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“Verily, Verily,” Was His Motto

Recently, after fulfilling my Sabbath speaking appointment at one of our churches in beautiful Bermuda, I had the opportunity to attend an evangelistic meeting that night. The musicians sang energetically and the preacher preached with vigor. There was a baptism that same evening. I was thoroughly inspired. Everything seemed well-thought-through and prepared. A videotaping of the program was even beamed into the prison where inmates could watch live the baptism of their former inmate.

As I sat and soaked up the spiritual aura of the meeting, I was impressed with the thought that usefulness is the great desire of all who want to be effective disciples of Christ. In order to be useful, we must be prepared. The gospel of Matthew enjoins us to tell in the daylight what we are told by Christ in the dark, and what we are told in the ear, we ought to preach on the house-tops (Matthew 10:27, NIV). This presupposes a personal relationship with Christ. What “I tell you” is personal and genuine, Christ says, and what I “whisper in your ear” is urgent and true. In other words, we must not run to do battle with the enemy of our souls until our hearts are prepared through personal communication with our Commander-in-chief.

As we engage in the business of soul-winning during this Year of Evangelism, it is imperative that we prepare ourselves by listening to the authoritative voice of truth. Jesus declared that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Truth is more than theory or speculation about Christ. He is truth.

“Verily, verily” was His motto. In other words, “of a truth it is so,” says our Lord. While truth from humans is mixed and adulterated, truth from Christ is unalloyed and undiminished in character.

As a result of what we’re told through God’s holy writ and what we hear in the ear through the mediating of His Holy Spirit, we bear witness in our testimonies and spoken word. We are then prepared to shout it “on the house-tops” and give the trumpet a certain sound. What shall we shout about? That there is peace in the blood of Jesus; there is sanctifying power in His Holy Spirit; and there is rest by faith in our Lord and God.

During the infamous ice-storm in New England this past winter, my wife and I attempted to wait out the electrical blackout by huddling under the blanket in front of the fireplace, hoping its heat would keep us warm. Big mistake! No matter how big the blaze, the heat just seemed to go up the chimney instead. Likewise, we must be careful that the grace and truth afforded us by Christ not be used merely for ourselves only with the result that our heat goes up our own chimneys and never blesses others.

What I heard that Saturday night in Bermuda was “housetop preaching” and “housetop singing” according to Matthew 10:27. And it blessed my heart. May their tribe increase! As the song says, “Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.”^①

Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.



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P A T H F I N D E R S
I M P A C T
 W O R C E S T E R

“Be bold for Christ,” said Pedro Perez, Southern New England Conference youth director, instructing more than 600 Southern New England Conference Pathfinders, staff, and families gathered at the St. George Orthodox Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. They gathered together on the first Sabbath in May to “Impact Worcester” through a variety of events, encouraging its residents to live with hope.

Several churches in the area were starting “Live With Hope” meetings the next evening, so Pathfinders blanketed Worcester with more than 8,000 doorknob invitations inviting Worcester residents to attend the meetings. Knowing that young people are comfortable at different levels, they were given the opportunity to simply hang the doorknob invitation

on a door—considered a Level 1 involvement. If they were feeling brave, they could knock and then hand the person the invitation, If they were feeling really brave, they were encouraged to knock on the

“Impact Worcester was a great opportunity for the Pathfinders in many ways,” said Dayna Beals, Golden Eagles Club director. “I saw my normally shy children being bold for the Lord; they met the challenge to knock on doors, hand out invitations, and ask people if they could pray with or for them. Our club experienced the satisfaction of working as a team to complete a part of a huge task.”

door, hand the person the invitation, explain what it was about, and ask the person if they had a specific prayer request. That was considered a Level 4 involvement. Many Pathfinders who started out with Level 1 at the beginning began to feel more comfortable throughout the morning and some even progressed to Level 4 and were excited about it. “It was nice

A Pathfinder choir, along with South Lancaster Academy's Vocé choir, performed at City Hall.



“I had never been to something like this and at first, I didn’t know what to expect,” said Jeamela Guilloteau, 12, of the Brockton Eagles from Massachusetts. “Witnessing around Worcester and marching in the parade helped me realize that I shouldn’t take what I have for granted. When I complain that I don’t have a lot, I can remember Impact Worcester and remember that there are people in this world who are less fortunate than I am.”

to see the Pathfinders impact the city, but it was incredible to see how God impacted the Pathfinders,” said Perez.

The afternoon was spent in a variety of places throughout the city. A drum corps Pathfinder marching band paraded through



It was hard to miss the Pathfinder parade as the drum corps led the way.



Pathfinders from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts marched through downtown Worcester.

Worcester streets to City Hall. An impromptu Pathfinder choir (formed in the morning) sang on the steps of City Hall with South Lancaster Academy’s Vocé choir followed by an impromptu Pathfinder orchestra (again formed just that morning). A proclamation by Worcester Mayor Konstantina B. Lukes was presented by Councilwoman Barbara Hallor, declaring May 2, 2009, as “Living With Hope”

“I am glad that God influenced me to perform at a Level 4,” said Kayla Smith, 16, of the Connecticut Valley Cougars. “Although one lady I met was not sure if she wanted us to pray, she still took the door hanger and closed the door with a smile. I realized that through God, although everyone was not fully accepting of His Word, I was still able to bring a smile to someone’s face by acting as a kind and loyal Pathfinder.”

“I personally thought Impact Worcester was an amazing experience,” said Khaeris Guerrero, 17, of the Connecticut Meridien Genesis Club. “I was a part of the choir that was formed. This weekend just made me want to continue doing it every weekend. Hopefully everyone goes home wanting to continue spreading the amazing Word of God. I know I do.”



Councilwoman Barbara Hallor presented Frank Tocherman, Southern New England Conference president, with the proclamation from the mayor.

Day in Worcester. Frank Tocherman, Southern New England Conference president, read the proclamation to those attending the City Hall event.

Pathfinders were also at Elm Street Park and the YMCA giving balloons, water bottles, and literature while local church members did blood pressure screenings and checked sugar levels for those who were interested.

Atlantic Union College students distributed bags the previous weekend for residents to fill with canned goods and leave on the porch for the Pathfinders to pick up. Almost 50 bags of food were delivered to local area families.



Pedro Perez, Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries director, welcomed those attending the festivities at City Hall.

New blankets, sheets, and pillows were collected for distribution to the local shelters.

Originally planned as a simple Pathfinder Sabbath, Eliezer Ortiz, Southern New England Conference Pathfinder coordinator, and Perez chose to give the Pathfinders an opportunity to do something significant. Based on the Pathfinder testimonies shared at the end of the day, the event was significant not only for Worcester

residents, but also for the Pathfinders.

Encouraged by their testimonies, Perez said plans are already in the works for “Impact Hartford” scheduled for Connecticut in 2010.®

Paula Vogler is the Southern New England Conference Pathfinder coordinator, and Tamara Michalenko Terry is the Southern New England Conference assistant communication director.

“I’m glad that we were able to pass out the door hangers, because if we hadn’t, these people would probably never know Jesus,” said Jovan Cross, 10, of the Golden Eagles.

A Pathfinder orchestra was another feature for the residents visiting City Hall.



SNEC Constituents Hopeful for the Future

Utilizing the North American Division Year of Evangelism theme, Share the Hope, Southern New England Conference's 35th Constituency Session held Sunday, May 31, focused on the hopeful future of the conference with its more than 15,000 members. Held in the newly-renovated camp meeting pavilion behind the Southern New England Conference in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, constituents gathered to vote on conference personnel as presented by the nominating committee and proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

English camp meeting music coordinator, Kristie Stevenson, wrote a theme song for camp meeting, "Share the Hope," which she debuted at the constituency session, setting the tone for the day. College Church member, Selena Trott, provided sign language translation to the song while Stevenson sang.

Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president and nominating committee chair, shared a few words of hope before presenting the nominating committee report. By secret ballot, constituents voted to reelect the conference administrators: Frank Tochterman, president; Juan Borges, executive secretary; and Randall Terry, treasurer.

The departmental directors were reelected, as well: Whitford Shaw, ministerial director; Gary Swinyar, superintendent of schools; Tom Murray, planned giving and trust services director; Pedro Perez, youth director, and Gary Whittenburg, Adventist Book Center manager.

"The delegates had much to give praise and thanksgiving to God for," said Tochterman. "Nine new churches and 10 new church companies were added to the conference family of churches. This is a testament of the tireless work of our laymen and pastoral staff as they have shared hope [with] members in their community."

"We could not accomplish what we have without our members' financial support," said Terry. "Their faithful and prayerful giving has enabled us to financially support evangelistic efforts around our conference."

The session concluded with a challenge by Tochterman for every delegate to make the slogan, "My Upmost for His Highest," the goal of his or her life.®

Tamara Michalenko Terry is the Southern New England Conference assistant communication director.

The full nominating committee report, administration and departmental video, and booklet can be viewed on the Southern New England Conference Web site www.sneconline.org under "Quick Links."

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▲ Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer, Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary, Juan Borges, Southern New England Conference executive secretary, with his wife, Betty, Sally and Frank Tochterman, Southern New England Conference president, Tamara and Randy Terry, Southern New England Conference treasurer, and Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president.

◀ Relected Southern New England Conference departmental directors with and Atlantic Union Conference administrators.

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What Christian Education Means to Me

Getting an education is important. All schools train students to acquire knowledge in math, reading, science, social studies, English, and physical education, but, at Bermuda Institute, we include Bible as a very important part of our curriculum. In fact, we try to make spiritual applications in all our subjects. A few of our third-grade students explain what makes an education at Bermuda Institute unique.

Math

In Math we learn how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. We also learn the place value of numbers, shapes, and measurement. But, at Bermuda Institute, we also learn that God will add to our blessings, take away our sins, multiply our resources, and divide and conquer our enemies. We learn that He has prepared a place for us whose length, width, and height are equal. We learn that there are tens of millions of angels who will be at our side at a moment's notice.

From John's vision, in the book of Revelation, we learn that there will be an indefinite number of people, a number no man can number, praising God and singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Music

In music we learn to recognize, write, and sing notes. But, at Bermuda Institute, we learn that when we get to heaven, there will be a song that only we who have come through great tribulation will be able to sing. Even the angels will

fold their wings, for they will never know the joy that our salvation brings.

Reading and Writing

In reading and writing class at Bermuda Institute, we learn how to write and read descriptive narratives. We are also learning that the Bible describes heaven as having walls constructed of jasper. The foundations of the walls have all kinds of precious stones. The 12 gates are 12 pearls and the street of the city is pure gold, like transparent glass.

English

In English, we are learning about nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. We are also learning about adjectives that describe God. We learn that God is a truthful God, loyal God, dependable God, fearless God, loving God, and a wise God.

We learn about adverbs that help us to remember our memory gems. For example, quickly is an adverb that tells how. This helps us to remember that Jesus said, "Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me"—Revelation 22:12.

The adverb forward tells us where. This helps us to remember, "Forgetting those things which are behind, I reach forward for those things which are ahead."

Today is an adverb that tells us when. This adverb



Some of the third-grade students at Bermuda Institute explain what makes getting an education at Bermuda Institute unique.

helps us remember our memory text that says, "Today, you shall be with me in Paradise"—Luke 23:43.

Physical Education

In physical education class we are learning that we have to keep our bodies fit and in good health. As we stay fit by running and exercising, we also learn that our bodies are the temple of God and that we must keep them fit for Him to dwell in.

God's promise written in the book of Isaiah says: "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint"—Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV).

Social Studies

In social studies we are learning about transportation, directions, and the structure and layout of land masses. But, at Bermuda Institute, we also learn that God will call His children from the north, south, east,

and west, and that we will be transported to heaven with our own wings.

The layout of heaven includes streets of gold, and a river of water of life. In the middle of the street and on either side of the river is the Tree of Life. And, there will be no need for the sun, moon, or stars, for the Lamb is the light.

Science

In science we are learning about space, our solar system, clouds, gravity, and the speed of light and sound. But, at Bermuda Institute we are also learning that somewhere out in space, God has prepared a home for us.

Angels move swiftly, breaking the speed of sound and light to be at our side at a moment's notice.

When Christ comes, and takes us back to heaven, we will fly and meet Him in the air and defy all laws of gravity.

—Patricia Fulton, third-grade teacher, Bermuda Institute

From Preaching to Baptism

Jason Rodriguez preached his first sermon at the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Church in May 2008. While looking out at the large congregation, he became nervous, but nonetheless he continued. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, a retired pastor, Jason stood in the pulpit and presented his message to the congregation. At the tender age of nine, Jason had already become a disciple for the Lord. But this was just the beginning of what would be a life-changing year.

On October 25, just five months later, Jason was ready to take another step closer to Christ. While the worship service had just ended for many, he remained in the sanctuary. Jason was among 12 candidates taking part in the afternoon baptism. With his best friend, Carlton Parks, Jr., at his side, Jason

was prepared to commit his life to Christ. This was an especially proud day for Jason and his family. His parents Danilo and Josephine Rodriguez, expressed their joy that he had chosen to submit his life to the Creator.

This baptism would be a little different than usual; Jason's grandfather would be performing the baptism. With permission from Abel Rosario, the church's pastor, Jason's grandfather was granted his request to baptize his grandson. Arriving from Florida a few days earlier, Rodriguez came to take part in the baptism of his 15th grandchild. It was an extremely proud moment for the retired pastor who had previously baptized 14 of his grandchildren. With his family by his side Jason was ready to officially become a member of the Brooklyn church family.

Jason's favorite Bible text



Danilo Rodriguez, retired pastor, prepares to baptize his 15th grandchild, Jason, as Abel Rosario, Brooklyn church's pastor, right, stands by his side.

has always been Genesis 1:1; he says that creation has always fascinated him. Now as he becomes a new creation in Christ, his parents say they will continue to allow God to use him.

Although Jason does not know what the future holds for him, he says that he is content with just "being the pastor's assistant."

—Gregory Joseph, communication assistant, Brooklyn church

Creative Arts Ministry Workshop Held at Camp Berkshire

Eighty people registered for the Greater New York Conference Creative Arts Ministry Workshop at Camp Berkshire on March 20-22. The weather was cold, but spirits were high as Candy Devore from the Review and Herald Publishing Association presented a workshop on prayer. Those who attended learned to develop a closer relationship with Jesus as they learned about prayer. Sylvia Pittman presented a workshop on praise and worship. Those who attended were able, by the end, to write a simple song, read music, and to understand the timing of the song they were singing. Phyllis Washington presented a workshop on puppets. Those who took this class discovered that it takes a lot of strength to keep the puppets where they belong. Puppet ministry is not for those who are weak. Delia Talley conducted a session on clown ministry. Clowns are for the young and the young at heart. All worked toward a certification from the Children's Ministries department. Plans to present another workshop in 2010 are underway.

—Barbara Hyde, children's ministries director, Greater New York Conference

Individuals who attended the Greater New York Conference Creative Arts Ministry workshop were involved in several hands-on activities.



Showing Up . . . All the Way

What do you think it means to show up for another person? I asked myself this question a few weeks ago and decided it meant to take care of my friends and family, to be there for them when they need me, and to show the love of God as I interact with them. This was my prayer, but I felt God telling me to, "Go ahead, girl. Show up for your friends, your family, but then, take it one step further. Show up for someone you don't even know—a stranger. Soon an opportunity arose. Actually, it was a bunch of little strangers.

I heard about an organization called St. Baldrick's. They raise money for research and family support for kids with cancer. One of their events was scheduled for Ithaca, New York. I signed up right away and began asking sponsors

to donate money. In exchange, I would shave my head.

The day arrived. I showed up with my sponsors' money and left with a bald head. While there I had the opportunity to talk with moms of kids with cancer and the kids themselves. It was then that I realized what it meant to show up for another person. I told them that I wanted to let them know I loved and supported them and was sorry they had to go through this terrible heart-ache called cancer. I told them that the most impor-



Justine Lewis before and after "Showing Up" to help raise money for research and family support for kids with cancer.

tant reason I was there was because I was loved and that the same person who loved me also loved them.

Then my support team showed up—my wonderful dad, mom, and several members from my church. They called us to the front, the hair clippers began to whirl and soon there was nothing left of my spiky hair but a very smooth scalp. As I sat there in the chair that day, I was struck by the amazing sense of surrender overwhelming me. See, I love my hair. It's a comfort thing. I often twirl

it when I'm stressed and use it to express who I am. But then, enter Jesus, who teaches me the way I learn best, with object lessons and visuals. He wanted to show me that my identity is nothing without Him.

Without Jesus, my life is bald. An important lesson in surrender: when I come to the cross, I must give Him my hair, myself, and come to Him bald. I have to give Christ everything.

My final sponsorship tally was \$540. The event organizer thought that more than \$50,000 was raised, just in Ithaca that one day! And now, as my hair grows back and I resume my familiar style, I pray I remember that my hair does not identify who I am . . . but who I am in Christ.

—Justine Lewis, member, Ithaca church

Kim Kaiser, communication director

Parkview's 9th Annual Pinewood Derby Event



The grand trophy craftsmanship winners were Corey King, Shaina Ahles, Alaina Burghardt, and Natalie Halbritter-Eells.



Derby racers Corey King, Josh Phelps, and Ivy Roberts.

It happened again! On May 29, 56 cars zoomed down the tracks at Parkview Junior Academy for the 9th annual Pinewood Derby event. Approximately \$4,500 was raised for capital improvement.

Dan Whitlow, New York Conference youth director, officiated, while Fred Burghardt served as the official photographer. Grand trophy speed winners among students were Josh Phelps, Corey King, and Ivy Roberts. Brian Pitcher won in the adult division with teachers Dorothy Brodhead and Cassie Johnson close behind.

The grand trophy craftsmanship winners were Natalie Halbritter-Eells, Alaina Burghardt, Corey King, and Shaina Ahles. Other trophy winners included Otiniel Ndeze, Dylan Halbritter, Mackenzie Pitcher, Lah Moo Doh, Rufaro Mutanga, Say Wah Paw, Kathryn Halbritter, and Amanda Whitlow. Adult craftsmanship winners were Marge Ahles, Cassie Johnson, and Dorothy Brodhead.

As always, we are very grateful to George Silver for supplying and operating the race track. He has faithfully conducted annual derby events at Parkview for nine years in addition to all those he has directed with Dick Bradt for Pathfinder derbies since 1981. That's 28 steady years! Keep it going, George. A huge "thank you" also goes to all our sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the event a success.

—Marge Ahles, derby organizer, Parkview Junior Academy

Serving Christ in an Upside-Down Sort of Way

Did you know that the kingdom of heaven is upside down? That's right. Jesus taught that if you want to lead you must serve, if you want to be first you must be last, and if you want to live you must die to yourself. During our annual young adult Sabbath, we explored what it means to serve Christ in an upside-down sort of way, putting others first without expecting anything in return.

More than 40 young adults from across New York State gathered on March 14 to spend a day worshipping together. Justine Lewis, a member of the Ithaca Seventh-day Adventist church, spoke to us from the book of Nehemiah about the "big finish" God has planned for our lives. She used his story to show that if we choose to serve God, we can be witnesses to help finish His work.

In the afternoon we put our words into actions by baking and delivering 30 loaves of bread to the local Rescue Mission and Ronald McDonald House. Both organizations help to support the needs of different people within the community. In this way, we sought to fulfill the commission in Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV), "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacri-



In the afternoon the group delivered 30 loaves of bread to the local Rescue Mission and Ronald McDonald House.

face to God."

Jesus is coming soon and we consider it a privilege that He has asked us to prepare others for that day. Every morning we must choose whom we will serve. Will you choose to serve Christ today?

—Kelsey Hayes, young adult member, Westvale church

New York Conference Annual Singles Retreat

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August 26-30, 2009

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Speaker: Patrecia Langley

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Atlantic Union College president Norman Wendth, left, poses for a candid shot with graduate Pete Maldonado. Maldonado earned two degrees while working and caring for his family.

Cindy Kurtzhals

Pedro (Pete) Maldonado of Springfield, Massachusetts, is one busy guy, yet in the middle of his intense schedule, he earned not one, but two degrees! He received diplomas for a bachelor's degree in personal ministries and a bachelor's degree in religion at the 122nd annual graduation at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, May 10, 2009.

Maldonado started classes in the Adult Degree Program and also took classes on campus. "I would commute three days a week for a semester," he said, "to try to hurry up and get my degree in the shortest amount of time I could."

He does all this, works, and spends time with his family. He pastors the Shelburne Falls church, and the Florence church in North Hampton. In addition, he serves as the chaplain leader for five college campuses in the Amherst area: UMass Amherst, Hampshire, Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, and Smith colleges; and two community colleges: Spencer Technical and Holyoke Community College.

"I've been working as a part-time pastor for the past five years," says Maldonado. "I hope that I can work as a full-time pastor, God permitting. I will continue to work with the people, the flock that the Lord has given me, and do His will at all times."

Ghana

Maldonado was able to travel to Africa with AUC's Religion department last summer as part of ShareHim missions. He and his 11 counterparts each preached a Bible series in a different location. Local members had already been studying with those in the communities. "I witnessed

635 people get baptized," he said in awe. "My experience was above and beyond whatever I expected."

Maldonado's Experience at AUC

"My experience at AUC was good," said Maldonado. "The support from the Religion department really helped me. They knew my situation. I have a beautiful wife, Virginia, and five children. The professors supported me. They guided me. They mentored me.

"In the Adult Degree Program, students have an ally and support in the Lord and someone He's placed there is an angel, Dorothy Page, the director. She will guide you. She will help you. She will show you exactly what you need to do to get through the Adult Degree Program. She's been an asset in my life."

His greatest support has been Virginia, his wife. "She has been my biggest support," said Maldonado. "I've had a lot of friends who have helped me with all kinds of things and that are really close to me. But my wife, by far, contributed a great deal to my accomplishments and my goals. Really, the degrees should read to Virginia and Pedro Maldonado."

For information about the Adult Degree Program, e-mail: adp@auc.edu. For traditional classes: enroll@auc.edu.

—Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Atlantic Union College is one hour from Boston and three hours from New York.





Photos: Emmanuel Ortiz

LEFT: Wendy, left, and Trisha St. Louis beam with joy in the baptistry with Atlantic Union College chaplain Danny Sierra. Their mother, Eva, far left, and sister Jennifer beam with happiness for them, too.

BELOW: Professor Ernan Norman congratulates Yumiko Tsuda just after her baptism. Students, administrators, faculty, and staff were present in support of the three students' baptisms.



AUC Celebrates Student Baptisms!

Classes Continue to Change Lives

Wendy and Trisha St. Louis jumped right into all the spiritual activities on the Atlantic Union College (AUC) campus, said AUC's chaplain, Danny Sierra. "They were looking for a Christian college to go to and they found AUC on the Web."

Yumiko Tsuda, a student from Japan, came from a Buddhist background. At Atlantic Union College, she fell in love with Jesus by her attendance, interest, and concentration in the class, *Life and Teachings of Jesus*.

Wendy, Trisha, and Yumiko were baptized May 1, 2009.

Wendy and Trisha

Wendy and Trisha are from Brockton, Massachusetts, and are nursing students. "You can't keep up with these girls," smiles Sierra. "They immersed themselves here. Both became members of the BCU (Black Christian Union) Choir, the Apocalypse drama team, leaders of the chaplain's worship team, served as deaconesses for student church, and they actively participated in our *IMPACT LANCASTER* community service project.

"They are very outgoing and friendly. Even before coming to AUC, they already knew and loved the Lord," Sierra said.

"Here, they took Bible studies with one of our theology students, Billwayne Jamel. 'We didn't expect to find friends like this, or family here at Atlantic Union College,'" the girls explained to Sierra.

After all their activities, making friends, taking Bible studies, and learning about the doctrines of the church,

they decided to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist faith community.

"What I like most about this college is everything about God," says Wendy. "He brought me here to grow closer to Him."

Sierra affirms, "The Lord is making a difference in the lives of students at AUC."

Yumiko Tsuda

Yumiko went to her religion class, *Life and Teachings of Jesus*. She concentrated, she opened her Bible, followed the texts, and went to religion professor Ernan Norman after class for clarification. Norman's professional expertise in reaching the postmodern world makes him an ideal teacher for 21st century student.

"She found every subject very interesting and she was very interested in Jesus Christ," said Norman, "Jesus impacted her the most and also the atmosphere in the classroom.

"What I encourage in class is for students to share their concerns and

pray for each other. They share real-life concerns: family, economic issues, and also positive statements about their own spiritual experiences. She was impressed by the way the students supported each other through prayer, and the atmosphere of prayer there."

Norman teaches classes not just for academics, but with the intent that students fall in love with Jesus, become followers, and become disciples. Yumiko did fall in love with Jesus during the course. "Christ was making a difference in her life," Norman related. "Did you ever consider giving your life to Christ?" he asked her one day. "Yes," she answered in her Japanese accent. Then he asked her if she would like to be baptized, and her answer again was—"Very much, yes."

—Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts



SSAJA Kids in Action Stand for Jesus

Students from the Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy (SSAJA) conducted all the services held at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church on the last Sabbath in February. "O taste and see that the Lord is good, your school will be showcasing for you today," were the words of Danette Walcott, the school's principal as she greeted Sabbath School members and introduced the students participating in the Sabbath School program. Kimberly Reid and Bradley Fletcher were prayer warriors, backing up Venita Holmes, who traveled around the world with the mission story, arriving back in time to hear special music by Christopher Reid on his guitar.

Walcott emphasized the greatness of Sabbath when we can fully concentrate on God. "God has blessed SSAJA tremendously. Now in our sixth year, we continue to start the day with prayer, musical praise, and devotion. Our students are being trained to be soldiers for Christ in a dying world."

While the organist played "Onward Christian Soldiers" the students marched into the sanctuary dressed in their plaid and blue uniforms. Willie Peoples, Jr., presented the Call to Worship. Joseph Aaron, Shiloh's pastor, praised the school, recognizing the dedication of the staff and students. "God has done great things at this school, allowing our children a Christian education and the opportunity to teach them to serve Him." Speaking to parents and members, he continued, "Every child in

this church should be registered at SSAJA, especially in times like these."

Under the musical wand of Avril Reid, the academy's choir sang "Rain Don't Go Away," accompanied by former student J. C. Johnson on piano and Jacob Thompson on drums. The welcome carpet was spread out by Walcott to all visiting friends and church members. "God built this school and God watches over this school," she stated. She praised SSAJA's teachers Avril Reid, Latoya

voices singing "Standing on the Promises." Alexis Johnson journeyed to scriptures in Deuteronomy and 1 Samuel. SSAJA's praise team directed by Christopher Reid "made a joyful shout to the Lord" singing "King of Kings," "He Reigns Forever," and other selections. Marrett reverently took us to the Lord with intercessory prayer, as Tahkai Martin called for the offering. The speakers were introduced by Walcott followed by SSAJA's choir singing "A New Song." Student Nyrrisa Lawrence

hope. These words poured out of the mouth of a seventh-grade student. God knows your heart and you must get to know Him with all your heart. In closing she referred us to Proverbs 3:5-7.

Lorenzo Nicholson, Jr., took all by surprise as he opened his sermon, "The Boy Samuel," with a loud clear voice "Speak Lord, for Your Servant Heareth." A quiet, shy student since the inception of SSAJA, this sixth grader demonstrated his growth. Taking us through the childhood of Samuel, he reminded all present of the importance of hearing God when He calls and answering the call. Continuing, he told us Samuel was a child who worshiped the Lord and was truly obedient. Lorenzo reminded us that, like Samuel, children ministered to the Lord before being called (1 Samuel. 2:11, 18, and 3:1). School teaches us to love the Lord with all our heart. Don't let job, friends, music, or anything take you away from God. Former student Alanna Nicholson sang "I Surrender All" and Nicholson, in a triumph shout, closed with these words: "We are kids in action standing for Jesus!"

Student Nathan Massa led us in the closing hymn, "Tis Love That Makes Us Happy," while Marrett praised the Lord with the benediction. The morning service bought to life the extraordinary results of a Christian church school and the beauty of God's holiness that touched the hearts of many of the parents, friends, and family at this Sabbath service!

The day ended with a



Some of the Springfield Seventh-day Junior Academy students who were able to use their talents and participate in Shiloh church's worship service.

Martin, Autley Marrett, the school board, parents, and the school prayer warriors Luthel and Louisa Slyfield for their five years of daily prayers. Latoya Martin conducted a Parent Insight question-and-answer session. This is a multicultural and multi-class school. Parents' responses revealed that children are more advanced, happy, learn more, and love school and their teachers. Reid gave the children's story and Tahkai Martin closed with prayer. SSAJA's soldiers in Christ marched onward to the worship service as Hamilton Ramos called all to join

took hold of the reins as she delivered her sermon "Knowing God For Yourself." She stressed to the congregation the importance of study and going to church. It is important to seek Him for yourself and live as Christians. "We all have choices, she continued in a clear distinct voice, but we must realize this is hard times for us kids and Christians should uphold and live Christian lives before them." Nothing should hold you back, she continued, "defeat Satan, block Him out of your life, let God into your heart and develop love, faith, and

delightful program during AY where second-grade angels recited the books of the Bible, while the higher grades rendered a black history skit. Closing remarks were made by

teacher Latoya Martin and Principal Walcott, emphasizing the personal relationship between students, teachers, parents, and Pastor Aaron, who praised God for the development

and growth of the school and the students. Aaron urged all to support SSAJA, a Christian school built by God to “educate youth for eternity.” A social followed with movies, free popcorn,

drink, and a fund-raiser for SSAJA. It was a day filled with the love of God and blessings of seeing “kids in action standing for Jesus!”

—Janet Lee, communication assistant, Shiloh church

Northeastern Youth Share Christ’s Love in New York City

In this Year of Evangelism in the North American Division, the Northeastern Conference Youth Department embraces the theme to Inspire, Equip, and Deploy. On April 24-26 Northeastern Conference youth assembled for the New York City Youth for Christ (NYCYC) event in an effort to reach out to their communities. The activities began on Friday evening at the York College gymnasium in Jamaica, New York, where they gathered for an inspirational message from international speaker Calvin Watkins, South Atlantic Conference’s director of the Adventist Community Services and Personal Ministries departments.

During the Sabbath, the youth came for training in such areas as Subway Ministry, Homeless Ministry, and How to Prepare a Sermon. Watkins

gave another stirring message to inspire the congregation for service and encouraged them to have a deeper understanding toward people’s needs in the community. The Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church praise team led the praise and worship and the band from Queensboro Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church provided music along with musical guest, Essence, from the Lebanon Seventh-day Adventist Church, and recording artists, Timothy Anderson and Shimira Mighty.

Concluding on Sunday, the youth assembled at the Roy Wilkins Park in Jamaica, New York, and boarded two buses that deployed them at the subway station on Lexington Avenue in Harlem, a homeless shelter in Far Rockaway, and another at the Roosevelt Field Mall in



Photos: Ann Marie Mc Knight

Nigel Lewis, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department director, talk with the youth who assembled for the New York City Youth for Christ event.



Calvin Watkins, South Atlantic Conference’s director for the Adventist Community Services and Personal Ministries departments, was the New York City Youth for Christ guest speaker.

Garden City. At the subway station tracts were distributed and the youth sang to those who were passing by. The youth at the homeless shelter witnessed and listened to the homeless men and women tell their stories. The youth volunteers plan to follow up with specific requests from the individuals at the shelter.

Natalie Noble, president of the Long Island Federation remarked, “New York City Youth for Christ was a great program. The youth were involved and evangelism was emphasized. This is a torch that should be burning throughout the year.”

—Phillip Wesley, associate youth director, Northeastern Conference



The youth attended a seminar on how to give a Bible study.



Young people presenting their prayer requests to God during prayer time at the New York City Youth for Christ event.



By Sheila Holder

Reconnecting and Renewing Former Ties

Recently while attending the Bermuda Institute alumni weekend celebrations, I reflected on the theme of the weekend “Reconnect, Rediscover, and Renew Your Ties.” As former classmates greeted each other, smiles and hugs were in abundance. Conversations drifted to “remember when.” Laughing and pleasantries could be heard all over the auditorium. Joyful singing, meaningful worships and chapel programs and, of course, pranks were among the cherished memories.

One of the privileged blessings of Adventist Christian education is the opportunity that students have to develop Christian relationships—friends that one can have for a lifetime. We are often reminded that Adventist education is about developing meaningful relationships. The best relationship that students can develop, of course, is the one with Jesus Christ. At Adventist schools students can learn

to pray and commune with God. They learn not only how to study the Bible for themselves, but also how to give Bible studies and witness to others. “In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one . . . To aid the student in comprehending God’s principles and in entering into that relation with Christ which will make a controlling power in the life . . .” —EDUCATION, p. 30.

Can you picture the Christian classrooms where children are engaging with one another in prayer and testimony; a room where teacher and students are learning and sharing in a Christ-centered environment? When these students return for an alumni weekend they reconnect with friends and the memories that they created. They recall the mission stories given by their teacher or a returning missionary. They remember how they gave their dollars to help others. They remember



Delmas Campell directing the opening song for the Sabbath alumni service in the Bermuda Institute auditorium.

the Weeks of Prayer when they and their friends made a commitment to serve Jesus as their personal Savior. Yes, alumni weekend is a time to reflect and reconnect and renew ties.

I am reminded though, that there is going to be a great alumni reunion in heaven. We will rejoice and reflect on earthly relationships, but most of all, we will be connected with the One who loves us with an everlasting love. We will discover new joys, and spend eternity with the Master Teacher. Let’s plan to be a part of that wonderful alumni meeting. ☺



Shawnette Simons, left, member of one of the honor classes along with Ernestine DeGraff, guidance counselor, enjoying themselves at alumni weekend.



Leeroy Coleman, Kansas Avenue church pastor, was the speaker for the Bermuda Institute alumni weekend Sabbath service.



Sheila Holder is the Bermuda Conference superintendent of schools.

Pacific Press Closes its ABC in Upstate New York

The Pacific Press Publishing Association closed the doors to the New York Adventist Book Center on June 18. The ABC, which operated from its location in the New York Conference office at 4930 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York, served the members in the upstate New York area.

Closing a store is always a difficult decision, but in the present economy many companies who operate stores are going through the same process. “Retail Christian stores have been hit particularly hard,” states Don Upson, Sr., vice president for finance. “In fact, some chains have had to close many of their stores.”

In spite of the decision to close the New York ABC, “Pacific Press remains committed to offering constituents the highest possible service—and will continue to provide a channel for obtaining Adventist literature” reports Dale Galusha, president. Service will continue at camp meetings, through mail order, and through book mobiles that visit churches on a regular basis, as requested.

Jay Cole, manager of the Pennsylvania ABC, will be responsible for coordinating all services to the territory. He says, “We consider it a privilege to be asked to serve the members of the New York Conference. My staff and I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellent customer service the people of New York have enjoyed for so many years.”

Online services are available at AdventistBookCenter.com and Vegefood.com, and phone orders can be processed at (800) 765-6955.

Adventist Teachers Receive National Awards

Twelve of North America’s finest Adventist teachers were recognized by the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF) [in May] for the remarkable impact they’ve had in their local schools. AAF presented the annual Excellence in Teaching Awards at Adventist schools around the country.

Countless teachers were nominated last fall for the 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards. Nominations included recommendations by peer teachers, principals, superintendents, and union education directors. The awards, which include a \$1000 gift to each recipient, were delivered publicly at ceremonies dedicated to

each teacher. Several teachers were recognized in their local community newspapers.

The 12 finalists were selected on the basis of classroom innovation, passion for teaching, professional growth, and commitment to Adventist education. “Great teachers are the heartbeat of great Adventist schools,” says Melanie Eddlemon, associate director of the AAF.

“We look for teachers who are leaders at their schools, teachers who inspire both their peers and their students.”

AAF seeks to empower Adventist schools to become stronger. The AAF Board of Directors is comprised of individuals who have become leaders in their communities and professions. AAF board members say they draw inspiration from their own roots in Adventist schools. Their major objective is to strengthen and reward quality education.

Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

Colleen Birkett

Rudy Carlson

Melissa Galetti

Cherl Gregory

Randy Heilmen

Carrie Hess

Rusty Litten

Amy Marcarian

Cindy McCaw

Arthur Miller

Nancy Schoonover

Susan Whitely

Bermuda Institute

Stone Ridge Christian School

Linda Vista Elementary

Monterey Bay Academy

Collegedale Academy

Spencerville Academy

Orlando Junior Academy

Glendale Adventist Academy

Salt Lake Junior Academy.

Holbrook Indian School

El Dorado Adventist School

Cascade Christian Academy

“Monetary and national recognition is our way of showing our deep appreciation for extraordinary teachers,” says AAF board member Bryon DeFoor. “These teachers are life-changers, and we want to give them the value they deserve.”

AAF is a nonprofit organization that develops and funds programs to stimulate excellence in Adventist schools across the country. Since its establishment in 1995, AAF has awarded grants totaling more than \$1 million. Through its awards program, AAF has recognized 79 exceptional teachers with an Excellence in Teaching Award, and 14 exemplary academies with an Academy Award for Excellence. The foundation aims to awaken the Adventist community to the full potential of Adventist schools.

—Released by the Alumni Awards Foundation



Adventurer and Pa

More than 1,000 Adventurers (including Little Lambs and Eager Beavers) and Pathfinders were inducted into their respective clubs last fall in the Southern New England Conference. A few clubs are featured here sharing the activities they did throughout this club year (approximately September to May). Many are looking forward to joining the more than 30,000 other Pathfinders registered for the Pathfinder camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in August [www.camporee.org]. It will be an expensive journey for each Pathfinder. Those wishing to support the Pathfinders should contact their local church Pathfinder club to see how they can assist.

—*Tamara Michalenko Terry, assistant communication director, Southern New England Conference*

New Haven Hawks



More than 40 Pathfinders, Adventurers, and staff were inducted at the New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church. The children sang and shared a slideshow of previous events. The club started about two years ago

and God is truly blessing this ministry.

—*Leanne Kulon, Adventurer co-director, New Haven church*

North Stamford Tigers

The North Stamford Tigers Pathfinder Club participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk during their Pathfinder year. It is a noncompetitive walk to help fight breast cancer and provide hope to people facing the disease. The funds raised will support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving research, prevention, early detection, and support programs for thousands of patients and their families.

This is the second year the North Stamford Tigers participated in the event. They were once again "pacesetters," raising more than \$2,000. The 10 club members dressed in class A uniforms and along with some parents and friends, shared



about being a Pathfinder to fellow walkers.

Other activities the North Stamford Tigers participated in were a Community Guest Day. They also went to Harlem as they do every Thanksgiving to feed the homeless. Spreading God's love by sharing and caring is a vital part of this club's outreach.

—*Robin Sinclair, Pathfinder staff member, North Stamford church*

Springfield Pioneers/Holyoke Dunamis

The First Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Church combined a Pathfinder Sabbath, youth day, and children's ministries last January all in one to honor their young people. Pedro Perez, Southern New England Conference youth director, kicked off the event Friday evening with a message about "Hard Things." He challenged the youth to rise to high expectations and not to the low ones society gives them.

The Holyoke Dunamis Pathfinder Club joined the events for Sabbath. The Warren Seventh-day Adventist School children sang an arrangement of "Rejoice, Rejoice," followed by "It's About the Cross" while walking down the aisles.

Union Springs Academy choir, led by Esther Baker, performed, as well. Perez gave a powerful sermon on a "Chosen Generation" and challenged the youth to accept the responsibility of being a chosen generation to lead, serve, and stand apart from the norm and accomplish what the Lord has planned for them.

Warren school staff members and school chil-





thfinder Highlights



dren served more than 130 lunches following the church service.

Union Springs Academy young people and choir presented the afternoon program. Perez concluded the day by speaking on “resolutions.”

We praise the Lord for the wonderful children and youth the Lord has entrusted us to lead to Him. With a membership of 165, it was great to see a record attendance of 245!

—Luisa Cabana, children’s ministries coordinator, First Springfield church

College Church Adventurer Club

The College Church of Seventh-day Adventists formalized their Adventurer club with Little Lambs, Eager Beavers, and Adventurers. They were excited to participate in the conference events (Adventurer Fun Day/Adventurer Spring Escape) for the first time. They hope to have even more children ages 4 to grade 4 join next year.

—Tamara Michalenko Terry, Adventurer club director, College Church



Bible Achievement Bowl

After months of spending Sabbath afternoons learning about Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, Judah, and Josiah, more than a dozen Pathfinder clubs met the Sabbath afternoon of March 21 for level two of the 2009 Southern New England Conference Pathfinder Bible Achievement Bowl. The meeting was held in the Atlantic Union College gym where the

Pathfinder Bible bowl teams were questioned about any Bible facts found in the chapters of 2 Chronicles 10-36 as well as the related material found in the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

BIBLE COMMENTARY. All learned a lot from this process and had wonderful attitudes entering and leaving the Bible bowl. From this meet, two clubs participated in the 2009 North American Division Pathfinder Bible Achievement meet in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where both teams earned first place.

—Einar Rom, pastor, Connecticut Valley and Rockville-Tolland churches



Let us encourage our youth with this: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity (1 Timothy 4:12 NIV).”—Leanne Kulon,

Adventurer co-director, New Haven church



Bennington Church Honors Treasurer

How do you surprise someone who knows almost everything that is going on in the church? How do you catch a man off guard who, for half a century, has been there early every Sabbath morning to make sure things are in order, who has paid the bills, balanced the books, gotten tithe receipts out in record time, and has just been there every time something was going on?

It's not easy. First, you plan a work bee. Then, you add a pancake breakfast. Then, you make sure you tell everyone that the surprise recognition is a secret!

That is exactly what the Bennington Seventh-day Adventist Church members did to thank Jim Howe, Sr., for 50 years of service as the treasurer. Jim Everhart, an elder, looked back over the church books to research when Howe started. Then on Sunday, May 3, Arnet Mathers, the church's pastor, presented Howe with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service and commitment.

Thank you, Jim, for a job well done! And, thank you that you continue to dedicate your time and energy to the efficient running of the church!

—Susan Carpenter, communication department, Bennington church



Arnet Mathers, left, the Bennington church pastor, presented Howe with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service and commitment.

God Can Still Reach People—Even Through Outdated Web Sites!

From The 700 Club to Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) with the LEFT BEHIND series of books in between, God was whetting Amanda Schofield's appetite for His truth. She had wearied of Christian programming that promised blessings for donations, when one day she happened upon an Amazing Facts broadcast on the local public access station. Then she found 3ABN. As she listened she diligently

“During a quick check of the Web for an Adventist contact they found an invitation to a 2006 evangelistic series on the Laconia church's outdated Web site.”



Amanda, back row right, Kevin, back row, and their sons, Avery, and Chandler, were baptized by Cliff Gleason, Laconia church pastor, on Mother's Day Sabbath 2009.

checked the texts and the context in her own Bible. Her husband, Kevin, was skeptical at first, wanting to steer clear of cult involvement, but as he listened with Amanda, together

they found that the messages made sense. During a quick check of the Web for an Adventist contact they found an invitation to a 2006 evangelistic series on the Laconia Seventh-day

Adventist Church's outdated Web site. Disappointed to have missed the seminar, they nonetheless began attending prayer meeting and requested Bible studies.

As Bible studies continued, their sons Avery and Chandler had a multitude of questions that were every bit as challenging as their parents' questions. Now the boys have thoughtful answers to important questions and have clearly made Jesus their friend.

On Mother's Day Sabbath 2009, Amanda, Kevin, Avery, and Chandler were baptized by Cliff Gleason, Laconia church pastor, proving once again that God can reach the seeker even through outdated Web sites.

—Linda Griffin, member, Laconia church

Les Fruits du Salut

Dans tout débat au sujet de salut, cette question pertinente peut être soulevée: Sommes-nous sauvés par la foi seulement ou par la foi et les œuvres? La réponse à cette enquête constitue la base de nos actes de bonté envers nos prochains.

En Octobre 2008, sous la direction des Ministères Haïtiens de l'Union Atlantique, une équipe comprenant onze pasteurs et trois laïcs visitaient Haïti après que l'île ait été dévastée par une succession de quatre ouragans. Grace aux

diale est d'assister le peuple haïtien jusqu'à ce qu'il soit capable de sortir de cette situation. Alors, quelles sont les implications théologiques d'une telle entreprise?

Le but principal de ce projet missionnaire est axé dans la dernière partie du discours eschatologique de Jésus sur le Mont des Oliviers, qui s'énonce ainsi: "Et il mettra les brebis à sa droite, et les boucs à sa gauche. Alors le roi dira à ceux qui seront à sa droite: Venez, vous qui êtes bénis de mon Père; prenez possession du royaume qui

à l'un de ces plus petits de mes frères, c'est à moi que vous les avez faites." Matthieu 25:33 – 40 (L.S.R.)

Le point capital de tout cela est la position de Jésus concernant ses soucis pour ceux qui sont dans le besoin. Dans ce cas, le Sauveur trace la ligne de démarcation entre le juste et le méchant, entre ceux qui entreront dans la vie éternelle et ceux qui iront au châtement éternel. En outre, Jésus met l'emphase sur une liste de bonnes œuvres, telles que: nourrir les affamés, donner à

en Jésus Christ pour de bonnes œuvres, que Dieu a préparées d'avance, afin que nous les pratiquions. Ephésiens 2:9 -10 (L.S.R.). L'évidence interne du texte suggère que les bonnes œuvres ne mènent pas au salut; plutôt, elles sont des fruits de ceux qui ont été sauvés en Christ. En outre, les inférences, "Vous l'avez fait à moi, et vous ne l'avez pas fait à moi", tirées de Matthieu 25:40, 45, indiquent que Jésus s'identifie à quiconque est dans le besoin. Dans cette veine, il est dit: "Quelle consolation que Christ s'identifie aux siens au point que ce qui leur fait du souci, le lui fait aussi personnellement. En faisant les besoins des autres notre responsabilité, nous reflétons... le caractère de Jésus parfaitement."—SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST BIBLE COMMENTARY, vol. 5, p. 512.

Ainsi, les bonnes œuvres produisent l'évidence que nous sommes devenus enfants de Dieu. Nous sommes sauvés par grâce, par le moyen de la foi et nous sommes engagés au service du Maître. Enfin, "nous ne sommes pas sauvés par la foi et les œuvres, mais par la foi qui produit les œuvres." CHRIST, NOTRE SALUT, p. 44.



Louis Métellus est le Vice-Président des Ministères Haïtiens de l'Union Atlantique et le Directeur des Services Communautaires et des Ministères de la Prison.

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fonds recueillis des églises haïtiennes au niveau de la Division Nord Américaine, des vivres alimentaires furent achetés et distribués à Cabaret et aux Gonaïves où les cicatrices des cyclones sont encore visibles. D'ailleurs, le Ministerium Haïtien au niveau de la Division Nord Américaine a conçu un plan qui fournira la nourriture, la distribution des vêtements, la construction et des abris pour Haïti. Incluse dans le plan est la réparation des églises et des résidences endommagées par les cyclones. L'idée primor-

vous a été préparé dès la fondation du monde. Car j'ai eu faim, et vous m'avez donné à manger; j'ai eu soif, et vous m'avez donné à boire; j'étais étranger, et vous m'avez recueilli; j'étais nu, et vous m'avez vêtu; j'étais malade, et vous m'avez visité; j'étais en prison, et vous êtes venus vers moi. Les justes lui répondront: Seigneur, quand t'avons-nous vu avoir faim, et t'avons-nous donné à manger; ... Et le roi leur répondra: Je vous le dis en vérité, toutes les fois que vous avez fait ces choses

boire aux assoiffés, visiter les malades et les prisonniers, etc. qui constituent l'accomplissement de Sa mission. Ensuite, Il déclare que seulement ceux qui font ces choses fidèlement seront accueillis dans son royaume éternel.

Peut-on argumenter ici que la pratique de bonnes œuvres conduit au salut? La réponse est catégoriquement non. Car il est écrit, «Ce n'est point par les œuvres, afin que personne ne se glorifie. Car nous sommes son ouvrage, ayant été créés

Iglesia de Soundview Rejuvenece los Cultos del Miércoles

La iglesia hispana de Soundview celebró el final de una serie de estudios bíblicos con 68 graduandos, de los cuales aproximadamente 29 eran visitas. El seminario de Daniel fue llevado a cabo cada miércoles por 32 semanas. Los cultos de los miércoles se convirtieron en las noches de estudios bíblicos y de traer visitas. La Fe de Jesús, un curso bíblico de 20 lecciones, el cual enseña a los estudiantes a conocer a Jesús fue presentado. Después de un llamado hecho al finalizar la celebración, 12 personas pidieron el bautismo.

La iglesia hispana de Soundview esta trabajando en hacer un esfuerzo de predicar la palabra de Dios como nunca antes. Esto ha sido posible por medio de la "Fogata Misionera," (una reunión que

se lleva a cabo cada sábado de 2:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m., para entrenar y organizar los grupos misioneros) y las visitas a los hogares.

El trabajo apenas comienza. Mientras un seminario terminaba, ya estaban preparándose para comenzar el próximo que sería el seminario de Apocalipsis. La primera reunión ocurrió el miércoles, 18 de marzo con 49 visitas. La iglesia anunció este seminario por medio de la radio y correspondencias enviadas a los hogares. Como resultado, más personas asisten a los cultos de los miércoles que a cualquier otro culto. Las noches que en muchas iglesias es considerada como una noche de poca asistencia es ahora una en la cual muchas personas que tienen el deseo de escuchar la Palabra de Dios



Sunilbe Rosario

Los 68 graduandos enseñan sus certificados al final de seminario de Daniel y "La Fe de Jesús," un curso bíblico de 20 lecciones el cual enseña a los estudiantes a conocer a Jesús.

asisten. Los jóvenes y adultos trabajan juntos para mantener y organizar este seminario todas las semanas.

El Señor se esta moviendo en esta iglesia. El Espíritu Santo, por medio del Pastor Abel Rosario, esta impartiendo sabiduría, la cual es extrema-

damente necesaria en estos últimos días.

Oremos para que el Señor nos continúe dando las fuerzas para predicar este evangelio.

—Sunilbe Rosario, directora de comunicaciones, Iglesia Hispana de Soundview

Las Iglesias Hispánicas de Fitchburg y Leominster se Unen Para Una Maravillosa Semana de Oración

Los miembros de las iglesias hispanas de Fitchburg y Leominster unieron sus esfuerzos el pasado febrero para auspiciar una maravillosa e inusual semana de oración juvenil. En un esfuerzo para alcanzar a los jóvenes y brindarles algo a lo cual ellos pudieran relacionarse, las iglesias invitaron al



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renombrado artista puertorriqueño Armando Falcón.

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Los cuadros pintados por el artista fueron subastados para

beneficiar a ambos ministerios juveniles. Una joven dijo: "Esta semana de oración ha cambiado mi vida. He podido ver que Dios no solo es amoroso, sino creativo y divertido. También me ha ayudado a entender que no importa cuales sean mis talentos, Dios puede usarlos para alcanzar a otros."

—Johanna Viteri, miembro, Iglesia Hispana de Fitchburg



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The Dangers of Climate Change: A Statement to Governments of Industrialized Countries

In order to increase awareness of the views of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on various subjects, the Atlantic Union *GLEANER* will publish monthly one of the position statements or guidelines voted by church leadership since 1980. These official statements were issued by the General Conference in session, the General Conference Executive Committee, the General Conference Administrative Committee, or the office of the General Conference president.

As the church continues to grow and make an influence, its role in the society will require that its views and what it holds true become known. Such will continue to be the demands of the society, and such will be the need to define Adventism's relevance, or present truth, to those who are asking questions and seeking answers to their dilemmas and problems.

The documents presented here are not an end in themselves, but a reflection of a movement sensitive to its calling and the people who "know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6, NIV).

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OBITUARIES

EVANS, Coralie Lorraine (Johnson)—71; b. Jun. 22, 1927, in Jamestown, N.Y.; d. May 5, 2009, in Riverside, Calif.

She graduated from Union Springs Academy (USA) in 1955. In addition to studying at Atlantic Union College, she worked in the business office. Beginning in 1971, she worked as registrar and taught secretarial classes at USA before moving to Michigan in 1973. She worked in the registrar's office at Andrews University, and she worked in the Southeastern California Conference office for more than 30 years. Survivors include her husband, Nelson Johnson; daughters, Naomi Cohen, Doreen Nunez, and Susie Milovich; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and her brothers, Norman and Chester Johnson.

STOTZ, Pauline F. (Wendell)—91, b. May 22, 1917, in Newton, Mass.; d. Jan. 25, 2009, in Aztec, N.M. She was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout her entire life. She graduated in 1938 from the nursing program at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital in Stoneham, Mass. She is survived by her sons, Bob Stotz (Tanya) of Simi Valley, Calif., and Bill Stotz (DeeAnn) of Aztec, N.M.; her daughters, Elizabeth Calev (Michael) of Palisades, Calif. and Marie Johnson of Farmington, N.M.; her sister, Arvilla Schell of Harrison, Maine/Memphis, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Michelle, Robert, and Heather, several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy Stotz, brother, Trifley Wendell, and her sister, Florence Wendell.

WALKER, Laura Grace (Roberts)—86; b. Dec. 4, 1922, in Stamford, Conn.; d. Mar. 30, 2009, in Lincoln, R.I. She was a member of the Attleboro Seventh-day Adventist Church in Attleboro, Mass. She was an LPN at Fuller Memorial Hospital from 1962 to 1984 when she retired. She is survived by her daughter Monica Benoit of Pawtucket, R.I.; her brother, Andrew Roberts (Virginia) of Homosassa, Fla.; her sister, Christine Carlo (Richard) of Deep River, Conn.; her uncle, Jake Deleo of Stamford, Conn., and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

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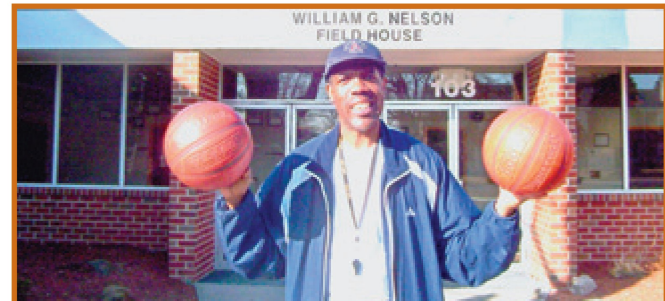
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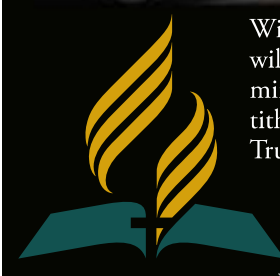
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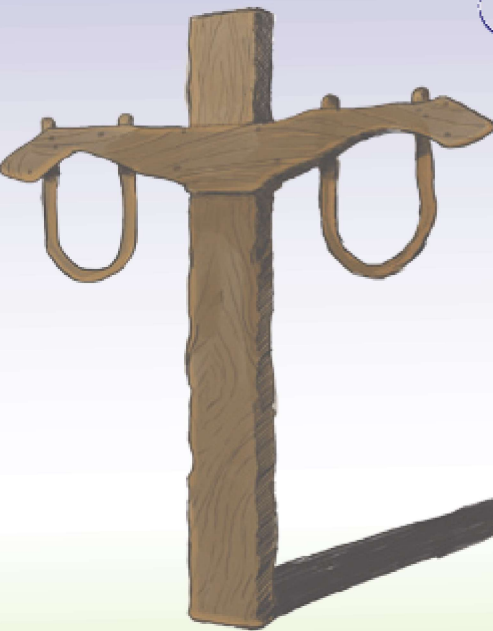
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