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Andrews University, named after J.N. Andrews, a foreign missionary to Switzerland and the very first missionary representing the Seventh-day Adventist Church, continues its long legacy of equipping students to change the world. This issue of the *Herald* is all about life at Andrews University and is filled with inspiring stories and experiences that could prove to be a catalyst for you to find new ways to change the world where you live. Your world may have new opportunities to be a missionary, right in your own backyard. One of the fastest growing demographics in the Lake Union is the growth in church membership among displaced people groups. Consider applying some of the principles you'll discover in this issue to life in your church and community.

  
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**ABOUT THE COVER:** Stephen Erich, recent Andrews University grad, photographed at Life RX where he conducts a monthly worship program.

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# The Call of Disruption

If there is one thing about the leaders of the early church, they never left the world as they found it. That is really not surprising in that their mentor, their Savior, brought change and hope wherever He went.



Dave Sherwin

▲ Andrea Luxton

Of course, it took the disciples a long time to understand their responsibilities, to turn them from recipients of Jesus' blessings, individuals who expected to be part of the glory of the Kingdom Jesus would bring, to become compassionate, caring servants who were givers rather than receivers.

If we just take Peter as an example — while he was very clear that Jesus was the Messiah, he was equally confident that he, Peter, was loyal, would follow Jesus anywhere and would never deny Him. But, of course, he slept when he should have been awake, spoke when he should have been quiet, and denied when he should have affirmed. How different is the Peter of Acts — confident now, not in himself, but the Jesus Who has been resurrected. Much less of the “I” talk and much more of the “Jesus” talk. As he confidently leads his fellow disciples into a new world, one changed forever by the resurrection of Christ, he is able to do so — irresistibly called to do so — in light of his understanding of the commission left him by the ascended Savior. As he and the other disciples, and then later Paul and other apostles, focus on the communities around them, their needs, and particularly their need of that Savior, they disrupt the status quo, challenge the discrimination in their societies, offer hope to those in need and, most of all, create the beginnings of a church that has changed the lives of countless millions. Truly amazing.

I believe that today as Christians, as Seventh-day Adventists, we are still called to disrupt the world with our compassion, our integrity and our faith. I

cannot say how that looks for each individual, but I do believe God leads us to find that calling. For some, it may be through bringing healing or preventing illness through a true understanding of the value of our creation in the image of God. For some, it may be creating opportunities for communities and individuals to embrace more fully the gifts God gives us daily in our current world through, for example, plans to alleviate poverty, creating structures to improve equality, growing wealth to give back to mission and community. For others, it may be to educate, sharing a deeper knowledge of the God who impacts every discipline we may study. And it may mean becoming one of those quiet influences in the community who share God's love through prayer, compassionate conversation and thoughtful acts. But, yes, each in its own way, these callings challenge the world to believe there really is Truth, and it lies in a Person, One that was human and is divine. And belief in that Truth will disrupt the present as well as provide a different narrative for the future.

Awareness of our calling does not come in a vacuum. Just as the disciples spent time understanding the character of God, moving from recipients of God's blessings to realizing their role in imparting God's grace on others, so we, too, as we are filled up with God's blessings, understand increasingly how to give.

At Andrews University we take seriously our responsibility to help our students, our graduates, deepen their understanding of their unique calling.



Darren Heslop

▲ Change Day 2017

We have recently added a tagline to identify that accepted responsibility: “World Changers Made Here.” But I want you to know that it is not just me or the faculty and staff who are part of that process of creating an environment for nurturing commitment and calling. It is the students themselves who are already making choices to disrupt the world and their communities through the combination of their faith, their skills and their unique talents. And so, our architecture students build clinics in a container for Congo and Swaziland. Our community and international development students travel to Madagascar to bring hope and opportunity to those less privileged in that society. The seminary students and staff travel to Cuba, resulting in more than 500 baptisms. The engineers work with Engineers Without Borders. More than 1,600 students and employees join forces to bring change in multiple ways to the local community on Change Day. Benton Harbor

school district receives more than 100 students over the year, assisting in the classroom with value-based literacy. The list could continue.

Our society, our world, needs change. It needs disruption, and we are asked to be part of that. At its core, the gospel is not about an easier life for ourselves. It is about ministry and service to others so that they, too, may understand the power of the gospel and, in turn, become disrupters of the status quo. Perhaps this in practice is the meaning of Jesus’ statement that He did not come to bring peace to the world but to bring a sword — a sword that would ask for change, demand different priorities, stand on Truth, and center all this in the reality of the living gospel.

What an amazing invitation to be part of that movement of change. ■

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*Andrea Luxton, president, Andrews University*

# End It Now

Marriage began in Eden where everything was perfect — complete and perfect unity between Adam and Eve and their Creator.



▲ Melissa Ponce-Rodas

Can you imagine what that perfect communion would be like — you and your spouse walking in harmony with God?

Since the fall, godly marriage has continued to be under attack; broken marriages and hurting families are indications of a dysfunctional society. A major destructive force is domestic violence, a pattern of power and control perpetrated by one partner over another (see [ncadv.org](http://ncadv.org)). In response, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is calling all of its members to say “No” to violence and participate in a campaign to enditnow.

Enditnow is co-sponsored by the General Conference’s Family, Children, Youth, Women, Health and Education departments, as well as the Ministerial Association, and is a global church initiative to promote learning more about the destructive pattern of domestic violence that includes verbal, emotional, physical, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse, to name a few. The General Conference has reserved the fourth Sabbath in August as a special day for churches around the world to promote and participate in this initiative, although churches can participate at any time. For instance, in the United States, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so churches may want to take advantage of the public’s heightened awareness during this time.

Domestic violence is something that affects the health of individuals, as well as the health of our churches and communities, which is why so many departments are actively participating to end it now. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<http://www.ncadv.org>), one out of every three women and one out of every 10 men will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetime. Studies conducted within Adventist populations find the rates of domestic

violence in the Adventist Church mirror the rates of domestic violence outside of the church.

How can this happen, you may ask? It often starts with verbal and emotional abuse. The perpetrator may insult or belittle his/her spouse. The victim may believe s/he is at fault and deserves the attack. Following an abusive confrontation, the perpetrator may ask for forgiveness, assuring the victim they will never do it again. The victim wants to believe the perpetrator; however, domestic violence is a pattern and chances are it will happen again. The abuse worsens and becomes more frequent, and verbal and emotional abuse lead into all other types.

So, how do we change? Resources are available at: <http://enditnow.org>. Explore the resources and share with others. Study the Scriptures to know God’s definition of true love and what defines a godly marriage. Reflect using David’s example as a guide: *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting* (Psalm 139:23-24 KJV). Seek help as needed.

Perpetrators need a program for abusers while victims need support services. If you are not directly impacted by domestic violence or abuse, be a voice and an advocate for the oppressed. Let us all work together to enditnow. ■

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# The Most Neglected Fitness Factor

Interestingly, most people have not actually learned what physical fitness really means, what it entails and what components play an essential part of it.

Being physically fit means more than just walking or riding your bike regularly. It means more than going to the gym twice a week and lifting weights. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), physical fitness means:

“The ability to carry out daily tasks with vigor and alertness, without undue fatigue, and with ample energy to enjoy leisure-time pursuits and respond to emergencies. Physical fitness includes a number of components consisting of cardiorespiratory endurance (aerobic power), skeletal muscle endurance, skeletal muscle strength, skeletal muscle power, flexibility, balance, speed of movement, reaction time, and body composition.”<sup>1</sup>

It appears that **flexibility** tends to be especially neglected among all the fitness factors. According to the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), flexibility refers to “the ability to move a joint through its complete range of motion.”<sup>2</sup> Flexibility is a highly adaptable fitness component and you can benefit from it at any point in your life, even if you get a late start with it. **Flexible joints are vital for the maintenance of pain-free and independent movement.**

The three key components that affect your flexibility:

- 1) joint structure,
- 2) muscle elasticity and length, and
- 3) your nervous system

You have no control over your joint structure, as heredity plays a part in that; however, you can have impact on the other two components through flexibility training. To reap the benefits of flexibility fitness, it is important to work on all major joints, not just one particular area on your body.

The type of flexibility training that is important and necessary to become “flexibly fit” for the average person

(athletes have additional types of flexibility training that is important) is **static flexibility**. It increases one’s overall flexibility for regular daily activities and it helps to maximize movement during all other physical activity (structured or unstructured). Static flexibility training simply requires you to hold a stretch without movement or bouncing.

Flexibility training should only be performed when your muscles are warmed up; thus, it is recommended that flexibility training be done at the end of your regular workout or after a short cardiovascular workout of ten minutes (e.g. walking or biking). The recommendations for flexibility fitness are:

**Frequency:** Three to seven days per week (seven is ideal!)

**Intensity:** Stretch to the point of mild discomfort, not pain

**Time:** Hold stretches for 20–30 seconds and perform them two to four times for the same area

**Type:** Static stretching exercises that focus on all major joints (from head to toe)

Improving your flexibility through stretching could greatly improve your daily movement, including turning, bending down, and lifting. You could do any movement with greater ease, less discomfort or even pain. No matter what age, ability level or current fitness status, you can benefit from incorporating some basic flexibility fitness into your daily life. ■



▲ Dominique Gummelt

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# Reflecting Jesus — 2

*I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you* (John 13:15, KJV). The humble, loving Jesus. An example worthy of following, but not one that “normal” humans are tempted to emulate.

That’s where transformation grace and the new birth comes in. God wants to take normal humans and make them into new creatures — into Christians who reflect His character of love.

That was another of Ellen White’s preaching themes at Minneapolis. On October 20, she presented a sermon that the Minneapolis *Tribune* noted moved many to tears and that she herself claimed brought forth many heartfelt testimonies from her hearers.

“You cannot,” she told her audience, “be a fruitful Christian and have knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ unless you are a practical Christian, unless you are making progress all the time in divine life. This is all important. Many seem to think that as soon as

they go down into the water and receive baptism, and their names are entered upon the church book, then the work is all done.”

To the contrary, “if they do not bring into their households practical religion, they will soon lose it all . . . It is important that we keep all the time adding grace to grace, and if we will work upon the plan of addition, God will work on the plan of multiplication” as He develops His “moral image” in His followers.

“All the universe of heaven was interested in the great work” of Christ. “Every word that God has created is watching to see how the battle between the Lord of light and glory and the powers of darkness will end. Here is Satan, who has been seeking with all his power to shut out the true character of God, so that the world could not understand it, and under a garb of righteousness he works upon many who profess to be Christians, but they represent the character of Satan instead of the character of Jesus Christ. They misrepresent my Lord. They misrepresent the character of Jesus every time that they lack mercy, every time that they lack humility” (MS 8, 1888).

*God is love* (1 John 4:8). Christ came to demonstrate that love in His life and death. And He wants us to be like Him, to let Him develop His “moral image” in us.

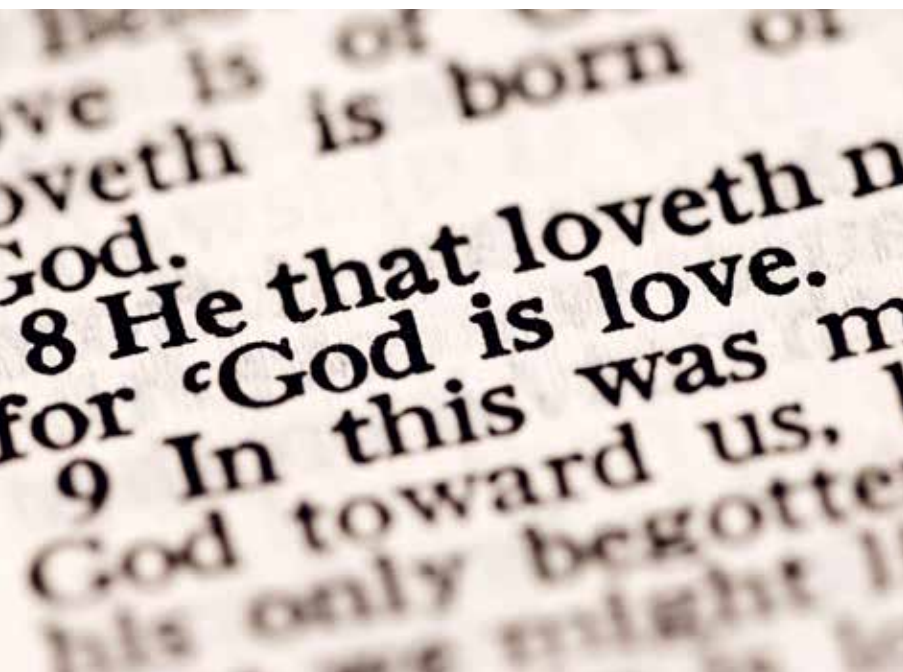
*Take me today, Lord. Help me to not only desire Your gift, but to accept it and live it in my daily life.* ■

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▲ George R. Knight





# Unexpected Answer to My Prayer

It was a busy day at Andrews University during the 1974 fall registration. I found myself in the administration building for the final step of making financial arrangements to attend.

When questioned about how I was paying for first quarter, I told them I had \$1,200, which wasn't enough. "Perhaps you can come back next year," was the response I received. That night, I slept in my car and prayed, "Dear Father, I need help. Please find a way."

The next morning I waited to talk to someone about attending classes. At the end of the day, a lady came up to me and asked, "How can I help you?" "I want to go to college and I don't have enough money," was my reply. She asked me to follow her to an office. After a short conversation, she told me to go to Meier Hall for a room and that I could attend classes the next day! She also arranged a job for me as a janitor. "Thank you, Father. Help me make the best of this opportunity," was my prayer that night.

The men's dean called me down to his office the following year. "I'm sorry, Rocky; we can't let you continue to stay in the dorm. Your account just doesn't have the funds." I went up to my room discouraged and didn't know what to do except pray. Kneeling beside my bed, I began my prayer. "Dear Father. Once again, I need your help. I want to continue my classes but need a place to stay." A knock on the door interrupted my prayer and I was told I had a phone call.

"Hello?" An elderly voice came on the extension. "My wife and I have an extra room and we were wondering if you would like to stay with us? We are both retired and would enjoy having someone around." "Yes!" was my quick reply. "How did you come to phone me?" He explained, "We thought about it and decided to

pray to find someone who might need some help. We closed our eyes, opened the *Student Cast*, and put our finger down on your picture. We then called Meier Hall and asked for you."

I went back to my room and finished my prayer. "Thank you, Father, for taking care of me once again." I am reminded of the verse, James 5:13, *Is any one among you in trouble? Let him pray.* ■

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*Rocky Aldrich is a graduate of Andrews University. He learned, from being a member of the AU Gymnics, the power of prayer. Rocky is currently the Superintendent of Olivet Community Schools in Michigan.*



▲ Rocky Aldrich



# Teaching the Class to Care for Refugees

By Brenda Kiš



Courtesy of Bill Wells

▲ Students and supporters pause to take a photo before delivering care packages to refugees in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**ON A COLD FEBRUARY SABBATH AFTERNOON,** thirteen Religion, Social Work, Nursing and Dietetics students from Andrews University (AU) left campus with Bill Wells, ASAP Refugee Ministry coordinator, and his wife, Rahel, to meet the needs of some of the refugees who have resettled in the area.

The group's first stop was at the Bethany Christian Services agency in Kalamazoo which serves all of southwest Michigan in resettling, educating and mentoring refugees. The agency gave the group a list of names most in need of winter clothing, and then the group set off to meet the people they had come to help. The team provided physical and emotional warmth to four Congolese families, three of whom turned out to be Seventh-day Adventists.

Before the trip, the students had collected, sorted and boxed winter clothing. They had convened for a training session in which Bill described the war in the Congo, which over the last 20 years has left 4.25 million Congolese displaced. The effect of this war was captured through a loss simulation exercise when they realized the horrible choices people were forced to make when they fled their country. Tears streamed

down the students' faces as they imagined a scenario of living quietly in their village in the Congo when soldiers burst into their house and murdered their family before their eyes. Nearly everything they own is stolen and they are forced to flee on foot for three weeks, sleeping on the ground, foraging for something to eat. By the time they arrive in an overcrowded "safe" place, they are exhausted, starved and traumatized. They don't know why this happened or what they will do next.

Student Nicole Walker, who visited with one of the Congolese families, discovered that one of the women had lived in Nicole's hometown for a short while but couldn't locate an Adventist church where she could worship while there. Nicole is determined that this won't happen again wherever she happens to live after graduation and has committed herself to keeping an eye out for refugees around her.

At the close of the trip, the group spent an hour with a Muslim social worker and family who left Libya before the war. They have a burden to help refugees and are excited to have AU student participation. The rest of the winter clothing was left in their care to distribute as needed.

"I'm taking a class about Sabbath and how we should get to the point where we don't want it to end," said participant Jonathan Baker. "That's how I felt today. Thanks for the opportunity; I hope we can do it again!" From feelings of anguish to joy, these thirteen students will never look at a refugee with casual indifference again.

Since 2003, more than 100,000 refugees have settled in the Lake Union territory and almost 7,000 Adventist Congolese have been brought to the U.S.

To find out how you can make a difference, please contact ASAP at 269-471-3026; we can direct you to an agency in your area. ■

Brenda Kiš, ASAP Ministries.

# ¡Terminémoslo ya! – End it Now!

El matrimonio fue creado en el Edén, una relación perfecta entre los esposos y Dios. ¡Qué bello sería andar con Dios como lo hicieron Eva y Adán!

Desafortunadamente, esta institución ha ido decayendo desde que entró el pecado. Hoy lidiamos con hogares rotos, personas traumatizadas y una sociedad disfuncional. Un factor que contribuye a este problema es la violencia doméstica, la cual afecta a una de cada tres mujeres en este país y a uno de cada diez hombres ([www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)). Dios nunca aprueba del abuso y la Iglesia Adventista nos llama a ¡Terminarlo ya! (End It Now! en inglés).

¿Qué es violencia doméstica? Es un patrón de poder y control que puede incluir abuso emocional, verbal, físico, sexual, financiero o espiritual que un cónyuge ejerce sobre el otro. La campaña End It Now que se llevará a cabo el cuarto sábado del mes de agosto (o un día en que lo decida la iglesia local) tiene como propósito orientar a la hermandad, trabajar con la comunidad y buscar maneras de ponerle fin a la violencia. Este programa está siendo patrocinado por siete de los departamentos de la Asociación General –Ministerio de familias, Ministerio de la mujer, Ministerio de jóvenes, Ministerio de niños, y los Departamentos de Educación, Salud y Ministerio personal. ¡La violencia doméstica afecta a nuestras iglesias y a nuestras comunidades! Y por esto la iglesia Adventista sabe que ¡hay que ponerle fin!

En los años 2012 y 2013 visité varias iglesias y campamentos en la Unión del Lago y llevé a cabo encuestas con damas en nuestras congregaciones. Encontré, tristemente, que aproximadamente el 40% de las mujeres encuestadas se identificaron como sobrevivientes de violencia doméstica.

¿Cómo comienza el abuso? Normalmente, el abuso verbal y emocional ocurre primero. El cónyuge abusivo usa palabras desagradables e hirientes y, quizás empiece a levantar la voz e insultar. La víctima se siente humillada, y cree que hay una razón que justifique el enojo de

la pareja. ¡Nadie merece ser abusado! Luego el abusador se siente mal, pide perdón, y quizás traiga algún regalo o pida comprensión, prometiendo que nunca volverá a suceder. La víctima lo perdona, creyendo que todo ha terminado. Pero como la violencia doméstica es un patrón y lo más probable es que si no hay intervención, volverá a suceder, y llegará a ser más frecuente e intensa, y eventualmente incluirá otros tipos de abuso.

Los planes de Dios para nuestros hogares y matrimonios son muy distintos. Elena White nos dice que “nuestros hogares deben ser como un pedacito del cielo, aquí en la tierra”. Nos dice también que “nunca, nunca debemos mostrar un espíritu tiránico en el hogar. El hombre que hace esto está trabajando en conjunto con agencias satánicas” (El Hogar Adventista, p. 213).

Entonces, ¿cómo podemos cambiar? Primero, es necesario aprender. Busque en [www.enditnow.org](http://www.enditnow.org) e infórmese más acerca de este problema y comparta con otros lo que ha aprendido. Estudie las Escrituras para aprender más acerca del amor de Dios y cómo deben ser los matrimonios. Segundo, es necesario reflexionar. Lea Salmos 139:23-24, y escudriñe su corazón. Tercero, ayudar. Si usted es, o ha sido víctima de abuso o violencia, busque ayuda en los siguientes lugares (1-800-799-7233 o <http://espanol.thehotline.org/solicite-ayuda/>). Si es o ha sido un abusador, busque un programa de rehabilitación. Si no ha sido impactado directamente por algún tipo de abuso, sea una voz de esperanza y aliento. Como nos dice Filipenses 2:4-5, “no mirando cada uno por lo suyo propio, sino cada cual también por lo de los otros. Haya, pues, en vosotros este sentir que hubo también en Cristo Jesús”. Juntos, trabajemos para que la violencia ilegal a su fin! ■



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# Running with a Purpose

By Gillian Sanner



Courtesy Greg Zdor

▲ Greg participating in the 2016 Xenia, Ohio, Marathon.

**FIFTY-ONE PEOPLE, ROUGHLY TEN ACROSS** and five deep, stood on the blacktop track. Four fluorescent orange cones marked the right side of the starting line, and three marked the left. Under bright blue skies, Solar Run participants smiled despite the freezing temperatures — they were running for a reason.

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) is an organization that, through sustainable engineering projects, empowers communities to meet their own basic human needs. EWB has over 13,000 members throughout the United States in professional and student chapters. The Andrews University student chapter has 90 members from a variety of academic programs.

Through Joel Raveloharimisy, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences and director of the Community & International Development program on campus, Andrews' EWB Chapter connected with a project idea.

Over the years, Raveloharimisy and student teams who participate in the Madagascar Study Tour built a school and other infrastructures in Madagascar. The electrical pieces, though, were outside of the resources

available in Madagascar. The Andrews EWB Chapter heard of this need and took up the challenge.

They proposed a project to EWB headquarters that involved providing lighting — potentially solar panels — to the Madagascar school. They also demonstrated the ability to arrange finances for the project through fundraisers, donations and grants. EWB headquarters approved a five-year contract between the Andrews EWB Chapter and the Madagascar site. And Greg Zdor, then in his junior year of college and serving as the vice president of the Andrews EWB Chapter, found a new purpose for a separate aspect of his life.

Greg grew up in the Berrien Springs, Michigan, area. He and his family attended the Stevensville Church, and his dad worked as a professor at Andrews University. At age 14, Greg began riding with the St. Joseph Cycling Club as a way to stay fit. "I didn't consider myself an endurance athlete," he says, "but cycling jumpstarted my interest in endurance sports."

When Greg became a student at Ouachita Hills Academy in Arkansas, there was no easy way to facilitate road biking. The academy could not allow Greg to ride 50 miles away from campus on his own, so Greg took up running.

He ran a 5K every other day and 15 to 20 miles every Friday. This was greatly encouraged by a math professor, Dillon Flannery, who would run with Greg. As they ran, they talked calculus.

In 2013, at the end of his junior year in academy, Greg ran his first marathon distance — an event witnessed by his parents and supporting academy staff and students — finishing in 3 hr., 37 min. In 2014, at the end of his senior year, he participated in the Little Rock Marathon with 13,000 people. Temperatures unexpectedly fell from the 50s to the 20s, and Greg was in shorts and a tank top. Despite the weather conditions, he completed the marathon and learned his time was 3 hr., 7 min., less than two minutes away from qualifying for the Boston Marathon. Greg was motivated to keep training.

When Greg began attending Andrews University in 2015, he started as a Biochemistry (ACS) major and J.N. Andrews Honors Scholar. He was very focused on school and phased off from his running, although he still completed the Chicago Marathon without training in 2015. In his academics, he soon learned he enjoyed math and physics more than biology and organic chemistry, so he switched his major to Electrical Engineering.

Greg grew up in a service-oriented family. He says, “I worked in the Benton Harbor soup kitchen the first Sunday of every month and participated in humanitarian projects and mission trips throughout high school. I also served in leadership roles on the yearbook staff and as a resident assistant.”

During his first two years at Andrews, though, he felt at a loss in terms of leadership opportunity. He continues, “I told my dad that I was becoming a bookworm and a physics nerd, while before I was used to leading things and carrying out events in addition to focusing on academics.” Then Greg learned about Engineers Without Borders (EWB).

In 2017, Greg organized the first EWB Andrews Solar Run 5K. He and Ester Carrasco, a Chemical Engineering major, created a website and organized strong advertising. The night before the race, Greg pulled an all-nighter to set up the route. The run was a success with 70 people registering and 49 racing. Personally, though, Greg was burned out. He got sick with a fever and realized he had taken on too much. He decided that, for his senior year, he would not serve as an officer for EWB, but, when asked, agreed to direct the 2018 Solar Run. He recalls, “I said yes on a few conditions—like doing a tenth of the work from the previous year. A lot of work this year was in delegation. It was a great process of learning how to hand off timing, race bibs, etc.”

The 2018 Solar Run — the race that took place in freezing temperatures — had 122 registrants and 51 who ran the race (some registrants chose to support the Solar Run with their registration fees only). Over \$4,000 was raised to support the Madagascar project, demonstrating significant growth for the Andrews EWB Chapter.

During Greg’s sophomore year, the student chapter’s budget was approximately \$300. Now, combining

donations and fundraisers, it has a budget of over \$20,000, largely assisting the Madagascar project but also supporting Habitat for Humanity projects in Benton Harbor.

In May 2018, members of the Andrews EWB Chapter flew with a professional engineer from the University of Nebraska to assess the Madagascar project site, a village in a remote jungle. The trip was conducted in conjunction with the Madagascar Study Tour, and the team examined whether the solar panel plan they had in place would work or if adjustments needed to be made.

Year three of the project is the implementation phase, when solar panels will be purchased. The student chapter members will do the actual installation of the panels under the oversight of a professional engineer. Depending on how the implementation phase goes, year four of the contract may continue implementation. Then, during year five, some of the team will take a trip back to Madagascar to assess design performance, perform any needed repairs, and empower the local villagers on the basics of repairing the system in case it breaks down.

Reflecting on the differences between running and engineering, Greg says, “Running and EWB have taught me different lessons. Running shows you have muscles you didn’t know you had before you started and how to handle pain and push through difficulty. EWB has taught leadership, team building, negotiation, planning, budgeting, trip coordination and networking.”

Greg also recognizes how God has connected running and engineering in his life — and how God has allowed Greg to use running for a bigger purpose. He says, “Running requires perseverance. EWB requires perseverance. My electrical engineering career demands dedication. All these traits I get from God. God’s love and grace inspire me to do my best in all things, which means I have a moral obligation to push my hardest in all.” ■

*Gillian Sanner, Media Communications manager, Andrews University.*



▲ Runners line up for the Solar Run 2018.

# THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER

FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO PUERTO RICO

Ye Lim Kim grew up as an only child in South Korea. Stereotypically, people expect an only child to be more spoiled than caring or to focus more on themselves than others. Ye Lim had a different story. Beginning at a very young age, her parents involved her in volunteer work. “They have showed incredible effort to foster my altruistic side ever since I was a baby,” she says.



Courtesy Ye Lim Kim



Courtesy Ye Lim Kim

▲ Top: Ye Lim with her parents.

▲ Bottom: Ye Lim sits with two young girls during her year-long stay in Ethiopia with her family.



Her first volunteer experience happened at the age of seven with a Korean volunteer association on a small island in the Philippines that, when translated from Korean, is known as “The Love Doctors.” Even as a child, Ye Lim fulfilled an important role in connecting with the local people. “People would approach me, giving me gifts and asking me questions,” she recalls, “sometimes with an attempt to pet my hair or affectionately pinch my nose. There were children, too. Driven by mutual curiosity, we became playmates during my stay on the island. It was sometimes these children’s affirmation toward our volunteer group that empowered the parents and neighbors to visit our medical facilities.”

Ye Lim’s volunteer work did not end there. After her parents saw how much this experience benefitted her, they sought to continue exposing her to service opportunities. Ye Lim and her parents have since participated in volunteer opportunities each year. They have gone to the Philippines, Mongolia and Kenya, and have done domestic volunteer work in Korea. “There was one time, 10 years ago, when our family had an opportunity to provide long-term service in Gimbe, Ethiopia, for a year. It was an inestimable experience, one that is still deeply cherished to this day. It was so long ago that it almost feels like a dream,” she reminisces.

Ultimately, Ye Lim’s background in volunteer work led to her current attendance at Andrews University and her decision to work within the field of cognitive science and psychology. “Attempting to understand the intricacy of the brain is challenging, but it’s a good kind of challenge,” she explains. The inventiveness of the field captivates her, and she enjoys discovering more about the mind’s functions and the possibilities for improvement.

Ye Lim also recognized that a college education would help her serve others better. “As I went on volunteer trips with my parents, I realized that a college education is extremely important. During the process of obtaining any kind of degree, you will realize that education is heavily linked toward being able to be of service to others. Formal education is the stepping-stone to widening one’s worldview,” she says. “Aiding another human being becomes less challenging if you

are exposed to different kinds of people and a variety of ideas during four years of college.”

This exposure is part of why Ye Lim came to Andrews University. She noted that Andrews is ranked in the number one position in campus ethnic diversity nationally, and has discovered that the Department of Behavioral Sciences, in particular, gives her an opportunity to meet new people and build relationships within a unique atmosphere.

“Our department is a delightful place. You can physically feel the warm whiff of mutual support and comradery once you enter the front door,” she says. “It is a safe and loving environment to touch unfamiliar concepts or express sociocultural theories.”

It was this environment that led Ye Lim on one of her most recent volunteer experiences with Andrews University in March

2018. Following the wake of Hurricane Maria, Melissa Ponce-Rodas, assistant professor of Psychology, and Harvey Burnett, chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and assistant professor of Psychology, actively tried to organize a volunteer mental health mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Ye Lim was in the department when Dr. Ponce-Rodas walked out of her office in an urgent attempt to find a student who could fill a spot from a last-minute cancellation. “At that moment, I felt as if everything was at the right place. Her announcement was like a last piece of a gear in a wristwatch, and the watch was finally ticking again,” says Ye Lim. “Every single plan I made for the upcoming spring break had failed by the most unanticipated variables, forcing me to spend the break in the residence hall. I quickly asked, ‘Can it be an undergraduate?’”

Shortly after this, Ye Lim found herself headed to Puerto Rico with an interdisciplinary group of 19 other students and staff from the departments of Behavioral Sciences and Social Work, the Community &

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# VOLUNTEER

International Development (CIDP) program, the PhD program in Counseling Psychology, the MA program in Clinical and Mental Health, and the Counseling & Testing Center. The goal of the trip was to educate as many as possible about mental health and how to cope with the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria.

“I was worried because I didn’t know how to speak Spanish,” Ye Lim says when thinking about the trip. “The fact that there were so many people that needed help gave me courage. I have such bad public speaking anxiety, but it kind of disappeared when I was helping people.”

One of these examples of serving through public speaking was when Ye Lim shared her own personal trauma story. When she was 9, her school caught on fire. She shared how she and the other students had to watch their school burn. While they were all safe

and able to go back to their routine shortly afterwards, each student was required to go through several months of intervention. During this time, the students learned how to use fire extinguishers and evacuation techniques. They also were told that it is normal to be shocked and afraid.

While telling her story, Ye Lim emphasized

how important these intervention techniques had been to her and how they helped give her a sense of power and erase her fear. Furthermore, she told the audience that she would not have been able to stand up front and tell them this story if she had not received that intervention.

“I assured the people in Puerto Rico that they are going through something that is much harsher than a burning building, and it is normal to feel unsafe and experience unusual emotional sensations in the long term,” Ye Lim explains.

During her talk, she noticed that several people in the audience were crying. After she finished, a young man came up to her and informed her that he was a firefighter trainee.

“He told me how things got harder after Hurricane Maria and how he was compelled to join gangs or sell drugs to earn a living. Instead, he decided to become a firefighter, and my speech was a reassurance of his decision,” says Ye Lim. “I was very touched by his earnestness. Little did he know, his saying that I was *his* reassurance was also reaffirming my decision to volunteer in Puerto Rico.”

Through the testimony of this young man, Ye Lim was able to see her story help someone open up about their own difficulties. In fact, Ye Lim explains that one of the most important things following a trauma is to help victims share their vulnerabilities. She decided to tell her story because of this realization.

Over the course of their 10-day trip, the team met over 1,000 people face-to-face and attended approximately 30 different events, including church services, group meetings and radio shows. “The trip vitalized and drained me at the same time. I feel like I am charged with all kinds of positivity,” she says.

In the end, Ye Lim did more than just serve others during this trip. Her own life was impacted as she continued her pattern of volunteer work and made a difference in the lives of those around her. “Helping other people can sometimes be hard, but it is never harder than being in a position where you need to be helped. Being a volunteer worker requires courage but going through hurricanes every year requires a whole lot more determination,” she says. “Despite the experience of life-threatening disasters, people in Puerto Rico showed strength, resilience and an undying spirit of optimism. I was deeply inspired — Puerto Rico left an imprint in my heart. My most heartfelt wish is for Puerto Ricans to fully recover. Puerto Rico *se levanta* (Puerto Rico will rise again).” ■

Hannah Gallant, IMC student writer

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Courtesy Ye Lim Kim

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▲ Clockwise: The Puerto Rico mental health mission trip team poses for a group photo; Ye Lim sat in the airport with her team as they waited for their flight; Ye Lim spoke about physiological properties in the brain that make individuals more susceptible to addiction after traumatic events. She always needed a translator because she could not speak Spanish; The Puerto Rico mental health mission trip team poses for a group photo in the airport.

Courtesy Ye Lim Kim





# INTENTIONAL FAITH, PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

► By Hannah Gallant

Freshman honors students crowded into the Western Heritage classroom. One particular student, Stephen Erich, pulled out his pocket-sized notebook and a pen. As he listened intently to Professors Markovic and Jerončić co-lecture on early church history and theology, he wrote down statements he wanted to remember.

This was his first time being around people his own age who were interested in these topics, and he wanted to have the exact words in front of him when he met them again that night in the residence hall. For Stephen, freshman year at Andrews University was revolutionary.

Out of the Western Heritage classroom came numerous late-night conversations with friends. Soon Stephen found himself meeting with a small group to pray in the mornings. At one point, he and a group of friends read the book, *The Irresistible Revolution*, by Shane Claiborne. The book told the story of a community in Philadelphia that has a shared neighborhood where they are committed to building up the people around them, sharing a rhythm of worship and eating together on a daily basis. Reading this story and being able to discuss it with friends was one of Stephen's first experiences with the idea of an intentional Christian community.

"We wanted to find ways to intentionally build our lives around our faith instead of just adding faith into whatever lives we were already living," Stephen explains.

By the end of his first semester, he recalls talking with some friends about student mission work. One thing led to another, and the next year Stephen found himself teaching English in Bangkok, Thailand.

"While I was there, I started looking for something more to do. I joined a non-denominational ministry that was focused on foreign, Western men who would come to Thailand for the wrong reasons," says Stephen.

The ministry met in a tailor shop next to a red-light district, and members would pray every evening from around 7 p.m. to approximately midnight. Some would stay and pray while others would go out on the sidewalks to meet people and engage in conversation.

The idea was that the men the ministry worked to reach were really looking for a deeper kind of love and fulfillment. Consequently, the ministry tried to connect the men with whom they worked to a hometown or local church. "That was the hardest I had ever prayed, especially with a group," Stephen recalls.

After returning from Thailand, Stephen got back into normal student life. While completing his undergraduate



business degree, Stephen stayed involved in local ministry. He taught kindergarten and served as an administrative assistant at a church plant, Harbor of Hope, in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

In 2013, one of Stephen's friends connected him with the planning team for the Summit on Social Consciousness, "The Sale of Innocence: 2013 Summit on Sex Trafficking," happening on the Andrews campus. He was able to participate in the event, which led to his later involvement with a local offshoot project focused on human trafficking in Cambodia.

Following the completion of his undergraduate degree, Stephen was contacted by ASAP Ministries about going to Cambodia for three years. He spent a week in serious prayer before he accepted the call.

"The clearest time that I was certain that I was following God's will was when I went to Cambodia," he reflects. "I had asked God that when I made the right decision he would give me a huge sense of joy. And when I decided to go, I felt joy."

Stephen spent the first year in Cambodia getting to know the country, culture and mission. "It was really eye-opening to me to see how the church organization operates, especially within the mission field," he explains.

During that year, he also worked with a Cambodian man named Rotha to lead a training program that taught powder coating [a metal coating using dry powder and heat] and computer skills to eight Vietnamese students from the Adventist Vietnamese school in Phnom Penh.

While there, Stephen started a small group Bible study with Khut Ney, his roommate, who was a pastor and assistant Youth director for the Cambodia Adventist Mission. Originally, the group was made up of mostly Seventh-day Adventists. Soon, though, they invited some Buddhist friends. Out of that group, Stephen began giving two individual Bible studies. "It was at that point I realized small groups are not just a nice way of encouraging each other," he says. "They also can be a way of reaching out to people when it might be hard to bring up subjects in other ways."

Toward the end of his first year in Cambodia, Stephen helped apply for a grant to gain funds to build a vocational school. After receiving part of the grant, the Cambodian mission began building the school. The principal oversaw most of the construction, while Stephen

kept track of the receipts and finances. Construction finished about six months later, and the hunt for teachers began. The school started off with lessons on motorbike mechanics and cellphone repair. During his last six months in Cambodia, Stephen spent his time recruiting students and further developing the program.

Following his return to the United States in July of 2017, Stephen started his MBA at Andrews University. When asked to reflect on his experiences, Stephen said, "The things that I've volunteered with, I love doing them. They give me a sense of fulfillment. Those are the things that have turned into jobs for me. When it comes to student missions, it's no different over there than here. I still have the same struggles, personality traits and the same fear of talking to people about Jesus. That doesn't disappear just because you go to another country."

Soon enough, another volunteer opportunity came into his life. In March of this year, Cindy Knaff, also a member at Harbor of Hope and the manager and coach at Life RX, the local Berrien Springs CrossFit gym, approached Stephen about coordinating a monthly worship program at the gym. Stephen was not yet a member at the gym, but for him this was another moment of clarity like his decision to go to Cambodia. Just the day before he had been thinking about how much potential there was for a spiritual community at Life RX.

The resulting program, Faith RX, meets the first Friday of each month for potluck and an informal worship time. "With Faith RX, our goal is to apply the CrossFit elements of exercise in community to a worship program," Stephen explains. We don't want to just talk about our faith, we want to be changed by actually doing it. We want to exercise our faith as a group, sharing with each other and deepening our relationships within the context of what Christ is doing in our lives."

Like Stephen's undergraduate group of friends, the prayer ministry in Thailand and the small group Bible studies in Cambodia, this CrossFit worship experience is another attempt at forming an intentional Christian community.

In recent years, research has identified an increase in loneliness in the United States, an increase that some even refer to as epidemic. Stephen sees these intentional efforts at Christian community as vital in reversing this trend. More than that, he believes they are the only way to be a faithful witness to the gospel. "The way American



Courtesy Stephen Erich

▲ Stephen poses with his roommate, Khut Ney, who was a pastor and assistant Youth director for the Cambodia Adventist Mission.



society is set up right now, it's really hard to unintentionally run into someone that you know. You only see them on Sabbath unless you decide to intentionally visit them throughout the week. And when you live 30 minutes away, who can make time for that?" he says. "The problem with that is we never get the chance to practice loving people when we don't want to be around them. Whenever we don't want to be around them, we just leave. This prevents our characters from developing and causes us to lose out on an opportunity to demonstrate Jesus' supernatural love to the rest of the world."

His hope is that Faith RX will give people an opportunity to purposefully deepen their relationships within the community and become comfortable talking about their faith with those they see on a daily or weekly basis. Stephen says, "The awesome thing about incorporating church and a worship experience into CrossFit is that in the gym people see each other two or three times a week. No one comes and does things by themselves. There's a coach, and everyone exercises together. People are already getting to know each other on a basic level, so adding or cultivating a spiritual atmosphere within this context of CrossFit workouts kind of enables the close community I have wanted, without making people move closer together."

In addition to fostering the local community here in Berrien Springs, Stephen also realizes how important an intentional Christian community is when doing missionary work. When reflecting on his time in Thailand, and especially Cambodia, he admitted that it was difficult without someone with him. The last year had been especially hard after Khut Ney left for the seminary at Andrews University. It taught Stephen that he would need strong social support if he were to go as a missionary again.

"Jesus sent people out two by two," he states. "My background is in business, and businesses that start with more than one founder are far more likely to succeed. In church planting, it's really important, too. If you are going to unreached areas, it's harder to model what Christian life looks like in community if you're the only one."

Building a vibrant Christian community takes more than just people. It also takes prayer and faith in God. So far, Stephen's life has been an exercise in trusting God to show him the next move and the next step.



Courtesy Stephen Erich

▲ Stephen with people from the community in Cambodia.

"Looking back, I can see how each step led to the next," he explains. "I haven't made any major life decisions at random, but I also haven't known where I was going to be for more than about six months at any point over the last ten years. It has been a natural progression that I couldn't have engineered myself, but it's been way better. Sometimes I just laugh and wonder and ask God why He's letting me do all this."

This attitude has stayed with Stephen through his undergraduate years, his mission work in Thailand and Cambodia and his current ministry with Faith RX. Although he is not completely sure what will happen after he finishes his master's degree, he knows that he can trust God to work it out, step by step.

Stephen's advice to those on their own individual journeys with God is: "Do what you've already been doing — what you love to do — with even more prayer, intentionality and patience; maybe someday you'll make a living from it. In the meantime, try to prioritize personal connection so that you don't get lonely, and enjoy the infinite pleasure of knowing God personally. In the end, He is the One who makes life really worth living, and He is always there." ■

Hannah Gallant, IMC student writer

# Associates serve those in need at first Mission at Home clinic



Dave Pfleiderer

▲ Associates and community members created individual packets of food at the Rise Against Hunger event.

A team of nearly 70 associates and physicians from AMITA Health volunteered to serve those in need at its first-ever Mission at Home event in Harvey, Ill.

The team treated more than 200 patients through a partnership with Restoration Ministries, a faith-based community center that provides care for those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions. Restoration Ministries was founded in 1988 by the father of John Sullivan, an emergency medicine physician at AMITA Health.

Patients were able to be treated by specialists in orthopedics, pediatrics, family and emergency medicine, dermatology and podiatry. A nutritionist provided counseling, and guests enjoyed healthy cooking demonstrations. A pharmacy and free reading glasses also were available for patients.

"The team also provided 48 joint injections, filled 500 prescriptions and made more than 25 follow-up appointments

with local health care providers," said Rema Johnson, D.O., an emergency room physician who spearheaded the event. "For many years, our health system has done medical mission trips abroad. The idea for a one-day trip came up at one of our physician wellness meetings as a way more physicians and staff could be involved and feel truly connected to our mission. Seeing our mission in action is a very powerful experience."

Ann Marie Niemer, regional director of Post-Acute Strategy who has served on the leadership team for the seven-day international trips, said even though the trip was shorter, the goal was the same — to provide care to those in need.

"We see people who don't have access to this level of care," she said. "Some have never seen a specialist before. It's about putting all of these resources in one place where the access is easy and available to all."

Several volunteers worked in the foot-washing room, where guests had

their feet examined and washed. Jeanne Curcio, an executive assistant, volunteered to serve in this area. As a licensed manicurist in the past, she felt called to serve in this Christ-like way.

"We helped renew, refresh and guide patients in their foot care," she said. "We saw diabetic patients, some with fungal or foot ulcers. After we washed their feet, we had the podiatrist assess their feet and treat any issues. Then we gave them a new pair of shoes, if they wanted them. I could feel the sense of relief and dignity it brought to the patients."

Karen A. Moore, director, Women and Infant Services, also worked in the foot-washing area. One older man came into the room on a motorized cart, and Karen helped him take off his shoes and socks because he could not bend over to do so. "Within a couple minutes of me gently washing around his swollen feet and ankles, he softly said, 'I have waited all my life to know what it feels like to have Jesus wash my feet. This, I will never forget.' I thanked him for saying that and told him how much that meant to me. That's when I realized the reason why I was there that day." ■

Julie Busch, associate vice president, Communications, AMITA Health

## Attention Doctors!

Save the date for the first Lake Union Providers Well-Being Conference (physicians, dentists, optometrists), Friday, Oct. 5, and Saturday, Oct. 6, near Hinsdale, Ill. (Chicagoland).

Keynote speaker: Dr. Ted Hamilton, Adventist Health Systems chief mission integration officer and senior vice president.

Email [heather.hoffman2@amitahealth.org](mailto:heather.hoffman2@amitahealth.org) for updates and registration information.

# Meaningful conversations

Learning another language can be a challenging, tedious process. One of the ways Andrews University helps their English as a Second Language (ESL) students is with the Conversation Partners program. Organized and directed in the Center for Intensive English Programs (CIEP), this program pairs a fluent English speaker with an ESL student. The two meet to converse with each other at least once every week for 10 weeks during a semester.

"The students that it works best for do it on a regular basis. It's very helpful to them," says Asta LaBianca, assistant professor of English and coordinator of the Conversation Partners program. "I have had some volunteers come back again and again because they have found it to be very enriching to their own experience."

LaBianca explains that most ESL students in the program are at or above the intermediate level in the CIEP program. In fact, she requires the students in her pronunciation class to participate. Other department teachers sometimes require it of students who wish to volunteer as well, or give extra credit as an incentive.

In developing the program, LaBianca says, "I wanted to provide a way for my students to make at least one English-speaking friend and then hopefully be able to enlarge their circle of English-speaking friends more easily."

Daley Lin, who has completed the ESL program and is currently a freshman Music Performance major, shares that the two times he was in the program helped him make friends and learn about different cultures.

"Sometimes students whose first language is not English have a hard time making friends with native students



▲ Conversation Partners program participant and MA TESOL student Karey Messina with Asta LaBianca, assistant professor of English and coordinator of the Conversation Partners program.

because we speak and understand slowly. This program helps us make friends with native students who love to help us and love to listen to us," he says.

Lin also has seen the program broaden his vocabulary so he can understand a wider variety of subjects. He advises others who hope to learn English, "Don't be afraid to make friends by using English to communicate. Be confident in what culture you have and who you are."

Another program participant, Karey Messina, is an MA TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) student. Messina has served as a conversation partner three times and says, "It has made me feel like I don't know anything. I feel humbled because these people are learning new languages, and I barely know a second language. I'm so happy that I can help individuals in their process to really learn English. I have a lot of respect for them. I don't feel like I could do it."

Messina notes that her involvement in the Conversation Partners program has not only taught her new things but also established lasting international relationships. "I was able to see Adventism in a new light. I always knew there were Adventists all around the world, but I never knew them personally until now."

Ultimately, the Conversation Partners program is so much more than just a class requirement or a volunteer opportunity — it is a chance to make a lasting friendship, ease someone's transition into another language, learn new things and explore other cultures.

LaBianca reflects on the program's impact. "It's exciting to think of all the international connections and friendships that have been formed over the years this program has existed. Without a doubt, language learning and practice has happened, but that's just the beginning." ■

Hannah Gallant, IMC student writer



## EDUCATION NEWS

## Pioneering refugees trace their Adventist roots in Battle Creek

MICHIGAN—More than 500 Adventist Zomi refugees from across the U.S. journeyed to the birthplace of Adventism for their sixth annual convention.

On June 28–30, participants gathered in a Baptist church near downtown Battle Creek from Zomi hotspots such as Tulsa, Okla.; Bowling Green, Ken.; Indianapolis, Orlando and Atlanta, as well as internationally from Burma and India, where many of them originated.

While in Battle Creek, the group visited the Historic Adventist Village where they learned about the church's early pioneers. "I believe that a lot of people feel like at home, you know," said Bowling Green resident, Thang Mang, a pioneer himself since he was one of the earliest Zomi settlers in the U.S. just a few years ago. "Even since you are a Seventh-day Adventist, when you get there [Battle Creek], wham, it is like home. My church starts from here!" The group also ventured to Berrien Springs, Mich., for a tour of Andrews University.

Suan Kim traveled from Tulsa where he also was one of the first U.S. Zomis, and said he's grateful for conventions such as this one, which is vital to the tribe's faith. "By gathering together, we are having a stronger faith, reviving what we have

Courtesy Zomi SDA USA



There are 30,000 Zomis in the U.S., of which 1,000 are Adventists. "The convention is a great opportunity for members to get acquainted with each other and thus encourage one another to stand firm in the faith, lifting Christ, wherever they may be and whatsoever they may face in this battlefield, the sin-tainted earth, of the Great Controversy," said youth leader, KhaiKhai Cin.

believed, and remembering where God has led us."

Since many Zomis don't usually have a place to worship in their language, Mang, who serves as president of the Zomi SDA USA organization, concurred that the convention is a special time for them. "A lot of [our] people cannot speak English. Even though they go to church, English church, they don't even understand one word. Maybe when they sing, the tune is the same, but we sing in Zomi. However, we don't understand the sermon because there's no interpreter, so we want to help each other spiritually."

At the convention, participants worshipped together and attended seminars aimed at educating members on areas such as American law, parenting, finance and acceptable church music. "It's not just spiritually encouraging," Sb Cin, one of the leaders of Zomi SDA USA and who pastors the Grand Rapids and Battle Creek Zomi groups, said of the conference. "It helps with life."

Attendees drew inspiration from speakers such as Dalian Haokip. After studying at India's Spicer College and Pune University, Haokip finished his doctorate and launched a school, Blue Star Academy in northeastern India, which now has a student population of 1,500.

Organizers also were intent on ensuring that the youth were not neglected, providing seminars conducted in English by pastors Daniel Chit, KhaiKhai Cin, Sam Ngala, Bill Wells and Rahel Wells. "We are helping our youth," said Mang. "I believe this will be very good for our youth, for their future, that they might have some information or education."

Next year's convention is scheduled for Bowling Green, Ken. For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ZomiSDAUSA/> ■

*Debbie Michel is Lake Union associate director of Communication.*

## Local conferences take steps to revitalize youth Sabbath school

With Youth and Young Adult Sabbath School languishing in many churches, leaders are formulating plans to restore Sabbath school for youth.

The Youth Department of the North American Division has officially adopted

Youth Sabbath School and is partnering with unions and conferences to co-sponsor training for Youth Sabbath school leaders this fall.

In November, Wisconsin and Lake Region conferences have teamed up to launch a two-day training designed to be interactive, eye-opening and filled with tools to help improve the experience of youth when studying the lesson

throughout the week, leading up to Sabbath morning.

Wisconsin Conference Youth director Eric Chavez says this training is long overdue. "As I travel the state, I see Sabbath school programs that have huge potential, great young people, and churches that want growth and life, but no real tools are being used to aid in fixing our problem. No matter what spiritual state your church is

in, there is hope and there are individuals looking to make changes to help you grow your Sabbath school."

Jason North, Lake Region Conference Youth director, also is eager to see change.



Courtesy Pioneer Memorial Church

"I am hoping that we really look at goals of Sabbath school and fulfill the mission versus trying to continue with methods that are not as effective as they used to be. Through this training, I'm hoping that we come up with viable methods to revitalize the mission and pillars of Sabbath school — fellowship, outreach, mission and Bible study."

Training dates:

**Friday, Nov. 17–Sabbath, Nov. 18**

Venue: **Milwaukee Central Church,  
2229 N. Terrace Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.**

**FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m. Leadership Training Intensive

**SABBATH**

9:30–10:00 a.m. Spark (Get Acquainted; Group-building)

10:00–11:00 a.m. Initiate (How to Start or Revive Your Youth Sabbath School)

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Give & Take (Ideas and Resources for Youth Sabbath School)

1:00–2:00 p.m. Need (Ways to Increase Participation in Youth Sabbath School)

2:15–3:15 p.m. Involve (How to Start Good Discussions)

3:30–4:30 p.m. Thrive (Equipping Young People to Grow Spiritually and Lead)

4:30–5:00 p.m. Express (Summary, Commitment, Consecration)

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Lenglong Ngaiho

▲ *Sb Ngaih Cin was installed as pastor of the Battle Creek and Grand Rapids Zomi congregations.*

## Two multiethnic pastors employed in Michigan Conference

MICHIGAN—On July 14, Sb Ngaih Cin was installed as pastor of the Grand Rapids Myanmar Company of the Michigan Conference.

Cin will oversee the Grand Rapids congregation of 75 members and also a Group of 50–55 people that meets every Sabbath at the Battle Creek Tabernacle.

On July 28, Royce Snyman, Ministerial director of the Michigan Conference, officially introduced Cin at Battle Creek, along with his wife, Ma Aye, and their three

children, Cady, Khai Khai and Sangpih; 12 new members also were baptized.

The group is originally from the Cin State in Burma (or Myanmar). Their ethnicity is Zomi and their language is Tedim, a language differing from their official Burmese because it's written in the Roman alphabet. Recently, the group hosted an event in Battle Creek with more than 500 Zomis from different parts of the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, India and Burma. (See story on previous page.)

On Saturday, July 21, Bernard Mugarukira Karemera was officially appointed as pastor of the Elwell Church. This also is a rapidly growing congregation in the Grand Rapids area with a majority of the group refugees from Congo, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. This congregation speaks Kinyarwanda/Kirundi, along with Swahili, and close to fifty percent are fluent in French. They recently moved into a new facility at 33 Elwell Street, Grand Rapids, and every single Sabbath they meet to read their Bibliya Year (Holy Bible). They are extremely friendly and profoundly happy with Michigan Conference for the opportunity to have someone ministering to them in their native language.

As this is written, we are in touch with Pacific Press to explore the possibility of servicing their quickly growing need for literature. Thankfully, both congregations already have Sabbath School quarterlies in their languages.

At the Ministerial Department and the Multi-ethnic office, we are extremely happy to see the swift growth of these ethnical groups and congregations. ■

*Daniel Scarone, associate Ministerial director, Multiethnic Ministries, Michigan Conference.*



Courtesy Bernard Mugarukira Karemera

▲ *Bernard Mugarukira Karemera was officially appointed as pastor of the Rwandan church in Grand Rapids.*



## Indiana Conference launches podcast

INDIANA—With more and more people turning to podcasts for their news, Indiana Conference has jumped on the bandwagon and is creating fresh content through a regular series called “Hope for the Heartland.”

Plans for the podcast came about naturally. When WYLJ 107.5 FM, a new 3ABN station in Terre Haute launched two years ago, the Indiana Conference Communications staff began to think of opportunities to record local programming. The first recording was of the Indiana Academy Christmas Concert last December. Then, when Nick Miller, Lake Union director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, visited Indianapolis for a forum on the 500th anniversary of the

Protestant Reformation, he presented a great issue-oriented show.

As we continued doing radio shows talking about disaster response, Timber Ridge Camp and our *Encounter Bible* curriculum in Adventist schools, we started thinking about internet radio and promoting our shows as podcasts on our Conference, church and school websites using SoundCloud as our host and distributing to Lake Union and Conference Facebook social media channels. We hope we are reaching new audiences that may be interested in who we are and what we do.

If you’re not familiar with podcasts, you may be in for a pleasant surprise. Think of them as having all the benefits of the old pre-war radio program format, with the modern advantages of the Internet and computer-based devices. You can listen to



▲ Indiana Conference podcasts are available at [www.indysda.org](http://www.indysda.org) under the Media tab, where “Hope for the Heartland” is listed.

them directly from a website, or download them to your phone, iPod, MP3 player or computer, to enjoy later.

Are podcasts for you? Probably. Find out for sure by searching for programs of interest and downloading a few episodes to your computer, phone or tablet. To hear Indiana Conference podcasts, check out [www.indysda.org](http://www.indysda.org) and click on the Media tab. You will see “Hope for the Heartland” podcasts listed. Happy listening! ■

*Colleen Kelly, Communications and Marketing specialist, Indiana Conference, and Craig Martindale, podcast producer.*

## An encounter with God’s love changed George Corliss forever

MICHIGAN—George Corliss, a popular religious broadcaster, became ill in April; on Sunday, July 11, he passed away from pneumonia at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. He was 61.

Many people came to know God’s love through Corliss. If He could change “Big George,” then God must be real. Because 30 years ago, Corliss was a “bully with a big mouth.”

Back then, at 6 feet, 3 inches tall, and 400 pounds, he worked as a nightclub/bowling alley manager. After work, he was a self-described, “carousing, philandering alcoholic.”

During the personal turmoil of the early 1980s, he and his wife Debby were divorcing. To cope, she joined a Bible study and called him to say, “I love you and I forgive you.” He hung up on her. When she asked him to attend her baptism, he said, “I hate you. Why would I come to that?”



▲ Corliss with his wife, Joy Corliss.

One morning, a pastor dropped by the bowling alley. Corliss was seething, knowing his wife sent him. But the pastor left behind a book, *Three Hours to Live*, and he eventually started reading it.

His conversion didn’t happen overnight. But, slowly, he began to change.

“I didn’t really know what love was,” he said, “but I didn’t like the love I’d seen in the bowling alley. I was sick of that. I would

come home and I would see love. That love, the love of God, was pouring out of my wife. I began to learn how much God loved me.”

Corliss surrendered his life to God’s will, never envisioning the path his life would take.

### The legacy of George Corliss

Because of Corliss, hundreds of people learned how to manage their weight and



health through a healthy lifestyle after Corliss dropped 100 pounds and packaged an eight-week program called START NEW with the help of a physician. The program followed the biblical principles of his Adventist faith.

Because of Corliss, thousands of Northern Michigan school children received character-building and anti-drug

messages through LISTEN America, an educational nonprofit he founded that helped students make positive choices through school assemblies and events featuring Super Bowl winners. He also published a magazine, *Kids Club News* and, over 18 years, raised about \$4 million to fund the nonprofit.

He also raised close to \$5 million in the last nine years to fund Strong Tower Radio, a Christian station that began broadcasting from Cadillac in 2009. ■

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## Remembering a Legend

LAKE REGION—One of the most powerful and moving evangelistic sermons I've ever heard was preached by Dr. Philip C. Willis Sr. Reflecting depth and breath, the sermon appealed to my head as well as to my heart. Had I not been a Seventh-day Adventist, I would have given my heart to Jesus that Sabbath morning. I went home not just enthralled but transformed as a result of the Christ-centered, Spirit-drenched exposition of the biblical message by Dr. Willis.

A legend is someone known for doing something reasonably, if not extremely, well, and a legacy is something handed down from one generation to another. Dr. Philip C. Willis Sr. is a legend whose legacy will be enshrined in our hearts for years to come. What is the legacy of this gallant warrior and soldier of the cross? His is a legacy of sacrifice, soul winning, stewardship and solidarity, of unswerving commitment to Christ and selfless service to his church.

Like the Philip of the early Christian church, Dr. Willis was an evangelist who was blessed with four prophesying daughters — and a preaching son for good measure. His wife was his lifelong partner in the home and in the church, in mission as well as in ministry. Indeed, their marriage was a ministry that instructed and inspired. Willis and his devoted wife, Edith, were the quintessential and consummate ministerial couple, a dynamic duo that God used to



Courtesy Philip Willis, Jr.

▲ Philip Willis Sr., photographed here surrounded by family, served as Lake Region Conference's pastor, evangelist and director of Adult Ministries. He was a police and U.S. Civil Air Patrol chaplain, and he and his wife, Edith, conducted evangelistic campaigns around the world.

prove that marriages in this day and age may not just survive, but thrive.

In a time of ambivalence and uncertainty about the future of public evangelism, his was a clear, compelling voice, crying in the wilderness, *Prepare ye the way of the Lord* (Isa. 40:3; Mark 1:3). Uncompromising and unbending, Dr. Willis preached the everlasting gospel in the context of Rev. 14:6–12 with power and conviction, calling men and women to repentance and to Jesus Christ. Part of a vanishing genre of evangelists who apologetically proclaim the distinctive truths of Adventism, he preached as one who really believed that Jesus would come before he died. The tone

of his voice reflected his passion, and his energy in the pulpit was palpable.

For 27 years, he battled the condition that ultimately felled him, the soldier in him refusing to succumb without a fight. He kept coming back, each time more determined to slog on. A man of prayer and devotion, he never failed to look to the hills, from whence his strength and help emanated (Psalm 121). He was sustained by a litany of miracles that provided convincing proof that God was on his side. ■

R. Clifford Jones, president, Lake Region Conference.

Excerpt of article published on the LRC website <http://lrcsda.com/category/lrc-news/> (accessed July 28, 2018)



Video stills courtesy Pioneer Memorial Church's media team.



▲ A scene from Hymneo's music video with singer/songwriter Michael Gibson on guitar and producer Jamila Sylvester holding mic.

## New online music hub hopes to revive hymns and boost congregational singing

When Jesus and his disciples were in the upper room, Jesus washed the disciple's feet, setting an example for them to serve one another, and they concluded this first communion service by singing a hymn (see John 13:5; Matt 26:30). Michael Gibson believes that when they sang hymns, it gave Jesus comfort before His crucifixion. Gibson wants to revive the significance of hymns and help people remember their purpose.

So, in early 2018 and under the Pioneer Memorial Church Music Ministry, Gibson started Hymneo. The group consists of 10 to 15 people that write and sing new songs and, traditional hymns with a twist. Gibson leads Hymneo along with Jamila Sylvester, producer; Michelle Odinma, songwriter; and Chad Angasan, touring/networking. "We want to be a hope and a solace in the midst of what's going on, and be able to sing praises and sing about the hurts and the despairs, but also about the overcoming power of Jesus," Gibson said.

Group members write songs that share their distinctive Seventh-day Adventist faith, and are contemporarily relevant. They aren't trying to replace traditional hymns. "There's a rich heritage there,"

said Gibson. "There are stories in those songs and those songs are meaningful." On the other hand, he also believes some of the "oldies but goodies" deserve an upgrade. Hymneo has already produced two music videos that will debut this fall, including a new melody to the song "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "To You We Sing," written by Gibson and his wife, Melissa.

Although Hymneo is at the beginning of its journey, their goal is to have an online presence with a database of music (including sheet music, instructional videos, etc.) that churches and individuals can access for free. Gibson says the group wants to create an enhanced spiritual and musical experience. "We have two tracks: the new original songs that are speaking of our own experience, our own story, but also taking some of those original, traditional songs that people sing and give them a new twist. So there's a familiarity with it, but then there's also the contemporary push forward that brings us to like, 'Wow! This song is still relevant today.'"

Gibson and his wife hope to start another Hymneo group at Southwestern University in Keene, Texas, where he has been assigned as youth pastor, starting



this fall. The group is currently looking to partner with other universities and churches. For more information, you can reach Hymneo via email at [hymneocollective.com](mailto:hymneocollective.com) and on social media. ■

*Malissa Martin is a Detroit-based freelance writer.*

**GROUP MEMBERS WRITE SONGS THAT SHARE THEIR DISTINCTIVE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST FAITH, AND ARE CONTEMPORARILY RELEVANT.**



# Andrews Academy students participate in Jordan archeological dig

MICHIGAN — One of the unique features of Andrews Academy (AA) is its partnership with Andrews University (AU). Academy students can take college classes their junior or senior year, with some classes as dual credit. University professors often make presentations at the academy. This summer, seven AA students joined the AU archeological dig in Jordan at Khirbet Safra, just south of Madaba.

Each summer, AU's archeological department continues a dig at two different sites in Jordan, Tal Hisban and Khirbet Safra. They leave their hotel just before 5 a.m., before the heat of the day, and work at the site for about six hours. The students are trained to carefully excavate layers of dirt that has covered the site over the years. In the process, a lot of rocks have to be removed (because they have fallen or been disturbed over time). Pottery is recovered to help date the walls and dirt fill in an effort to retrace the history of destruction in order to understand the period of occupation. After lunch, back at the hotel, during the heat of the day, everyone joins in to wash the pottery so that on the next day it can be "read." This is where everyone is taught forms and periods, and where much of what they did at the site gains meaning.

On weekends, the students go on educational tours of Jordan to locations such as the Dead Sea and experience the greater buoyancy due to the salt in the water; the traditional site at the Jordan River where people generally believe Jesus was baptized; the fortress of Machaerus that Herod the Great had built in 30 B.C. and where John the Baptist was beheaded about 60 years later by another Herod; Dibon, where the famous Moabite stone was discovered; the Roman city of Jerash where Jesus taught and healed; the city of Gadera which was the home city of the demoniacs; and many other locations. Their first Friday evening vespers was at Mount Nebo, the location where Moses died.

The team stays in a hotel in Madaba that has a pool in which to cool off after a busy day of work. Many afternoons they go shopping in Madaba or sit and visit with old friends. One such friend is Grandpa Yusef (Joseph), a local shop owner who is greatly loved by the dig team and the academy students.

It's an amazing experience for AA students to see the sites of the Bible, which brings the stories in the Bible to life and provides deeper meaning and insight. Students return to Berrien Springs forever changed, having a deeper understanding of the Bible as well as the cultures and traditions of the Middle East. ■

*Steven Atkins is Biology and Earth Science teacher at Andrews Academy.*

► Top to bottom: Seven Andrews Academy students with one of their instructors, Mr. Scottie Baker, at the dig site. Delilah Drew, Andrews Academy senior, sifting through the rubble in search of pottery. The group washing pottery so that on the next day it can be "read." This is where everyone is taught forms and periods, and where much of what they did at the site gains meaning. Their first Friday evening vespers was at Mount Nebo, the location where Moses died, one of the sites they toured on weekend excursions while visiting sites in the Middle East.



Scottie Baker



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Connie Gane



Scottie Baker

▲ Grandpa Yusef ("Joseph"), a local shop owner who is greatly loved by the dig team and the academy students



Joshua Pedroza



▲ Riverview School students with their teacher, Vanessa Aguilar.

## New elementary school opens in Southwest Indiana

INDIANA—Four years ago, members of the Evansville Hispanic Church decided they wanted to launch a new private Christian elementary school for their church members' children and the surrounding county.

In August 2018, their dreams came to fruition with the dedication of a newly remodeled church building that encompasses Riverview Adventist Christian Academy.

"We're so blessed and excited for our new school!" said Paolo Pizzaro, wife of Fernando Pizzaro, pastor of the Evansville Hispanic Church. Paolo noted that the closest school was two-and-a-half hours away and church members were anxious for their children to receive a distinctly Adventist Christian education.

Great sacrifice from church members — who provided labor for painting, roof work, patching brickwork and donations that totaled in excess of \$200,000, made it possible for the school to become a reality. Twenty students in grades five through eight are currently enrolled, under the guidance of new bilingual teacher, Vanessa Aguilar.

Fernando and Paola have worked with the Indiana Conference to plan the process of building a new facility, along with former Indiana Education superintendent, Herb Wrate; Lily Wagner, North American Division; Carmelo Mercado, Lake Union Conference; philanthropist Robert Burnette; and Richard Norris, senior pastor at Evansville First Church, as well as others.

"We are pleased to dedicate and welcome this new school to the Adventist education school network in Indiana," said Indiana Conference superintendent of Schools, Nicole Mattson, who oversees 13 elementary schools and one academy. "This multi-grade school has a math-science focus and will offer the child a safe, loving and diverse Christ-centered environment."

The decision was made to have a focus on math and science because, statistically, Hispanics don't choose those areas for careers. "We are trying to educate them to provide more opportunities for their future," said Mattson. "Eventually, the plan is to get into dual immersion to encourage other students to attend."

The mission of Riverview Adventist Christian Academy is to nurture the whole child spiritually, academically, physically and



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▲ Church members take a break from pouring concrete for a new walkway.

socially; and to educate students for service to God, their families, their church, their country and their fellow men and women.

A dedication service was held in the school gymnasium on Sunday, Aug. 12. For more information, please visit: [www.indysda.org](http://www.indysda.org). ■

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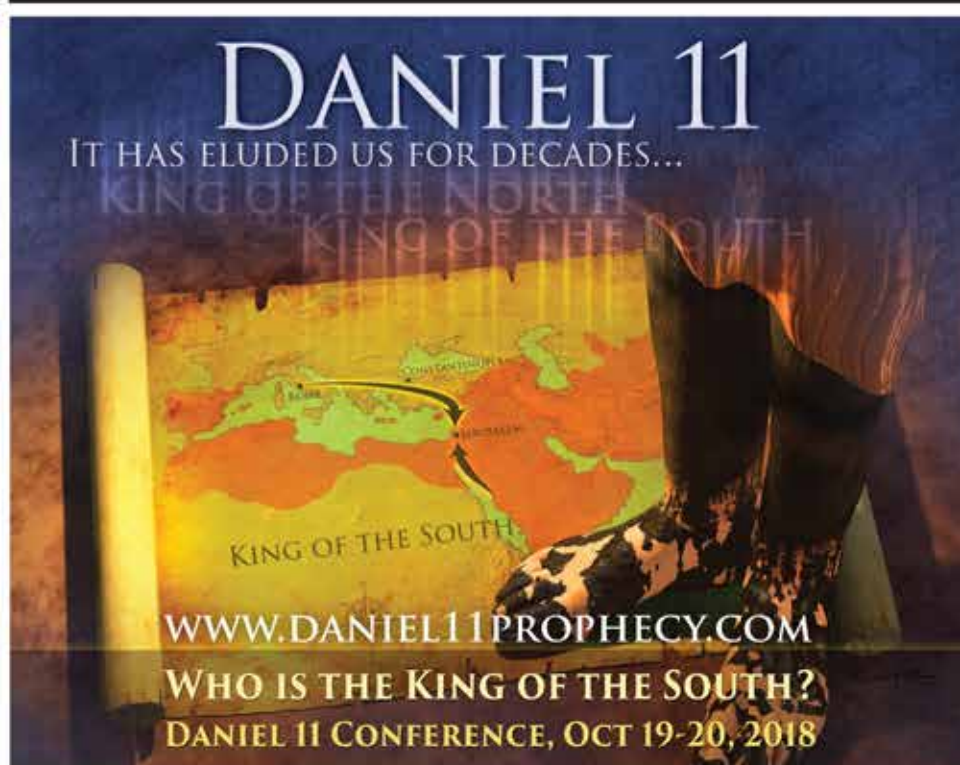
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## ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

### GENERAL EVENTS

- Sept. 6-9:** *Urban Mission and Ministry Conference*
- Sept. 13:** *Change Day*
- Sept. 16, 3 p.m.:** *Indonesian Cultural Night*
- Sept. 17-21, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.:** *Fall Week of Prayer*
- Sept. 20-22:** *Mission Conference*
- Sept. 20-22:** *SciFEST & ArtFEST*
- Sept. 25-27:** *Seminary Week of Spiritual Emphasis*
- Sept. 27-30:** *Alumni Homecoming*

### HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EVENTS

For more information on the following events and to purchase tickets, call 888-467-6442 or 269-471-3560, or visit [howard.andrews.edu](http://howard.andrews.edu).

- Sept. 15, 8:15 p.m.:** *Howard Series Presents...Charlie Albright*
- Sept. 23, 7 p.m.:** *Howard Series Presents...Joyous String Ensemble*
- Sept. 30, 4 p.m.:** *Sunday Music Series: Aleksandra Kemble*

## ILLINOIS

- Aug. 31-Sept. 2:** *Hispanic Camp Meeting, Camp Akita*
- Sept. 7-9:** *Pathfinder Leadership Training, Camp Akita*
- Sept. 14-16:** *NAD Hispanic NET, Chicago*
- Sept. 28-30:** *ACF Retreat/Hi-C Retreat, Camp Akita*

## INDIANA

- Sept. 7-9:** *Adventurer Family Weekend, Timber Ridge Camp*
- Sept. 14-16:** *Pathfinder Camporee, Timber Ridge Camp*
- Sept. 21-23:** *Brown County Blowout, Timber Ridge Camp*

## LAKE REGION

- Sept. 1-3:** *Hispanic Camp Meeting, Camp Wagner*
- Sept. 22:** *PARL Wisconsin Rally, Milwaukee*
- Sept. 28-29:** *Chicagoland Youth Federation, Waukegan, Ill.*

## MICHIGAN

- Sept. 7-9:** *Adventurer Family Camp, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 8:** *Men of Faith Retreat, Great Lakes Adventist Academy*
- Sept. 9-12:** *Seniors Retreat, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 14-16:** *Pathfinder Camporee, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 23:** *ACS Fall Workshop, Camp Au Sable*
- Sept. 28-30:** *Sabbath School Workshop, Camp Au Sable*

## WISCONSIN

- Sept. 5-6:** *Wisconsin Education Dept. Outdoor Ed, Camp Wakonda*
- Sept. 7-9:** *Adventurer Camporee, Camp Wakonda*
- Sept. 21-23:** *Hispanic Couples Retreat, Quality Inn Airport, Milwaukee*
- Sept. 21-23:** *Pathfinder Camporee, Camp Wakonda*

## LAKE UNION

- Sept. 23:** *Health Fair, Don Moyers Boys and Girls Club, Champaign, Ill.*



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## ILLINOIS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that the **33rd regular constituency session of the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** will be held at Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church, Hinsdale, Ill., with the first meeting called at 10:00 a.m., **Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018**. This session is for the purpose of receiving reports of the quadrennium which ended December 31, 2017; to elect officers, departmental directors, and an executive committee for the ensuing term; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the constituency, including possible changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. Delegates are those duly elected by the churches of the conference and delegates-at-large as provided in the constitution. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifty members or fraction thereof, based on actual church membership as of September 30, of the year preceding the meeting.

## MICHIGAN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **33rd session of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** will be held at the Cedar Lake Church in Cedar Lake, Mich., **Sept. 30, 2018**, with the first meeting called at 9:00 a.m. Reports of the previous five years will be rendered, proposed constitutional changes may be considered, the election of conference officers, departmental directors, and members of the executive committee will take place, and any other business will be transacted which may properly come before the session. Delegates are those duly elected by the various churches of the conference and delegates-at-large as provided in the constitution. Each church in the Michigan Conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof,

determined by the membership as of Dec. 31, 2017. As provided by the bylaws, the organizing committee (composed of one delegate from each church, plus one additional delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof, as of Dec. 31, 2017) will meet on Sept. 29. The meeting will begin with vespers at 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Lake Church.

**GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2018** will be held **Oct. 12-13**. All alumni and friends of GLAA, AA, CLA or GLA, please mark your calendars. The honor classes are 1968, '78, '88, '93, '98, and 2008. For more information, contact GLAA Alumni office at 989-427-4444 or email: [bewallace@glaa.net](mailto:bewallace@glaa.net). We look forward to seeing you!

**ANDREWS ACADEMY** invites you to **Alumni Weekend, Oct. 19-20**. Come and reunite with your Andrews Academy family. Remember the defining moments of your past and reconnect with old friends. We look forward to seeing all of you once again at our Alumni Reunion! Friday, 7 p.m., vespers. Saturday, 9:00-9:45 a.m., continental breakfast; 10:00 a.m., Sabbath School and roll call led by five different honored classes; 11:15 a.m., alumni worship convocation followed by honor class photographs and fellowship haystack luncheon. We will be honoring graduating classes that end in '4s or '9s.

## WISCONSIN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **38th regular quadrennial session of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Wisconsin Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists** will convene at Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, Wis., on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018. The organizing committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the first meeting of the session convening at 10:00 a.m. Duly accredited delegates and delegates-at-large will be authorized to elect officers, directors of departments/services, and members of the executive committee, constitution and bylaws committee, and nominating committee for the

new quadrennial term, along with corporation trustees for the ensuing quadrennial term. Delegates also will transact such other business as may properly come before them. Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof.

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

**STANDIFER GAP ADVENTIST SCHOOL, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.**, is celebrating its 70th anniversary (1948-2018) on **Sept. 28-29**. All former students and former staff are invited to attend our celebration. Festivities will begin on Friday through Saturday evening. Contact: 423-892-6013 or, for further details, visit: [sgsdaschool.org](http://sgsdaschool.org)

**PLAINVIEW ADVENTIST ACADEMY, SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY AND DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND, Oct. 5-6**, at Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, N.D. Come and renew your friendships. Honor Classes: 1944, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '79, '89, '94, '99, 2004, '09, '14. For more information, call 701-751-6177 ext. 212, or visit our website at [www.dakotaadventistacademy.org](http://www.dakotaadventistacademy.org).



## OFFERINGS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Sept. 1	Local Church Budget
Sept. 1	Men's Day of Prayer
Sept. 8	World Budget
Sept. 9-15	Nurture Periodicals
Sept. 9-15	Family Togetherness Week
Sept. 15	Family Togetherness Sabbath
Sept. 15	Let's Move Day
Sept. 15	Local Church Budget
Sept. 16-22	Hispanic Heritage Week
Sept. 16-22	Let's Move Week/Health Education Week/Vibrant Life
Sept. 22	Local Conference Advance
Sept. 29	Union Designated

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## ANNIVERSARIES



**WAYNE AND GENEVIEVE CLARK** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 4, 2018. They have been members of the Oxford (Wis.) church for 19 years.

Wayne Clark and Genevieve Smalley were married July 4, 1958 in Berrien Springs, Mich., by V.E. Garber. Wayne was a treasurer at GNYC, SNEC, NADEI from 1980-1998. Genevieve was an SNEC (1974-1979) secretary, NADEI, retiring in 1998.

The Clark family includes Karren and Clay Blair of Montello, Wis.; Kelly and Brad McClave of Southern California; and 2 grandchildren.

## OBITUARIES

**BYLSMA, Alma Ruth (McClure)**, age 87; born Aug. 11, 1931, in St. Charles, Mich.; died Aug. 22, 2017, in Holly, Mich. She was a member of the Holly Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Bylsma; sons, Wayne and Wesley; and sister, Jean Ellen Hirchenberger.

Funeral services were conducted by Wayne Bylsma and Pastor Daniel Ferraz; interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

**DRAKE, CAROLYN A. (Cockrell)**, age 92; born July 12, 1925, in Columbus, Miss.; died May 7, 2018, in Crown Point, Ind. She was a member of the Mizpah Church, Gary, Ind.

Survivors include sons, Anthony Cherry, Richard Cherry and Michael Drake; daughter, Tyra Waddell; brothers, Samuel Cockrell,

Joseph Cockrell and Travis Cockrell; sisters, Dorothy Walker and Yvonne Keen; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Leeroy Coleman.

**GRAVES, Lester "Buzz" E.**, age 89; born Sept. 9, 1928, in Yuba, Wis.; died April 10, 2018, in Waukesha, Wis. He was a member of the Waukesha Community Church in New Berlin, Wis. Survivors include his wife, Shirley J. (Elmer) Graves; son, Roger E.; daughter, Jane D. Foll; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by William Ochs; interment was in East Pine River Cemetery, Yuba, Wis.

**GUY, George Herman**, age 87; born Dec. 18, 1930, in Lola, Kan.; died April 22, 2018, in Lawton, Mich. He was a member of Weslaco Church in Weslaco, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Jane (Conrad) Guy; daughter, Janet Steffen; son, Jonathan and James; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial and interment will happen at a to-be-determined date in Kansas.

**KINMAN, Dixie M. (Brown)**, age 73; born Sept. 27, 1944, in Marion, Ind.; died June 26, 2018, in Fort Wayne, Ind. She was a member of the Marion Church in Marion.

Survivors include her husband, Larry W. Kinman; son, Roger W.; daughters, Dian and Joette; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Matthew Hasty; interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Gas City, Ind.

**KOEPKE-BLOCK, Catherine M. (Kiestra)**, age 89; born June 13, 1928, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died May 15, 2018, in Shelby, Mich. She was a member of the Shelby Church in Shelby.

Survivors include sons, James and Andrew; stepson, Daniel Block; daughters, Suzanne Hazlett and Sandra Hazlett; stepdaughter, Cathy Vredevoogd; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Ron Mills; interment was in Hubbard Cemetery in Montague, Mich.

**SAUNDERS, Richard Eugene Sr.**, age 91; born Aug. 17, 1926, in Edgerton, Wis.; died June 24, 2018, in Janesville, Wis. He was a member of the Madison East Church in Monona, Wis.

Survivors include his wife, Jacquelin (Goodman) Saunders; sons, Richard Jr. and Donald; stepsons, Greg Minier and Mike Minier; daughters, Pamela and Beth (Phil) Saunders-Buss; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Titus Naftanaila; interment was in Prairie Mound Cemetery in Oregon, Wis.

**SCHMID, Walter P.**, age 92; born Oct. 12, 1925, in Detroit, Mich.; died March 30, 2018, in Clinton Twp., Mich. He was a member of the Warren Church, Warren, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Schmid; son, Walter Jr.; daughters, Tina Bailey, Margie Tarnacki, Sandy Van Damme and Paula Pyles; brothers, Jacob Schmid and Richard Schmid; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Cory Herthel; interment was in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp.

## Sabbath Sunset Calendar

	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:10	7:58	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:10
Chicago, Ill.	7:15	7:03	6:51	6:39	6:27	6:15
Detroit, Mich.	7:58	7:46	7:33	7:21	7:09	6:57
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:08	7:56	7:45	7:33	7:22	7:11
La Crosse, Wis.	7:32	7:19	7:06	6:53	6:40	6:28
Lansing, Mich.	8:04	7:52	7:39	7:26	7:14	7:02
Madison, Wis.	7:24	7:11	6:58	6:46	6:33	6:21
Springfield, Ill.	7:22	7:10	6:59	6:47	6:36	6:25

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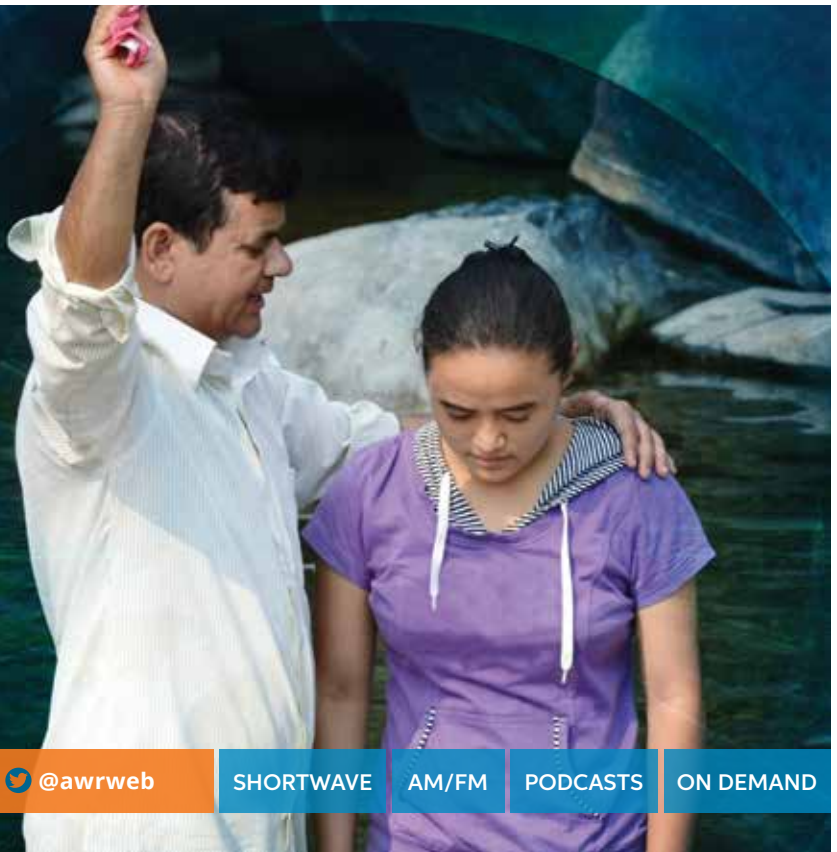
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# Go into All the World

By Meredith Jones-Gray

**IN THE 1930s AT EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE**, the forerunner of Andrews University, the commission culture consumed the campus. Every school activity focused on the call to serve, especially in overseas mission fields. The school paper, the *Student Movement*, regularly published letters from EMC alums working around the world. In 1940, the *Student Movement* researched that 111 former students had gone out from the small school from 1909, when the first EMC missionary was commissioned, until 1940. The yearbook, the *Cardinal*, featured images of faraway cultures and missionaries arriving in distant lands. The 1931 yearbook memorialized Herbert K. Smith, an EMC alumnus serving in China who was killed by road bandits on one of his evangelistic trips. Chapels and club meetings centered on international mission topics. Year after year, the graduating class aims echoed the call: “Into the Midst of the World’s Needs” (1935).

For the EMC students of the 1930s, answering the call meant getting on “canoes, rafts, houseboats, frigates, windjammers, liners. . .and biplanes. . .” (“Foreword” to *Cardinal*, 1931). For the Andrews University student of the 21st century some 80 years later, the call still echoes, the students still answer, but the response, as it should, has a new and contemporary approach.

One of my favorite classes to teach is College Writing II, which emphasizes source-based writing. My section of the course is built around the theme of the millennial generation. My students research and write about various aspects of the millennial cohort — young people born roughly between 1982 and 2002. They are themselves millennials, of course. I find them thoughtful, spiritual and committed to service, and they inspire me every day to consider what Christ’s commission to go into all the world means in our contemporary culture.

The millennials who sit in front of me come from all over the world: Haiti, the Philippines, Mexico, Korea, Germany; they bear witness to the truth that, in North America, this is the most diverse generation in history. They are preparing to go into all the world; in fact, they already do, every day. Millennials are a globally connected generation. They explore and communicate across cultures and worldviews daily. When I ask them, as one of their assignments, to interview a millennial from outside North America, they instantly reach out to friends and family around the world.

The millennials I teach go into all the world, not just geographically but in every aspect of life. They are preparing to teach and preach and run businesses, engineer new technology, heal people, design buildings and serve their communities. These digital natives and global citizens are preparing to carry the gospel into all the world with their enthusiastic dedication. They are eager to serve their church and their God — in many ways and in all the world. They have a new vision of Christ’s commission, and their church will be blessed by embracing both them and their contributions to its mission. They are changing the world. ■

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▲ China martyr Herbert Smith and his wife, Thelma Chew Smith, in 1929.

# The Trip Next Door

Danielle-Andree Atangana



Jean-Irès Michel

▲ Danielle-Andree Atangana

## I RECENTLY WENT ON A MUSIC MISSION

**TRIP** with my school choir to the country of Chile. I could see the children listen with joy as melodious notes hit their ears. They also seemed to have an unusual obsession with my hair and were eager to touch it. To think that my interaction with them inspired a child to accept Jesus, excel at school or even start singing is humbling. Yet, “missions” is so much more than going on foreign mission trips. Opportunities for missions exist right in our backyards, in nearby communities — wealthy and not-so-wealthy, that are just as fulfilling and worthwhile.

I really had not planned to help with the flood clean-up at a Berrien Springs trailer park, a community which was a six-minute drive from my house. In fact, I heard about it that morning and so was somewhat hesitant. My Sundays are busy enough with Pathfinders, work and finishing up homework. But, I did the online registration anyway. I noticed I was one of the two teen volunteers when I got there. We organized into groups of about six, walked around the neighborhood, knocked on ten doors of the 300-plus homes devastated by the flood, and asked if they needed help cleaning up their house.

Around lunchtime, the Salvation Army truck pulled up. A woman needed some assistance getting a sack lunch and that is when she started sharing her story. The night before the evacuation, she had suffered from a heart attack. While at the hospital, a friend called to inform her the insurance company wouldn't be replacing the damaged items at her house. It seemed like the added stress of coming home to find things in her house destroyed brought her even more distress. When she returned from the hospital to find volunteers helping others, it astonished her.

When I was coming home, I was thinking about several things. I recalled how happy the lady was when I handed her the sack lunch. Why was this simple

act of kindness so surprising? It seems like because we live in a fast-paced sinful world, little things don't matter anymore, which is quite disturbing. As Christians, we are called to serve with a good attitude and a good heart.

Because of my experience helping out, doors of opportunities opened. I met a psychologist at the clean-up who connected me with her organization where I can conduct research. The experience, coupled with my aspirations to become a pediatrician, caused me to want to investigate how children respond to sporadic unpredictable events like flood, fire, car accidents and how the impact/trauma compares to trauma from continuous domestic abuse. Also, I was invited to train as a Disaster Response volunteer, which I am currently doing, with the Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief organization. The experience helped me get a summer internship to study Environmental Engineering at Michigan Technological University.

When one volunteers locally, you are able to accomplish more since these trips are relatively cheap and affordable because one doesn't have to worry about airfare, visa and hotel costs. It also is easier to maintain relationships with people you may meet through follow-up visits. In my case, the opportunity came to me by word-of-mouth, but local mission project opportunities also might be found on websites of churches, schools, local humanitarian agencies and municipalities. Think about serving! It just may open the windows of heaven for you, too. ■

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# Invited — The Impact of Art

By Gillian Sanner



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▲ Tiffany Horne

## WHEN TIFFANY HORNE GRADUATED

with her Associate degree in Graphic Design from a small school near Philadelphia, she did not plan on returning to school, but God had other plans.

A pastor who had attended Andrews University told Tiffany she should go to Andrews. She didn't give it much thought until a second pastor, new to her church, held a meet-and-greet event where attendees were asked questions. Tiffany was compelled to raise her hand, although she didn't know why. She ended up asking the pastor his opinion on art in the church and, when talking with the pastor later, felt the question was from God.

Tiffany explained to the pastor that, from her own observations in school, artists are searching for God whether they realize it or not. She felt that when one group of people is being attacked spiritually, there must be something that can be very persuasive and powerful for God's work.

After the conversation, Tiffany prayed about next steps. She was impressed that

a ministry needed to be started, so Tiffany transferred to Andrews as a Graphic Design major this past January.

In talking with a campus chaplain and bouncing ideas off fellow students, Tiffany has been affirmed in her decision to attend Andrews. She says, "It's definitely the place I'm supposed to be. Ideas have developed and been clarified through conversations, classes and religious services." And Tiffany has successfully moved forward with plans for her ministry: "Invited."

Invited has two main goals: to bring artists back into the church and to educate artists on how their gift gives them a special connection with God. Tiffany will initially start Invited as a campus club and plans to have two different types of events — events to build community amongst artists and events that partner with other ministries and members of the church.

"Creativity is a very big part of who God is. People talk about how the earth and everything in it are intelligently designed, but they pay more attention to the 'intelligent' than the 'Designer.'"

"When you think about it," she says, "art and music are the only things that pass over all language barriers, education, age and gender. You immediately feel something when you look at art. If you can feel something just looking at art, that's more about someone's personal experience than anything else, then that definitely can be used for God." ■

Gillian Sanner, Media Communications manager, Andrews University.

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