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Healing Ministry



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Just after World War II, community leaders in La Grange, Illinois, had a vision for their own local hospital. A half century later, the hospital built to honor Jesus the servant in South World Wars is celebrating the silver anniversary of that dream becoming a reality.

When La Grange Community Memorial General Hospital opened its doors in 1955, it was not faith-based, but was needed in the wake of a deeply spiritual community. As various names over the years, through growing pains and changes in ownership, community members and clergy alike sought to integrate faith into the hospital. When Adventist Midwest Health purchased the hospital in 1996, the mission was brought with it: the unique demands of a hospital affiliated with a faith-based organization, but one that embraced the approach of healing the body, mind, and spirit.

"Today, employees, physicians, and volunteers are encouraged to bring their faith into the care they provide to patients and their interactions with everyone who walks through the doors. When La Grange Memorial Hospital joined the Adventist Midwest Health System family, we were given the opportunity to grow and nurture the spiritual connection that was already here," said Tim Cook, Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital chief executive officer. "The vision of healthcare at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital is that everyone who comes here will see a glimpse of Jesus' love," expressed Tim. This approach has definitely made an impression in the community.

Ken Carotta, a long-time resident, is one of the leading supporters of the hospital. "My family moved to La Grange in 1953 and this has been my hospital since. The quality medical care we have received here has been top notch," he said. "I am amazed at the depth of commitment this hospital and Adventist Midwest Health has to our community." Carotta, who joined the hospital's operating board in 1996, is also a co-chair of the capital campaign committee for the new Patient Care Center currently under construction. "When asked why he became more actively involved with the hospital, the retired businessman said, "I have been on the board of every organization, but this is the first board I've been on where the first 15 minutes of the meeting are an aside specifically for a spiritual message. There is an incredible group of people here and I am honored to be a part of all that is happening."

As Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital celebrates the last fifty years of healing, the construction of the new Patient Care Center bridges the past with what is to come in the future. "We are an institution that belongs to God, and have been given the wonderful responsibility of being its stewards. We are excited about what is to come," said Tim. "As we focus on the next fifty years of serving the community, our administrators, staff, and physicians are all honored, humbled, and excited about continuing to build on the legacy that is Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital."

Crister Delacruz is the regional manager of public relations for Adventist Midwest Health.

A man with a quiet smile and commanding presence is the 2005 recipient of the Living Our Mission Award at Adventist Midwest Hospital. Reynolds "Ray" Basson, Plant Operations manager, was presented the award during the regional special feature.

A hospital employer since 1980, Ray is proud to be part of an organization "dedicated to the work of God." Born and raised in the Philippines in a family of nine children, the third generation Adventist embodies the mission of Adventist Midwest Hospital in his daily life. "God gave each of us the task to be His hands and feet here on earth," says Ray. "I've honored with that responsibility."

Though much of his daily tasks involve charts, graphs, paper and pen, the multi-talented man uses his skills in many ways to bless those around him. An elder at the Hinsdale II-Ad Church, Basson also plays the piano every weekday at 7:00 am for his department's morning devotion. "It's a wonderful way to start the day," he said. "We are a family here and it is my way to touch base with each other and God before we begin our work. Playing the piano is my simple and small way to contribute to this mission." Ray also coordinates the schedule for sharing daily meditations.

"Ray exemplifies Christian service in every aspect of his job," says Jim Taylor, Plant Operations Director. "He is a man who lives his faith through his actions." Ray says opportunities to touch people's lives in a hospital present themselves at every turn. "Even though I'm not directly involved in caring for patients, I believe that what I do has an effect on the quality of care they receive." Prior to coming to the United States, Ray was a managing engineer for large scale construction projects in the Philippines. "I have experienced what it's like to work in a more Christian environment—and there is a reason why I have chosen to work at Adventist Midwest Hospital. We have a mission here and I am so blessed to be a part of it."

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The work of Adventist Midwest Health, and our cover art by Nathan Greene, were inspired by these words:

"Christ is the true Head of the medical profession. The chief Physician, He is at the side of every God-fearing practitioner who works to relieve human suffering. While the physician uses nature's remedies for physical disease, he should point his patients to Him who can relieve the maladies of both the soul and the body. That which physicians can only aid in doing, Christ accomplishes. They endeavor to assist nature's work of healing; Christ Himself is the healer. The physician seeks to preserve life; Christ imparts life." *Ministry of Healing*, p. III.

In this issue, you will see glimpses into the ongoing healing ministry of Christ through the work of Adventist Midwest Health.

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HEALING... One Gift of the Spirit

Christians fervently believe that when Jesus walked this Earth, He went about healing all manner of illness, including mental illness. Some of us are personal witnesses to the fact that He continues to heal the sick and afflicted today. I was just thinking what a privilege it is to be associated with an organization totally committed to extending the healing ministry of Christ.

Adventist Midwest Health is such an organization. It is headquartered in Hinsdale, Illinois, and is comprised of four free-standing hospitals, a clinic, and several ancillary and allied medical operations. I have been chairman of its planning committee, vice chairman of the board, and was recently elected chairman of the board for Adventist Health System, the parent corporation headquartered in Orlando, Florida.

Being so closely affiliated, I have witnessed extraordinary growth and success. Last year, Adventist Midwest Health broke ground for a new patient care center at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, and just this spring, ground was broken for the new Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, which will serve its community with 138 beds.

We can all appreciate the fact that our hospitals walk a fine line between serving the community and properly representing the principles upon which the Adventist faith is based. I am very pleased with some of the innovative changes Ernie Sadau has implemented and the direction he and his team are taking our medical work. Ernie is president and chief executive officer of Adventist Midwest Health, and a member of the Lake Union Conference executive committee. His responsibilities require him to interact with governing bodies, medical institutions, and employees. He and his staff are men and women of prayer, and that is comforting to an old orthodox Adventist like me.

I would make a sincere request of the members of the Lake Union territory: When you talk to our heavenly Father, please ask for continued blessings on our healthcare institutions. It will please you to drive past these very representative hospitals. The intentionality cannot be missed. Instead of including the name Adventist somewhere down in the title, all Chicago-area Adventist Midwest Health hospitals begin their names with the word "Adventist." So, you have Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, Adventist Bolingbrook Medical Center, and Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. And that makes me feel good.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Illinois The Springfield First church hosted the *Net 2005 Prophecy Code* satellite evangelistic series with Doug Batchelor. Invitations were sent to members' friends and community residents, encouraging them to attend the meetings that originated at the General Conference auditorium in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Two members, **Donna Hopwood** and her mother, **Joanne Stickle**, who had not attended church on a regular basis came to the series. They became so excited about the nightly messages presented that Donna encouraged Joel, her husband, Jacob, her son, and **Crystal Mathias**, her daughter, to attend also.

Joanne's husband, **Don Stickle**, also attended the *Prophecy Code* series with her. At the conclusion of the meetings, Donna and Joanne requested to be re-baptized. Their prayers were answered as Crystal and Don were also baptized by the interim pastor, Lee Grady.

Ashley Skinner attended the Adventist church while growing up. She studied with several young people in the church on Wednesday evenings while their parents were in a Bible study with other adults. Learning of an upcoming baptism, she also requested to be baptized. However, she requested her grandfather Art Nelson, a pastor and former Broadview Academy principal, come to baptize her. Ashley was baptized on April 9, 2005.

I'm sure the angels in Heaven rejoiced with the Springfield family as they witnessed these people make their public commitment and declaration of their love for Jesus Christ, their Lord and Savior.



Ashley Skinner (right) was baptized by her grandfather, Art Nelson, a pastor and former Broadview Academy principal.

Bruce Babienco, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent, as shared by Esther Nelson

Lake Region Ruth Henry, a divorcée with one daughter, was working as a claims examiner for the Social Security Administration when she suffered a disabling heart attack. Her twilight years found her wheelchair bound, waiting for life's end in a nursing home. While there, she reflected on her life.

Ruth remembers always believing in Jesus. She recalled taking a religion class at a junior college in her youth, where she met a kind Seventh-day Adventist pastor. Though his name was a blur, she remembered what he told her about the Sabbath and it was forever etched in her memory. "Cast your bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Ecclesiastes II:1).

Ruth smiles when remembering her young life. She says she lived life in the fast lane, but slowed down after a heart attack forced her into an early retirement. Doctors advised rest and no stress; however, a family crisis left her grandchildren homeless. The doctor advised her to not take the children. But Ruth, not knowing why, prayed to God. Without another thought, Ruth took her grandchildren and raised them.

At this point in her life, Ruth says she still had some holes in her relationship with Jesus. Deteriorating health forced Ruth to move in with Gloria, her daughter, who also became ill and could no longer take care of her mother. So Ruth moved into the nursing home. With unanswered questions, she often asked God, "Why?" No answer came.

The Beacon of Joy Adventist Church in Chicago, Ill., had visited nursing homes for 20 years. The programs were "cute," the singing good, and the sermonettes ad-



Back row from left: Art Nelson, pastor; Lee Grady, interim pastor; second row: Don Stickle, Joanne Stickle, Donna Hopwood, Crystal Mathias; front row: Ashley Skinner

equate. But the same church members were getting weary. After meetings to decide whether the ministry should continue, it was determined they wouldn't discontinue the nursing home visits altogether, but would just visit now and then. Little did they know that on one particular day the Lord had decided to do something special. "And we shall not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

The visit started out like all the others with songs, testimony, and a sermon. Ruth was there, and soon everything became clear to her. She says she again felt a "presence," and an urgency to know Christ. Instead of staying till death in the nursing home, she was reborn.

Now Ruth sees things clearer. She sees Christ-ordered steps and His continued guidance. She sees that God loves her so much He did not want her to die without knowing Him. She sees that her ill-health, her grandchildren's crises, and even life in the nursing home were all opportunities from the Lord to get to know Him better. On August 7, 2004, Ruth was baptized.

While still not understanding everything, she knows that one day she will look into the face of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Will her daughter and grandchildren follow in her footsteps? Ruth is not sure. But there is one thing Ruth is very sure of ... there is no greater love.

Nothing can or will happen in our life that was not designed to work for our good! (See Romans 8:28)

Tanya Williams, Beacon of Joy communication secretary

Michigan When **Keith Hughes** and **Debra Brown** were growing up in Saginaw, Michigan, their grandfather, Lee Hughes, was the Ephesus Adventist Church pastor. They remember hearing him talk about the seventh-day Sabbath, about Jesus coming to Earth a second time, and about taking believers back to Heaven with Him to enjoy eternal life. However, as they grew from childhood to adulthood, they drifted away from their spiritual heritage.

A couple of accidents resulted in Keith losing a leg and the use of his lower body, which confined him to a wheelchair. Instead of his physical challenges defeating him, the unfortunate circumstances created within him a new and strong desire to know God, His teachings, and the plan for his life.

Answering God's call on his heart, Keith began attending church. As he worshipped with the members there, the Holy Spirit began to bring to his mind the things that he

had learned as a child. This opened his heart to the opportunity that was just around the corner.

Meanwhile, his sister Debra received an invitation to attend the 2003 *Amazing Discoveries* evangelistic series conducted by evangelist Steve Vail at the Center Road church in Saginaw. She began studying with Don and Lenore Wiekum, which led her to



From left: Robert Quillin, pastor; Gary Minnick, local elder; and Gani Capina, local elder; surround Keith Hughes as he shows his baptismal certification following baptism.

establish a personal relationship with Christ. Embracing Christ's salvation and teachings, she united with the Adventist church through baptism on June 14, 2003.

Debra began to share with Keith the joy she was experiencing in her new relationship with Christ. Seeing the evidence of God's power in his sister's life, he began attending his sister's church.

Gary Minnick and Gani Capina, elders at Center Road church, began coming to his home on a weekly basis to study the Bible with him. Soon Keith began to experience the joy his sister had experienced in rediscovering the truths he heard as a child. He was ready to rejoin the church of his youth.

Although the congregation would have accepted him into their membership through his "profession of faith," Keith wanted to be baptized as a witness of his clean break from his past lifestyle. His testimony was, "I want to do things right and make a new start with Jesus Christ and His teachings."

On February 26, 2005, Keith made his relationship with the Center Road church official. At his baptism, he was placed in a wheelchair by Jay Hickman, deacon, and Gary Minnick, elder, and lowered into the baptistry. All Heaven must have added their praise to the praise of the church family as they celebrated Keith's commitment to Jesus Christ.

Robert Quillin, Saginaw Center Road Church pastor, and Bruce Babienko, *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent



PEACE Above the Storm

“THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS TOTALLY
POURING OUT HIS PRESENCE”

MUGSHOTS
SPORTS BAR & GRILL



“H

elp!” I silently screamed to God. “I can’t do this work without You!” Discouraged, I got out of the van and slumped down near the closest steps. I pulled out *Peace Above the Storm (Steps to Christ)* and desperately searched for something to spur me on another step. The book fell open to page 97, and I soaked in the wonderful words about filling our lives up with the Word of God. The author encouraged readers to carry their Bibles with them and memorize scripture in moments of idleness or travel.

Several businesses later, after my moment of restoration and reconnection with the God of the universe, Rick Christman, my leader, dropped Erick off to work with me. The first thing he did was ask if I wanted to pray. I gratefully exclaimed, “Yes!” and then everything seemed to brighten up.

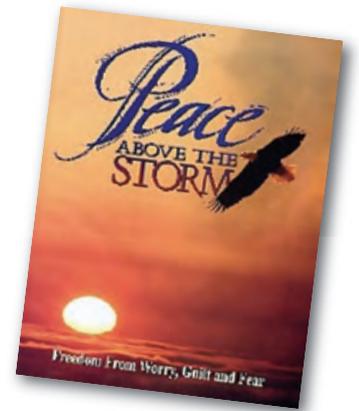
We walked into Mugshots Sports Bar & Grill and approached the bartender who was frantically serving the men and women at the bar. In between her orders, she grabbed seven dollars and handed it over the counter in exchange for *Peace Above the Storm*. While we were waiting for her, I struck up a conversation with the lady sitting closest to me and she ended up buying a copy of *The Great Controversy* and a cookbook. The Holy Spirit was totally pouring out His presence, so I requested to be

able to talk with the rest of the individuals in the bar and my petition was granted.

Erick and I had the most incredible experience while the Holy Spirit used us as vessels to talk to every single person present. We got to pray with many of them. A total of eighteen books were shared. One guy exclaimed, “Thank you so much for doing what you’re doing and not judging us for where we are!” Another guy who I asked



Cherie Meharry entered Mugshots Sports Bar & Grill to search for individuals who may need Jesus.



to pray with declined on the basis that he didn’t feel comfortable praying while he was sitting at a bar in front of a beer. The Holy Spirit impressed me to simply say, “Jesus loves you!”

We got to see a little glimpse into their lives and were privileged to witness the power of God reaching people right where they are. He does pour out His love to every single one of His children.

Cherie Meharry was attending Southern Outreach Leadership School in Florida when she witnessed at the bar. She plans to attend Southern Adventist.



Meetings in the Land of ICE and SNOW

“THEY SAT CAPTIVATED BY THE MESSAGES”

BY JUDITH YEOMAN AS SHARED BY STEINTHOR AND THROSTUR THORDARSON

Throstur Thordarson, an Indiana pastor, traveled to Iceland, his native homeland. It was only a five-hour flight, but due to time zone changes, he lost the benefit of a night's rest. He was scheduled to begin a series of meetings the evening of his arrival.

Throstur, who normally preaches in English, preached in Icelandic, focusing on the importance of having a relationship with Jesus in this gray and dark world. The theme challenged listeners to “face the future without fear.” He preached about the great controversy, the gift of the cross, discipleship, and the importance of following Jesus with complete trust, even in the face of stark grief and pain.

Local Icelandic pastor, Steinthor Thordarson, Throstur's father, was greatly interested in the people's response as he observed joy and hope radiating from their faces. They sat captivated by the messages.

Between 40 and 80 people attended each evening. One young couple had just come out of a bitter struggle with alcoholism. They were so thrilled with the messages of truth they were hearing that they were soon baptized. Others are regularly attending church as a result of the meetings and will likely join them in baptism before long.

A very special atmosphere was present at the meetings. Following the preaching, those present gave spiritual and practical care to the weakest among them—those dealing with what seemed to be insurmountable problems. It was a very sweet and loving experience as they prayed together.



Steinthor Thordarson, Icelandic Church pastor, conducted a baptism at the close of Throstur's meetings.

At the end of the scheduled meetings, attendees requested more from the Indiana pastor. Before leaving, he gave an additional message of hope and courage in our loving and powerful Savior. The message that described Jesus as a Friend of sinners made a great impact on listeners. It was exciting for Throstur to see lives changed as God worked in a powerful way in his homeland of ice and snow!

Steinthor expressed gratitude to the officers of the Indiana Conference for allowing Throstur to share with them and to minister to the people of Iceland during his brief visit. “He still continues to do so through the radio,” Steinthor reports. “His lectures were recorded and are frequently on the air. The response has been very good from listeners, many of whom we do not even know.”

This father-son team hopes to see the work in Iceland united and energized by the power of the Spirit, so secular Iceland may experience a true national revival. Iceland has never experienced a national revival, and while over 90 percent of its citizens belong to the Lutheran state church, the state religion has twice been changed by a national decree of parliament. Most people do not attend church, except for special occasions.



Throstur Thordarson, an Indiana pastor, preached for meetings in Iceland, his native homeland.



Judith Yeoman is the Indiana Conference correspondent; Steinthor Thordarson is the Iceland Church pastor; and, Throstur Thordarson is the Frankfort and Lafayette (Indiana) Churches pastor.

When a Parent Has a MENTAL ILLNESS

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

Growing up in any family has its challenges. But those challenges can be compounded when a family member has a mental illness. Children in a home where one or both of their parents have a mental illness experience instability, unpredictability, and confusion.

They take on some of the adult roles, such as managing the younger children and carrying out many household duties. They often find themselves trying to take care of the emotional and even physical needs of their parent or parents as well.

Children in this situation often don't receive the nurturing and parental care they need. They are generally embarrassed to talk about their situation and feel ashamed. Children are excellent recorders but often poor interpreters. When there are family problems, they generally internalize that they are somehow causing the problems and/or their parents don't really love them.

Children don't generally share these thoughts with others. They feel alone in the situation. Sadly, they will even withdraw from other relatives and friends who could support them. One of the reasons for this is they don't know how to articulate their needs, even to themselves. In the chaos of the situation, adults are often oblivious to the subtle changes in a child. This is serious!

Living in a home with adult mental illness has lasting consequences. Children often grow up with guilt, resentment, continuing shame and embarrassment, depression, repressed anger, fear of inheriting their parent's mental illness, confusion about their own identity, and self-defeating thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.

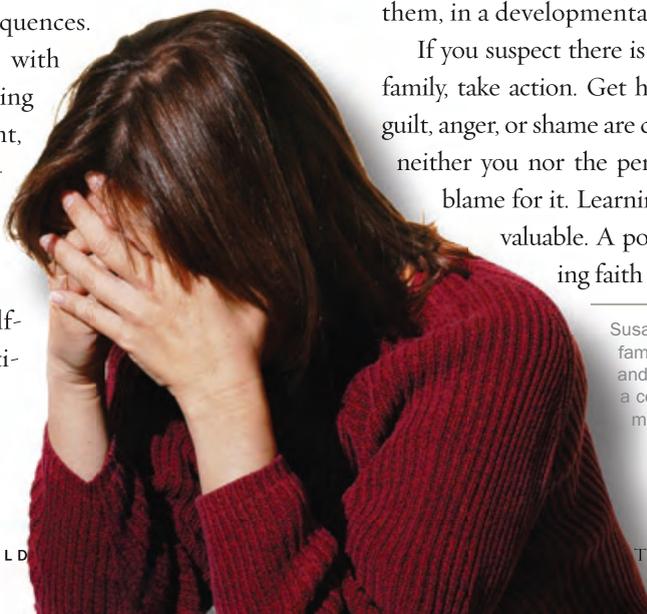
Those issues can show themselves in many ways as adults, such as:

- ▶ **Difficulty initiating and maintaining friendships and lasting relationships**
- ▶ **Difficulty balancing care of self and taking care of others**
- ▶ **Difficulty trusting themselves and others**
- ▶ **Excessive dependence on others or overly avoiding intimacy**
- ▶ **Being overly responsible or irresponsible in many areas of life such as commitments, money, alcohol, etc.**

If you are living with or have lived with parental mental illness, you can help yourself. Acknowledge you have a parent with mental illness and acknowledge the effects it has had on you. Develop new ways to take care of yourself, and develop new ways to relate to others. Seek more information and find the support you need.

If you are a parent whose partner has mental illness, or you either suspect your own struggles are because of mental illness or have been diagnosed and are living with mental illness, it is important that you strongly consider your children and their best interests. Be honest and open with them, in a developmentally appropriate way.

If you suspect there is undiagnosed mental illness in your family, take action. Get help early! Understand that distress, guilt, anger, or shame are common reactions. Understand that neither you nor the person with the mental illness are to blame for it. Learning all you can about the illness is invaluable. A positive attitude and a deep and abiding faith in God's care is also invaluable!



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DANGER *in Disguise*

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Even social drinking can cause brain shrinkage.



People often turn to alcohol when they want to have a good time or eliminate worries. But it can do neither. It promises a good life, but delivers far less. Alcohol leaves a trail of destruction wherever it goes.

Thousands lose their lives every year on the highways from alcohol-related accidents. Alcohol is also implicated in many homicides, assaults, suicides, robberies, incidents of domestic violence, child molestations, and rape. Problem drinking is also a significant factor in divorce and reduced work productivity.

Red wine is promoted as being good for cardiovascular health since it raises the good HDL cholesterol levels and reduces the risk of blood clots. However, regular exercise and red grape juice, respectively, can accomplish the same two things. When factors other than heart disease are considered, the dangers of drinking alcohol far outweigh any potential benefits.

The regular use of alcohol is also associated with cirrhosis of the liver, increased risk of stroke, osteoporosis, birth defects, and a depressed immune system. Use of alcohol also increases the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, liver, pancreas, large bowel, rectum, and stomach. Risk of breast cancer increases about 20 percent in women consuming one alcoholic drink per week.

Alcohol is a potent central nervous system depressant and can effect the pharmacological action of both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Over 100 medications are known to react adversely when taken concurrently with alcohol.

Alcohol impairs mental functions. Even at the lowest measurable level, alcohol impairs per-

ception, learning, judgment, and reaction time. Sweden's National Road and Traffic Research Institute found that subjects whose blood alcohol level had returned to zero just one day after drinking still drove significantly worse than they did prior to drinking.

Boston researchers determined that alcohol-related brain damage can begin with social drinking. With CT scans they found shrinkage of the brain even in light-to-moderate drinkers. Brain shrinkage begins in the frontal lobes where the decision-making and moral-value centers of the brain are located.

According to the director of the World Health Organization Program on Substance Abuse, there is no minimum threshold below which alcohol can be consumed without any risk.

Solomon wrote long ago that those who linger over wine sparkling in the cup experience strife and sorrow, since in the end it bites like a snake (Prov. 23:29-32).



Winston Craig is professor of nutrition at Andrews University.



EXTREME GRACE

The Fluffy CHALLENGE

BY DICK DUERKSEN

“He’ll die! I just know he’ll die!”

The tear-filled exclamation came from an older woman who had been brought in by ambulance during the night. Her medical situation required surgery, and now she was on Nurse Brenda’s care list. And, because one of the other nurses had called in sick, Brenda’s list was eight patients long.

“This is going to be a stressful day!” Brenda mumbled to herself as she knocked on the door to Mrs. Martin’s room. All went well until Brenda was ready to leave the room. Following her normal procedure, she sat beside the bed, took a deep breath, and said, “Is there anything else I can do for you? I have some time.” That was when Mrs. Martin began to weep for Fluffy.

“I live alone, and my dog Fluffy is my only family. No one thought about him when the ambulance came to get me last night, and I know he’s still locked in the bathroom. He’ll die! I just know he’ll die!”

Brenda’s mind raced from the eight patients on her care list to the charting she needed to do, to the shopping she had to do on the way home, to the cleaning that needed to be picked up, to the transporter she knew was waiting in

the hall to take one of the other patients to imaging ... to Fluffy howling in the bathroom. How important is Fluffy in Brenda’s job today?

When Brenda told me the story later that afternoon she was laughing, still energized by the Fluffy challenge. “I realized,” she said, “that Mrs. Martin wasn’t going to heal until we had Fluffy out of the bathroom and devouring a bowl of Alpo.”

Finding the right neighbor who then located the spare key under the yellow hibiscus, finding Fluffy, watering Fluffy, cleaning up the bathroom, and feeding the Alpo had become a major part of Brenda’s day. The transporter got involved. The Health Unit coordinator got involved. Seemed like the whole team worried about Fluffy. And everyone was there to celebrate when the neighbor checked in to say Fluffy was living at her home for the duration. “Today was a great day. A Fluffy day!” Brenda said.

The healing ministry of Christ includes far more than just physical healing. In fact, it stretches all the way to Fluffy’s howls, and to a bowl of Alpo.

Dick Duerksen is an assistant vice president for mission development at Florida Hospital.





Loaves and Fishes

TEAM TITHING BLESSES MANY

BY ANN FISHER

If you've recently become a Seventh-day Adventist, you may be surprised to learn that, unlike most other denominations, your tithe doesn't stay in your local church, and your pastor's salary isn't based on how much you give.

Our pioneers saw the wisdom in organizing our church after the biblical model. We are just one part of the whole body of Christ. If the heart were to say, "I'm going to keep my life-giving resources for myself," how long would the rest of the body live?

The same is true with church finances. A church in one place may have enough resources to hire a staff of pastors, build a state-of-the-art worship center, and fund its own school and summer camp. But what about the people with limited resources in an economically depressed area with an active mission to their community? What about them?

Adventist churches are blessed as they have followed the biblical mandate to "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house ..." (Malachi 3:10). God's storehouse is intended to serve the whole world. When God's people gather their tithes into one storehouse, all God's children can be assured they are included in the distribution—not just the privileged ones. This system helps churches share the load.

"So," you might ask, "if my tithe doesn't stay in the local church, where does it go?" Every tithe dollar you put in the tithe envelope goes directly to the local conference treasury. Out of that dollar, 75.41¢ is used by the local conference to provide pastoral care to the local churches and to assist with evangelism, camp meeting, summer camp, various ministries, leadership training, and more.



Your local conference then shares 24.59¢ of your tithe dollar with the wider church body. The union conference retains 2.59¢, which provides for K-12 curriculum and supervision, higher education sponsorship, institutional administrative support, auditing support, evangelism, technology, trust services, religious liberty, revolving fund administration, ethnic ministry coordination, and your *Lake Union Herald*.

Only 1¢ goes for the operation of the North American Division, and 3.13¢ goes for the operation of the General Conference. The rest is distributed by the General Conference for retirement benefits, missionary expenses, overseas division assistance, and institutional support.

Can you imagine your local church providing all those services? Like the little lad who shared his barley loaves and fishes with Jesus, God takes our tithe and multiplies it to bless the whole church family. Each level of church organization is responsible for its specific duties, and when we share our resources and work together as a team, there is no limit to what God can do through us.

Ann Fisher writes from Walla Walla, Washington.



SHARING *our* HOPE

ARISE Bible Workers Spread the Gospel

BY STACI OSTERMAN

This last December *ARISE* (A Resource Institute for Soul-Winning and Evangelism) graduated its second class of students. Twelve were hired by the Michigan Conference or local churches to serve as Bible workers. This one-year practicum provides the student with practical experience leading others to accept Christ as they work with the local church in community outreach, generate and give Bible studies, and train church members in personal evangelism.

In January, each Bible worker attended an orientation session at Camp Au Sable. In the coming year, they will work in the following districts: Taylor/Monroe, Linden/Holly/South Lyons, Grand Ledge/Portland, and Plymouth/Livonia. Two other young ladies serve as Bible workers in the Upper Peninsula. Their goal is to bring many contacts to the evangelistic series to be held in these areas this fall.

For two weeks, the *ARISE* Bible workers experienced a winter canvassing blitz in the Taylor and Monroe area. James DuPont, from Grand Rapids, met a man in his twenties. When he showed him the book, *The Great Controversy*, the man's face lit up and he invited James inside. He seemed

genuinely interested and wanted to know what a Seventh-day Adventist was. James shared his personal conversion story and told how the book, *The Great Controversy*, played a significant role in it. After buying the book, this young man told James, "You must

promise me one thing. You must visit me again and explain to me from the Scriptures why Saturday is the Sabbath. I am really interested in knowing." Since then, James has



In *ARISE* training, students go door to door with the Magabook program. Toni Minikus (right), an *ARISE* student, presents *Peace Above the Storm* (Steps to Christ) to one of her contacts. The lady signed up for personal Bible studies and Toni will be going back to study with her.

talked to him on the phone and the man is looking forward to the Bible study.

Katie Kauffman came to *ARISE* from Austria and is excited about the opportunities the practicum program will give her to make friends with people. While canvassing in Monroe, she met a gentleman who took the books out of her hands and asked how he could buy them ... before she even told him about them! The family was poor, but they scraped together enough money to get *Christ's Object Lessons*, *Steps to Christ*, and *Bible Readings for the Home*. They told her they had been praying for God to send someone to them. They kept asking her, "Are you an angel?" This family also requested personal Bible studies.

"You can't go to *ARISE* and think you are going back to a normal life afterward," says Rodney McCallum, an Australian farmer who sold his farm so he can devote his life to God's work. "Never again can I be content, because the reality of The Great Commission has come alive to my conscience."

Please pray for these Bible workers as they take the good news of the gospel to the doors in Michigan.

Staci Osterman is the *ARISE* student Bible worker supervisor.



In January, *ARISE* students met with Michigan Conference pastors at their ministerial retreat. At a breakout session, the group displayed their joy at having a part in sharing the "Good News" about Jesus. Staci Osterman (right on back row), asked for prayer for the workers as they go out to serve Jesus.



Compartiendo la luz al mundo

POR CARMELO MERCADO

La primera vez que asistí a una sesión mundial de la Iglesia Adventista fue en Atlantic City, New Jersey en el año 1970. En esa ocasión hubo más de 30,000 adventistas que adoramos durante el culto divino. El presidente de la Asociación General, en ese entonces Robert Pierson, predicó un sermón titulado “That the World May Know” (Para que el mundo pueda saber), en el cual desafió a la iglesia a hacer todo lo posible para predicar el mensaje de los tres ángeles a un mundo en gran necesidad. Cuando salí de allí sentí una gran determinación de aceptar el desafío.

No hay duda que desde entonces la iglesia ha crecido de una manera formidable. En 1970 la membresía mundial era un poco más de dos millones. El informe más reciente indica que la membresía actual es de más de trece millones. Se calcula que se lleva a cabo un bautismo cada 32 segundos, y si continúa así, la membresía de la iglesia llegaría a más de veintiún millones para el año 2015.

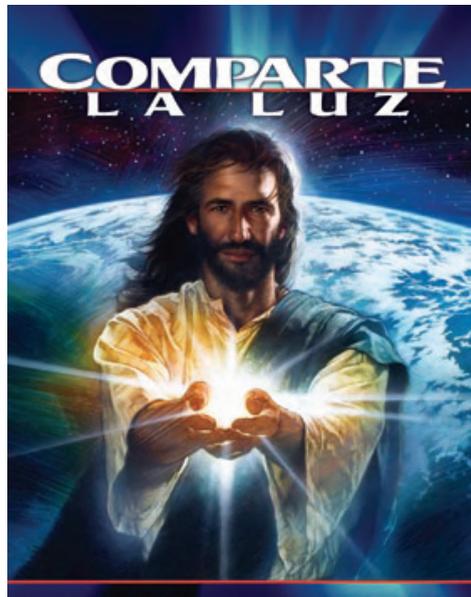
A pesar de este crecimiento podemos discernir un problema, al hacer las matemáticas. La población del mundo es ahora más de seis billones y para el año 2015—habrá aumentado un billón más. En San Matero 24 se nos dice que “este evangelio del reino será predicado en todo el mundo para testimonio a todas las razas, y luego vendrá el fin. Y yo me pregunto: ¿cómo podrá cumplirse esta profecía?

El Señor demostró, por medio de su propio ejemplo, la manera de ganar al mundo. Jesús pasó tres años y medio con los doce discípulos, enseñándoles con su ejemplo la forma de redimir a los pecadores. Luego los apóstoles siguieron su

ejemplo para ganar y entrenar a más discípulos. El resultado fue una gran cosecha de almas para Cristo. La clave del crecimiento era que cada hermano se consideraba un ganador de almas. Al estudiar la fórmula del discipulado resulta evidente que la estrategia de Jesús era la multiplicación de discípulos.

En la actualidad hay iglesias que dependen sólo de un evangelista para ganar almas; aunque esto está muy bien,— tiene sus limitaciones. Imagínese que un evangelista gana

mil almas por día durante todo un año. Su primer año parecería ser exitoso con 365,000 bautismos. Si continuara así durante veinticinco años llegaría a bautizar a más de 9,125,000 almas. Sin embargo, ¿qué ocurriría si usáramos el método de Jesús? Si una persona ganara solamente un alma en un año pero le enseñase al nuevo converso a ganar a otra alma y se continuase el mismo proceso, en veinticinco años la suma total de bautizados llegaría a ser 33,554.432. Es más, si se continuara el proceso, ¡llegaríamos a alcanzar al mundo entero en un total de treinta y tres años!



¿Quieres ser un ganador de almas y ser parte del cumplimiento de la profecía? Inscríbete para asistir a la Convención “Comparte la luz” que se llevará a cabo del 26 al 28 de agosto en el Hotel Radisson en Merrillville, Indiana. Entre los oradores hispanos estarán Frank González y José Vicente Rojas. Para obtener más información visite la página web www.plusline.org.

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

ADVENTIST MIDWEST HEALTH

BUILDING ON A LEGACY

BY CRISTER DELACRUZ

Just after World War II, community leaders in La Grange, Illinois, had a vision for their own local hospital. A half century later, the hospital built to honor those who served in both World Wars is celebrating the silver anniversary of that dream becoming a reality.

When La Grange Community Memorial General Hospital opened its doors in 1955, it was not faith-based, but was nestled in the midst of a deeply spiritual community. At various times over the years, through growing pains and changes in ownership, community members and clergy alike sought to integrate faith into the hospital. When Adventist Health System purchased the hospital in 1999, the transition brought with it the unique dynamics of a hospital unfamiliar with a faith-based organization, but one that embraced the approach of healing the body, mind, and spirit.

Today employees, physicians, and volunteers are encouraged to bring their faith into the care they provide to patients and their interactions with everyone who walks through the doors. “When La Grange Memorial Hospital joined the Adventist Health System family, we were given the opportunity to grow and nurture the spiritual environment that was already here,” said Tim Cook, Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital chief executive officer. “The vision of healthcare at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hos-

pital is that everyone who comes here will see a glimpse of Jesus’ love,” expressed Tim. This approach has definitely made an impression in the community.

Lou Curotto, a long-time resident, is one of the leading supporters of the hospital. “My family moved to La Grange in 1963 and this has been my hospital since. The quality medical care we have received here has been top notch,” he said. “I am amazed at the depth of commitment this hospital and Adventist Midwest Health has to our community.” Curotto, who joined the hospital’s operating board in 1999, is also a co-chair of the capital campaign committee for the new Patient Care Center currently under construction. When asked why he became more actively involved with the hospi-

tal, the retired businessman said, “I have been on the board of many organizations, but this is the first board I’ve been on where the first 15 minutes of the meeting

are set aside especially for a spiritual message. There is an incredible group of people here and I am honored to be a part of all that is happening.”

As Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital celebrates the last fifty years of healing, the construction of the new Patient Care Center bridges the past with what is to come in the future. “We are an institution that belongs to God, and have been given the wonderful responsibility of being its stewards. We are excited about what is to come,” said Tim. “As we focus on the next fifty years of serving the community, our administrators, staff, and physicians are all honored, humbled, and excited about continuing to build on the legacy that is Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.”

Crister Delacruz is the regional manager of public relations for Adventist Midwest Health.



Nurses at the hospital, circa 1962



Nursing teamwork today continues the tradition of excellent patient care at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.



The Patient Care Center at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital is scheduled to open in Summer 2006. The campus of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital is highlighted with the construction of the new Center.

ADVENTIST MIDWEST HEALTH

LIVING OUR MISSION

BY CRISTER DELACRUZ

A man with a quiet smile and unassuming presence is the 2005 recipient of the *Living Our Mission* award at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. Reynaldo “Rey” Tuazon, Plant Operations manager, was presented the award during the regional *Spiritual Emphasis Week*.

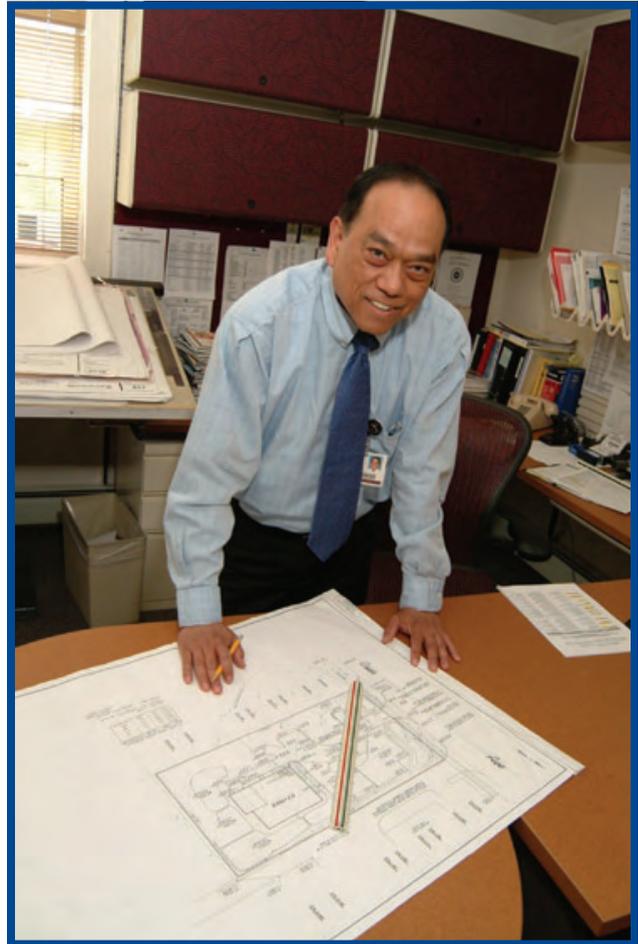


Jonathan Leach, Ministries and Mission regional executive director, and Todd Werner, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital president/chief executive officer, present Rey Tuazon with the Living Our Mission award.

A hospital employee since 1980, Rey is proud to be part of an organization “dedicated to the work of God.” Born and raised in the Philippines in a family of nine children, the third-generation Adventist embodies the mission of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital in his daily life. “God gave each of us the task to be His hands and feet here on Earth,” says Rey. “I’m honored with that responsibility.”

Though much of his daily tasks involve charts, graphs, paper, and pen, the multi-talented man uses his skills in many ways to bless those around him. An elder at the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church, Tuazon also plays the piano every weekday at 7:00 a.m. for his department’s morning devotion. “It’s a wonderful way to start the day,” he said. “We are a family here and it is our way to touch base with each other and God before we begin our work. Playing the piano is my simple and small way to contribute to this tradition.” Rey also coordinates the schedule for sharing daily meditations.

“Rey exemplifies Christian service in every aspect of his job,” says Jim Today, Plant Operations director. “He



Rey Tuazon says opportunities to touch people’s lives in a hospital present themselves at every turn.

is a man who lives his faith through his actions.” Rey says opportunities to touch people’s lives in a hospital present themselves at every turn. “Even though I’m not directly involved in caring for patients, I believe that what I do has an effect on the quality of care they receive.” Prior to coming to the United States, Rey was a managing engineer for large scale construction projects in the Philippines. “I have experienced what it’s like to work in a non-Christian environment—and there is a reason why I have chosen to work at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. We have a mission here and I am so blessed to be a part of it.”

Crister Delacruz is the regional manager of public relations for Adventist Midwest Health.

ADVENTIST MIDWEST HEALTH

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL

BY CRISTER DELACRUZ

As Adventist GlenOaks Hospital marks its first 25 years of service to the community, administrators wanted to make a special note of the cultural richness that can be found at the hospital. On May 2–5, the first in a series of week-long cultural enrichment events celebrated the Mexican culture. Spearheaded by the Spiritual Life Committee of the Ministries and Mission department, the program highlighted various cultures represented at the hospital.

The week included a mariachi band which played music throughout the lunch hours in the cafeteria and various units in the hospital; folk dancers who skillfully demonstrated dances from different parts of Mexico; artwork and historical displays; and a complimentary Mexican meal served on May 5—Cinco de Mayo—a Mexican holiday.

Delora Hagen, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital chaplain, commented, “The very diverse ethnic composition of the employees, medical staff, and service community of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital brings such a unique aspect to Adventist Midwest Health. We wanted to celebrate that.”

In sharing the background for this project, Delora noted that the Spiritual Life Committee knew highlighting the diverse cultures was what they wanted to do, but were unsure how to accomplish that. “At first we didn’t have a clear picture of how to do this,” said Delora. “We knew that we wanted to expose our staff to the different viewpoints and deeper perspectives of other cultures because we encounter each other every day, whether as colleagues or patient and clinician.” She

adds, “There are so many nuances in our service delivery that is effected by language—spoken and actions—even something as simple as the direction of fingers when motioning to someone differs from culture to culture.”

The concept of cultural enrichment events emerged from a casual conversation between Delora and Verona Valentine, assessment coordinator at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. “We were talking about what the Spiritual Life Committee was aiming for and Verona’s eyes lit up and [she] said that she knew someone who could possibly help.” That

“someone” was Gottfried Oosterwal, Center for International Relations director, who also happens to be Verona’s father. Within days, an invitation had been extended to Gottfried to speak at the hospital. In Fall 2004, as part of the plan to implement deeper understanding of cultures within the organiza-

tion, all employees were strongly encouraged to attend the two-hour seminars presented by Gottfried.

“I really appreciated the effort the hospital made to highlight the different cultures we have,” said Sallietta Balice, GlenOaks Sports and Spine Outpatient Rehab office coordinator. “Dr. Oosterwal had a great message and he made us think out of the box when it comes to our interactions with each other and our patients.”

From that point on, the Spiritual Life Committee knew they wanted to create a program that would immerse employees in cultural experiences—even for just a small amount of time—and proceeded to select the Mexican culture as the first to highlight. Patrice Beal, Employee Health





The Folklorico Dancers skillfully demonstrated Mexican dances with their colorful costumes.

Nurse and Spiritual Life Committee member lead the Mexican Heritage Week planning and solicited the help of many employees who had Mexican backgrounds. “There was a sense of affirmation and pride to be able to share their culture,” said Patrice. “And for those of us who are not of Mexican decent, our understanding was deepened.”

“As a group, we realized that this was such an integral part of our daily lives,” said Patrice. “It is one thing to mentally understand the culture, but to experience it—food, smells, thoughts, ideas, art, and history—it’s a completely deeper experience. And that’s what we wanted to highlight. It’s like taking a little trip to whichever culture we feature.”

Future plans are in place to present similar weeks that would feature insights into different cultures, including: East Indian/Pakistani, Filipino/Vietnamese, and Eastern European.

Jonathan Leach, Ministries and Mission regional executive director, notes, “These cultural treasures are designed to honor and understand the different cultures at Adventist

GlenOaks Hospital. The more comfortable we are to work with people of other cultures, the better we can accomplish our mission and in turn will help us meet our patients’ needs in providing healthcare.”

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Adventist GlenOaks Hospital employees enjoyed a complimentary Mexican meal.

ADVENTIST MIDWEST HEALTH

THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE — CHARLENE CIOE

BY GINNY RICHARDSON

As a little girl, Charlene “Char” Cioe was hospitalized for many long weeks. Through her experiences during hospitalization, Char became inspired by the nurses who cared for her. “They were so caring,” she said. As a child, and as she matured, Char continued to think of nursing as the perfect career choice.

Today, Char Cioe is Critical Care/Emergency Services director at Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. Char is very dedicated to her patients and the hospital which, this year, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. She is also committed to patients on a worldwide basis as well.

In February 2005, Char used her vacation time for a ten-day medical mission trip to Belize. A team of volunteer physicians, nurses, paramedics, physical therapists, and lay persons spent six days in 11 villages and treated a total of 2,293 patients. Of course, preparations for such a mission began months in advance.

On December 26, 2004, the killer tsunami ravaged South Asia, bringing destruction and heartbreak to incalculable numbers of people. The massive global relief efforts that followed that dreadful day were necessary and heroic, certainly, but the aid depleted the availability of donated supplies for the team’s mission trip.

The mission team realized they would have to come up with a new plan for supplies. In addition to paying for airfare and other personal expenses, Char and the other participants paid out of pocket for many supplies and medications. But creativity was at work here! Local pharmacies helped by offering sizable discounts on aspirin, vitamins,

and other medications, all of which were close to expiration. Other items were purchased frugally and in bulk at the dollar store, such as books and toys—anything to brighten the lives of the children of the villages.

Upon arriving in Belize, the mission group split into two teams of six to seven members. Each group consisted of one physician, a few nurses, and a paramedic, physical therapist, or lay person. Both teams set up traveling medical clinics



The medical team attended local residents in this small school building.

in various villages. At the clinics, a variety of illnesses were treated, the most common being asthma, flu, colds, after-effects of strokes, and gynecological problems.

Char recalls, “One family came with a feverish baby swaddled tightly in several layers of blankets. Just by unwrapping the child, her temperature went from 106 degrees to 104 degrees. Other cooling procedures prevented the baby from certain seizure. After the crisis passed, we tried to educate the child’s parents about the proper care for a fever. Unfortunately, we battled generations of incorrect advice, so I’m not sure the baby’s family believed us.”

Char’s team also diagnosed a dangerous medical condition in a seemingly healthy-looking seven-year-old. The



Adventist Midwest Health Facilities



A mission team member from Iowa (right) diagnosed and treated two local women.

child's family stated that occasionally the young girl had breathing problems. Since she looked and acted perfectly fine, the nurse asked her to perform a brief exercise. Almost immediately, the child turned blue. The team diagnosed the child with a heart problem and arranged for her care in a more appropriate medical facility.



A baby was weighed before receiving medicine.

Not all ailments could be attended to by the medical clinic. One child came in with "the biggest tonsils I had ever seen in my entire career!" said Char. This child was sent to the hospital for surgery.

The camaraderie felt through the touching moments and caring for the sick bonded the medical team into family. Each stays close through e-mails. "A mission of this magnitude is very exhausting, but rewarding both spiritually and professionally," Char said.

Ginny Richardson is a contract writer for Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital.



Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital – Coming in 2007
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Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital
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For more information about Adventist Midwest Health, visit www.keepingyouwell.com.



A Look Around Adventist Midwest Health

Losey Joins Adventist Hinsdale Hospital

Garry Losey, a former pastor with more than 27 years of ministry experience, is the newest full-time chaplain at Adventist

Hinsdale Hospital. He has served as a student missionary in Korea, ministered as a civilian in Calif., Hawaii, and Va., and served as an Army chaplain in Colo., Texas, Korea, and Germany. He is still active as an Army Reserve chaplain.



Garry Losey, Adventist Hinsdale Hospital chaplain

A second-generation Seventh-day Adventist pastor, Losey loves being close to people and helping them in their time of need. He has a strong commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of the patients, employees, and community. His responsibilities at Hinsdale include coordinating the chaplaincy program, including *Spiritual Emphasis Week*, *Blessing of the Hands*, *National Day of Prayer* events, and overseeing and supporting staff and volunteer chaplains. His family includes his wife, Yvonne, who is also on the Adventist Hinsdale Hospital staff as an obstetric nurse; son Ben; daughter Sherlyn and her husband Kenneth; and two grandchildren, Gavin and Gabby.

Region Observes National Day of Prayer

Adventist Midwest Health offered a time of reflection and prayer for the nation, its communities, hospitals,



Brian Couvillion, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Western Springs, Ill.



Judy Peterson, speaker who walked across the United States



C. James Carr, Wheaton (Ill.) mayor



Walter L. Wright, Adventist Health System board chairman, at the groundbreaking

staff, patients, and families on May 5 during *National Day of Prayer* events.

C. James Carr, Wheaton (Ill.) mayor, spoke at a prayer breakfast co-sponsored by Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, its Foundation, and area chambers of commerce.

Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital featured Judy Peterson, a pastor, who shared "A Journey Worth Traveling." Peterson walked across the United States to gain insights into a simpler life and walking with God.

At Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, Brian Couvillion, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Western Springs, Ill., presented "God Shed His Grace on Thee."



Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Breaks Ground

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital broke ground on a sunny and brisk Ill. afternoon. On Mar. 18, more than 400 guests—including civic leaders, hospital administrators and employees, community residents, and friends—celebrated the first new hospital to be built in Ill. in more than 25 years.

Scheduled to open in 2007, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital will improve healthcare access for the growing

population of DuPage and Will counties. The state-of-the-art, full-service facility will be nearly 300,000 square feet and will feature 138 beds, including 102 medical/surgical, 20 obstetrics, and 12 intensive care unit beds.

To be designated a Level II Trauma Center, the new hospital will also include a Children's Health Center, dedicated to the exclusive needs of pediatric patients.

Nurses of the Year Selected by Adventist Midwest Health Hospitals

Adventist Midwest Health announced *Nurse of the Year* winners for each hospital during *Nurses Week*. Winning nurses were selected because they embody the true meaning of nursing and the SHARE principles. The SHARE

principles are: Sense people's needs; Help each other; Acknowledge and accept people's feelings; Respect people's dignity; and, Explain. Adventist Hinsdale Hospital selected Colleen Gale, RN, clinical coordinator, to receive its *Nurse of the Year* award. Susan Bosko, RN, operative services, was honored by Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital's *Nurse of the Year* award went to Susan Ford, nursing leadership.

Crister Delacruz, regional manager of public relations for Adventist Midwest Health

Professor Joins International Research Team

Oystein S. LaBianca, professor of anthropology and Institute of Archaeology associate director, will join an international team of anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers, historians,



Oystein S. LaBianca, professor of anthropology and Institute of Archaeology associate director

and sociologists in a study of “Global Moments in the Levant,” (the area of the Middle East commonly referred to as the Holy Land). The team of 16 researchers will be headed by Leif Manger, professor of anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway, to study “breakthrough events that change people’s lives and their futures.”

In Feb. 2005, the Norwegian Research Council (NRC) informed the team that their application, “Global Moments in the Levant: Towards an Understanding of a Contact Zone Between Peoples, Cultures, and States,” had been approved for funding over the next four years in the amount of 16 million Norwegian kroner (approximately \$2.6 million USD). The team submitted one of 17 successful applications out of 263 in an annual competition for 250 million Norwegian kroner (approximately \$39.9 million USD) of NRC funding for basic research in all fields.

According to LaBianca, visiting researcher at the University of Bergen during spring 2004 and co-author of the proposal with Leif Manger, global moments are “fundamental cultural changes that lead to new ways of thinking, to new worlds of knowledge, to new social worlds, and to new types of

personal and collective identities. The emergence of writing and of literacy, for example, led to new forms of recording and storing information which, in turn, changed the social organization of societies, bringing in their wake new forms of inequality and privilege. Such developments typically call for significant adaptation leading to new forms of cooperation or conflict.”

Participation in this study provides an excellent opportunity to broaden our understanding and may have significant implications for the work of Adventist education. The team met in Bergen, Norway, for their first organizational meeting in May.

University Relations news release

Student Pages Serve at GC Session

The 58th General Conference (GC) Session, to be held June 30–July 9 in St. Louis, Mo., will be the third at which Andrews University students have had the opportunity to serve as administrative pages.

“Andrews is pleased to be able to provide students to serve as administrative pages,” says Rebecca May,

University Relations director. “Because Andrews’ students best reflect the demographics of the world church, we are in a unique position to provide this assistance to the GC Session.”

Out of 75 applications submitted this past winter to University Relations, 25 were selected to reflect the rich diversity of talent, language skills, and varied areas of study represented on our campus. The pages will serve in various GC offices, such as Secretariat, Session Management, Business Center, and Communication. Andrews will award students a stipend, applicable to next year’s tuition, for their service as administrative pages.

Lianro WagenerSmith, a graduate school psychology student from South Africa, is looking forward to spending a busy two weeks in St. Louis. “From what I’ve heard from friends of mine who served in Toronto five years ago, I am expecting to be kept very busy. But, I am especially looking forward to meeting people from places I’ve never been who are Seventh-day Adventists just like me, and to becoming more familiar with the business side of the church.”

Heather Schander, student news writer



Andrews University students will serve as administrative pages at the 58th General Conference Session in St. Louis.

[EDUCATION NEWS]



Hannah Hoffman portrayed Ellen White at her school's "wax museum."

Ellen White "Lives" On

Michigan—Seven-year-old Hannah Hoffman recently played the part of Ellen White in her school's "wax museum."

For the past two years, each child in her class at Midland Academy of Advanced and Creative Studies was asked to select an important person from history to portray. Students researched the person's life and wrote a short speech explaining why the person was important. They also wore a costume and displayed props as they presented their speeches to not only the other school children, but to the parents and grandparents at Parent's Night, too.

Each child was instructed to stay as still as possible until someone came up to them and touched their shoulder. Then they would "come to life" and repeat the speech they had memorized.

Last year, Hannah played the part of Queen Esther. This year's assignment was a little more specific. Students were required to choose someone from Michigan history. Hannah and her family were very excited when they found out this requirement because they knew this could be a way to introduce Ellen White and possibly share her literature with the parents.

The Estey (Mich.) Church family prayed with the Hammonds that this could be the opportunity they hoped

for. Mellisa Hoffman said, "I am happy to say it was a success. Hannah was able to hand out 33 *Steps to Christ* in 30 minutes. What an awesome opportunity God gave to us! I pray that when we get to Heaven, Hannah will be able to find someone there whose life was changed because of her witness that night."

Diane Thurber, *Lake Union Herald* managing editor, as shared by Mellisa Hoffman, Estey Church member

New Lenawee School Dedicated

Michigan—Last November students, teachers, and constituents of Lenawee Adventist School gathered for a special occasion—classes met for the first time in a brand new school facility.

Fred Goliath, principal and upper grades teacher, welcomed those present to a special dedication worship service with these words, "To God be the glory for the things He hath done."

Many young people in Lenawee and neighboring counties had attended

and graduated from Benedict Memorial School. The former building, housing two classrooms and a very small gym, provided a place where young persons studied math, played basketball, completed an art project, read their Bibles, and lifted their voices in prayer. It was a place where they made many friends and good memories.

Now, the brand new facility with a full-size gymnasium and state-of-the-art flooring and lighting will provide even greater opportunities while the mission remains the same. Lenawee Adventist School is in the business of preparing young people for Heaven! The new facility shows the high premium the constituency places on their youth.

Garry Sudds, Lake Union Conference associate education superintendent, was present for the dedication and encouraged each student to consider the new school as a place where God resides. A slide program, presented by Gordon Guild, showed the history of Adventist education in the district.

The teachers were affirmed by Jim Campbell, pastor, for being God's representatives. He offered a prayer of dedication for them and the new facility.

Fred Goliath summed up how each one felt when he said, "We are in the business of saving our young people for eternity, and by the grace of God, we will."

Linda Fuchs, Michigan Conference associate education superintendent



On the first day at the new Lenawee school, Garry Sudds, Lake Union Conference associate education superintendent, gave a worship talk. The mission for the new facility will remain the same: Preparing Young People for Eternity.



This past year, Greater Lansing Adventist School students and staff assembled in the church sanctuary every school day. They were paired up by twos and spent 20 minutes in the Word and in prayer together.



Araine Greenridge (left) and Natalie Hutchins shared the joy of a Bible story during PBS time at Greater Lansing Adventist School.

Students Connect at PBS Time

Michigan—At 12:55 p.m. each day, students at Greater Lansing Adventist School (GLAS) made their way to the church sanctuary for Prayer and Bible Study (PBS) time. The team of teachers at GLAS thought that it was irresponsible to tell students they should spend time each day with Jesus and not provide time for them to do just that. So they came up with PBS time.

The goal was to provide students with an opportunity to fall in love with Jesus and develop a personal relationship with Him that would last for eternity. The staff believes prayer and Bible study are essential to develop that relationship.

Students paired up with a prayer and Bible study partner for one quarter. Each day they spent 20 minutes together praying and discovering more about Jesus in His Word.

According to the staff, this was a real blessing to the school. Students were able to get to know each other better by praying for one another. Wyson Ndovie, a ninth grader, said this about PBS time: "It's pretty cool. You get to know your partner more. You get to find out more about their life and they get to know more about you. As you spend more time with them, you become better friends."

Students led out during PBS time. Jared White, an eighth grader, was music leader and Ethan Johnson, a third grader, was prayer leader. They were in charge of organizing each day. The students became familiar with the program and it ran like clockwork. They started the time off with a song and ended with another song.

Adislen Perez Varela, a seventh grader, said, "Stacy Carter, [third grader] and I have learned a lot. We have just finished reading the book of Matthew. It is a great book. It tells you how to pray, how to get married and not divorced, and stuff like that. PBS helps us to share our faith with each other."



Jacob Davis (left) and Patrick Smith spent PBS time together for one quarter. They became very well acquainted as they studied and prayed together.

Deanna Shultz, a sixth grader, said, "I think PBS is needed because it lets us get to know God more as well as each other."

After PBS time was over, the school returned to regular class work. The teachers know God wants to live in the hearts and minds of all of the students, staff, and families. This program is one way they hope to see that happen.

Greater Lansing Adventist School staff

WA Alumni Get a Taste of Heaven

Wisconsin—Wisconsin Academy (WA) alumni and friends gathered Apr. 15–17 to reminisce about their high school years and catch up on the changes to the school since they attended.



Friends gathered in front of the gym to remember their time at the academy.

The weekend's theme was "Coming Again." As attendees met with old friends and acquaintances, they were reminded of the reunion that will happen one day in Heaven.

"Over 1,000 people attended the weekend," said Michelle Shufelt, WA development director.

This year's *Alumnus of the Year* award was presented to Virgil Erlandson and the *Faculty of the Year* award was presented to Oliver Archer, former chaplain and Bible teacher.

Archer gave the message Fri. night. He spoke of the events leading up the second coming and reminded listeners that now is the time to get ready to meet Jesus.

Cherry Habenicht, former Bible and French teacher, was the featured speaker for church. She painted a vivid picture of the trust we can place in our heavenly Father during the turbulent times in our lives.



Choir members from the class of 1965 performed for the afternoon music program.



From left: James Fox, Ken Kirkham, and Richard Habenicht, Wisconsin Conference team members, discuss their next shot.

Scholarships made possible by the generous donations of WA alumni and friends were also awarded Sabbath morning.

Mark your calendars for the next alumni weekend, planned for Apr. 21–23, 2006. The speakers have not been chosen yet, but it will be a great weekend. All of the years that end in a six and the class of 1981 are reunion classes. Please plan to attend.

WA alumni who would like to start planning class reunions should contact the development department for their classmates' contact information.

Kristy Brown Lust, Wisconsin Academy graduate ('99)

WA Friends Gain More Support for Worthy Student Fund

Wisconsin—Wisconsin Academy (WA) alumni weekend had an exciting new event this year—a golf tournament. The Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Sun. of alumni weekend at Kestral Ridge Golf Course in Columbus, Wis. The tournament was organized to raise community awareness of WA and to increase donations for the school's Worthy Student Fund.

Well in advance of the tournament, event planners contacted Adventist



Daniel Fekete, a 2001 alumni, drives the ball down the fairway. Daniel was the assistant boys' dean at WA this past year and taught guitar lessons.

businesses and other local entrepreneurs to heighten their awareness of the ministry taking place at WA and to solicit donations. Many responded favorably to their request. Contributing donors included McNeilus Steel, Inc., Miller Construction/Killer Concrete, Wisconsin Conference, Paul Conner, D.D.S., and many local businesses. Individuals contacted through these visits were encouraged to join the fun and some sent representatives to participate in the tournament.

Local business owners John and Sue Walcott remarked, "Wisconsin Academy and Walcott Studios

have been involved with each other for the last fifty-five years. We believe in WA and their mission to serve Christ and appreciate their support of us—that is why we choose to be part of WA Alumni Golf Tournament."

A total of 17 foursomes participated in the tournament. With team contributions and business donations, over \$20,000 was raised for the Worthy Student Fund. What a blessing this money will be for the many students who are hoping and planning to attend WA for the 2005-2006 school year!

The tournament was a huge success and will be an annual tradition at alumni weekend. Tournament planners hope to juncture with more community groups and businesses next year.

Kristy Brown Lust, Wisconsin Academy graduate ('99)



From left: Dale Ondrejka, Melvin Gillen, Ron Klemp, and Jeff Rosen, class of 1974 alumni golf team members, take a moment from the fun they are having to pose for a picture.



At Academy Days, visiting students practiced playing the handbells in the Music department.



Youth Rally participants gathered together to stay warm while deciding who to trust during the Sabbath school activity.

WA Guests Experience Academy Life

Wisconsin—With Youth Rally, the *Knights' Home Show*, and Academy Days, Apr. 29–May 1 was a large and eventful weekend at Wisconsin Academy (WA). Not a single guest room was left vacant.

At vespers on Fri. night, *Fishhook*, WA's drama team, performed "Entertaining Angels," a play focused on spiritual warfare. The story of how a young couple and their daughter faced the trials of this world, which pushed the family to the brink of separation, unfolded before an attentive audience. The sincerity and genuineness of the actors along with

its tragic ending left many of the spectators in tears. "Now we know what our most powerful program is here [at WA]," said Roy Seals, coach. Jackie James, Enrollment Services counselor at Southern Adventist University, wrapped up the performance with a few words about the battle which is not between flesh and blood.

Sabbath school consisted of an activity where good and bad angels were chosen and given the responsibility to convince the other people to come with them to "Heaven." Students were given the chance to see how easily deceived we can be. In the afternoon, students were given the option to go to a local gas station and wash car windows, witness at a nursing home, or participate in a nature walk. After a special music program, another inspiring message was presented by the pastor to wrap up the spiritual aspect of the weekend.

Sat. night the WA *Knights*, along with the Minnetonka *Royals*, and several previous *Knights'* members, put on the annual gymnastics home show.

Academy Days commenced on the last day of



Sophomore Sean Fiscus and senior Aris Rivera, senior, lead out in song service with WA's praise team.

the weekend. Visiting students were given a tour of the WA campus. At each classroom they were given quizzes and were introduced to academy life. There was also a gymnastics clinic held and voice/piano auditions in the music department. An assembly was held in the chapel, where students were given scholarships and awards for the quizzes and tryouts.

The weekend passed quickly with the flurry of events. Both visiting and current students were given the chance to gain a blessing and strengthen their spiritual life. "I wish there was always this many students at WA!" said Michelle Paulsen, a junior.

If you would like the dates and times for next year's events, please contact Michelle Shufelt, (920) 623-3300, ext. 18.

Sara Meulemans, Wisconsin Academy alumnae



During the awards ceremony, Lavenda Tuinonetoa, Music director, gave a music scholarship to Hannah Austin (left), who will be a junior next year.

[PATHFINDER NEWS]

Pathfinders Enjoy Fair and Honor Leaders

Illinois—"He has fun stories, I could have listened to him longer," stated a camper referring to Dean Whitlow, Indiana Conference Pathfinder director and guest speaker at the 2005 Illinois Conference Pathfinder Camporee and Fair held Apr. 9-10. Another camper was impressed by Robert W. Holbrook, World Pathfinder director, and enthusiastically stated, "The GC guy ... he's been all over the world. He's a regular guy and hung out with us. He knows everything about birds. He's a cool guy!"



From back: Todd Stark II and Ben Davis accompanied the praise team during Sabbath morning worship.

In opening remarks at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour, Holbrook stated, "The only proper recognition that can be given actually cannot be given. It is earned. For 40 years, Rueben and Rita Thorson have been involved in Pathfinder leadership." The Thorsons began their work in 1965 with Pathfinders in Minn. After their move to Ill., they served first with the Hinsdale *Trailblazers* and now with the Boling-

brook *Voyagers*.

"One must seriously question the sanity of these two individuals," Holbrook continued. "Their recompense was such as sore backs from sleeping on the ground, upset stomachs from all the semi-burned or raw camp food, gray hairs from the unsolvable problems, headaches from all the inflexible behavior from fellow staff members, calloused fingers from all the crafts taught, and so many other similar 'blessings.'" However, in recognition of their dedicated leadership in the Pathfinder organization, Holbrook presented the Thorsons with two commemorative coins celebrating the 50th anniversary of Pathfinders and a trophy from the North American Division. Following this presentation, Todd Stark, Central Illinois area coordinator, presented the Thorsons with a plaque from the Illinois Conference.

Holbrook also officiated in the Team Leadership Training (TLT) induction and promotion. TLT candidates received their pins and braids, formally entering into the four-year leadership training program. Some of the current TLTs were promoted to the next level of their four-level program during the ceremony.

On Sun. at the Pathfinder Fair, Pathfinders were involved in many fun activities, including drill team competition. The Hinsdale Fil-Am *Challengers* won first place this year. Other activities included Knots at Night (you'll have to ask junior-age Pathfinders what this event is all about), Frisbee toss,



Robert W. Holbrook (left), World Pathfinder director, congratulates Rita and Rueben Thorson for 40 years of Pathfinder leadership.

and jump rope contests. Teen Pathfinders participated in an orienteering course, fire building and string burning, and a Frisbee toss.

In the afternoon, the pinewood derby and rocket launch was held. Ryan Baker of the Hinsdale *Trailblazers* won the junior division, and Andy Stark of the Richland Bridge *Algonquian Indians* won the teen division. Due to windy conditions, the rocket launch



Northern Chicago area director, Jim Newbold, congratulates Amanda Kilgore at her induction into the TLT program.

was a whole lot of fun, with no winners, but some brightly-colored ornaments for many of the camp's trees. A great weekend, staff and Pathfinders left with thankfulness for dedicated leadership and visions of what they'll do at next year's camporee.

Rachel Terwilligar, Illinois Conference development director

[YOUTH NEWS]

Go WILD in South Dakota

Illinois—Wilderness, Inspiration, Leadership, Discovery—that's what going WILD at Wilderness Adventure Camp means!

"Lord, I lift Your name on high," rang out from approximately 7,000 feet above sea level on the top of Spire 4, the tallest spire in the Cathedral Spire group of South Dakota's Black Hills. It was Wed., June 28, and eight members of the Illinois Conference Wilderness Adventure (Wilderness) team had just scaled the pinnacle and were praising God for the memorable experience.

Incredible doesn't even begin to describe Wilderness, according to Jennifer Freedman, recounting her experiences later. "The trip changed my life," she said. "I gained so much confidence in myself and in God. I now believe that I can climb the 'mountains' in my life, and the ones I can't climb, God will move."

Confidence like this is gained through a variety of experiences throughout the Wilderness week. Mornings include time spent alone with God in Bible reading and prayer, time spent learning skills necessary to survive in the wilderness, and time spent learning to work together as

a team. "I believe that it is important to have our youth learn to work together in teams, because no man is an island," said Stephanie East, a.k.a. Kronos by Wilderness attendees. And work-



A climber scales a rock in outlets near Sylvan Lake.



Wilderness Adventure staff and campers sit on top of Sentinel Rock at Mississippi Palisades State Park, Ill.

ing together as a team is necessary, whether scaling a three-pitch rock face or setting up a campsite.

"This year we had trials that really made the whole group unite and made us find real friends," said Eric Shadle, a two-year Wilderness veteran. It is through these challenges God is able to touch lives and work miracles, according to Michael Adair, a six-year veteran staff member. Campers have to give their trust to someone other than themselves. "Their first rappel is usually where they have to release their grip on the things that they know and put their trust in the unknown," Adair said. "I think this helps them get a better understanding of how they can direct their faith from the things they can see to the unseen Lord."

This is the whole goal of Wilderness, according to Rodney East, Wilderness director. "We want to get kids in contact with God through nature and activities that push their self-imposed mental limits, both spiritually and physically."

Learning to trust God and turning burdens over to Him are important concepts to learn while in our youth. "If you spend time outdoors, you will come in contact with God," Rodney said. "I think one of the most important things about Wilderness is learning about God through nature, God's



Music is a major part of the Wilderness Adventure experience. Jeff Mitzelfelt plays the guitar for worships.

second book," he said. "So if you stray from God later in life, being in nature provides a connection back to Him."

Are you in high school or college and do you want a life-changing experience? Call Linda Hinton at the Illinois Conference office and sign up for Wilderness Adventure Camp. The adventure begins Aug. 4, 2005. Call, get the details, and then join us for the challenge.

Stephanie East, Illinois Conference Wilderness Adventure Camp co-director



Volunteers have worked hard to complete the new Pathfinder Pavilion for the August camporee.

Volunteer Projects Continue at Camp Au Sable

Michigan—Construction of the Pathfinder Pavilion began in July 2004. Volunteers have worked hard to finish Phase I, which consisted of pouring concrete footings, walls, and the floor. Phase II consists of setting the support steel, trusses, and roofing. It is anticipated this will be completed by Aug. 1, 2005, before the next Pathfinder Teen Mission orientation and camporee.

The pavilion will be used for recreational activities, various conference events, as a meeting place for church and club campouts, and for large equipment storage during winter months.

Volunteers are needed to help with this project. Please contact the Pathfinder department at (517) 316-1572 for further details. Financial contributions may be sent to the Michigan Conference and marked, "Pathfinder Pavilion."

Nicely nestled in the trees, the new Deer Lodge is taking shape. This additional housing will provide 11 guest rooms, each with its own bathroom. It will also have a kitchen, dining-conference room, and recreation room. With the Main Village, Cedar Village, Forest Lodge, and now Deer Lodge, Camp Au Sable can host up to four separate groups.

This project has been funded by special gifts and not from Camp Au Sable or Michigan Conference operating funds. If you are interested in helping this building get completed, please contact the conference youth department at (517) 316-1570 or lwhite@misda.org. Financial contributions should be marked, "Deer Lodge—Camp Au Sable," and sent to Michigan Conference, PO Box 19009, Lansing, MI 48901.



Volunteers Carl Norris and Arthur Weaver install plumbing in Deer Lodge.

A Salute to Compassion

Lake Region—We all know about the devastation and heartache the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami caused in Asia and South Africa. We are also aware of agencies such as Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) that raised funds and helped these victims. Tyler Barber, a ten-year-old young man from the Conant Gardens Church in Detroit, Mich., decided he also wanted to help these victims.



Tyler Barber raised \$167 for tsunami victims.

The needs of tsunami victims were planted in his mind when his school resumed after the Christmas break and his teacher suggested each student should help them recover. Tyler went home that day and immediately told his mother he wanted to sponsor a bake sale so his class could participate in raising funds to relieve the tsunami victims. Tyler's mother first contacted his teacher and obtained permission from the YMCA Service Learning Academy director, where Tyler attends school, to have the bake sale on Feb. 14, 2005.

When the day arrived, Tyler was the only one who came to school with baked goods to sell. Undaunted, Tyler and two of his classmates took a cart with cookies, cupcakes, and mini-cheesecakes around to the classrooms to sell to students and teachers. The response was overwhelming; Tyler went home and begged his mother to bake more goodies to sell the next day, which she did.

By the end of his two-day sales event, Tyler had raised one hundred sixty-seven dollars to send to tsunami victims. His compassion also caused adults at his school and church to reflect on how their influence can result in actions by their students and children. When adults show compassion and kindness for others in need, children learn from their actions and

Michael Nickless,
Michigan Conference
communication director

are also willing to help others who are less fortunate. When we show love for those in need, we show it to Christ, who is their Creator and Redeemer (see Matthew 25).

Matilda Martin, Conant Garden Church correspondent, with Bruce Babienko Lake Union Herald volunteer correspondent

[WOMEN'S NEWS]

Michigan and Sri Lankan Women Blessed by Women's Retreats

Michigan—First, a relaxing weekend at Camp Au Sable, then back to the reality of a houseful of children and a husband to feed, or a lonely apartment where a single woman lives alone or has children to care for. That is the reality for many of the 590 women who attended one of three women's retreats in Apr. Women who attend come for many reasons, but Christian fellowship is what many of them write on their evaluations at the end of the weekend.

This year's attendees included many first-timers and friends who are not members of the Adventist church. Many were brought by Adventist friends or are newly-baptized members from church plants throughout Michigan.

Carolyn Sutton, a retired educator, missionary, and former editor of *Guide* magazine, was guest speaker for the three weekends. She kept the women's attention with colorful anecdotes and relevant Bible teaching. She highlighted God's goodness, His healing, and Kingdom principles designed to enable women to cope with life's challenges.

Although some who came had seemingly insurmountable struggles, many others were there to support and help them along in their Christian walk. One woman wrote on her evaluation that the weekend had given her "a more meaningful relationship with my



Jeannie Weaver presented a seminar about attractive dress for Christian women.

Lord and tools to take home to help others walk closer to the Lord."

Weekend seminars included "Strengthening Marriage Relationships," "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People," "Living a Healthy Lifestyle," "Making Sense with Clothes and Color," and a special leadership sharing time for leaders and prospective leaders who keep women's ministries alive in their home churches.

The women take up an offering for a special project each year on Sabbath morning. This year's offering focused on women and children living on the tea plantations in Sri Lanka. Funds raised will be used by Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to provide medical assistance to women who work on the plantations and sometimes deliver their babies while they are working in the fields. Since they have not had prenatal care, many women and their children die during childbirth.

This year's offering is the largest taken so far, amounting to \$7,738, and is enough to give more than 500 women prenatal care and assistance for their children.

Marj Snyder, Michigan Conference women's ministries correspondent

[UNION NEWS]

Camp Scheduled for Blind Bikers

Michigan—Christian Record Services (CRS) and National Camps for Blind Children/Adults (NCBC) are sponsoring a Blind Bikers' Camp

at Rambadt Park in Reed City, Mich., Aug. 10–14, 2005.

"Sixteen blind bikers will each be accompanied on a tandem bicycle (for two) by a sighted volunteer," explains Larry Hubbell, director for the CRS Lake District (Mich., Ind., Ill., and Wis.), and camp coordinator for Blind Bikers' Camp.

Different activities are planned each day with bikers returning to camp each night. Included will be a bike trip on the Pere Marquette Trail going east out of Reed City to Everett, airplane rides with a flight instructor, canoeing, visiting the Reed City Church on Sabbath, and a visit to the Old Rugged Cross Historical Museum.



Christian Record Services' staff assists blind bikers during Blind Bikers' Camp.

Last year, blind bikers made a 190-mile trip from Nashville, Tenn., to the home of Helen Keller at Tusculumbia, Ala., the very place where Keller's odyssey as a champion for the blind and deaf began. In 2006, the Blind Bikers' Camp will be held in another part of Mich. and possibly a day or two longer.

Anyone knowing a blind person who would like to participate in future camps for the blind (summer, winter, or bikers' camps) should put them in touch with Hubbell. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. For additional information or requests for applications, write to Larry Hubbell at 812 Academy Road, Holly, MI 48442, contact him by phone: (248) 634-4379, or by fax: (248) 634-0209.

Evelyn J. Lutz, Holly Church communication leader

LUC ASI Members Enjoy Spring Fellowship Retreat

Wisconsin—The room bubbled with excitement, and not for just one story or even one meeting—the energy lasted the entire weekend! That was the spirit at the Lake Union ASI Spring Fellowship in Apr. at Camp Wakonda.

ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) is a lay organization working hand in hand with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The organization of business owners and supporting organizations are best known for funding evangelism projects. ASI provides training, equipment, and encouragement for lay people to advance the great Gospel Commission and has been instrumental in the lay evangelism explosion we've seen in the Lake Union.

Danny Shelton, president of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), provided the Sabbath sermon and 3ABN's *Kid's Time* staff, with Camp Wakonda's Ranger Jim, provided a great children's program.



Danny Shelton, 3ABN president, shared exciting stories about God's leading.

The Fri. seminar was a powerful presentation by Joseph Kidder. The music, as we've come to expect at all ASI get-togethers, was outstanding. The food, provided by the Madison,

Wis., eighth grade class as a fund-raiser with the support of Kevin and Bonnie Miller, was fantastic. But the really inspiring part of the weekend was the witnessing experiences shared.

The Catarama family joined other ASI leaders in Africa this spring to hold multiple evangelistic series. Both Viorel and Michelle Catarama are self-employed and were concerned



Many LUC ASI officers and board members were present at the Spring Fellowship, from left (back): Paul Pellandini, board member; Chuck Randall, co-vice president for projects; Gary Thurber, board member; Fred Miller, co-vice president for projects; Jan Lanaville, board member; Don Corkum, board member; (front): Barb Randall, board member; Thomas Morrissy, vice president for finance; Viorel Catarama, president; Michelle Catarama, board member; and Darry Campbell, vice president for evangelism. Not pictured were: Manuel Alua, board member; Sharon Justice, board member; Mark LaVancher, general vice president; Bryan Mattson, board member; Regil Mattson, board member; Kathleen Morrissy, board member; and Mona Sarcona, communication director.

about being gone from work. Putting everything in God's hands, they saw miracles and baptisms in Africa and found the Lord blessed their businesses too. Hearing how God used their 12-year-old son, Michael, as a replacement speaker was just thrilling.

Sandy Miller, a busy entrepreneur, business owner, grandmother, etc., also had an experience to share. When asked to host a small group at her house, her immediate answer was "No way!" It took a little encouragement, but when she tried it, she loved it, and God has blessed! A neighbor was present to testify about how much the prayers and support of the group had meant to her.

Hinsdale Church members showed pictures that demonstrated the fun they had organizing and sharing the book, *The Passion of Love*, by Ellen White. Pathfinders near Camp Wakonda also passed out these books, purchased by ASI. They had exciting reports of receptivity. One construction worker called out, "Is that book by Ellen White? I love her books!"

Replacing a 90+ year-old church in Princeton, Ill., is the current Lake Union ASI project. The church's

members are actively witnessing, growing, and raising money in eager anticipation of building a new church. The ASI offering collected at the Spring Fellowship was \$25,000; it will be used to support an evangelistic series in that neighborhood and help with the church building project.



Chuck Randall, ASI co-vice president for projects, presented an offering appeal to support evangelism and building reconstruction for a church in Princeton, Ill. Approximately \$25,000 was raised.

Next Apr. 20–21, 2006, the Lake Union ASI chapter will host an inspirational weekend at Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Mich. Plan to be there! You will be inspired and blessed. Learn more about ASI at www.asiministries.org.

Janelle Randall,
Lake Union ASI Chapter
communication director

Country Life Education and Wellness Center Dedicated

Wisconsin—On Sun., Apr. 24, 2005, the new Country Life Education and Wellness Center was dedicated during a short ceremony led by Charles Byrd, district pastor.

It was fitting for this event to coincide with the Lake Union ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) Spring Fellowship weekend since the project was made possible by a grant from the ASI national organization. Among those gathered for the occasion were officers and members of the Lake Union ASI chapter; Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president; and officers from the ASI national organization.

The Country Life ministry began decades ago by its founders, Ron and Sylvia Crary. A small number of restaurants followed the first in Madison, Wis., operating in various areas of the United States and Europe. The mission has always been the same—using the health message as an entering wedge to spread the gospel.

Now, the ministry comes full circle with this newest facility amidst two lodges and four staff homes on 250 acres of rural property just north of Portage, Wis. The Country Life Education and Wellness Center offers a comfortable café-style atmosphere that will easily accommodate the seminars planned. "Our goal is to address both physical and spiritual health. We will offer cooking classes, marriage enrichment, health education, and other seminars," says Tim Crary. All the Country Life signs on the property were hand-made by Tim, whose skill seems to be part of the family legacy. His father Ron, age 70, still works actively as a contractor building homes, which produce revenue to support Country Life's growing needs.

The Crarys' long-term goal is for the Country Life Education and



From left: Ron Crary, Sylvia Crary, Debbie Young, Stephanie Crary, and Tim Crary.

Wellness Center to become the home base for other Country Life franchise restaurants throughout nearby communities. "Country Life Central" would function as a food production center, supplying menu items to its satellite restaurants, which would in turn be feeders for the seminars offered at the main facility. On staff with Ron, Tim, and their wives Sylvia and Stephanie, are Michael and Sharlene Olivier. A board certified pediatrician, Michael's passion for health evangelism was

encouraged while at Wildwood Sanitarium in Wildwood, Ga.

Bob Simenson, from Rice Lake, and Radek Mikulasek, from the Czech Republic, will soon join the team to focus on development and will provide support to the food production arm of the ministry. Byrd comments, "The Crarys are so dedicated to promoting the gospel and sacrificing everything they have to that purpose. They are a great asset to the church and community." The Crarys anticipate great blessings to come as they continue to partner with God in the Country Life ministry.

Debbie Young, ASI president



Entrance welcome sign draws visitors to Country Life Education and Wellness Center in Portage, Wis.



Country Life Education and Wellness Center

ADRA Fund-Raiser Nets \$1,770

Michigan—When JoyRiders International chose May 14, 2005, for the first ADRA International Fund-Raiser Rally, it seemed to couple perfectly with the North American Division calendar for offerings. But offerings are collected in heated churches without regard to fickle Great Lakes spring weather.

This year, motorcycle riders had to cope with rain, blustery wind, and temperatures in the 40s and 50s. Yet 29 motorcyclists plus one dune buggy found a way to make a difference anyway. JoyRiders' purpose was to bring public attention to the work and mission of ADRA. Spread evenly over Green Bay, Wis. (nine motorcycles plus a dune buggy); Eau Claire, Mich. (ten motorcycles); and Warren, Mich. (also with ten motorcycles); these sites, with supportive volunteers providing food for the riders, raised over \$1,770 to date with some pledges yet to be turned in. The ride in Milwaukee, Wis., was not held due to poor weather.

Raising the necessary \$1,400 and more, the group will fund access to a well with clean water for the first time in Somalia for up to 5,000 villagers. What a difference that will make in community health and preventative hygiene!

JoyRiders thanks each individual who braved the weather and rode. In addition, they would like to thank those who provided hospitality services, the leadership teams of Ted and Judy Toms, of Eau Claire, Mich.; Lyle and Terri Fitzgerald, of Green Bay, Wis.; and Paul and Nancy Larsen, of Warren, Mich.; and each contributor who helped create this success story.

JoyRiders International's next national event will be its Second



JoyRiders prepare for fund-raiser ride in Green Bay, Wis.

Annual Rally, held at Valley View Adventist Center, Huttonsville, W. Va., Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4, 2005. The speaker list includes Robert Folkenberg, former General Conference president, David Wagley, Potomac Conference president, and Steve Vail, Michigan Conference evangelist.

Participants may choose to camp, bunk in a cabin, or book lodging at a nearby motel. Meals will be provided at \$6.00 each with prior purchase before Aug. 15, 2005. For reservation information and directions to the retreat center, contact Ted Toms, JoyRiders International president, at: joyrider01@juno.com, or visit the JoyRiders website at: www.joyridersinternational.com. Registration links are under construction and will be available after June 1, 2005. Space is limited, so register early this year!

JoyRiders International news release

LRC: On the Horizon of Transformation

Lake Region—One year into the three-year leadership term, the Lake Region Conference (LRC) found itself in the midst of testing and transition. Facing a number of financial challenges, the conference executive committee began the work of analyzing data. At the committee's request, Lake Union Conference leadership is providing

support and resources to ensure that generally accepted accounting principles and denominational policies are followed.

George C. Bryant, executive secretary and acting president, is working with the conference executive committee to set the conference on a course guided by a strategic plan to address operational issues and refocus the conference constituency on an evangelistic mission. One of the most important steps being taken is regular and inclusive communication with conference membership. Timely information is being distributed through *LRC UPDATE*, an on-line news and information service to pastors, staff, and members. Meetings with department directors and staff, and a retreat with the executive committee sponsored by the Lake Union Conference, have taken place. Town hall meetings will be scheduled throughout the conference territory. In various conference regions, special times are being set aside for prayer and fasting for the Holy Spirit, as new leadership is sought.



Debbie Young interviewed George C. Bryant, LRC acting president, for a live Internet broadcast.

Technology is playing a pivotal role in the timely communication of critical information. To provide a real-time connection with the conference at-large, Ray Young, Lake Region communication director, arranged and produced a live Internet broadcast with Bryant. Trailblazing new territory, the Ypsilanti (Mich.) Church is believed to be the first to use live Internet video streaming for a conference leader to communicate with his membership.

Hosted at the Ypsilanti Church, its platform was transformed into a studio

set. Debbie Young interviewed Bryant as he addressed issues of concern, discussed the strategic plan development process, and responded to questions e-mailed from conference members before the broadcast. Speaking candidly about the state of the conference, Bryant emphasized that strategies have been implemented to assure adherence to the Constitution and By-laws, which govern conference activities. He also spoke of plans to speak more in-depth with the membership, giving opportunity for feedback on the strategic plan.

The live broadcast was well-received by many on-line viewers. In addition to those who tuned in for the live Internet broadcast, over 500 Lake Region members have since downloaded the archived presentation for viewing. To view the broadcast, visit www.lakeregionsda.org.

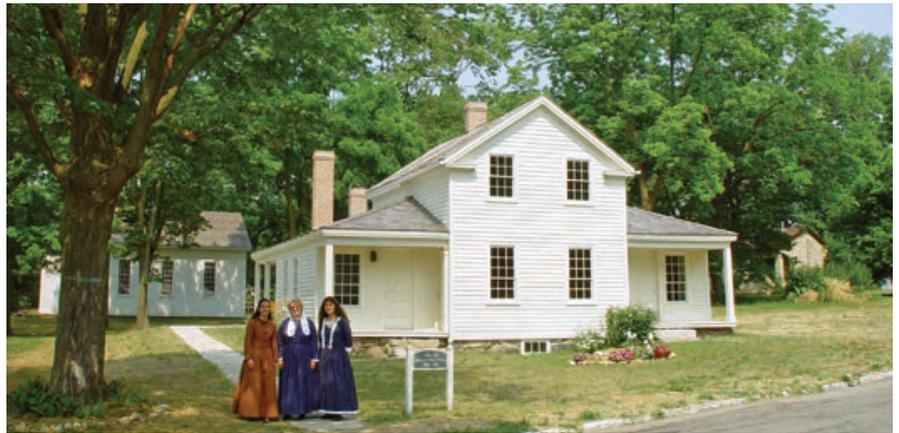
Each member of the Lake Region Conference recognizes radical changes must be made on all levels. But most important, the Holy Spirit must consume each member and override personal agendas to bring members, pastors, staff, and administrators to a spirit of unity and dependence on God. To this end, we petition the Lake Union family to join Lake Region in the supplication of God's healing and direction for the future of the Lake Region family. We trust God will oversee the proceedings of the Constituency Meeting scheduled for July 24, 2005, and that His name will be glorified by the outcome of prayerful deliberations.

Lake Region Conference news release

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Adventist Heritage Ministry Offers Vacation Ideas

Each summer, families all over America load their cars and take off for a much-needed vacation. Will you be one of them? Permit me to share a few vacation ideas with you.



Ellen and James White home on Wood Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

Sit in the quaint country church in Washington, N.H., and imagine Rachel Oaks eager to share the Sabbath truth with Frederick Wheeler and the congregation of Millerite Adventists looking for the soon coming of Jesus. Walk the beautiful Sabbath Trail and trace the Sabbath throughout Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation.

Stand in the quiet maple grove on the William Miller farm in Upstate N.Y.; picture him wrestling with God about his conviction to "tell it to the world" after study of the prophecies led him to understand it was time for Jesus to return to Earth to claim His trophies for eternity. Sense the bitter disappointment of those faithful believers who expected the heavens to split open as their Friend Jesus appeared in a cloud of angels, as you gaze into the beautiful blue sky above Ascension Rock. Worship in the historic William Miller chapel and ponder the beautiful script on the front wall that proclaims, "For at the time appointed, the end shall be." Visit the Miller cemetery where "angels watch the precious dust of this servant of God" and determine to be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Linger in the granary of the Hiram Edson barn near Port Gibson, N.Y., and contemplate the heart-felt longings for an answer to the big question, "Why?"

Climb the steep narrow stairway to the second floor bedroom of the Wood Street home of James and Ellen White



Inside the 1857 Meeting House, Battle Creek, Mich.

at Historic Adventist Village in Battle Creek, Mich., and experience the thrill of being where angels communed with Ellen White and where the first edition of *The Great Controversy* was written. Join in singing the early Advent hymns in the replicated 1857 Meeting House and appreciate anew the dedication of the humble pioneers who allowed God to use them to build His last days' church.

Enjoy the beauty of Napa Valley, Calif., as you visit Elmshaven, the final home of Ellen White. Spend time in her big corner writing room where angels were frequent visitors as she labored to pen the counsels of God for His people.

You may obtain more information about these historic Adventist sites by checking the following websites and/or phone numbers:

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Alice Voorheis, Adventist Heritage Ministry past president

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Anniversaries



Donald and Ardis Meyer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 9, 2005, by a family brunch at Tippecanoe Place in South Bend, Ind., and they were also honored at the wedding reception of Aaron and Teresa (Mathis) Meyer. Don has been a lifetime member of the South Bend Church and Ardis has been a member for 50 years.

Donald Meyer and Ardis Hicks were married Jan. 8, 1955, in Alma, Mich., by Elder T. Irvile Rush. Don has been a processing supervisor at the former Bendix Corp. in South Bend for 38 years, and an engineering supervisor at NARMCO in Windsor, Canada, retiring in 1995. Ardis has been a Trust Operations Officer at Old Kent Bank in Niles, Mich., and Norwest Bank in South Bend, retiring in 1995.

The Meyer family includes Cheryl and Russell Roberts of Goose Creek, S.C.; Jon and Bonnie Meyer of Walkerton, Ind.; Edwin and Laurie Meyer of South Bend; and six grandchildren.

Weddings

KaDene R. Garrett and Jonathan L. Evans were married Feb. 14, 2005, in Clear Lake, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Denny Evans.

KaDene is the daughter of Harold and Alice Garrett of Clear Lake, and Jonathan is the son of Denny and Ronda Evans of Spokane, Wash.

The Evans are making their home in Thompson Falls, Mont.

Obituaries

AVERY, Bernice E. (Macy), age 82; born Oct. 31, 1922, in Custer, Mich.; died Mar. 31, 2005, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Sparta (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, Gary; daughters, Marilyn Avery and Judy Westbrook; brother, Robert Macy; sisters, Dorothy Schmuhl and Beatrice Siuda; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ron Mills, and interment was in East Nelson Cemetery, Nelson Twp., Mich.

BEARD, Alice K. (Tsuha), age 75; born Apr. 3, 1929, in Lanai City, Hawaii; died Jan. 25, 2005, in Troy, Mich. She was a member of the Troy Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard L.; son, Jonathan; brother, Walter Tsuha; sisters, Doris Tsuha and Mary Jackson; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Glen Heil and Nathan Renner, and interment was in Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills, Mich.

BOOTH, Bernice E. (Hill), age 89; born Sept. 16, 1915, in Minneapolis, Minn.; died Jan. 5, 2005, in Fairview, Mich. She was a member of the Mio (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Frank W.; son, F. Darrell; daughter, Marilyn Butcher; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Donald Siewert, and interment was in Kittle Cemetery, Mio.

BOOTHBY, Marion J. (Gwin), age 87; born Aug. 27, 1917, in Lawrence, Mich.; died Mar. 4, 2005, in Altoona, Fla. She was a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, David C., Russell E. Jr., and Herbert (Herb) A.; daughters, Linda L. First and Wanda D. Martz; sister, Margaret E. Woodward; 19 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Canther, and interment was in Robinson Cemetery, Bloomingdale Twp., Mich.

CHURCH, Hilda M. (Akin), age 80; born Sept. 15, 1924, in Cassopolis, Mich.; died Mar. 26, 2005, in Three Rivers, Mich. She was a member of the Centreville (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold E.; daughters, Jennie McClish and Christine Church; half brothers, Paul and Jim Akin; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Harry C. Hartman, and interment was in Eicoff Funeral Home Cemetery, Mendon, Mich.

COOK, Lawrence I., age 81; born Apr. 13, 1923, in Keens, Ill.; died Mar. 31, 2005, in Spring Valley, Ill. He was a member of the Princeton (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice (Mitchell) LaVallee; sons, David, Dennis, Dannie, and Steven; stepson, Arthur LaVallee; daughters, Patricia Jenkins, Elaine Goerne, Joyce Cook, and Lisa Rhodes; stepdaughters, Carol Perciach and Linda Dodson; brother, Dale; sister, Eva Bernard; 33 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Weakley, and interment was in Long Point (Ill.) Cemetery.

DE WIND, Bertha (Hamstra), age 93; born Mar. 30, 1912, in Zeeland, Mich.; died Apr. 8, 2005, in Zeeland. She was a member of the Bauer Church, Hudsonville, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Peter; son, Tony; daughters, Sallyann Gabriel and Glenda Sue Langshaw; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Ron Mills and Tony Rodriguez, and interment was in Olive Twp. (Mich.) Cemetery.

IVERSON, Mary E. (Bower), age 94; born Mar. 31, 1909, in Covert, Mich.; died Apr. 13, 2004, in St. Helena, Calif. She was a member of the Covert Church.

Survivors include her sons, Robert and Jack; daughter, Gladys White; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Private inurnment was in St. Helena.

JONES, Patty Lou (Hoover), age 71; born Sept. 29, 1933, in New Castle, Pa.; died Mar. 24, 2005, in Apopka, Fla. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, William; daughters, Penny Uhran and Tammy Rutkoski; sisters, Leota Connolly, Sallie Sullivan, and Peggy Moore; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted at Forest Lake Church in Apopka, with private inurnment.

KIRKBY, Frances C. (Pierce), age 89; born Oct. 19, 1915, in Dodge Center, Minn.; died Mar. 27, 2005, in Lowell, Mich. She was a member of the Ionia (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her son, John; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder James Micheff Jr., and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

LINDBO, Arbutus (Motquin), age 77; born Sept. 3, 1927, in Green Bay, Wis.; died Apr. 8, 2005, in Green Bay. She was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include her son, Keith; daughter, Shirley Nobrega; sisters, Arletta Bunkelman and Lois Murphy; and five grandchildren.

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

MUHLNBECK, David H., age 65; born Feb. 4, 1940, in Kenosha, Wis.; died Mar. 28, 2005, in Paris, Wis. He was a member of the Raymond Church, Franksville, Wis.

Survivors include his sons, David L. and Jacob; daughters, Amy Wise and Jamie Muhlenbeck; stepdaughter, Andrea Quick; mother, Frances (Stessen); brothers, Allen and Gilbert; sister, Delores Dehaan; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carlos Anчета and elder Eric Shadle, and interment was in Raymond Adventist Cemetery, Franksville.

PETERSEN, Alfred L., age 88; born Sept. 9, 1916, in Pine Grove Twp., Portage Cty., Wis.; died Jan. 27, 2005, in Stevens Point, Wis. He was a member of the Almond (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Verna R. (Fletcher); stepdaughters, Beth A. Nelson and Sue E. Maloney; sister, Lillian Petersen; six step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Charles Kohley, and inurnment was in Spiritland Cemetery, Plainfield, Wis.

POMEROY, LaVene, age 94; born Mar. 29, 1911, in Michigan; died Apr. 2, 2005, in Wyoming, Mich. He was a member of the Lena (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Liston and Lowell; brothers, Francis and Cecil; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Richard G. Habenicht and elder Ron Ziesmer, and inurnment was in Underhill (Wis.) Cemetery.

SLIKKERS, Gerald J., age 83; born May 25, 1921, in Hamilton, Mich.; died Feb. 15, 2005, in Bradenton, Fla. He was a member of the Holland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Bartz); sons, Michael and Randy; daughter, Pat Pawsen; brother, Leon; sisters, Helene DeWitt, Jean Brummette, and Mae Kachenmeister; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale Wolcott, and interment was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery, Holland.

SPONSELLER, Ross, age 85; born Nov. 1, 1919, in Shepherd, Mich.; died Jan. 19, 2005, in Shepherd. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nina J. (Phelps); sons, Ross R., Tom L., Harry J., and Bob; daughters, Bonnie J. Pung and Linda K. Davis; brother, Lee; sister, Dorothy Burch; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Darin Greenfield and Ron Davis, and interment was in Helms Funeral Home Cemetery, Lincoln, Mich.

WOLF, John W., age 79; born Oct. 28, 1925, in Muskegon, Mich.; died Mar. 22, 2005, in Muskegon. He was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include his wife, Betti (Gowell); sons, Terry, Dale, John Jr., Darrin, and Jason; daughters, Judy Minzey and Rachel Wicker; brother, Dan; sisters, Alice Denio, Eunice Skuse, and Kathleen Allard; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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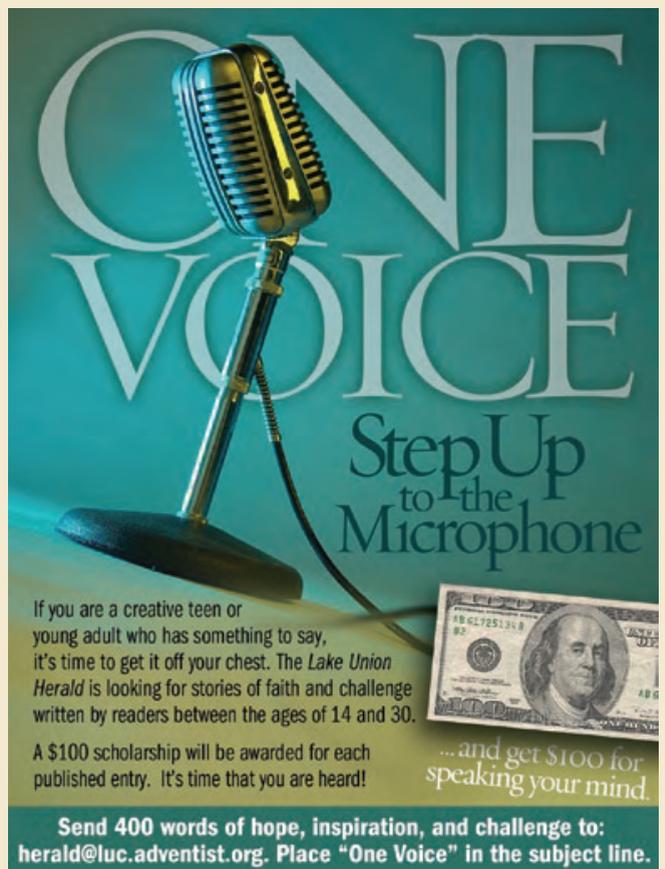
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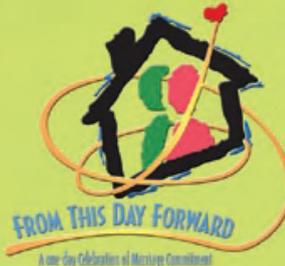
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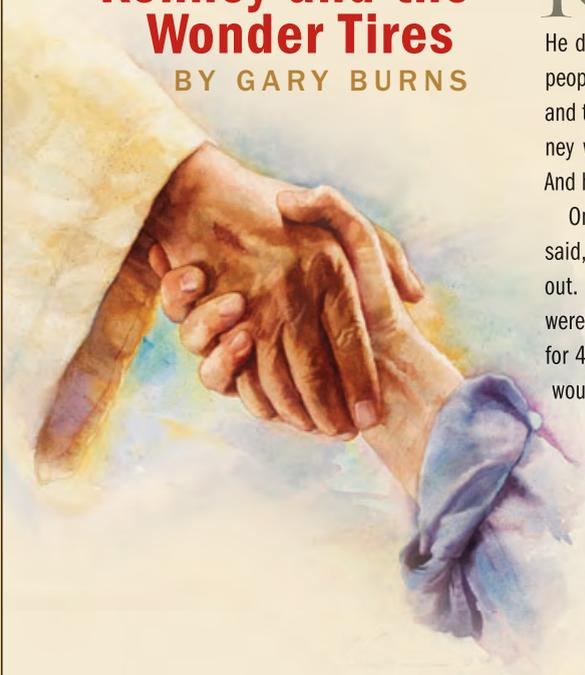
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	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug 5
Berrien Springs, Mich.	9:25	9:23	9:20	9:14	9:08	9:01
Chicago	8:29	8:28	8:24	8:19	8:13	8:05
Detroit	9:13	9:11	9:07	9:02	8:55	8:48
Indianapolis	8:17	8:15	8:12	8:07	8:01	7:55
La Crosse, Wis.	8:51	8:49	8:45	8:40	8:32	8:25
Lansing, Mich.	9:24	9:22	9:18	9:13	9:05	8:58
Madison, Wis.	8:41	8:39	8:35	8:29	8:23	8:15
Springfield, Ill.	8:31	8:29	8:26	8:22	8:15	8:08

PARTNERSHIP *with* GOD

Kenney and the Wonder Tires

BY GARY BURNS



Kenney was a friendly, likeable guy who owned the local service station. He didn't have much time for church. Some people didn't think a guy who sold alcohol and tobacco belonged there anyway. But Kenney was a good mechanic, fair and honest. And he was a good friend.

One day, Kenney noticed my tires and said, "Looks like you've worn those tires out. I can make you a good deal." They were name-brand, all-season tires rated for 48,000 miles, at a very good price. They would do just fine.

Each time I came in for gas, Kenney would ask how my ministry was going, and how his tires were doing (he kept track of the mileage).

"Are you 'bout ready for a new set of tires?" Kenney asked a year

later, knowing we had exceeded the mileage rating. "Why don't you check them and see?" I said, knowing what he'd find. "Those tires still look brand new," he exclaimed in amazement.

Finally, after 74,000 miles, I bought another set of tires. "How do you do it?" Kenney asked as he was mounting a tire.

"How do I do what?"

"How do you get so many miles on your tires?"

"Well, Kenny, it's like this," I explained, "God and I are in a partnership. In addition to offerings, I give ten percent of everything I make back to Him as He asked. Somehow, and I don't know how, God makes less money go farther. I guess this time it was tires," I said with a smile.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Herald editor.



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Historic Adventist Village

July 10, 2:00 p.m.: Musical concert—Adventist Heritage Brass; historical reenactment—Chet Damron as Abe Lincoln. For more information on the events, contact Stanley Cottrell, Village director, at (269) 965-3000; or visit website: www.adventistheritage.org.

July 16, 11:00 a.m.: Walter Wright at Battle Creek Tabernacle; 90-year anniversary of Ellen White's death; celebration of Ellen White's life.

July 17, 2:00 p.m.: Battle Creek Churches Choir Festival; special feature—Walter Wright, Lake Union Conference president.

Aug. 14, 2:00 p.m.: Musical concert—Buddy Houghtaling.

Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m.: Historical play—"Men of Vision"; reenactment—History of Battle Creek.

Oct. 1: 150-year anniversary, speaker: Merlin Burt—Move to Battle Creek—First Publishing House; 145-year anniversary of choosing the name "Seventh-day Adventist," Organizing the Publishing Work, and "Time to Begin the Sabbath" (sunset to sunset).

Oct. 2, 2:00-5:00 p.m.: Heritage Festival—arts/crafts/food, historical reenactment—Chet Damron as Abe Lincoln.

Oct. 29: Adventist Heritage Ministries Partnership Weekend; 150-year anniversary of *Testimonies for the Church*.

Dec. 10 and 11, 4:00-7:00 p.m.: Victorian Christmas—carols, choirs, Village lantern tours, Food Bank offering, Chet Damron as the Story Teller.

Indiana

Adventist Retirement Housing Needs Explored: The Indiana Conference is investigating the possibility of providing an Adventist retirement community within the state. Would you be interested? Would you like to retire in Indiana? Participate in a survey—tell us what you think. Visit website: <http://www.indianaadventist.net/ResourceFiles/1037-Retirement.pdf>.

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Lake Region

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Lake Union

Offerings:

- July 2** Local church budget
- July 9** General Conference Session Project
- July 16** Local church budget
- July 23** Local conference advance
- July 30** Women's Ministries

Special days:

July 9 Home Study International Promotional Day

From This Day Forward Marriage Conference:

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Michigan

Battle Creek Tabernacle Seminar: Ervin K. Thomsen will present "The Victory over the Beast—Developing Immunity to Last-Day Deceptions" at the Battle Creek Tabernacle on **July 1 and 2**. This unique Christ-centered seminar weekend will present abundant insights from the Three Angels' Messages to provide practical solutions and answers for the problems of daily living. Meetings will be Friday: 7:00 p.m., and Sabbath: 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more details, call (269) 968-8101.

North American Division

All Hermiston (Ore.) Pathfinders and staff from 1971-1990 will be celebrating at a reunion at Cutsforth Park in Ore., **July 28-Aug. 1**. Come enjoy this special time to renew friendships, share old memories, and make new memories. If you can't make it for the whole time, come when you can. For more information, contact Carolyn Bullock at (509) 531-6310, or e-mail: familyenrichment1@juno.com; or Sue White-Wein at (603) 434-8207, or e-mail: switewein@aol.com. If you can't come, send scrapbook information (pictures, true story of your life, etc.) to Harold Harvey, 310 SE 4th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Sunnydale Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend is **Sept. 29-Oct. 2**. Honor classes are: 1955, '65, '70, '80, '85, '90, '95. Activities start with the Silver Showcase, Thurs. evening, Sept. 29. For additional information, call (573) 682-2164 or visit website: www.sunnydale.org.

Baltimore (Md.) Junior Academy's 90th Alumni Weekend, "Putting Together the Pieces for a Brighter Tomorrow," will be held **Oct. 7-9**. The weekend includes Fri. vespers with current academy students, Sabbath services with Mark McCleary, Sat. evening banquet featuring Paul Heflin and honoring Ethelind Tilghman Sewell ('42) and Paul Vieny ('37), and Sun. morning Alumni Constituency meeting. For more information, visit website: www.bj.academy.org and follow Alumni link.

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PROTECTING YOURSELF from Married Flirts

BY KARA KERBS

“**Y**ou look beautiful today!” I paused uncomfortably to acknowledge the compliment from a very married man one Sabbath morning, before escaping to my own Sabbath school.

Maybe you're like me, one of those socially deviant, single young adults who watch your friends succumb one by one to marriage, until singles your age seem like an endangered species. But what troubles me more than the lack of options at my age are married flirts. I admit the comments are usually fairly rare, but sometimes they present quite an attractive offer and this creates a huge challenge for young adults.

One attractive offer I received was from a married Navy officer who wanted me to have his phone number, which I emphatically refused. But these experiences are just an example of a growing problem where married people flirt with single young adults. This isn't a new problem, however, since Joseph had to refuse Mrs. Potiphar's advances as well.

Probably each of us knows situations where that line has been crossed and lives have been forever effected. So how can single young adults protect themselves from attractive advances from married individuals?

In some ways, we may be especially vulnerable since singles can feel lonely and desire companionship. The first way to protect yourself is to call these actions by their right name. Joseph said, “How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” (Gen. 39:9) It is sin. And it's not just sin against yourself, or the other person, but against God. Our first commitment must be to God and our relationship with Him.

Second, decide right now you will keep yourself pure from ev-

eryone and save yourself for marriage ... if that is in your future. Think about what lines you will not cross and what to do if someone else tries to cross them. Important decisions are not made in a moment, but in advance. The decision to endure the cross was made in Gethsemane, not as Jesus was walking to the cross.

The third thing is to watch for signs that a married individual, or yourself, might be close to crossing that invisible line of inappropriate emotions. Protect yourself from becoming attached to your girlfriend's husband, or that married church member. Physically separate yourself from them until your emotions have cooled down. Joseph not only refused to go to bed with Mrs. Potiphar, but also to “even be with her” (Genesis 39:10).

Lastly, take Paul's advice to “pray continually” (1 Thess. 5:17). Our only strength is remaining connected to God through challenges. There is no happiness in the other option, no matter what Hollywood says. Decide now you will be sexually pure, no matter who, what, where, and when!



From left: Kara Kerbs and her niece, Alesha Kerbs, visited Mt. St. Helens in Washington state.

Kara Kerbs is an outpatient counselor in Muncie, Indiana.

Benjamin Edgar Archbold, “Bengy,” is an 18-year-old recent graduate of Hinsdale Adventist Academy and a member of the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church.

Kenneth Parker, Hinsdale Church youth pastor, says, “Benjamin loves to serve the Lord and people.” He has demonstrated this as a Pathfinder teen counselor for the past two years. In fact, he has enjoyed being in Pathfinders at every church he has ever attended.

When asked to do something, Benjamin does not hesitate. He uses his musical talents for the Lord, singing in the church choir, for special music, or in the youth praise team.

Benjamin is a member of the *Hinsdale Hurricanes* basketball team and also shows great abilities in many other sports, especially baseball. His other hobbies include building computers, baseball card collecting, playing trumpet, participating in mission trips, and traveling.

The most important thing Benjamin learned during his academy experience at Hinsdale Adventist Academy is the value of friendship. “Here I’ve built relationships that will last a lifetime. You’ll never know how much you’ll miss your friends until they’re not with you anymore,” he said. Benjamin plans to attend Andrews University and plans to become a computer information systems technician.



Benjamin Archbold

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Demia Tunis

Demia Lynee Tunis, eighteen years old, is also a recent graduate of Hinsdale Adventist Academy. The daughter of Kathy and Ronald Tunis, of Bolingbrook, Ill., Demia attends All Nations Fellowship in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Demia's ambition is to bring happiness to as many people as she can. One of the ways she does this is by singing. She also has a dynamic personality and her energy and enthusiasm is contagious to all who are around her. She is very generous, giving her time, care, and abilities when needed.

Cindy Garbe, a HAA staff member, describes Demia as a “very gregarious, forthright, and amiable person who has great confidence in her abilities!” She added, “Demia is not hesitant to admit when she is wrong and is courageous to stand up for others who are in need.”

“Demia also embraces her faith in God with the same tenacity of life,” emphasized Garbe. Demia says while in academy she learned “to give everything to God.” “Some people may tell you to go left and others tell you to go right, but the Person who you need to follow is God. Although you may not understand why He chose that particular path for you, in the end it is the best decision.”

Demia says she wouldn't be half the person she is today if it were not for her parents and added, “I will take everything that I have learned in the last 18 years to college with me and I will make them proud.”

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

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