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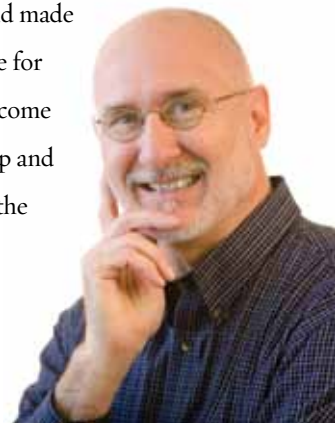
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In the Hebrew economy, life revolved around the annual times of meeting when God's people came together to celebrate their identity, renew their commitments and participate in the activities that illustrated their redemption and made them one. There remains two valuable institutions that provide for such an occasion, summer camp and camp meeting. When we come apart from contemporary society in unity to worship, fellowship and grow, we are transformed. We return better equipped to meet the challenges of life with greater resolve.

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Building Positive Memories

Each of us has special memories that stand as mileposts in our personal spiritual journeys. I am always blessed when I hear how God has led in another person's life.

I remember sitting in a circle during an executive committee retreat, listening as one after one shared significant life events and experiences that helped shape and establish their relationship with God. It occurred to me that at least half of their stories included a fond memory of a large event where they sensed the prompting of the Holy Spirit and made an important spiritual commitment to God. Those events included weeks of prayer, Bible conferences, youth congresses, Pathfinder camporees, summer camps, camp meetings and evangelistic meetings.

In just a few weeks, camp meeting grounds and summer camps all around the Lake Union will fill with excited campers. Camp meetings are conference-wide reunions. Old acquaintances reconnect and new friendships are formed. Walking the grounds can bring a bit of nostalgia remembering past experiences—memories of great music, inspirational messages and warm fellowship. Nothing can compare to gathering together with hundreds and thousands of God's people to raise our voices in praise to our Redeemer.

Summer camps provide a non-neutral environment where young people can enjoy many wholesome activities under the care of specially-trained, high-quality young adult staff members. Under their leadership and positive examples, hundreds of campers make decisions for Christ each summer and begin important spiritual directions that can last a lifetime.

An important by-product of both of these events is sealing good memories into the hearts of our youth. This may not seem like a big deal, but I've seen many times when the Holy Spirit used those special memories to draw a person back to the Lord.

Some years ago I shared this concept with a Christian businessman. He looked at me and said, "I saw that in my daughter's life. She was off at college, straying from the Lord. One Saturday night she was at a bonfire party that was anything but Christian in nature. She settled onto a log, began to stare into the fire and reflected on her wonderful memories at camp—the friends, the songs, stories and God. Right there she made a commitment to return to her walk with God."

Many attend camp meeting year after year. It's a cherished tradition that grounds one's faith and helps to build community.

Maybe it's been some time since you attended camp meeting, or maybe this summer could be your first time. I invite you to make plans to attend a camp meeting this summer and build some positive memories to carry with you throughout the year.

And look around to see if you can help a young person to gain the experience of summer camp. And, by the way, how about allowing God to use you throughout the year to make your church and school places where our children and youth can form positive memories with their church family, too?

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Michigan Bad Axe Church personal ministries leader, Angie Dean, planned a series of two cooking classes in October and November 2007: “Diet and Stress” and “Food for Thought.” The classes were conducted by Mary Pittman, RN, and Angie. Advertising fliers were distributed throughout the eastern “thumb” area of Michigan. Angie and Mary prayed as they distributed the fliers, and were impressed to leave one on the staff bulletin board at a local nursing home.

Initially, only three people had registered for the cooking classes. Then Angie received a call from **Jennifer Messing**, an employee at the nursing home where they had left the flier. She and a neighbor, **Terry Williamson**, had studied the Bible together for several years. Trying to understand what Revelation’s “mark of the beast” meant frustrated Terry. She prayed fervently that the Lord would show her its meaning. Terry turned on her television and a program came on from the

flier arrived on the bulletin board, they discovered where to find a Seventh-day Adventist church!

Both women, along with Jennifer’s brother, attended the cooking classes. They had a deep interest in a healthier diet. After the classes, they discussed many of their Biblical questions. They began attending the Bad Axe Church the next Sabbath. When a second health class was offered, they immediately registered. When “Food for Thought” began, they brought many of their family members. As family and friends attended church each Sabbath, Bill Craven, a member, offered to help them with their study of the Bible. Initially, they began as a small group, but later the young teens of their families joined the group also. With 3ABN in their homes and Bill’s Bible studies, they quickly accepted the truths of the Bible. Leonard Kitson, pastor, met with the group often during the winter months and helped prepare them for baptism.

On Sabbath, March 15, the Bad Axe Church members traveled to the Vassar Church to witness the baptism of four from these families. As a result of their baptism, Jennifer, her husband **Randall Messing**, and their two children, **Kayla and Jordan Messing**, were welcomed by baptism into the Bad Axe

Church family the following Sabbath, along with Terry who was received by profession of faith. Terry’s brother, Chris Perkins, had also planned to be baptized, but died suddenly two days before. Leonard held his memorial service and shared many Bible promises with the family.

Bible studies are continuing with several family members as well as friends in their community. Terry continues to host a Bible study Web site she and Jennifer started earlier, but now it carries the Three Angels Messages. Terry posted *Steps to Christ* as well as the *Desire of Ages* on the site, and they receive responses to the books.

Currently, there is not an Adventist church in Sanilac County. It is the prayer of the Bad Axe Church members that they may be able, with the Holy Spirit’s

help, to again raise up a lighthouse of truth for these last days in that area.

Also, on March 15, Leonard baptized **Crystal and Scott Dean**, two young people who grew up in the Bad Axe Church. Leonard also baptized their parents and older sister when he was pastor at Bad Axe. Several pastors, Sabbath school teachers, their family and their church family have encouraged the



When Angie Dean and Mary Pittman advertised upcoming cooking classes, they prayed the Lord would direct them to individuals who also needed to know His truths. Later, they joyfully witnessed the baptisms of new friends. From left (back): Randall Messing, Jennifer Messing, Terry Williamson; (middle): Bill Craven, Kayla Messing, Jordan Messing, Leonard Kitson (pastor); (front): Gavin Messing (currently studying for baptism)

Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), a network she had never watched before. Terry attempted to change channels, but the television would not switch channels.

While Terry was trying to change channels she was curious as a pastor gave a presentation on the mark of the beast! She was excited about what she learned and called her friend, Jennifer. Both began watching 3ABN regularly and were impressed that what they were hearing was the truth. When the

two young people to have a close relationship with the Lord as they grew. Crystal decided to be baptized while attending Union College, and Scott made his decision to serve the Lord while attending the Michigan Conference Camp Meeting. Both young people help with vacation Bible school programs, Sabbath school classes and the Huron County Fair booth, and they share the gospel with their friends. May the Lord bless and multiply their witness for Him.



Scott Dean (left) and Crystal Dean (center) were baptized and now share the gospel with their friends.

Donna Marsa, communication leader, Bad Axe Church



Matthew Schumacher's smile reveals his joy in Jesus. Matthew now prays Jesus will guide him as he shares this joy with other family members.

Wisconsin I, **Matthew Schumacher**, gave up my beliefs and teachings learned at my former church some years ago, but I never found another church I was happy with. Approximately 15 years ago, I watched Doug Batchelor, of Amazing Facts, on a religious TV channel. After I completed watching his series, I received a set of series on VHS tapes from Richard McLaughlin, a lay Adventist physical therapist in Richland Center. Years went by, and I continued to enjoy the taped sermons, but never made a commitment to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Then, a few years later, I watched Lyle Albrecht on Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN), and kept watching him, as well as a few other regular 3ABN speakers. The messages helped me to become more familiar with the Adventist Church's teachings.

One day I decided to attend the Richland Center, a Seventh-day Adventist congregation. As I continued to worship there, the laymen held a Bible study series, "Truth for Today, Hope for Tomorrow." It was during those meetings that I decided to be baptized, and David Scofield, pastor, arranged for my baptism during the Sabbath worship service on December 20, 2008.

I am still very happy with that decision; and, by God's grace, I plan to keep my commitment. Bob and Pat Grimm also played a part in my conversion and understanding of the Bible's teachings. They were very helpful when I invited them to come to my home for Bible studies. I am still studying with them and have a new friend studying with our group. I appreciate Bob's Bible knowledge and his willingness to share so very much.

Looking back, I now understand it was the Holy Spirit who influenced me to want a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Word. He created a strong desire within me for Bible truth. I just couldn't find it or a correct understanding of the Bible in my previous contacts with other churches. Since truth is very important to me, I now believe I have been led by Jesus, "The Way, The Truth, and The Life," to a church which, like me, wants to know Jesus and what His Word teaches, then lovingly follow it and spread it to others. I just pray that Jesus will guide me in sharing my newfound joy in Jesus with my wife and family.

Matthew Schumacher, member, Richland Center, as shared with Bruce Babienco, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*

In Tune to Discovering God's Love

BY ASHLEIGH JARDINE

Keisha, a CMRadio listener, wrote: "I want to give the Lord Jesus thanks for your radio program. This evening's program and the exhortation have touched my heart. It almost seems as if I was expressing these same words."

Keisha is just one of many listeners worldwide who regularly tune into CMRadio (Campus Ministries Radio), an Internet radio station hosted by Andrews University's Office of Campus Ministries, for inspiration and Christian music.

First known as Adventist Youth Radio (AYRadio), based out of the Center for Youth Evangelism, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, it took hard work, intuition and a lot of brainstorming to transform it into CMRadio. Since it first took to the Internet, CMRadio has been an inspiration to listeners campus-wide and across the globe—from its backyard in Berrien Springs to the outback of Australia, the east coast to the west coast, and the islands of the Caribbean to countries all across Europe.

Christian music is a mainstay of the station's ministry, but it has recently branched out into inspirational programming. During the 2007–2008 school year, Andrew Campbell, a university student and faithful listener, approached CMRadio station manager, Richard Parke, with an idea to create a new show.

"I had been involved with radio before, and I wanted to be able to work with a radio station that shared my passion to reach out to young people," says Andrew. "As I shared my ideas for a radio show that would share different aspects of God's love to a primarily Gen X and Gen Y audience,



Freshman Daric Elmer (left), a guest on "Discovering God's Love" with host Andrew Campbell and host-in-training Adrianna Lewis, performs a song while CMRadio station manager, Richard Parke, operates the sound board.

we saw that we both had a very similar passion for ministry to this target audience." This marked the beginning of "Discovering God's Love," a ministry that considers different aspects of God's love through praise and worship music and soul-enriching discussions. Guest speakers and musicians often join Andrew to share their own stories of God's affection.

"The primary goal of the show is to give listeners a glimpse at the wonders of

God's never-ending love for us, and also to hopefully bring them to the conviction that there is a God who loves them, and that whatever situation they may find themselves in, there is a God who cares and wants to bring them happiness, joy and peace," says Andrew.

CMRadio's success is evident from the faithful listeners who tune in around the world. "CMRadio has been a blessing to my life," writes Tito Lopez, a listener from Santa Barbara, California. "Thanks for your hard work and the commitment you have made to keep this radio station and radio programming up and running. Thanks, and God bless you."

To tune in, visit www.andrews.edu/go/cmradio. Tune into "Discovering God's Love" every Friday at 6:30 p.m. EST.

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Undergoing Changes in Ebeye

BY ASHLEE CHISM

As I listened to the school song drift in the breeze, I thought about my experience so far as a student missionary, teaching high school English and world history on Ebeye, Marshall Islands, and realized that, despite preparation, I had no idea how much I would change spiritually, physically and mentally.

I have changed spiritually, growing closer to God as He changes me. In the past I have tried to rely on my own strength and skills instead of trusting God. On Ebeye, I am unable to do that. Here, it has been just God and the messy, imperfect me in the classroom, trying to teach typical high school kids. One day the juniors were trying to push every button I had. They smacked on gum, leaned back in their chairs and made me feel like I wanted to explode. With God's help I made it through—and I was smiling the entire time! God was definitely giving me the “peace which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7 NKJV).

I have also changed physically. Food on Ebeye is quite expensive, and so the four of us who live together decided to pool funds so that we could buy healthier food. Despite the island's taxi service, we walk almost everywhere along Ebeye's mile-long length. We go swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving, and my roommate and I have been doing crunches and pushups daily since the end of October. The change has been gradual, but noticeable. One morning in class, a sophomore girl looked at me, held her hands a short distance apart, and then brought them closer together. “You're getting smaller,” she commented, and that made me think about how far I have come.

Most of all, the way I think has changed. I quickly real-



Ashlee Chism (left) teaches English and world history to a sophomore class on the island of Ebeye in the Marshall Islands. Her experience there has changed her spiritually, physically and mentally.

ized that I had always shied away from doing things I thought I would be inadequate at. Therefore, I was not entirely sure that I should try scuba diving, but I decided to be brave and try anyway. I did well on the quizzes, but once I got underwater, my ears refused to equalize. I even had an extra session in which I spent 45 minutes underwater being unsuccessful at equalizing. I was so frustrated that I wanted to quit, but two of my fellow missionaries persuaded me to keep trying. During the next class, the instructor asked if I had checked my ears, and, after my negative reply, told me to do so. A classmate descended with me and made me go deeper than I had before, and, to my surprise, my ears equalized! If I had quit because I felt inadequate, I would never have had the awesome dive experiences that I have since experienced.

I know God planned for me to change this year. He wanted me to grow closer to Him, to live a healthier lifestyle and to become a more balanced person. I would not trade this year for anything else.

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When a Parent Has a Mental Illness

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

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

It is common for us to take our reality and normalize it. It's one of the ways we survive. Only in looking back on our lives, do we sometimes realize how crazy things were in our childhood. Children living in a family with mental illness often take on some of the adult roles such as managing the younger children and carrying out many household duties. They often find themselves trying to take care of the emotional and even physical needs of their parent or parents, as well.

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

Living in a home with adult mental illness has lasting consequences. Children often grow up with guilt, resentment, continuing shame and embarrassment, depression, repressed anger and fear of inheriting their parent's illness. There is a high genetic component to schizophrenia, for example; and at least three genes have been identified as playing a role in the development of this illness. They also experience confusion about their own identity, often experiencing self-defeating thoughts, attitudes and behaviors.

These issues evidence themselves in many ways as adults, including difficulty initiating and maintaining friendships and lasting relationships, difficulty balancing care of self and taking care of others, difficulty trusting themselves and others, excessive dependence on others or overly avoiding inti-

macy, and being overly responsible or irresponsible in many areas of life such as commitments, money, alcohol, etc.

The Christian community in general has historically not done a very good job of understanding and ministering to those with mental illness. It has often been seen as a spiritual weakness, the presence of demons, or just like any other illness—get yourself some help. How many Christians have been told, "If you just prayed more and developed a better attitude, you wouldn't be so depressed!" In the past all many had was prayer; and for a few, some counseling. Now, because

we have a much better understanding of brain function, we also have more effective medications and counseling. Many have lived with a mental illness, or with someone with a mental illness who went undiagnosed. A grandparent, or an aunt or uncle, may have suffered from mental illness affecting the entire family system. Even today it may remain a family secret.

If you are living with or have lived with parental mental illness, you can help yourself. Acknowledge the truth and the effects

it has had on you. Love the sufferer, but take action. Get help now! Develop new ways to take care of yourself and new ways to relate to others. Seek more information and find the support you need.

Understand that neither you nor the person with the mental illness is to blame for it. Learning all you can about the illness is invaluable. A positive attitude, a rich prayer life, and a deep and abiding faith in God's care are invaluable.



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Both the Bible and the Qur'an extol the virtues of figs.

Figs contain high levels of health-promoting antioxidants.

Fruits from Paradise

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

Figs make a satisfying dessert. They are lusciously sweet with a texture that combines the chewiness of their flesh, the smoothness of their skin and the crunchiness of their seeds. When the fruit is dried, the numerous edible seeds provide a nutty flavor. The army of King David was treated to 200 cakes of figs from Abigail, the peacemaker.

The fig tree, a member of the Mulberry family and mentioned in the Garden of Eden, originated in Southwest Asia. In Bible imagery the fig tree symbolized peace, prosperity and fruitfulness. In Deuteronomy, figs were one of seven foods God promised the Hebrews upon entering the Promised Land.

Figs were important in ancient Greek culture. They were held in such high esteem by the Greeks that they created laws forbidding the export of the best quality figs. Greek athletes ate figs to improve their strength and endurance. Fig laurels were awarded to athletes who won at the Olympics.

Dried figs are used for their sweetening properties and appear in bread, pastries, confectionery, fruit cakes, jams and desserts. The pear-shaped fruits ripen to green, purple or a brown color. Of the 150 varieties of figs, the most common are the golden-colored Calimyrna, and the dark, purplish Mission figs. Unlike other fruits, figs ripen throughout the summer and into the fall. Since they don't store or transport easily, most figs end up in the dried form.

Figs are a rich source of calcium, iron and dietary fiber, and a wide variety of health-promoting phytochemicals including lignans and tannins. The fiber in figs provides them with useful laxative properties. Three to four figs provide



about 20 percent of the daily value for fiber. The low sodium, low fat and high potassium content of figs make them useful in diets to lower blood pressure. Figs are also a good source of the trace minerals manganese and copper.

Figs also contain coumarins, terpenoids and benzaldehyde, known anti-tumor compounds. Benzaldehyde has been successfully used to retard cancer growth in terminally ill patients. Figs contain high levels of many antioxidant flavonoids, including quercetin, such as found in apples and sweet cherries. Flavonoids protect one against cardiovas-

cular disease and cancer. Due to their good supply of calcium and boron, figs may help protect against osteoporosis.

Fig products were used medicinally in ancient times. The ancient Egyptians used figs internally for stomach problems and as a purgative, and externally for back pain and skin conditions. King Hezekiah applied a poultice of figs to his boils for healing. Figs are mentioned many times in the Qur'an. Muhammad stated that if there was a fruit descended from paradise it would surely be the fig. He advised people to eat figs as they prevented hemorrhoids, and helped gout.

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Lions, a Deluge, Students and Prayer

BY DICK DUERKSEN

Camp Meetings are “story-points” where perfectly-spun tales lock the preacher’s message forever in our minds, where we huddle with friends as missionaries re-tell stories of wild adventures in the mission field.

Like the 1919 Michigan Camp Meeting when W.H. Anderson stood in the big tent and began...

“We said good-bye to the folks in Indiana and started our journey for South Africa on March 29, 1895. This was the last time I saw my father or my brother.

“It took us 55 days to reach our destination, the dusty Rhodesian soil that was to become the new Matabele Mission. We traveled by train, ship and ox wagon, and when we arrived we built houses using the same mud, grass and sticks that the natives used for their huts.

“There was some question as to what we should have for floors. We thought that perhaps we could saw some timber for floors, but the skill of the African white ants forced us to admit that plain old-fashioned dirt was the best material we could use.

“Since the houses were damp and leaked when it rained, many a night my wife and I slept with our umbrellas and raincoats over us to keep dry.

“Every day (and every night) was an adventure that brought out the best in our prayers!

“One Friday evening we made our camp beside a bush path. Mrs. Anderson and I, along with our little girl Naomi, slept on the ground so that others could occupy the bed of the wagon. During the night the oxen were very restless, and two or three times dragged their yokes back to the wagon. Next morning we were awakened by shouts of ‘*Shumbwa!*’

“Our native boys showed us where three lions had passed down the path to the river, and where one of the *Shumbwa* had stopped about 15 feet away and looked at us as we slept. Again, the Lord had sent His angels to close the mouths of the lions.

“Our mud houses did not stand well through the tropical rains. Once, I went on a trip to the villages and expected

to return before the rains commenced. But the rains came before we had expected, and I prayed dearly that they might not damage the house where my dear wife and daughter were sleeping. When I returned I found that, as I was praying miles away, my wife had awakened; and anxious for the safety of little Naomi, had brought the girl into her own bed.

“She had just done so when the soggiest side of the house fell in, burying the child’s bed in mud and dirt. Our reunion the next day was filled with thankfulness and joy.

“It was my plan, when preparing to work among the Batonga people, to spend two years studying the native language, becoming acquainted with the people and traveling through their country. But the very next day after we arrived on the station, these plans were frustrated. A native came to me and said, ‘Teacher, I have come to school.’

“I tried to persuade him to go home till we were prepared to work, but he would not go. ‘If you are a teacher,’ he said, ‘you must teach me.’ So we received our first pupil, a number that grew rapidly till we had students sleeping all across the floor and even on the table.”

As W.H. Anderson completed his sermon that camp meeting night, he did so with a challenge. “All that now prevents the coming of Christ, and the end of all the misery and sorrow of the world, is the finishing of God’s work. God calls upon His people to step forward as one man for the giving of His message to the world.”

God is still “on the move” in the “uttermost parts of the earth.”

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Dear God...

BY DON JACOBSEN

Dear God,

I was thinking today of all the tools You have put in my hands to help me on my journey.

I know about Your Spirit living within and planting a family likeness in my heart when I become a believer, and I rejoice in that. But today I am thinking about some of the other influences You give me that I sometimes forget.

When I signed on I didn't realize all the fringe benefits for the journey ... so I suppose I tended to take at least some of them for granted.

I was thinking about all the memories I carry as a nearly-life-long member of Your family. Thank You for those. The people You have sent into my life, the times I've watched Your grace at work in hurting families, the occasions when I've seen Your presence bring comfort when there was no other available, enjoying the reality of forgiveness. There are many.

And the things my church has done to nurture me. I'd like to be specific. I love to think back, for instance, to junior camp. I was a young member of the family when I first went there, and I didn't know a lot about this church. That may be why Elder Oss spanked me (not apt to happen today) with a piece of bark out on one of the docks that Sabbath afternoon. Seems I didn't know that it was so "wrong" to be using an oar to splash another camper on Sabbath.

I've laughed a lot about that memory through the years. We became good friends, and he even hauled me across the Conference to Academy Day a few years later.

Remember the time our counselor woke up our whole cabin in the middle of the night and made us take a long hike wearing only our shorts because someone forgot to finish chores in the dining room? Wasn't much fun then, but it sure is now.

But the most vivid memories are like evenings around the campfire. More than 60 years later, I still recall some of those stories—stories about missionaries, about a lost dog, about a brother and sister whose house burned down. And about Jesus. There is something about huddling with a hundred other guys around a glowing fire on a cool evening that brings reality to Peter's warming his hands and denying Christ in the courtyard. I remember thinking that I didn't ever want to do what Peter did.

We made stuff, too—moccasins, our beds, music as we sang our blessing over meals, my first water-ski jump off a ramp. And friends. Man, the friends. We sent Christmas cards as we got older, e-mails more recently. Nothing will ever extinguish those friendships.

I think it was there, too, that I began to get the sense that I had hooked up with something really big. As an only child I loved the idea of having a world-wide family. Elder Mote told us about Filippi Corkoro from somewhere in the South Pacific ... and that he was my brother! They said there were camps like ours all over the world with kids of every color, and that we were all related. I liked that.

Camp helped me. It blessed me. In ways I didn't even understand at the time. I just wanted to thank You for this and all the other ways You put help at hand to enrich my journey. Thank You.

Your friend.

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Café Ministries with No Strings Attached

BY BOB TATE

In my small literature outreach ministry, I met a lady experiencing difficult times. She really wanted the books I showed her, but limited finances presented a challenge. Listening to her story, I was moved to give her the books, and I slipped her the \$20 I received earlier that day. She looked stunned and expressed her appreciation. I then told her about a series of short Bible studies that I often shared with people and asked if she was interested. “I would love that!” she eagerly responded. Her husband was also interested in the Bible studies.

When I returned a few days later for our first study, the couple was not home. I eventually learned the husband’s wife of 37 years had passed away. I couldn’t believe how this had all worked out. I only hoped, during the two short weeks she had the books, she read enough to find hope in Jesus. After expressing my condolences, I asked the husband if he was still interested in studying. He said he was, after he had some time to process everything.

I contacted Lyn Patton, a member of the Richmond Church in Indiana, to tell her about this tragedy. Lyn says, “On Christmas Eve I took a small basket of oranges and homemade cookies to [the widower]. He seemed so surprised that I would trouble myself to visit him. After giving him the basket, as well as my sympathies and a promise of my prayers, he stepped out the door and asked me for a hug, which I gladly gave him. His warm response to my visit gave me the motivation to start CAFÉ Ministries (Cookies And Friendship Evangelism).”

Using the names from visits I make, Lyn and a friend usually follow up within two or three weeks. They take a small box or basket of homemade cookies and introduce



Don Myers

From left: Lyn Patton and Terry Golden deliver cookies to a home. The ladies of the Richmond Church believe their CAFÉ Ministries is possibly the best way to reach the secular mind because it speaks to the heart.

themselves as my friend. They also inquire if there are any concerns they could pray about and mention our church’s prayer ministry. Lyn says, “In some cases, for example an upcoming surgery, we try to keep in touch with the family and note the progress of their individual situations.” The CAFÉ Ministries team then gives the family’s name to another church member who agrees to pray for them and send a card to them in the mail.

Lyn says, “The ministry has involved a significant number of people in our church. Five have been out visiting, five have baked cookies and breads, and more than a dozen are involved in the prayer/card segment of the effort.” Lyn and her team are encouraged by the Bible

verse, “Cast your bread upon the water and after many days it will return to you.” She adds, “We hope that includes cookies!”

I don’t know how this story is going to end, but one thing’s for sure: There is nothing that warms the heart and draws people closer to God than kind and loving deeds performed from a caring heart, with no strings attached.

Bob Tate is a local church elder at the Richmond Church; some contributions from Lyn Patton, member, Richmond Church.

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POR CARMELO MERCADO

Cualquiera que sea nuestro cargo -presidente de asociación, predicador, maestro, alumno, o simplemente miembro de iglesia,- el Señor nos tiene por responsables de que aprovechemos nuestras oportunidades de dar la luz a quienes necesitan la verdad presente (Joyas de los testimonios, Tomo 3, p. 324).

Dos años después de ser bautizado tuve el privilegio de encontrarme por primera vez con un presidente de la Asociación General de los Adventistas del Séptimo Día. Esto sucedió en una de las reuniones de la Asociación General en la ciudad de Atlantic City, estado de New Jersey. Después de escuchar al pastor Robert Pierson dirigirse a los miles de adventistas allí reunidos y animarnos para que saliéramos a dar las buenas nuevas de salvación a todo el mundo, quedé sumamente impresionado. Fue en ese momento que comprendí por primera vez la importancia de escuchar y respetar la dirección de nuestros líderes, especialmente a los presidentes en los diferentes niveles administrativos de nuestra Iglesia Adventista.

En mi posición actual como vicepresidente he podido ver de cerca la ardua carga que llevan a cabo los presidentes de nuestras uniones. Aunque yo llevaba ya más de 25 años de ser pastor de iglesia, en realidad no tenía la menor idea de los desafíos que los administradores tienen que confrontar. Son muchos los desafíos a los que ellos deben hacer frente: los presupuestos, las iglesias locales, las nuevas escuelas, hacer evangelismo con recursos económicos disminuidos y mucho más.

Cuando trabajaba como pastor de iglesia, más de una vez me hice la pregunta: ¿Para qué sirve una unión? La Unión se comunicaba muy poco conmigo y yo no comprendía la razón de su existencia. Sin embargo, tengo ahora una idea mucho más clara de su función principal: Es apoyar la obra de las asociaciones locales en su misión de dar las buenas nuevas de salvación.

No hace mucho tuve el privilegio de entrevistarme con el nuevo presidente de la Unión del Lago, Don Livesay. El pastor Livesay es un hombre de mucha experiencia en el liderazgo. Ha sido director de jóvenes a nivel de asociación, asistente de dos presidentes de asociación, vicepresidente administrativo



Don Livesay, Nuevo presidente de nuestra Unión

y presidente de la Asociación de Oregon por más de siete años. Agradecemos a Dios por el apoyo que el pastor Livesay y su esposa Bárbara han dado a la iglesia por medio de sus diversos talentos.

Al entrevistarme con el pastor Livesay le pregunté si tenía algún plan o programa que deseaba implementar en nuestra Unión. Su respuesta me animó mucho:

“Mi mayor convicción y deseo para la Unión del Lago es que trabajemos unidos siguiendo el plan de Dios y no el nuestro. Es decir, que juntos busquemos saber qué es la voluntad de Dios para nuestras vidas y para la iglesia. Esto nos conducirá a un nivel de servicio que no se ha visto desde el tiempo de la iglesia primitiva. Estoy seguro que Dios nos está llamando a un estudio serio de las Escrituras y la oración para que Él nos pueda usar para traer el mensaje de salvación a un mundo moribundo.”

Oremos por nuestros líderes y administradores. Pidamos a Dios que los siga bendiciendo para que hagan la voluntad de Dios y nos dirijan a una mayor consagración al Señor.

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

CAMP MEETINGS

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE



Glenn Hill

Sharing His Touch

BY GLENN HILL AND
JUSTO MORALES

Do you wish you could receive some good news right now? Are you tired of hearing so much about doom and gloom? There always is plenty to worry about. At the same time, these next few months bring opportunities to recharge our physical, mental and spiritual batteries. And the price is right.

Chicagoland Convocation

While not a literal “camp” meeting, this one-day event offers a breath of fresh air. The convocation is not just another “sit and soak” event. It includes training for evangelism, a chance to interact with fellow believers from miles around and real physical exercise at the end of the day. We are blessed to have this event at Wheaton College* this year.

We will meet the leper of Matthew 8 and John, the “son of thunder,” as Dick Stenbakken takes us back in time through his first-person narrative. His decades of careful research, combined with creativity and a great deal of practice, have helped to shape the experience he will bring.

Mark Finley will bend our minds toward evangelism as he helps prepare us for a Chicagoland series of evangelistic meetings (planned for spring 2010). Adrienne Townsend is the featured speaker for young adults. She holds the distinction of being the first Seventh-day Adventist woman to serve as an active duty chaplain in the United States Navy.

In addition, there will be a Community Praise Festival, which provides an opportunity to share the musical gifts of some of our congregations. Vegetarian meals are available at the Bon Appétit Café—rated number one for best campus food by *Princeton Review*. After sunset, Family Fun Night includes volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer and swim-



Félix Cortés



Mark Finley



Stanley Patterson



ming. Call by May 4 to order meal tickets or to register for recreational activities.

Family Camp Meeting at Camp Akita

In times of economic crunch, it is a blessing that a family vacation can be inexpensive, and it can be spiritually nourishing as well. For as little as \$5 per night, it is possible to camp in a tent and enjoy all of the meetings and activities that the Family Camp Meeting has to offer.

In the mornings, Stanley Patterson will lead our thoughts. He is an associate professor of Christian Ministry at Andrews University. In the evenings, Philip Samaan is the keynote speaker. He has served in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University since 1998. In addition, Chris Small will present "Abraham Lincoln's Faith." He will bring the experience to life as we "step back in time" to meet our 16th president.

A praise festival on Sabbath afternoon will include a variety of participants (phone by May 28 to sign up). Activities include something for everyone, including seminars, the climbing wall, canoeing, swimming, jumping on "the blob," hiking, horseback riding and more.

Campestre Hispano (Hispanic Camp Meeting)

El Campestre Hispano se celebra anualmente en el fin de semana de "Labor Day" (Día del Trabajo). El tema de este año se titula, "Mensajes Proféticos del Tiempo del Fin." El pastor invitado será Félix Cortés. El pastor Cortés nació en el sur de México y ha trabajado en la obra de Dios durante 43 años. Ha sido pastor de iglesia; director departamental; presidente de campo; maestro universitario; orador radial; director de colegio; director de la Revista Adventista, edición interamericana; director de la Revista Ministerio Adventista y Vicepresidente de Asuntos

Editoriales de la Asociación Publicadora Interamericana, además de autor de varios libros.

El pastor Félix Cortés vive en Pharr, Texas, y desde hace dos años disfruta de los beneficios de la jubilación.

Glenn Hill is the communication director of the Illinois Conference, and Justo Morales is the Hispanic ministries director of the Illinois Conference.

*Chicagoland Convocation is not a program of Wheaton College.

Chicagoland Convocation (Northern Illinois Camp Meeting)

May 16
Wheaton College
501 College Avenue
Wheaton, IL 60187
Call: 630-856-2874 for meals
Call: 630-856-2857 for recreation

Family Camp Meeting at Camp Akita

June 14-20
1684 Knox Road
Gilson, IL 61436
Call: 630-856-2874 for reservations
Call: 630-856-2880 for music participation
E-mail: reservations@illinoisadventist.org
Web site: www.illinoisadventist.org

Campestre Hispano (Hispanic Camp Meeting)

Septiembre 4-6
Camp Wakonda
W8368 County Road E
Oxford, WI 53707
Llame: 630-856-2854
E-mail: hispanic@illinoisadventist.org



Philip Samaan



Chris Small as
Abraham Lincoln



Dick Stenbakken



Adrienne Townsend

CAMP MEETINGS

INDIANA CONFERENCE



Photos by Diane Thurber

Here I Am, Lord

BY GARY THURBER

It happens to me every year. In fact, I have come to expect it. Inevitably, someone at camp meeting will say to me, “I can remember coming to camp meeting when your father sang with the *King’s Heralds*.” One year, I even had someone mention that they remember me when I was with the *King’s Heralds*, mistaking me for my father. I have to admit that stung somewhat, since it has been more than 40 years since my father sang with the quartet. Nevertheless, it speaks to the long heritage we have with our camp meetings, which provide such a blessing for us year after year.

As many of us look back on our own history with camp meeting, we overlook the fact that our young people are just beginning their journey with this yearly meeting of friends and family. Recently, Joey Macko, a senior at Indiana Academy IA), was asked to write about his experience with camp meeting. I believe you will appreciate his thoughts.

“No matter what you’re looking for, camp meeting is sure to have the answer. The setting provides time to meet new friends, reacquaint with old friends, as well as strengthen current relationships, all in a spiritual environment aimed at glorifying our Maker. No matter how young or old you are, this experience is worth the trip.

“Each June, the Indiana Conference hosts their annual camp meeting on the IA campus. It is a great time for Adventist young people to gather together and worship our



Shari Blackburn



Shawn Boonstra



Ted Hamilton

Lord and Savior for an entire week. Across Indiana, people of all ages pack up everything they need and either stay in the dorms or brave the tents. Leaving the comforts of home behind might sound a little daunting for some, but I've found that the spiritual refreshment is worth every minute.

"For me, camp meeting is a place to make memories that last a lifetime. Every year, age groups from infants to teens are divided up into tents and are spiritually fed by Indiana pastors. Activities are appropriately spaced out each day to allow social time as well as time for worship. Some of my favorite activities are going to the pool, rock climbing, laser tagging, water fights, crafts (when I was little), swimming at the Arellano's house and playing on the ball field. These fun outings were also combined, throughout the week, with various outreaches in the community. Helping those in need definitely creates an ultimate sense of accomplishment.

"Take it from someone like me who has gone to camp meeting for about 12 years; it is a blessing for the whole family. Anyone who has been to camp meeting can assure you that there is something for everyone, which is why it attracts hundreds of people every year. Not only does attending camp meeting as a child create memories that last forever, but it also instills a need to not want to miss it, year after year after year. If you haven't given it a try, I hear that this year is going to be GREAT!"

I can hardly wait for our camp meeting this year, June 7-13. Our theme this year is "Here I Am, Lord." What more is there as Christians than to say to our Savior, "I am Yours, use me however You need to win this world for You?" Our speakers have prayed and planned for this convocation for many months now. I know the Lord will give them just the words of encouragement we need and the opportunity to call us to recommit our lives anew. This is a week you will simply not want to miss.

This year we'll enjoy seminar and keynote speakers like Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director, It Is Written International Television; Don Livesay, president, Lake Union Conference; Derek Morris, senior pastor, Forest Lake (Florida)



Sheri DeWitt

Church; Greg King, dean, School of Religion, Southern Adventist University; Ted Hamilton, vice president, Medical Mission, Adventist Health System; Shari Blackburn, former women's ministries coordinator, Indiana Conference; and Keith and Trudy Stokes of Berrien Springs, Michigan. The youth speaker will be Richie Silie, teacher, Spencerville Adventist Academy, in Maryland.

Juan and Milagros Joaquin, directors of "Abuelito Jim," will be the keynote speakers on Sabbath, June 13, at the Hispanic Camp Meeting, in the Cicero Church.

God has something special in store for each one of us this year at camp meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

Gary Thurber is the president of the Indiana Conference.

Indiana Conference Camp Meeting

June 7-13
 Indiana Academy
 24815 State Road 19
 Cicero, Indiana
 Call: 317-844-6201
 E-mail: c2jloucks@aol.com
 Web site: www.indysda.org

Indiana Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting

June 13
 Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church
 24445 State Road 19
 Cicero, Indiana
 Call: 317-856-5770
 E-mail: prarosario@aol.com



Greg King



Don Livesay



Juan and Milagros Joaquin



Derek Morris



Richie Silie



Keith and Trudy Stokes

CAMP MEETING

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE



His Mission, Our Vision

BY JEROME DAVIS

Shortly after last year's camp meeting concluded, I received a card in the mail from one of our senior citizens. In part, it read like this: "Dear Pastor Davis ... A short note to say thank you for a wonderful camp meeting! This one was probably the best." WOW! These words came from a constituent who hasn't missed a Lake Region camp meeting in more than 40 years.

The reason this card meant so much to me, and the reason I carry it in my briefcase, is because it's an affirmation of all the hard work that so many individuals put into making camp meeting a success. This summer we don't plan to rest on our laurels. We want to go from good to great at Camp Meeting 2009, which will be held June 19–27.

Our theme this year is "His Mission, Our Vision." We've selected this theme in harmony with the North American Division's goal of 100,000 individuals baptized for Christ in 2009, "The Year of Evangelism." In preparation for this, the Division recommended that "conferences and churches focus on the biblical teaching of righteousness by faith in Christ and on the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit, at camp meetings, convocations, seminars and retreats."

Each day will begin with "Power Hour" at 6:00 a.m. This is the time when our campers share with one another God's blessings in their lives. They will also testify how God used them to lead someone to Christ. Immediately following this service, during the "Preaching Hour," our ministers will challenge God's people to share His vision with others.



Rosa Banks



Leeroy Coleman



Jerome Davis



In the evening at the “Evangelistic Hour,” the pastors will again remind those in attendance that His vision is indeed our mission to a lost world.

I am so excited about the guests who have consented to be with us at this encampment. As of this writing, the following persons have agreed to come and minister to our saints: Leslie Pollard, vice chancellor for Community Partnerships and Diversity at Loma Linda University; Charles Drake, president of the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Timothy Nixon, inreach chaplain for Andrews University and associate pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church; Conrad Gill, director of Education for the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Rosa Banks, associate secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Leeroy Coleman, senior minister of the Kansas Avenue Church in the Southeastern California Conference; Andrea L. King, senior minister of the Valley Fellowship Church in the Southeastern California Conference; and Laurent S. Grosvenor, a theology major at Oakwood University.

Christian education, under the leadership of Ruth Horton, superintendent of education for the Lake Region Conference, will again be one of our main features. Teachers of the Lake Region Conference will be commissioned for service in the schools where they labor and the churches where they serve.

Pamela Daly, children’s ministries director, will have her team in place as they lift up the name of Jesus to our boys and girls. These 400 children look forward to camp meeting each year with great anticipation. They, too, will be

challenged to share His vision with their friends.

Each of our other departmental directors will focus on the camp meeting theme as they and their facilitators lead various workshops and seminars throughout the week. These leaders include Doris Gothard (women’s ministries), Art and Kim Nowlin (family life), Charles Osborne (inner city), P.C. Willis (Sabbath school, personal ministries, prison ministries), Eddie Allen (stewardship), Edward Woods III (religious liberty), Debbie Young (A.S.I.), Ray Young (communications) and Ralph Shelton (youth).

Our bookstore will be open Monday through Friday. We will have available Bibles, magazines, literature, CDs, tapes and other Christian materials. Additionally, the Natural Connection (Lake Region Conference health food store) will have in stock both frozen and canned vegetarian foods for purchase.

If you have not registered for Camp Meeting 2009, you may do so by contacting the Treasury Department of the Lake Region Conference at 773-846-2661.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may we all come to realize that our mission is to fulfill His vision.

Jerome Davis is the president of the Lake Region Conference.

Lake Region Conference Camp Meeting

June 19–27
Camp Wagner
19088 Brownsville Street
Cassopolis, Michigan
Call: 773-846-2661



Charles Drake III



Conrad Gill



Andrea L. King



Timothy Nixon



Leslie Pollard

CAMP MEETINGS

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE



Redeem the Time

BY JAMES MICHEFF JR.

Ever wished you were Joshua and could command the sun to literally stand still? Or, perhaps, there were more hours in a day? It seems as though we never have quite enough time to do all that needs to be done!

Seventh-day Adventists are indeed a people of time. Our very name indicates we are seriously committed to two biblical time elements: We delight in keeping the Sabbath day holy, and we expectantly look forward to that glorious day when Jesus will return. Let's briefly reflect on this second aspect.

Being careful students of Bible prophecy and astute observers of current events, for decades we have proclaimed that we are living in the "time of the end," and that the Second Advent of our Savior, Jesus Christ, will be "soon."

But how soon is soon? What does the word "soon" mean to you? Obviously, it appears that God views time somewhat differently. From a divine perspective, and especially in view of the approximately 6,000-year history of planet Earth, the term "soon" takes on a more nuanced meaning. Of course, this does not mean we should be like that unfaithful servant in Jesus' parable and complain that the Lord "is delaying His coming," and then start acting and living like pagans. Instead, we are to "watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" (Matthew 24:42).

It does not take a rocket scientist to recognize we are now living in extraordinary times. The global economic crisis, the collapse of major financial institutions, the escalat-



Stephan P. Bohr



Jay Gallimore



Mark Howard



ing scale of unemployment, together with the desperate attempt by the U.S. government to rescue selected companies and to stimulate the economy—all of these unprecedented events, and more, cause even non-religious people to wonder whether something supernatural is about to happen.

Could it be that God is allowing current events to take place in order to direct everyone's attention to Him? Have we, as "watchmen on the walls," become tired and drowsy while on guard duty? The last few months should jerk us wide awake with a start.

We now have a divine opportunity to refocus, first by "examining ourselves," and then by putting into use all our God-given resources to proclaim the Three Angels' Judgment-Hour Message. What better place to highlight and enhance this vital process than at camp meeting!

Thus, we have been led by the Lord to choose the theme "Redeem the Time," taken from Ephesians 5:16, where Paul exhorted God's people to "use every chance you have for doing good" (ICB), "so make every minute count" (CEV).

To facilitate this goal of redeeming the time and being ready for Jesus' imminent return, the schedule of meetings will be as follows: Early morning worship will focus on strengthening one's personal relationship with God; mid-morning assembly will identify and address various deceptions and errors threatening the local church; and evening worships will deal with different aspects that relate to the practical application of Christian principles. Special weekend speakers will inspire and encourage us to become engaged in bold action for Jesus. In addition, individual seminars, as designed by various conference departments, will build on the overall theme.

And don't forget, the sun did stand still, and Joshua had sufficient time to fully complete God's work! The key, however, lay in God's promise to Joshua: "Don't be afraid ... I will help you" (Joshua 10:8 CEV).

James Micheff Jr. is the executive secretary of the Michigan Conference.

Hispanic Camp Meeting

May 22–24
Camp Au Sable
2590 Camp Au Sable Drive
Grayling, MI 49738
Call: 517-316-1561
E-mail: dscarone@misda.org

Cedar Lake Camp Meeting

June 19–27
Great Lakes Adventist Academy
7477 Academy Road
Cedar Lake, MI 48812
Call: 517-316-1581
E-mail: cstephan@misda.org
Web site: www.misda.org

Upper Peninsula Camp Meeting

July 30–August 1
Camp Sagola
2885 SR-M69
Sagola, MI 49881
Call: 906-639-2440
E-mail: campsagola@gmail.com



Samuel Koranteng-Pipim



Donald Livesay



G. Edward Reid



Jêan Ross



CAMP MEETING

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE



James Fox



Photos by Ken Kirkham

Share the Hope

BY JAMES FOX

“Wisconsin Camp Meeting is the high point in my year,” said one happy camper in 2008! And she said this for a good reason:

1. Refreshing: Camp Wakonda, in rural Marquette County, is a gorgeous facility in a wonderful location. Immersed in a beautiful pine grove, Wakonda is a soothing retreat away from the bustle of busy lives. For 10 days in June, Camp Wakonda is the largest population center in Marquette County!

2. Reconnecting: Every year, thousands of God’s people experience reconnection with friends and relatives. Renewed relationships are a key component of the Wakonda experience. You see people talking, laughing, hugging and gathering up young children in their arms; you realize this is part of God’s will for your life as well.

3. Learning: There are seminars, lectures and sermons as well as practical training in health and leading individuals to Jesus.

4. Worshipping: When we come into the presence of God and realize how awesome He is, we worship! In the Lakota Sioux language, Wakonda means “set aside” or “sacred,” and it is appropriate to our present usage.

The theme for Wisconsin Camp Meeting 2009 is “Share the Hope.” This theme reflects the Wisconsin Confer-



Alex Bryant



Ron Clouzet



Michael Harris



ence's spiritual emphasis on leading people to Jesus in this "Year of Evangelism." The speakers are spiritual, effective communicators.

The Camp Meeting 2009 at Wakonda begins on Friday, June 19, when Alex Bryant will be the featured speaker then and also on Sabbath. Alex has served the Church as pastor, youth director, Central States Conference president and currently as executive secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.

Neil Nedley will lead the opening weekend Sabbath school and begin a health series on Sunday afternoon. All week long, he will be the featured health speaker at 11:00 a.m. in the main pavilion and again at 2:15 p.m.

Marvin Moore, editor for *Signs* magazine, will bring a prophetic emphasis to Camp Meeting 2009. Marvin will be in the Fireside Lodge each afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

Each morning David Klinedinst, personal ministries director for Christian Record Services for the Blind, will bring fresh thoughts from the Bible for the early morning meeting.

Musical blessings will come through the ministry of Michael Harris. He will bless with a sacred gospel concert on the opening weekend as well as special music during select evening meetings.

The deep theological emphasis will come to Camp Meeting 2009 through the ministry of Philip Saaman. Philip is professor of religion and spirituality in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University. His deep spiritual-

ity and strong exegetical presentations will inspire.

Camp Meeting 2009 will close on the evening of June 27. Ron Clouzet, ministerial director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, will minister throughout the closing weekend. Ron was the former chair of the Department of Religion at Southern Adventist University. He has had a profound impact on pastors and ministerial students all across North America. Ron is currently giving leadership to the North American Division Evangelism Institute at Andrews University.

There will also be testimonies, prayer seasons, singing and a large outdoor baptism scheduled for the closing Sabbath.

If you would like to experience Camp Meeting 2009 at Wakonda, contact Aileen at akking@wi.adventist.org, or call 920-484-6555, ext. 304. It could be the high point of your year, too!

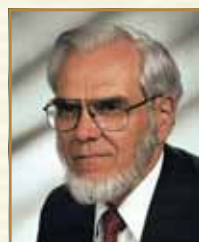
James Fox is the communication director of the Wisconsin Conference.

Wisconsin Conference Camp Meeting

June 19-27
 Camp Wakonda
 W8368 County Road E
 Oxford, Wisconsin
 Call: 920-484-6555, ext. 304
 E-mail: akking@wi.adventist.org
 Web site: www.wakonda.org



David Klinedinst



Marvin Moore



Neil Nedley



Philip Saaman

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE CAMP AKITA



Up to You

BY ARTUR PREUSS

One of the most common things I hear as I travel throughout the conference is, “I can’t wait to go back to camp this summer,” which is then followed by, “is so and so (relating to a former staff member) coming back to camp this year?”

Year after year, more and more campers come through our doors and leave with a positive experience where they have discovered new friends, new activities and, most importantly, a God who cares for them.

During one of our trail rides last summer, one of the campers began falling off her horse. As she fell onto the ground, the horse stopped immediately in order not to step on the young lady. The interesting thing about this whole situation is that horses will not usually balance themselves on three legs. When the horse stopped, it stopped with one of its legs suspended in the air, and he just stood there waiting for the camper to get out from under him. I believe God’s angels intervened in a mighty way that day in order to protect that young lady.

One of the benefits of coming to a Christian camp is the opportunity to start the day with worship and carry that spiritual tone throughout the day’s activities. We were reminded once again that God cares about each one of us and looks out for us as a result of this intervention.

Our 2009 theme, “Up to You,” was taken from Joshua 24:15 where Joshua challenges the Israelites to make a crucial decision—choose God and serve Him only or choose other gods and serve them. Our actions will reflect



our choices; therefore, simply choosing without any action behind it is not enough.

This year's summer camp staff is dedicated to challenge every camper who walks through our "door" to make a decision to choose Christ as their Savior for the first time, or to continually "Choose to Stand" ('07 theme) and "Live It Up" ('08 theme).

Children are not the only ones who benefit from being at camp. Last year, we held our first single moms camp. The Youth Ministries Department partnered with the Women's Ministries Department to provide single mothers with an opportunity to enjoy the camp while not devoting their time exclusively to their children.

One evident change in development of the camp has been the wood rail fence for the horse pastures. Miniature horses have also been incorporated into the horse program.

If you would like more information about Camp Akita, please contact our office at 630-856-2857; or e-mail us at info@campakita.org. Also, if you would like to register your child to experience one week or more at Camp Akita, please go to www.campakita.com and register him or her online.

Artur Preuss is the youth director of the Illinois Conference.

Camp Akita Dates

- Cub Camp:** June 21–June 28 (Ages 7–9)
- Junior Camp I:** June 28–July 5 (Ages 10–12)
- Junior Camp II:** July 5–July 12 (Ages 10–12)
- Teen Camp I:** July 12–July 19 (Ages 13–17)
- Teen Camp II:** July 19–July 26 (Ages 13–17)
- Single Moms Camp:** July 30–August 2 (All ages)

Camp Akita

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 619 Plainfield Road
 Willowbrook, IL 60527
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 Web site: www.campakita.com

INDIANA CONFERENCE

TIMBER RIDGE CAMP



Life- Changing Experiences

BY CHARLIE THOMPSON

Frank* showed up to blind camp believing in Jesus, and he had accepted the gift of salvation. Every day Frank shared his great love for his Best Friend, Jesus, with his fellow campers and our staff.

Frank was also convicted and ready to formally join the family of Christ by baptism. There was only one problem. Frank wanted to be baptized in a river like his Friend and Savior, Jesus. That opportunity was not available at his home church.

During the week, Frank's counselor, Zack Payne, felt impressed to invite Frank to be baptized, in spite of the fact that there was no river available. Finally, on Sabbath afternoon, Frank said he couldn't bear to wait any longer. As soon as he could set up a time when his family could witness the event, he would be baptized. It was time to join the family of Christ.

Another counselor, Kris Thordarson, had a camper named George* who came to Timber Ridge Camp with the burden of the world on his shoulders. He was the oldest son in a single mom family, and he had to bear an extra burden of responsibility at home. George knew that success at school was important, and he worked hard to receive good grades. He also had a strong desire to serve Jesus.

When he arrived at Timber Ridge Camp, George was quite discouraged and carried these burdens on his shoulders. At our Friday evening commitment service, we encourage our campers to give their problems to Jesus and we tell them He will take care of them. George came forward



and recommitted his life to Jesus, giving everything to Him.

Later in the night, George told Kris that the things that had worried him earlier in the week were no longer unbearable because Jesus had changed everything!

Come to camp this summer and see what Jesus can do for you!

Camp brochures may be picked up at local churches, or applications may be requested from www.trcamp.org. Completed forms should be mailed to: Indiana Conference Youth Department, P.O. Box 1950, Carmel, IN 46082-1950. For additional information, call Trish Thompson at 317-844-6201. After June 14, call Trish at the camp at 812-829-2507.

Charlie Thompson is the Indiana Conference youth director.

*Not the camper's real name.

Timber Ridge Camp Dates

Single Moms and Kids Camp: June 18–21 (All Ages)

Single moms are invited to spend four fun-filled days enjoying everything Timber Ridge Camp has to offer! All the activities are available for the kids, plus the staff works hard to pamper the moms as much as possible.

Contact Julie Loucks at the Conference office for further details. Phone Julie at 317-844-6201; or e-mail her at c2jloucks@aol.com.

Blind Camp: June 21–28 (All Ages)

Blind Camp is a week of new adventures for visually impaired youth of all ages. This week is sponsored by the National Camps for Blind Children. Contact Christian Record Services for the Blind at 402-488-0921 if you know someone who would like to attend.

Family Camp 1: June 21–28 (All Ages)

Cub Camp: June 28–July 5 (Ages 7–10)

Junior Camp 1: July 5–12 (Ages 10–13)

Junior Camp 2: July 12–19 (Ages 10–13)

Teen Camp: July 19–26 (Ages 13–16)

Family Camp 2: July 26–Aug. 1 (All Ages)

Timber Ridge Camp

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Come Where the Fun Begins!

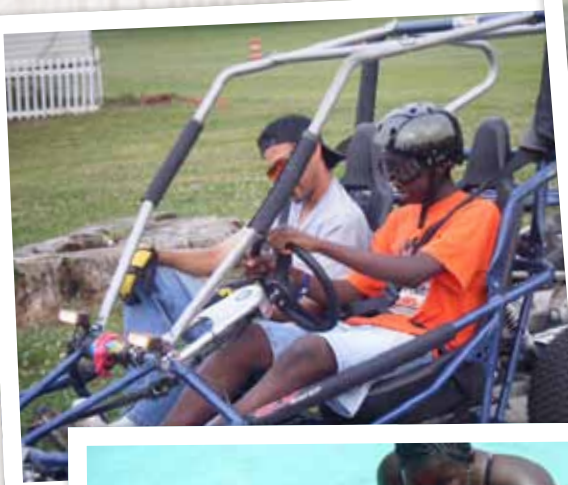
BY CLARINDA LUCKETT

Why is Camp Wagner so much fun? Have you experienced staff worships at 7 a.m., horseback-riding, waterpark slides, go-kart driving, swimming, line calls, camp councils, skating, bowling or sunglasses days? One might ask, "Will the list ever end?" The answer to that question is "No"; and neither does the fun at Camp Wagner.

Junior Camp 2008 was an awesome and unforgettable experience. It had been more than 30 years since I took part in Junior Camp. This time I was not a camper, but a counselor/girls director. Our days consisted of worships (three per day), line calls, classes (i.e., swimming, drama, arts, crafts, basketball, archery, aerobics and football), long walks, lots of laughter and love and care, and oh, did I mention, fun?

Our youth and staff (several of whom were professional school teachers) made a dynamic team, and it was a joy to see the children excited about completing a beading activity, riding a horse (some for the first time), hitting a bull's-eye at the archery range, or putting rhyme and rhythm with their recitation of Bible verses during line call.

If one were to take the time to interview the Lake Region Conference youth who experienced Camp Wagner 2008, to inquire about one of the best nights at camp, I am certain many would talk about the banquet. On this grand occasion, everyone dressed in their finery, met at line call and the ladies were escorted by the young men to the dining hall where photos were taken and a scrumptious meal awaited them. On this very special evening, the tables and dining area were beautifully decorated by our activity director, LaShawne Suggs, and her team. The young people



sat back and relaxed as the counselors and camp directors served them. If banquet night needed its own title, it would be “A Night to Remember,” because the talent show, music, fun and laughter would echo in one’s heart and mind for days to come.

Though our motto states, “Come Where the Fun Begins!” our encounters with the Lord took precedence over all other activities. The children and staff alike were blessed to receive spiritual food and counsel from several pastors from Lake Region Conference (including our camp director, Ralph Shelton Sr.). From the use of wastepaper baskets, stained T-shirts and bowls of mysterious mixtures to containers of oil and water and PowerPoint, object lessons were taught and modeled with a clarity that impressed both young and young-at-heart alike.

To watch a young person (who initially was not thrilled about spending their summer at camp) take their stand for Christ and be baptized immediately following their camp experience, spoke volumes and empowered God’s Word, which states, “And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Camp Wagner 2008 is a precious memory now, but Camp Wagner 2009 awaits you. We anxiously look ahead

to 60-plus campers per week and days filled with fun, laughter and Divine favor. Our hearts and minds are already open to all who will join us this summer; and we pray that they will also catch the Spirit of Camp Wagner and proclaim our motto: Come Where the Fun Begins!

To receive a camper or employee application, simply call 773-846-2661, ext. 206, and speak to Josie Essex; or Ralph Shelton Sr. aka “Director Sheltz” at ext. 205.

Clarinda Luckett aka “Director Lucky,” was the girls director at Camp Wagner 2008.

Camp Wagner Dates

Junior Camp: July 12–18 (Ages 8-11)

Junior Camp: July 19–25 (Ages 8-15)

Junior Camp: July 26–Aug. 2 (Ages 12–15)

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MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
**CAMP
AU SABLE &
CAMP SAGOLA**



Finding God's Love at Camp

BY MICHELLE RODERICK
AND KEN MICHEFF

I smiled as we headed toward the waterfront. It was the perfect day for water activities at Camp Au Sable, in Grayling, Michigan. “I really want to swim,” the camper said earnestly. “You’re so nice,” the young girl added, catching me off-guard. I quickly contemplated how to respond to her heartfelt compliment.

“Do you know why I’m nice?” I asked her. When she shook her head, I continued, “It’s because I love Jesus. If it weren’t for Him, I’d be really grumpy and not fun to hang out with at all,” I explained.

She turned to me wide-eyed and replied, “I don’t know why anyone wouldn’t want to love Jesus.”

Camp is an amazing place where campers can find Jesus. The week is full of exciting activities and events, but through it all our main goal as staff is to point campers to our Best Friend. Jesus gives campers and staff so many reasons to trust and believe in Him. From an answered prayer about lost glasses to holding back rain clouds on a canoe trip, we can see and feel His presence in countless ways.

My camper’s comment often returns to my mind. It leads me to realize just how amazing it feels to be used by God. He is the reason why camp exists and why I’m able to be “nice” and witness to the campers. I often find that while endeavoring to share Jesus with campers, they show Him to me. Camp was definitely God’s idea from the beginning, and I’m so blessed to be a part of His plan.

Michelle Roderick is the new girls director at Camp Au Sable.



It won't take you long to discover that Camp Au Sable is located in an amazing setting and is obviously a gift from God. The scenery at camp is awe-inspiring and therapeutic. As you experience camp, you will find healing for your soul. Come, experience adventure, explore, discover, tame your fears and reduce stress while taking time to hear the still, small voice of God.

Explore the exciting possibilities waiting for you at Camp Au Sable—new friends, morning worship with our camp pastor, interesting classes, go-carts, horses and exciting water adventures. Not only do we have five weeks of youth camps, but we have three weeks of family camps.

As camp director and a dad with two kids of my own, I understand how important it is for our children to have positive Seventh-day Adventist Christian role models to look up to, especially in their junior and teen years.

When I recruit for summer camp staff on college campuses, I look for young adults who are converted and mission minded. This year at Andrews University, and in many other places, I was so encouraged to find so many of our youth who have a personal relationship with Jesus and want God to use them—no strings attached. I have been blessed by their prayers, dedication and desire to following the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. It's exciting to see God building an army of youth to hasten His coming!

The Camp Au Sable staff is praying right now for your families and youth because we believe Camp Au Sable is a place where they can each experience the love of God and grow in their faith. Being outdoors in nature with our dedicated staff and experiencing Christian fellowship and recreation, Camp Au Sable will be a great place to be this summer. In the scope of eternity, it's also a fantastic Heaven-bound value!

Registration for Camp Au Sable began in March. The best way to register is online at www.campausable.org (preferred). If you have any questions, you may e-mail Lyn

White, youth ministries department secretary, at lwhite@misda.org.

If you live in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and would like to attend Camp Sagola, please contact Nathan Stearman at campsagola@gmail.com, or call 906-748-0059.

Ken Micheff is the youth director of the Michigan Conference and Camp Au Sable camp director; contributions by Lyn White, youth department secretary.

Camp Au Sable Dates

- Adventure Camp:** June 7–14 (Ages 8–9)
- Junior Camp:** June 14–21 (Ages 10–11)
- Tween Camp:** June 21–28 (Ages 12–13)
- Teen Camp:** June 28–July 5 (Ages 14–16)
- Specialty Camp:** July 5–10* (Ages 10–16)
- Family Camp 1:** July 12–19 (All Ages)
- Family Camp 2:** July 19–26 (All Ages)
- Family Camp 3:** July 26–Aug 2 (All Ages)

Camp Sagola Dates

- Junior Camp:** July 12–19 (Ages 8–12)
- Youth Outpost:** July 19–26 (Ages 13–16)

**This is a five-day camp. Campers are picked up on Friday.*

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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE CAMP WAKONDA



The List

BY MIKE EDGE

Each spring young people across Wisconsin get a brochure inviting them to a special week at Camp Wakonda. Within that brochure is a list of things they are recommended to bring, the usual: swim suit, towel, changes of clothes, toothbrush, etc.

But at the end of the summer there is another list—a list of memories. Let's see, the list contains s'mores, mosquitoes (no surprise) ... but it continues, getting to the top of the climbing wall for the first time; the carefully glazed ceramic mug that now sits at Dad's place on the breakfast table; the water-skiing honor that needs to be sewn on the Pathfinder sash; the picture on the nightstand of camper and counselor or at the archery range right next to the personalized Bible given to them in a special ceremony on Friday night over a year ago. Flip over the page and the list continues—frogs, campouts and horseback riding—just above the note about the special evening in the Indian Village. Near the end of the list is the simple statement: "I gave my heart to Jesus Sabbath morning."

One of our boys counselors shared that a highlight of his summer was sitting next to one of his young junior campers, helping him read the "big words" in his Bible and helping him understand the verses he was reading. At the end of the summer a girls counselor told of her excitement at the many times she was able to pray on a one-on-one basis with the girls in her unit.

Camp changes many lives. A first-time camper who comes from a non-Christian, non-western background



shared that at camp she loved the stories about Jesus. She said that in the daytime she enjoyed everything she heard, but at night the devils would harass her. "But now, the devils don't bother me anymore." Another camper who came from a non-Christian background saw Jesus clearly for the first time through her counselor, and has chosen to begin believing in Him. Both campers are now having Bible studies, taught by a fellow teen camper in their unit. These two girls are attending a local Adventist church.

Each summer at Camp Wakonda is a week of discovery, adventure, activities, friends and campfire programs. There's horseback riding, water-skiing, swimming, giant-swinging, archery, crafts, evening campfire plays and special friendships made with cabin mates and counselors. However, it is each staff member's desire that campers who come get to know Jesus better, through nature, activities and their life-witness, whether they are first-time eight-year-olds, 16-year-old teens or family campers who have come for several years.

A special experience lies in store for campers this summer. Another opportunity to add to that special list of memories of camp. Our 2009 summer theme is "Trail Guide." It is our desire that this summer each of our camp-

ers take many steps along the path following Jesus, our true Trail Guide.

For more information check out our Web site: www.wakonda.org; or call 920-484-6555 and ask for Aileen.

Mike Edge is the youth director of the Wisconsin Conference.

Camp Wakonda Dates

Junior Camp: July 5-12 (Ages 8-10)

Tween Camp: July 12-19 (Ages 10-12)

Teen Camp: July 19-26 (Ages 13-16)

Family Camp I: July 26-Aug. 2 (All Ages)

Family Camp II: Aug. 2-9 (All Ages)

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Walking the halls: night chaplain comforts staff, patients

Regardless of the temperature, Dan Ocampo starts his shift by walking around outside the hospital to pray for the building and those who work in it. Then he walks inside and begins his rounds as regional night chaplain, a role he's held since January that takes him to a different Adventist Midwest Health (AMH) hospital every day of the week to minister to the night staff, patients and their families.

Ocampo works Sunday through Thursday, starting at 9:30 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. the next day. He rotates among AMH's four suburban Chicago hospitals and is on call to respond to any pastoral care needs that arise at any of the facilities during his shift.

Although the night chaplain role is a new one at AMH, other U.S. hospitals have embraced the concept as a way to connect with employees



Prayer cards are produced by the Adventist Midwest Health Ministries and Mission Department and are available for all employees, patients and visitors.

working the third shift. If it proves to be successful, such positions likely will be created at other hospitals in the Adventist Health System, said John Rapp, regional vice president of ministries and mission at AMH. Rapp presented the idea to hospital leaders after observing the positive impact a night chaplain had on employees at a hospital in St. Louis.

"We have more than 500 employ-

ees who work third shift, and normally they only see chaplains if there's a big crisis or death," Rapp said. "Bringing Dan on board as our night chaplain has helped us minister to these employees on a consistent basis."

While completing his seminary training, Ocampo worked the weekend chaplain shifts at AMH. He viewed the overnight shift as a natural progression.

"Because of their odd hours, some of the third shift employees can feel left out," said Ocampo, a native of the Philippines. "This was a way I could serve an underserved population by fulfilling our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ."

In addition to hospital employees, patients and visitors also have benefited from Ocampo's ministry. One family of a hospice patient was so touched by Ocampo's care that they asked him to officiate at her memorial service, which was held at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital's chapel.

A Bolingbrook resident, Ocampo is married to Maidelyn, who works at the AMH regional office in Bolingbrook. They have three children—Maddie, who is a freshman at Andrews University, Mikaila, 14, and Dane, 12.



Dan Ocampo is Adventist Midwest Health's regional night chaplain, a role that allows him to minister to patients and staff at four hospitals. His day begins at 9:30 p.m. and ends at 6 a.m. the next day.

Lisa Parro, public relations specialist,
Adventist Midwest Health

2009 faculty and staff service awards presented

The 2009 Faculty & Staff Service Awards Presentation took place Mon., Mar. 2, in the Howard Performing Arts Center. The theme of the evening was "Celebrate God's Faithfulness." The following awards were presented:

Excellence in Service Award recipients were Dixie Scott, admissions director for the Department of Physical Therapy; Esther Lonto, senior accountant for the Office of Financial Records; and Rebecca May, director of campus relations for the Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication.

Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award honorees were John Baldwin, professor of theology; Elvin Gabriel, associate professor of educa-

tional and counseling psychology; Ann Gibson, professor of accounting; H. Thomas Goodwin, professor of paleobiology; Duane Habenicht, associate professor of aeronautical technology; Kristin von Maur, assistant professor of architecture; and Susan Zork, assistant professor of religion.

Receiving a 30 Years of Service Award were Keith Calkins, math coordinator for the Math & Science Center; Bruce Closser, associate professor of English; and Marge Gadway, building supervisor for the Office of Custodial Services.

Recognized with the 35 Years of Service Award were Rick Kosinski, professor of educational and counseling psychology, and G. William Mutch, professor of chemistry.

Two professors received the 40 Years of Service Award: Bill Chobotar, professor of biology, and Peter Wong,

professor of chemistry.

The Spiritual Life Award was presented to June Madrigal, associate dean of women.

Near the close of the program, Andrews president Niels-Erik Andreasen and his wife Demetra were taken by surprise as recipients of an unannounced award. Gerry Karst, chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, presented an award for reaching the milestone of "the longest-serving president" of Andrews University.

The awards portion of the evening also included recognition of employees with five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service with the University. For a complete list, visit www.andrews.edu/news/2009/03/service_awards.html.

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

Former NBC correspondent, NBC translator bring their stories of faith to Andrews

Former NBC News correspondent Don Teague and Rafrak Barrak were the featured speakers at March's Forum at Andrews University. They shared their stories of faith and how their careers taught them to listen to God and apply His will in their lives.

Teague shared how God led him to accept a job as NBC foreign correspondent at the onset of the Iraq War and protected him in the midst of violent acts of terrorism. It was in Iraq where Teague met Barrak, who works as a translator for NBC.

Barrak described growing up in a strict religious household. "We feared God and didn't question Him," she said. When she joined Teague's team, she

found, "brotherhood, love and friendship, not authority."

Barrak was in a dangerous situation because of her involvement with the media. Teague, along with the support of fellow media personalities, helped her come to the U.S. and gain entrance to an American university.

After immigrating, she experienced God's love in Teague's Christian home.

"They opened their house and said, 'We will be a family for you,'" she said. Barrak then realized escaping bombs, kidnappings and coming to the U.S. wasn't simply luck, but God working in her life. She soon began talking to God for herself. In 2008, she became a Christian.



Students had an opportunity to talk one on one with Don Teague and Rafrak Barrak at the Leadership Luncheon following the Forum.

Following the Forum, Teague and Barrak met with Andrews University students at a Leadership Luncheon.

Kristina Penny, reporter, *The Student Movement*, with Keri Suarez, media relations specialist, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication

[EDUCATION NEWS]

God's second book included in curriculum at Niles

Michigan—After many years of dreaming about an outdoor area with wooded trails, the dream finally became a reality. Inspired by the Aboite Adventist School's nature preserve in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Niles Westside Church members and Niles Adventist School families and staff banded together to create their own Outdoor Education Center.

In the spring of 2008, work began by marking and clearing trails through the church and school's woods. Once the initial clearing was made, the trails were widened and wood chips put down in the muddier spots. A spring "trail bee" was organized, and clearing for the Chapel in the Woods and access to the seasonal creek began. Another trail bee finished the clearing for the chapel and opened up a large section of the creek.

Just before the 2008–2009 school year began, donated wood benches were set up in the Chapel in the Woods. Other volunteers built a large brick fire pit, large enough for many marshmallow and hot dog sticks at one time.



Students enjoy testing the soil during outdoor school. Additional plans call for nature walk activities, children's gardens and planting native plants.

Even before the trails and chapel were completed, students were already using the new outdoor classroom. Experiments in the stream, nature obser-



Niles Adventist School students love their new outdoor classroom, where they make exciting discoveries.

vation and walks had already started. This year, worships in the chapel and bonfire parties were added.

Students from Niles have many good things to say about their outdoor school. Third grader Chifunilo says, "I love our trails and worshipping God in the chapel."

Fifth grader Kendra was surprised when she came here. "I've never been in a school where there are trails."

After spending time at the chapel for worship, fifth grader Patrick said, "It is during times like this when our thoughts turn to our Creator."

The outdoor education project is not yet done. Dreams for trail signs, nature walk activities, children's gardens and planting native plants are future goals. God has blessed us with an amazing setting for outdoor activities. We know that nature is God's second book, and it has become an important part of the Niles Adventist School's curriculum.

Fourth grader Corina couldn't have said it better when she wrote, "Praise Jesus we have our nature trails!"

Heidi Beardsley, teacher of grades three through five, Niles Adventist School

Students experience history in Washington, D.C.

Lake Region—In early September, Dorothy Davis began a faith venture to go to the Inauguration in Washington, D.C. Recently retired from teaching, Davis told her plans to the South Suburban Christian School principal, Lynette Jefferson, and volunteered to coordinate a trip for students. Her tentative itinerary included raising the flag at Fort McHenry, placing a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknowns, a flag presentation to the school and, of course, obtaining tickets to get inside the Inauguration ceremony.

After securing approval from the school board, Davis received an e-mail from a colleague, inviting schools to submit grant proposals for field trips. The deadline was November 1, 2008. Target field trip grants could go as high as \$5,000 for a school that could demonstrate, in their grant proposal, a connection with the classroom and the lives of the students who would be going. Davis wrote the grant with the principal's approval and prayed.

Davis, who had taken previous trips to Washington, next contacted a tour company she was familiar with. She wanted to secure a good price for 50 people staying two nights, 11 meals and a deluxe motor coach to transport the students and chaperones to the Inauguration. Davis received a quote of \$480 per person, and was surprised to learn right after the presidential election that she needed to send the company \$1,200 in two days to lock in the hotel rate and the motor coach. Davis explained the dilemma to parents and other members who planned to go on the trip with the students, and requested that everyone turn in a non-refundable \$50 deposit. God blessed, and \$2,500 was raised. Davis said, "This was very encouraging to me, because I know that God was in charge and He was going to help our dreams come true."



On the steps of the nation's Capitol, U.S. Congressman Charles Gonzalez presented students of the South Suburban Christian School with a flag that flew over the Capitol for their school.

Davis contacted Target Field Trips and learned they received more than 10,000 requests; they would contact the school as soon as the committee made a decision. The school did not get the grant. This did not stop the group; they continued to make their payments for the trip until everyone's trip was paid in full. Davis said, "I shared my story with the local churches, and members made donations to students who were in single parent homes. Some churches sent in funds for the students who were members in their congregation."

Donations were given by local businesses to fill personal hygiene bags. Snacks were a gift from the local Sam's Club, and the bottled water and juices came from the local Pepsi distributor.

Finally, the departure date arrived. The motor coach was filled with excited students and parents headed to the Inauguration. It was a memorable drive to Washington. Davis said, "The roads that night were a complete sheet of ice from Park Forest, Ill., to Breezewood, Penn. We counted 23 accidents on both sides of the highway. Trucks were resting on their cabins with their wheels facing heavenward, but they did not come near our coach. There were times when we could go no faster than

30 mph. We arrived in D.C., and there were road closings everywhere, and this was only Sunday."

The group visited the National Zoo and later the Iwo Jima Monument. Those were the only sites available Sunday evening.

On Monday, Jan. 19, the group headed to Fort McHenry. The students raised the flag over the fort. Davis said, "Their Pathfinder skills made them look like experts." From the fort, the group took subways to the nation's Capitol. They were met on the steps of the Capitol by U.S.

Congressman Charles Gonzalez, who presented the school with a flag that was flown over the capitol. Davis said, "It was a moving ceremony since the congressman volunteered to do the presentation for us, and we were not from his political district in Texas."

The group left the front side of the Capitol and went to the back where the Inauguration would take place the next day. They photographed soldiers,

nurses and the flag-draped buildings. Unfortunately, this was as close as they were able to get to the ceremony. They did not realize this was to be their only opportunity to take advantage of the open area.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, the group left early so they could be present for the wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, but unfortunately did not make their scheduled appointment. The tour guide made arrangements for the students to lay a wreath at the Space Shuttle *Challenger* Memorial instead.

Davis reflects, "I don't know why things did not go as we had planned. I don't know why we could not get the subway back to the Inauguration. I don't know why I felt that I had let the group down by not delivering the proposed itinerary. But I do know that God was with us and someday, very soon, He will reveal to us the bigger picture and we will conclude that we



Students raised the flag at Fort McHenry. Dorothy Davis later commented, "Their Pathfinder skills made them look like experts."

would have done it no other way." She adds, "I don't know why, but I do know God!" and is encouraged by the words of Jeremiah 29:11: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm, plans to give you hope and a future'" (NIV).

Diane Thurber, assistant communication director, Lake Union Conference, as shared by Dorothy Davis, Inauguration field trip coordinator, Lake Region Conference

[YOUTH NEWS]

Project Valentine touches lives

Michigan—“Project Valentine: Flowers of Air” started off as a fundraiser for the sophomore class at Andrews Academy. The class had purchased nearly 500 balloons to sell. However, they did not make enough sales to get rid of all the balloons, so had to figure out what to do with the remaining 110 balloons. After some thought, the class decided to give the balloons to patients at the Lakeland Specialty Hospital.

On Sabbath afternoon, several academy students arrived with a trailer full of balloons. They arrived about dinner time, so a lot of the people were assembled. When students walked in with the bouquets of balloons, the expressions on the patients’ faces showed them the balloons were a treat. After delivering balloons to those in the dining hall, the students went from room to room and gave the rest of the balloons out, along with Valentine cards made by the students at the Village School.

Some family members of the patients came by and saw the students giving out balloons. They were very grateful. It was a great experience for everyone who was involved and for the people who received the balloons. What started off as a fundraiser soon became another project that touched the lives of the people who really needed it most.

Cody Wales, sophomore, Andrews Academy



Leftover balloons from a sophomore class fundraiser were given to patients at the Lakeside Specialty Hospital. Their delivery brought a lot of smiles.

[UNION NEWS]



One hundred fifty individuals trained for the new outreach initiative, “Homes of Hope,” at Camp Au Sable.

Michigan members train for ‘Homes of Hope’

Michigan—One hundred fifty delegates from Michigan churches came to Camp Au Sable for a weekend and trained for the new outreach initiative called “Homes of Hope.” Since 2009 is “The Year of Evangelism” for the North American Division, the training sessions covered all the “how-to-do-it features” for success. The training weekend began with an introductory DVD produced by Vicki Griffin and her husband Dane, which may be used in the delegates’ churches. The DVD revealed how eight issues of *Balance* magazine will be distributed to “Homes of Hope” leaders’ neighbors to create interest in attending a small group.

John and Millie Youngberg, professors emeriti of Andrews University, presented and modeled their new evangelism materials program, “WIN Wellness.” Each nightly program begins with a captivating story to create discussion and then leads into topics that promote hope in a person’s heart, no matter what situation is occurring in their lives.

Following a stirring call to action on Sabbath morning by Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, the afternoon was devoted to presentations on group dynamics and activities. Ken Morrison of Illinois presented ways to engage children of attending parents and touch their hearts rather

than just babysitting.

On Sunday the delegates practiced conducting a “Homes of Hope” small group using the demonstrated materials. They might even use the technical information provided on how to operate a projector with PowerPoint topics. All were asked to return to their home church to inspire and instruct church members to be part of an evangelistic team.

The delegates’ responses were all positive. “I was impressed with the quality of the Youngbergs’ program,” said Bruce Wright of Jackson, Mich. Cheryl Dean of West Branch, Mich., found many ideas to use in her jail ministry and remarked it was “an awesome weekend.” Ron Keller of Holt, Mich., was excited and plans to use the materials. “I hope the Lansing Church is ready for what is going to happen,” commented Lisa Cooper.

Participants earned certificates, and more than 90 percent said they were committed to starting their own “Homes of Hope.”

Michigan Conference office personnel leading out were Royce Snyman, personal ministries and evangelism coordinator; Cheryl Wilson, personal ministries and evangelism administrative assistant; Jim Micheff, conference secretary; Gail Micheff, family ministries director; Loren Nelson, ministerial director; and Staci Osterman, Bible work supervisor.

Laurie Snyman, member, Lansing Church, as shared with Bruce Babienko, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*

[NAD NEWS]

Keela Carr named Volunteer Ambassador after 'Journey of a Thousand Thanks'

Illinois—Keela Carr was 17 years old and a senior at Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind., in 1991, when she visited Washington, D.C., for the first time.



Former president, George W. Bush, awards Keela Carr the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute Program Medal and named her the 500th Volunteer Ambassador.

The trip was not only fun, but an educational adventure. While there, Carr was deeply impressed with the monuments, historic buildings and stately adornments. For a kid from Danville, Ill., this was truly a bold world. Carr was particularly moved with a deep sense of respect and compassion as she beheld the monuments dedicated to the United States military forces.

With sincere pride and appreciation, Carr remarked about that life-changing experience. "The trip opened up to my mind a vast world of history and knowledge, and especially about the journey of our country. I am deeply aware of the privilege that I have because of our troops' commitment and sacrifice." That visit led Carr to decide to someday show her appreciation. This resolve became a dominate motivator as America's troops became involved in Iraq and she saw their injuries sustained and dreams shattered. This is why Carr wanted to demonstrate her appreciation by taking her "Journey of a Thousand Thanks."

Carr and her two siblings were raised by their single mom. With many

sacrifices, challenges and a profound trust in God, they were taught to respect the Lord and all people. Despite her destitute circumstances, Carr's mother sent her children to Adventist schools from kindergarten through college. She also instilled in them valuable lessons to make them productive citizens of society and candidates for Heaven. Thus, her mother was Carr's most trusted advisor, counselor and confidant.

After Carr spent time soul-searching, praying and planning her "Journey of a Thousand Thanks," she began her cross-country walk on Memorial Day 2008 in Barstow, Calif., where she attended the celebrations held there. Her journey next moved to the states of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia, before ending in Washington, D.C. There she visited the wounded troops at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Her journey came to an official end at Arlington National Cemetery where she paused to pray for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms and liberties we all enjoy.

Carr's journey covered about 2,700 miles and took her 77 days to complete. She is grateful for the privilege and honor of being an American; and for this "Journey of a Thousand Thanks" she gives all the glory to God. She humbly remarked at her journey's onset, "As I travel, it will be my privilege to meet, shake the hands and personally thank thousands or more of our individual members of the armed services."

Bruce Babiencko, volunteer correspondent, *Lake Union Herald*, as shared by Keela Carr who now lives in Apopka, Fla., where she is training for the 2009 walk across America.

Big plans announced for *The Great Controversy*

Jack Henderson of Hendersonville, N.C., used to sell *The Great Controversy* as a literature evangelist. Now he wants to give it away. To everybody! Recently,

he announced his "Great Controversy Project." He plans to send Ellen White's book to every home in the country.

It's an ambitious goal, but people are catching the vision. Donors are calling with small and large gifts to support the project. Already, money has been raised to send several hundred thousand copies.

The staff at the Review and Herald Publishing Association (who prints the books for Henderson and mails them out) has been overwhelmed by calls. "The calls have been coming in at such a rate that as we deal with one call, three others have had to leave a message," says Howard Scoggins, an administrator at the Review and Herald. "The fire has spread to Australia, Canada and England."



Employees at the Review and Herald are so enthused that some have pledged as much as two or three week's salary to support the project, according to Scoggins.

Henderson likes to quote a letter written in 1905 by Ellen White in which she said, "I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others that I have written; for in *The Great Controversy*, the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books."

"Seeing people respond from all over the world tells me that people want to see this work finished," says Henderson.

Those who want to support this project can make a donation by calling 877-721-4300 or by visiting www.ReviewandHerald.com. For information on how to blanket your zip code or rural route, call 800-600-7197.

Nick Bejarano, periodical marketing manager, Review and Herald Publishing Association (adapted)

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Anniversaries



Mike and Paula Alesi celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 14, 2009, by a luncheon at Romano's Macaroni Restaurant in Shelby Twp., Mich. They have been members of the Troy (Mich.) Church for 22 years.

Mike Alesi and Paula Amadei were married Jan. 14, 1944, in Lawton, Okla., by the Justice of the Peace. Mike was a salesman for Century 21 and also maintenance/purchasing agent for the Troy Church and school. Paula was the Troy Church secretary for 14 years.

The Alesi family includes Michael and Hope Alesi of Clarkston, Mich.; Paul Alesi of San Diego, Calif.; and four grandchildren.



Lester "Buzz" and Shirley Graves celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 28, 2008, by a celebration with family and friends at the New Berlin Hills Country Club in New Berlin, Wis. They have been members of the Waukesha (Wis.) Church for 48 years.

Lester Graves and Shirley Elmer were married Dec. 21, 1958, in Nashua, Iowa, by Pastor Hutterback. Lester has been a teacher/administrator at the Prospect Hill Elementary School for 30 years, retiring in 1989. Shirley has been a secretary and bookkeeper for the New Berlin Public School System for 20 years, retiring in 1989.

The Graves family includes Roger and Celeste Graves of West Richland, Va.; Jane and Thom Foll of Whitewater, Wis.; and six grandchildren.



Leon D. and Delores L. Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 7, 2009, with a reception given by their family and attended by their friends and family at the Wisconsin Rapids Seventh-day Adventist Church fellowship hall. They have only been members of the Wisconsin Rapids Church for one year but were lifelong members of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Arpin, Wis., beforehand.

Leon D. Johnson and Delores L. Graham were married Feb. 8, 1959, in Arpin, by Pastor L.G. Foll. Leon worked for Berg Equipment for 45 years. Delores worked at J.C. Penney, in real estate and as a housewife.

The Johnson family includes Frances Johnson of Marshfield, Wis.; Lisa Worel of Black River Falls, Wis.; Denise and Steven Frey of Spencer, Wis.; Sandra and Jim Dieck of Arpin; and 16 grandchildren.

Obituaries

BAKER, Hildred (Wickersheim), age 104; born Dec. 12, 1903, in Elton, Wis.; died Nov. 6, 2008, in Colville, Wash. She was a member of the Moon Church, Mosinee, Wis.

Survivors include her sons, Howard and Benjamin; daughter, Marge Van Doren; 18 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and 40 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Wendell Springer, and interment was in Moon (Wis.) Cemetery.

CARR, Cecelia D., age 53; born Oct. 11, 1955, in Elkins, W.Va.; died Dec. 23, 2008, in Flint, Mich. She was a member of the South Flint Church, Burton, Mich.

Survivors include her father, Shelby Carr; mother, Janet (Wheeler) Carr; brothers, Mack, Mark and Scott Carr; and sister, Robin Morrison.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Kenneth R. Morrison, and interment was in Crestwood Cemetery, Flint.

GRIGGS, James P., age 69; born May 30, 1939, in Mishawaka, Ind.; died Feb. 7, 2009, in Dowagiac, Mich. He was a member of the Glenwood Church, Dowagiac.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon (Ross); sons, James K., Douglas, Richard and Christopher; brothers, Clifford, Ernest W. and Jack; sister, Mildred Leed; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Travis Smith and Elder Allen Middaugh, and interment was in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Niles, Mich.

HILT, Mary A. (Gertzen), age 67; born June 19, 1941, in Lafayette, Ind.; died Dec. 8, 2008, in Mulberry, Ind. She was a member of the Lafayette Church.

Survivors include her husband, Francis L.; sons, James R. and Gary L.; brothers, Robert, Donald and Jack Gertzen; and sisters, Beverly Ellison, Betty Chalmers and Helen Tate.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Bob Forss and Clinton Meharry, and interment was in Isley Cemetery, Lafayette.

HIPPLER, Kenneth E., age 80; born Sept. 27, 1928, in Spring Lake, Mich.; died Jan. 6, 2009, in Niland, Calif. He was a member of the Grand Haven (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Faith M. (Freeman); sons, James A., Alvin E. and William R.; daughters, Judy S. Lindberg and Nova J. Chapman; sister, Edna Dodge; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Nic Polus, and interment was in Sullivan Twp. Cemetery, Muskegon Cty., Mich.

SHERRILL, Marion E. (Cambell), age 88; born Dec. 24, 1919, in Philadelphia, Pa.; died Nov. 8, 2008, in Bloomington, Ind. She was a member of the Bloomington Church.

Survivors include her son, John; daughters, Marion Beecroft and Carol Kaspar; sisters, Lois Travers and Joan Perkins; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Fernando Ortiz, and interment was in Valhalla Memory Gardens Cemetery, Bloomington.

SMITH, Ruby J. (Bryant) Williams, age 67; born Oct. 6, 1941, in Raysville, La.; died Jan. 19, 2009, in Indianapolis, Ind. She was a member of the Indianapolis Eastside Church.

Survivors include her son, Brian K. Wil-

liams; daughters, Elizabeth Malone and Sonya R. Shelby; brother, Manuel Bryant; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Charles M. Willis II, and interment was in New Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

TORKELSON, Frederick S., age 96; born Jan. 12, 1912, in Garden City, Kan.; died Dec. 28, 2008, in Greencastle, Ind. He was a member of the Spencer (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Cecile Pierson; brother, Oscar; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dean Whitlow, and interment was in North Shore Memory Gardens Cemetery, Hagar Shores, Mich.

WALKER, Mary L. (Brandich), age 69; born May 17, 1939, in Chicago, Ill.; died Nov. 14, 2008, in La Porte, Ind. She was a member of the La Porte Church.

Survivors include her husband, James D.; sons, Doug, Cary and Jeff; daughters, Angela Freedomwalker and Tina Tamlin; brother, John Brandich; sisters, Eileen Brandich and Joann Renz; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Michael Johnson, and interment was in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens Cemetery, La Porte.

WILSON, James E., age 74; born Dec. 23, 1933, in Tram, Ky.; died Oct. 29, 2008, in Macomb, Mich. He was a member of the Warren (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Morline (Cummings); sons, Rickey, Reginald, Randel and Rodney; daughters, Morline Holcomb and Rosemarie Wilson; mother, Margaret (Anderson) Stephens; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Paul Larsen.

WOHLERS, Rosemary (Cook), age 86; born July 24, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind.; died Jan. 17, 2009, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the Holy (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, David W., Daniel E. and Paul A.; daughters, Marilyn Joyce and Carolyn Sue Wohlers; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Brandon Korter and Robert Benson, and interment was in Oakhill Cemetery, Holly.

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Teresa Isensee Harrison, '82, is a member of the K-12 Board, Executive Committee and Education Marketing Committee for the Wisconsin Conference.

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Pathfinder Fair: Feel the passion and

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May 1-3 at Timber Ridge Camp. For details, contact Dean Whitlow at 812-829-2507 or e-mail dwhitlow@hughes.net.

Concert: Hear the Ozark Mountain Music group, *Simply His*, in concert **May 9** at 7:00 p.m. CT, at the Tell City Church, 434 13th St., Tell City, Ind.

Golf Fundraiser: The fifth annual Indianapolis Junior Academy and Cicero Elementary School Golf Outing

is Thurs., **May 21**, at Bear Slide Golf Club in Cicero. All proceeds benefit the two schools. Register by May 13 by e-mailing Mark Fogg at mark.fogg@unitedagy.com. For additional information, call Mark at 317-513-3774.

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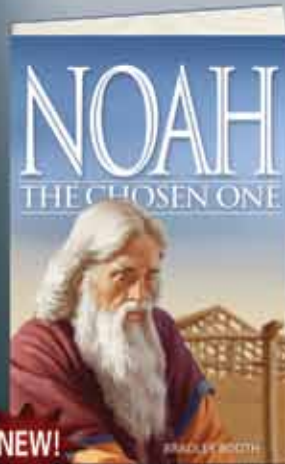
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Detroit, Mich.	8:32	8:40	8:47	8:54	9:00	9:05
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:39	8:46	8:53	8:59	9:05	9:09
La Crosse, Wis.	8:08	8:16	8:24	8:31	8:38	8:43
Lansing, Mich.	8:38	8:46	8:54	9:01	9:07	9:13
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The First Annual Homecoming Gospel

Concert will be held at Shiloh Church, 7000 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., on **May 16** at 7:00 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Music Ministry Department, and will feature special guests: recording artist Michael J. Harris, singing evangelist David R. Willis, Sr. and several other talented artists

and musicians. For more information, contact Michael Willis at 773-341-4806, or visit www.shilohadventist.org.

Lake Union

Offerings

- May 2** Local Church Budget
- May 9** Disaster & Famine Relief
- May 16** Local Church Budget
- May 23** Local Conference Advance
- May 30** Spring Mission Appeal

Special Days

- May 2** Community Services Sabbath
- May 9** Youth Sabbath
- May 16** Single Adults Sabbath

North American Division

Madison (Tenn.) College Alumni Homecoming will be held **June 26, 27 and 28**, honoring the class of 1959 and those attending/graduating from 1950-1964. Fri. evening, Sabbath and Sun. breakfast, all at the Madison Acad-

emy campus. For more information, call Jim Culpepper at 615-654-3311.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

Convention: Longing for a more meaningful connection with God? Drained from being both a mom and dad to your children? Tired of struggling to break addictions hidden behind closed doors? Ready to make new friends and reconnect with old ones? Then you need to attend the second ASAM conference. From **July 2-4** at the Newport Beach (Calif.) Marriot Hotel & Spa, join singles from around the North American Division to discover the benefits of "Going Deeper," the weekend's theme. For registration and conference information, visit www.adventistsingleadultministries.org. For more information, contact Andrea Hicks, ASAM coordinator, at ahicks@nadasam.com or 516-802-2374.

Attention alumni of WACA (formerly Wichita Adventist Junior Academy) located in Wichita, Kan. Mark your calendars for the 50th Reunion scheduled for **Sept. 18-20**. Please contact us with your updated address, as well as names or addresses of other alumni. Write to 2725 South Osage, Wichita, KS 67217-3099; phone 316-267-9472; or e-mail waca50th@yahoo.com.

Madison (Tenn.) Academy Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 9-10.

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PARTNERSHIP with GOD

Partners in Mission

BY GARY BURNS



I remember Dean "Dario" Coggins coming to camp with his friends as an eager camper. Soon he transitioned from camper to being a member of the camp staff. His leadership skills were quickly recognized as he moved from counselor to boys director to program director to assistant director, and eventually to camp director.

What a joy and privilege to have been a part of the process—to see God develop my son's character and skills that have resulted in a very effective ministry—a ministry where Dario now helps to develop character and leadership in young men at Great Lakes Adventist Academy. Summer camp provided the "school" that accelerated his education through practical experience.

It's where he discovered his God-given mission by being pressed to the limit and personally experiencing how God provides.

Camp is a great place to send kids for a wonderful, active and deeply spiritual experience. But that experience happens because young men and women are given the opportunity to partner with God as staff members, counselors and directors. Ask any camp director and they'll give you a list of camp staff members who have become leaders in God's work, and you'll be surprised at the number. But we really shouldn't be surprised. It is the very method described that produces "an army of ... youth, rightly trained."

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

God's Plan for You

BY EUGENE KIM

"God has a plan for every single person on the Earth."

I heard this phrase so many times in my Bible class and church. Even my friends said it a lot. However, it took me a long time to actually see it as true.

I decided to come to the U.S. from South Korea as an exchange student in 2007. As soon as I withdrew from my high school in South Korea, I received a letter from the U.S. government saying that I could not participate in the exchange program because they were unable to find a family willing to take me in. I couldn't go back to my old school, because I would have to wait a year to get in again. I was very frustrated, but there was another way; I could get a student visa and come to the U.S. as just a foreign student. My sponsor had about six school options and asked me which one I wanted to attend.

I chose to come to Indiana Academy (IA), because I had never heard anything about Seventh-day Adventists before. Since I was an atheist, just like my family, everything was very new and different to me. At first, I really didn't care about God or the Bible; but as time went on I started to understand who God is, through my friends and teachers. I started to recognize how God was working in my life, and I was very happy that I came to IA. I believe now it was all part of His plan to help me learn about Him.

This year I could have gone to a cheaper school, but I chose to come back to IA because I wanted to affirm my faith and be closer to God. I know

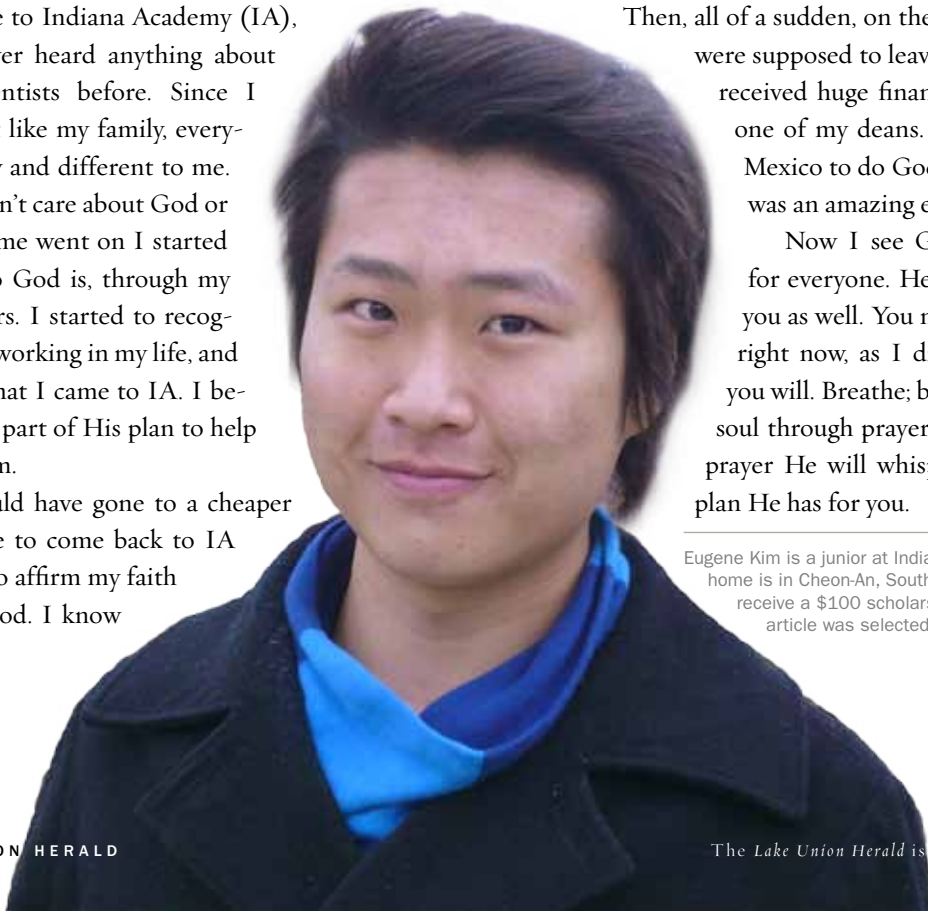
it has been hard for my parents to afford my school bill, due to the economic crisis that has affected our economies in recent months. I wanted to help them financially, so I chose to work; but it still didn't seem like enough. I noticed my parents were having an even harder time paying for my school bill.

I prayed about it, because I wanted to go to Mexico for a mission trip. It was my first mission opportunity, and I had been planning on going for a long time; but the finances were just not available. My father was going to give up his classes for his master's degree just for me.

Then, all of a sudden, on the day before we were supposed to leave for Mexico, I received huge financial help from one of my deans. I got to go to Mexico to do God's work, and it was an amazing experience.

Now I see God has a plan for everyone. He has a plan for you as well. You might not see it right now, as I didn't then, but you will. Breathe; breathe for your soul through prayer. Through that prayer He will whisper to you the plan He has for you.

Eugene Kim is a junior at Indiana Academy. His home is in Cheon-An, South Korea. He will receive a \$100 scholarship since his article was selected for publication.



Jonathon “Jon” C. Bruch is a four-year senior from Lansing, Michigan, and is the son of Leroy and Diana Bruch. Jon has grown into a spiritual leader on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA).

Jon’s passion for Christ has put him in several positions on campus: Flamekeepers leader of student-led Bible study groups in the boys dorm and Mid-Week Renewal leader. He is also the senior resident assistant.

“I want to show Christ to my peers in a different way. I want them to see that our God is loving, nurturing, caring and cool. That He loves them!” says Jon.

Head boys dean Matt Hill says, “Jon is continuously searching for ways that he can have a positive impact on our dorm. He is always looking out for others and how he can serve.” This is evidenced by the many guys who come to Jon to talk. His listening ear is always ready.

Doing medical outreach in Jamaica gave Jon a wider view on missions. He taught classes on health and assisted in minor medical procedures.

“One of the most important things I learned at GLAA is that even in a spiritual atmosphere, standing for God isn’t always easy. But when you give your life to God, you can do things you never thought possible!” says Jon.

Jon plans to attend Andrews University to study English, history and theology with the goal of becoming a youth pastor and writer.



Jonathon Bruch



Elizabeth Janevski

Elizabeth P. Janevski is the daughter of Peter and Pauliina Janevski of Northville, Michigan. Elizabeth is a two-year senior who has been actively involved at Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA).

In addition to being a high-academic achiever, Elizabeth’s passion is to make someone’s life a little better, one person at a time. “By God’s grace, when I leave this school, I want people to remember me as someone who was kind and who loved Jesus,” she says. “Elizabeth’s influence not only on her peers but the staff also has been significant, and she will be missed when she graduates,” said Arlene Leavitt, assistant development director.

Elizabeth enjoyed going on Ultimate Workout two times, once to Ecuador and once to Chile, where she did construction and vacation Bible schools. However, her passion for missions at GLAA led her to speak for Mid-Week Renewal and be a leader for the dorm student-led Bible Study program, Flamekeepers. She has also enjoyed witnessing opportunities with the *Aerokhanas* gymnastics team.

Elizabeth plans to attend Southern Adventist University for the first two years of college and then transfer to Andrews University to pursue a career in physical therapy.

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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