Barts; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, and interment was in Mill Center (Wis.) Cemetery.

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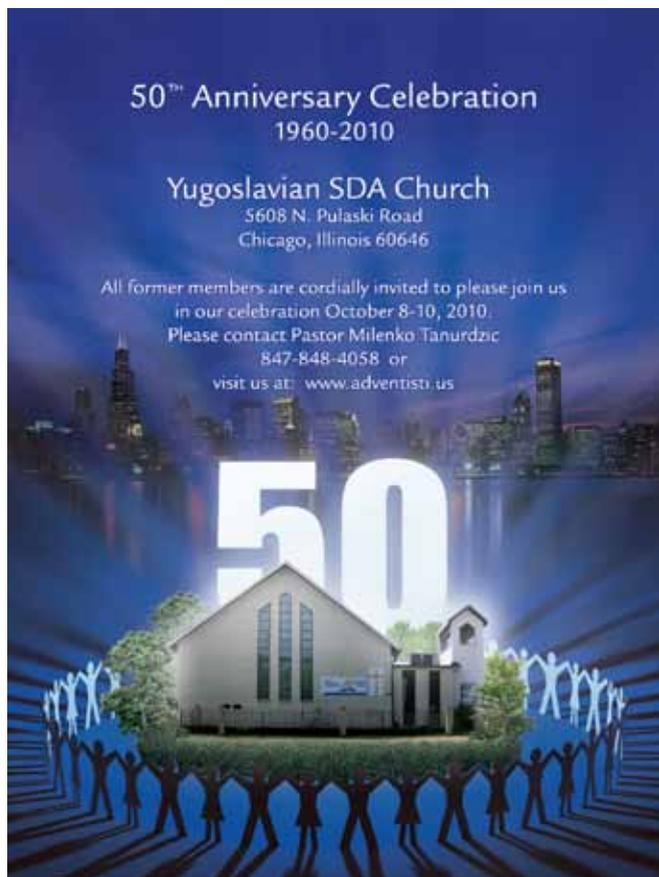
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BY KALEB EISELE

My Mission

Indiana Academy means a lot to me because it is a big part of my history. I am a fourth-generation student, and my parents moved back to Indiana just so I could come to this school. Ever since I can remember, my dad has talked to me about how much Indiana Academy changed his life. It gave him a chance: a beginning.

My story is much the same. Indiana Academy is where I finally gave myself completely to my Savior. It was by example that I was led to this decision. The staff and the pastor here at Cicero had a pretty big impact on me, but I would say the biggest influence came from my peers. I have been greatly blessed to be surrounded by positive, uplifting friends. They challenged me to grow—to give up many of the

sins that I had held on to for so long. I'll admit—it was a struggle. The things that seemed so natural to my friends seemed to always become obstacles for me. Ever so slowly, I overcame many of my bad habits, and even pulled out of depression. Even when they saw me make mistakes, my friends stood by me and encouraged me.

As a senior, I made it my mission to share the love God has shown me with anyone and everyone at my school. Everyone is equal in God's eyes, and that should be the same for us. I have felt very loved at Indiana Academy, and it has helped make me into the man I am today.

Kaleb Eisele graduated from Indiana Academy on May 30, 2010.



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Illinois

Thompsonville Church hosts concert to benefit clergy sexual abuse victims! Don't miss this incredible concert featuring Florin and Livia Liga! The purpose of this special concert, which will also feature testimonies from victims, is to raise awareness of the escalating problem of pastoral sexual misconduct, and to generate funds to support The Hope of Survivors' ongoing outreach ministry and educational efforts on behalf of both victims and church leaders. The concert will be held Sat., **July 31**, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Thompsonville Church, 3577 Angel Lane. **Admission is FREE**, so bring all your family and friends! An offering will be taken and all proceeds will be donated to The Hope of Survivors. To learn more, visit our Web site, <http://www.TheHopeOfSurvivors.com>, or call 866-260-8958.

Indiana

Campestre Hispano 2010: Hispanic Camp Meeting is **Sept. 3-6** at Timber Ridge Camp. Contact Antonio Rosario, Hispanic coordinator for Indiana, for further information at 317-856-5770 or prarosario@aol.com.

Women's Ministries Fall Retreat is **Sept. 10-12** at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park with guest speaker Carolyn Henry-Hurst. Registration deadline is July 23. To register, contact Tammy Begley at 317-919-5318 or tammy.begley@gmail.com.

Heartland Health & Wellness Conference is **Sept. 16-17** with guest speakers Hans Diehl, Antonia Demas, Gwen Foster and George Guthrie. Registration fee

includes dinner Thurs. evening, and breakfast and lunch on Fri. with Chef Mark Anthony. You will want to register early for this popular annual event. Contact Susan Landess at 765-621-7557, or visit the Indiana Healthy Choices Web site at lifestyle4health.org.

Two Elders Training Events designed to assist elders with biblical preaching will be held in Indiana this fall. The first will be **Sept. 18** from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the South Bend First Church with Doug Jacobs. The second will be **Sept. 25** from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Church with Glenn Russell. Both Jacobs and Russell are homiletics professors, specializing in teaching preaching. For further information, contact the Indiana Conference ministerial department at 317-844-6201.

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Special Days

Jul 10 Griggs University & International Academy Promotional Day

Michigan

Holly Chapter of Adelpian Academy Alumni Association will meet **July 10**. THIS IS A NEW DATE due to General Conference Session and Michigan Camp Meeting. The 50-year class of 1960, under the direction of Duane Lemon, is leading out in the activities for the weekend. The event will take place at Holly Academy. Honored classes are 1940, '45 and '50. For further information, contact Duane Lemon at dlemon98@aol.com, Norm Wilson at NDW242@aol.com or Peggy Hoffmeyer at peggyhoffmeyer@yahoo.com. Come and renew old friendships.

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The annual Health Professionals Retreat will be held at Camp Au Sable, **Sept. 16-19**. Guest speaker will be David Fernandez, M.D., FACS, an orthopedic surgeon in Flint, Mich., and a founding member of the Grand Blanc Seventh-day Adventist Church. Scott Michael Bennett will provide music. Michigan Conference is partnering with AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network), a national organization of Christian physicians and dentists whose purpose is to share Christ in their workplace through medical evangelism, to sponsor this event. For registration information, please call 517-316-1527, or e-mail schristie@misda.org.

North American Division

WVU Alumni e-Newsletter: Walla Walla University is starting an e-newsletter to communicate with alumni. It will go out once a month. To sign-up to receive the e-newsletter, please visit the Web site at alumni.wallawalla.edu.

Black Hills Health and Education Center, Hermosa, S.D. (near Rapid City): Dr. Mary Ann McNeilus and other health professionals will present a special Natural Remedies Seminar **July 19-22**. Overcome diabetes, hypertension, overweight, addictions, etc., without drugs. For more information about the seminar and cost, call 800-658-5433.

Black Hills Health and Education Center: Immediately following the Natural Remedies Seminar, a Wellness Coach training course will be presented **July 23-30** by Dr. Mary Ann McNeilus and

Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Jul 2	Jul 9	Jul 16	Jul 23	Jul 30	Aug 6
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:23	9:21	9:17	9:12	9:05	8:58
Chicago, Ill.	8:29	8:28	8:23	8:18	8:11	8:04
Detroit, Mich.	9:13	9:11	9:07	9:01	8:54	8:47
Indianapolis, Ind.	9:17	9:15	9:11	9:07	9:00	8:53
La Crosse, Wis.	8:51	8:49	8:44	8:38	8:31	8:23
Lansing, Mich.	9:20	9:18	9:14	9:08	9:01	8:53
Madison, Wis.	8:41	8:38	8:34	8:29	8:22	8:14
Springfield, Ill.	8:31	8:29	8:25	8:20	8:14	8:07

other health professionals to help you become a Wellness Coach at a Lifestyle Center or set up programs for businesses and their employees. Requirement: you must take the Natural Remedies Seminar to be eligible to take this course. For more information about the training course or cost, call 800-658-5433.

LJA Alumni event is July 23-25! Louisville (Kentucky) Adventist Academy invites all former students, faculty, staff and supporters of LJA to its second annual alumni celebration. For more information, contact Chris Juhl, principal, at echrisjuhl@yahoo.com or 502-550-6787. We hope to see you there!

Sligo Homecoming Weekend: Come home to Sligo Church for a joyous reunion, **Aug. 6-8!** From Fri. evening vespers through Sun. brunch and beyond, you will catch up with friends, feel stirred as former pastors dig into God's Word, enjoy the best of music (as always!)

and have fun at a Sat. night talent show. For a true homecoming, you've got to be here! For more details, visit www.sligochurch.org or phone 301-270-6777.

Wisconsin

6th Annual Cruisin' for Christ Wisconsin Academy Motorcycle Rally: Celebrate God's creation from two wheels, **Fri., July 23 to Sun., July 25.** Join other Christian bike enthusiasts riding through the country roads of Richland Center, Wis. For more information about the Rally and the fees, visit www.Cruisin4Christ.org. Fellowship with new friends and old neighbors.

Correction

We regret the erroneous marathon date in the February 2010 article, "Youth pastor turns marathon into fundraiser." The correct date was Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.—*Editors*

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BY GARY BURNS



A framed, ornate and precious reminder of God's faithfulness hangs on our living room wall. On the back is this inscription: Page of Gutenberg Bible, Mainz 1452-1455 Beginning of St. Johns Revelation.

The print was made on the original press and the initials are hand painted. It was a gift from my wife's Uncle Bill who appreciated knowing that it was a cherished treasure in a pastor's home. I've gazed at it countless times, pondering how this one bold act of using cutting-edge technology to communicate the gospel has impacted the world.

Time and time again, God has used not only technology, but major world events to advance the gospel. And it appears that those who work closely in partnership with Him are ready at a moment's notice to take a leap of faith, sometimes risking everything, to cooperate with Him.

This past weekend, Ryan, our youngest, graduated from high school. The world he is entering is entirely different than the one his brother and sister, Tyler and Josie, entered just a few years ago. There have been more innovations during his four years of high school than during their whole lifetimes.

Ryan is part of an unprecedented generation on the cusp of an unprecedented time. They are ready to embrace new ways of communicating the gospel that we can not even imagine. Yet, their creativity and boldness will come at a price. Being in partnership with God when He's on the move always does. Like faithful Gutenberg, I pray they will not be deterred in their commitment to partner with God to accomplish His purpose.

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

Acquainted with God

BY HSA LAW EH

I grew up in a village in Burma. Fear was my constant companion, for my dad worked for the Karen government and the Burmese soldiers were always on the lookout for him. Hiding, changing homes and generally just trying not to be noticed was my camouflage.

One day, I quietly watched from a distance as the soldiers came into our village demanding from a young farmer where any government officials lived. He did not answer. They grabbed him, tied his hands behind his back, bound his feet and pushed him face down onto the ground. Repeatedly, they insisted on the whereabouts of any government officials. He remained silent. Using pain as a motivator to make him talk, they poured boiling hot water over his head. I could hear his groans and felt so helpless.

The silence that encouraged me enraged the soldiers. They proceeded to blindfold him and then randomly pulled up little pinches of skin, slicing it at the base. Over and over, slicing and demanding information. How much could my friend take? I was so scared for him.

The torture continued with orders for him to dig his own grave. Upon completion of the hole, they beat him with a board that caused him to collapse. Rudely, they pushed him into the freshly dug hole and buried him alive. I can't explain the terror I felt with their presence, or the surge of relief when they walked away.

The next morning, after the Burmese soldiers left our village, my dad returned to tell us he was okay and also to gather information on which way the soldiers went. With no time to lose, he grabbed a bag with important government papers and quickly walked in the opposite direction of the soldiers' departure.

In what seemed like no time at all, my dad was brought



to a standstill. Thinking he'd rather die than be caught and tortured, he began running from the barricade of men. Hundreds of gunshots focused in my father's direction to defy his getaway. Then all went silent, and the soldiers turned and left the area—assuming he must be dead.

But my father was alive and motionlessly listening to the voices and footsteps as they faded in the distance. He lay very still for hours until he felt it was safe to open his eyes. Squinting, he saw his concerned friend coming toward him in the distance. Quickly, he

helped my dad to a nearby home where they removed the bullets without anesthesia.

Uncertain times persuaded my parents to send me away with my cousin and brother to a refugee camp in Thailand. There, I was unexpectedly blessed to attend a private Adventist school, Eden Valley Academy. Caring teachers taught me more than scholastics. I became acquainted with a God who loves and helps me when I'm in trouble.

I am now at Indiana Academy where God continues to use the Adventist educational system to teach me that His ways are best. I have not seen my parents for several years, and I miss them very much. I look forward to someday returning to my country, with either a nursing or teaching degree, so I too can be a witness for my Jesus and what He has done for me.

Hsa Law Eh just completed her first year at Indiana Academy. She is a member of the First Fort Wayne Church in Indiana.

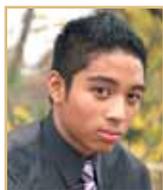
Moriah Janaye Arterberry, 18, graduated on May 30 from Hinsdale Adventist Academy (HAA). She is the daughter of Melvin and Selena Arterberry, and is a member of the Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Moriah joined the class of 2010 in eighth grade, after moving from Cleveland, Ohio, and it is safe to say she changed the face of the class forever! According to Tom Dunham, high school social studies teacher, "Moriah never ceases to do or say something that brightens the day of all those around her. She is a constant ray of happiness, and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have her here at HAA. God has used her to bless us in many ways!"

Moriah is a member of the National Honor Society, *Chamber Singers* and *Lady Hurricanes* volleyball team. She has served as class treasurer and Student Association treasurer, and this year held the office of vice president. Her goal is to attend Southern Adventist University, where she will study media production and graphics design.



Moriah Arterberry



Josh Bautista

Catalino Joshua Moya Bautista III, known simply as "Josh," 17, graduated from Hinsdale Adventist Academy on May 30. He is the son of Catalino and Adeline Bautista of Hinsdale, Illinois. Josh is a member of the Hinsdale Fil-Am Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Josh is a very remarkable student; he not only excels academically, but shows his love for God in everything he does. According to Martiza Newman, English and Journalism teacher, "Joshua is a Christlike young man who not only looks for ways to serve others, but uses his numerous talents to glorify the Lord."

Josh is a member of the National Honor Society, the *Chamber Singers*, band, and the *Hurricanes* varsity basketball team, where he received the Hurricane Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence two years in a row! In addition, he served as yearbook editor his junior year and held the office of Student Association president this past year. He plans to attend La Sierra University in the fall, where he will major in clinical laboratory sciences and pre-med.

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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