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“Our United Cry” was the theme for the Lake Union Prayer Conference held March 6-7 in the Indianapolis area. A diverse group of 500 attendees—both young and old, from various ethnic groups—engaged in intentional prayer, asking for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



After Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency in reaction to an outbreak of the Covid-19 coronavirus in the state, Andrews University and other Lake Union area schools canceled in-person classes and transitioned to online classes.



On March 3, Lake Union Math and Science teachers went back to school to improve their content knowledge and process skills. Given that STEM teachers are hard to replace, this forum, sponsored by the LUC Education Dept., was conceived to strengthen the skills of current teachers.



The Lake Union approved guidelines on sexuality and gender for Church institutions at its March 4 executive committee meeting. The guidelines were developed within the context of the Great Commission and the Three Angels' Messages (Revelation 14:6-12)

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April is a month of transition and change, and our schools are facing their busiest time of year! There are projects to complete and applications to fill out. What a major life transition for the young! But for those of us who are in our senior years, how about embracing something new? Why not expand your horizons and challenge your own status quo? Build new relationships with those in your community. Build some new cross-culture relationships. It's good preparation for citizenship in the earth made new!


Gary Burns
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The Night Cometh

Jesus is the Alpha and Omega. He sees tomorrow and a thousand years from now with as great a clarity as we see today. He stated with prophetic voice, *I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. And speaking of the future He says, . . . when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?*



▲ Maurice Valentine

The falling away from Christ began in Paul’s day and continues to our day. After centuries of falsehood by the philosophers who taught rationalism, empiricism and skepticism, then the ensuing Dark Ages, it’s no wonder that we have “higher criticism,” a basic belief that the Bible is a lesson book, but nothing in it actually happened. It’s no wonder that moral relativism rules the day as, decade by decade, fewer and fewer have faith of any sort.

Although the political kingdoms of Babylon, Greece, Medo-Persia and Rome were destroyed, their influence still lingers in the hearts and minds of people today. Reaching the masses is getting harder, and harder, as each new sophistry piles on more and more darkness. Hence, *the night cometh* wasn’t just hyperbole. It is Jesus’ prophecy because He can see the end as easily as He can see the beginning.

With that said, thank God for our young adults and youth who, no matter how dark the night, are thoroughly committed to sharing their faith in the Lake Union Conference. Several weeks ago, I attended the Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress in Shippshewana, Indiana, hosted every two years by our Youth Department, with Ron Whitehead at the helm. Save Oshkosh, it’s the most exciting event I’ve ever attended. At the Congress, youth and young adults alike make their pitch to get funding for their home churches to do ministry with a dollar-per-dollar match from

the Lake Union Conference and the North American Division as their venture capital partners.

I was moved as I heard a young lady from Indianapolis tell her story of sponsoring a performing and visual arts event where she resolutely told her volunteer staff, “There will be no cursing, swearing or drinking!” She took a leap of faith and rented a hall, sponsoring this event with her own financial resources.

Many came to the event and she reiterated repeatedly to the youth and young adults in attendance wrapped with attention, “Once you know your God-given purpose in life, you are willing to take risks for the Lord. And (even) when you want to quit, ‘God always comes through!’”

Another young adult prayed the most powerful prayer at the end of her presentation that the youth and young adults all over our Union territory would become radically committed to the Lord.

A brother-and-sister duo had a powerful PowerPoint presentation on how to do food truck ministry to the underserved communities of Michigan. They shared how they received funding two years ago at the last LUC Youth Evangelism Congress and retrofitted a trailer to serve food to the hungry. Their church has a real passion for youth, and they work hard to keep them involved.

“The first question people ask is, ‘What church are you from? We’re really curious about what you

believe.’” They explain: “The one that does the Health Expo dental clinic,” to which they receive the response: “Oh, you’re those people!”

Their father explained the Cadillac Church has three youth ministries that have a regular place in the church’s budget. They certainly are passionate about youth ministry.

I also attended the Lake Union Prayer Conference hosted by our vice president for Multicultural Ministry and Strategy, Elder Carmelo Mercado. About 500 persons came from across our Union principally, but also the North American Division, to simply pray. Oh, certainly there were powerful sermons on prayer, one of which was presented by Mark Finley. Youth attended in strong numbers as there were representatives from almost every academy in our territory. And the young (at heart) also were there in great numbers. Those in between anchored this event and all bathed the “General Conference” and all of the evangelistic activities leading up to it in prayer.

Many pastors were present, setting an example for their members. Giving their support as well, many of our local conference presidents took time from their busy schedules to join us in prayer, setting an example for their field. Their prayers were rich and powerful.

Like God did for Nehemiah, He placed a burden on Elder Mercado’s heart. He sensed the *walls of prayer* had broken down and enlisted a team made up of individuals from all over our Union territory who gave ardent support in organizing the meeting.

Although the preaching was powerful with speakers from every level of the church, it was the effectual, fervent prayer which dominated the day. We prayed on many different themes throughout the day with the Holy Spirit in view. I thank God for our staff also, who did all they could to support Elder Mercado’s vision.

The night cometh and the enemy is doing all he can to stop the work of God, but as I am reading the wonderful book, *The Great Controversy*, our book of the year, I am reminded that, like the Waldenses, John Wycliff,

Jerome and Huss, and many others who brought about revivals, powered by prayer, God will always have a remnant who live Bible truth, proclaim His Goodness and seek His Holy Spirit’s guidance.

I am excited to announce that the 2020 initiative for the Lake Union Conference is Young Adult Ministry. This year we are supporting each local conference with an additional \$10,000 dollars (in addition to the minimum of \$25,000 each is receiving for evangelism).

It is clear *the night cometh*. But, thank God, there’s still time to be faithful in supporting the ministries of your church through your tithes and offerings. Sharon and I give automatically every month through online giving because we want to see God’s work finished and to see Jesus break open the skies of heaven to take us home. ■

Maurice Valentine is president of the Lake Union Conference.



Courtesy Maurice Valentine

◀ Melissa Taylor and I at the recent Lake Union Youth Congress. She organized an art program that was wholesome and also successful.

Mental Illness in the Family

Mental health challenges are increasing in society. This doesn't just hurt individuals; it also impacts families. Starting in 2007, suicide rates have been steadily increasing for all ages.¹ Some age groups are struggling more than others.



▲ Alina Baltazar

Generation “Z” or “iGen” (those born from 1995 to 2010) have higher rates of anxiety and depression than previous generations at that same age.²

There are multiple reasons for this increase. At the heart of suicide is hopelessness. When an individual suffers a loss, setback or disappointment and there is no hope that life will improve, suicide becomes a way out. Although women are more likely to attempt suicide, males are more likely to complete a suicide. White males 65 and older are the highest risk group for suicide, mostly due to isolation, the perception life can't get better, access to lethal means, and the use of alcohol which lowers inhibition to end one's life.¹

Today's young people have grown up in a different world than previous generations. They spent their entire adolescence in the age of the smartphone and social media. This has led to increased isolation and pressure to fit in. Parents have done a good job protecting this generation from the dangers youth often get into during adolescence, but that protection stopped them from gaining confidence to face life's inevitable challenges.

When a family member experiences an illness, it impacts the rest of the immediate family. Families don't have to struggle alone. Even though the mental health stigma is real, there is help out there.

- Counseling isn't just for the individual with mental illness, but also the family. Counselors are typically willing to work with the family in order to help treat the person with the illness, if the patient is willing.
- If your family member is on medication, the prescriber may not get the whole picture if they only talk to the patient. Families have invaluable

information to share that is typically well received by the medical profession.

- We also have our Heavenly Father who knows what we are going through. When we are at our lowest, sometimes we feel more disconnected from God than ever, but the Bible reassures us He is always there. Family members are not responsible for recovery but can provide the necessary support and encouragement in ways that no one else can.
- Educate yourself about the illness so you know how best to provide support.
- Get outside to enjoy fresh air and sunlight. Go for a walk together. Play some sports.
- Be understanding of spiritual struggles. Mental illness can have a bazaar influence on spirituality — from feeling abandoned by God to thinking you are the “Messiah.”
- If you notice major emotional and behavioral changes, ask about your loved one's desire to end their life. You won't be putting the idea in his head. If concerned, take your loved one to your local emergency room for an examination. Remove any lethal means, if necessary. ■

¹ National Institute of Mental Health (NIH) (2017). Suicide. Retrieved from <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/suicide.shtml>. Accessed on March 4, 2020.

² Twenge, J. “iGen: Why today's super-connected kids are growing up less rebellious, more tolerant, less happy, and completely unprepared for adulthood and what that means for the rest of us.” New York, NY: Simon and Schuster (2017).

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Boost Your Immunity

There are 219 known viruses that can infect humans. Some of the more common viruses include the common cold, influenza and coronavirus. These microorganisms are able to cause major outbreaks of illness and death.

With these constant threats we face each day, how do we equip our bodies to help minimize risks to our health? Following eight simple steps can boost our immune system, allowing it to be in the best shape to fight off these offenders.

Proper **nutrition** is important to immune health. Eating fruits and vegetables supports healthy immune function. Fruits and vegetables contain vitamins such as C, E and K which boost immunity. These foods also contain phytochemicals which help fight inflammation. Chronic inflammation can weaken the immune system.

Exercise is another component to help build immune function. Regular exercise increases factors involved in regulating the immune response and decreases the production of inflammatory markers. Exercise can help flush out harmful microorganisms from the lungs. Exercise also slows down the release of stress hormones, decreasing risk for infection.

Drinking **water** brings oxygen to the cells of the body, including the immune system, ensuring they function properly. Drinking water also eliminates toxins and waste, decreasing their build-up in the body which can weaken the immune system.

Exposure to **sunshine** helps stimulate the production of vitamin D in the body. Vitamin D helps turn on the functions of the immune system, helping it operate more efficiently.

Temperance is use of good things in moderation and complete abstinence of those things which are harmful. Smoking substances such as tobacco and marijuana can suppress the immune system, decreasing its ability to protect us from invading microorganisms

such as viruses. Drinking alcohol disrupts the gastrointestinal barrier, decreasing its integrity and allowing for leakage of harmful microorganisms into the blood.

Breathing **fresh air** increases oxygen supply to cells involved in the immune response, increasing their ability to function properly. Breathing fresh air also supports proper lung function, allowing for expulsion of toxins during exhalation.

When we don't get adequate **rest**, the immune system becomes weaker. During sleep, the body produces substances, called cytokines, which target infection and inflammation, producing an effective immune response. Reduced sleep decreases the production of these important immune regulating cells, increasing the body's susceptibility to infection.

Trust in God is vital to the strength of the immune system. Trust in God helps alleviate stress, which can weaken immune function. When we trust in God, we will embrace the principles of health He has given, which are designed for our bodies to function optimally.

While there are other factors which may be involved in proper immune function, incorporating these eight simple steps can support a healthy immune system and reduce vulnerability to infection, illness and death. ■

Christina Wells is the Lake Region Conference Health director.



▲ Christina Wells



What About the Trinity? — 5

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God . . .” (Isa. 9:6 RSV)



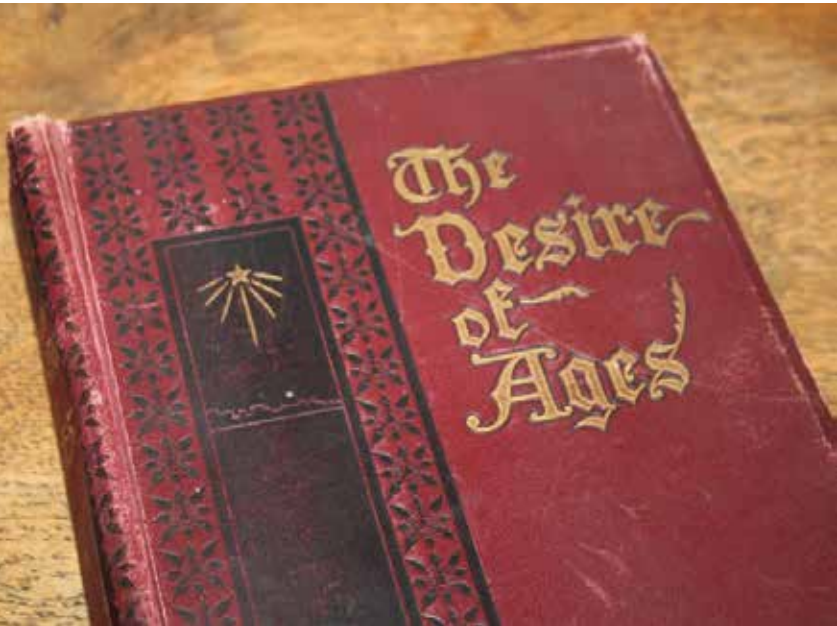
▲ George R. Knight

Previously, we saw a few of Ellen White’s distinctive-ly Trinitarian statements that appeared in the 1888 era. Especially problematic for many was her statement in *The Desire of Ages* that “in Christ is life, original, unbor- rowed, underived” (p. 530). The forcefulness of that sentence caught many off guard. One was a young preacher by the name of M.L. Andreasen. He was convinced that she really hadn’t written that statement, that her editors and assistants must have altered it. As a result, he asked to read her handwritten book manuscript. She gladly gave him access to her document files. Later he recalled that “I had with me a number of quotations that I wanted to see if they were in the original in her own handwriting. I remember how astonished we were when *The Desire*

of Ages was first published, for it contained some things that we considered unbelievable, among others the doctrine of the Trinity, which was not then generally accepted by the Adventists.” Staying in California for several months, Andreasen had adequate time to check out his suspicions. He was especially “interested in the statement in *The Desire of Ages* which at one time caused great concern to the denomination theology: ‘In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, underived.’ . . . That statement may not seem very revolutionary to you,” he told his audience in 1948, “but to us it was. We could hardly believe it. . . . I was sure Sister White had never written” the passage, “but now I found it in her own handwriting just as it had been published.”

Some people still don’t believe it. The past 15 years has seen a revival of anti-Trinitarianism among some Adventists. Like Andreasen, they think the editors changed her thoughts. That certainly doesn’t say much of the knowledge of Ellen White. She knew what she believed and could hold her own in any disagreement with editors or even General Conference administrators, as we saw in 1888. Her assistants could modify her exact words by supplying synonyms, but not her thoughts. The recovery of the Trinity was one more step in God’s progressive leading of Adventism into a fuller understanding of Scripture. ■

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Together Together

Pentecost didn’t begin with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; Pentecost began with a prayer meeting.

The story of Divine guidance in the fledgling church is rich. In Acts 2, Luke uses a term he has never used before. In fact, none of the other Bible writers have used it, either. In Luke’s language, the term is “*together in one accord*.” The charter members, all 120 of them, are up the stairs in that second story loft together together. Therein lies a seminal insight. Before the Holy Spirit was given, the church was ready. What does “ready” mean? In one accord. Intense togetherness. Together in one place, but also together in one spirit. Criticism: gone. Striving for position: gone. Gossip: gone. In Luke’s language, the term is literally “together together.” Therein lies a seminal insight. Before the Holy Spirit was given, the church was ready. What does “ready” mean? In one accord. Intense togetherness. Together in one place, but also together in one spirit. Criticism: gone. Striving for position: gone. Gossip: gone. Division: gone. In Lukes language the term is literally “together together.” On Thursday night, just a few minutes before Jesus headed to the olive grove where He would be arrested, He prayed a benediction over His followers. In a dozen verses in John 17, He pleads five times that His church might be united, together, one. The church in Acts 2 is the answer to Jesus’ prayer in John 17! There was nothing on His heart of greater concern than the unity of those He was leaving behind, and when the church came together for a prayer meeting, united, in one ac- cord. He could trust them with an unction so powerful that it would shake their world and change the popula- tion of eternity. Before sunset, the membership of the Jerusalem church moves from 120 to 3,120. We are pleading that in the days just ahead God will help shape our churches into Houses Of Prayer

Everywhere. Six thousand, two hundred seventy-sev- en of them in our faith group across North America. Because it is through His church that God has elected to move hearts, to move communities, to move nations, to move mountains. But not just any church. Not lukewarm churches. Not quarreling churches. Not divided churches. Not distracted churches. Rather, in- one-accord churches. What would that kind of church look like? Maybe it’s time for this question: Is there anyone in your church you don’t love? . . . anyone you try not to have to shake hands with when you meet? . . . anyone against whom you hold a grudge? . . . anyone you think holds a grudge against you? . . . anyone whose life choices you criticize? Let this inspired description wash over you: “*And they were altogether in one accord.*” *Together together, Lord, please, as it was in the beginning . . .* ■

From the book, Okay, All Together Now... by Don Jacobsen, pages 5-6. Pacific Press Publishing Association. Used with permission.





▲ Rob and Beatriz Ritzenthaler (far right), with some of the newly baptized members from the Amazon community.

Rob Ritzenthaler

Amazon Adventure

Our riverboat glided through the steamy night on the inky black waters of the Rio Negro in Amazonia, Brazil. Sleeping in hammocks slung across the upper deck or housed in tiny cabins below, 36 Americans and Brazilians set off on this jungle adventure on July 4, 2019, with mission in mind. Ten of us were from the Lake Union.

Four years ago, Berrien Springs Village Church members, Rob and Bea Ritzenthaler, felt God’s nudging to do more than go on short-term mission trips to various parts of the world, so they founded GTN (Global Thinkers Now) and built a permanent mission house on the island of Santo Antonio, ten hours upriver from the city of Manaus. Each year a group of volunteers pay their own way to serve the island communities along the river while stationed at the house. I was one of those adventurers.

Our day started with the sweet sounds of Rob playing hymns on his trumpet. In one hour, we were gathered on the veranda for worship with our Portuguese-speaking, Venezuelan pastor, Vicente. We were a varied lot — husband-and-wife medical doctors,

an energetic 80-year-old chiropractor, a happy group of teens, retirees who baked for the group or did odd jobs around the property, an architect and his young son who worked with kids, a counselor, a photographer, a female airline pilot who happily mixed concrete, the “voice” who translated Rob’s announcements and the pastor’s talks and anything else requiring a linguistic bridge for the group. My job was to gather small groups together for prayer three times a day.

After breakfast, some of us set off in a speedboat for island outposts where we ministered to small, impoverished communities — crafts for the kids, medical and psychological consultations, facials for the women, and adjustments by the chiropractor who had to shoo away a spunky monkey swinging up onto his table one day!

In the afternoon, we mixed concrete for a storage area under the mission house, painted a tiny Adventist church, ministered to our own community, and put up electric posts where needed. After supper, we made our way to the community pavilion for evangelistic meetings. Boats sped to nearby islands to pick up those interested in attending and each night some 40 people listened to brief health talks and then the gospel message. This was a first in the community and five precious people were baptized in the river on our last Sabbath there. A Brazilian couple who live close by will follow up with these new Adventists.

Lots of hard work was balanced with a guided visit to the rainforest, a boat ride into the world’s second largest archipelago, a chance to swim with the famous Amazon pink porpoises, and more.

Although we saw no jaguars, caimans or anacondas, we enjoyed up-close a baby sloth, a three-foot-long iguana perched in a tree, a stunning turquoise and gold pet macaw.

In this environment of rich natural beauty and close companionship with one another, a powerful bond was formed with the members of our team, a bond that overcame language limitations. We lived and served God together, and together we experienced God at work through us.

To join this mission with GTN July 8 –20, 2020, contact Rob or Bea Ritzenthaler at 269-313-0485. ■

Brenda Kis

MiGPS3 — ¿Qué es esto?

Para este mes le he pedido al pastor Roger Hernández, director de Evangelismo de la Unión del Sur, que explique en qué consiste un nuevo programa que la División Norteamericana está lanzando para los jóvenes hispanos.

Las noticias fueron escalofrantes. Como padre de cuatro jóvenes adventistas, me cayeron como un balde de agua helada. Según un estudio de la compañía Barna, solo un 10% de los jóvenes tienen una relación substancial con Jesús, y más del 50% abandonan su fe entre los 16-25 años.

¿Qué podemos hacer? ¿Está todo perdido? Veo que solamente una de las siguientes opciones es viable y bíblica para alcanzar a la próxima generación.

1. *Pretender que todo está bien. Esta opción no funciona. No podemos pretender que la casa no se está quemando cuando se puede sentir el calor de las llamas.
2. *Acusar a los jóvenes por su falta de compromiso. Esto rara vez funciona. Culpar no arregla mucho.
3. *Pensar que eventualmente regresarán, de manera que no es necesario que hagamos mucho. Esta generación es diferente. Se casan menos y más tarde, así que el incentivo de regresar a la iglesia por los niños es mucho menor.
4. *Buscar soluciones. ¡Ésta es la solución! Yo elijo la última opción. Dios tiene la solución. Les quiero presentar una iniciativa emocionante llamada GPS. Esta iniciativa de la División Norteamericana está diseñada como parte de la solución.

El nombre oficial de esta iniciativa es MiGPS3. MiGPS3 se refiere a una comunidad de jóvenes que busca descubrir y desarrollar su propósito mediante conexión y servicio. Está basada en tres principios fundamentales.

G La “G” es de GRUPOS. Dios nos creó para relacionarnos. Aunque vivimos en un mundo conectado,

el índice de soledad ha aumentado. Con MiGPS3 nos conectaremos a través de estudios, actividades y redes sociales. Piensen en círculos no en filas.

P La “P” es de PROPÓSITO. Joven: Los dos días más importantes de tu vida son el día que naciste y el día que descubres por qué naciste. En MiGPS3 encontrarás recursos y eventos especiales que te ayudarán a descubrir y desarrollar el propósito para el cual fuiste diseñado.

S La “S” es de SERVICIO. El resultado natural de vivir en comunidad y descubrir uno su propósito es servir a otros. El servicio ayuda tanto al proveedor como al que recibe. A través de MiGPS3 haremos proyectos locales que tendrán un impacto positivo en el lugar donde vivimos. Esto lo haremos mediante los grupos pequeños.

En el mes de octubre de 2020, del día 16 al 24, MiGPS3 llevará a cabo un evento nacional en el cual todos los grupos podrán unirse y participar vía las redes sociales. Será transmitido desde ocho ciudades para los Estados Unidos y el resto del mundo. Esta experiencia única se realizará durante ocho noches a las 8 PM con ocho tópicos relevantes para los jóvenes. Serán presentados por el pastor Roger Hernández e invitados especiales --deportistas, líderes cívicos, negociantes y cantantes que han descubierto su propósito en Jesús. Durante el día nos dedicaremos a actividades de servicio a nuestras comunidades.

Animamos a los jóvenes a que se inscriban desde ahora en el sitio web www.migps3.com y que se unan a esta nueva incitativa a favor de los jóvenes. ■

Roger Hernández, director de Evangelismo de la Unión del Su





Nick Collard

Story of Redemption

THE PREMISE FOR THESE ILLUSTRATIONS

was to tell the story of redemption in four parts: Crucifixion, Christ as a sacrifice unto the whole human race, the Resurrection, and the Second Coming. It began when Dan Agnetta, Pioneer Memorial Church member, contacted Doug Taylor, an Andrews University professor. He, in turn, recommended two students to undertake the audacious project: Jo-Elisa Clark, Architecture major, and Nicholas Collard, Photography major. —*Lake Union editors*

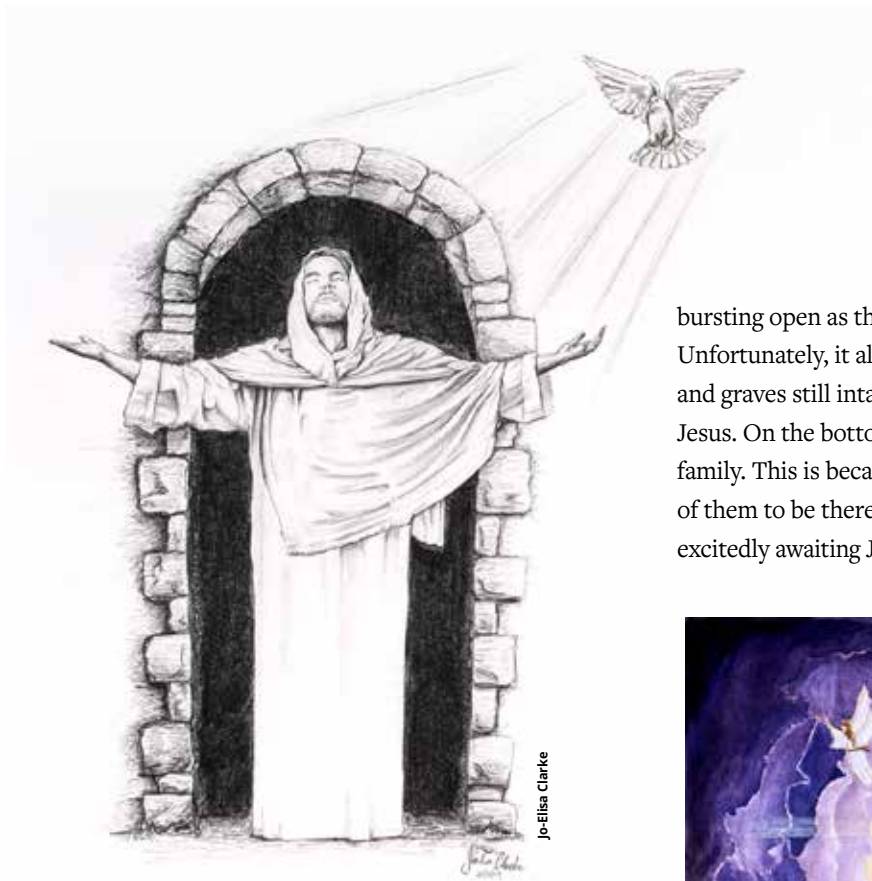
Nick Collard

As a group, Dan, Jo-Elisa and I discussed a variety of ways to go about telling the story of redemption via the medium of visual communication. We were dealing with a story that has been told many times and in many different ways. The angles to come at telling this story visually are near limitless. Despite the temptation to come up with a brand new

way of telling the story, the decision was made to stick to common motifs such as Jesus on the cross, and coming through the clouds in all of His glory, so as to make resonation between viewer and artwork more immediate and, hopefully, more impactful and relatable. When planning out, and especially when executing my two drawings, it became quite important to me to communicate Christ's human struggle. I didn't want to beautify His expression or eliminate grime from His hair or skin. I left the background completely white to force the viewer to contend with Christ's bare body and the entirely human expression on His face. I also made it a point to not smudge or use any blending tools while drawing Christ. I felt that if I blended tones and pencil marks together, a certain raw and imperfect quality would be lost.



Nick Collard



Jo-Elisa Clarke

Jo-Elisa Clarke

Resurrection — I am relieved that God sent His son to die on the cross so that we may be saved. We now have hope that one day we will be united with our Savior. I tried to capture this resurrection with a calmness on the face of Jesus knowing that the work here on Earth is completed. The dove represents peace. Throughout all the hardships, God was always there with Jesus, He never left his side. Just like that, He is there for us. We only need to allow Him to be there. We live with peace, knowing that Jesus died for us, and the hope that we may be saved.

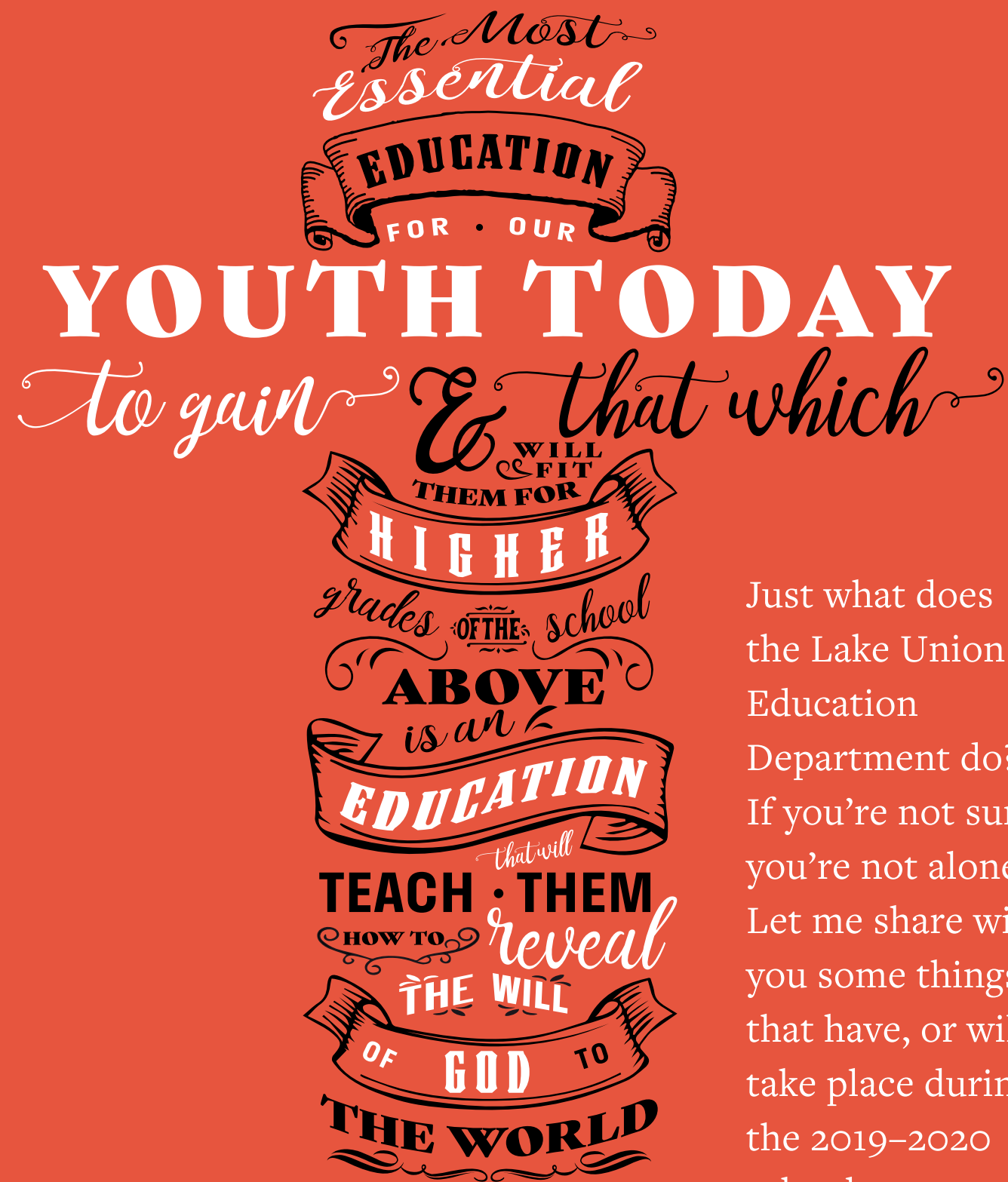
Second Coming — For the Second Coming, I tried to capture the scene of Jesus bursting through the clouds with all of His Majesty and Glory. His army of angels follow Him as He comes to save His people from this cruel world. I try to picture in my mind how it would be on that day. I read and researched from the Bible in the book of Revelation and the book, *The Great Controversy*, by Ellen White. With the help of my parents, I created a scene as close to the text as I could. At the back, there is destruction happening, which means that God will come and make everything new, including us. On the lower left, it shows some tombstones

bursting open as the saints rise up from the dead. Unfortunately, it also shows some tombstones and graves still intact, for who chose not to accept Jesus. On the bottom right, I added myself and my family. This is because I want each and every one of them to be there on that great day, together, and excitedly awaiting Jesus to take us home. ■



Jo-Elisa Clarke

FOR THE SECOND COMING, I TRIED TO CAPTURE THE SCENE OF JESUS BURSTING THROUGH THE CLOUDS WITH ALL OF HIS MAJESTY AND GLORY.



- Ellen White, *Education*, 512.1

Just what does the Lake Union Education Department do? If you're not sure, you're not alone. Let me share with you some things that have, or will, take place during the 2019–2020 school year.

New Curriculum

Our office serves on the North American Division (NAD) secondary, elementary and early childhood committees that review current curriculum, select new curriculum, develop curriculum and plan teacher training for implementing new curriculum. The Lake Union Conference (LUC) purchased the teacher daily lesson guides for the new Pathways 2.0 language arts program that is being used for the first time this school year.

Teacher Certification

Sue Tidwell, the LUC registrar, reviews teacher transcripts and communicates what academic/non-academic credits need to be completed to receive certification and/or renew certification. The LUC Education budget covers tuition costs for classes teachers need to take for denominational and/or state certification when pre-approved by their superintendent and our office.

EMT: Education Management Team

This team is made up of superintendents and academy principals. Each fall we connect with the Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Department at Andrews University (AU) to host a joint Professional Day with AU students who will be student teaching and graduating in December or in the spring. In the afternoon, our LUC administrators provide the opportunity for AU students to practice interviewing.

Academy Secondary Leadership

Junior and Senior academy student leaders in the Lake Union have the opportunity to attend an annual leadership conference to collaborate and further blossom in areas of Spirit-led campus leadership via six themed worship segments; sectional workshops for Student Association, Junior/Senior class offices, Campus Spiritual Life, newspaper/yearbook and campus resident assistants. A communion service, Agape Feast and recreation provide an enjoyable and meaningful growth experience for our student leaders.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC): English, Math, Science

Academy and junior academy teachers are invited to attend a PLC event at our Union office. This gives an opportunity for continued growth in their specific subject area and provides an opportunity for an exchange of ideas.

School Accreditation Visits

It is important for each school to have current denominational accreditation. Conference superintendents chair elementary accreditation visits. Our Union office chairs junior academy accreditation visits and also sets up visiting teams for academy accreditation visits, chaired by a director outside our Union. Our Lake Union associate Education director, Ruth Horton, prepares an annual LUC accreditation report for the NAD Commission on Accreditation.

Financial Assistance

Each December we divide the money in our LUC Small Schools Emergency budget by the number of one and two-teacher schools in each conference. Conferences distribute this money to help with small school unexpected emergencies. In order to help more schools, the emergency funds distributed are to be matched by either the school or the conference.

It is our privilege to support each superintendent, principal and teacher in our Union. Please join me in praying daily for our administrators, teachers and students.

One of my favorite quotations from Ellen White is found on page 1 of the book, *Education*. "True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. . . It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

May this be the experience of each and every student. ■

Linda Fuchs, Lake Union Education director

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STUDENTS.

WOULD WE BE MISSED?

Written by
Nancy Hansen
and Donna Hall

LANSING STUDENTS
LEARN THE JOY OF
SERVICE

As a young educator, Nancy Hansen, principal of Greater Lansing Adventist School (GLAS), wanted nothing more than to ensure her students were armed with a superior education which would enable them to become brilliant people — people who would have a deep love for Jesus and know Him in an intimate way.

“Academic excellence is essential, no doubt about it, and an unquenchable love for Jesus is a non-negotiable,” Hansen says. “Looking back to my 23-year-old self, I would challenge her, ‘Well done! Keep the faith! But is that all there is to Adventist education? Is it enough? Does it satisfactorily equip? Is it true education?’”

At the Michigan Conference August Teacher Convention, Hansen heard Michigan Education superintendent, Jeremy Hall, present Project 58, an outreach project born out of a desire to serve the community in such a meaningful way that if their school doors ever closed, they would be missed.

“As he spoke, I began asking myself, ‘If our school closed tomorrow, would anyone miss us?’ Hansen recalls. “Does the community even know we exist? Do they know who we are, and what we’re about?’ The idea that ‘they might not

was sobering.” So, Hansen decided to do something about it.

Donna Hall, planner and implementer of Project 58, also teaches at GLAS. Hansen immediately approached her and asked about doing something similar at GLAS.

“In Isaiah 58, the Lord makes it clear that His chosen fast is to help those who need it,” says Hall. “If we are to follow in His footsteps, we need to serve those in need in our community, too.”

At the beginning of the 2019–2020 school year, GLAS launched its own initiative based on Isaiah 58; they call it Fieldwork. One Wednesday of each month, the entire school splits into separate groups called “pods,” loads into cars and heads off into the community to serve.

“We have an incredible opportunity to work in God’s field to sow seeds of friendship and serve our



Photography by Andy Jim

community,” Hansen says. “Fieldwork is an opportunity for our young people to apply, in a very real way, the theory we have taught them in Bible lessons.”

Currently, GLAS has six pods, each serving in a different way.

Sewing Seeds of Kindness

During first semester, students learned how to make tie blankets, which were then handed out to homeless individuals in Lansing. During second semester, the students are learning how to use a sewing machine so they can make baby blankets for an organization which helps pregnant women who are homeless.

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Sharing Time

This pod, specifically designed for grades K-2, has two parts. In one part, students spend time at an assisted living facility, playing games, doing crafts and singing. In the other, they stay at the school to make cookies to be given to the police and fire stations, as well as other county offices.

Single Moms Oil Change

Geared for older students, this pod offers a free oil change and small car detail to single mothers, completed while they enjoy cookies and hot chocolate.

Meals on Wheels

Students pack a hot meal for themselves and the elderly person they are visiting, then they spend time eating together, playing games, talking, and doing various small projects to help around the house.

Public Relations

This pod makes fliers, videos and other materials to spread the word about what the Fieldwork initiative is doing. They even accompany the other pods to take photos of the work being done.

Adopt-a-Grandparent

Similar to Sharing Time, this pod visits a nursing home and sings, plays games and visits with the residents there.

Fieldwork day is a much-anticipated day of each month, for both staff and students. “One of my favorite things about Fieldwork is that I can be with people and make them smile,” shares Camila Lorona, a second-grade student who is part of the Meals on Wheels pod. “We take people lunch and eat with them. I can tell they are happy because sometimes when we tell them a story they start laughing. I like sharing the love of Jesus every month.”

Titus Ramos, a fourth-grader who enjoys visiting with the elderly in the community through the Adopt-a-Grandparent pod, says he enjoys helping people and making them happy. “It makes me happy, too, every time I help,” he adds.

Participating in an outreach project that puts them in close proximity with a demographic they may not otherwise engage is for some students a bit intimidating. Regular participation and positive experiences are important.

“There was an elderly man I spoke to, who seemed hesitant at first to even participate in the arts and crafts they had laid out for us,” remembers Zaira McLaurin, a ninth-grader who is part of the Public Relations pod. “But the more I spoke with him and listened to his stories, the more comfortable he became. By the end of it, he was singing us a song! I realized through these Fieldwork experiences that it’s so much more rewarding to put others before yourself rather than to focus only on yourself. Now I want nothing more than to help those around me and let Christ work through me for them.”

This experience is precisely the outcome desired by the teachers and parents coordinating the Fieldwork program. “As a parent, I want my children to have a solid education fit for this earth,” Hansen says, “but, even more so, I want them to have an education fit for heaven. I want our family to shine bright in our community for

Him, and be used by the Lord to show a dying world the fathomless love of the incredible Savior. I want the same thing for my students at GLAS.”

Fieldwork has led to a number of partnerships between GLAS and other area businesses and organizations. A local auto parts store offers the school discounts on oil and oil filters, and another local ministry has donated sewing machines.

Ellen White writes, “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed his sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then he bade them, ‘Follow Me’” (Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p.143). “True education prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come” (Ellen G. White, *Education*, p.13).

“Christ’s method is exactly what we’re using here,” says Hall. “Until the Lord comes, we want to be His hands and feet right here in Lansing, teaching our students the joy of service. And if our doors were to close, we want to be missed.”

Hansen looks at the Fieldwork program through various eyes, and has felt “a wonderful blessing” in her heart as a mother raising her children for the Kingdom, as an educator watching her students get excited about service, and as a principal helping her school grow to love serving people.

“As I think upon the life of Jesus, I understand more deeply why He was well known,” she explains. “He was known because of His love and compassion for humanity, but more so for His service, for touching the untouchable, loving the unlovable, and serving the *least of these*. The beauty Jesus radiated was not sourced in His exterior features, but in His acts of loving service, and when Jesus’ time on earth had come to an end, He was missed. If our doors closed tomorrow, we hope we would be missed, too.” ■

Nancy Hansen is Greater Lansing Adventist School principal and Donna Hall is GLAS Music teacher and Fieldwork volunteer coordinator. Story edited by Becky St. Clair.



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Praying for Our Cities

Did you know there are 70 cities in the world with a population of more than one million people? Did you know that in 45 of these cities there are less than ten Adventists? Did you know that 43 of these cities have no Adventist congregations?

Clearly there is a great work to be done, and students at Hillside Christian School in Wausau, Wisconsin, are doing their part.

Every morning Hillside students pray for a specific city in the North American Division that has a population of 1,000,000 or more.

It all began when Paula Sachse, a member of The Shepherd's House, talked to Charlyn Marsh, teacher at Hillside Christian School, about a program she had heard about at Wisconsin Camp Meeting called "Mission to the Cities Prayer Map." Paula was excited! She explained the program to Charlyn, that it was a part of the General Conference's "Reach the World" initiative, and asked Charlyn if she was interested in the school participating. She was interested, so Paula volunteered to come to school and explain it to the students.

The heart of the program is a map that looks like a map of a subway system and lists all the cities in the world with a population over one million. Paula gave each student a map. The goal is for volunteers to pray for cities on the map. The students were excited when they saw the map. "This map looks cool. What is it?", "There are this many big cities in the world?!", "My parents would like to see this. Can we have extra maps to take home to our families?" they asked. At

the beginning of the year, the students and teacher discussed what line to start with. They voted to start praying for cities on the North American Division line. "We are almost done with the North American Division Line," says seventh-grader Carson Sajdak, "I can't wait to start a new line."

The map has caused a lot of enthusiasm and curiosity. You might hear a conversation similar to this at prayer time: "I wonder what city we are praying for today?" students muse as they eagerly take the map out of their desks each morning to find out which city they are praying for that day. "Melbourne is the next station on the line," said one student. "Melbourne is not in the NAD. It's in Australia. Everyone knows that."

"There must be another Melbourne. Let's find out where it is." Charlyn leads them in a discussion of where the city is and what they know about it. Students then look it up to see how far it is from Wausau and learn more about the city. "It's a great discussion starter," says Charlyn. "There are a lot of big cities in North America I had never heard of," says seventh-grader Carlos Torres.

Questions on the back of the map have helped focus student prayers on others has enriched prayer time at school. Instead of each student praying a variation of

"Bless the people of Indianapolis," each student prays for a different aspect of the city for that day. One student will pray specifically for the leaders of that city. Another prays for the missionaries to that city. Another prays for the families and marriages in that city. Another prays for the health of the city's residents. Another prays for the education of the city's residents. Another prays for the homeless of the city. Another prays that everyone in the city will come to know Jesus.

"It's nice to have something specific to pray for," says fourth-grader Ayden Martinez-Sanchez. "I like that we are all praying for the different things, but for the same place," said seventh-grader Emy Ruehl.

This prayer ministry has helped Hillside students to look beyond their own little world. It can be quite shocking for an elementary student in a small, mostly Christian town to learn that there are billions of people in the world who need to know Jesus. "I had no idea there were so many people who haven't heard about Jesus," says second-grader Riley Fisher.

When they pray for the homeless and marriages and families of the city, they realize how blessed they are to have a home and family and be grateful. "I am grateful for my parents and all they do for me," says seventh-grader Grace Hixon.

Hillside Christian School is a one-room school that has served Wausau, Wisconsin, for almost 70 years. Its mission is to develop leaders today who will walk with Jesus into eternity.

Mission to the Cities Prayer Map has helped Hillside implement its mission by helping students see the needs of others, to develop a more focused prayer experience and a deeper prayer life. For more information about Hillside, visit <https://wausauwi.adventistschoolconnect.org>. For more information about Mission to the Cities Prayer Map, visit <https://missiontothecities.org/resources>. ■

Charlyn Marsh has taught and volunteered at Hillside Christian School for 30 years. Spread design by Alain Pichot



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Courtesy Guam-Micronesia Mission



THEY NEED A GYM

“They *need* a gym.” This statement was heard over and over again during a discussion about the Seventh-day Adventist school in Kosrae, Micronesia. The teacher had just returned from a visit to that school and was sharing what she had learned while on the beautiful island of Kosrae.

The students at Downers Grove Adventist School learned about the hard, heavy rain that falls almost every day. They learned that there is no flat playground, no blacktop or paved area, no fellowship hall, no gymnasium — that there is no place to play when it rains. The unanimous opinion was that those students *need* a gym. A second thought followed right on the heels of the first. “We can help them build a gym!”

A plan was quickly adopted. Viviana Granberry expressed her enthusiasm for the project, “I am so happy that we get to put other people’s needs before our own.

We are helping another school build a gym even though we don’t have a gym at our school.”

The students used plastic bricks to represent the cement blocks that would be used in actually building a gymnasium. Since a local home improvement store sold cement bricks for \$1.50 each, it was decided that each plastic brick would also “cost” \$1.50 for a student to purchase. There was one more important part to the plan. The money for the bricks needed to be *earned* by the students. They could not simply ask people for money. The students wanted the experience of actually working toward the success of this gym-building project.

In no time at all, students began earning bricks. The students placed the bricks on a foundation to model the gym they were helping to build. Gloria Jimenez was excited about the project because she said it was like being a missionary. Even though she was still young, she was working to help another school far across the ocean. Students thought of clever and unusual ways to earn bricks. Soon students began besieging teachers and parents with offers to clean, organize, tidy, sort, tutor, repair and carry, all in addition to the performance of their regular chores and duties. One mother reported that her children, “. . . are more excited to help at home and even do extra, so that they can earn money for Kosrae.”

One unusual brick “purchase” was made by Jazmyn Cervetti who said, “I gave some of the money I got for my birthday because I want to make other kids glad. It makes me glad, too, to be able to help.”

Donating birthday money, picking up sticks outside, taking down Christmas decorations, cleaning the walls, setting up tables for art class, cleaning the tables after lunch, cutting out flash cards, organizing the library, sweeping the floor, putting up posters, sorting the mail, only ordering a small sundae instead of a large sundae and donating the difference in the cost of the two sundaes are only some of the projects students have undertaken to earn money for bricks.

Donations from church members provide the funds that teachers use to “pay” students when they earn bricks. Another source of funding was a schoolwide penny war. On Friday mornings, during assembly, the students proudly bring their money to the school where they “buy” bricks and joyfully place them on the walls of the model gymnasium. They enjoy counting the number

of bricks that have been raised and set intermediate goals like working together to earn 50 or 100 bricks.

Nayeli Torres smiled as she summed up the feelings of the students. “It’s a wonderful pleasure to be able to help people in need.” ■

Patricia Williams teaches grades 5-8 at Downers Grove Adventist School.



Courtesy Patricia Williams



Courtesy Patricia Williams

▲ Students from Downers Grove Adventist School found a creative way to raise funds to help students in Kosrae build a gymnasium, even though they, too, are lacking such a facility. Pictured opposite are the two student missionaries from Southern Adventist University, Heidi and Kendra, who are serving on the island this school year.

Five Questions with AdventHealth's Doug Peterson

Doug Peterson is the president/CEO for AdventHealth Durand, a 25-bed hospital campus nestled in Chippewa Valley in scenic Wisconsin.

The hospital and its outpatient clinics joined AdventHealth in 1997. Today, AdventHealth Durand offers a wide variety of medical services and specialties in the tradition of whole-person care – care for the body, mind and spirit.

Below is an interview with Peterson about AdventHealth's presence in the Durand community, his biggest hurdles



▲ Doug Peterson is the president/CEO for AdventHealth Durand

in the industry and his advice to the next generation of leaders.

Q: What inspires you to get up every morning and serve at AdventHealth?

What inspires me is knowing we make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. At AdventHealth Durand, we have a unique challenge serving in a rural community. We are in close proximity to many health care providers that all do a fine work. Obviously, we can't provide all the services one would find in a metropolitan community, but the things we do, we strive to do them exceptionally well. Often, so we get to know our consumers on a personal level. Because of this, we give them the attention they deserve.

Q: How has your faith shaped the way you view and lead in Seventh-day Adventist health care?

I hope that everyone reading this realizes that a person's faith shapes who they are, how they view things and how they lead. So, being a Seventh-day Adventist, leading a Seventh-day Adventist-sponsored work allows me to be myself. I don't have to pretend to be someone I am not. Along these lines, I realize there is also a high level of responsibility. By the grace of God, I strive to represent God and those I work for.

Q: In what ways is AdventHealth "Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ" inside and outside of its facility's walls in Durand, Wisconsin?

It is our goal to fulfill our mission. Inside of our facility walls, we treat our patients the way we would treat our own loved ones. Social workers and care coordinators help patients navigate their way through the health care system. Our chaplaincy department helps meet the spiritual needs of

patients with regular visits and works with their local clergy during their time with us.

Outside of our facility walls, we reach out to our community in many ways to fulfill our mission. Some of the things we do include, but are not limited to, providing educational materials to the local middle and high schools. We do free eye checks and volunteer on community wellness boards. We participate in emergency preparedness, which covers a large geographic area. We provide free diabetic education and training. We provide flu shots to area businesses and promote wellness and activity by sponsoring fun walks and runs.

Q: What challenges in health care have you and your administration team set out to tackle in the next few years?

One thing that is constant is change. I see that our community is not growing in numbers, but we are growing in age – a demographic similar to many communities. What services will be needed? How will we staff and provide them? These are the questions we are trying to answer because we know people have a choice on how, when and where they access health care. So, we are working on raising our service standards and doing what we can to make it easy for our community to utilize our services.

Q: What has been your greatest leadership lesson and what advice would you pass on to the next generation of leaders?

James 1:5 says, *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.* My advice to those aspiring leaders of the next generation is to start with God and seek wisdom. Get your education; learn all that you can. If possible, find a mentor. ■

Ingrid Hernandez, AdventHealth Manager, Stakeholder Communications | Corporate Communications



▲ Rob Gettys, director of Athletics, Andrews University

Bringing Glory to God

In early 2018, Rob Gettys was offered the position of Athletics director at Andrews University. An alum of both Southern Adventist University (B.S. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation) and Andrews University (M.A. in Educational Leadership), Gettys was living with his wife and two sons, Trey and Caleb, in Arkansas. There he worked at Ozark Adventist Academy as the Athletics director and Physical Education and Bible teacher. His two sons were attending the academy and set to graduate in May 2019.

After receiving the offer from Andrews, Gettys and his family prayerfully considered and felt that the Lord was calling them to Berrien Springs. However, they wanted to wait until 2019 after Trey and Caleb graduated.

"When Andrews agreed to hold the position from 2018 until we could come in July of 2019, it provided further confirmation that the Lord was calling us," Gettys explains. "Very soon after I accepted the position, my wife was contacted by the Michigan Conference about a teaching position at the Village Adventist Elementary School where she was then hired as the fifth-grade teacher."

In his role as Athletics director, Gettys assists the coaches and directors of the Athletics program with planning and logistical support. He also provides oversight for all Andrews athletics, which include intramurals, Gymnastics and the intercollegiate Cardinal sports—men's and women's soccer and basketball teams that are part of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA).

Gettys has enjoyed building meaningful relationships with both students and colleagues. He hopes to continue building on the rich athletic tradition at Andrews and to provide additional experiences for student athletes and recreational sports enthusiasts on campus.

"I believe that Andrews University offers collegiate athletics so that Seventh-day Adventist athletes can come and compete at a high level without ever having to sacrifice any of their beliefs," he says. "I desire for our Cardinal Athletic Program to be a place where student athletes can compete in sport, grow in Christ and serve His children."

For Gettys, the Bible has been a consistent source of encouragement and a guide, for not only his own life, but also his approach to athletics in general.

"I believe that the Bible is a living, breathing, love letter from God that gives us incredible insight and direction as to how we can best live our lives in a way that brings honor to Him. I have always tried to live, teach and coach in a way that encourages others to look to Him for leadership and guidance," Gettys says. "James 1:17 tells us that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. The talents, including athleticism, God have given to us are gifts on loan to us, and one day He is going to ask us how we used them. My desire is that student athletes at Andrews University will be able to answer Him: 'I used it to bring you glory, Dad.'" ■

Hannah Gallant, University Communication student writer, Andrews University

"I BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS A LIVING, BREATHING, LOVE LETTER FROM GOD THAT GIVES US INCREDIBLE INSIGHT AND DIRECTION AS TO HOW WE CAN BEST LIVE OUR LIVES IN A WAY THAT BRINGS HONOR TO HIM."

Statewide rally begins Ignite Indiana campaign; 560 ongoing Bible studies in Central Indiana

Three hundred people attended a special kickoff rally held Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Glendale Church, featuring John Bradshaw, world evangelist and speaker/director for the *It Is Written* (IIW) television program.

The Hispanic rally was held at Indianapolis Central Hispanic Church with Pastor Robert Costa, world evangelist and speaker/director with *Escrito Esta* television program.

At the Glendale rally, Jack Phillips, IIW Bible Worker coordinator, spoke with a few of his newly trained Bible workers and questioned them as to how the door-to-door campaigns were going and how people responded.

Riel Sarno from Richmond Church reported more than 90 Bible study requests have been made, and more are coming in. Richmond is a small church of 80 members; consistently each Sabbath, 20 of them go door to door in the community. The church also placed an ad on Facebook, inviting people to register for the *It is Written* Bible study. From that ad, 65 more requests have come in. Some of those requests have come from beyond the Indiana state line. “The Ignite fire is spreading from Indiana to Ohio!” noted Phillips. Sarno, an emergency room physician, remarked, “I was amazed there is that hunger, and it’s like they have been looking for this for a long time.”

Shelby Clark of Glendale Church shared what happened when she knocked on a particular door. The woman who answered invited them in. Before Shelby even told her why she was there, the woman said she was looking for someone with whom to



▲ The Ignite Indiana rally featured John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It is Written and Robert Costa, speaker/director of Escrito Esta (bottom). The audience listened to thrilling testimonies from the field where church members are currently going door-to-door each week.

study the Bible. As they spoke, the woman revealed that she was raised in a Muslim home; however, her parents sent her to a Christian school to understand how to convert Christians to become Muslims. Phillips responded, “The plan seems to have backfired!” Shelby announced that the story doesn’t end there: “Now the woman’s husband wants to study the Bible with us!”

Rita Paunganua of Glendale told the story of having started Bible studies with a stranger that has become like family. Rita had gone to the home several times, but no one answered. This time, they found a gentleman in the backyard who was thrilled to receive the Bible lessons, even wanting to pay for them. As they spoke, they all discovered the meeting was orchestrated by God. “The man kept saying that it was amazing that God would send someone to pray with him on the day before his wife would go into surgery,” said Rita. Since then, they have visited the family and Rita has formed a special bond with his wife.



Photography by Christa McConnell

“We are like sisters now,” she said.

Phillips said in a later interview that there are 560 Bible studies ongoing in Central Indiana, and that number is expected to jump because workers are following up on hundreds of leads. “When we have paid workers, they can only do so much, but when we have volunteers it increases [the effort] so much and makes the Christian experience even better,” said Phillips.

Plans for state events leading up to the General Conference Session this summer were announced. These include simultaneous evangelism meetings in April and May, as well as a free health clinic April 8–10, Your Best Pathway to Health, where hundreds of volunteer doctors, nurses and health practitioners will set up in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis to serve those in need of medical, dental and vision services. ■

Colleen Kelly, Communication and Marketing specialist, Indiana Conference



▲ Kevyn Rodríguez

Lake Region appoints new Youth assistant

Kevyn Rodríguez, a 24-year-old native of Puerto Rico, was hired to serve as assistant Youth director, effective February 16. Rodríguez already brings years of experience to the job. He began his ministry as a preacher at age eight; by the time he turned 11, he joined the executive board at his local church. At 18, he worked as a chaplain and substitute Bible teacher.

Rodríguez graduated from Adventist University of the Antilles in 2013, with a B.A. degree in Pastoral Biblical Theology. While studying, he served as an associate pastor in a three-church district and an associate Youth pastor for the Antillean Adventist University Church. Rodríguez has served as a senior pastor for the last three years and is now assigned to pastor the South Shore Hispanic Church in Chicago.

“I am excited about the opportunity to serve youth and young adults in a conference that strongly prioritizes ministering to youth,” said Rodríguez. “I believe in training youth to minister on the front lines

of today’s society, because they will finish the work.”

Rodríguez will assist Abraham Henry, Lake Region’s Youth director, who is excited to welcome Rodríguez to the Youth Ministry leadership team. “I believe he will offer heightened innovation fused with a unique multicultural perspective. His age allows us to have a fresh and relevant perspective of the needs of youth and young adults.”

Sandrew King, current Federation president and Christian Fellowship League Eastern Division commissioner in the Motor City, was appointed Youth executive coordinator. He will help empower, support and oversee the operation of federations, and equip, train and provide resources to Lake Region’s youth leaders.

“He is an experienced Youth Ministry leader who is passionate about serving, and mentoring youth leaders,” said Henry. “He has a wealth of knowledge of the unique dynamics that affect urban inner-city youth. I believe our team is strengthened with service in this new role.” ■

Debbie Michel, Lake Union associate director of Communication

Courtesy Center for Youth Evangelism



▲ Joel Campbell presented on the Green Bay Street Team, a ministry to meet some of the needs of the homeless.

Young adults encouraged to get creative with evangelism methods at Youth Congress

More than 200 youth and young adults attended the Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress in Shippshewana, Ind., and were encouraged to act on the Holy Spirit’s call for evangelism. This event was unique in that it is the only event of its kind in the world that provides young people with a matching fund opportunity of \$100,000 (provided by the Lake Union, conferences and local churches) to make creative evangelism opportunities in their local church a reality.

Organized by the Center for Youth Evangelism (C YE), the weekend’s theme was “Courageous”; the featured keynote speaker was Justin Khoe, founder of the popular YouTube channel *ThatChristianVlogger*. Khoe shared his journey from literature evangelist to using YouTube as an evangelistic tool and how he built a community of almost 100,000 subscribers, despite having no media training.

“I felt a burden to reach those who hadn’t heard this gospel and thought, ‘Where are my time and energies spent? What does serving my local church sound like?’” he



▲ The Lake Union Youth Congress served as a spiritual training ground for young leaders. Above is Conner Nelson and Sheree Skinner who help run We are Called ministry; top right, Myles Chapman of Purdue University was inspired to adopt the Campus House concept, an idea similar to one presented by Joshua Guerrero from University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point.

said. “I realize the gospel commission is to go into the world and be shared with those who haven’t heard it before.”

Khoe encouraged the audience to confront their fears, saying: “Perfect love casts out fear. Living a life of courage is not rooted in your actions, but your identity. It’s not something you earn . . . it’s something you receive. When God speaks identity over you, that’s who you are.”

Presenters also included Melissa Taylor (Indy’s Art & Soul), Lilly Widdicombe (Fieldwork), Connor Nelson and Sheree Skinner (We Are Called), and Matthew Lucio (Peoria Digital Church), among others.

Isaac Smith from Village Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., was one of the youth sponsored by their local church to attend. His goal is to help produce Village Church’s podcast through interviews because he believes that God has not only called him to tell stories but to listen as well. On the final day of the conference, he shared how his life was impacted by what he had experienced. “This weekend

really showed me how many other people are out there, trying to do things in their own way, and it was inspiring to feel that comradery.”

The Adventist Christian Fellowship at Purdue (ACFP) president Myles Chapman and officers Joel Taina and Adrian Calderon attended the event and decided to adopt a concept presented by Joshua Guerrero from University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point ACF. With help from the Lafayette Church, they will have an ACFP Campus House to give their organization a permanent presence on Purdue’s vast campus.

“The 2020 Courageous Youth Congress has brought blessings that I didn’t expect to come. I came into this weekend uncertain of the nature of future ACFP projects,” said Chapman. “I left with a ministry plan and the resources needed to execute. I realize now that God provides everything we need to succeed in ministry, and that we must simply be courageous in taking steps with Him.”



Young Adult Advisory

The Lake Union Young Adult Advisory followed on February 16–17. Mediated by youth training expert, Steve Case, a selection of young adults representing the five Lake Union conferences discussed issues important to them and provided input to youth directors and conference staff. The vote was unanimous to pilot the nine COR Church of Refuge principles (cye.org) as a tool to evaluate the condition of local churches compared with healthy Adventist churches around NAD territory.

COR values, which are Sabbath, Discipleship, Acceptance, Community, Support, Service, Leadership, Budget and Change, is not a to-do list, an event, nor a program. It is a group of principles developed by healthy churches around the NAD territory, according to NCD research.

The next Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress will take place in 2022; the planned theme is “Unstoppable.”

For more images from the weekend, visit the Lake Union Youth Evangelism Congress’ Facebook page. ■

Victory Kovach, Center for Youth Evangelism
Communication director



Courtesy Southern Union

Clergy and Educator Memorial Medallions available from the Lake Union Conference

Memorial Medallions

The Seventh-day Adventist Church recognizes the sacrifices and dedication of its employees and seeks to demonstrate its appreciation in a variety of ways. One way the church expresses appreciation after the death of a pastor or educator is with a Seventh-day Adventist Clergy or Educator Memorial Medallion.

The Seventh-day Adventist Clergy and Educator Memorial Medallions honor the sacrificial service of the men and women who dedicated their lives of full-time gospel or educational ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Presentation of Memorial Medallions

The medallion should be presented in gratitude for the faithful worker’s service.

The presentation should be made publicly at the funeral, memorial service or graveside committal.

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 2. Served in Seventh-day Adventist Education/Ministerial Work
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Noticing critical shortage of education leaders, Lake Union provides training

Superintendents, full-time principals, Andrews University Education faculty and lead teachers from each conference gathered at the Lake Union Feb. 18-19 for professional development workshops.

On February 18, Stephen Bralley and Dr. Leisa Standish, secondary/elementary directors, from the North American Division presented on “Standards-based Education,” engaging attendees in a project-based learning activity. Dr. Robert Jackson presented via Zoom on “Becoming the Educator They Need: Strategies, Mindsets, and Beliefs for Supporting Male Black and Latino Students.”

On February 19, Nicole Mattson shared on “Celebrating, Encouraging, and Preparing All Learners for His Service.” Samples of the new elementary math curriculum, *Big Ideas*, along with a virtual presentation took place in the afternoon.

The leadership training initiative began five years ago when the Lake Union Education Department realized a need to avert a critical shortage of educational administrators.

Linda Fuchs, Lake Union Education director, says this need is playing out right now across our territory. For instance, Indiana has been searching for someone to fill the role of superintendent for almost a year.

“When I sit at the leadership table, I often see people in their 50s and 60s,” she said. “We need to prepare young people to step up to these roles. Lake Union Leadership Councils are geared toward strengthening our current leaders and preparing our future leaders.”



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The Lake Union also is sponsoring teachers interested in being future administrators to get a master’s degree in Educational Leadership.

Teachers are responding positively to the training. Fuchs said, “After the speaker who shared about multicultural sensitivity, a teacher told me, ‘I never thought my church would talk about this.’ She was so grateful we had a speaker on this topic.”

The leadership training takes place twice each year; the next one is slated for September 21. ■

Debbie Michel, Lake Union Conference associate director of Communication



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April 4, 9 p.m.: *Gymnics Home Show, Johnson Gym*

April 5, 2 p.m.: *Gymnics Home Show, Johnson Gym*

April 5-6: *April Preview*

April 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: *E.G. White Symposium, Seminary Chapel*

April 9-11: *Social Consciousness Summit*

April 10, 1:30-5:30 p.m.: *Honors Thesis Symposium, Buller Hall*

April 18, 9 and 11:45 a.m.: *International Sabbath, Pioneer Memorial Church*

April 21, 11:30 a.m.: *Undergraduate Awards Assembly, Howard Performing Arts Center*

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER EVENTS

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April 4, 8:30 p.m.: *Howard Center Presents: Adriana Perera*

April 5, 4 p.m.: *Sunday Music Series: Composition Recital*

April 10, 7 p.m.: *Andrews University Choirs Easter Tenebrae*

April 11, 8:30 p.m.: *Brian Lewis in Concert*

April 25, 8:30 p.m.: *Andrews University Wind Symphony Spring Concert*

April 26, 4 p.m.: *Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra: Fountain's Fabulous Finale*

INDIANA CONFERENCE

April 2-4: *Indiana Conference Music Festival, Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind.*

April 4: *Sabbath Celebration with Eric Flickinger from It Is Written at Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind.*

April 10-May 9: *Evangelistic Meetings and Field Schools, NADEI, Indianapolis area*

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April 11: *Sabbath Services Joint Worship, Lucas Oil Stadium, Speaker: Mark Finley, Indianapolis*

April 17-May 16: *It Is Written Evangelistic Meetings: John Bradshaw (Grand Hall) and Eric Flickinger, The Forum, Indianapolis*

April 18-25: *It Is Written Hispanic Evangelistic Meetings, Robert Costa, Northwest Middle School, Indianapolis*

April 18-May 17: *Indiana Conference Evangelistic Meetings, Eric Freking, Hornet Park Community Center, Indianapolis*

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

April 3-5: *Adventist Christian Fellowship Retreat, TBA*

April 4-11: *Hispanic Evangelism Week*

April 18: *Hispanic Men's Retreat, TBA*

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

April 3 and 4: *Chicagoland Youth Federation; Friday evening program at Shiloh Church, 7000 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago - 7:00 p.m.; Sabbath (Sabbath School, 11:00, and AY) at Independence Blvd. Church, 3808 W. Polk Street, Chicago*

April 5-12: *Evangelismo Semana Santa (all LRC Hispanic Churches)*

April 18: *Retiro Personal Ministerio Infantil, Camp Wagner, 19088 Brownsville Street, Cassopolis, Mich.*

April 25: *Education Day (conference-wide)*

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

April 3-5: *Women's Ministries Retreat, Camp Au Sable*

April 4: *Impact Day (check with your local church for more details)*

April 10-12: *Women's Ministries Retreat, Camp Au Sable*

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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

April 2-4: *Wisconsin Academy Music Festival, Wisconsin Academy*

April 4: *MAD About Marriage Seminar, Sun Prairie, Wis.*

April 4: *Seminario Adventista Laico (SAL) Graduation, Milwaukee*

April 13: *Education Fair, Wisconsin Academy*

April 17-19: *Wisconsin Academy Alumni Weekend, Wisconsin Academy*

LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

April 3-10: *ASI Lake Union, Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind.*

April 5: *Health Clinic, Fremont/Muskegon, Mich.*

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OBITUARIES

BEALL, Peter, age 48; born Nov. 9, 1971, in St. Joseph, Mich.; died Dec. 11, 2019, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. Survivors include his father, John S. Beall; mother, Marilyn (Felt); brothers, Timothy, Michael, and Justin; sisters, Susan and Rebekah. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Keith Mattingly; interment in Shanghai Cemetery, Eau Claire, Mich.

BOSSENBERRY, Dale B., age 88; born March 7, 1931, in Madison, Wis.; died Sept. 1, 2019, in Madison. He was a member of the Evansville Church in Evansville, Wis. Survivors include his wife, Donna M. (Bjelde) Bossenberry; daughters, Susan L. and Diane L.; three grandchildren. Military graveside services were conducted by Dr. Stanley Sterling (lay pastor) and Gunderson Funeral Home; interment in Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Madison.

BRUNTZ, Roland R., age 75; born March 8, 1944, in Greeley, Colo.; died Jan. 18, 2020, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church, Green Bay. Survivors include his wife, Donna (DuChateau) Bruntz; sons, Edward Bruntz and Kerry Bruntz; daughters, Noelle Kroneck and Heidi Blake; mother, Helen Bruntz; brother, Edward Bruntz; sisters, Sally (Bruntz) Tochterman and Loretta (Bruntz) Baker and Debbie (Bruntz) Vanden Houon; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Stephen Aust; interment in Fort Howard Memorial Cemetery, Green Bay.

CASTLEBERG, Michael, age 65; born Sept. 5, 1954, in Durand, Wis.; died Oct. 13, 2019, in Fall River, Wis. He was a member of the Wisconsin Academy Church in Columbus, Wis. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Ondrejka; sons, Michael Jr.(Renee), Shawn (Bethany), and Shane (Michelle); daughters, Tina (Michael) Douglas, and Tawnya (Brian)

Schar; brothers, Charles, Clarence, Donald, Marty, and Mark; sisters, Barbara Chalker, Phillis Morauske, Margaret Fountaine, and Lois Beaudette; and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Steve Aust and Larry Sloan.

CODER, Barbara (Cole), age 94; born June 8, 1925, in Palm Beach, Fla.; died Nov. 4, 2019, in Franklin, Ind. She was a member of the Shelbyville Church in Shelbyville, Ind. Survivors include stepson, Gerald Coder; daughters, Martha Miller, Susannah VanWinkle, and Rebekah Haugh; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Brett Baird; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, Ind.

CODER, Dwight, age 96; born Sept. 14, 1922, in New Washington, Ind.; died June 11, 2019, in Norwalk, Ohio. He was a member of the Shelbyville Church in Shelbyville, Ind. Survivors include his wife, Barbara (Cole Miller-Jackson); son, Gerald Coder; step-daughters, Martha Miller, Susannah VanWinkle, and Rebekah Haugh; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Detwiler; interment in Woodland Cemetery, Norwalk, Ohio.

FICK, Helene (Baumann), age 88; born Dec. 25, 1930, in Pratteln, Baselland, Switzerland; died Nov. 10, 2019, in Boca Raton, Fla. She was a member of the Northwest Church in Milwaukee, Wis. Survivors include her sons, Philip, and Lucian (Jennifer); sisters, Gertrude Baumann, Regin Notz, and Vreneli Gisiger. Memorial services will be spring or summer of 2020 in Wisconsin. Private inurnment in mausoleum, Brookfield, Wis.

HATCHER, Irene (Dokes), age 96; born Feb. 8, 1924, in Birmingham, Ala.; died Feb. 8, 2020. She was a member of the Ionia Church in Ionia, Mich. Survivors include son, Roy (Brenda) Hatcher; daughters, Vernice

(Reginald) Hatcher-Shorey, and Wanda Hatcher; half-sister, Shirley Henderson; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial and inurnment in Neptune Society Cemetery, Westmont, Ill.

MICHEFF, Jim, age 88; born April 18, 1931, in Stiritz, Ill.; died Sept. 9, 2019, in Ithaca, Mich. He was a member of the Ithaca Church, Ithaca. Survivors include his wife, C. Bernice (Downs) Micheff; sons, Jim Jr. and Ken; daughters, Linda Johnson, Brenda Walsh, and Cinda Sanner; brother, Steve Micheff; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. Memorial services and private inurnment held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service, Ithaca.

REITMEYER, Jeanette A. (Loca), age 77; born May 3, 1942, in Detroit, Mich.; died July 31, 2019, in Glennie, Mich. Survivors include his sons, Jason Byers, and Greg Reitmeyer; daughters, Kimberly Vanlandingham, Cheryl Reitmeyer, and Rhonda Asselin; brothers, Lawrence Loca and John Loca; and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Josiah Hill; private inurnment.

RUSHER, Shirley L. (Denslow), age 82; born Oct. 7, 1936, in Ferndale, Mich.; died Aug. 31, 2019, in Carson City, Mich. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church, Cedar Lake, Mich. Survivors include her son, Eric J. Rusher; daughters, Vickie L. Jordan, Edie M. Ellis; Jackie F. Breyer, Shelley R. Gunter; sister, Marlene (Denslow) Hawley; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Ken Denslow on Oct. 26, 2019; private inurnment in Riverside Cemetery, St. Charles, Mich.

STEVENS, John Allen, age 58; born April 16, 1961, in Angola, Ind.; died Jan. 30, 2020, in Flint, Mich. He was a member of the First Flint Church in Flint. Survivors include his wife, Gayle (Koehn) Stevens; daughters, Bethany Stevens, and Andrea Stevens; father, Bob Stevens; mother, Sarah Stevens; brothers, Bob Stevens, and Rick Stevens; sister, Cathy Huff. Funeral services were conducted by pastors Tony Messer, Jeff Akenberger, Todd Ervin and Craig Harris; interment in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tithing on Seven Cents

By Sue Kingman

I WAS IN MY EARLY 30S WHEN I WAS LEFT WITH TWO YOUNG BOYS TO RAISE, ages 2 and 5, and

seven cents in our savings. It was Christmas. I didn't know how I was going to make it without a job and two young boys to raise. But I went to church that Sabbath and tithed on that seven cents. Well, as best I could. It's hard to break a penny. I also gave a thank offering. It seemed I had little to be thankful for, but I knew if I remained faithful, God promised to bless.

It took very little time for my church family to learn about our plight. Groceries were left in my car, presents at my door, and envelopes filled with money showed up. People volunteered to take my boys for an afternoon or evening to give me a break. God gave me a job where I could work and still be available for my boys. When they got older and were both in school, I was able to get a teaching job in an Adventist school which helped with their tuition. Never once did I take my boys out of Adventist education to save money. God made it clear that He would never leave me nor forsake me, and if I trusted, His love would sustain us.

We eventually moved to a place where they could both attend academy and I would teach. My boys were always surrounded by positive, male role models, for which I was so grateful — pastors, youth leaders, teachers. For all that they lacked in a father, God amply compensated with men who showed my boys that, "The greatest want of the world is the want of men. Men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall" (*Education*, Ellen G. White, pg. 57).

I still teach. One son graduated from Andrews University and is now married. The other will graduate from Andrews this spring and will marry this summer. They are both very much aware of how God brought people into our lives that helped make those very difficult times much more bearable, using them as steppingstones that led us all to a closer walk with Him.



Courtesy Sue Kingman

▲ Sue Kingman (second from right) with her family.

Both share a passion for helping others. Just this past Christmas, my oldest son showed me a brand new, expensive pair of sneakers, still in the box, that he had purchased. He bought them, intending to give them to someone who didn't have any. They were size 11½. I thought, how are we going to find a foot-size-11½ person in all of these crowds? But we put them in the trunk and went shopping. We forgot about the sneakers. It was only on Christmas Eve, when we approached a mall entrance and came to a red light, that we saw a homeless man standing between two lanes of traffic. My son looked at him and said, "Nope, not 11½." But, as the man walked away, my son took another glance and said, "He's 11½!" He rolled down the window and said, "Excuse me, what size shoe are you?" Well, you know exactly what the man said. Without hesitating, I got out of the car, ran to the trunk, took out the box, opened it and gave it to the man. You would have thought I had given him a million dollars! His eyes got wide and he said, "Are you kidding me? For me?!"

That's what I say to God, "Are you kidding me? For me? You did ALL of this for me?!" ■

Sue Kingman, principal and teacher of grades 3-5 at the Bay Knoll School in Rochester, New York, says she's still trusting in God for everything.

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Brotherly Bonds

I HAVE SPENT MY ENTIRE SCHOOL CAREER, beginning in pre-school, in the Illinois Conference Seventh-day Adventist school system. My family and I have attended the Elmhurst Church my entire life where my dad currently serves as the first elder and my mom as the church clerk. As you can imagine, we are very involved in church and church school life.

I was baptized alongside my two brothers on August 10, 2019. Courtland is two years older than me and Luke is my twin. While we have all been raised together in the same home and in the same schools, our respective spiritual journeys have been quite different. Some of that can surely be attributed to our personalities, but God’s timing for each of us is perfect.

When Luke decided to get baptized, I remember being surprised because I had never really thought of baptism before then. I have always been in an environment where God was the focus, but I didn’t think about the public announcement of being baptized. And, I wasn’t quite ready for baptism. The main reason I rejected the idea at first was that being baptized in front of everyone scared me. However, my brother’s decision for baptism led me to think more about it. I read my Bible more intently and noticed that I began praying more often than I had before. I prayed whenever I had a dilemma, a praise, and before every meal. Little did I know that these actions were, in fact, preparing me for the step of baptism.

My twin is the cerebral brother — very intelligent, focused and intentional about what he does. My older brother has a strong moral compass and is very caring and empathetic. Me? I’m the musical one. God has blessed me with musical talent and a love for the violin. Throughout this process, God used my gifts in this area to speak to me about the beauty of a relationship with Him and helped me to see that He wants all of us to have a purposeful, meaningful life with Him composing the score.

Music has had a tremendous impact on my life. Hymns at church and chapel at Hinsdale Adventist Academy connected me with God. Music moves me spiritually and God put that inside of me. It’s one of the ways He speaks to me.

When I finally made the decision to be baptized, I felt a sense of relief and acceptance. Taking that step together with my brothers made it even more meaningful because there we were, the three of us, standing before our church family, friends and teachers. We were making the same public statement, but it meant different things to each of us.

I am thankful for the way that God has led in my life and am excited about what lies ahead as I continue this journey with Him. ■

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A Love That Keeps Giving



Courtesy Peter Romero

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REMEMBERING THAT DAY *still* brings out the emotion in Peter Romero’s voice.

“The first word I read was, ‘Congratulations...’” says Peter, excitedly, as he describes opening a fat envelope from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE).

It may have been three years ago, but he admits he still has the letter. The contents represented a full-ride scholarship to a seemingly unreachable program for the son of Mexican immigrants.

The now 20-year-old explains how it was actually a last-minute decision to finish SIUE’s application.

“I was a senior in high school. I had a class paper due the next day, along with the scholarship essay [for SIUE]. I knew there was no way I could finish both. I had to make a decision...” says Peter.

He chose the essay and it seems to have been the right choice. Out of 800-plus scholarship applications submitted, 150 people got an interview with the school —

Peter was one of them. Out of those 150, only 20 received a scholarship.

The active Adventist explains this is just one experience, amidst many, where God has shown His passionate love. Peter says that’s what drives him to take on so many roles in church; what motivates him to work with kids; and what grounds him in a faith rooted in service.

“It’s not that I feel obligated, but I want to give back,” says Peter.

In 2021 he plans to complete his degree in Elementary Education. He admits to also being drawn to ministry and is keeping the Seminary in his sights. He wants to be sure that it’s God’s plan, though, and not his own. He says time will tell.

Meanwhile, Peter continues to serve as an elder, guest preacher, assistant treasurer, translator, musician, deacon, assistant secretary, church planter and, his personal favorite, Pathfinder leader.

When asked how he juggles it all, he just chuckles. “Yeah, I’m pretty dedicated . . . , but I’m not stressed. I’ve learned dedicating time to God just gives me energy.” It’s an energy for witnessing he willingly gives to his two younger brothers, the kids he with whom he comes in contact as a student teacher and summer camp staff member, as well as the non-Christian peers with whom he’s connected at his university.

It’s a drive, Peter admits, that springs from an ever-present passion to honor and serve the One who has given him so much. Real Love can do that. ■

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