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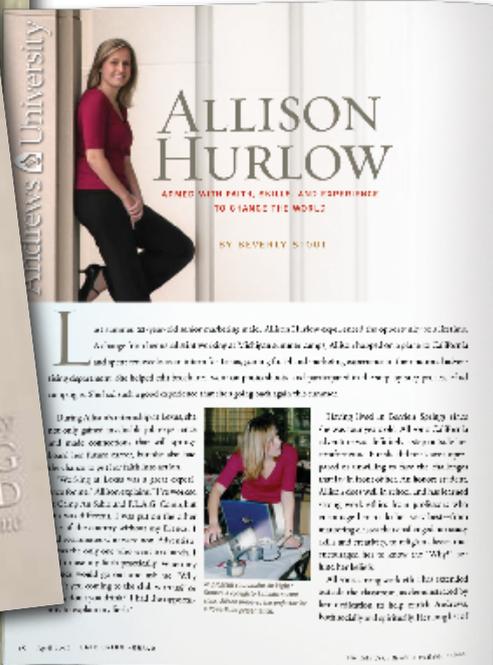
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THE WORLD
One Student at a Time

Meet Allison Hurlow,
Senior Marketing Major.

"Telling the stories of what God is doing in the lives of His people"



Meet Allison Hurlow, Senior Marketing Major. Allison Hurlow is a Senior marketing major at Andrews University. Cover photo © Aiden J. Ho Photography



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Much is happening in the world of education these days—especially on the college level. In a rapidly changing world, it is a great challenge for educators to adjust and adapt to a changing career marketplace. In the midst of the world's confusion and speculation, Andrews University focuses on some basic guiding principles: Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith, and Change the World.

This issue highlights ways Andrews University is carrying out those principles, and features some students who typify what Christian education is all about.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY WALTER L. WRIGHT, LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

How Does It Measure Up?

There are all sorts of criteria to measure the effectiveness of a university such as our own Andrews University. As a board member and board vice chairman, I care more for the end product, I guess, than many of the technical methods for measurement. An e-mail letter crossed my desk the other day that caught my attention. Believe me, that's not easy amidst the storm of mail I receive in a typical week.

But this letter speaks so pointedly and emotionally to the effectiveness of Andrews that I decided to share it with you, dear readers. Her name is Melissa, and I could supply her last name, but I do not wish to expose her to unwelcome inquiries. Here goes:

"My experience at Andrews University has been one that I will never forget. During my tenure at [Andrews] I have learned the true meaning of friendship, and that no matter the ethnicity of others around me, we all have a common foundation, and that is Jesus Christ.

"I do not feel alone as a servant leader on campus because the leaders all around [Andrews] show me their humility and their true characters through their willingness to serve me, a student, and to give me a smile of encouragement. I can remember one specific situation that truly touched my heart.

"I was in my room studying one night when there was a knock at my door. Imagine my surprise when I saw the head dean of my dorm standing at the entrance! I thought I was in trouble! She simply smiled, handed me a couple of granola bars, an encouraging note, and told me she was going around to all the students giving them a little snack to help them make it through their study time. I was astonished! My dean visited me personally! Wow! That's what [Andrews] is all about. Teachers and leaders preaching a message, acting on it, and helping you make the most of your experience.

"It's great, it's unforgettable, and I wouldn't trade it for the world. It's the [Andrews] experience. Thank you, Nadine, and everyone, for making my [Andrews] experience all that it should be and more!"

I guess that rates Andrews an A+ for human relations and student experience. Keep up the good work, Andrews.

Update: As the *Lake Union Herald* was going to press we received news of administrative changes at Andrews University. We affirm that Andrews University is God's institution for our young people, and surely His grace will be present in each step of this transition, which provides the promise of His continued blessings. The most recent information about the administrative changes are available at www.andrews.edu.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Indiana God was always a part of my life even before I (**Mary Xoing**) was born. He guided my family safely out of Laos after the Vietnam War ended, protected us while we were in Thailand refugee camps, and eventually made it possible for my family to immigrate to America through a Lutheran church adoption agency.

As a child I was close to the Lord, but as I got older my priorities changed. I stopped going to church, and I became more interested in securing worldly fortunes. My parents came from a very poor country and wanted more than anything for their children to grow up successful, which meant graduating from college and landing a great job that made lots of money. I did my best to make my parents' "American Dream" come true by becoming a straight "A" student, graduating from college, and landing a great job. In the end, I felt only empty inside. I wasn't happy with my job or the person I was becoming. I knew there was something missing in my life, but I didn't know what it was exactly, at first. It took a series of events (not all good) to help me see what I was missing was a relationship with Jesus.

My once-promising computer career went downhill when the companies I worked for declared bankruptcy. I went through a series of temporary jobs, trying to figure out what career would best suit me. It wasn't until after I went on a Maranatha trip to the Dominican Republic that I found my calling to be a nurse.



Mary Xoing (center) and Andy Leach (right) confirmed their baptismal vows with Ron Kelly, Cicero Church senior pastor.

My fiancé and I began attending Bible studies together with Larry McConnell, a Bible worker at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church, to help strengthen our relationship with God and each other. During Bible study lessons, I realized how little I really knew God. My biggest misconception was limiting God with human characteristics.

Most of my life I felt I wasn't good enough to be called a child of God because

I wasn't perfect. I didn't realize I had been made perfect through the blood of Jesus Christ and all I had to do was accept Him into my life. It was so simple, yet I was making it so complex. It was humbling to finally realize God had loved me all this time, even when I did not love Him! I thank God that He didn't give up on me and continued to pursue me.

I will never forget the happiness I felt in my heart on my baptism day, December 24, 2005. The "American Dream" I had been pursuing had been replaced with my own personal dream of being with Jesus one day.

I am currently in my last year of nursing school and will be working as a SNE (student nurse extern) at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis, Indiana. In my spare time, I enjoy sewing, cooking, drawing and painting, as well as singing and spending time with friends and family.

Mary Xoing (pronounced "shone") is a member of the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Indiana Being raised by a single parent, I (**Andy Leach**) appreciated more what I received—I'm not talking toys either. The love that comes is spread back to others. My brother and I were taught by our grandpa and mother to help anyone we can.

Being without a father can be seen as bad, but our God is good. He put different people in my life to help my mom out. Ron Kelly, Cicero Church pastor, has always been someone I've looked up to and I feel God put him in my life. There are a lot more people He's blessed me with, too. I can't name them all. You know who you are.

I know God has always been in our lives; there is no way we could have gone through Indiana Academy and the Cicero Elementary School without God blessing other



Mary Xoing was baptized by Paul Yeoman, Cicero Church associate pastor.



Andy Leach (left) was baptized by Ron Kelly, Cicero Church senior pastor, on December 24, 2005.

peoples' lives to help bless ours. Trust me, I worked hard myself and, of course, so did my mother. But I would like to thank everyone who helped with the cost of our school bill. I would also like to thank mom for being there for Mikel and me. She made a lot of sacrifices for both of us.

What got me thinking of being baptized again? Well, there were two things. First, you rebel against God and try to do it your way. You think

your way is better. Then you say, "Why was my life happier when I was younger? No, it wasn't because of being in school!" Then you realize what you are missing.

Secondly, I want to show God through my actions that I want to be like Jesus. I know I'm not perfect, but I'll live my life so people know I'm a Christian and I'm here to help.

I would like to recommend if you haven't been on a mission trip and you feel God is leading you, pray about going. It will change not only your life, but someone else's also. I like helping people and I also like traveling to warm climates, but the best thing about mission trips is showing God's love for others through your hard work.

I try to always remember to thank God for both the good and bad things in my life. Just remember: diamonds come out of coal. Saints come from sinners.

Andy Leach is a member of the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Michigan One night, I (**Sherry Barrett**) woke up at 3:00 a.m. and couldn't go back to sleep. I was alone because my husband (**Jim Barrett**) had been working at his brother's house and was not home yet. I wearily got out of bed, turned on our television set, and started aimlessly going through the channels. To my surprise, I came upon a television station that was new to me, the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). Since it was the only station broadcasting at that time of night, I began watching its programs. I heard some interesting Bible messages that early morning.

A few nights later, when my husband was again at his brother's house and I couldn't sleep, I turned on our television set again to watch the same channel. This time I watched Doug Batchelor conduct a Revelation seminar in

Redding, California. It was so interesting; I listened intently as he explained the Bible symbols and historical facts of Revelation's messages. What I watched and heard was very different from what I had been taught as a child when I grew up in another denomination.



Sherry Barrett (left) and Jim Barrett (right) learned Bible truths while listening to 3ABN television programs. They are pictured with their children (from left): Jesse, Roxanne, and Celeste.

The next night I asked Jim to watch 3ABN with me during their midnight program. As we watched, I asked him if he thought the speaker was telling the truth. His response was that from the little he had read from the Bible, he believed Batchelor was preaching the truth. Day after day, as I continued to watch 3ABN, I always learned new things.

One day, I decided to telephone 3ABN to ask if there was a Seventh-day Adventist Church near our home. Danny Shelton just happened to be answering the telephones that day, and he told me there was a church not far from where I lived. Thus, Jim and I began attending the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sometime later, we received a brochure in our home mailbox announcing a Revelation seminar in our city. We decided to attend to learn what the Bible teaches about how we should live as Christians. By the end of that series, we surrendered our lives to the truths of Jesus Christ and were baptized.

When we learned a new Adventist congregation called Three Angels Fellowship was being formed, we chose to join it. As we look back over these events, we believe if it were not for 3ABN we would not be members of the Adventist church today. The Holy Spirit providentially led us step by step, and we have discovered a wonderful church family.

Sherry Barrett is a member of the Three Angels Fellowship and Bruce Babienco is a *Lake Union Herald* volunteer correspondent.

Andrews Student Postpones Graduation for Service

BY ELIZABETH LECHLEITNER

If anyone deserves to indulge in a serious bout of senioritis, it's Brit Steele. An Andrews student since 2000, and active in ministry since his freshman year, Brit is a familiar face on campus. But it's not video games or girls that keep him from graduating; ministry opportunities are Brit's biggest distraction.

Take this past school year, for instance. Brit had planned to spend the year studying at River Plate Adventist University in Argentina. But since the school's fall semester begins a month later than Andrews, Brit was still in Berrien Springs when Hurricane Katrina lambasted New Orleans, the surrounding coastal areas of Louisiana, and southern Mississippi.



Members of the WeCare Katrina leadership team include (from left): Justin Wagner, Kirk Rice, Brit Steele, Chantal Henery, Rochelle Webster.

That's when Center for Youth Evangelism's executive director, Ron Whitehead, called Brit about leading the WeCare Katrina disaster response team. After a whirlwind of volunteer recruitment, Brit found himself in Waveland, Mississippi, approximately an hour north of New Orleans. Designed so volunteers can "plug in their efforts where their interests lay," Brit says the WeCare team tackled everything from debris removal and supply distribution to house gutting and tutoring kids whose schools were annihilated by Katrina.

Brit notes that WeCare trips, while sprint-like in their initial intensity, prove equally committed to endurance. Although months have passed since initial clean-up efforts, WeCare maintains a presence in the area. In mid-March, Steele coordinated a "Spring Break crunch trip." Now that Waveland has received its second round of hurricane relief, Brit says, "[WeCare] will keep reevaluating the situation and extend our presence as long as necessary."

Leading WeCare Katrina isn't the first altruistic academic detour Brit has taken. He admits to catching the

"travel bug" early in life. During high school, he was privileged to participate in three overseas missionary trips, and it wasn't long after enrolling at Andrews University that he sacrificed a year to his first ministry pursuit. During his sophomore year, Brit stinted as an associate taskforce pastor in Washington State. A year later, he decided to teach English in the

Philippines. Closer to home, Brit volunteered to direct the 2005 and 2006 Andrews Easter Passion plays. And while he jokes about "getting too old" to graduate, he isn't apologetic about postponing his graduation. "You just never regret traveling or taking time out to positively impact people's lives," reiterates the senior international business major.

With his new position as the Center for Youth Evangelism's WeCare domestic mission trip director, it appears Brit has finally found his ministry niche. Of course, Brit has every intention of graduating in two years. But if another ministry opportunity presents itself, and Andrews doesn't impose any age limits on first-time aisle-walkers in the meantime, it seems safe to assume the humanitarian-minded Brit won't turn it down. When he does graduate, Brit hopes to help the Adventist church strengthen its disaster relief team since most of the church's relief agencies, like ADRA, focus on development rather than first-response. And with such a college career devoted to active ministry, it also seems a given that whatever career path Brit finally settles on, it will be a worthy one.

Elizabeth Lechleitner is a senior English major at Andrews University.



BEYOND *our* BORDERS

The Missionary “Look”

BY CARA SWINYAR



I used to think student missionaries had everything figured out. I didn't know exactly what happened during their dreamy, far-away mission experiences, but they always came back with a certain “look” in their eyes. This “look” told me these guys were serious. They'd done the job, and could whip out a sermon or a children's story faster than you could say, “Weren't you a student missionary?”

Now, after spending six months on the beautiful Micronesian island of Yap, I'm starting to wonder if I'll have that same “look” when I come home at the end of this year. I'm definitely doing “the job.” I've got lesson plans sitting next to me for 18 rambunctious seventh graders to prove it! The job is seldom easy. While resources, equipment, and textbooks are quite limited, rain and leaky roofs are not—which explains the extensive mopping in our classroom after each rainstorm!

And stories? Oh, yes, I have stories! Like the Friday night we got stuck in the mud after vespers and began hiking home in the pouring rain. Like my first day in the classroom, looking out at my class and realizing I didn't know a thing about teaching! Or the first night I went spear-fishing in the middle of the ocean with nothing more than a small flashlight and a rusty spear gun. There was also the time God protected us from an escaped convict who robbed several of the student missionaries while we slept. Or the times we found centipedes by our bed, cockroaches in the shower, and lice in our hair. ... You want stories? As my students would say, “I got plenty, teacher!”

Being a student missionary has given me a crash course in teaching and great mission stories for the rest of my life. But more importantly, it's given me the opportunity



Cara Swinyar currently serves as a student missionary at the Yap Seventh-day Adventist School in the South Pacific.

to touch the lives of hurting people—most of all, my students.

I think of Amber, whose father beats her; Tony, whose stepmother yells at him; Larry, whose mother abandoned him; and Lindsay, whose father only visits her and her mother when he decides to take a break from his other girlfriends. ... I've come to love my students. Several gray hairs later, they are still the reason I stay here even when I'm exhausted or homesick.

But how can I help them? I have come to realize that on my own there is nothing I can do to make my students or myself successful or happy. But God can. All I can do is my best, and let God take it from there.

My six months here have helped me understand God is all I've got. When

the Internet connection doesn't work because it's raining, or there is no mail because the airport is shut down, God is with me. When students act up, and other student missionaries begin to drive me crazy, God is here. It is this realization, this acceptance, [and] this trust that gives student missionaries “the look.” It's a look that says no matter what comes our way, God is in control.

Cara Swinyar is a senior elementary education major and an Andrews University student missionary in Yap. She is from South Lancaster, Massachusetts.



FAMILY TIES

Why Lying Can Make Sense PART II

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

When our children develop a belief in their own personal capabilities, it is easier for them to see themselves as capable. Their self-discovery will give them opportunities to build their own self-confidence and see that the important adults in their lives are open to understanding their fears and challenges, including telling the truth.

Usually borne out of expediency, we all too often *assume* how a child (or our spouse) will respond to a situation. When they get upset and balk, we are surprised by their reaction. When we assume, we ignore a most beautiful characteristic of human beings, which is the ability to learn and change from day to day.

I invite you to consider that we can add to our children's understanding of how capable they are by *checking*. When we take time to check, we're saying we respect the fact that the person is capable to make decisions and we're trying to make room for that.

I believe *checking* is a logical alternative to *assuming*, and it works to advantage in all relationships. Could it be that whenever possible it's better to expect nothing and discover than to assume prematurely and discourage growth?

It's easy to slip into assuming, directing, threatening, correcting, and expecting when we have little physical and emotional energy and lots to do. In the process, we lose chances to affirm and validate our children's experiences through dialogue. When children (and spouses) have enough data that tells them we are *safe* to open up to, the need for telling untruths or not being totally truthful is not nearly so tempting.

What a gift we can give to our children, our spouses, and others who are important to

us, when we respect them enough to *check* rather than *assume*. When we ask, "What was your understanding of...?" or "What more would you like to tell me about...?" we take important steps to remove barriers that keep those we love from being totally open and honest with us.

When children experience these positive attitudes and behaviors from important adults in their lives, they are more able to internalize the experiences and make confident, honest decisions for themselves.

In closing, I'd like to share some wise words with you, penned by Ellen White more than one hundred years ago. "How will you successfully educate your children? Not by scolding, for it will do no good. Talk to your children as if you had (*have*) confidence in their intelligence. Deal with them kindly, tenderly, lovingly."¹

She also wrote of the importance of encouraging children by words of approval and looks of love. "These will be as sunshine to the heart of a child and will lead to the cultivation of self-respect and pride of character."²

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¹White, Ellen G., *Manuscript 33*, (1909)

²White, Ellen G., *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 3, p. 532, (1872)



HEALTHY CHOICES

Adding **LIFE** to Your Years

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG



**Regular exercise
keeps you young
and healthy.**

What do the residents of the Mediterranean island of Sardinia, the inhabitants of the sub-tropical archipelago of Okinawa, and Seventh-day Adventists have in common? They all have an unusually high number of centenarians and a higher than normal average life expectancy.

Among the centenarians, what are the common lifestyle elements in these three genetically diverse population groups? Well, their diet is essentially vegetarian, they are physically active, don't smoke, put family first, have a good social support system, and have a positive attitude about life.

Their lifestyles do not lead to an excessive body weight. In the Okinawan Centenarian Study they found elderly Okinawans don't normally overindulge. They live by the Confucian-inspired adage *hara hachi bu*—eat until the stomach is 80 percent full. Furthermore, their diet is rich in high-fiber foods, such as fruits and vegetables.

Dietary restriction of calories is well known to slow the aging process and maintain health and vitality into old age. Research with experimental animals found that lowering caloric intake by one-third reduced disease and signs of aging in the animals, and increased their lifespan by 50 percent. However, it would be very difficult to get humans to maintain a 30 to 40 percent reduction in food intake necessary to add decades to their lives.

Extending life wouldn't mean a whole lot if it simply meant living extra years with more disease, increased disabilities, and without much quality to life. What we actually find is that the same lifestyle changes that add years to your life can also add

life to your years. Studies reveal that those with few health risks (such as stroke and heart disease) have only one-fourth the disability of those who have more risks, and the onset of disability is postponed from seven to 12 years.

Recently, a number of studies demonstrated that older people can achieve longevity with minimal sickness, provided they remain physically and mentally active. When 800 elderly persons were followed for eight years, they found those who didn't exercise developed three and a half times more disabling ailments than those who maintained a regular exercise program. Exercise also improves mood.

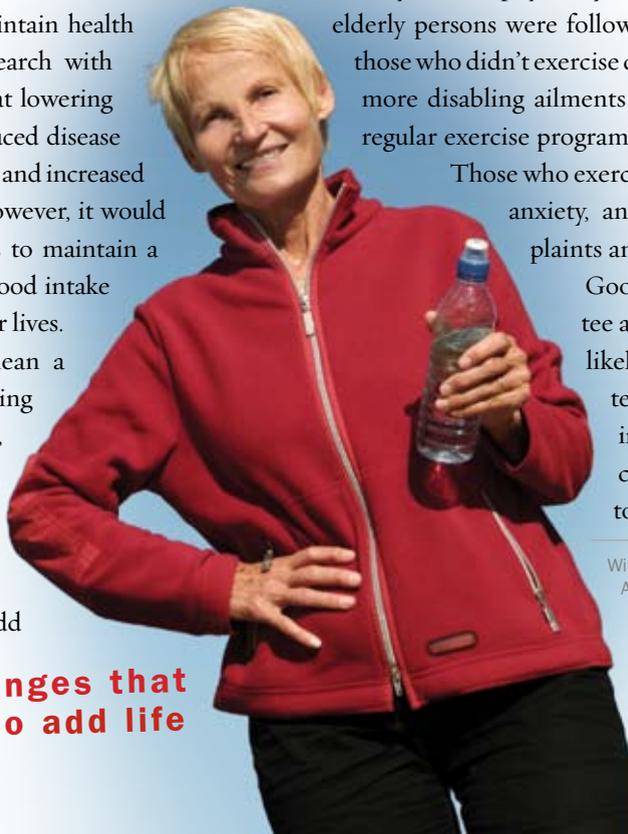
Those who exercise have significantly less stress, anxiety, and depression—common complaints among the elderly.

Good health habits don't guarantee a long life, they just increase the likelihood of living longer and better. Studies show that the earlier in life bad lifestyle habits are changed, the greater the benefit to one's overall well-being.

Winston Craig is professor of nutrition at Andrews University.

**Lifestyle changes that
life can also add life**

**add years to your
to your years.**





EXTREME GRACE

Photographing GOD

BY DICK DUERKSEN

This is a story about Don May, teacher extraordinaire, at Andrews University in Michigan.

My friendship with Don dates back to the '80s when I was guest speaker for an Andrews University week of prayer. After one of the services, Don introduced himself and began talking about God. Not just about God as he had read about Him in Scripture, or learned about Him in Sabbath school, but about God as he has met Him through the lenses of his camera. I was fascinated, especially since my cameras often serve as a window to God.

We talked throughout that week and developed a strong camera-driven, creation-loving friendship. Don's photographic techniques have improved my photos. His love for God has improved the way I look at the world.

Since then, we have met at conventions, worked together occasionally at seminars and camp meetings, and talked about photography, film, computers, Photoshop, and the Creator. I am certain my name is not on Don's list of his "photography students," but I consider myself lucky to have sat at his feet.

Eight years ago, when we moved to Florida, Don's impact on my life increased markedly! Florida Hospital is large enough, and busy enough, to employ a full-time photographer, Spencer Freeman. Spencer, I quickly discovered, is a student of the Don May School of Photography. That means he sees each photograph as an opportunity to show the face of the Creator more clearly.

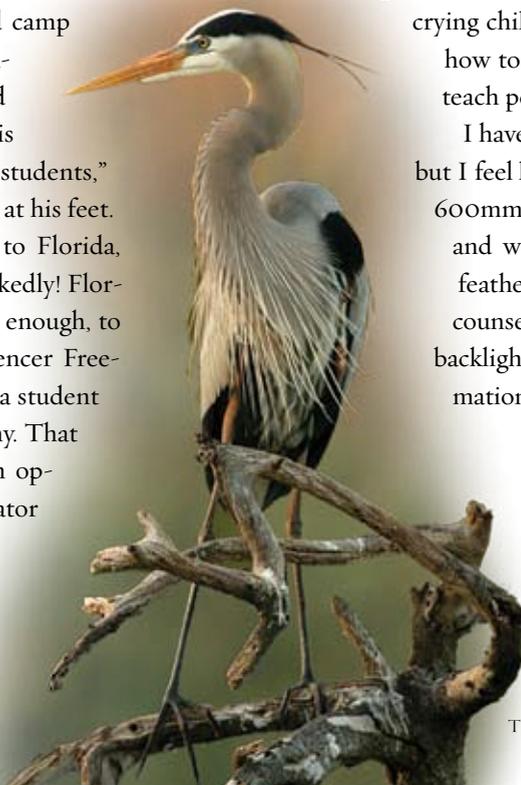
Spencer and I have stood side by side photographing egrets, doctors, orchids, snakes, plumbers, herons, trees, and more. He has shown me better ways to bounce light to enhance the beauty of a face. He has shown me how to bring out the best colors in a rose, and how to calm a

crying child. Mostly, Spencer has shown me how to be a friend who uses a camera to teach people about our Graceful God.

I haven't seen Don for more than a year, but I feel his influence when I plant a tripod 600mm away from a great blue heron papa and wait for him to fluff out his chest feathers. I hear his voice when Spencer counsels me on the correct exposures for backlighting leaves. And I hear his exclamations of pleasure whenever evening clouds turn orange and yellow.

"That's God out there, Dick. Make Him look His best."

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





It Began with TWELVE

BY BJORN KARLMAN

The roots of Andrews University date back to a little 19th century school with 12 students, one of which was the breakfast-cereal-genius-to-be John Harvey Kellogg. Through the leadership of a teacher, Goodloe Harper Bell, the Battle Creek, Michigan-based school expanded quickly and, in 1874, took the name Battle Creek College. By 1901, the school's administrators had decided to experiment with a non-classical concept for education that fused traditional academia with a practical approach to learning. For this experiment, school leaders felt that a new location was needed, away from the moral and ecological pollution of the city. Eighteen thousand dollars bought a 272-acre piece of land in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The "experiment" packed into 16 box cars and traveled from Battle Creek to a new home nestled in gentle hills and farming fields.

With a new location came a new name, Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC). There was much work to be done since the new school had no buildings. For the 1901–1902 school year, the college rented a barn, the former Berrien County courthouse, an office building, a jail, and a sheriff's residence to serve as temporary school buildings. Construction of the new school started almost immediately. All buildings were built from wood since brick was perceived to be too permanent for those expecting the imminent return of Jesus. Early buildings were built almost entirely by students.

Faculty also got involved with helping to get things under way in Berrien Springs. EMC's first president, E.A. Sutherland, felt inspired to plant a long row of Norway spruce trees to help landscape the new school. The tall row of trees stands proud today, over a hundred years later—a testimony to the hands-on attitude of our school's pioneers.

As EMC began to establish itself in the community, students and faculty developed a deep interest in overseas missionary work. By the 1920s, mission fervor had become one of the defining features of the Andrews experience. In 1959, Washington D.C.-based Potomac University moved

to Berrien Springs and merged with EMC, bringing with it a School of Graduate Studies and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The combined institutions were chartered as Andrews University the very next year.

Today, it is the most prominent university in Adventism. More than 3,000 students study here, representing most of the U.S. and nearly 100 countries. Another 1,700 students study at affiliate campuses around the world. Andrews offers approximately 180 undergraduate degrees and just under 50 postgraduate programs.

J.N. Andrews is best remembered as the first official Seventh-day Adventist missionary to work outside North America. Before boarding the ship in 1874, he penned this benediction that has become a traditional blessing at university occasions:

"And now, as we set forth, we commit ourselves to the merciful protection of God, and we especially ask the prayers of the people of God that his (sic) blessing may attend us in this sacred work."

Bjorn Karlman is a French and International Public Relations major at Andrews University.

SHARING *our* HOPE

BASKETBALL Witnessing

SENIOR OLYMPIAN SHARES
MESSAGES OF HEALTH AND HOPE

BY JOY HYDE

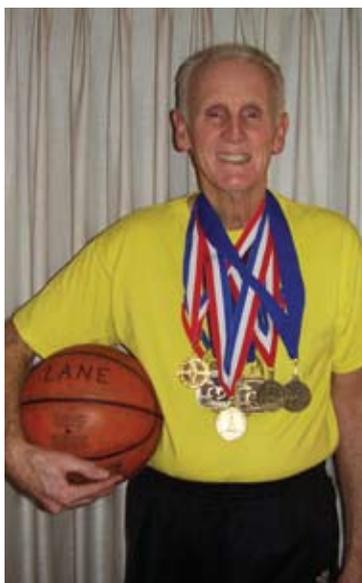


Dick Lane watches to see if the ball will go in.

The most exercise the majority of 75-year-old American men get is lifting themselves out of the easy chair and walking into the kitchen for a meal. Many consider themselves fortunate if they get in a weekly round of golf with a cart. Not many are found playing competitive basketball at the Olympics level—Senior Olympics, that is. That is exactly what Richard “Dick” Lane does. “To keep moving,” and for fun, Dick plays basketball two or three times a week with various senior groups in Metropolitan Detroit, Ann Arbor, and most recently, Toledo, Ohio.

Dick, a member of the Metropolitan Church in Northville Township, Michigan, is a retired hospital administrator. He has competed for seven years and has received numerous medals for his efforts. Spring 2005 found Dick and “The Oldies But Goodies” Toledo team placing fifth in the most recent national games in Pittsburgh. (To get into the national games, a team has to qualify by coming in first or second at the state level in their age category.) A semi-final, triple-overtime, one-point loss kept them from medal competition. Therefore, Dick and his teammates have to wait until next year.

Dick’s involvement in the Senior Olympics affords him great exercise, camaraderie, friendship, health, and just plain fun—but more than all of this, Dick uses his playing as a witnessing tool. Via e-mail and snail mail, Dick communicates his basketball exploits to over 200 family members, friends, and former Air Force buddies, many of whom do not share his Adventist beliefs. He credits his Lord and Saviour with blessing him with a great life; his wife, Lorraine, who provides him with wonderful vegetarian cuisine; and the Adventist health message that stresses the importance of exercise for good health.



Dick Lane poses with some of his medals.

In his latest e-mail message, Dick stated, “I have lived beyond my allotted three score and ten. ... I am shooting for 120 years of life unless (and hopefully) the Lord returns to claim His own. When you read Genesis 6 in the Bible ... men had been living 700–900 years, but the Lord looked around [and] saw wickedness, violence, and the imagination of men’s hearts and minds were evil only and continually. This was just before the flood (sounds like today), so He reduced man’s mortal [existence] to 120 years. Today men and women are not living that long ... I am so thankful for every day of life. ... As we look at the condition of this earth and review Bible prophecy, truly our days are dwindling down to a precious few! ... One of my favorite au-

thors wrote, ‘Search the Scriptures for they are the voice of God speaking to the soul.’ After reading the Bible through a number of times, I can only say with surety that God’s Word is perfect, powerful, permanent ... and precious.”

What an action-filled way to share one’s faith and trust in God. Dick may wear medals for his winning ways on the basketball court, but more importantly, he looks forward to a heavenly crown that will shine with numerous stars, representing many individuals he led to the truth.

Joy Hyde is the Metropolitan Church correspondent.



ROSAS EN EL JARDIN DE DIOS

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“Dios pide obreras fervientes, que sean prudentes, cordiales, tiernas y fieles a los buenos principios. Llama a mujeres perseverantes, que aparten su atención del yo y la conveniencia personal, y la concentren en Cristo, hablando palabras de verdad, orando con las personas a las cuales tienen acceso, trabajando por la conversión de las almas” (Joyas de los Testimonios, tomo 2, p. 405).

El primer contacto que mi familia tuvo con una persona adventista fue en Nueva York con una señora que se ofreció para darle estudios bíblicos a mi madre. Un año más tarde cuando nos mudamos a Puerto Rico, mi madre continuó los estudios con otra hermana adventista. La fidelidad de estas dos hermanas en compartir su fe resultó en la conversión de toda mi familia al mensaje adventista.

No hay duda que la fidelidad de nuestras hermanas es un factor importante en el crecimiento de la iglesia adventista. En mis años de pastorear iglesias he visto con claridad que las iglesias siguen caminando en gran parte debido al ministerio que las damas ofrecen regularmente en las iglesias. El establecimiento del departamento de damas en la Iglesia Adventista ha aumentado aún más la eficacia de la mujer al desempeñar sus funciones en la iglesia



Líderes del Ministerio de Damas de la iglesia de Mishawaka dirigen un culto divino en la iglesia de Hammond, Indiana. De izquierda: Zuleima Arias, Eva Medina, and Miriam Gutierrez

Para apoyar el ministerio de damas en nuestras iglesias hispanas, la Unión del Lago auspiciará este año un retiro para damas que se llevará a cabo el 21-23 de julio en la Universidad de Andrews. El lema del retiro es: “Eres una Rosa en el Jardín de Dios”, lo cual tiene como propósito llevar a quienes asistirán al retiro a un encuentro con nuestro mejor amigo, el Señor Jesús. El retiro comenzará el viernes 21 a las 7:30 p.m. en el Howard Performing Arts Center, y continuará durante todo el sábado. Habrá buena música, mensajes inspiradores,

seminarios y un gran banquete en la noche. El retiro concluirá el domingo por la mañana con un desayuno.

Este retiro está siendo planeado por la directora de ministerios de damas de la Unión, Areli Rivera, y los directores de ministerios de damas de las Asociaciones de nuestra Unión. Areli tiene mucha experiencia en organizar retiros y programas enfocados a las necesidades de la mujer, habiendo sido directora de ministerios

de damas para iglesias hispanas a nivel de asociación por más de 14 años. Areli es la esposa del Pastor Rubén Rivera, coordinador hispano de la Asociación de Wisconsin.

Para inscribirse para el evento y obtener más información hable con su directora de ministerios de damas en su iglesia o llame a Areli al teléfono 414-760-6396. Esperamos que muchas de las hermanas de nuestras iglesias puedan asistir a este evento y recibir así una gran bendición espiritual.

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

Seek. Affirm. Change.

ANDREWS TOURS THE WORLD

BY BEVERLY STOUT



Christie Joy

Participants were busy during the Summer 2005 dig in Tell Jalul, Jordan.

May is that nebulous month caught in between spring and summer, when college students pack up their belongings and head home to work their summer jobs, spend time with family and friends they haven't seen during the school year, or take a break before they pick up the books once again for summer classes. But May at Andrews is much more than just a transitional month. Hundreds of students from departments all over campus pack their suitcases, put on their adventure shoes, and hop on planes to destinations all over the world. Because at Andrews, May is study-tour season.

Study tours are an Andrews tradition and in many ways give students the opportunity to “Seek Knowledge; Affirm Faith; and Change the World.”

“We’re an international campus; it only makes sense,” says assistant professor of digital media and photography Sharon Prest, about the reasoning behind study tours. Sharon is coordinating the photography and design tour to India this May. From May 10–30, students will learn about culture, design, and photography while traveling across northern India. Students can earn up to six credits while taking classes such as *Travel Photography*, *Color Photography II*, *Topics in Documentary Photography*, *Visual Advocacy*, and *Book Design*.

While the photography department has gone on tours the past several years to places such as New Zealand, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ecuador, this will be the first time design students will have the opportunity to accompany them. Led

by assistant professor of art Robert Mason, students will not only snap pictures, but study Indian culture and society, and look at core social issues and ways to use design for social change. Upon return from the trip, design students will take the photographs they’ve shot on the tour and create their own book.



Justin Woods

Kristy Witzel photographed a dig site at Tell Jalul, Jordan.

“The students’ skills jump immensely on tours,” Sharon explains. “Every waking moment is dedicated to work.” But the students do more than just hone their photography skills. The influence of travel has a much deeper effect on their lives. “Their cultural awareness and world view expands. Many have gone on to devote a year or two to mission work, wanting to give back.”

SEEK KNOWLEDGE

BY TRISTAN BRAMBLE

In three years at Andrews University, I have gained a foundational, well-rounded education from which I will always benefit. As an English major and political science minor, I have taken classes that range from *Literature of the English Renaissance* to *Constitutional and Public Policymaking*. Each class and seminar has offered me the chance to read challenging material, write analytical and argumentative papers, and engage in related discussions.

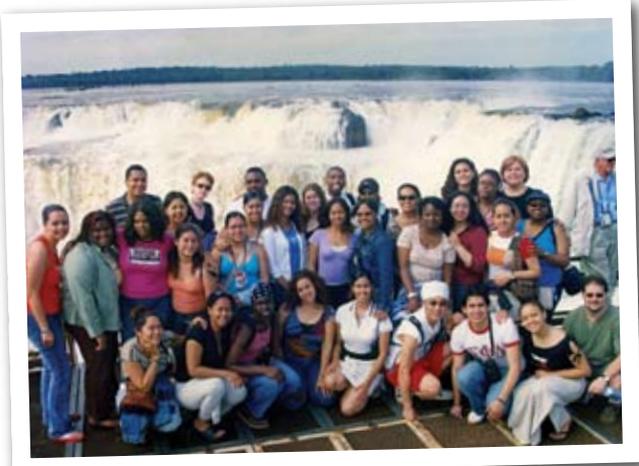
The wonderful thing about Andrews University is that its small size and diverse faculty provide incredible opportunities. The study and service-oriented tours are amazing; I have traveled to Australia, Fiji, and Peru. Professors become your friends; I often socialize with my English teachers at the *Yankee Book Swap* and poetry nights.

More importantly, I have been encouraged by professors who are committed to student growth and achievement. Jane Sabes used the flagging system to thank me for good work and effort. Monique Pittman typed a full, single-spaced page of constructive criticism on my seminar paper. Last week, Brent Geraty told each and every student in his class that he felt privileged to be teaching bright and capable minds.

Ironically, my pursuit of higher education has taught me that there is always much more to be learned.

I cannot study everything, so instead I seek the knowledge that is of interest and importance to me. The combination of supportive teachers and solid academic programs at Andrews make it all possible.

Tristan Bramble is a senior English major and political science minor at Andrews University.



Pedro Navia led a group of students from the International Language Studies department on the 2004 study tour to Iguazu Falls in Brazil.

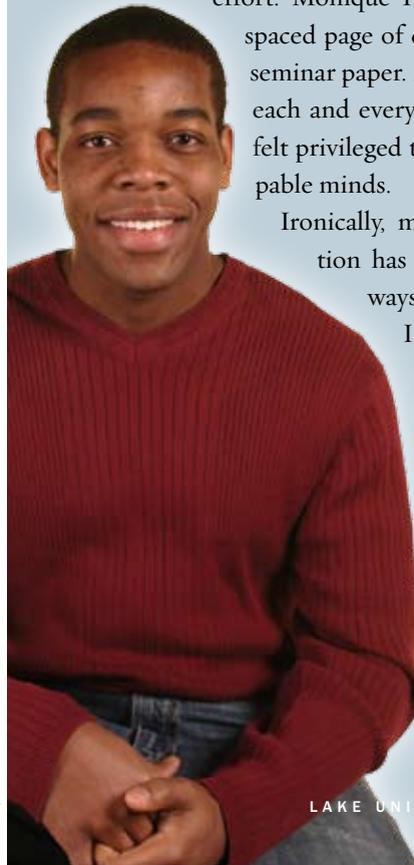
But the students traveling in May won't have to wait to give back. Working with Maranatha, the group will dedicate a day to paint the Fendell Seventh-day Adventist Church in Shimla, India. Before going on the trip, they will raise funds to help buy supplies.

The photo and design students won't be the only ones traveling this May, or the only ones planning to give back. From May 8–25, students will visit ancient China and Tibet, studying their rich culture and history.

Led by Jane Sabes, associate professor of political science, students will have the opportunity to walk along the Great Wall, float down the Three Rivers Gorge, and stand in Tiananmen Square, learning about history, religion, and politics, as well as experience and discuss contemporary culture and life, education, and the environment.

"Consider the world a global classroom," Jane explains. "If students learn from surrounding themselves with a new culture by walking the streets, observing the architecture, speaking with local businessmen, tasting native foods, etc., ... then I'm hoping that this practice of observation while 'walking the streets' will become a life habit for learning, not just when enrolled in classes or on a university campus. New sights and sounds and shared experiences with locals will create warm hearts toward citizens in our world-community."

Again, students will not just be soaking in knowledge and experience. The group will be delivering quilts, handmade by women in the St. Joseph (Michigan) Seventh-day Adventist Church, to children in Chinese orphanages. A service component is worked into each tour that Jane participates in. On trips to Cuba in 2002 and 2003, students delivered Bibles to rural Adventist churches and clothing and medicine to Seminary students. On their 2004 trip to Fiji and Australia, students helped rebuild the Vatuvonu



Tony Alpoon



The Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, pictured here performing at Pioneer Memorial Church, will take their first study tour to Europe in May.

Seventh-day Adventist Church School which had been damaged in a severe hurricane. “Mission is the undergirding, the very heartbeat of all we teach at Andrews University,” states Jane.

This idea of service-learning is evidenced each year in the Division of Architecture’s annual trip to Bolivia. Since 1998, the Division has held the annual *Birdhouse Competition and Benefit Auction* to raise money for the Center for the Recuperation of Children at Risk of Drug Addiction (CERENID) in Bolivia. CERENID was started in 1994 in conjunction with the Division of Architecture and the Adventist Development & Relief Agency International and currently is home to over 40 street children. Each year, Andrews architecture students travel to Bolivia to continue their work on the facilities.

Tours have been a long-standing tradition for archaeology students at Andrews. Each summer, the Horn Archae-

ological Museum sponsors digs in Jordan, giving students the opportunity to earn up to 12 credits while spending six weeks digging up ancient history. “It’s how I started my career; the inspiration of that has been transforming for me,” states Øystein LaBianca, associate director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of anthropology, as he recounts the first tour he took as a student with the late archaeologist and Seminary professor Siegfried Horn back in 1969. Øystein has led students on tours himself since 1984; this summer marks his 12th trip to Jordan.

“I see the focus of the tours as bridge-building,” explains Øystein. “We’re bridging understanding and helping to build appreciation for other cultures and other ways of being human. It’s important for us as Adventists who have a global mission. We need to have a deep appreciation for other cultures and communities, and tours have been a powerful teaching tool for that. On tours, students have some of their most meaningful and impacting experiences.”

Kristy Witzel, a research assistant at the Horn Institute of Archaeology and a 2005 anthropology graduate, has traveled on two of the Jordan digs: to Tell Hesban in 2004 and Tell Jalul in 2005. “These trips have offered me an irreplaceable education,” says Kristy. “I have learned so much about Middle Eastern culture and about its history, values, and religion. They have also provided me with excellent professional experience, both in archaeology and research.”

Beyond just the rich, hands-on educational experience, students interact with and build relationships with locals. “The highlight of the digs for me is always the Arabic hospitality and the friendships that develop both with the Andrews group and with the local people,” comments Kristy. “Andrews has been working in the Madaba Plains region of Jordan since 1968, and has developed a very special relationship with the villages surrounding Tell Hesban and [Tell] Jalul. Every dig season, about half of the team is made up of students and volunteers, and the other half is made up of local paid workers from the village. Often there are men and boys working at the site that are the sons and grandsons of workers from past seasons.”

“Knowledge has to be your own experience,” says Pedro Navia, chair of the International Language Studies department, a department that conducts at least one tour each summer. This May, Pedro will lead a group of 40 students on a 24-day tour through South America, focusing mainly on Brazil. Designed for Spanish majors or speakers, the tour gives students the opportunity to experience Latin American culture first-hand, while strengthening their language skills.

SUMMER 2006 TOUR SCHEDULE

Symphony Orchestra Study Tour

Italy, Germany, Austria, and France, May 8–21

History and Political Science Study Tour

China and Tibet, May 8–25

International Language Studies Study Tour

Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay, May 8–31

Digital Media and Photography Study Tour

India, May 10–30

Architecture Study Tour

Italy and Switzerland, June 8–16

Archaeology Study Tour

Tall al’Umayri, Jordan, June 28–August 9

Art & Design and Behavioral Sciences Study Tour

Egypt, August 10–24

AFFIRM FAITH

BY ROBERT W. PETERS III

Six years ago, during summer 2000, I arrived at Andrews University with my wife, Dollis. She, a counselor, and I, a pilot in the United States Marine Corps, left a six-figure household income to obey the Lord's call on our lives for chaplaincy ministry in the United States Navy. I had no idea where we would find employment or where we would live, but I knew what the Lord had instructed, and all roads pointed to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University as our first stop.

The Lord did not replace our finances with like income. Better than that, He gave us an abundance of wealth through personal and shared experiences, as well as relationships developed here at Andrews University, allowing us to "Affirm Faith" in Him.

The Lord used these six years to disciple my wife and me, and to teach us how to make disciples for Him. The people, both young and old, who are now disciples of the Lord, are in places as far away as the Marshall Islands and Australia, and as close as Florida, Alabama, Texas, Washington, D.C., and Berrien Springs, Michigan. Through "family groups," which are basically spiritual family units (see Matthew 12:48-50), people become disciples of Christ by hearing, watching, and being mentored by other disciples. The power to make disciples as Christians actually comes from Christ when we put into practice what we "say" we believe.

Now, at the end of six years, the Lord has determined it is time for us to return to active duty military service in the United States

Navy Chaplain Corps. We leave our brothers and sisters through Christ here in Berrien Springs at Andrews University and at the All Nations Church, in order to obey our Lord.

The Lord has commanded us all to "Affirm Faith" to a world in need, and He commands in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." and those who love the Lord will obey His commands.

Robert W. Peters III, LT CHC USN, is an assistant dean of men and a recent Masters of Divinity graduate of the Seminary at Andrews University.

"Tours are highly important for academic experience and for one's own knowledge," Pedro explains. "For example, one can read lots of books on the United States, but you get a more complete picture by being here. Books are important, but so is life experience."

One aspect of the learning experience for almost all the tours is interacting with other Adventists all over the world. Often incorporated into the trips are visits to sister schools and colleges, performances at churches, or service work. "It's important that students can see that we belong to a huge church, not just here in the States, but almost everywhere. It may be a different culture, or a different language, but the beliefs are the same," says Pedro.



Marc Ullom

Photography students experienced a safari in Kenya, Africa.

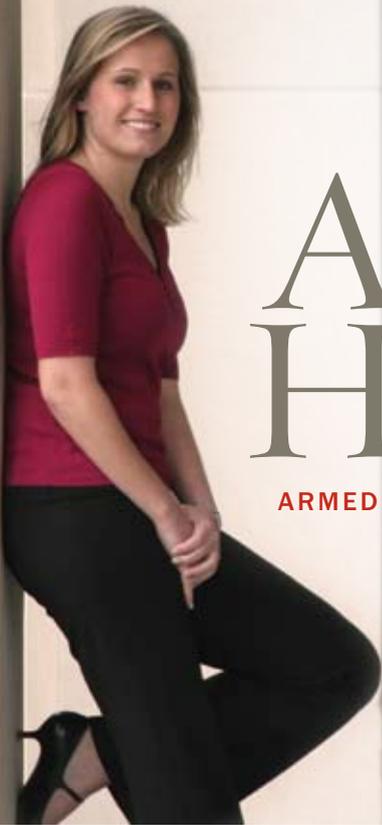
"It's important that our students be able to make connections with other Adventists," echoes Claudio Gonzales, director of the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra will be taking its first-ever study tour this May, traveling to Austria, Germany, Italy, and France, stopping to perform at many Adventist churches and schools. But beyond the opportunity to perform, the students will experience music history in the streets of Salzburg—the birthplace of Mozart—and see and hear some of the greatest instruments ever made in Cremona, the cradle of violin-making since the 16th century. This trip will be the first music tour that will enable students to earn academic credit.

Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World. At Andrews, it's something we take literally: our call to purpose, the reason for our existence. Study tours are just one way we put those words into action.

Beverly Stout is the University Relations media relations coordinator.



Daniel Bebell



ALLISON HURLLOW

ARMED WITH FAITH, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE
TO CHANGE THE WORLD

BY BEVERLY STOUT

Last summer, 22-year-old senior marketing major Allison Hurlow experienced the opportunity of a lifetime. A change from her usual stint working at Michigan summer camps, Allison hopped on a plane to California and spent ten weeks as an intern for Lexus, gaining first-hand marketing experience in their national advertising department. She helped edit brochures, went on photo shoots, and participated in the step-by-step process of ad campaigns. She had such a good experience that she's going back again this summer.

During Allison's internship at Lexus, she not only gained invaluable job experience and made connections that will springboard her future career, but she also had the chance to put her faith into action.

"Working at Lexus was a great experience for me," Allison explains. "I've worked at Camp Au Sable and F.L.A.G. Camp, but this was different. I was put on the other side of the country without my friends. I had roommates who were non-Adventists. I was the only one who went to church. I had to use my faith practically. When my friends would go out and ask me, 'Why aren't you coming to the club with us?' or 'Why don't you drink?' I had the opportunity to explain my faith."



As program coordinator for Higher Ground, a collegiate Sabbath school class, Allison prepares the projector for a PowerPoint presentation.

Having lived in Berrien Springs since she was four years old, Allison's California adventure was definitely a step outside her comfort zone. But she did not leave unprepared or unwilling to face the challenges that lay in front of her. An honors student, Allison does well in school and has learned strong work ethics from professors who encourage her to do her very best—from marketing classes that challenged her study skills and creativity, to religion classes that encouraged her to know the "Why?" behind her beliefs.

Allison's strong work ethic has extended outside the classroom, as demonstrated by her dedication to help enrich Andrews, both socially and spiritually. Her long list of

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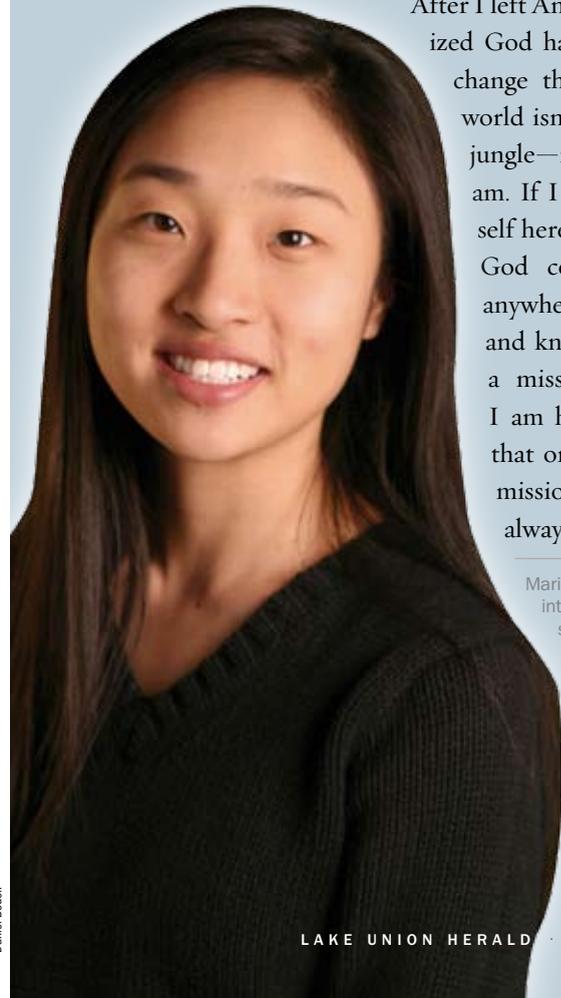
BY MARIA KIM

As a “good” Adventist, I grew up involved in missions. I went on mission trips to Korea, the Philippines, and Thailand. However, the trip that impacted my life the most was one I had here in the United States. This is when I realized we look at missions as a trip to a foreign country or a specific time period in our lives, but we don’t see life as a mission experience.

I worked for one year with Public Campus Ministries in Ann Arbor, Michigan, sponsored by the Michigan Conference. While there, I realized that my ministry was up against many enticing things of the world—entertainment, football, sex, parties, drugs, etc. The only way I could get people interested was by my life. The words coming out of my mouth wouldn’t make much difference—there are many Christians who preach on street corners. It was my life that could spark an interest and a desire for something better than this world has to offer.

After I left Ann Arbor, I realized God has called me to change the world. That world isn’t far away in a jungle—it is wherever I am. If I can prove myself here at home, then God could send me anywhere in the world and know I would be a missionary just as I am here. I realized that once I became a missionary, I would always be one.

Maria Kim is an integrated science for secondary education major.



Daniel Bechtel

student leadership positions include titles such as Andrews University Student Association (AUSA) senator, AUSA Public Relations and Social Recreation director, program coordinator for *Higher Ground* collegiate Sabbath school, and events coordinator for the Social Recreation office.

Allison remembers her junior year as a particularly busy one, juggling a heavy class load while working with both *Higher Ground* and AUSA. “My friends didn’t really see me much that year,” she comments. The experiences she had that year taught invaluable lessons and skills she was able to apply at Lexus and in the classroom. “Working for AUSA as Social Recreation director really taught me a lot about working hard, and getting your work done ahead of time. I’ve learned a lot about time management and learning to say ‘No.’ I used to be a ‘Yes’ person. I had to set boundaries and prioritize, and learn that things will turn out OK when other people are working, too.”

This year, Allison is keeping busy working for the Social Recreation office as an events coordinator, organizing popular events such as the annual beginning-of-the-school-year icebreaker *Almost Anything Goes*, a concert by contemporary Christian artists, *Selah*, and the spring break diving trip to Cozumel.

These leadership experiences also brought her closer to God. An independent person, she often stepped out on her own, saying, “I can do this, God,” but only to realize she really couldn’t do it on her own. “It was a good lesson in humility,” Allison notes.

As a senior, Allison will soon leave Andrews, stepping out once again beyond the borders of her comfort zone. But armed with her faith, skills, and experiences she had as a student, she’s more than ready to get out there and change the world.

“My way of changing the world is one step at a time. I want to live my life and have people look at me and wonder what’s different. ‘How can she handle these situations and be OK when these things are going on?’ I want others to see Christ living in me everyday: at work, volunteering in the community, [and] through personal relationships.”

Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World. That is Andrews’ goal for each student who walks on campus. Upon graduation, it is our goal students will not be the same as when they entered: their knowledge will have increased, their faith affirmed and strengthened, and their hearts filled with a passion to make a difference in the world around them.

Beverly Stout is the University Relations media relations coordinator.

AMH MISSION TRIP TO GHANA:



Children's ministry team members included (from left, front) Kathleen Petersen, Beverly Moon, Jill Hinrichs, Kaitlyn Hovsepian, Heather Kochen, Vivian Cook, Jacob Cook; (back) Tina Johnson, Vida Reid, Rachael Nagrocki, Kimberly Redfield, and Tim Cook.

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE IS GOD'S LOVE

BY LYNN LARSON

Twenty-eight willing workers from Adventist Midwest Health (AMH) ventured to Ghana, West Africa, Jan. 15–31, 2006, on the region's first combined medical care and ministry mission. Some of the team labored with a crew from Oklahoma to build a girl's dormitory for a Seventh-day Adventist school.

Pam Williams of Adventist Midwest Management Services worked in the kitchen. "I was one of four people who cooked three meals a day for 70 people. We had to decide quantity, cooking methods, and be creative with the produce we got daily from the farmer's market. We cooked three-to-four-dish meals, all vegetarian, all made from scratch on a two-burner propane stove top. All the fresh produce had to be sanitized in a bleach wash. We baked cakes and were in the hub of activity from 4:30 a.m. to 9:30 at night. It was the hardest physical work I have ever done, but it was great to be part of the mission."

"A few of the participants had individual experiences on mission trips, but we had to adapt as a group to everything we experienced—our tiredness, the heat, sanitary conditions, armed guards about us, street fights, and crowds of loving children," said Tina Johnson, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital marketing manger, who served on the children's ministry team.

The mission experience also provided an opportunity for each team member to grow more spiritually. Tim Cook, CEO of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, stated, "It is overwhelming to see such need among impoverished people that you can't address. You realize you have to turn it over to God."

"When you go to a Third World country, you are immersed in a culture that is totally out of your comfort zone. Because you live how others experience life, you gain a more significant world view," said Tim. He noted the trip

was a tremendous blessing for his family. “My son, wife, and I bonded in a way that was not for ourselves but out of service. I saw my 12-year-old son grow by being exposed to another world and way of life.”

“This was my first mission trip and it was eye-opening,” said Heather Kochen, teen volunteer coordinator for Adventist St. Thomas Hospice. “On our second visit to a school, some kids saw us coming and they started cheering and waving to us from the windows. We realized how much they appreciated us.”

“Participating on a mission trip is an experience everyone should have. It provides a chance to see the world and experience how other people live. You come to realize how blessed we are and how much we have to share in time, talent and material things,” said Isaac Palmer, CEO of Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital, who laid concrete blocks for the dormitory’s first floor.

“We exist to serve. As we ventured beyond our community, we experienced a deeper sense of purpose and a greater commitment to live our mission wherever we are,” said Tim.

According to Jim Today, administrative director of facilities at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, “We were able to go on this mission trip because of the prayer and financial support back home, but we also realized if it wasn’t for Adventist missionaries 100 years ago, we wouldn’t be doing what we were doing in Ghana now. The [Adventist] Church is alive and well in Ghana and the Adventist Academy is an oasis amid squalor.”

The children’s ministry team, led by Tim and his wife Vivian, visited three different schools twice during their stay in Ghana. Each day they offered three to seven sessions to primary grades with each group having 70 to 400 in attendance. In the evening, they ministered to children from the community.

“We taught hundreds of children lessons in healthcare, Bible stories, games, music, and character traits. We wanted them to know God, and our success was visible throughout the village as swarms of children would go home singing “Jesus’ Love is Bubbling Over” or “Jesus, You Are the Apple of

My Eye,” said Tina, who played the first accordion the African children had ever seen.

“The younger children did not have a grasp of English, but through music, movement, games, crafts, and puppet skits—and the help of interpreters—we shared the Good News or Asempa,” said Tim. “It is a spiritual awakening to go before children [who] have so little and tell them God loves them right where they are.”

“The children had a hunger for fellowship. They were sensitive to spiritual things,” noted Tim. “It touched me to realize God gave His life for these little children in Africa as He did for me, a CEO from America.”

Along with music and ministry, the team taught character traits of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, and courage. A nurse on the team provided lessons in hand-washing and explained how their bodies work. The children used stethoscopes and heard their own heartbeat.

Tim noted, “Most of us feel difficulty in expressing what we experienced. I can show you an orange, but if you never held one, smelled it, or tasted its sweetness, you really don’t know what an orange is. That is what the mission experience is like. We were told to expect the unexpected. We learned that unreliability is the norm and the people of Ghana don’t expect things to be reliable, so they roll with it. They have a different frame of reference. Because of the poverty there, the children could not grasp the concept that we had enough candy or crafts for everyone to share.”

Lynn Larson is a public relations specialist for Adventist Midwest Health.



Isaac Palmer cemented blocks in a portion of the wall for the girls’ dormitory. Jim Today, Hector Ramos, Jim Redfield, and Linda Main were also on the AMH construction crew.



A Ghanaian boy listened for his heartbeat during a health lesson provided by a nurse on the children’s ministry team.



Tim Cook, Jacob Cook, and Tina Johnson led an outdoor music session.



Bible stories told through puppetry delighted Ghanaian school children.



A World Apart, but Together in Healing Ministry

Compassionate hearts from Adventist Midwest Health (AMH) recently helped provide needed medical care in Ghana, West Africa, where people die from treatable illnesses because there is little medicine and not enough health-care workers to serve their needs.

David Calandra, a cardiovascular surgeon on the medical staff of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital and Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, led the medical team. He was accompanied by his wife Marcie, a nurse; and daughter Ashley, a student nurse. The other medical team members were nurses Claudia Andersson, Rebecca Baker, Suzan Barreiros, Sheila Lewis, and Alicia Ramos. Also AMH nurses Kathleen Petersen, Vida Reid, and Linda Main each spent a day with the medical team.

“Our team members were fantastic. They did what they could and more. When we arrived, we visited the government hospital and learned what the needs were. It was evident we could make a difference in their lives,” he said.

“Our team supported staff at clinics, assisting with more than 500 outpatient visits in four of the six different hospital settings we visited. The Ghanaian system provides one physician for each hospital. One facility was operated by a husband and wife team of American Adventist missionary physicians.

“The AMH team delivered babies, treated a gunshot wound, and diagnosed patients with malaria, hypertension, diabetes, thyroid, and prostate cancer,” David said. While the conditions left a lot to be desired, the rewards of helping and caring for a patient remained the same.

David performed an abdominal hernia operation, with a desk light illuminating the site. “We saw cases of typhoid fever, retro virus, and Bu-



The Adventist Midwest Health medical team (from left): Claudia Andersson, Ashley Calandra, Sheila Lewis, Alicia Ramos, Susan Barreiros, Rebecca Baker, David Calandra, M.D., Marcie Calandra, and Linda Main

ruli ulcers. We didn’t see anyone with breast cancer or lung cancer.”

He noted that Ghana has only three percent of its population infected with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). “That’s a result of their Christian beliefs and monogamous relationships, as well as a widespread media campaign and education in the schools about the disease.” He said testing only includes hemoglobin, malaria, or pregnancy. They do not have X-ray or ultrasound available.

Marcie Calandra coordinated efforts to offer CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) and Heimlich maneuver training at six hospitals and an Adventist nursing school. Approximately 30 participants received training at each site.

“Five out of six hospitals we visited were Adventist hospitals,” said Marcie Calandra, R.N. “The impact of the worldwide caring of the Adventists was evident in the healthcare delivery and care of people in Ghana,” Marcie added.

“Our medical team also provided approximately 800 blood pressure screenings at the evening evangelism meetings and found many with severe hypertension. We referred about 30 percent for follow-up care at the clinic,” said David.

“We also gave eye exams, blood pressure checks, and other exams to about 200 students and staff at the Adventist school. About 30 of them were referred to the clinic for follow-up care,” David noted. An additional lecture on adolescent women’s health attracted 600 students and faculty members.

This was the second medical mission David was involved with. “Conditions in Third World countries vary only in degrees of poverty,” he said. “Water and nutrition are issues and the routine control of infection, including HIV... The people we saw in Ghana had adequate nutrition. They can go into the jungle and get food, such as yams and bananas, growing wild.”

David noted, “They were a happy, friendly people and very Christ-centered. They would say ‘peace be with you’ or ‘God bless you’ in passing.

“When patients are admitted to a non-Adventist hospital, they must pay the daily fee or stay there until their family can pay the bill. They must purchase their own medicines from the dispensary, and their families must provide food for them or they don’t eat.

“Our medical team paid the bill of an elderly woman with HIV [who] didn’t have the finances to go home. When the family realized what we had done, they were grateful to us, but they gave thanks to God and pointed to the sky,” said David. “We afforded her the dignity to go home and die at peace with her family around her.

“I tell my colleagues the hearts of all races beat the same. We just live in different worlds.” Mission trips provide another way to extend the healing ministry of Christ.

Lynn Larson, Adventist Midwest Health public relations specialist



Gerald Paul New

The Roman Encampment was a new addition to the 2005 Easter Passion Play.

Andrews Gears Up for Easter Passion Play

Where exactly in southwest Michigan might you bump into llamas and palm fronds in the middle of April? Or, for that matter, get mistaken for Barabbas, arrested by Roman soldiers, and witness the triumphant Resurrection? If you answered Berrien Springs, chances are you've either participated in or observed Andrews University's *Easter Passion Play* (*Passion Play*) a time or two since its debut in 2003. If not, then *Passion Play 2006* will hopefully be your first experience. With fingers crossed for shower-free weather and enthusiastic crowds, an estimated 600-member team of dedicated Andrews students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community volunteers is gearing up for the fourth annual *Passion Play* scheduled for the weekend of April 15–16.

This year, Center for Youth Evangelism's Brit Steele will direct the *Passion Play*. A firm believer in outreach, Brit is excited to help extend such a meaningful ministry to the community. Aside from revamping old standards like the marketplace scene and adding a new Bedouin tent site, Steele plans to boost the number of Spanish-language performances to accommodate an increasing Latino community.

Modeled after Oberammergau, Germany's world-renowned Passion, Andrew's *Passion Play* is held outdoors and emphasizes interaction between actors and audience members who really become participants rather than

mere spectators. This signature element of audience involvement lends *Passion Play* performances an authenticity not present in movie productions or books, and makes for an intensely personal experience.

But beyond enjoying the authentic sights, smells, sounds, and tastes of the production, *Passion Play* attendees have the opportunity to walk through a poignant portrayal of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that Steele and this year's volunteers hope will draw them closer to an even more personal Savior.

For more information on this year's play, including how to reserve tickets, log on to passionplay.andrews.edu.

Elizabeth Lechleitner, University Relations
student news writer

New Ministry Focuses on Public High School Students

"There was nothing for the public high school kids," says Andrews enrollment coordinator Maria Long about her experience as a public high school student. "I wanted someone to look up to, someone cool enough to hang out with, but who didn't know everything." Long's experience inspired her to start *The Basement*, a new weekly ministry at Andrews University designed specifically for public high school students.

Long says *The Basement* is "all about relationship." To facilitate these relationships, Long employs the talent and energy of a group of Andrews students,

many with their own background in public high schools. These leaders form accountability and prayer teams that interact with the teens on a highly personal level, creating an environment in which students can share their lives and prayers with one another. Throughout the week, leaders keep in touch with their "kids" by calling them or bringing them lunch at school. According to Long, "the leaders are leaders 24/7. The kids can call any time, and we'll do anything for these kids."

The Basement has been growing since week one. Nine kids showed up the first week, but attendance increased to fifteen by the next. By week three, the number had jumped to an amazing 47. Each week, students return excited about *The Basement*. Josh Hollobaugh, a junior at Berrien Springs Public High School, says that for him, "*The Basement* is a lot like a family. I feel comfortable with every person here and know that they will listen and pray for me."



The Basement is a new ministry for public high school students.

Not only is *The Basement* a meaningful part of the lives of the students, but it also has had a powerful impact on its leaders. Long says, "These are amazing kids. They're amazing to us and so important in our lives. They taught us what *The Basement* is."

Kristen Denslow, University Relations
student news writer

[EDUCATION NEWS]

GLAA Bible Camp Was a Spiritual Blessing

Michigan—On Fri., Feb. 3, 2006, three Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) buses headed for Camp Au Sable (Au Sable) for the school's annual Bible Camp. Packed tightly into these large buses were excited teenagers ready for a fun-filled, spiritual weekend. Just prior to the weekend was GLAA's Student Week of Prayer, which blessed the entire campus. Bible Camp was to end the week, which focused on the characteristics of Christ, with a powerful finish.

The buses arrived at Au Sable around 4:30 p.m. Once the students got their luggage and settled in their cabins, they headed to the auditorium for their first meeting. Originally, Steve Vail, an evangelist, was to speak, but he canceled because of medical reasons. Thankfully, God provided another speaker, Scott Moore, from ARISE Institute.

Fri. night, Moore led us into the Sabbath, emphasizing the importance of studying God's Word, talking with God, and sharing the truth with others. Janelle Bedford, a senior, said, "I really liked Pastor Moore because he kept my attention and brought out excellent points that I can apply to my personal walk with God."

At the end of vespers, students and faculty made their way to the cafeteria for a communion service. Moore, Jer-



Scott Moore, from ARISE Institute, shared powerful messages with the students at Camp Au Sable.

emy Hall, GLAA chaplain, and Tedd Webster, GLAA coach, led out in the service. While everyone washed the feet of friends and loved ones, hymns and praise songs were sung. Afterward, everyone left, taking the special atmosphere back to the cabins.

Sabbath was also filled with exciting events. For Sabbath school Teresa Brundage, GLAA Bible and English teacher, talked about using our talents for God. Students were then split into eleven different discussion groups with student moderators. Moore spoke again for church service and gave us seven different things God's Word does: creates, saves, sanctifies, cleanses, gives us discernment, discerns us, and gives us eternal life.

After church the students were divided into three groups that rotated to different stations. Some of the activities included playing Bible *Outburst*, walking around Lake Shellenbarger, and spiritual comparisons to nature.

Amber Widing, a senior, said, "The activities were really exciting. I got the opportunity to hang out with people I normally wouldn't be around; it was nice to make new friends!" Sabbath ended with a wonderful vespers, followed by hayrides, snowmobile rides, sledding, a movie, and various table games.

Sun. morning ended with one last talk from Moore. He encouraged us to really experience what God's Word will do for our lives. He also challenged us to go back to school different than when we left.

"I was really blessed by what Pastor Moore said. He was very personable, and his talks inspired me," said Brock Willey, a junior.

Everyone was sad to say goodbye to such a great weekend, but the memories and blessings experienced were things students could take back to school with them.

Samantha Sawyer, Great Lakes Adventist Academy student correspondent



Kindergarteners Jacob Reed and Logan Bateman promoted giving to Hope for Humanity.

BCA Students Give Hope to South African Children

Michigan—Students in grades K–8 at Battle Creek Academy (BCA) raised \$250 for the *Hope for Humanity Partners in Mission Project* launched by the Michigan Conference.

Hope for Humanity has been a source of help and hope for people in need for more than 100 years. Through part-



GLAA students enjoyed a rich, spiritual experience at Bible Camp.

nerships with local communities and organizations, they initiate and support projects that make a fundamental difference in the way people live.

The Michigan Conference adopted Dwarfsloop, South Africa, a village 200 miles northeast of Johannesburg, where one-third of the population is effected by AIDS. This devastating disease left children as heads of households in many Dwarfsloop homes. The funds raised by the BCA students will be used to purchase basic essentials for living.

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy development director and correspondent

IA Students Witness to Peers and Community

Indiana—Indiana Academy (IA) faculty has involved students in not only activities and enrichment for personal spiritual growth, but also hands-on outreach and evangelism training to equip them to become the vision and mission bearers for this generation and beyond. Evangelism is a lifestyle I have sought to instill in the minds of my students this year, ever since the idea of turning our student week of prayer into an evangelistic series was started last school year. But it wasn't until a group of IA students attended the Lake Union Conference *Share The Light* convention that the vision and mission was fully captured in their minds.



David Ward, host for the student-led evangelistic meetings, gave attendees a chance to share what they learned each night.

Coming back to school this past Aug., on fire for the Lord, a core group of students were eager to preach in their very own evangelistic series. Using the *New Beginnings* series, provided by the Lake Union Conference, our students prepared for a ten-night evangelistic series, organized by the students for their classmates and the community. Ten student speakers were involved in editing and personalizing their sermons, using technology to illustrate their messages.

Other IA students advertised the Feb. evangelistic series, which was held in the IA chapel. Handouts were distributed in local churches, along with posters and public announcements. Posters were also placed in various locations in the community, and personal invitations were extended.

We saw and experienced God's amazing power working in the hearts of our students and visitors who attended the meetings. Caitlyn Chism, said, "I like the fact that my peers stood in front to preach. Some were nervous; some were shaky, but overall they did very well. It takes a lot for a student to get in front of their peers to preach."

Holly Schalk said, "I liked when Rafael spoke. He seemed to really mean what he said, and I liked his message. You can't earn or buy salvation, and there's no need to try to become perfect before we come to God."

There is something powerful about young people sharing their faith which seems to awaken conviction and revival in the hearts of young and old alike. Jessica McConnell said, "I enjoyed hearing the message from people my age and watching God work through them. When Christian, Renee, and Rafael spoke, I felt like they were really letting God work through them. They believed their message, and they seemed like they were sharing it with us because they cared." Jessica con-



Student worship teams prayed each evening before the meeting.

cluded, "God is just waiting to show us His plan for our lives, and we need to utilize the time we have to share the message and renew our walk with God."

As a result of this evangelistic series I am convinced, now more than ever, that young, committed Christians can be the vessels through which God can ignite the flame of vision and mission in our church once again.

Sara Bailey summed it up well, "I realized that God is coming very soon and we can't keep putting our relationship with God on hold—the time is now."

Yes! The time is now to nurture, train, and empower our youth for the vision and mission of Christ!

If you are interested in learning more about the outreach opportunities and training available at IA, you may register to attend Academy Days, which takes place Apr. 30–May 1, 2006. For more information, please call (317) 984-3575.

Luis Beltre, Indiana Academy Bible teacher and chaplain

BCA Students Share Christmas Spirit

Michigan—Battle Creek Academy (BCA) students planned several activities during the holiday season that were excellent opportunities to let their lights shine. Students volunteered to help the Campus Ministries committee use the holiday season to treat area youngsters. Camden Bowman, Campus



The seventh and eighth grade classes shared gifts with their "adopted children."

Ministries director, announced that 20 community children and their parents would be BCA guests for a Christmas party.

The students, who adopted a child for the day, entertained his or her Christmas child during the two-hour party. They played games, enjoyed good food, sang Christmas songs, watched a Christmas movie, and at the end each child received a present, based on the parent's suggestion, from their matched student.

The seventh and eighth grade classes also celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. They adopted a local family and planned a very special holiday treat. The students invited the family to the academy to enjoy an afternoon of food and fun. With funds they raised within their classes, the students planned and prepared a delicious Christmas dinner, and purchased gifts for the family using lists given to them by the parents. To top it all off, the students were able to send the family home with a carload of food staples for their pantry.

With the many outreach activities that took place, the Student Association decided to treat the students of the academy to a little Christmas cheer of their own. They set aside time to bring everyone together, students and staff alike, for a short season of caroling, followed by treats for all.

Michelle Cain, Battle Creek Academy development director and correspondent

GLAA Students Explore the Character Traits of Christ

Michigan—Recently, students had the opportunity to both host and attend the annual Great Lakes Academy Student Week of Prayer. Eight students volunteered to get in front of the whole student body and tell what Jesus meant to them by exploring His character.

As soon as the Week of Prayer started, a different atmosphere engulfed the campus. Even the speakers felt the power of the Holy Spirit working among them. Jordan Reichert, a sophomore and the first student to speak on Mon. morning, said, "Once you get up there, it isn't you. I felt like a totally different person."



Craig Stephan, a senior, was one of the speakers for the Student Week of Prayer.

The Week of Prayer speakers each told their testimonies in a different way, yet the central theme was the same—"The Characteristics of Christ." Reichert ended his sermon about acceptance by singing a song by musical artists *Peter, Paul, and Mary* entitled, "Don't Laugh at Me," which talks about the fact that regardless of our imperfections we are all the same in the eyes of God.

John Musslemen, junior class president and an *Acadia* staff member, wowed the crowd by doing a push-up using only one arm. While he started out his talk apparently

trying to get the audience to be impressed with his abilities, the ultimate goal of his talk focused on the humility of Christ. Andrew Fisher, a junior, commented about Reena Dollente's talk, which focused on God as our Father, and her personal experience of losing her father to cancer. He said, "Reena was very brave to tell her story like that."

Many students were blessed by the Week of Prayer, which also included topics like "Perseverance," "Choices," "Love," "Forgiveness," and "Giving."

Rachel Ballast, a junior, said, "It made me think about things in a new way, and I realized that other people are going through the same stuff I am."

Charles Smart, GLAA computer teacher, said he thought the Student Week of Prayer was very important. "I believe that when students get up front, they can get messages across in ways that we (teachers) could never dream of."

Week of Prayer meetings were held twice a day during the week of Jan. 30 through Feb. 3; once right before lunch, and again in the evening after recreation time. Immediately following the presentations, those who wished had the opportunity to come up to the front of the chapel and join a prayer session.

Jeremy Hall, GLAA chaplain and junior Bible teacher, summed up the experience best when he said, "It was one of the most high-impact weeks of prayer I have seen in six years."

Michael Haus, Great Lakes Adventist Academy student correspondent



The students met after each Week of Prayer meeting to pray together.



Scholarship recipients pose for a picture after Paula Weber, of Commonweal Foundation, took them out for dinner.

Pathways to Success Provides Scholarships for Christian Education

Wisconsin—Thanks to Pathways to Success, a Division of the Commonweal Foundation, 22 Wisconsin Academy (WA) students can now afford Christian Education. “I came to WA because I wanted to get a better Chris-

tian Education,” says Connie Corder.

Students are required to keep up their grades and stay out of trouble to continue receiving this valuable benefit. “I like how it helps you have higher standards and how it makes you do your best,” commented Enrique Serna III.

Participants must be a first-time boarding school student in grades 9–12 and meet financial qualification guidelines. “It helps me out financially and

gives me the chance to be in school without struggling,” says Jasmine Ragland.

Students may reapply every year until they graduate; there is no maximum number of students who can apply for the scholarship. Most receive the maximum allotment of nearly \$5,000. Students who stay in school at WA, or another boarding academy that has Pathways’ program, receive almost \$20,000 in scholarships.

If you want a Christian education, now it is within your grasp. All applications must be submitted to the Commonweal Foundation no later than July 31, 2006. Contact WA and make your Christian education dreams a reality. For information, contact Michelle Shufelt or Bob Meharry at (920) 623-3300.

Michelle Shufelt, Wisconsin Academy correspondent

[LOCAL CHURCH]

Dream to Serve Becomes a Reality

Wisconsin—Florence “Flo” Schacht from the Delavan Church dreamed of opening a church-sponsored thrift shop—not a way to get rich, but a way to serve needy people and the community.

“Circle of Friends, as we call our thrift shop, really took off on Nov. 1, 2004,” reports Schacht. After the Delavan K-Mart closed, the owner gave Schacht fixtures, racks, and a cash register with pricing guns. Schacht said, “Everything we have needed, the Lord has provided.”

When Shirley Mason moved to Elkhorn, Wis., from Colo., she and Schacht searched for property. They found a wonderful storefront in Elkhorn for just \$700 per month.

Circle of Friends provides fresh baked bread, household furnishings, clothing, and appliances. If you have no money, you still get what you need. “Our shop pays for itself every month while it sends subsidies to the Woodland Adventist School, Wisconsin



Flo Schacht and Shirley Mason established Circle of Friends to serve needy people in their community.

Academy, the local Lutheran School, and *Hope Now* (a community-based assistance program in Elkhorn).

The ladies also support discharged prisoners by providing food, clothing, and other items needed to start a new life. “We offer Bible studies to everyone who buys or receives goods. They take the study home, fill it out, and then bring it back for correction.”

The ladies learned many desired a fellowship Bible study. Schacht said, “The United Church of Christ across the street from us volunteered to host our Community Bible Study on Wednesday nights, [using] Amazing Facts Bible studies, that is!

“We recently received approval from the Rock of Jesus Pentecostal Church to do medical missionary work using their storefront space to do so. We have contacted Dr. Olivier at the Country Life Education and Wellness Center to conduct health screens, stress management classes, etc.”



A customer (left) chats with Circle of Friends co-founder, Shirley Mason.

When I asked what was next, the ladies just chuckled. “We just have to keep up with where God is opening opportunities.”

There seems to be no limit to what God can do with volunteer workers who trust in Jesus and dream big dreams.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

[WOMEN'S NEWS]

Women of Spiritual Praise Conference Planned

Illinois—Lake Union women are invited to join women from all across North America and Canada for an unforgettable experience in West Frankfort, Ill. You will be inspired to grow, empowered to share, and equipped to be a shining light in your home, church, and community.



The Women of Spiritual Praise conference, June 15–17, 2006, is sponsored by Transforming Lives for Christ, a non-profit organization helping those who hurt move from pain to power through Jesus Christ. Conference attendees will experience over 14 workshop opportunities, hear internationally known keynote speakers, enjoy Spirit-filled general sessions with dynamic speakers, participate in a powerful prayer ministry, and be



Keynote speakers include Brenda and Fred Stoecker. Fred is co-author of the Every Man's Battle series with Steve Arterburn. Brenda is co-author of the book, Every Heart Restored. The Stoeckers share their powerful life-changing testimonies internationally.

blessed by inspiring praise and worship music, a Sat. evening concert, and much more.

Conference speakers include: Brenda and Fred Stoecker, Dave Pelzer, Shelley Quinn, Cynthia Prime, Cheri Peters, Heather Dawn Small, and Deborah Harris. Musical guests include: Jaime Thietten, Christine Wollman, Stephanie Dawn, *The Micheff Sisters*, John Lomacang, Cherie Buckner-Webb, and the Women of Praise Worship Team.

The conference will be held at the Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) Worship Center, a 1,500-seat facility with state-of-the-art technology to enhance your listening experience.

Visit www.womenofspiritualpraise.com for additional information and to register; or call (800) 681-6361. The website also contains information about local accommodations, the 3ABN RV Park, and shuttles available. A registration fee includes program, resources, and the musical concert.

Transforming Lives for Christ press release

[UNION NEWS]

Wisconsin Conference Pursues Television Evangelistic Outreach

Wisconsin—The Wisconsin Conference, along with the Portage district, is exploring a new strategy for evangelism pre-work. Charles Byrd, pastor, came to the district with videography skills gained from his time at Steeple Productions. All four district churches (Portage, Oxford, Reedsburg, and Baraboo) agreed to support Byrd and



Dave Pelzer, world-renowned symbol of hope, and author of NY Times bestsellers, *A Child Called 'It'*, *The Lost Boy*, and *A Man Called Dave* will be a keynote speaker at the conference.

two task-force workers, Kevin Ekvall and Ezra Foss, in producing 13 evangelistic programs entitled *In Search of the Truth* and airing them on television prior to the live reaping series in each church.

Positive responses are already coming in from the viewing audience, including over ten requests for study guides, and four individuals visited the Reedsburg and Oxford churches after viewing the programs. Oxford members offered to bring the DVDs to people in their homes and to date are following up on over 30 requests to view these programs.



Charles Byrd, and two task-force workers, Kevin Ekvall and Ezra Foss, produced 13 programs for television titled, *In Search of the Truth*.

From his experience as missionary in the Middle East and Saipan, Byrd brings a world view to his search for truth. The series starts with an honest look at whether there even is a Creator God in the premiere program, *The Genesis Question*. In the second program, *Message in a Bottle*, Byrd takes a critical look at the most convincing evidence that the One who claims to be the Creator also knows the future with pinpoint accuracy.

The HOPE Channel staff were so impressed with these programs that they chose to premiere this series during the General Conference Session in St. Louis.

Now you can “join” the Byrds as they visit Bethlehem, Qumran, Mt. Nebo, Bethany, Sinai, Gehenna, Mt. Carmel, and Jerusalem where they shot original footage in their search for truth. This DVD series is available at the Wisconsin Adventist Book Center.

James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director

Lake Union Members Respond to Hunger Cries

An estimated 70,000 AIDS orphans live in Swaziland where 42 percent of the population is living with HIV and AIDS and 70 percent of the population are youth. A severe food shortage has created a crisis and families face starvation. Some of these families are headed by children due to AIDS losses in the family.

Dan Mcluli, Swaziland, South Africa, president, developed a program where vegetable seeds could be provided to starving families so a garden could be grown and the recipients could become more self sufficient. "But there are no more seeds," he explained, "and no money to buy them."

"This is a 'Macedonia cry' in a country rated as most hard hit by HIV and AIDS in the world and facing extinction if current trends continue." These words by Dan set off a flurry of activity in the Lake Union, and elsewhere in the country.

Cynthia Prime, a member of Chapel West Church in Indianapolis and president of Transforming Lives for Christ (TLFC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people move from pain to power through Christ, contacted her ministry network. Plans were made for a small team to accompany her to Swaziland, where she would speak at their camp meeting. What began as just the germ of an idea has grown into a full-blown outreach known as *SEEDS OF HOPE*.

TLFC developed *SEEDS OF HOPE* to raise funds for seeds to be purchased by ADRA Swaziland and distributed to the orphan groups and distressed families. The seeds include cabbage, beetroot, carrots, onion, spinach, tomato, and beans, and cost \$10 per family; the same amount will clothe one orphan.

Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) shared the orphans' plight with its viewers and invited



Many heads of households in Swaziland are now children due to AIDS losses in the family. This orphan appreciates a meal provided by ADRA.

participation. By doing so, 3ABN has raised funds to supply seeds and clothing for at least 2,000 orphans.

A team will leave for Swaziland on Apr. 23 to participate in camp meeting, provide health education, and possibly operate a temporary clinic in Mafusteni, one of the hardest hit communities. They will also provide spiritual nurture and life skills training.

A highlight of the visit will be programs for hundreds of Swaziland orphans, hosted by Brenda Walsh of 3ABN's *Kid's Time*. Walsh mobilized an army of volunteers to raise funds and collect clothing for children. The clothing and other resources were loaded for shipment Mar. 3. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, under the direction of Nancy Gerard, along with numerous area schools and churches she recruited, filled the container with clothing and supplies, but more help was needed to meet the Mar. deadline. Women's ministries groups in Indianapolis churches teamed together to assist with the effort.

Please consider sending a donation for seeds or clothing by Apr. 15. Send contributions to: SEEDS OF HOPE, 3ABN, P.O. Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896.

Transforming Lives for Christ press release

Adventists Urged to Support Workplace Religious Freedom Act

If today is an average day in America, three Seventh-day Adventist Christians will be fired from their jobs for no crime other than keeping the Sabbath—that is more than a thousand a year. Many more will be harassed, demeaned, and demoted by intolerant employers who believe their role gives them the right to denigrate the religious beliefs and practices of employees.

For years we have seen this problem grow. There is hardly an Adventist church in America that doesn't contain someone who has experienced Sabbath problems at work—and this is particularly true of young Adventists and new converts.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is working hard for the passage of the *Workplace Religious Freedom Act*, a moderate piece of bipartisan legislation that requires employers to accommodate the Sabbath keeping and other religious practices of employees if the employer can do so without incurring a significant cost or inconvenience.

This bill isn't going to pass by itself. We need every single Seventh-day Adventist in the United States to raise their voice to Congress in support. Simply visit www.religiousliberty.info—the Web page of the North American Division affiliated North American Religious Liberty Association—and you can send a letter supporting the *Workplace Religious Freedom Act* to your two federal senators and your federal congressman or woman in less than two minutes.

Here is a chance to stop talking about the Ten Commandments and actually do something tangible to protect faithful men and women who actually, under the grace of God, keep them!

More information is available at www.religiousliberty.info.

James D. Standish, JD, MBA, director of legislative affairs, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Within the Lake Union, the officiating pastor or church communication leader is responsible for submission of information to this column. Forms are available in print format, or they can be filled out and submitted directly online. Milepost forms are available at www.lakeunionherald.org. Conference addresses and phone numbers are in the masthead on page 39.

Obituaries

ADAMS, Elaine B. (Brown), age 56; born Nov. 4, 1949, in Red Lodge, Mich.; died Nov. 26, 2005, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs.

Survivors include her husband, Larry H.; son, Benjamin S.; daughter, Shonnah L. Adams; brothers, Leslie, Gene, and Jim Brown; and sisters, Susan Dahlman, Lois Ferguson, and Becky Brown.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Esther Knott, and interment was in Bridger (Mich.) Cemetery.

ADAMS, Forrest J., age 85; born Nov. 15, 1920, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Dec. 29, 2005, in Cicero, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jona-Fe (Moos); daughter, Catherine Adams; step-daughters, Cynthia Burke, Catherine Somers, and Beverly McAlister; brother, Howard; one grandchild; four step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ronald Kelly, and interment was in Mendon Cemetery, Pendleton, Ind.

BOLIN, James E., age 70; born Jan. 26, 1935, in Cannelton, Ind.; died Nov. 15, 2005, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Lee (Boyles); sons, Dennis, Douglas, Duane, Darryl, and David; daughter, Delynne Jo Shepard; brothers, Alton Jr., Kenneth, and Ronald; sister, Marjorie Simpson; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ronald Kelly, and interment was in Carey Cemetery, Strawtown, Ind.

COLE, Mary C. (Pintland), age 86; born Aug. 14, 1919, in Linton, Ind.; died Dec. 18, 2005, in South Bend, Ind. She was a member of the Buchanan (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Michael, Harold B., and Terry; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Loren Van Oort, and interment was in Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

DEWITT, Helene J. (Slikkers), age 97; born Mar. 6, 1908, in Hamilton, Mich.; died Jan. 29, 2006, in Bridgman, Mich. She was a member of the Holland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Earl, Ron, and Ken; brother, Leon Slikkers; sisters, Jean Brummett and Mae Kachenmeister; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale Wolcott, and interment was in Zeeland (Mich.) Cemetery.

FAHLE, Frieda K. (Meister), age 89; born Mar. 19, 1916, in North College Hill, Ohio; died Jan. 15, 2006, in Scottsburg, Ind. She was a member of the Scottsburg Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Wright, and interment was in Scottsburg Cemetery.

FRAZER, Peggy P. (Rapp), age 51; born July 12, 1954, in Decatur, Ill.; died Jan. 27, 2006, in Saginaw, Mich. She was a member of the Saginaw Center Road Church.

Survivors include her mother, Margaruet L. (Epperson) Rapp Schultz; and sister, Judith P. Nauenfeldt.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Robert C. Quillin, and interment was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Saginaw.

FREY, Martha (Steffen), age 64; born May 2, 1940, in Hinsdale, Ill.; died Jan. 4, 2005, in Talbot, Tenn. She was a member of the Bethel Church, Arpin, Wis.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin; son, Marvin; daughter, Debra Crowson; father, Harold Steffen; mother, Atha Steffen; brother, John Steffen; sister, Helen Polacek; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Larry Findley and Armando Camacho, and interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Arpin.

GUTHRIE, Betty B. (Clark), age 82; born Nov. 16, 1923, in Fountain City, Wis.; died Jan. 7, 2006, in Berrien Center, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, R. Steven, Burton, and Edward; daughter, Lenee Vaucher; sister, Loetta Guthrie; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bruce Hayward, and interment was in Union Cemetery, Berrien Center.

HANSEN, Floy B. (Rathbun) Peterson, age 95; born May 8, 1909, in Mesick, Mich.; died Dec. 13, 2004, in Alma, Mich. She was a member of the Holly (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Kenneth and David Peterson; daughter Joyce (Peterson) Harner; sister, Evelyn Jenkinson; 15 grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Benson, and interment was in Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac, Mich.

KLINGER, John O., age 85; born Jan. 24, 1920, in Ipswich, Mass.; died Jan. 9, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Church and the Chapel Hill Church, Markle, Ind.

Survivors include his wife, Lois M. (Stone); sons, Donald A., Dean E., and David R.; daughters, Carolyn E. Mattson and Joanne M. Klinger; brother, Raymond; sister, Eleanor McCoy; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Don English, and interment was in Hoverstock Cemetery, Zanesville, Ind.

LEGREID, Louise (Witt) Goodenough, age 88; born Nov. 11, 1916, in Clear Lake, Iowa; died July 11, 2005, in Janesville, Wis. She was a member of the Janesville Church.

Survivors include her sons, Robert, Richard, and Dennis Goodenough; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Dale Bossenberry, and interment was in Milton Lawns Cemetery, Janesville.

LINK, Ruby M. (Westbrook), age 74; born Dec. 1, 1931, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; died Dec. 2, 2005, in Grand Ledge, Mich. She was a member of the Grand Ledge Church.

Survivors include her husband, LaVern; son, Wendell; daughters, Linda Dickerson, Debbie Oliver, Pennie Clements, and Marcia Cierlik; adopted nieces, Hope Reth-Link and Joy Reth-Burger; brother, Leroy Westbrook; 21 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Jeff Dowell, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

MALONE, Lenora F. (Wing), age 84; born Jan. 31, 1921, in Mellon, Wis.; died Jan. 1, 2006, in Oshkosh, Wis. She was a member of the Fox Valley Church, Neenah, Wis.

Survivors include her daughter, Patsy Malone; and brothers, Claude and Art Wing.

Private graveside services will be held at a later time at Ellenwood Cemetery, Oshkosh.

NUCKLES, Edith, age 90; born Aug. 9, 1915, in Asheville, N.C.; died Jan. 12, 2006, in Chicago, Ill. She was a member of the Cicero (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her brother, Harold Nuckles; and sister, Frances Bauchle.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ronald Kelly, and interment was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Sturgis, Mich.

SCHLAMAN, Eileen M. (Hatfield), age 103; born Aug. 29, 1902, in Dayton, Ohio; died Dec. 31, 2005, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, John J. and Michael J.; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Larsen, and interment was in Warren Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery, Livonia, Mich.

SINNETT, Delva J. (Pauls), age 84; born Aug. 27, 1921, in Orion Twp., Wis.; died Dec. 13, 2005, in Richland Center, Wis. She was a member of the Richland Center Church.

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SMEENGE, Justin W., age 90; born Dec. 21, 1915, in Portage, Mich.; died Jan. 13, 2006, in Holland, Mich. He was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include his son, Jerry; daughters, Rochelle Taylor and Annette Evans; brother James; ten grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

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

WILSON, Lois I. (Wheeler), age 87; born May 8, 1918, in Takoma Park, Md.; died Dec. 31, 2005, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her sons, Oliver Jr. and James; daughter, Carolyn Mettler; sisters, Esther Shumate and Pat Whitmill; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arne Swanson, and interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs.

WUTZKE, Alfred, age 46; born Mar. 22, 1959, in St. Joseph, Mich.; died Dec. 18, 2005, in Waukegan, Ill. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn (Duncan); daughter, Heather Wutzke; father, Willi; mother, Sofie (Riess); brother, David; and sister, Esther Penn.

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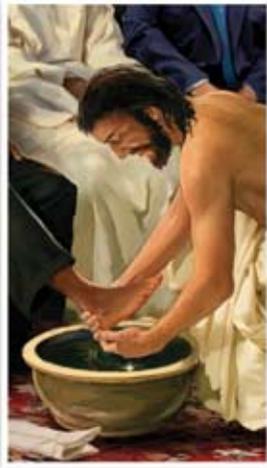
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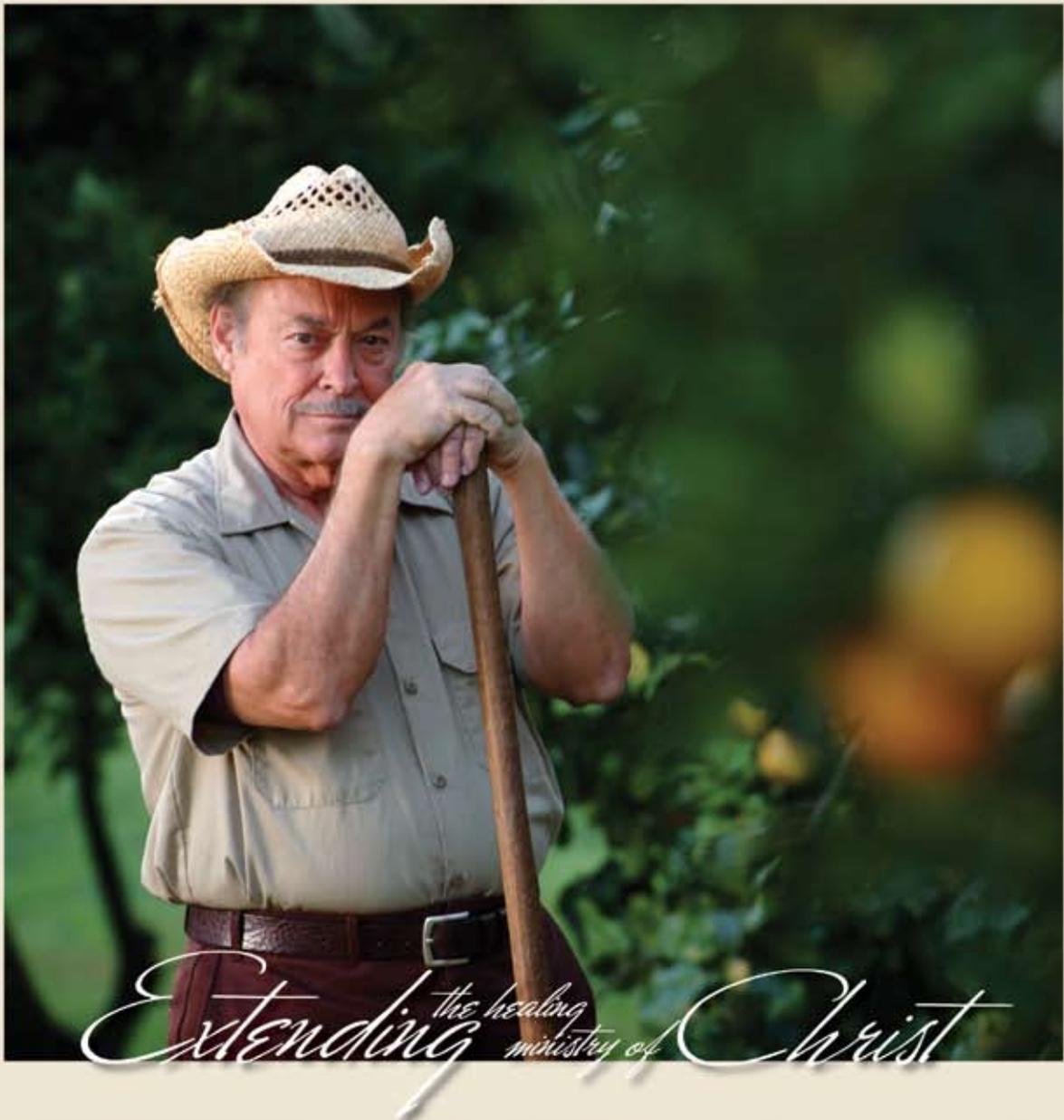
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Chicago	7:22	7:30	7:38	7:46	7:53	8:01
Detroit	8:04	8:12	8:20	8:28	8:36	8:44
Indianapolis	8:14	8:22	8:28	8:35	8:43	8:50
La Crosse, Wis.	7:38	7:47	7:55	8:04	8:13	8:20
Lansing, Mich.	8:11	8:19	8:27	8:35	8:43	8:51
Madison, Wis.	7:31	7:38	7:47	7:55	8:03	8:11
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Pathfinder Fair is **May 5–7** at Timber Ridge Camp. For registration information, call Dean Whitlow at (812) 829-2507 or (812) 821-1581.

Lake Region

Peterson-Warren Academy will host its annual Alumni Weekend, **Sept. 15–17**; plan to attend. Special guest speaker will be C.D. Brooks, speaker/host of *Breath of Life* television show. We will honor the following classes: 1966, '71, '76, and '81 (classes commemorating 30-, 25-, 20-, and 15-year anniversaries). If you are a former student and have not received a news bulletin regarding 2006, then the alumni must not have your address. Contact the school at (313) 565-5808; or e-mail Melanie Maycock-Abrahams, Peterson-Warren Alumni Association event coordinator: mmaycock@mindspring.com.

Lake Union

Offerings:

- Apr 1** Local Church Budget
- Apr 8** Christian Record Services
- Apr 15** Local Church Budget
- Apr 22** Local Conference Advance
- Apr 29** Spring Mission Appeal

Special Days:

- Apr 1** Missionary Magazines (*Signs, Message, El Centinela, La Sentinelle*)
- Apr 8** Stewardship Sabbath
- Apr 15** Literature Evangelism Sabbath
- Apr 22** Education Sabbath

Michigan

Benton Harbor Church Celebrates 50 Years: On Sabbath, **Apr. 15**, the Benton Harbor Fairplain Church will commemorate the 50th anniversary of building their church. James Hoffer, former Fairplain pastor, will speak during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. A fellowship dinner will be held after the service. All former members and friends of the church are invited.

Are you an alumni of Battle Creek Academy? Plan now to attend the 2006 alumni weekend, **Fri., Apr. 28, to Sat., Apr. 29.** Honor classes are: 1926, '36, '46, '56, '66, '76, '81, '86, and '96. The annual golf outing is Fri. morning (e-mail us for additional information). Vespers begins at 8:00 p.m., Fri. evening, at the Battle Creek Tabernacle. The classes of '56, '81, and others, will be featured during the Sabbath school programs at the church. Sabbath school begins on Apr. 29 at 9:30 a.m. For more information about the weekend, e-mail: BCAAlumni@aol.com; or call: (269) 965-1278, ext. 1101.

"Ye Olde CLA Alumni Reunion," June 8–11, will be held for Cedar Lake Academy alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1956 and earlier, on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA). Honor classes: 1936, '46, and '56. Guest performance by recording artists *Buddy Houghtaling & Friends*, Fri. at 7:00 p.m. For information, call the GLAA Alumni office at (989) 427-5181; or visit GLAA's website: www.GLAA.net. Please pass the good word.

North American Division

Southwestern Adventist University alumni and friends are invited to the Annual Homecoming 2006, "Bluebonnets and Barbecue," **Apr. 6–9.** Registration is Thurs., Apr. 6. For more information, call (817) 202-6232; e-mail: bevm@swau.edu; or visit website: www.swau.edu/alumni.

Exclusively for Home Schoolers: You are personally invited to preview Union College in Lincoln, Neb., at the first annual Home School Preview Days, **Apr. 27–30.** It's a **FREE** way for you to experience Union's unique spirit. For more details, call (800) 228-4600; or e-mail: gofar@ucollege.edu.



Seventh-day Adventist Korean Language Institute alumni missionaries, where are you? If you served in South Korea during the past 20 years, please send us your contact information in preparation for a **Summer/Fall 2006** reunion. E-mail: marilynlarus@hotmail.com or sali@puonline.org.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Academy (WA) Alumni Weekend will be held **Apr. 21-22**. The theme for this year's alumni weekend is "Home with Jesus." Honor classes are 1936, '46, '56, '66, '76, '81, '86, and '96. Come back to WA for fellowship and fun with former classmates. If you would like more information about the weekend, or to reserve a room, contact Marcia Sigler at (920) 623-3300 ext. 12; or e-mail: library@wisacad.org. Make sure to stop by our website and update your profile: www.wisacadalumni.org.

The Second Annual Wisconsin Academy (WA) Golf Classic will be held **Apr. 23** at the Kestrel Ridge Golf Course in Columbus. Last year 17 teams came out to play; let's double it this year! Bring your clubs and come join us for

an exciting weekend at the academy! All monies raised will go toward the WA worthy student fund. If you have questions, or are interested in being a sponsor, contact Michelle Shufelt at (920) 623-3300 ext. 18; or e-mail: development@wisacad.org.



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PARTNERSHIP *with* GOD

Change the World

BY GARY BURNS



We were sitting around the conference table discussing the special Andrews University issue of the *Herald*. I was prepared for a typical production meeting where you go down the checklist to make sure everything is in place for a complete and balanced magazine our readers would find useful and interesting. But as the members of the university team began to share their vision, something began to happen inside me. They were talking about what the university was about—what their mission was—and what they hoped to accomplish in this partnership with God to educate our young people and prepare them for service.

It was a cold December morning and I sipped hot chocolate from a new mug that had these words printed on it: Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith.

Change the World. That's what they were talking about. All of a sudden, I realized that is exactly what happened. That's what our daughter experienced at Andrews University. She came home from her classes excited about new things she was learning. She shared her growing faith as a result of the spiritual mentoring several of her professors took time for. And now Josie is in India changing her world, one orphan at a time, as a volunteer English teacher for REACH, International.

We lamented the high cost of tuition, but now realized the sacrifices made in this partnership between God, our family, and the university produced in the life of our daughter the very words printed on the mug.

Gary Burns is the Lake Union Conference communication director and *Lake Union Herald* editor.



ONE VOICE [YOUNG ADULTS SPEAK THEIR MIND]

WINNER

on a Losing Team

BY SOLOMON McCULLUM

“Sorry,” said a big prisoner from the Indiana State Penitentiary as he looked at the hair in his hand, hair that had come from my head.

“No problem,” I assured him. It had been a rough game for everyone, but especially for me. I was the small forward on the Andrews University *Cardinals* men’s basketball team, and this particular day we were playing prisoners at the State Pen. The man I was supposed to guard was six-foot-nine and weighed around 250 pounds, while I was six-foot-three and just under 200 pounds.

I took my place at the foul line and the referee passed me the ball. It had been a rough season, too. Andrews is in the beginning stages of building a basketball team and those of us on it had endured some sacrifice. There were always class conflicts and scheduling problems. In addition, we all had to pay for our own uniforms and shoes. Because the program was so new, it lacked organization, and we lost a lot of games that season.

The first shot rattled out and the looks I received from my teammates reaffirmed that the feeling was mutual. We were all tired of running, and hearts were faint from the losing season. It was almost over, and we were trying to win one more game.

The second shot went in, and we played out the remaining 12 minutes. At the end of the game, one of the prisoners approached me.

“Hey man, can I have your headband?” he asked. His question startled me because I couldn’t imagine anyone wanting a sweaty headband. I had never thought to give it away, but he seemed eager to have it.

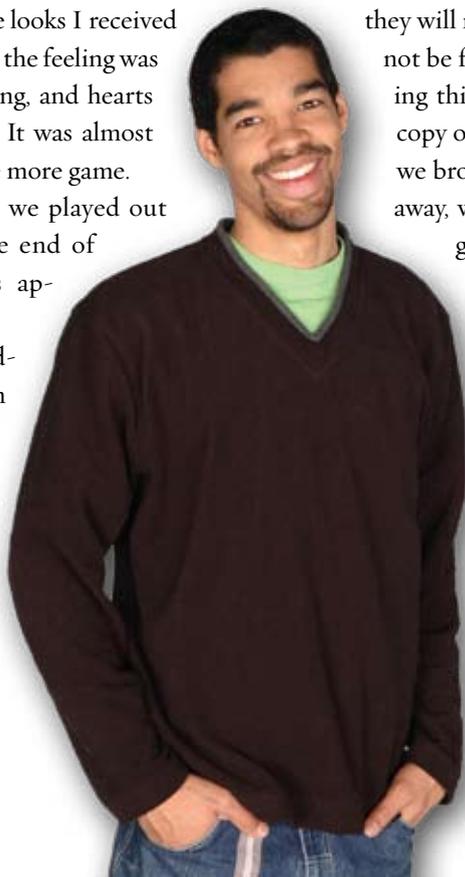
Each member of the team was wearing a headband with Isaiah 40:31 written on it. The

coach had given them to us before the game. Coach enjoys playing games like this because he sees them as a witnessing tool to reach people who don’t get to hear about the love of God. Sports evangelism is his specialty. The team hasn’t always had the right attitude about sports. Many of the guys used to be so driven to win that nothing else mattered.

Isaiah 40:31 says, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Lots of prisoners walked away wearing this verse on their foreheads, and carrying a copy of *Happiness Digest*, or one of the other books we brought with us to pass out. As we gave them away, we could see that even though we lost the game, we won their friendship. Their eyes lit up whenever we gave them a book or a headband.

Many times we are so focused on winning we don’t see what is really important. God does not have winners and losers. He will bless anyone who waits on Him for their strength; sharing that knowledge helps us fulfill His purpose.

Solomon McCullum is a senior at Andrews University and is majoring in religion and communication.



Naomi Jackson, a junior music education and German major at Andrews University, has found Andrews to be full of opportunities. She says, "I take pride in attending a school that encourages me to stretch my borders." Throughout college, Naomi has been an active student on campus. She has served as a resident advisor in Lamson Hall, which allowed her to work with a diverse group of women. Naomi says this experience helped her "relate to different cultures and personalities" as well as made her "aware of what quality leaders need to do to run a program with 500 people living under one roof."



Naomi Jackson

Naomi grew up in Northern California, but moved to Berrien Springs in time to begin her sophomore year at Andrews Academy. She is passionate about Austrian and German cultures. Naomi enjoys spending time studying German grammar and literature and reading from her Luther Bible. After graduation, she hopes to teach music and German on the secondary level and would enjoy teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in a German-speaking country.

As a music education major, Naomi spends a lot of time in the music department where she is constantly reminded of the relationship between music and worship. She says, "I must always be conscious of how music affects my worship and witnessing experience." She is grateful to her teachers who "foster such thinking and do not shy away from discussion."



Paul Wright

Junior biophysics major, **Paul Wright**, has maintained a busy schedule throughout his college career. In addition to his difficult classes, he has participated in intramural sports, *Higher Ground* Sabbath school, and has been an active member of the honors society. This year, Paul served as the social recreation director and student services director for the Andrews University Student Association. He has enjoyed taking part in student government because it "has allowed a backstage view of how things run throughout the campus."

Paul is a Michigan native and spent his high school years at Great Lakes Adventist Academy. He plans to attend Loma Linda University School of Medicine after graduation. He also looks forward to his upcoming wedding this July.

Paul says the professors at Andrews have had a profound effect on him. "Working and attending classes in the science complex has allowed me to meet and get to know some excellent professors [who] truly care about the success of their students. I think their tutelage has well prepared me for future academic and professional endeavors, and through our interactions I have gained several great friends for life."

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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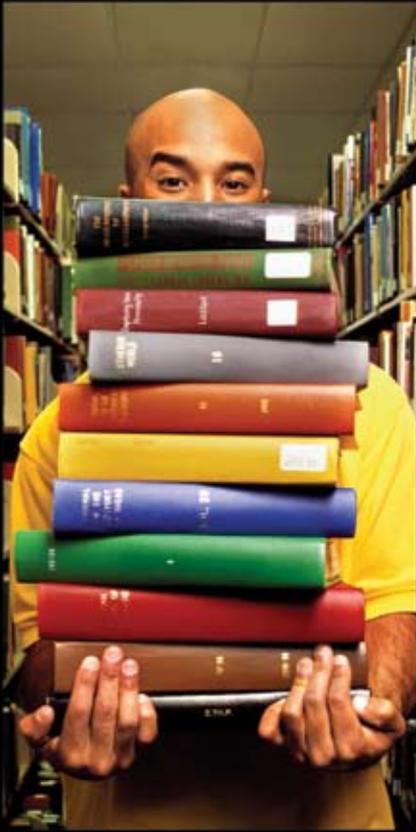
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