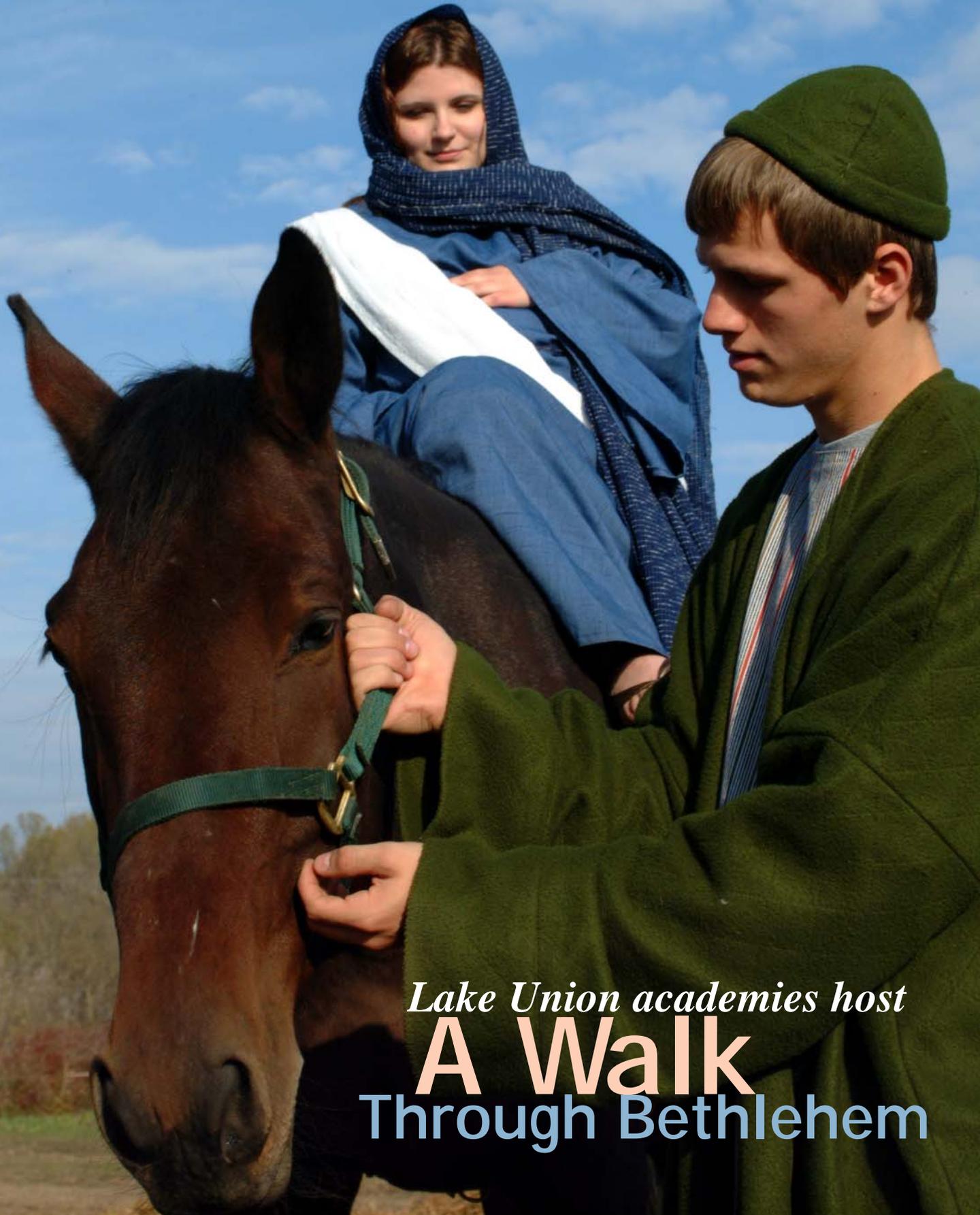


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Walking through Bethlehem has become a delightful Christmas tradition at Wisconsin Academy. Here Amanda Gordon from Wausau, and Kasey Kusch from Oconto, Mary and Joseph, recreate the Bethlehem journey on a horse rather than on the traditional donkey. *Herald* photo.

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## E D I T O R I A L

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# Lord, Help Me Tell the Story of Jesus

BY GORDON L. RETZER,  
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

**M**y wife, Cheryl, surprises me from time to time with the gifts God has given her. In the last few months, she's been writing verse and poems during her devotional time. Amazingly, this is the first time such a gift has been expressed in her life. I believe you will be encouraged by the thoughts she shares.

"I work as an R.N. on a labor and delivery unit. One of the employees noticed that I prayed with my patients before surgery, so she mentioned that she appreciated that I shared my belief in God with them. Then she started talking about the recent loss of her mother, and asking how God could allow her to suffer. I gave her some Bible texts and reassured her of God's love, sharing with her that Satan is the cause of pain, suffering, and sin. That evening when I came home, I felt I could have said so much more, done it so much better if only the words would come to me at the right time. Maybe you have felt inadequate in your witnessing at times, if so, then you will relate to these verses.

*I long for words to speak  
Of grace and love to those who seek  
The marvelous peace and joy in my soul  
My scattered life made complete and whole.*

*When put to press, I cannot express,  
My words fail me when under stress.  
I long to convey my hope and His glory,  
Of heaven, Jesus, and Calvary's story.*

*Lord, You've given me opportunities  
To speak of Your glories.  
Why do I blunder and fail,  
My words so weak and pale?*

*Show me how to communicate Your love,  
To create a desire for God above.  
The words I say, the things I do,  
May I always honor You."*

No doubt all of us can think of times we wished we could have been more eloquent. Yet God speaks through you and me. "Lord, help me tell the story of Jesus." I wonder if that's your prayer today.

# Practical Faith

BY LAURA NOBLE

**A**s a full-time volunteer for Maranatha Volunteers International, I have had the opportunity to travel quite extensively around the world. One of the things that gnaws on me the most is the children. I've seen them sitting in the dirt, flies crawling on their little eyelids. And I've always wondered, "What will become of them? Will they have hope? Will they even survive to adulthood? And if they do, will they ever meet Jesus and know His love for them on a personal level?"

So you can imagine my excitement when I first saw Our Children International orphanage in El Salvador. I learned that the orphanage began back in 1993 when a group of businessmen visited Hogar Escuela Adventista in El Salvador—a small orphanage that housed 12 children. When Don Kirkman, an architect from

Washington; Garwin McNeilus, a businessman from Minnesota; Don Noble, Maranatha president; and several others saw the need in El Salvador, they came home with the vision of building an orphanage that would hold at least 100 children. The dream became a reality, and today the orphanage houses about 150 children! This is truly an example of Seventh-day Adventist Christians sharing their faith in a tangible, practical way.

With that in mind, you may wonder, "Who are the people who help make this orphanage work and provide hope for so many?" Well, about a dozen individuals come from the Lake Union! Here's what a few of them had to say.

David Castleberg from Durand, Wisconsin:

"I'm involved in the orphanage for one simple reason—if we don't help them, who will? When I thought about Christ's words, 'Suffer the little

children to come unto me ...,' I felt compelled to do something! It also rounds out my Christian life. I have my church offices and my Sabbath school class, but I needed a mission project. And going down to the orphanage satisfies an empty spot and brings me closer to Christ."

Connie Schaffer from South Haven, Michigan:

"This is a practical way for me to give a child the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ. I started supporting little Jimmy five years ago because I thought, who else is going to do it? The simplicity of his appreciation gives me so much satisfaction. Instead of having the latest toy or computer game, he is just tickled pink to be taken care of!"

I can't express how satisfying it is to know that some of the children I see will find hope, not just for this life, but the life hereafter, because of the care, generous support, and hard work of people like you. Thank you.

If you would like more information about the orphanage, please contact Tiffany Thompson at Our Children International at (916) 920-1900; or visit their web site at [www.forthechildren.com](http://www.forthechildren.com).

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*Laura Noble is a Maranatha volunteer and an Our Children International board member.*



**Boys at the orphanage learn to plant and grow their own food in the garden.**



**The orphanage schedule includes time for the children to play.**



Making Hope Happen

# Wake of a Tornado

*Members in Martinsville help victims pick up the pieces*

BY JACKIE EASTWOOD

**O**n Friday, September 20, a tornado slammed into the town of Martinsville, causing devastation never before seen in this central Indiana town.

Trees were uprooted and tossed around like straw in the wind. Houses and businesses were torn from their foundations, roofs were ripped off leaving only walls standing. Power lines were down, the phone system was out, and the people that still had water were immediately told by the town officials to boil their drinking water.

As the members of the small Martinsville congregation began to call and check on each other after the storm, we discovered that not only was every member that lived in the tornado's path unhurt, but their houses were also untouched, and the church had been kept in tact.

Friday night a curfew was imposed on the streets of Martinsville, but Saturday morning the members began to gather to see what help they could be in the massive clean-up and rebuilding that would need to take place immediately.

One group went out to help with tree removal so power crews could reach downed power lines. Several church women returned home to cook huge kettles of chili, stew, and soups to feed the emergency workers. The Pathfinder's cook stove was used at the Emergency Management

Command Center. Groups from the church brought in their personal trucks and loaded up with water and hot food to take out to the storm victims. As soon as they would get back from a run, the women would box up more soup and more water, then off they would go again on another delivery. All the while, the church's soup line had a steady flow of police, EMTs, firefighters, and civilian volunteers.



**Lucious, the "Head Beggar," and his group bring loads of fresh bread into the church for the food line.**

The local radio station announced that the Adventist Church was offering a temporary day-care facility at the church for emergency workers to take advantage of. Christian videos were played, games and projects of all kinds along with snacks and food were there for the children as they began to filter into the transformed fellowship hall.

Some of the church members decided to have a short worship service with Bible readings and songs. The front doors of the church were

opened, and the church bell was rung as the members sang hymns and praise songs.

The following Wednesday morning, the Indiana Disaster Response Team, along with volunteers from the Bedford, Spencer, and Bloomington churches, set up headquarters in the church fellowship hall and kitchen. We immediately notified the Martinsville Command and Control Center that hot meals would be

provided to all disaster workers and tornado victims. Blankets, sheets, and other bedding were made available free of charge.

The local radio station was once again contacted, and they agreed to announce every few minutes the church's location and the services we were offering. The response was phenomenal. Hot meals were served to people ranging from the radio station employees to the correctional department. Donations to the church were made. The

local high school brought in many items. Clothing was also donated by a citizen of Martinsville. The Red Cross donated food supplies, and the Salvation Army also stocked food vouchers.

There was one individual who I feel stands out in the crowd and whose story deserves to be told. A 90-year-old man, who referred to himself as the "Head Beggar," walked through the fellowship door and announced that he had a truck load of bread and fresh produce, and asked where we

would like him to put it. I knew right away I had seen the reflection of Christ that we all so desire to attain. Here was a man, soft spoken and overflowing with love for his fellow man, with an urgency to help and a willingness to put his money where his mouth was. He was a very humble man. We did find out, with some prodding, that his name was Lucious

(no last name given) from the Lord's Pantry.

We visited victims, prayed with them, cried with them, and praised the Lord with them. There is even a young couple who now wants to have Bible lessons given to them.

We were once very much unknown in this city, but now you would be hard-pressed to find anyone who

doesn't know what the Seventh-day Adventist Church is. How wonderful our great Lord is that He can take tragedies and turn them into praise for His name. We praise Him for giving us the opportunity to let His light shine.

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*Jackie Eastwood is the Martinsville Church communication leader.*

# Sharing Hope for Health

*Local Adventists present booth at Lowell Community Health Fair*

BY BETTY KOSSICK

**A**t the invitation of the Lowell (Michigan) Community Health Fair, the Lowell Riverside Fellowship Company and the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center (BCLHC) participated in the event that featured some 20 organizations, which emphasized the physical, mental, and spiritual components of human health.

Bruce Hyde, M.D., BCLHC president/director, manned the center's booth, answering questions for the attendees. He presented a lecture: "How You Can Help Reverse

how diabetes causes neuropathy.

Marian Cruttenden, coordinator of the Riverside Fellowship and BCLHC joint-effort at the fair, noted, "This was a wonderful opportunity to reach our community just prior to the start of *Hope for the Homeland*. The main thrust of our church outreach is working with the community. BCLHC personnel have worked with us before. We have developed a friendship with more than 200 people who have attended our previous lecture series, our annual vegetarian taste testing event, and our monthly 'Healthy You' support group."

At the booth this year we offered body composition analysis, bottled

present when the door prizes were given out.

Paul Adams, with *Listen* magazine's Community Crusade Against Drugs, also played a vital part at the booth. "Many visitors stopped to check out the big jars of brain, liver, and lungs, along with large photos of diseased organs, showing the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the body," Marian said. "The health fair was a great success!"

If you are planning a health-outreach event at your church and would like to tap into the resources available at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center, you may contact them



**The Lowell Riverside Fellowship Company organized a booth at the Lowell Community Health Fair.**



**Bruce Hyde, M.D., (center) answered health fair attendees' questions.**

Diseases." Prior to the lecture, copies of *Radiant Living* were distributed to the fair attendees. Dr. Bruce also had the opportunity to join in a session being offered by another speaker on

water, vegetarian meatballs, and a variety of literature. *Simple Solutions* were given as door prizes, and we are personally delivering ten more *Simple Solutions* to people who were not

at: (269) 963-0368 or (888) 255-3180.

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*Betty Kossick is the former BCLHC public relations director.*

# Find Him at Bethlehem

Three Lake Union academies host  
walk through Bethlehem

## WISCONSIN ACADEMY

BY SUE RAPPETTE

Over a thousand visitors are expected for the fourth annual outdoor Christmas pageant at Wisconsin Academy (WA). This year's pageant—coordinated by Bonnie Peden, girls' dean—is scheduled for December 6 and 7.

Under the cool December sky, people enjoy the sights and sounds of their journey to Bethlehem as they walk through twelve Biblical scenes, which are positioned all around the campus. Students in costumes made by Bonnie Peden depict the Bible characters.

"We have almost 100 percent of our students involved in the drama or the music," explains John Thomas, school

principal. One week before the event, local radio stations and newspapers advertise the program. "It has definitely become a popular Christmas experience for families," John explains. "Our guests come from many religious backgrounds. They bring their children, grandparents, and neighbors, and many come back every year."

Live animals are brought in "on loan" from neighboring farms to make the shepherds' scene and the manger scene more realistic. "The first year we didn't have a good system



The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus in the stable.



The village scribe sat in the marketplace, providing a writing service for the villagers.



Angels announced the good news of Christ's birth to the shepherds.

for keeping the sheep corralled, and we had quite a time keeping up with their antics," John remembers. While guests wait their turn to take the trip to Bethlehem, the school's music department and other music groups entertain them with the Christmas message in song.



**King Herod was not happy when he heard that a baby king had been born in Bethlehem.**

In a thank you note to the school, Paul and Bob Sachse wrote, "Many are blessed by the students' enactment of the Christmas story. We brought our family, and the children were wide-eyed by what they saw."

Admission to the Christmas pageant is free. "We want to remind the community of the true meaning of the season," states Principal John. "It's also our way of giving the community a Christmas present and letting them know who Seventh-day Adventists are."

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*Sue Rappette is the administrative assistant at Wisconsin Academy.*



**Roman soldiers guarded Bethlehem and the visitors who came for the Bethlehem Walk.**

## GREAT LAKES ACADEMY

BY SARAH MATUS

Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) hosted a Bethlehem Walk on December 8, 2001. Over 400 parents, students, and faculty experienced the birth of Christ in a new light as they volunteered their time and talents to make this a success. For the second year in a row, students have been blessed by sharing with others the real meaning of Christmas.

"When a man came to

Michelle Boothby, GLAA senior, with tears in his eyes saying what a blessing this was, I knew God had blessed, and that was the whole point," said Jay Oetman (GLAA '02).

Several students had the responsibility of being tour guides. Chama Benton, GLAA senior, said, "I loved being a tour guide. It was so fun interacting with the people and the actors." The tour guides escorted their groups around to different sites. Each stop represented something that was taking place around the time Christ was here on earth.

Visitors met their tour guides in the chapel where they saw angels watching as Jesus gave His crown, scepter, and robe to His Father. It was time for Him to come to earth as a baby to save humanity.

As the trip continued, visitors had



**Village women met for a social gathering in a village home.**

to watch out for lepers and robbers on the way to King Herod's palace where they watched a scene between Herod and a centurion. The next stop was in the field with the shepherds. There they heard first hand the story of the night the angels sang.

Ramey Sylvester, GLAA senior and one of the shepherds, said, "I smelled like smoke, and my feet were frozen, but I had a warm heart and a whole lot of fun."

The hustle and bustle of the marketplace was the next stop. Merchants selling pottery and the sound of sheep, goats, chickens, and ill-tempered Roman soldiers filled the air. Visitors could visit a tax collector, a synagogue, an inn, or be put in prison.

The beggars were also a big part of the experience. Grace Banks (GLAA '02), who acted the part of a beggar, stated, "This year's Bethlehem Walk was a huge inspiration to me."

The second to the last stop was the nativity where visitors saw Joseph and Mary with baby Jesus. Sophomore and junior Bible teacher, Travis Culver, who played the role of Joseph, stated, "It was nice to see the little kids light up when they saw baby Jesus. It was awesome to be a part of something that blessed others."

The final stop was the empty tomb where Mary Magdalene told her testimony about her Savior that is

now alive. The Bethlehem Walk was a blessing to both those who took part in it and those visitors who walked through it.

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*Sarah Matus is a senior at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.*



*Out in the field, shepherds warm themselves by the fire.*

## CICERO CHURCH AT INDIANA ACADEMY

BY RAMONA TRUBEY AND RON KELLY

**W**ait for us; we want to come too!" The childish voice rang out clearly in the cold night air. These travelers were of the tribe of Onan, and they listened intently as the Magi spoke of their attempts to find the Savior.

The touring group moved on to watch the angel choir singing in the night sky. One bright messenger brought good tidings of joy to the shepherds. The family of Onan could hear the excited chatter of these keepers of sheep as they made haste to go and visit the Christ child.

Everyone followed in growing anticipation.

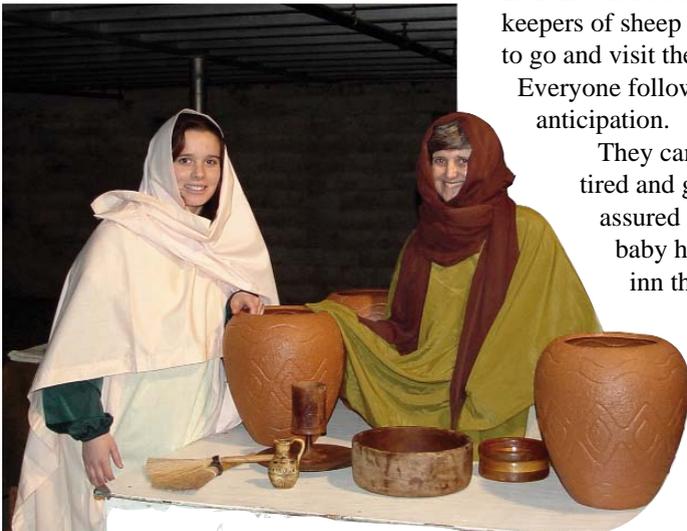
They came to an inn where a tired and gruff innkeeper assured the group that no baby had been born in his inn that night. His wife interrupted to inform him that an expecting couple had sought refuge, but ended up in the barn. The group then proceeded to



*Visitors had to be careful or they could find themselves in the Bethlehem jail.*

the stable where they found Joseph, Mary, and the newborn baby. The wise men delivered their gifts to the child. The donkey and little lamb expressed their feelings vocally. The group was entranced with the scene.

Over 1,100 people experienced the journey through Bethlehem on the nights of December 8 and 9, 2001, at the Cicero (Indiana) Church. Many hours of preparation went into this re-enactment. In the village, the wood carver, the story teller, the seller of scents, the weavers, the scribe, the



*Bethlehem merchants sold pottery in the marketplace.*

candle makers, and the market place were visited by all our guests. The village center was full of children playing and beggars begging. Thankfully, the lepers and demoniacs were kept outside of the town. Each visitor was given a cup of lentil stew from the bubbling pot over the open fire in the village. The census takers recorded everyone passing through and separated them by tribes. The scribe made out their passports for safe passage on the journey. The town crier called each tribe to ready themselves for the rigors of the trip. The sounding of the trumpet signaled their departure.

The months of work put into making authentic costumes and constructing props have been a tremendous blessing. A church that works together with a common mission is drawn together as a family.

The community responded with great

appreciation. The best promotion is now word of mouth from those who have made the journey. For many it has become a family tradition. Numerous community neighbors have volunteered to help manage traffic, loan us live animals, and do all they can to help this re-enactment.

We have no baptisms to report as a result of this work, but we have grown in unity and good will with the community. This is only one of our efforts to reach people for Christ. We trust God to make the increase. More than 140 members are working together in



***Basket weavers greet visitors as they stroll through the marketplace.***



***The village scribe makes passports for safe passage on the journey through Bethlehem.***

one way or another, finding joy in sharing this ministry with our community.

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*Ramona Trubey is the Cicero Church communication leader, and Ron Kelly is the Cicero Church pastor.*



***Travelers watch the village blacksmith making his wares to sell in the marketplace.***



***Hot lentil soup simmers over an open fire to warm the marketplace visitors.***

# Unleashing God's Power— Unleashing God's People

*The 32nd regular constituency session of the Wisconsin Conference*

## BY THE EDITOR

**A** church elder makes an altar call at an evangelistic service, and eight people come forward; a pastor baptizes 11 people during his first evangelistic meeting; 10 guests come to a home for an evangelistic meeting; churches that hadn't had evangelistic meetings in 15 years are involved; more lay people than pastors are holding evangelistic meetings; elders are pioneering new areas; youth are preaching; baptisms are reported all over the conference. Am I talking about Mexico, or Brazil, or Wisconsin? I have just described experiences from this last month in Wisconsin, and we praise God. A new chapter is happening in our conference history, not only in Wisconsin, but throughout the Lake Union." With these words, Don Corkum, Wisconsin Conference president, began the

devotional time at the 32<sup>nd</sup> regular constituency session of the Wisconsin Conference on October 20, 2002.

During his devotional, Elder Corkum asked Elsworth Moses, Clearwater Lake Church head elder, if he had ever conducted an evangelistic series before. His answer was, no. When the last meeting in the series was over, he said, "The question was, when can we do it again? I have never seen anything pull the church together like this (*Hope for the Homeland*) evangelistic series."

Conference constituency meetings are held every few years to elect officers and committees, to hear reports, to give direction, and to vote to undertake major projects. All these things happened at the Wisconsin Conference constituency session. The officers and departmental directors were all reelected by a virtually unanimous vote. During the four-year period from 1998 through 2001, the conference had a net growth of 241 for a total of 6,455 members. The title increase was 26.5% during the quadrennium. Two churches were added, and four churches were disbanded. It was voted to build a new cafeteria at the camp-



**The delegates voted to accept the departmental directors' reports. From left are Richard Habenicht, PARL, stewardship, and trust services; Mike Edge, youth and children's ministries and Sabbath school; James Fox, ministerial and communication; and Ken Kirkham, education.**

ground and then to look at renovating or replacing the dormitories at Wisconsin Academy.

Business was done at the constituency meeting at Wisconsin Academy, but there was more than business that happened there. There is a certain spirit growing in Wisconsin, a spirit of mission, a spirit of support, a spirit of love for the Lord and for each other. There is no question that this spirit comes from God, and He has inspired the conference leadership and its members to tell others about His love and grace. The Wisconsin Conference vision statement is "Living God's Love," and truly they are lifting up Jesus as the truth, the way, and the life.

As Elsworth Moses said, "(Evangelism) is the purpose that God has each one of us here for, to give the good news of the gospel to those who don't know it and who need to know it."



**Wisconsin Conference president Don Corkum makes the point that during the *Hope for the Homeland* campaign, more lay members than pastors preached evangelistic sermons.**

# His Stubborn Child

A Thirteenth Sabbath story from the African-Indian Ocean Division

BY CHARLOTTE ISHKANIAN

**H**arriet Cherif\* called herself a Christian, but it was years before she submitted herself to God's will in her life. One morning she awoke with severe pain in her side. Her foot became numb. Painkillers did not help the pain, and the numbness in her feet and legs grew worse. Within

weeks she could not move at all. She was confined to bed for months, her faithful houseboy, Mohammed, her only care giver.

Many nights she could not sleep, so she prayed. She asked God to forgive her sins and save her. She promised God that if He healed her, she would worship Him and work for Him the rest of her life.

Her Adventist niece took her to neighboring Guinea, in western Africa, to care for her. She urged Harriet to attend church with her, but Harriet refused. Then one Saturday morning Harriet awoke early, determined to go to

church. As she and her niece made their way to the place where the church met, Harriet again prayed, "Lord, Thy will be done in my life." The worship hall was just an empty warehouse; the pews were plastic chairs. But Harriet sensed that God was there with her.

During that worship service God healed her. Her arm, which had felt



**Church members in Guinea meet in a makeshift shelter behind the ADRA office. This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath offering will help build an evangelistic center in Conakry.**

heavy and hard to move, now seemed as light as paper. She looked down at her foot and saw her toes moving. She wiggled her toes—no pain. She

moved her foot—no pain. She moved her knee back and forth—no pain.

God had healed her, and Harriet kept her promise. She continued worshiping in the humble warehouse church, sharing with others what God was doing in her life. Harriet is keeping her promise to God as He opens doors of service. Her first convert was her faithful Muslim houseboy, Mohammed. When he saw her miraculous healing, he began to listen as she told him about Jesus, the loving Savior. It took awhile, but he eventually gave his heart to Christ, and today he is preparing for baptism.

The church in Guinea is still in its infancy, with just over 200 members, half of whom live in the capital city, Conakry. They meet in a shelter located behind the ADRA office. It is little more than support beams and a metal roof that the members have constructed. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath offering this quarter will help build an evangelistic center in Conakry, a worship center that Harriet would love to fill with the fruits of her labors for God.

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*Charlotte Ishkanian is editor of the Mission quarterly.*

*\* Harriet's story, "His Stubborn Child," appears in this quarter's Mission quarterly.*

*The 13th Sabbath offering on December 28 will benefit people in the African-Indian Ocean Division.*

# Community Services Targets the Inner City

Adventist Community Services is reaching people in urban America

BY JERRICA THURMAN

**A**dventist Community Services (ACS) aims to become more involved with the heartfelt needs of people living in the inner city. This means continuing to expand community services from church-based to community-based ministry.

“It is our goal to reach inner city communities where they really hurt, by understanding what’s happening there and addressing those needs,” said Leon Sylvester, North American Division ACS inner city coordinator.

Leon Sylvester, Charles Drake, and Walter Gibson serve as inner city coordinators for the national ACS organization.

“About 75 percent of all people living in the United States live in urban areas,” said Drake. In addition, urban influences have pervaded suburban and country margins. Therefore, to meet the felt needs of those living in the inner city and surrounding areas, Adventist Community Services plans to equip and develop ACS leaders and church members to understand and provide relevant



**Detroit Metro Van Ministry volunteers provide free health screening for the public at a community festival.**



**Van health services are some of the services provided for the community by the Adventist Community Services inner city program.**

services for the local community.

“Because the difference will be made on the local level, ACS is interested in providing expertise to empower local conferences and churches to become more effective in their communities,” said Gibson. The inner city coordinators will offer educational and motivational training on how to approach your community, facilitate church leaders in developing community projects, and provide technical resources. To contact the inner city coordinators, visit the ACS web site at [www.communityservices.org](http://www.communityservices.org).

Adventist Community Services’ inner city program provides vital help to families who are unemployed, working-poor, and lacking health insurance in poverty pockets in the

United States and Bermuda. It offers urban ministries such as counseling for domestic violence victims, food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, clothing and houseware distribution, drug and alcohol abuse and prevention assistance, health services, and much more.

Many ACS inner city programs have been very effective in their community initiatives such as the River Bend Adventist Community Services in Alton, Illinois, and the Detroit Metro Van Ministry in Detroit, Michigan.

In a large building provided by the Greater Alton Adventist Church, the River Bend ACS maintains a food pantry and thrift shop for the local community. They also distribute furniture, subsidize the homeless to stay in motel rooms, and the director, Lily Waltz, partners with the Department of Human Services to issue checks to eligible clients for "Front Door Money," a program that keeps the unfortunate in the work force.

The River Bend ACS volunteers had the opportunity to aid the Guinness Book of Records "Bearded Lady," who is famous for her lengthy beard and has appeared on television and in carnivals. After being introduced to the Adventist message at the Community Services center, the "Bearded Lady" became a Seventh-day Adventist.

The Detroit Metro Van Ministry, directed by Steve Veres and supported by the Michigan Conference has provided free health classes, hypertension and cholesterol screening, health-age appraisals, lifestyle counseling, and volunteer doctor, nurse, and other health professional care for 17 years. The van ministry screens 30 to 75 people daily and receives assistance from several area churches to offer resources and seminars for community members to overcome risky health practices.

While the van ministry volunteers served one day, a couple visited the van for health services and asked several questions about religion. After

being offered Bible studies, the couple accepted the invitation and was later baptized at the Lake Orion-Oxford Church in Lake Orion, Michigan.

Adventist Community Services' inner city program strives to continue to make a difference in communities and encourages all church members to get involved. One way to begin is to give generously to the ACS Inner City Annual Church Offering on December 14, 2002. "This offering will enable local churches to better meet the challenges of the community and build a better society for all," said Sung Kwon, the national ACS executive director. ACS inner city program invites all to experience the many blessings that come from giving. To make a contribution, you can also call (877) ACS-2702; or visit the ACS web site at [www.communityservices.org](http://www.communityservices.org).

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*Jerrica Thurman is the NAD Adventist Community Services communication coordinator.*

## ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

HELPING COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS

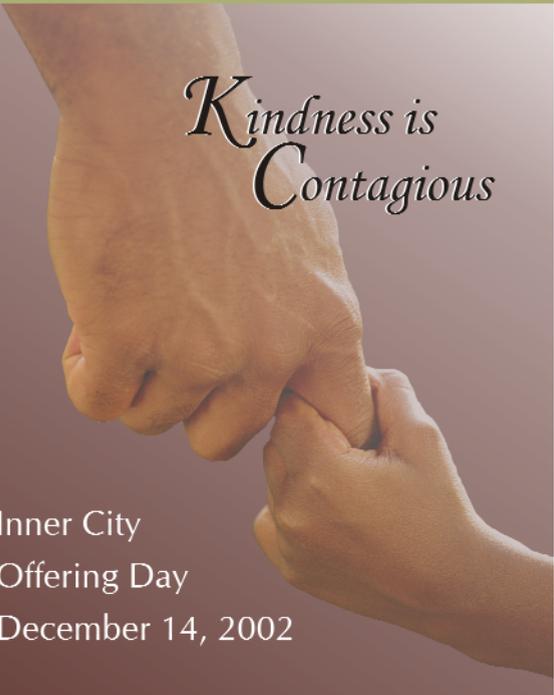
Adventist Community Services Inner City program provides vital help to families who are unemployed, working-poor and uninsured in poverty pockets in the United States and Bermuda.

We invite you to join us in providing humanitarian services such as counseling for domestic violence victims, food pantries, medical clinics, drug and alcohol abuse and prevention assistance, tutoring and mentoring programs and much more.

Allow God to use you to express His love towards His needy children by giving generously on December 14 for the ACS Inner City Annual Offering.

For more information or to make a contribution call 1-877-ACS-2702 or visit [www.communityservices.org](http://www.communityservices.org)

*Let your kindness be contagious!*



*Kindness is  
Contagious*

Inner City  
Offering Day  
December 14, 2002



# CREATIVE PARENTING

## If He Had Not Come: A Christmas Story of Warmth and Wonder

by Susan E. Murray

It was Christmas Eve—the one night in the year when seven-year-old Bobby was in a hurry to go to bed. His stocking was tacked to the mantel, the beautiful tree stood in the corner. He kissed his mother and father good night and raced upstairs and leaped into bed.

It seemed to Bobby that he hadn't been asleep any time when a harsh voice shouted, "Get up!" He opened his eyes, blinking in the bright sunlight. Then he remembered what day it was. With a joyful shout he hurried into his clothes and bounded down the stairs.

On the bottom step he stopped. No stockings hung from the mantel. The Christmas tree was missing. "But ... but I put the paper angels on myself," Bobby began as the shrill whistle from the factory nearby made him jump.

"The factory can't be open on Christmas!" Bobby thought, as he put on his coat and ran out of the house. The gatekeeper at the factory was his friend. He would tell Bobby why ... "Clear out of here, you!" the gatekeeper jerked his thumb at him. "No kids allowed!"

As Bobby slowly turned to go, he saw to his amazement that up and down the street all the stores were open. "Why are they open on Christmas?" he asked a woman coming out of the supermarket. "Christmas?" the woman asked. "What's that?" The hardware store, the bakery, the five-

and-ten—everywhere it was the same. People were busy. They were cross. They'd never heard of Christmas.

"But I know one place where they've heard of Christmas," Bobby cried. "At my church! There's a special service there this morning." He started to run. Here was the street! At least he thought it was, but there was only a weed-filled vacant lot. The tower with the carillon bells, the Sunday school windows where Bobby had pasted snowflakes—there was nothing there.

Just then, from the tall grass near the side of the road, Bobby heard a moan. A man was lying on the ground. "A car struck me," he gasped. "Never even stopped." "Help!" called Bobby to a woman walking past. "This man's hurt."

The lady jerked Bobby away. "Don't touch him. He doesn't live here. We don't know anything about him."

"I'll run to the hospital, Mister," Bobby promised. "They'll send an ambulance." And he tore off down the street.

Hospital of the Good Samaritan. Bobby had often read the name over the archway in the great stone wall. But now the stone wall ran around an empty field. Where the name of the hospital had been, the following words were carved instead, *If He Had Not Come*.

Suddenly Bobby was running home as if his life depended on it. Last night his father had read from the Bible. Maybe the Bible would tell him why everything was changed. The Bible was still lying on the table in the living room. Bobby snatched it up and ran upstairs to his room. But where the New Testament should have started, there were only blank pages. There was no Christmas story—no Jesus at all. Bobby flung himself on his bed and began to cry.

"Merry Christmas, Bobby." It was his mother's voice from downstairs. "Aren't you getting up on Christmas morning?" Bobby sprang out of bed and ran to the window. There was a Christmas wreath on the house across the street. Suddenly the

carillon bells from the church tower began to ring *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

"Here I come, Mother," Bobby cried. But he paused at the door and shut his eyes. "You came!" he whispered. "Thank you for coming!"

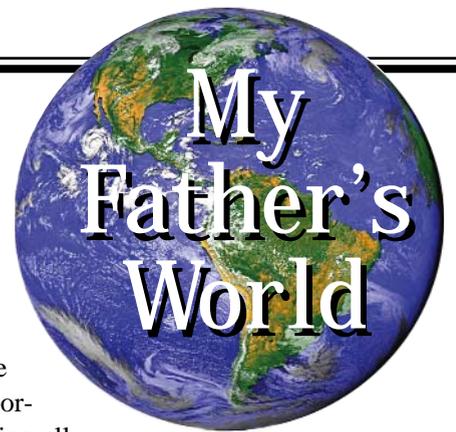


*With this last issue of Creative Parenting for 2002, I offer you this little gift—one of our favorite Christmas stories. We are thankful that the Lord Jesus Christ did come. He came to save each of us. It is my prayer that He will continue to lead in your lives as you nurture your children. It has been my*

*goal to bring you meaningful and helpful insights into parenting this year, and in the process, I have been blessed!*

# Get a Grip on Your Resources

by Gary Longfellow



I had to do my best to stifle the laugh welling up within me. The lizard was just hanging from the soft tissue between John's thumb and index finger. The look on John's face was a mixture of pain, frustration, and confusion. I could tell that he really just wanted to shake that cantankerous critter and be rid of it. But he had a problem. We had not yet successfully identified the lizard, and if he let it fly, then we never would.

We had chased this rather sizable bipedal creature all through the desert scrub. I had finally captured it with a solid grip about its neck. John, with field guide in hand, was trying to identify it without much success. That is when we decided to switch places. As I was transferring the lizard to John's hands, the spunky reptile clamped its jaws down on John's hand.

What would John do? To his credit he held on for just a little longer. I reached over and carefully pried the jaws open. The relief on John's face was immediate. With things under control, I began searching my field guide for the elusive identification. I settled upon the possibility that this might be a Long-nosed Leopard Lizard. As I carefully read the description out loud, we became more confident of the identification. Then John looked on in surprise as I broke out into laughter. "What is so funny?" John asked. I carefully pointed out the description in the guide for leopard lizards; "... will attempt to bite when caught."<sup>1</sup>

Why didn't John just shake the lizard loose when it bit down on his hand? He understood the importance of inventorying all the possible resources, and we had not determined what the lizard was. John's persistence resulted in the recording of an additional species for that area.

In the late 1970s the Bureau of Land Management was under court order to conduct an effective inventory of the lands that they, until then, had been managing with very little knowledge of what was there. The federal judge had recognized the importance of asking how anyone could prudently manage resources when they didn't know what they had?

It seems to me that as Christians it is incumbent upon us to ask the same question. Have you ever inventoried the material blessings that God has provided for your family? Take a moment to inventory your own inner life (talents and faith) resources, personal or family resources, social resources, and commons resources.

<sup>1</sup> Robert C. Stebbins. 1976. *Wester Reptiles and Amphibians*. Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co., p. 123.

<sup>2</sup> Peter Menzel. 1994. *Material World: A Global Family Portrait*. San Francisco, Sierra Club Books, 255 pages.

## Family Resources: Household Inventory Activity

A household inventory can be a great family activity. You may want to look at your household inventory in the context of other world cultures. During the middle 1990s, some United Nations photographers published a book that serves as an outstanding resource when looking at culture and the material world.<sup>2</sup> They photographed middle-income (by the individual countries' standards) families and their material possessions outside their homes.

### Procedures:

Have your children conduct an inventory of valued possessions within the house that fit into three categories. 1) Items that have spiritual importance to family and to God, 2) capital goods (larger, expense items; i.e. the refrigerator, beds, couches, house, car, etc.) that have financial impor-

tance, and 3) things that have personal importance to the family. How many do you have of any important item?

Have each family member rate the items by importance. Then ask the family to rank the importance of the various items. If you own more than one of a particular item, ask if it is important to have that many.

Discuss who should be the steward or stewards of the various inventoried materials.

### Possible discussion questions:

- How much do we actually need?
- How are we prioritizing our spending or purchasing?
- In what ways are we blessed?
- What could we get rid of without much pain?
- What would cause more heart ache and problems if we lost it?
- What does it mean to give it all to God?
- What do you think that God would want us to get rid of?



## GlenOaks Hospital Wellness Gallery Inspires Healthy Living

Adventist Health System Midwest Region treats the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. The many community outreach activities at one of its facilities, GlenOaks Hospital in Glendale Heights, Ill., and a rotating art exhibit show the many ways the health care organization does just that. “We don’t simply treat patients’ symptoms. We treat their spirits, too,” says Brinsley Lewis, GlenOaks Hospital CEO.

This sentiment is embodied in the Wellness Gallery, which was recently unveiled in the hospital lobby. A series of portraits of children and other slice-of-life scenes depicts the eight principles of a healthy lifestyle that are reinforced by GlenOaks Hospital’s commitment to serving the community.

The gallery theme, “Keeping You Well. And Well Informed,” provides a beautiful opportunity for patients and visitors to focus on positive aspects of life.

### Maintain a positive attitude.

The doctors and nurses at GlenOaks Hospital take the time to listen to your concerns, so that you can feel confident and assured you are receiving the best care possible.

### Exercise every day.

Recently, GlenOaks Hospital sponsored its ninth annual 5K Runaround. More than 200 participants and their families enjoyed the activities and entertainment.

### Go outdoors.

Fresh air has a powerful affect on the ability to heal quickly, as does the beautiful outdoor scenery.

### Drink pure water.

Nothing goes down better than pure water when you’re not feeling your best. GlenOaks Hospital always offers pure water with every meal.

### Keep stress low.

GlenOaks Hospital and other Adventist Health System hospitals offer a variety of classes in stress management, parenting, anger management, and post-traumatic stress.

### Spend time with God daily.

Recently, the GlenOaks Hospital staff presented yellow roses and passed out prayer cards to patients, family members, and staff, and read the prayer over the public address system as part of the 9/11 remembrance services.

### Be balanced.

The doctors and nurses at GlenOaks Hospital are committed to treating the whole person in mind, body, and spirit.

Each of these principles are embodied in the care patients receive at GlenOaks Hospital, as well as other hospitals in the Adventist Health System, including Hinsdale Hospital and La Grange Memorial Hospital. The Adventist Health System welcomes community members to showcase their artistic talents for its Wellness Galleries at its various campuses. Each principle can be expressed through photographs, paintings, or drawings.

*Damienne Trippiedi, Adventist Health System Midwest Region Lake Union Herald correspondent*



**Therese Burke (left) and Delora Hagen, hospital chaplain, unveil the photographs at GlenOaks Hospital’s Wellness Gallery.**

### Eat a nutritious diet.

GlenOaks Hospital frequently offers heart-healthy cooking classes, as well as classes that teach the nutrition changes associated with newly diagnosed diabetics.

## Hope Touched My Life Too

One of the most important things I have learned from my job at the Village Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., is that nothing can work without the support of the members. Whether their gift is prayer, time, financial support, or simply attending our various programs, the life of the church depends on the people who give to it.

In the weeks leading up to *Hope for the Homeland*, it became clear that the task before us was much more than our small pastoral staff could handle. I have been to many evangelistic crusades in my life, but never before had the opportunity to see all the details required to make it happen. And never before have I been a witness to such a generous outpouring of enthusiasm and sacrifice.

A group of 10 people volunteered to replant the garden near our entrance. There were more volunteers for greeters than there were doors at which to place them. Twenty volunteered to help in the various children's divisions, 30 to be row hosts and make people feel welcome. About a dozen volunteered to pray, diligently and faithfully, for the speaker, the volunteers, the hearts hearing the call of the Holy Spirit, and the hundreds of prayer requests turned in every evening. And the volunteers came from many different places—members of our Berrien Springs Village Church family, of Pioneer Memorial Church, the Stevensville Church, students and faculty from Andrews University, Pathfinders, even non-Adventists with Adventist friends.

The pastoral staff prayed that lives in our community would be changed. And lives have been changed. A dozen have asked



**Candace Clark, Andrews University alumna and Berrien Springs Village Church secretary, staffs the resource table for Hope for the Homeland.**

for baptism or re-baptism. Even more have asked for Bible studies and special prayer.

But what I didn't expect, and perhaps should have, is that my life was touched. I have grown to know Christ a little bit better by the outpouring of love and support of His servants in the Berrien Springs area. Each person who gave of their time and energy not only gave a blessing to others, but undoubtedly received one of their own.

*Candace Clark, 2001 Andrews University alumna*

## Teacher in the Spotlight

What are the odds that someone will think of mountain climbing or snowmobiling when they hear the words physics professor? Probably not very good unless you are talking about Andrews University's associate professor of physics, Gary Burdick. This particular professor has published an average of two refereed scientific articles per year for the last 17 years, but will tell you quite freely that his favorite place is in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado where he can hike, mountain climb, jeep, or snowmobile to his heart's content.



***In a discipline that is often seen as a challenge to religion, associate professor of physics Gary Burdick is a committed Adventist Christian.***

With a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Texas, Austin, Burdick has helped put Andrews University on the map with his research. His last two articles on optical spectroscopy (the study of the optical properties of the lanthanide elements) are to be published in a special issue of *Molecular Physics*.

Burdick, who enjoys involving students in his research, said, "These publications are very important for undergraduate students, because one major criteria that schools look at for accepting graduate students is their ability to perform well in a research environment."

In a discipline that is often seen as a challenge to religion, Burdick is a committed Christian. "I consider it important for me to show my students that one can take their science seriously and still be a committed Seventh-day Adventist Christian, one can hold a consistent world view that values the best scholarship in both theology and science."

*Bjorn Karlman, student news writer*

# EDUCATION NEWS

## Take Charge of Education

**Michigan** — Every year Target stores provide an opportunity for schools to receive fund-raising dollars through a program they call Take Charge of Education. Target donates one

percent of purchases to the eligible K–12 school of your choice. Schools receive their donations twice a year, and funds accumulate all year long. More than 114,000 K–12 schools across the country are actively participating in the fund-raising, and more than seven million customers have designated a school.

When you look at these statistics, it is overwhelm-

ing that the Mt. Pleasant School was one of 100 schools nationwide to receive a \$5,000 grant as part of the Target Honor Roll 100 program. The school received this recognition because of their outstanding results in the Take Charge of Education school fund-raising program.

Target stores tracked school fund-raising dollars raised for all schools enrolled in the program between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001, and selected 100 schools that received the most dollars per enrolled student. The Mt. Pleasant School had three students enrolled this year.

To celebrate, Target stores invited one school representative to accept the award on behalf of the school during a special all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The Mt. Pleasant School asked me to represent the school at this event.

*Melanie Miller, Mt. Pleasant School teacher/principal*



**Melanie Miller (center), Mt. Pleasant School teacher/principal, accepted an award in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the school from Target store representatives because of the school's outstanding results in Target's education fund-raising program.**

## The Wonders of Science

**Wisconsin** — What do Alzheimer's, budgerigars (small Australian parakeets), clouds, dreams, electrolytes, and forest fires have in common? On Sunday, Apr. 7, students from around Wisconsin traveled to Wisconsin Academy to share their discoveries about these topics plus many more at the annu-

al science fair sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference education department. Students in grades 5–8 from 18 elementary schools, 20 junior-academy students, and eight home schoolers registered 158 projects for consideration.

Participants received 102 first-place ribbons, 19 second-place ribbons, eight third-place ribbons, and several participant recognitions. The ribbons were accompanied by certificates worth \$35 for a first place, \$30 for second, and \$25 for third, towards the entrance fee at Wisconsin Academy. Additionally, Andrews University sponsored \$1,500 in scholarship awards for experimental projects. Winners of the Andrews scholarships were: Joshua Burrington of Madison Elementary, \$500; Marilyn Santiago of Milwaukee Junior Academy, \$400; Brandon Harrison of Madison Elementary, \$300; Daniel Ewers of Madison Elementary, \$200; and Michael Destaercke of Green Bay Junior Academy, \$100.

Once project judging was completed, Ben Gardner, a research chemist at John Hopkins School of Medicine Department of Pharmacology and Molecular Science, gave an interesting presentation about the threat of biological terrorism using organisms such as anthrax. Gardner has done research for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is presently working with the Defense Department's Advanced Research Project, developing ways to defend the United States against biological terrorism.

One of the fair organizers, teacher Jeannie Fletcher, is amazed at the quality of the projects which students submit. "Each



**One of the science fair challenges involved constructing bridges solely out of toothpicks.**

year that a student participates, they get a little more insight into what it takes to do a quality project and what the judges are looking for, and it shows up the next year," Fletcher said. "Because I have always liked science, seeing a student get excited about researching a new topic or doing an experiment is rewarding for me."

*Tola Ewers, Madison Community Church member*

## Meadow Creek School Holds Open House

**Wisconsin** — Meadow Creek School, Rice Lake, Wis., held an open house for parents, friends, and church members to come and experience some of the types of higher-level thinking which characterize the classroom.

During the open house, teacher Keith Hatcher led out in a Tan Gram math lesson, designed to help strengthen spatial reasoning. Each person was given a seven-piece geometric puzzle and asked to form a square using all the pieces. Next, using the overhead projector, students took turns creating different shapes with the seven pieces in order to stump the participants.



**At an open house at the Meadow Creek School in Rice Lake, Wis., each person was given a seven-piece geometric puzzle and asked to form a square using all the pieces.**

After the math lesson, all eyes were focused on the blackboard for an inquiry training lesson. The following riddle was written on the board. “Carol was camping with her family. She was asked to fetch some water from the river. All she could find was a bucket with holes in the bottom.

Undeterred, Carol went and was able to bring water back to camp. How was she able to do this?” Participants could ask only “yes” or “no” questions to get the information to solve the riddle. The questions and answers were written on the board under specific categories in order to keep track of the data. Young and old alike took turns asking their questions, and after 20 minutes the riddle was solved.

After the time in the classroom, visitors were treated to a tumbling show. Students had worked on this performance for two weeks as part of a physical education unit. They also spent their free time for a month perfecting their rolls, dives, and pyramids. Refreshments were served following the show, and time was given for each student to display projects and other work for family and friends. Please pray for our schools in this conference.

*Keith Hatcher, Meadow Creek School teacher*

## Nursing Home Appreciation Day

**Michigan** — On May 16, our entire school put on a program at a nursing home in Muskegon, Mich. Three students played guitars while we sang worship songs. We presented each resident with a certificate of appreciation with his/her name and mentioned the work he/she had done in our community or to make the world a better place for us. The nursing home personnel helped us with the research. We also gave each one a decorated border sheet with a Bible verse on it. We gave 15 copies of *The Desire of Ages* to residents and staff that indicated any interest. The program was very well done and very well received. We plan to do it again next year. It was a blessing to all of us.

*Paulette Reinhart, Muskegon Adventist School teacher*

## 9-11: A Day to Remember

**Lake Region** — The Lake Region Conference Chicagoland pastors, Bible workers, and congregations joined with community members in remembering the events of 9-11 in a memorial service held on Sept. 8, 2002, at the Shiloh Church in Chicago.

Norman K. Miles, Lake Region Conference president, delivered the address to a capacity crowd. Representatives from local police and fire departments were among the civic officials present for the event which included a mini-concert by the United States Navy Band from Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and the posting of colors by the Great Lakes Naval Color Guard. Master Guides, Pathfinders, and Medical Cadets in full regalia made an impressive parade. The nationally renowned Chicago Soul Children’s Choir and the Sisters of Nigeria from the Chicago Nigerian Church, rendered musical selections.

*James Clements Jr.,  
Beacon of Joy (Chicago) Church pastor*

## Hope for the Homeland Meetings in Sheridan, Ill.

**Illinois** — Sheridan, Ill., has a population of about 800 people. In the heart of this little town is the Sheridan Adventist Church. When the idea for *Hope for the Homeland* was presented, the church family overwhelmingly made a decision to move forward with the meetings. As interest increased, the Rock Creek Company decided to assist, and it wasn’t long before all those involved were working together with one mind. Every person in the church has a work to do for Christ, and we didn’t want one person to be left out.

Every night, Rose Lewis organized children and youth of all ages. They shared current events in light of Bible prophecy, answered questions from the Bible, or had a skit connected with the evening message. The meetings were held in a community center with a seating capacity of three to four hundred. Many nights we averaged 150 people in attendance.

Debbie Dewey was invited by Myrtle Deley, a literature evangelist. Terri Johnson came because a non-Adventist friend at work gave her a hand bill. James and Lillie Holloway came because of a personal visit from church members. Bruce and Nancy Crum came because they received a brochure at the fair. Others came because of newspaper ads and other media. Emerson and Linda Byrd came because of an invitation in the Bible study course they were taking.

On the second night of the meetings Linda Byrd had a dream. God spoke to her in the dream, and she and Emerson haven’t been the same since. When I asked her what God said, they

were so moved that they could hardly speak. Then Linda said that God told her to come to every meeting, to trust Him, and obey everything He showed them in His Word. They didn't miss one meeting and have made plans to follow the Lord in baptism, along with 12 other people.

James and Lillie came to all but three meetings. Every time there was a decision card, they would never return it. With every appeal and altar call, they never came forward. Many people in the church knew this, and on the last night many prayers went up for them. At the end of the last message, there was a decision card to accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior for the very first time. After everyone filled out their cards, we sang "I Surrender All" and asked each on their own to bring their cards to the front and lay them face down on the altar. This was the night our prayers were answered, and James and Lillie began a new life in Christ, and soon they will be baptized into the family of God

True success comes from God alone, and the success of these meetings came because the body of Christ worked in harmony with Christ as the head. Paul wrote, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" I Cor. 3:6.

*Joe Arner, Sheridan Church personal ministries leader*

## Small Groups Bring *Hope for the Homeland*

**Lake Union** — During the last part of the summer, the small group leaders from Indianapolis Hispanic Church finished their training for the *Hope for the Homeland* evangelistic campaign. A total of 10 groups received their material and held meetings throughout the city of Indianapolis.



*Small groups leaders with their materials in hand are ready to start their work. Orlando Vazquez stands in the middle of the back row.*

They invited friends and neighbors to come to their houses, and for four weeks they held meetings at their homes. The fifth week, meetings were at the church, and everybody was there to listen to Carlos T. Salome, senior pastor at Carson

Hispanic Church in California, who came to Indianapolis to do the harvest. The meetings started on Oct. 12, and went on every night until Sabbath, Oct. 19, when they closed their evangelistic crusade with a baptism. As a result of these meetings, 25 people were baptized.

Orlando Vazquez, Indiana Conference Hispanic coordinator and also the pastor for the Indianapolis Hispanic Church, has done a very special work with the organization, instruction, and inspiration for the small groups.

*Otoniel Reyes, Lake Union Conference vice president*

## *Hope for the Homeland*—Wisconsin Style

**Wisconsin** — It is clear that the Holy Spirit made *Hope for the Homeland* one of His priorities this fall. The amazing truth of the results is that *Hope for the Homeland* was a training event. The majority of the speakers had never conducted a public evangelistic meeting before.

**Mark Graham**, one of four elders who presented meetings in Rice Lake, gave an appeal at the close of his meeting. To his amazement, eight individuals responded to the public appeal for baptism.

**Christian Ronalds** had only begun his ministry in the Rhinelander Church a little over a year ago. As he held his first evangelistic series, he was teaching, preaching, and encouraging faith in what God would do. On Oct. 12, 11 were baptized, and five more are studying and preparing for baptism.

**Ellsworth Moses**, Clearwater Lake Church elder, reports that these meetings have sparked a new enthusiasm and joy for soul-winning in the church. While the Lord is adding two new members to the church from the meetings, another blessing has been the revival that has taken place among the members who have attended.

**Rick Swaningson**, Milwaukee Northwest Church pastor, just arrived in July of this year, and hit the ground running with *Hope for the Homeland*. Swaningson invited the church to participate in *Hope for the Homeland* at the August board meeting. When they decided the Lord was leading in that direction, there were only four weeks to arrange advertising, programs, and organization, so there was a scramble. God added 22 new members to the Northwest Church on the night of Oct. 19.

**Chuck Kohley**, Wisconsin Rapids pastor, has been training, encouraging, and equipping his lay people to give Bible studies. When I began the meetings to assist Wisconsin Rapids in winning souls, many people came to whom the church members had been reaching out. At the close of the meetings on Oct. 12, eight people had followed their Lord in baptism with four more studying and preparing for baptism.

Three pastors—**Bill Ochs**, **Richard Moore**, and **Omar Rivera**—worked with Steve DeLonge, evangelist, in Madison. These meetings touched many hearts in this secularized, university city. As a result, approximately 20 people have followed Jesus in baptism with anticipation of more.

*James Fox, Wisconsin Conference communication director*

# MILEPOSTS

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## ANNIVERSARIES

**Stancil and Catherine Laswell** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 8, 2002, by an open house in W. Lafayette, Ind. They have been members of the W. Lafayette Church for 17 years.

Stancil Laswell and Catherine Walton were married Sept. 12, 1952, in W. Lafayette. Stancil has been a power plant worker at Purdue University. Catherine has been a switchboard operator.



The Laswell family includes Phyllis and Richard Mabbitt of Plano, Texas; Melody and Keith Runkle of W. Lafayette; Jon and Roylene Laswell of W. Lafayette; Joel and Debbie Laswell of W. Lafayette; and Jerry Laswell of Brookston, Ind.; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

**Asa and Shirley Thoresen** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2002, by a tour of the Oregon-Washington coast and a family brunch at a Portland restaurant. They were members of the Pioneer Memorial (Mich.) Church for 32 years.

Asa Thoresen and Shirley Scarr were married Aug. 31, 1952, in Simcoe, Ontario,

Canada by Peter Uniat. Asa has been a professor of biology at Andrews University for 32



years, retiring in 1992. Shirley has been a secretary at the Geoscience Research Institute and Andrews University Theological Seminary.

The Thoresen family includes Davona and Max Henry Church of Burundi, Africa; Meylan and Terri Turlington of Watkinville, Ga.; and 8 grandchildren.

## WEDDINGS

**Grace Y. Yong and Nathan D. Carlson** were married Oct. 6, 2002, in Calimesa, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Douglas Carlson.

Grace is the daughter of Albert and Eveline Yong of Auburn, Mich., and Nathan is the son of Douglas and Sue Carlson of Ludington, Mich.

The Carlsons are making their home in Yucaipa, Calif.

**Rhonda Smith and Michael Herrmann** were married Sept. 8, 2002, in Plymouth, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Bob Stewart.

Rhonda is the daughter of Charles and Angela Smith of Harbor Beach, Mich., and Michael is the son of Harold

and Sherrie Herrmann of Farmington Hills, Mich.

The Herrmanns are making their home in Farmington Hills.

**Amanda Anne Parsons and John R. Jones** were married Oct. 6, 2002, in Delton, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Bill Cowin.

Amanda is the daughter of Wayne and Lyla Parsons of Grandville, Mich., and John is the son of Danny Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Shirley Jones of Augusta, Mich.

The Joneses are making their home in Grandville.

**Julie C. Oetman and Paul Roy** were married July 21, 2002, in Holland, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Albert Oetman.

Julie is the daughter of Stan and Karen Oetman of Allegan, Mich., and Paul is the son of Tom Roy of Orlando, Fla., and Judy and Don Martin of Dalton, Ga.

The Roys are making their home in Collegedale, Tenn.

**Dorothy S. Culbert and Hampton White** were married Aug. 31, 2002, in Reed City, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Michael Szykowski.

Dorothy is the daughter of the late William and the late Elwood Shedd of Jacksonville, Fla., and Hampton is the son of the late William and the late Lucy White of Worcester, Mass.

The Whites are making their home in Reed City.

## OBITUARIES

**BROCKRIEDE, Eleanor M. (DeMartin)**, age 90; born Aug. 1, 1911, in Detroit, Mich.; died July 19, 2002, in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was a member of the Lapeer (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Roland and Donald; brother, Roland DeMartin; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Earl J. Zager, and interment was in Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint, Mich.

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**CARRIS, Eugene Victor**, age 70; born May 2, 1932, in Orlando, Fla.; died Aug. 10, 2002, in Madison, Tenn. He was a member of the Lafayette (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Eugene V. Jr. and Brian K.; daughters, Teresa Johnston and Rachel Cox Saks; brother, Kenneth R.; sister, Agnes N. Rimmer; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Conn Arnold and elder Trevor Paris, and interment was in Friendship Cemetery, Cleveland, Tenn.

**JOHNSTON, Bert M.**, age 73; born May 23, 1929, in Greenville, Mich.; died Sept. 14, 2002, in Sheridan, Mich. He was a member of the Belgreen Church, Greenville.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes (McLain); sons, Glenn and Bert; daughters, Sara Spaulding and Celia Chopson;

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brothers, Bill and Ivan; sisters, Ida Harold and Hazel Sneer; and 7 grandchildren.

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Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Charles Davisson, and interment was in Dimondale (Mich.) Cemetery.

**MICHEFF, Helen (Cseke)**, age 94; born Dec. 25, 1907, in Pocahontas, W. Va.; died June 10, 2002, in Marian, Ill. She was a member of the West

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**NEDLEY, A. Lloyd "Bud" Jr.**, age 78; born, Aug. 23, 1924, in Denbo, Penn.; died, Sept. 19, 2002, in Ardmore, Okla. He was a member of the Troy (Mich.) Church.

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**SCHULKE, Tamzien R. (Speidel)**, age 89; born Nov. 24, 1912, in Ludington, Mich.; died Sept. 6, 2002, in Ludington. She was a member of the Ludington Church.

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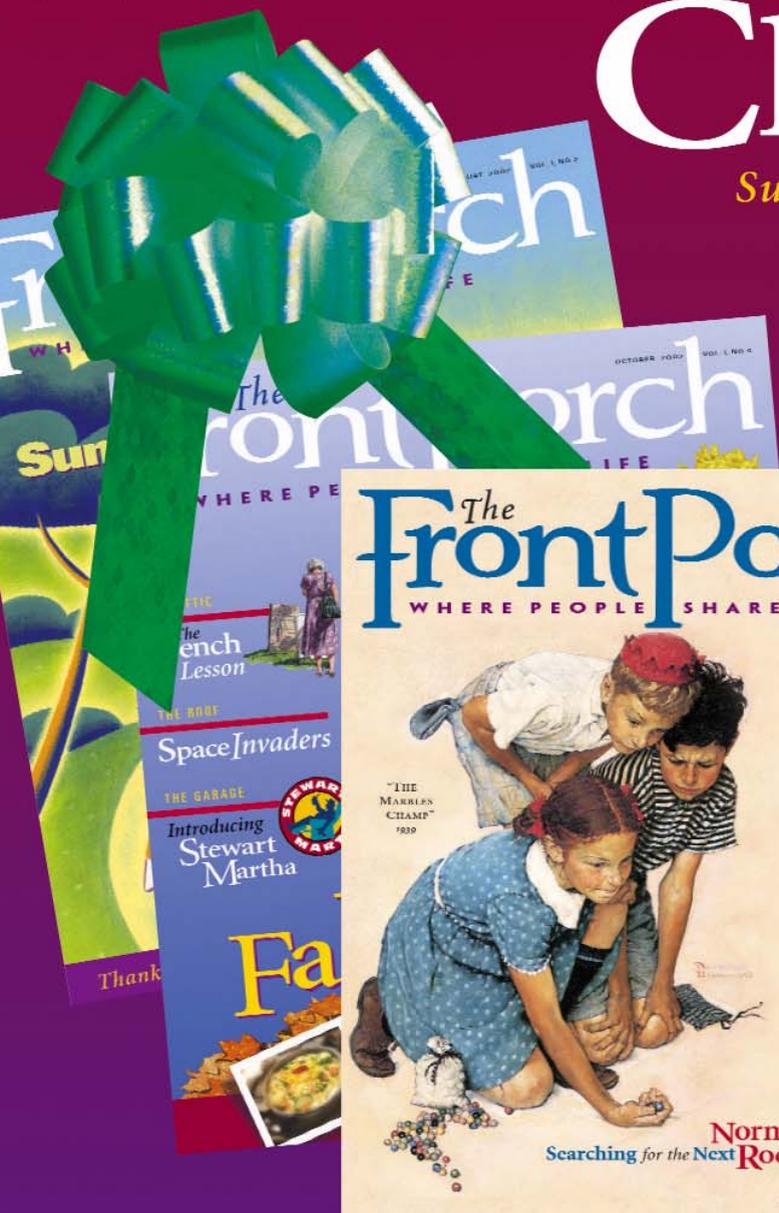
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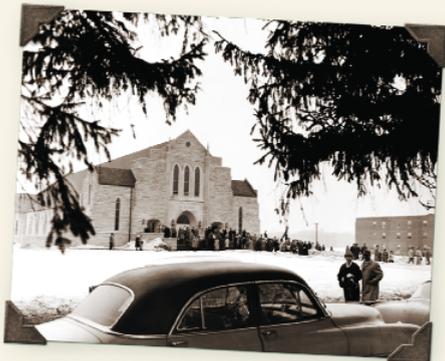
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[www.acnsat.org](http://www.acnsat.org)

**Dec. 3**—7:00-8:30 p.m. ET, Adventist Television Network (ATN) Uplink; **7**—11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon ET, *Adventist Worship Hour (AWH)*, Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.; **10**—7:00-8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **14**—11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon ET, *AWH*, Doug Batchelor, Sacramento (Calif.) Central Church; 5:30-6:30 p.m. ET, “Many Moods of Christmas,” *La Camerata* and New England Youth Ensemble; **17**—7:00-8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **21**—11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon ET, *AWH*, Doug Batchelor, Sacramento Central Church; 5:30-6:30 p.m. ET, North American Division Christmas Show; **24**—7:00-8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink; **28**—11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon ET, *AWH*, Dwight Nelson, Pioneer Memorial Church; **31**—7:00-8:30 p.m. ET, ATN Uplink.

## BREATH OF LIFE

[www.bolministries.com](http://www.bolministries.com)

**Week of Dec. 1**—“Overnight,” Part 2; **8**—“If God Be for You,” Part 1; **15**—

### Lake Union Conference Tithe Comparison Year-to-date

39 weeks ending September 30, 2002, compared to 39 weeks ending September 30, 2001

Membership Basis		Conference		2002		2001		Average Increase (Decrease)	% Inc. -Decr.	Per Capita	
30-Jun-02	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001			2002	2001
12,084	11,668	Illinois	6,736,120	6,404,479	331,641	5.18%	557.44	548.89			
6,542	6,376	Indiana	4,522,548	4,135,799	386,749	9.35%	691.31	648.65			
25,635	24,532	Lake Region	7,487,082	6,917,700	569,382	8.23%	292.06	281.99			
24,263	23,831	Michigan	19,317,793	18,606,799	710,994	3.82%	796.18	780.78			
6,419	6,361	Wisconsin	4,011,056	4,259,499	-248,443	-5.83%	624.87	669.63			
74,943	72,768	Totals	42,074,599	40,324,275	1,750,324	4.34%	561.42	554.15			
		Tithe per Week	1,078,836	1,033,956	44,880	4.34%					

### Sunset Calendar

	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20	Dec 27	Jan 3	Jan 10
Berrien Springs, MI	5:14	5:14	5:16	5:20	5:26	5:33
Chicago	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:26	4:32	4:39
Detroit	5:00	5:00	5:02	5:06	5:14	5:21
Indianapolis	5:20	5:20	5:23	5:26	5:33	5:40
La Crosse, WI	4:28	4:28	4:29	4:34	4:40	4:47
Lansing, MI	5:05	5:05	5:07	5:10	5:17	5:24
Madison, WI	4:23	4:23	4:25	4:29	4:35	4:42
Springfield, IL	4:34	4:34	4:37	4:40	4:46	4:53

“If God Be for You,” Part 2; 22—“When God Steps In,” Part 1; 29—“When God Steps In,” Part 2.

## FAITH FOR TODAY

*Lifestyle Magazine*, [www.lifestyle.org](http://www.lifestyle.org), **Week of Dec. 1**—“Mothers and Daughters”; 8—“How to Raise Your Self-Esteem”; 15—“Special Visions of Hope”; 22—“Holiday Special”; 29—“Overcoming Addiction Through Spirituality.”

*The Evidence*, [www.theevidence.org](http://www.theevidence.org), **Week of Dec. 1**—“Pathways to God”; 8—“The Darwin Dilemma”; 15—“Matter of Faith”; 22—“Both Sides of the Gun”; 29—“Forgiving the Dead Man Walking.”

## IT IS WRITTEN

[www.iiw.org](http://www.iiw.org)

**Week of Dec. 1**—“It’s Not What You Think”; 8—“They’re Stealing the Facts”; 15—“For Better and for Worse”; 22—“A Birth to Celebrate”; 29—“Reality Check.”

## LA VOZ DE LA ESPERANZA

[www.lavoz.org](http://www.lavoz.org)

**Week of Dec. 1**—“Enjoying the Golden Years,” (Gozando la Tercera Edad); 8—“Knowing God’s Faithfulness,” (Conociendo la Fidelidad de Dios); 15—“What Child Is This?” (¿Quién Es Este Niño?); 22—“Christmas in Your Soul,” (Navidad en la Alma); 29—“A Glorious Destiny,” (Un Glorioso Destino).

## THE QUIET HOUR

[www.thequiethour.org](http://www.thequiethour.org)

**Windows of Hope, Dec. 2**—“Praise the Lord!”; 9—“Praise in Rough Times”; 16—“Till Divorce Do Us Part”; 23—“Where Is Your Treasure?”; 30—“Friends Through the Fire.”

## VOICE OF PROPHECY

[www.voiceofprophecy.org](http://www.voiceofprophecy.org)

**Week of Dec. 1**—*Sun.*: “Acts: Spread the News!”;

*Mon.–Fri.*: “The Art of Christian Confession”; 8—*Sun.*: “Who’s to Judge?”; *Mon.–Fri.*: “Leaving the Altar and Making the Call”; 15—*Sun.*: “Romans: The Gospel According to Paul”; *Mon.–Fri.*: “There’s Always More Messiah”; 22—*Sun.*: “The Most Blessed Season”; *Mon.–Fri.*: “All God Wants for Christmas”; 29—*Sun.*: “Safe in the Hands of God”; *Mon.–Fri.*: “Making Every Moment Count.”

## THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK

[www.3abn.org](http://www.3abn.org)

**Thursday LIVE**, 9:00 p.m. ET, **Dec. 5**—Kay Kuzma, Grief Recovery; 12—Behind the Scenes at 3ABN; 19—Holiday Music Special; 26—To be announced.

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## The Lake Union Herald Says “Goodbye”

Our *Lake Union Herald* editor, **Dick Dower**, and managing editor, **Nadine Dower**, have accepted a call to the North Pacific Union where they will be editor and managing editor respectively of the *North Pacific Union Gleaner*. Their tenure here at the *Lake Union Herald* will end with this December issue.

Dick joined the *Herald* staff in 1971 and has worked through the years on every aspect of the *Herald* production as it evolved from the early cut and paste process to the modern digital, electronic process we use today.

Nadine joined the *Herald* staff in

1995, and has made an outstanding contribution with her creative ideas and artistic skills.

We will miss Dick and Nadine here at the Lake Union and wish them God’s blessing as they take up their new duties for Him in the North Pacific Union.



**Dick Dower, editor**



**Nadine Dower, managing editor**

# extreme GRACE

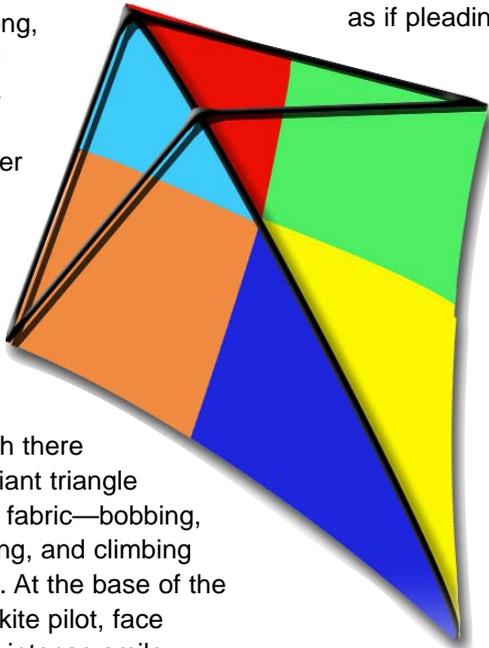
## Put a Fresh Wind in My Sail

*"Lord, put a fresh wind in my sail"  
(King David in Psalm 51).*

The beach at Clearwater is long, wide, white and windy. Dolphins play in the surf, pelicans consider it a gourmet restaurant, and humans have declared it to be a great tanning salon.

In the blue above the beach there is usually a brilliant triangle of multi-colored fabric—bobbing, darting, skimming, and climbing above the sand. At the base of the string stands a kite pilot, face glowing with an intense smile, arms lifted slightly toward heaven as he maneuvers the kite across God's sky.

The wind is a kiteflier's best friend. Strong, steady breezes from the Gulf make for a perfect afternoon on the beach. Gusty bursts of hurricane-like air are a distinct disadvantage, sometimes collapsing fabric and spars into unrecognizable flotsam. Equally



terrible are the moments when the wind inhales, leaving a disastrous calm. At those times, the kites flutter for a moment, lose all wind, and yield to gravity with a sickening thump.

I prefer a steady wind, but Sunday afternoon the air was flighty or calm. As if the wind was breathing quietly.

We crashed often. Deep into a power-driven left spin, the kite would lose all wind. For a brief second it would hang above me as if pleading for a new lift.

Then the flutter would begin. Left, right, left, sail empty, kite falling, left, right, thump!

Then I, and my beautiful assistant, would rush to the kite, make sure all of the spars were intact and the spreaders were in place. One of us

would tenderly lift the sail toward heaven, and the other would hold the strings, eagerly awaiting a new breeze and the exhilaration of full-sail flight.

I am sometimes like my kite. Windless.

Yes, I fly hard, holding tightly to the wind that fills my sails, diving and turning and twisting in my acrobatic best.

Experience has taught me how to keep my spiritual sails tightly filled with the wind of God's Spirit.

1. Fly where the winds are steady and strong. For kite-piloting, that means on hilltops, beaches, and on unobstructed fields. For Spirit lift, that means with my Bible open, my heart set on God, and my hands busy serving someone else. When I lean into His power, I soar toward heaven.
2. Memorize Spirit-filled Scripture. I am amazed at how much lift I find in Zephaniah 3:13–17, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:1–4, Romans 5:1,2, Revelation 3:21, and Jeremiah 29:11–14.
3. Write specific prayer requests in a prayer journal each day. Expressing the needs of others on paper is a sail-filling event.
4. Send an encouraging e-mail, or make an encouraging phone call to one person each day. That fills both our sails.
5. Smile. A smile is the breath of God.

When the wind becomes too strong, or stops, my life turns into a disoriented flutter. That's when God rushes to my side, checks my spars, spreaders and sail, dusts off the sand and points me back into the glorious blue of His heaven, where I can fly again, thrilling to an acrobatic dance on the tips of His string, with His wind beneath my wings.

*"Lord, when the spars crack and the sail shreds, when I am grounded in tatters, or when I am just fluttering aimlessly, please fit me together again — and put a fresh wind in my sail."*

Dick Duerksen

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## PROFILES OF YOUTH



Angie Grozdiac

**Angie Grozdiac**, 16, is a junior at Morton West High School in Berwyn, Ill. She enjoys social studies classes, especially American history. Her goal is to be a political science major in college and eventually to become an attorney.

Angie is a gold honor role student at her school, a member of the National Honor Society, and has been recognized with a listing in the National Honor Role. She enjoys meeting people, is a member of her school choir, and plays the flute. She is a member of the varsity badminton team and has served as her class secretary for the last three years.

Angie is deeply committed to her church, the Hinsdale (Ill.) Church, where she is a member of the choir and a praise team leader. She is also a Pathfinder team leader and the youth Sabbath school music leader. Angie is a talented young person with many interests and gifts which she freely shares with others. It is no wonder that she has been selected to be listed in *Who's Who in American High Schools*.

Born in the Dominican Republic, **Marlenny Esther Johnson**, 17, experienced life's hard hand at 11 years of age when her beloved grandmother died of a stroke. Suffering the separation from her "Nana," she made up her mind that one day she'd become a neurosurgeon.

The following year she left her home country and moved with her parents to Chicago. Facing a public high school in the Chicago area, much larger than her old school, wasn't easy. Marlenny's first two years were tough. She prayed earnestly for God to keep her safe, and most of all, to help her fulfill her childhood dream of becoming a neurosurgeon. Marlenny studied very hard. In spite of her language handicap, she did so well her junior year that she was nominated "student of the month" five times and honored with the Outstanding Student award.

God answered her prayers, and now she knows that her dream is going to be a reality. She says: "Now that I'm ready to go to college, I would like to go to an Adventist university." She knows that with God's help she'll be able to accomplish anything.



Marlenny Johnson

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